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## briefs

### Guide available for potential candidates

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The secretary of state's office has put together a guide to help Kentuckians file as candidates for elective office next year.

With more than 4,000 races to appear on next year's ballot, Secretary of State Trey Grayson said Friday that the manual will be a "useful tool." He said the manual will provide "a much needed compilation of election information in an easy to use format."

The manual, titled *Declaring Your Candidacy*, will focus on such things as filing procedures, sample forms for attaining ballot access and qualifications for each office. It also contains an election schedule, sample filing forms and contact information for state election agencies.

Copies of the manual are available on the secretary of state's Website at [www.sos.ky.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ky.gov/elections).



Dr. Gopal Majmudar provided medical assistance to these children during the trip.

## Local doctors volunteer in areas hit by Katrina

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Three Floyd County doctors recently returned from a physician service mission in states hit by Hurricane Katrina.

Martin Drs. Gopal Majmudar, Mina Majmudar (his wife) and Dr. Gan Maddiwar, of Banner, left Floyd County Sept. 11 to join other volunteers affiliated with the Remote Area Foundation (RAM) Expedition for Katrina Relief, an organization founded by actor Stan Brock.

The doctors, accompanied by nurses and medical students, gained temporary emergency medical licenses in Louisiana. Stationed in Baton Rouge, the physicians gave medical treatment, vaccinations, prescriptions, food and other necessities to hundreds of people displaced by Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi.

"Mother Nature can do anything," Dr. Mina Majmudar said. "What's there today, not there tomorrow. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor. People were helping each other so much. We went to feeding the dogs and cats that were running around ... So many people lost everything. There were markings on the houses about how many were dead



Floyd County physicians Gan Maddiwar, Mina Majmudar and Gopal Majmudar recently returned from a medical assistance mission trip to states hit by Hurricane Katrina. They will be traveling to South America during the next two months to provide medical assistance there, as well.

and how many were alive. I have never seen devastation like this. My heart was satisfied that I did something to help people. I feel like I will do this kind of work more now."

The physician and nurse volunteers were divided into smaller groups and sent to the Slidell Clinic, Pine Clinic, New Orleans, FEMA, Shelter Rounds in Walker City. The Majmundars and Maddiwar were escorted in 20

voluntary ambulances from various states, where they went door to door looking for survivors in sections of Mississippi that had not yet been visited by volunteers offering help.

"A convoy of 20-plus ambulances arrived to St. Timmany Parish in Covington office with a full speed and sirens during heavy traffic hour in Baton Rouge," Dr.

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## Former Times manager faces more charges

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — William "Bill" McHugh, former acting general manager of The Floyd County Times, was charged with an additional three counts of first-degree sexual abuse Thursday afternoon.

McHugh, 52, was already in custody at the Floyd County Detention Center after being arrested Wednesday on a separate case, also involving three counts of sexual abuse, when the latest set of charges were filed against him.

District Judge Eric Hall set a separate bond for the most recent case, which involves a second alleged victim who accuses McHugh of subjecting her to sexual contact by forcible

compulsion.

Hall set a second \$50,000 cash bond for the latest charges, meaning that McHugh will need to post \$100,000 to be released from jail.

A preliminary hearing had already been scheduled for Monday, at which time prosecutors will outline the evidence against McHugh. Afterwards, a judge is expected to determine whether there is enough evidence to put the case before a grand jury.

Heartland Publications, the parent company of The Times, is cooperating fully with police and the county attorney's office, company representatives said last week.

The Floyd County Times does not identify victims of alleged sex offenses.

## No-show insurer still held liable

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An insurance company ordered to pay four Floyd County residents an estimated \$300,000 after it failed to appear for a jury trial Sept. 22 presented

its motion to vacate the jury's judgment in circuit court Friday.

Judge Danny P. Caudill denied the request, but approved a motion to knock \$7,000 off the judgment

(See INSURER, page two)

## Education forums to be held this week

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education will host two community forums next week focused on improving education in the county.

On Monday, Oct. 10, the board will join the Prichard

Committee for Academic Excellence in sponsoring a discussion about restructuring and improving instruction in the county's high schools.

Robert F. Sexton, executive director of the Prichard

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## Floyd County native promoted to second in command

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

RALIEGH, N.C. — A Floyd County native stepped up as second in command of the North Carolina National Guard Friday.

Col. Mabry "Bud" E. Martin, formerly of Wayland, assumed the rank of Brigadier General during a ceremony at the Legislative Building in Raleigh, N.C. He accepted duties of the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army, and is the principal advisor to the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard on command and management priorities. He is responsible for interpretation and establishment of policies from the Adjutant General and U.S. Army. He will also monitor the readiness of all forces with the National

Guard in N.C.

"It is an honor and I hope to live up to that honor and serve the North Carolina National Guard, that's what I want to do," Martin said.

Martin, the son of the late Mabry and Maxine Martin, is proud of his "deep roots" in Wayland.

His father was a coal miner and his mother ran a country store, Martin's Groceries, in Wayland, where several of his ancestors made their homes. The family's home was "on the side of the store," Martin said.

"We spent a lot of time in that store, sitting around visiting friends, playing," Martin said. "As a kid, I was a little embar-

(See MARTIN, page three)



Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr., the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, swore in Brig. Gen. Mabry E. "Bud" Martin Friday at the N.C. State Legislature Building in Raleigh, N.C. Brig. Gen. Martin, a Wayland native, will assume the duties of the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army in the North Carolina Army National Guard.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Gregory Allen (Runt) Bentley, 44, of Canton, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, October 3, at his sister's residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ "Mamaw Lillie" Mae Johnson Caudill, 71, of Melvin, died Wednesday, October 5, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Eshmel Caudill. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Marie Crisp, 81, of Bypro, died Thursday, September 29, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Cecil (Can Man) Donaldson, 78, of Beaver, died Wednesday, September 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Esta Pearl Bryant Donaldson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kim Darlene Gallimore, 46, of Auxier, died Sunday, October 2, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Rosa Y. Hunt, 98, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joey Dean Mullins, 36, of Centre, Alabama, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, October 3, following a ATV accident on Arkansas Creek, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Betty Faye Patton, 55, of Hueysville, died Friday, September 30, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Michael (Speedy) Patton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Patricia Sexton, 51, of Garrett, died Saturday, September 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital emergency room. She is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Sexton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Insurer

amount to compensate the company, American Commerce, for medical bills they had already paid the plaintiffs in the case.

"The final judgment of \$293,000 still stands," said Hindman attorney Jerry W. Whicker. "It's still a victory for my clients."

Topmost resident Genell Hall, represented by Whicker, filed suit against American Commerce after the company refused to pay a claim as her supplemental insurance carrier. Her policy stipulates that the company would pay up to \$50,000 in an automobile accident in which the opposing driver is underinsured.

Hall and three minors, who will split the judgment, suffered several injuries in a Sept. 12, 2003, wreck on Route 550 near Hippo. The other driver did not have sufficient insurance to cover their medical bills.

American Commerce, a company that works closely with AAA Bluegrass Kentucky, refused payment.

A Floyd County jury sided with the plaintiffs after four hours of deliberation following an unopposed trial on Sept. 22. They collectively awarded the families \$149,859.73 for past and future medical bills, pain and suffering, and \$150,000 in punitive damages.

In the motion to vacate the judgment, American Commerce, now represented by Baird & Baird in Pikeville, claims that they weren't aware of the suit or the trial until after they were

## Home.

■ Arnold Elmer Shepherd, 62, of David, died Friday, September 30, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sue Ann Johnson Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Talmadge Thompson, 91, of Bevinville, died Monday, October 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Watson, 53, a Floyd County native, of Wittenville, died Sunday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mary Ellen Wright, 65, of Marshall, Michigan, a Prater Creek native, died Monday, October 3, at Tendercare of Marshall. She is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Wright. A graveside service was conducted Friday, October 7, under the direction of Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, Michigan.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Robert Edwin Benbow Jr., 67, of Ford's Branch died Sunday, October 2. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann (Robinson) Benbow. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Margaret Ann Blackburn, 51, of McAndrews, died Wednesday, October 5, at ARH Skilled Unit. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Blackburn. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 8, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

■ Jonathan Eddie Chapman, 23, a Pike County native, died Sunday, October 2, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, October 7, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Herschel Collier, 65, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, September 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lois Collier. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 1, under the direction of Planner and Buchanan Funeral Center.

■ Chester Damron, 88, of Pikeville, died Saturday, October 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Stiltner Damron. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Elkhorn City.

■ Ernie Hartsock, 75, of

Norton, Virginia, a Pike County native, died Friday, September 30, at Norton Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Holding Funeral Home.

■ Gladys Hensley, 61, of Kimber, died Tuesday, October 4, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Roy Hensley. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Jason Thomas Howard, 25, of Pikeville, died Friday, September 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Erica Bartley Howard. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gladys Hubbard, 76, of Hardy, died Saturday, October 1, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 4, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Nora Justice, 74, of Freeburn, died Friday, September 30, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, October 3, under the direction of the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Kermit E. Kendrick, 41, of Poorbottom Road, Lookout, died Saturday, October 1, on Caney Highway at Shelby Valley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ James Miller, 75, of Jeffersonville, a Pike County native, died Friday, September 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margie Murphy Miller. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Herald & Stewart Home for Funerals of Mt. Sterling.

■ Johnny Ratliff, 39, Maryville, Tennessee, formerly of Shelbyana, died Monday, October 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Reba Younce. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 6, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Farandia Robinson, 80, of Sidney, died Friday, September 30, at ARH. Funeral services were held Monday, October 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Link Rutherford, 75, of Huddy, died Saturday, October 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve Rutherford. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 4, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

## Home.

■ Polly Faye Slone, 48, of Biggs Branch, died Thursday, September 29, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 1, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Barry Smallwood, 48, of Jonancy, died Tuesday, October 4, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 8, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Charles Virgil Stanley of Alexandria, Virginia, formerly of McAndrews, died Saturday, October 1, at Alexandria Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Young Stanley. Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be in Alexandria, Virginia.

■ Matthew William "Bird" Stewart, 29, died Saturday, October 1, in River Rouge, Michigan. Funeral services were held Friday, October 7, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Dewey R. Thacker, 71, of Akron, a Pikeville native, died Friday, September 30, at the Hospice of Visiting Nurse after a battle with Leukemia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 4, under the direction of Hahn-Hostetler-Silva Funeral Home.

■ French Ward, 64, of New Port Richey, Fla., a Betsy Layne native, died Sunday, July 31, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Connie Ward. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. at the Wells Cemetery, Auxier. Arrangements were under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Bernice Cassell, 74, of London, Ohio, formerly of Inez, died Wednesday, September 28, in London. Burial was made in the Robinson Family Cemetery, at Inez, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ William Cecil Frazier, 68, of Thelma, died Wednesday,

September 28, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Norma Jean Hensley, 67, of Inez, died Friday, September 30, at Mingo Manor Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ James Michael (Mike) Hunt, 51, of Debord, died Saturday, July 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Margaret Jane "Peggy" Beers, 77, of Annapolis, Maryland, a Van Lear native, died in Pennsylvania. Funeral services were held Monday, September 19, at the Mariscotti Funeral Home in California, Pennsylvania.

■ Roy Laney, 65, of Offutt, died Tuesday, September 27, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, September 30, under the direction of the Childers Funeral Home.

■ Janet Sue Runyon, 67, of Paintsville, died Monday,

October 3, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, William H. Runyon. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 6, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Leroy Staniford, 55, of Boons Camp, died Friday, September 30, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Watson, 53, of Wittenville, died Sunday, October 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Bobby Jordan, 62, of Salyersville, died Thursday, September 22. Funeral services were conducted September 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Sam Neil Patrick, 42, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, September 20, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 23, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Paul Hopkins would like to express our appreciation to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives who helped us during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers and spoke kind words to our family. We would like to send a heartfelt thanks to McDowell First Baptist Church and Pastor Gene Bracken, Tommy and Libby Hall. We would also like to thank Pastor Lori Vannucci of the First Assembly of God Church and Rev. Deane Moore for their words of comfort. Thanks to McDowell ARH staff and Dr. Mary Hall and Dr. Rivera. We would like to say a special thanks to Left Beaver Rescue Squad. You were always there to assist with Paul, no matter the day or hour. The sheriff's department assisted in traffic control. To Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, thank you for your caring and professional service. All of your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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Maddiwar wrote in his travel log, "Roads were blocked off for us to park until exact sites, villages, streets were assigned. Dr. Jennifer Murphy gave us very clear and binding instructions not to miss a soul and take care of each to the best. Transport any victim if needed to the only functioning hospital in Parish. At 3 p.m., a registered nurse from Macon, Ga., Gayle, and I took a smaller convoy of ambulances to the northeast town on Sun. We had loaded all the vehicles with MREs, drinking water, TT and Hepa vaccines and medicines for diabetes, infections, hypertension, etc. The streets were damaged and impassable, roofs were blown out, big trees had landed on houses, but we passed through. All four vehicles sorted each house on every street in town. We knocked on every door, looked for any trace of foul odor, smell and asked around for victims and health statuses. We encountered 35 victims that day, each received TT vaccination, had BP check, and were given medications as available. I wrote five prescriptions for refill ... After completion of

all the streets of Sun town, we did part of Baglusa town." The group rose early every morning from Sunday, Sept. 11, until Monday, Sept. 19, and gave medical assistance to hundreds of displaced people. On Friday, Mina Majmundar's group saw 361 patients. "We heard so many heartbreaking stories," she wrote in a travel log. "Sam Plucker drove us along Pontchartrain shores in Slidell," Maddiwar wrote. "It was very heartbreaking to see such devastation. Houses were blown out three to four blocks away. Sailboats had landed on rooftops, house sites were nothing but a concrete driveway and rubble of wood chips. Some remnants of household belongings were seen in that rubble ... Some house owners were seen sadly looking through rubble for traces of memoirs. We stood silently at the site for several minutes to honor lost human lives and material loss. We wondered at the effects of Angry Mother Nature." Maddiwar, who retired from his Floyd County practice, and

the Majmundars are preparing to attend the annual RAM Challenge 2005 Expedition in Guyana, South America. Maddiwar is leaving this month and the Majmundars will leave in November to assist South Americans with hysterectomies, gall bladder surgeries and other medical needs. They are paying their own expenses for the expedition. "We're taking all of our equipment there," Mina Majmundar said. "I've been told that people are already lined up, we just need to get our things ready. We're paying our own expenses, but it is still worthwhile and satisfying. We got everything here, enough money, we don't need anything, so we can help others who do." Dr. Mina Majmundar practices at Highlands Regional Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Dr. Gopal Majmundar practices at Paul B. Hall and at his private practice in Martin. Dow Chemical provided the transportation and fuel for the Katrina expedition.

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**Forums**

Committee, a nonprofit independent citizen advocacy group focused on improving education throughout the state, will lead the discussion. Sexton authored a report, "High Achieving High Schools," released by the committee in May, in which he argues for restructuring high schools to better prepare students for life after they graduate. Sexton argues that high schools in the state are "slow institutions of change, locked into historical patterns and practices that are no longer effective." He reiterates his argument by referring to research that "consistently points out that high schools are pretty much unchanged from the way they were a hundred years ago." High schools have been used as "sorting machines," he wrote, for the one-third of students who drop out, the one-third that go to

work immediately after high school and the one-third of students that attend college. Sexton, referring to research, argues that 68 high school students graduate in Kentucky out of 100 who enroll in the ninth grade. Of those 68 graduates, only 39 attend college, and of those 39, only 15 graduate within six years. The Prichard Committee, founded in 1980 as a citizen panel advocating improved education, says it is "tired of the complacent attitudes that Kentucky politicians show toward education," and they want to change it. The forum will be held in Room 131 of the Morehead Postsecondary Education Center at the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. On Tuesday, the board will host a "community conversa-

tion" to help students achieve high academic standards using the district's most recent "No Child Left Behind Act" data, CATS scores and other indicators of success. The forum, expected to last 60 to 90 minutes, will be held on Oct. 11 in the McDowell Elementary Cafeteria at 6 p.m. The board encourages area residents and students to attend the forums because the economic success of Floyd County depends on the education gained by area students. Refreshments will be provided.

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## Guest View

### Pay now or pay later

Gov. Ernie Fletcher recently floated the idea of suspending Kentucky's 18.5-cent gasoline tax to lower costs at the pumps. He made the suggestion as the nation held its breath waiting to see if Hurricane Rita would wallop fuel prices the way Katrina did. Fortunately, the refineries consumers count on to produce the fuel that keeps the nation on the move largely were spared Rita's wrath.

It's a good thing, too. Revenue from the tax has been factored into Kentucky's already stretched state budget. That money pays for the roads that support our motion.

The governor can suspend the tax in a state of emergency. But what he has the authority to do and what is best for the state are two different things.

Suspending the gas tax would have been a feel-good act for voters — robbing Peter to pay Paul — but could have placed the state in greater peril. Without that revenue, bond rating agencies would be concerned about the state's ability to repay its debts, perhaps leading to a change in the state's bond rating. That's not a new subject. When the General Assembly failed to pass a budget before it adjourned in April, a change in bond ratings also was a serious possibility. And a change in the rating would cost all Kentuckians — not just those who buy gasoline — more in the long run. We'll either pay now at the pump or pay later.

There is no arguing that gas prices are putting a strain on drivers' wallets, but suspending state tax on gasoline was a shortsighted, feel-good idea. And now that the "crisis" is abating, the idea of bringing gas prices down shouldn't be forgotten. A better idea is for the attorneys general of the states and the United States to continue investigating to determine whether consumers are just the captive prey of opportunistic price gougers.

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### — Rich Lowry Column

#### Bureaucracy at work

Among all the perils facing survivors in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, sexual harassment had to be far down the list. But days after the disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency had 1,400 firefighters from around the country who had volunteered to help in New Orleans sitting in a conference room in Atlanta undergoing eight hours of training that included a sexual-harassment class. All this before they were allowed even to go to the Gulf Coast area to give out fliers and FEMA's phone number.

Katrina laid bare the peculiar perversities of the bureaucratic mind: its utter commitment to niggling rules, its inability to take risks, its failure to think on the fly. Leadership matters, and in the disaster's initial days, it was hard to tell when FEMA head Michael Brown was doing more harm — when he tried to do his job, or when he tried to explain on TV how he was doing his job.

In so much of the Katrina response,

senselessness ruled the day. Post-9/11 regulations meant FEMA couldn't put evacuees on flights at the New Orleans airport without security screening and federal air marshals on the flights. Apparently, the fear was that terrorists had positioned themselves in New Orleans prior to Katrina so they could pose as bedraggled evacuees. Since the power was down, the X-ray machines and metal detectors didn't work, and it was decided that manual searches would have to suffice. Don't forget to pat down the children!

The president of Jefferson Parish, south of New Orleans, has complained that FEMA turned away three Wal-Mart trailer trucks with water and kept the Coast Guard from delivering 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Republican Sen. Trent Lott criticized FEMA for blocking thousands of trailers sitting in Atlanta ready to head to the Mississippi coast. Surely, there were carefully crafted rules and procedures that accounted for these and other decisions to turn away aid.

Of course, the only thing Washington politicians love more than beating up on

bureaucracy is creating it. So, after 9/11, all of Washington supported stapling together as many agencies as possible, including FEMA, in the Department of Homeland Security — such a sprawling bureaucratic monstrosity that it will take a generation to make it work, if ever. But everyone from the president on down pretended he had protected homeland security through the mere act of naming a department after it.

Unfortunately, there is not much that can be done to make bureaucracy less bureaucratic. It makes sense to keep as much authority at the state and local levels as possible, since there officials will at least be more aware of local circumstances (although they can also be scandalously incompetent, as we've seen in New Orleans). Political leaders must constantly ride herd on the bureaucracy to keep it from giving in entirely to its inbred, irrational tendencies. This is where the Bush administration really fell down.

Finally, there is no substitute for old-fashioned individual initiative. A great hero of New Orleans is the 20-year-old who commandeered a school bus and drove evacuees all the way to Houston, arriving before any of the official convoys. The key to his success? He acted without bureaucratic approval.

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### — beyond the beltway

#### Let's restore New Orleans on the cheap

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Has it ever occurred to you that our government, faced with a problem, almost always picks the most expensive, least effective solution?

Do you want to explore space? Make sure you put people in the cockpit of your spaceship, ensuring that missions cost many millions more than robotic missions would and would be closed down for a year or two every time one blew up. It also guarantees that you'll never get very far out there, given the biological limitations of man in space.

Do you want to protect the country against foreign attack? Pick the threat that is most unlikely — a ballistic missile attack — and start installing an anti-ballistic system before you have one that works. Also put it in the most expensive place imaginable, Alaska, where it is hard to service.

Then there's New Orleans. The president, speaking from what looked like a deserted Disney World, said that we would rebuild that city bigger and higher than before. He didn't say what it would cost but the figure of \$200 billion has been bandied about.

Then just last week the Louisiana congressional delegation proposed a recovery plan that would cost \$250 billion, a figure that made even hardened lobbyists choke on their pate foi gras.

I've been to New Orleans; I like New Orleans. But \$250 billion? For a city that goes under water every time the wind

comes up? They've got to be kidding.

There's a cheaper way. The population of the metropolitan area before the storm was about 1.3 million. The average per capita income was \$30,000-a-year, give or take.

Why not give every man, woman and child who can prove pre-storm residency \$100,000, no strings attached. That's more than three years' pay for a single adult, 10 years' pay for a family of three. And that's it. That's the recovery plan.

Of course, people who make considerably more than \$30,000 will not think that fair. Tough. As Mr. Bush is fond of saying about his tax cuts, the plan treats rich and poor alike. We don't want to indulge in class-warfare, do we?

The whole deal would cost about \$130 billion, for a grand savings of \$120 billion, some of which could be used to rebuild the levees but on a much less extensive scale for a much smaller New Orleans. Former Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt has suggested making it an island. Why not? It works for Venice. (Do you really want to continue to support a city in Hurricane Alley 10 feet below sea level?)

A variation of the scheme could be applied to the other flood-damaged areas on the Gulf coast.

The plan's greatest virtue is that it would put money in the hands of people who don't have much. They would be free to go back to New Orleans and use their newfound fortunes to rebuild their lives there or move somewhere else and start over. You give \$250 billion to

bureaucrats and politicians and much of it winds up in Alaska and other places with powerful congressional delegations.

I would imagine this approach to problem solving would appeal to conservatives in particular since it depends so little on government intervention, always an expensive proposition.

And it's applicable to many programs. Take the highway appropriations bill recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the president. It contained many, many wasteful projects slipped into the bill at the last minute but none more egregious than the "Bridge to Nowhere."

This, a pet project of Alaskan Representative Don Young (R), is a \$250 million bridge to an island with 50 residents. Fifty.

You could save money by giving them each a boat, or an airplane for that matter.

These ideas are not original with me nor are they particularly new. The reason they haven't been tried is that politicians are loath to give money to people who do not respond with hefty campaign contributions.

And I don't expect things to be different this time around.

Pity.

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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.*

**WATCH THAT MATCH!**

Forget all the years required for a tree to grow to maturity or for an inch of humus to form; all the tons of soil lost to erosion, too, when the earth is exposed, bare and defenseless, to the downpours—forget all these, if you insist, but don't forget, these trees are just too beautiful to be put to the torch.

**TIMES DO CHANGE**

Joe Creason tells the story of the two farmers who conferred in a Campton "Loafer's Glory" after returning home from marketing their tobacco.

One agreed that the new Mountain Parkway was great but he sorter objected to paying that toll.



Norman Allen

"Only thing I didn't like," said the other, "was then derned crooked Blue Grass roads."

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No fishing yarns, no stories of personal frustration to delight partners in misery. For the last 12 days Dewey Lake, as far as I am concerned, might as well have been the Great Slave Lake.

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While a man is working, he keeps looking at the clock to see what time it is. After he retires, he looks at the newspaper to be certain what day it is.

**DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF**

I still am having dog troubles. My friend who (which?) should have been mute instead of deaf, continues to pay this office visits at least twice a day, sometimes three or four. Which means that, if I'm to go to the courthouse or into any place of business and not be attended by the dog and his insistent scratching at the door, I must cart him home.

The other day, when he crawled into the editorial chair, I had an ideal of walking off and turning the job over to him. But he began snapping at flies. And we all knew that editors may snap and snarl at their fellow human beings, but they must not snap at flies.

**HEAVYWEIGHT**

I must frisk myself oftener. I've lost a clipping somebody handed me on the street, the other day. I believe it, too, was from Joe Creason's column. As I recall it, it had to do with the doctor, who

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**Community Connections observes service with picnic and awards**

Community Connections, a "Supports for Community Living" (SCL) Medicaid waiver program that supports those diagnosed with mental retardation/developmental disabilities, recently held its first agency picnic and awards presentation ceremony at the Dewey Dam spillway picnic shelter and recreational area.

Community Connections provides residential care, day programming, therapies, supported employment, respite and in-home supports. Community Connections was formed four years ago, under the ownership of Joyce Bates. The agency is governed by a Board of Directors made up of local community members. Peggy McKenzie, of Louisa, has served as the agency's executive director since October 4, 2004.

Each year, all SCL Medicaid waiver agencies are reviewed/audited by the Department of Mental Retardation and Medicaid. Depending on the findings of the review, each agency is certified from 1-12 months. On July 12 and 13, 2005, Community Connections underwent its review. The agency received an excellent review with no findings, very few recommendations, and was certified for the maximum year, a result of a hard-working, dedicated staff who go over and beyond what is required. In celebration, the agency directors organized the picnic and awards ceremony.

At the picnic, each supported individual and each staff member received t-shirts emblazoned with the agency name and logo. Also, all were presented with framed certificates of appreciation. Each employee was presented with service pins commemorating their term of employment with the agency. Those receiving one-year service pins include: Bea Collins, Misti Keens, Brandy Sexton, Pam Caldwell, Mercedith Turner, Rachael Ellis, Mildred Blevins, Lisa Marcos, Connie Castle, Ginger Jarrell, Peggy McKenzie, Linda Hall, and Kristy Boyd.

Those receiving two-year pins include: Bea Collins, Misti Keens, Brandy Sexton, Mildred Blevins, Connie Castle and Linda Hall.

Additionally, Brandy Sexton received a three-year and a four-year service pin.

Those not in attendance but receiving service pins included: Mary Meade, one-year; Brandon Sparkman, one-year; Lee Shepherd, one and two-years; Kristen Beach, one-year; David Beach, one-year; Brian Clevenger, one, two, three and four year; Maggie Belcher, one-year; Taulbee Goodman, one, two, three and four year; and Linda Goodman, one, two, three and four year.

Also, Community Connections recently initiated a "rewards system" program within the agency. The program is intended to reward agency staff on a monthly basis. The "Employee of the Month" award program began in August, 2005. Deborah Lindsey, house manager, was the first recipient of this award. She was presented with a plaque of her own and, additionally, her name will be placed on a plaque that will hang in the agency's administrative office.

Framed certificates were also presented to each house and day program that passed the review with a "perfect" score. Also, Taulbee and Linda Goodman were presented with framed certificates in recognition of the love, support, dedication and assistance they offer to the agency and its supported individuals. Maggie Belcher was also presented with a certificate for her dedication and hard work in relation to medication training and support services.

The Community Connections Board of Directors also recognized Peggy McKenzie, executive director, for her excellent leadership and dedication to the agency and those to whom they offer their services. Executive Director McKenzie

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Peggy McKenzie, executive director, Deborah Lindsey, August 2005 Employee of the Month, and Joyce Bates, owner, Community Connections.



Brandy Sexton, four year employee.



Left to right: Linda Hall, Connie Castle, Mildred Blevins, Brandy Sexton, Misti Keens, and Bea Collins; two-year employees.



Kristy Boyd, Linda Hall, Peggy McKenzie, executive director, Ginger Jarrell, Connie Castle, Lisa Marcos, Mildred Blevins, Rachael Ellis, Mercedith Turner, Pam Caldwell, Brandy Sexton and Misti Keens; one-year employees pictured with executive director.



Deborah Lindsey, Employee of the Month, August, 2005, (left) with Peggy McKenzie, executive director.

**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'The Stoneman'**

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

This one announces its intentions in the opening scene, when a young couple exits a posh nightclub. They are greeted outside by a hulking savage (in your basic Fred Flintstone outfit) who promptly whips out a stone axe and shows the couple his idea of clubbing on a Saturday night.

The film then takes a surprising, if somewhat dull, turn and jumps to a narrator named Professor Fitzgerald. He informs the viewer that the story we're seeing began when a Professor Stevens went on a mission to the Amazon. We are then treated to the sight of a middle-aged white actor (in red paint) who is supposed to be a native guide.

The guide happens upon a lagoon where he finds the Stoneman perfectly preserved. He takes a close look and bellows like a banshee before hotfooting it out of there. Professor Stevens decides to bring the specimen back to his university.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

The Stoneman escapes and goes a rampage while the professors at the school mistakenly try to figure out who stole it. Eventually they realize that troubling reports of people getting clubbed to death may mean that their caveman is actually the culprit. Lucky for viewers this takes them most of the movie.

Once they talk the investigating officer into accepting their theory, our band goes out in search of the Stoneman, who has been spending his spare time clubbing prostitutes and stuffing hobos in garbage dumpsters. It all leads to poorly staged show-down that disposes of the Stoneman but leaves the door open for a sequel.

Normally I wouldn't recommend a movie like this. Despite some gory Stoneman attacks, it's strictly amateur hour, with static camerawork and dialogue guaranteed to induce groans. The difference here is that the filmmakers aren't getting their start, so much as loping towards the finish line.

The director of this effort is Ewing Miles Brown, who has been in the movie business since films didn't even have sound. Not wanting to take the bit parts that were available, he decided to corral colleagues who were in the same boat and make a movie.

Viewers will probably enjoy this effort if they are stuck in an early 1980s mindset (when all of the talent here was well employed). You get Bernie Koppel (Doc on "The Love Boat") as a naysaying professor who thinks the whole thing is a hoax; Pat Morita ("Karate Kid") as Prof. Stevens, who has to carry the film but isn't really up to it; Christopher Atkins ("Blue Lagoon 2") also joins in as a snide reporter and its hard to believe that he was ever a teen idol but so it goes; and Ewing Miles

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**True heroes earn the title**

by MICHAEL J. FEIGUM

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BASEBALL FAN'S SOUL"

Star athletes have played an important part in the lives of young children as far back as history remembers sports and its heroes. Every youngster has had at least one hero that he worshiped above all others. Such idolization is not always etched in stone, however, and heroes have been known to change for many reasons. I was involved in such a change in 1960.

My father was an Air Force master sergeant stationed at a radar station in Bellefontaine, Ohio. The Cincinnati Reds offered discount seating to military personnel in uniform, and my father decided to take a group of airmen to a game at old Crosley Field. I was included as an afterthought and was thrilled at finally being able to see a big-league game. The doubleheader between the hometown Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates was going to be a highlight in my relatively short life.

Although I was an avid New York Yankees fan, one of my favorite baseball players, Roy Face, was a star relief pitcher for the Pirates, and I was hoping to get his autograph. My father brought me a brand-new baseball just in case. I could hardly contain myself on the drive to Cincinnati.

We arrived at the stadium a few minutes before the players were due to take the field, and I lined up with several other youngsters at the entrance to the Pirates locker room. As the players filed out to enter the runway to the dugout, I looked anxiously for Roy Face. I finally saw him coming, and in my best

manners, stepped up and asked him for his autograph. He calmly ignored me and proceeded down the runway. I was stunned! One of my favorite heroes had brushed me off without the slightest acknowledgment at all. I stood there pondering what to do next when a large arm appeared around my shoulders and a hand took the ball from my grasp. I looked up to see a beaming smile beneath a Pirate hat and a large 21 on the jersey. The man handed me the ball with a wink and headed onto the field. I looked down at the ball and could not believe that it now proudly bore the name ROBERTO CLEMENTE in bold black

ink. Roy Face's spot on my hero list had just been filled by one of the greatest players in the game. Clemente played an important part in the Pirates' sweep of the doubleheader that day and helped lead his team to a World Series victory over my Yankees that October. Despite that, he remained one of my greatest heroes until his death in a 1972 airplane crash while flying relief supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. By this time I

had followed my father into the Air Force and was stationed in Southeast Asia. When I learned of Clemente's death, I could only marvel that the man who had helped find me a bona fide hero trying to help an entire nation. Only die-hard fans will remember who Roy Face was, but children who were not yet born when Roberto Clemente died can tell you all about him. That is heroism at its finest.



# Students and parents should begin college financial aid search early

It's out there, and waiting. But if high school students and their parents don't plan early, they may miss the financial aid opportunities that are available.

"The junior year in high school is when students are becoming interested in the public or private universities they'd like to attend, and that's the best time for them to begin exploring the financial aid they may qualify for after they graduate from high school," said David Prater, associate director of financial aid at the University of Kentucky.

"If they wait too long, they can miss deadlines, and that can affect the amount of aid they receive," said Prater.

The advice Prater expressed

is not restricted to those students who are considering UK. Financial aid officers at virtually all Kentucky colleges, public and private, offer the same recommendation: Start early, and explore all options.

"There are really three types of aid available: need-based, which comes from any source and considers the student's family's financial condition and ability to handle college costs; merit or academic scholarships that consider a student's high school grade point average and college entrance test scores; and performance-based aid, like athletic scholarships or music-performance scholarships," Prater said.

Need-based scholarships can

be grants, work-study programs and loans, with student loans made after the other avenues are fulfilled, he said.

In January of their senior year when a student has decided the schools to which they want to apply for financial aid, the student should go online to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), a federal government Web site (for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA)) that will direct the student's aid application to those schools. Kentucky students should also visit the site [www.khea.com](http://www.khea.com), the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority's site, which has links to all public and private institu-

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Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Audrey Lawson's second-grade class at Duff Elementary has been studying the solar system. Recently, while finishing the unit, the students were instructed to choose from three project ideas that dealt with various space-related concepts. For example, some students created star pictures by fashioning paper cups to project constellations onto a darkened ceiling with the help of a flashlight, while others created artistic interpretations of the moon and stars. Finally, a few students chose to try their hand at sun-prints (solar photography) by exposing objects on paper to the sun producing images shades lighter than the original ones. The culminating activity of the solar system unit involved venturing to the East Kentucky Science Center for a concrete experience that allowed students to see the result of all their new knowledge. Now that the second-graders have left the realm of outer space, they will be sticking close to home studying the Earth's weather.



Highlands Regional Medical Center joined in the relief efforts related to Hurricane Katrina. Bud Warman, HRMC/CHS president and CEO, presented checks totaling over \$27,500 to Bobby Carpenter, director of the Prestonsburg Red Cross and Lon May, local FEMA coordinator. The presentation was made Sept. 27 in the atrium of the Medical Office Building at Highlands Regional. Highlands donated all of the proceeds, after expenses, from the annual Golf Classic held Sept. 7, which totaled \$16,676. Highlands' employees donated \$5,729 and the Board of Trustees donated \$5,000. In addition, Highlands donated over \$2,500 in supplies which were added to local area efforts and sent to Louisiana immediately after the hurricane. Highlands previously responded to community disaster relief efforts after the flash floods that occurred over the Memorial Day Weekend in 2004. At that time employees set up a crisis response center in the hospital classrooms for area residents affected by flooding. Employees donated clothes, toys, small appliances and other items.

# Kentucky's geographic position creates gorgeous fall foliage season

Ready for it? The vivid reds, bright yellows, orange and various colors waiting to leap from Kentucky's trees?

The fall foliage season arrives this month, bringing eye candy to our state's hills and flatlands. And what accounts for the variety of hues?

"Everything all comes together here in Kentucky. The reason we have a variety of colors is because we have a variety of species of trees," said Doug McLaren, Extension forester in the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture.

"Kentucky is where trees indigenous to the northern United States are at their lowest point geographically. We're also where trees indigenous to the South are at their northernmost point," McLaren said.

That means Kentucky — along with West Virginia and Virginia — offers a smorgasbord of natural colors during autumn.

Interestingly, the northern trees tend to segregate themselves from southern trees.

"In hilly areas, trees in the upper part of the hills generally are from the North, while trees in the valleys or lower parts of hills are usually found in the South," McLaren said.

"Usually, the third weekend in October is the best weekend for daytrips to see the fall color," McLaren said.

The change in color results from a deterioration in leaf content of chlorophyll, the material leaves use to synthesize sunlight into food for the trees, McLaren said.

"Actually, all of the colors

you see in the leaves are in the leaves all year long. It's just that during the fall and summer growing seasons those colors are dominated by chlorophyll's green color."

"As the chlorophyll is no longer needed, it starts to break down and the other colors start to emerge," he said.

The areas where the colors will be most accessible will be Eastern Kentucky's hills. Central Kentucky's knobs and forests grow largely underground, he said.

"In Western Kentucky there's a lot of land used for agriculture and growing crops in the background, so you won't see gorgeous trees," he said.

"No matter where you are in Kentucky, you'll see beautiful colors," McLaren said.



## Highlands adds Guest Services, New Signage, and a New Entrance

Coming into a facility for the first time and trying to find your way an office or a department can be confusing as well as frustrating. To improve customer service, related to way finding, Highlands has added a Guest Services area in the Medical Center's main entrance, the Atrium of the Medical Office Building. Teresa Fitch, Guest Services Supervisor, has a role similar to that of a hotel concierge. As Guest Services Supervisor, Teresa is available to assist patients and visitors with directions on how to get to different areas within the Medical Center, to offer wheelchair assistance for those with difficulty walking, and to provide information about Medical Center services. A Guest Services Information Center is under construction and will be installed in the near future.

On Tuesday, October 4, a new hospital entrance opened adjacent to the covered entrance. The main entrance to the Medical Center is now through the large glass Atrium of the Medical Office Building. The new hospital entrance offers patients and families convenient access to Outpatient Surgery, Surgery, the Intensive Care Unit, and patient elevators. The new entrance is part of Highlands' renovation plans to relocate PBX, Security, and the Administrative Offices, allowing for a major expansion of Outpatient Surgical Services. A further enhancement to customer service in the Medical Center involves the installation of new signage, hospital-wide, directing patients and visitors to specific departments, doctors' offices, and other areas. These efforts are being done as part of Highlands' ongoing commitment to Customer Service for patients, families, and visitors.



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Call 349-8100 for an appointment



# Head of federal agency calls for safer coal mines

by **ROGER ALFORD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The coal industry has eliminated many of the dangers faced by miners, but

more improvements are needed, the acting director of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said in a speech prepared for a group of coal operators Thursday.

"We can all take a moment to congratulate ourselves here today, but only a moment," David G. Dye said in the speech released to The Associated Press. "One mining fatality, one

mining injury, one occupational illness is one too many, and you know we still have work to do."

So far this year, 15 coal miners have been killed on the job in the United States. Kentucky, with six fatalities, leads the nation. Alabama has had three fatalities, Pennsylvania and West Virginia two each, and Ohio and Oklahoma one each.

Last year, 28 people died in coal mine accidents nationwide.

"MSHA and the industry have worked long and hard together to take care of many of the obvious physical hazards, the ones that could be fixed with better engineering, better equipment, and better technology," Dye said in the remarks. "We're now down to the hardest thing of all to fix, the human aspect of safety."

Dye was the scheduled speaker at the annual meeting of Coal Operators and Associates, an industry group based in Pikeville. The meeting was closed to the public.

Dye said "the vast majority" of mining accidents are caused

by human error. He said miners have to be persuaded not to take risks.

"In order to get to the next level — to make it down that final slope toward zero — we must address the difficult questions of what motivates and drives people's decisions and choices about safety and health in the workplace," Dye said.

Dan Kane, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, said often the human errors that lead to miners being injured or killed are on the part of mine managers and even regulators who don't perform their jobs as they should. Coal operators need to give miners the tools needed to work safely and regulators need to adopt and enforce regulations to keep miners safe, he said.

"People who take the easy way out by blaming the injured miner are extremely unfair and extremely inaccurate," Kane said.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said technology has made coal

mining safer. For example, he said miners can operate underground machinery by remote control, taking them out of harm's way. And on equipment like roof bolters, shields have been added to stop or divert falling rocks away from the miners operating them, he said.

The key, Caylor said, is for miners always to be cautious. "It's just like speeding. If people really know what it would mean to have a wreck, maybe you could convince them not to commit an unsafe act. Changing the behavior patterns of miners is crucial."

In his prepared remarks, Dye said one of the industry's top concerns is retreat mining.

"Some recent tragic accidents have brought home to all of us that we must all work together to address this issue and work on ways to make the mines safer for your miners," he said.

In Kentucky alone, four miners have been crushed in rock

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## How to help Fido ride in cars

by **TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI**

Dear Tom and Ray:

My dog does not ride in the car well. He salivates and sometimes foams at the mouth. On occasion, he will bark at something when his mouth is foamed up. The car's interior then looks like the inside of a winter souvenir globe. He is a good dog, and we would like to take him on trips or around town. What can you offer as help? — Gary

P.S. Don't suggest trading in the dog. As far as my wife is concerned, I will go before the dog does.

RAY: The poor guy is carsick, Gary. Dogs will salivate a lot like that when they're nauseated. So actually, if all that's been sprayed on the inside of your windshield so far is saliva, consider yourself very lucky!

TOM: We spoke with veterinarian Dr. Linda Siperstein about your case. She said if he's a puppy, he might grow out of his carsickness. But if he doesn't, or if you're not willing to keep cleaning your upholstery until he does, you should ask your own vet about anti-nausea medication for Rover.

RAY: There are a number of medications that vets can use to treat carsickness in dogs. But Dr. Siperstein warns you not to experiment on your dog with human medicines. While some "drugstore" medicines will work for dogs in the proper doses, some human medicines are extremely toxic to dogs.

TOM: For instance, Tylenol and Advil can poison your dog. I bet you didn't know that.

RAY: I didn't. But I also don't know how to tell when my dog has a headache.

TOM: After spending a couple of hours with you, probably. Anyway, Gary, check with your vet about medicines to help Rover with his carsickness. Then everybody will be happier during car rides.

Is rental company's estimate fair?

Dear Tom and Ray:

Help! I am REALLY hoping that you guys are not basking on some beach today. Here's the deal: While my husband was conveniently out of town on business last week, I inadvertently backed into the right front fender of a friend's rental car ...

a 2004 Kia Rio. Needless to say, while waiting to get the damage estimate from the rental company, I had conveniently neglected to mention this minor incident to the aforementioned husband. My thinking was that it looked like about \$200 of damage to me, and in that case, why bother the poor man with such a trifle? Today the estimate arrived ... \$789.40 plus about \$130 in "loss of use" and "diminished value" charges, for a grand total of \$926.06. This for a car that currently retails for about \$9,100. My question is, Does this estimate seem reasonable, or am I being called upon to single-handedly improve the bottom line of the rental company? And ... since I am the perpetrator of this fender-bending, do I have any options other than paying? Can I insist that they get another estimate? And lastly, will you come over and stand in front of me when I explain all this to my husband? Thanks, guys. — Karen

TOM: Well, the answer to your last question depends on how big your husband is.

RAY: Unfortunately, there's no body work that costs \$200 anymore. For \$200 at a body shop, you can get an almost-invisible dent knocked out and your ashtrays cleaned.

TOM: In your case, I'm guessing you backed into the front quarter-panel. So to fix it, they have to smooth out the metal, prime it, paint it, sand it down and then apply a clear-coat finish. It's pretty labor-intensive. And if you happened to put a little crack in the headlight lens, there's another 200 bucks. So I'm not surprised that the estimate is for \$800.

RAY: That said, you certainly

don't have to accept the rental company's price. You can insist upon getting your own estimate from a body shop of your choice. And if your estimate comes in lower, you can negotiate with the rental company.

TOM: As for the "loss of use" charge, that probably depends on the contract that your friend signed when she rented the car. It's a questionable charge, because unless they were totally sold out last week, the car might very well have been sitting on the lot anyway, not being used. So that might be negotiable as well.

RAY: Alternatively, you can call your own insurance company and tell them you had an accident. Then THEY'LL negotiate with the rental company and settle with them — probably for about \$200!

TOM: Of course, they'll then jack up your rates for the next nine years, so you have to consider that, too.

RAY: But keep in mind that the rate increase won't come until next year. So you'll have that much more time to figure out how to explain all of this to your husband, Karen. Good luck!

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Jim Davidson

# How to become truly happy

Have you ever thought about the fact that today is a gift? It's true. That's why it's called the present. Today is the only day we have. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow has not yet come, but we can ruin this great gift by our attitude and how we treat other people.



Like most people, I get down once in a while, but not often. Basically I'm an "up" person and look on the bright side of life most of the time. In dealing with people, day in and day out, I have found there are a lot of unhappy people out there in the world. When I run across people who are really unhappy, I do my best to cheer them up and brighten their day a little. I might add, this does not cost anything except a little of our time, and it will pay all kinds of dividends.

deep within the human soul and heart, happiness is an emotion that lies just below the surface of our everyday experiences. We can be happy one moment and sad the next because of events, circumstances and people who come along.

If you are not basically a happy person, I want to share something that one of my readers, in the great state of Mississippi, sent me a few weeks ago. I might add, this could have a great impact on your thinking, especially if you would like to experience more happiness in your life.

What Mrs. Moselle Lewis sent me was a story of two men,

both seriously ill, who occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service and where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing all the things he could see outside the window to his roommate.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window

overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could hear it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the

hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Here is the epilogue, and it's something I hope you will really think about: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want

to feel rich, just think of all the things you have that money can't buy.

This brings me to the secret of how to be truly happy. Other people will forget what you said. In time they will forget much of what you did for them, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

A few years ago I knew a young lady who had a child out of wedlock. I made a special point to befriend her and make her feel that she had true and lasting value as a human being. While today we don't see each other often, she is happily married and you would not believe the way she hugs me when we greet each other.

God is so good and His love is everlasting. The more happiness we give away, the more it comes back to us.

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## Allen

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was an ardent fisherman, and was called away from the lake to deliver a baby. This chore done, it came time to weigh the baby, and he had no scales but those he used to weigh his catch. And the baby weighed 33 pounds and 10 ounces.

### AS ADVERTISED

Sometimes the ad writers trip over themselves as they

extol the merits and desirability of their wares. There was the catalog which might have reached this desk, the other day, had not the waste basket at the postoffice been handier. It had a red-hot price on used typewriters and a rather eloquent description of their worth. But this line stiffened my sales resistance: "They won't last long."

## Picnic

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wishes to thank her administrative team for their quality supervision and dedication to excellence: Ginger Jarrell, medical coordinator/supported employment manager; Connie Castle, human resources manager; Kristy Boyd, support coordinator/case manager; Linda Hall, medical records manager; Mercedith Turner, administrative assistant; Brandy Sexton, ThB House manager; Deborah Lindsey, BC House manager; Mary Meade, SL House manager;

Lisa Marcos, TB House manager; and Pam Caldwell, CH manager.

The administrative team, in return, would like to thank their direct care staff for the quality supports they provide and for their dedication to their positions.

Additionally, the entire staffing team, administrative team, executive director, and board of directors would like to extend their appreciation to all the individuals supported.

## Lagoon

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Brown himself, as the narrator who sports a painted-on mustache and pops up every so often to fill in the audience on scenes that they probably couldn't afford to film.

All in all, this is just cinematic cheese, but its baked with a lot of heart, if not a lot of talent.

Take a bite out of it, folks, and keep these guys out of a retirement home and back on the screen, where they might get noticed for future jobs.

Best line: "I'm from Brooklyn. What do I know from zombies?"  
2002, unrated.



Emily Ann Hall was awarded 1st Runner Up in the Annual Jr. Miss Red, White & Blue Pageant held Thursday night at the Martin Community Center.

She was the overall winner in the Red, White & Blue Photogenic Contest.

Emily is the daughter of Kelli Hall of McDowell, and Doug Hall of McDowell.

Her escort for the evening was Jordan Clayton-Todd Pinson. Jordan is the son of Jamie and Tina Pinson of Drift.

Emily and Jordan represented McDowell Elementary. They are in the sixth grade.

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# Odds and Ends

**MILTON, W.Va.** — It took five men and a forklift to get Ron and Sue Boor's prize pumpkin onto the scale at the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival.

The verdict: 1,085 pounds, a record for the event.

The Boors have toiled in their pumpkin patch since May. The couple installed an irrigation system and shade tent, attended gardening seminars and watered pumpkins endlessly.

At the prize pumpkin's peak growth, it grew about 35 pounds a night and consumed about 200 gallons of water per day.

"I say it's worse than raising a baby," Sue Boor said.

The Boors have raised large pumpkins since 1990. Their previous record was 710 pounds.

The festival's 10 largest

pumpkins will be auctioned Sunday, with proceeds benefiting local scholarships. The Boors' pumpkin will be carved into a jack-o'-lantern and delivered to the winning bidder. Its seeds will sell for about \$25 each.

**CLEVELAND** — One of the domes atop Ohio's oldest Russian Orthodox church was peeled of its copper covering by thieves who apparently wanted to sell the metal for scrap.

"Who could steal from God?" said Ted Lentz, the church caretaker, as he looked up at the damage Wednesday.

The St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Cathedral, which appeared in scenes of the Oscar-winning film "The Deer Hunter," is topped with 13

onion-shaped copper domes, one for Jesus and each of his 12 apostles.

At each of the four corners of the church, there are smaller half-domes. Police say the thieves who struck Tuesday night chose one of those to pilage.

While the going rate for copper is at its highest in years — about \$1.25 a pound — the stolen copper probably wouldn't fetch more than \$100.

**GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.** — Angelique Fiorillo says the boulder that crashed through one wall of her second-story apartment and out another might have struck her if she'd been in her usual spot watching "Oprah."

Instead, Fiorillo said she was in a neighbor's apartment when the table-size rock thundered down Red Mountain Tuesday afternoon.

"We're like, 'Oh my God, what is that?'" she said.

Her husband was at work. Her two cats, Odin and Loki, took cover under a bedroom dresser and were unharmed.

Rain apparently had unleashed a slide that sent the boulder bouncing down the mountainside, glancing off tree branches and then crashing through Fiorillo's apartment. It landed on the lawn outside, leaving a trail of debris.

"I'm doing OK," Fiorillo said. "I'm alive."

**WEST BEND, Wis.** — Pat Faragher has a sure-fire way to get out of jury duty — he'll just excuse himself.

Faragher, a Washington County Circuit judge, was summoned for jury duty recently in his own court. He has his excuse already prepared: "I think I'll just say it may not be a good idea to be summoned to my own court."

Jury clerk Deb Donath said a computer randomly compiles juror lists from information provided by the state Department of Motor Vehicles. "I can't pull any names out, not even his in his own branch," she said of the judge.

Faragher also has been summoned for jury duty in the court of a colleague, Judge Andy Goning.

"Andy thought it was hilarious," Faragher said.

**BEIJING** — A nicotine-addicted chimpanzee is kicking her 16-year-old habit using dumplings and pop music.

The chimp, Ai Ai, began scavenging cigarette butts left by visitors at the Qinling Safari Park in the late 1980's after her first mate, Jian Jian, died, the official China Daily newspaper said.

Zookeepers eventually began

giving Ai Ai cigarettes of her own and lighting them, the paper said. She was smoking between eight and 10 cigarettes a day before zookeepers decided in August to help her kick the habit.

The paper said Ai Ai tended to smoke more when she was lonely or depressed, including after the death of one of her two children in the mid-1990's and the death of her second mate, Da Hu, in 1997.

Chinese meat dumplings, pop music and walks have been used to distract 26-year-old Ai Ai from her cravings and to keep her from begging noisily for cigarettes.

**FEDERAL WAY, Wash.** — Two high school boys swallowed goldfish at a school assembly and were punished with a stern talking-to.

Animal rights activists say that's not enough.

After learning about the stunt late last month, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals urged Federal Way Public Schools to adopt a district-wide policy prohibiting the use of animals in school functions.

"We feel certain you'll agree that killing fish in the name of school spirit is unacceptable," wrote Jennifer O'Connor, an official with the Norfolk, Va.-based group.

School district spokeswoman Diane Turner said the boys ate the goldfish Sept. 20, apparently after promising to do so if one of them got elected as a class officer.

Turner said school officials lectured the boys on proper behavior and called their parents. They received no further discipline.

"These are good kids who made bad decisions," Turner said. "What they did was not appropriate. We used it as a teaching moment."

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Mormon music fans thought they were getting a DVD about the squeaky clean boy band

Everclean. Instead, they got "Adored: Diary of a Porn Star."

Two Utah families reported the packaging mix-up after buying DVDs at Deseret Book stores, which are owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The DVDs were pulled from the shelves.

"We will not put it back on our shelves until we're 100 percent sure it's the proper disc that goes into the packaging," said Deseret Book spokeswoman Gail Halladay.

The PG-rated "Sons of Provo" chronicles the life of an LDS boy band, Everclean.

"Adored: Diary of a Porn Star" is an unrated movie about an adult film star who reconnects with his family, said Corey Eubanks, spokesman for Wolfe Video, a distributor of films featuring gay and lesbian characters.

"It's not a porn film at all," Eubanks said. "It's just about someone who is a porn actor."

Both films hired the same Los Angeles company to make DVD copies of their movies. Somewhere in the process, "Adored" discs were packaged as "Sons of Provo."

**RIPON, Calif.** — A self-proclaimed psychic will be allowed to give a speech at a community library after agreeing not to take "psychic questions" from the audience.

A library flier that claimed Irma Slage would "communicate with the dead" also will be reworked in advance of the Nov. 10 event.

"It makes it easier for them and for me to just go and give my speech and enjoy the audience and enjoy their questions and answer as positively and honestly as I can," said Slage, author of "Phases of Life After Death."

The speech originally had been canceled. Saying it would violate community standards, Ripon Mayor Chuck Winn had threatened to cut the library's funding if the event took place, several newspapers reported.

Slage has said she can help people communicate with dead family members. Some residents complained that canceling the speech was censorship.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2005. There are 83 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Oct. 9, 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

On this date:

In 1635, religious dissident Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut — later Yale University — was chartered.

In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Glendale, Calif.

In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

In 1958, Pope Pius the XII died. (He was succeeded by Pope John XXIII.)

In 1962, Uganda won autonomy from British rule.

In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.

In 1975, Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise liner surrendered after the ship arrived in Port Said, Egypt.

**Ten years ago:** Saboteurs pulled 29 spikes from a stretch of railroad track, causing an Amtrak train to derail in Arizona; one person was killed and about 100 were injured. An earthquake with a magnitude of

7.6 shook the west coast of Mexico, killing 51 people. Americans Edward B. Lewis and Eric F. Wieschaus and German Christiane Nuesslein-Volhard won the Nobel Prize for medicine for studies of how genes control early embryo development.

**Five years ago:** Arvid Carlsson of Sweden, and Americans Paul Greengard and Eric Kandel won the Nobel Prize in medicine.

**One year ago:** A tour bus from the Chicago area flipped in Arkansas, killing 15 people headed to a Mississippi casino. Afghanistan's first direct presidential election began. Australia's Prime Minister John Howard won a historic fourth term in national elections.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Fyvush Finkel is 83. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 64. Singer Jackson Browne is 57. Actor Gary Frank is 55. Actor Richard Chaves is 54. Actor Robert Wuhl is 54. Actress-TV personality Sharon Osbourne is 53. Actor Tony Shalhoub is 52. Actor Scott Bakula is 51. Musician James Fearnley (The Pogues) is 51. Actor John O'Hurley is 51. Actor Michael Pare is 46. Rock singer-musician Kurt Neumann (The BoDeans) is 44. Country singer Gary Bennett is 41. Singer P.J. Harvey is 36. Country singer Tommy Shane Steiner is 32. Actor Steve Burns is 32. Sean Lennon is 30. Actor Randy Spelling is 27. Actor Brandon Routh is 26. Actor Zachery Ty Bryan is 24. Actor Tyler James Williams ("Everybody Hates Chris") is 13.

**Thought for Today:** "The world is divided into people who think they are right." — Anonymous.

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**Martin**

ressed that other people lived in regular houses, and I lived in a store. As I grew up, I learned to appreciate more what my family gave me — the right things: honesty, integrity ... I'm very proud of my mountain heritage. Though there are, maybe, people in that part of the country that don't have a lot of money or fine things, I learned a lot from that part of the country. I learned what it means to care about people, integrity and honor; all those things I got there at my school, from my family, and the people I came in contact with there. I think a lot is to be learned about integrity coming out of that part of the country. I respect the people there."

Martin graduated from Wayland High School in 1969 and enrolled at Clemson University in South Carolina on a basketball scholarship. He graduated from Clemson in 1973, earning a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering. He later obtained his MBA at Wake Forest University.

In 2003, Martin earned a master's degree in strategic studies at the United States Army War College, in addition to several other military training schools he completed, including field artillery, officer basic and advanced course, and command and general staff college.

A 32-year veteran with the military, Martin was previously the commander of the 113th Field Artillery Brigade. He's also served as a fire direction officer, executive officer, and chief intelligence and security crisis team leader in the Pentagon's Army Operations Center. He holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the North Carolina Meritorious Service Medal.

He says that he holds true to the "humble" lessons he learned while living in Eastern Kentucky and that he respects those who helped him advance in his career.

"I've gotten here because of the great people I've worked with," Martin said. "As I commented in my speech today about another army guy, a POW in Vietnam, believed, my philosophy is do right to help others, and in doing that, they help me. I contribute my success to lot of great people under me who helped make me successful. I hope in my position, I can continue to make the right decisions for the national guard at this level ... That's really what it's all about: people. I'm honored from

**Mines**

falls in the past 15 months during retreat mining, which involves removing coal pillars that support the roof. The latest accident occurred in August, when two miners were killed by a roof fall in a Harlan County mine.

Dye said 18 fatalities have occurred during retreat mining in the past eight years. Of those, he said, 15 occurred in the southern Appalachian area, which includes portions of Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

**Aid**

tions in the state. Prater also encouraged students and their parents to visit the campus of the colleges and universities they'd like to attend. While on those campuses, be sure to visit the financial aid office to determine the help that's available.

"The students also need to visit their high school guidance counselors. They'll know the kinds of aid that are available, and can even help track down scholarships that local civic clubs may offer," Prater said. He also offered a word of caution.

Many magazines and Web sites that target high school students carry advertisements from firms that guarantee finding financial aid for a student — for a fee.

"Those companies frequently end up telling the student they qualify for loans the student would have qualified for anyway," Prater said.

"Never pay anybody to apply for financial aid or to complete the FAFSA," he said.

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that standpoint."

Martin's four sisters, Joyce Childers, of Hindman, Marianna Scott, of London, Jan Belcher, of Tazewell, Va., and twin Beth Jones, a former Betsy Layne school teacher, joined him in North Carolina for the ceremony Friday.

Martin, who currently resides in Winston-Salem with his wife, has been working with Wayland officials to build a Veterans Memorial, which is expected to be completed before Memorial Day. The city is selling bricks to support the project.



Students in Mrs. Case's class at Duff Elementary practiced the voting process with the help of Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh.

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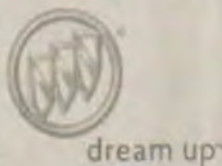
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## AC sweeps Pikeville on Senior Night

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central High School varsity volleyball team swept Pikeville 2-0, Tuesday, earning its 23rd win of the season. In the process, Allen Central honored four seniors. The Rebels prevailed in the first game, winning 25-9. Allen Central won the second game 25-10.

Allen Central is enjoying its best season ever and dedicated this season to Jerri Smith, who has volunteered and served as an assistant coach for seven years, dedicating her time and effort to

support the Rebel volleyball teams.

"She helped bring three of the four seniors into volleyball when they were in the eighth Grade and it is appropriate that she is recognized along with them," Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard commented.

The seniors recognized were Yumekia Hunter, Brandi Meade, Amanda Mills, and Elizabeth Mosley.

Maynard and Smith began coaching middle school volleyball at Allen Central Middle when Hunter, Meade, and Mills were eighth-graders. This is the first girls' group brought up from

the middle school with Maynard at the helm.

Yumekia Hunter was 2004 All-Conference, All-District and selected for the All-State Volleyball Team Honorable Mention, the first 15th Region player to ever receive the honor in volleyball. Brandi Meade and Amanda Mills were All-Conference and All-District

players for 2004.

"These girls are fantastic, someone may take their places, but no one can replace them," Maynard added.

The Allen Central girls got off to a successful start in the match versus Pikeville. The Rebel defense stopped the Pikeville serve, as Alesia Hall dug it up to Brittany Hodge and Elizabeth Mosley pounded in the first

kill of the night. Mills took service and did not stop for 15 serves. She earned four of her seven aces during the run. The defense was solid and the offense unstoppable. During the run, Brandi Meade landed two kills and Yumekia Hunter slammed over two back court attacks. Pikeville's defense could not stop the powerful hits the Rebels bombarded them with. When the Rebels lost serve, the score stood at 15-1.

Pikeville managed two additional points before Brittany Hodge slammed in

(See **SWEEPS**, page two)



## Potential state record bull elk taken in Knott

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Mt. Vernon resident Paul Cummins harvested a potential state record bull elk Oct. 1 in Knott County.

The huge 6 x 7 bull elk netted a preliminary score of 331 7/8ths on the Boone and Crockett scoring system.

"I've hunted moose, caribou, elk, bears, mule deer, antelope and white-tailed deer, but this was the thrill of a lifetime to kill a native elk here in Kentucky," Paul Cummins said.

The antlers and skull of a bull elk (or whitetail) must dry for 60 days before they can be officially measured and perhaps qualify as a record. The drying process generally reduces the width of the inside spread of the rack, and other measurements, which decreases the initial (green) score.

"This year's elk hunt was an overwhelming success," said Karen Alexy, research program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "At both the limited entry areas and the at-large areas, several 300 class bulls were taken by hunters."

Rita Tharp of Bedford, took the current state record bull elk on Oct. 2, 2004 on the Starfire Limited Entry Area. It officially scored 310 3/8. It is possible the Cummins' bull may surpass Tharp's once the final score is in.

"It was great to watch grandfathers hunting with grandsons, and friends hunting together," Alexy said. "It's rewarding to experience the excitement, and see the public support surrounding all the opportunities having elk in Eastern Kentucky creates for our residents, sportsmen and sportswomen."

Permits go on sale for the 2006 quota elk hunts on Dec. 1.



Prestonsburg senior Brandon Peters tried to slow down a Belfry ball carrier Friday night.

photos by Jamie Howell

## Blackcats fall to Belfry

Two-time defending Class 2A state champ rolls, 49-7

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After claiming back-to-back state titles in 2003 and 2004, the assumption was that the Belfry High School football team would be a bit "down" in 2005. The Pirates had lost the services of standouts David Jones and Doug Howard and were expected to spend this season in somewhat of a rebuilding stage. However, after a season-opening loss to Henry Clay in the Pike County Bowl the Pirates had rolled to five straight wins. Belfry came into Friday's game with Prestonsburg looking to knock off the Blackcats and in the process gain the upper hand on a possible Class 2A, District 8 title. After Prestonsburg took the opening kickoff and was forced to punt, Belfry's Matt Maynard fielded the Blackcat punt and raced 52 yards for the first Pirate score of the night. Glen Earnest came on to add the extra point and Belfry led 7-0 with 9:05 left in the first quarter. The Pirates

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)



The Belfry offense scored early and often on its way to a 49-7 win over host Prestonsburg.

## Phelps outlasts Allen Central

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

PHELPS — Sixteen touchdowns. One-hundred and nine total plays. Over 1,000 yards of total offense. One hekuva game.

Phelps and Allen Central played its version of gunsmoke Thursday night and when the smoke cleared, they were partying on Peter Creek.

Sophomore wide receiver Charlie Hunt reeled in five catches for 259 yards and four touchdowns and teammate Russell Johnson hit paydirt five times while rushing for 175 yards as the Hornets sealed a playoff berth with a 64-44 win over the Rebels at Hornet Stadium.

"This was a battle in every sense of the word," first-year Phelps coach Chris Hagerman said. "I really didn't anticipate a shootout, but I knew our defense may struggle a bit."

He was right. Phelps' offense ran just 14 plays from scrimmage in the first half.

However, when the Hornets had the ball, they scored effortlessly.

Johnson, who scored all three of Phelps' touchdowns in the third quarter, took the opening kickoff 85 yards for the score.

Allen Central, which dropped its fourth straight game, answered in a hurry.

The Rebels scored on all five of their possessions in the first half and took a 36-30 lead into the intermission.

Hagerman said he and his staff worked to make some defensive adjustments.

"Coach (Butch) Joplin made the calls and they worked brilliantly," Hagerman said. "We seemed to really get a hold of things in the second half."

Two second-half interceptions by Hunt also helped.

"One of the picks came in a crucial part of the game," Hagerman said. "The other sepa-

(See **OUTLASTS**, page two)



Allen Central High senior running back Robble Vanderpool worked for running room Thursday night against Phelps.

## AMS Golf Club concludes first season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School Golf Club completed its inaugural season Wednesday. The AMS Golf Club was created for the developmental of AMS student athletes interested in golf and as a promotional effort for junior golf in the area. Coach Bryan Allen provided instruction on all facets of the game, beginning foremost with proper golf etiquette. Allen provided many

hours of individual and group instruction and the results were obvious as each athlete participating improved tremendously.

On Wednesday, most of the club was on hand for a friendly skills competition. McKinley Minix won the 2-hole competition with Nathaniel Fraley finishing second after a playoff with Logan Hunt. Fraley also won the putting contest and Evan Hayes won the chipping contest.

Other members of the AMS

Golf Club include Wil Allen, Corey Bailey, Corey Carter, Seth Carter, John Gullett, Mickale Roberts Jeffrey Searls and Zach Taulbee.

At the skills competition Wednesday, Allen took the opportunity to thank "parents for their support and the kids for their dedication as our younger golfers are the future of golf in our area." He encouraged the young golfers to continue practicing to develop their skills.



AMS Golf Club — Pictured, front row (left to right): Wil Allen, Nathaniel Fraley, McKinley Minix, John Gullett. Back row (left to right): Mickale Roberts, Logan Hunt, Seth Carter, Evan Hayes, Coach Bryan Allen. Not pictured: Cory Bailey, Corey Carter, Jeffrey Searls, Zach Taulbee.

## P'burg girls' soccer headed into district tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — In its first season of varsity competition, the Prestonsburg High School girls' soccer team has posted a 4-6 regular-season record. The Lady Blackcats ended regular-season play Tuesday with a 8-2 win at home over Letcher County Central. Prestonsburg finished fifth in the 32nd District, ahead of Letcher County Central and Pike County Central. With Tuesday's win over Letcher Central, Prestonsburg avenged a loss it endured earlier this season. In a match played Sept. 14, Letcher Central blanked Prestonsburg 6-0. The 32nd District Tournament will get underway Monday at

(See **SOCCER**, page two)

**Blackcats**

went ahead early on and never trailed en route to a convincing 49-7 win over their top district rival.

Belfry has been impressive on the defensive side of the football and Friday would prove to be no different as the Pirates forced Prestonsburg to punt on its first three.

Belfry would need only two plays to add to the lead as Dustin May took it in from 66 yards out to give the Pirates a 14-0 lead at the 6:34 mark of the first quarter. After a Prestonsburg fumble, Belfry quickly added to its lead as Matt Maynard scampered 39 yards for another Pirate touchdown.

Belfry held a 21-0 lead in the first quarter before Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard. The Blackcats took advantage of a Belfry fumble at the Pirate 39-yard line and proceeded to march 39 yards in six plays to cut the lead to 21-7. Prestonsburg senior Brandon Peters carried the football in from four yards out to give the Blackcats their first and what would ultimately be their only score of the night.

Belfry struggled throughout the night with procedure penalties and was forced to punt the football back to Prestonsburg but the Blackcat offense could not sustain a drive and had to punt the ball back to the Pirates with less than three minutes left in the first half. A 52-yard punt from Mason Vance had seemingly backed the Pirates into a hole at their own five yard line, but on second and ten, Corey

**H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD**

**Friday's games**

Fleming County 42, Powell County 6
Johnson Central 43, Greenup County 21
Phelps 64, Allen Central 44
Pike County Central 19, East Ridge 0
Pikeville 58, Jenkins 0
Sheldon Clark 14, Shelby Valley 10
<b>Friday's games</b>
Ashland Blazer 26, Mason County 13
Belfry 49, Prestonsburg 7
Bell County 33, Rockcastle County 29
Boyle County 19, Pulaski County 9
East Carter 37, West Carter 0
Harlan 21, Williamsburg 20
Hazard 53, South Floyd 0
Knox Central 20, Letcher County Central 15
Lawrence County 29, Boyd County 27
Leslie County 46, Breathitt County 22
Morgan County 47, Estill County 8
Raceland 55, Bath County 14
Russell 55, Lewis County 7
Somerset 43, Evarts 14

Chapman raced 67 yards to the Prestonsburg 38 yard line and the Pirates eventually tacked on another score with less than 2:00 left in the first half to take a 28-7 lead into halftime. Belfry got the football back

to open the second half, but came up empty. The Pirates were stopped on downs and had to punt the football. Prestonsburg, however, couldn't take advantage of its defensive stop.

Prestonsburg could not produce any offense and was forced to punt. Belfry would need three plays to find pay dirt, this time on a 65 yard touchdown pass from Jordan Phillips to Matt Maynard as the Pirates pulled ahead 35-7. Belfry would tack on another score from Maynard (his fourth of the game) to take a 42-7 lead with 5:08 left in the third quarter.

Belfry ended the scoring in the final minute of the third quarter on a two-yard scoring plunge from Dustin May and the Pirates would come away with a 49-7 district win over Prestonsburg.

Peters led the Blackcat rushing attack with 19 carries for 91 yards and one touchdown. Maynard carried seven times for Belfry for a total of 65 yards and four touchdowns.

May rushed for 103 yards on 10 carries and 2 touchdowns. Chapman rushed seven times for 106 yards and 1 touchdown for Belfry. Maynard rushed for two scores, returned a punt for a touchdown and also hauled in a 65-yard touchdown pass from Phillips. Next up for the Pirates (6-1) is an important home district game versus Sheldon Clark. Prestonsburg (1-6) will hit the road next Friday, traveling to Pike County Central for a district contest versus the Hawks.

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**Soccer**

Shelby Valley with Prestonsburg pitted against Belfry. The Prestonsburg-Belfry match is the third of three district tournament matches slated for Monday. Host Shelby Valley is paired with Letcher County Central in the tournament's opening match at 5:30 p.m. Pikeville will take on Pike County Central at 7:30 p.m. in the district tournament's second opening-round match.

Perry County Central received an opening-round bye. Head coach Tina Petry guides the first-year Prestonsburg High girls' soccer program.

**16TH REGION SOCCER**

Team	Record
North Laurel	11-7-0
Perry County Central	9-2-1
Pikeville	9-4-1
Middlesboro	8-4-2
Shelby Valley	6-7-0
South Laurel	5-8-2
Belfry	4-5-0
Prestonsburg	4-6-0
Corbin	4-7-2
Letcher Co. Central	2-8-0
Pike County Central	0-9-0
Oneida Baptist Institute	0-10-0

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**Outlasts**

rated us."

Hunt, who had a 101-yard interception return for a touchdown in a district game earlier in the season with Jenkins, said he gained confidence as the game progressed.

"I made those catches, and I felt like I could accomplish anything," the first-year player said. "I wanted to win this game for the seniors."

Johnson said he approached the game like a post-season affair. "I played it as if we were out of it if we lost," he continued, "and we actually were if we would have lost."

Allen Central took its largest lead of the game at 36-24 when Matt Crabtree plowed into the end zone from a yard out with 3:53 left in the half.

Phelps, which snapped a two-game losing streak with the win, reeled off 28 unanswered points, including a 64-yard TD reception by Hunt that cut the Hornets' margin to six (36-30) at the half.

Phelps had 528 yards of total offense.

Junior quarterback Robert Gannon completed 8-of-14 attempts for 279 yards and four touchdowns.

Allen Central's Robbie

Vanderpool had 294 yards rushing on 24 carries and three touchdowns.

The Rebels had 473 yards of total offense.

Phelps (3-4) has earned the No. 4 spot in the district because it has beaten

Jenkins, Allen Central, and Allen Central.

The Hornets return to action Friday at East Ridge, while Allen Central plays host to South Floyd.

Each game is set for 7:30 p.m. at Phelps, Ky.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS:**

Allen Central (2-5).....14 22 0 18-44

Phelps (3-4).....18 22 12 14-64

Scoring:

First Quarter:

Phelps — Russell Johnson,

85-yard kickoff return (run failed), 11:45.

Allen Central — Robbie

Vanderpool, 7-yard run (run failed), 7:00.

Phelps — Russell Johnson,

75-yard run (run failed), 5:41.

Allen Central — Robbie

Vanderpool, 42-yard run (Robbie Vanderpool run), 3:21.

Phelps — Charlie Hunt, 55-

yard pass from Robert Gannon (run failed), 2:58.

Second Quarter

Allen Central — Corey

Click, 1-yard run (Robbie Vanderpool run), 9:31.

Phelps — Charlie Hunt, 65-yard pass from Robert Gannon (pass failed), 8:22.

Allen Central — Vanderpool, 19-yard run (Josh Prater run), 7:19.

Allen Central — Matt Crabtree, 1-yard run (pass failed), 3:53.

Phelps — Charlie Hunt, 64-yard pass from Robert Gannon (run failed), 2:39.

Third Quarter

Phelps — Russell Johnson, 27-yard run (Robert Gannon pass to Justin McCoy), 6:14.

Phelps — Russell Johnson, 7-

yard run (Alex Smith kick), 3:55.

Phelps — Russell Johnson

— 62-yard run (Alex Smith kick), :21.

Fourth Quarter

Allen Central — Josh Prater,

1-yard run (Robbie Vanderpool run), 9:49.

Phelps — Charlie Hunt, 54-

yard pass from Robert Gannon (kick failed), 6:50.

Phelps — Cody Gearles, 6-

yard run (kick failed), 2:21.

Next up: Phelps (3-4) at East

Ridge, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Allen

Central (2-5) vs. South Floyd,

7:30 p.m. Friday.

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**Louisville tennis completes play in Tulsa**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

TULSA, Okla. — The University of Louisville men's tennis team completed play at the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships Main Draw Thursday at the University of Tulsa's Michael D. Case Tennis Center.

Louisville's Damar Johnson lost to Mississippi's Juan Pablo

Di Cesare 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the main draw singles, while the doubles team of Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson fell to Middle Tennessee's Marco Born and Andreas Silestrom 8-5.

Clark, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, has also played in some singles competition for the Louisville tennis squad.

"Damar Johnson and the team of Jeremy Clark and

Gustafsson lost to quality opponents," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "I believe in the long run, what they learned in this national tournament will help us in the spring season. If we want to be an elite team, we have to learn from failure and get stronger."

The Cardinals will play host to the 2005 Louisville Fall Invitational Oct. 14-16 at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

**201 SPEEDWAY • RACE RESULTS FROM SATURDAY, OCT. 1**

Modified Four Cylinder Feature: 3 Jacob Ross; 2 Kelly Neace; L8R Leroy Newsome; B9 Stacy Hall; 48 Keith Anderson; 3D Jamie Hamilton; 5H Donnie Horne; 22N Nicholas Martin; 00 Jason Hall.

Super Bomber Feature: 74 Beadie Blackburn; 7A Glen Patton; 69 Tom Crabtree; 46 Dennis Deboard; R17 Don Risner.

Limited Late Model Feature: 12 Larry Gray Jr.; 88 Tandy Spurlock; 5M Scott McCloud; 3 Scooter Lemaster; CJ1 Scott Lemaster; 00 Chris Prater.

Late Model Feature: 8 Anthony Adams; 97 David Powers; 6H Terry Hicks; 17

Steve Stollings; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 0H Scott Hall; 53 Paul Porter; 38 Raymond Nichols; 3 Jim Lemaster; 15 Corey McKenzie; 28R Harold Redmond Jr.; 28 Chuckie May; 18 Eric Wells; 12D Daniel Williams; 3 Jim Lemaster.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: B17 Brandon Johnson; J7 Greg Gibson; 28 Walt Mayabb; T23 Keith Tincher; 01 B.J. Osborne; 20 Micky Sanson; 28 Beadie Blackburn; 2T Jack Tackett; 82 Randy Fouts; 3 Arlie Daniels; B3 Lee McKenzie; 20W Davey Warnock; 69 Tim Moore; 25K Chris Bolin; 911 Jason Hall; 28M Kevin Mayabb; 00 Michael Butcher;

06 Kevin Hall; 118 Marcus Griffith.

Claim Bomber Feature: 11 Pete Castle; R17 Don Risner; P12 Dean Pennington; T23 Keith Tincher; 10 Lee Ross; 20 Bo Howard; 4J James Stack; U2 Bannie Blair; 25 Albert Butcher; 32 Greg Gillium.

Regular Four Cylinder Feature: 18S Shawn Ousley; 18K Shawn Henson; Ole 7 Gary Whitt; 24 Jason Hall; 21 Pat Morris; CD4 Alerd Newsome; -3L Lester Robinette; 06 Glen Stevens; 15 Benji Mayhan; CD17 Darren Rogers; 63T Shirl Tackett; 44 Billy Blanton.

Winner of the Mule Race: John Shuemake.

**Sweeps**

a kill, making the score 16-3. Some AC errors, however, gave the Panthers some points and each team exchanged some points until the score was 23-9. Courtney Martin rotated into serve and sent two hard-to-handle offerings across the net for aces.

The second game was similar to the first, except Mills did not serve as long. After getting two aces and a Christina Blevins and Hodge kill, the Rebels were off to a 5-0 score. However, the Panthers got two points before the AC girls opened the game on

another back court kill from Hunter and two over-the-net kills by Mosley propelled the Rebels to a 15-5 game. A couple of AC unforced errors allowed Pikeville to get closer, but the Allen Central squad never looked back.

On the night, Mosley led with eight kills on .500 hitting and Hunter had 7 kills on .583 hitting. Hodge slammed in three kills, Blevins and Meade pounded in two each, and Martin added one. Mills set the offense 26 times earning 12

assists while Hodge ran the offense 10 times getting four assists. Mills led all servers with seven aces in 24 attempts without an error. Mosley had three aces; Hunter and Martin had two aces each; Hodge and Meade slapped in one apiece. Hunter stopped 15 Panther point attempts while Alesia Hall dug up 14 Pikeville tries.

Allen Central will travel to Prestonsburg Wednesday to meet the host Blackcats in the first round of the 55th District Tournament.

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The South Floyd Middle A-team rolled to a convincing win over the Allen Central A-team earlier this week. In the B-team game, Allen Central posted a win.



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# WRAPUP: Reds face another uncertain offseason

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Players were killing time in the clubhouse before one of the Reds' final home games, munching on hamburgers and Cincinnati-style chili while making small talk.

Ken Griffey Jr. decided to live things up.

"Maybe I'll go to the winter meetings," Griffey mused, referring to the place where trades are made.

That got the jokes rolling.

"You should wear a 'For Sale' sign," pinch-hitter Jacob Cruz teased.

Is Griffey for sale coming off his renaissance season? Probably not, though nothing can be ruled out. The Reds have a lot of unknowns heading into the offseason — an annual predicament for a franchise that can't find its way.

"That's become kind of normal here," first baseman Sean Casey said. "Things happen and we go into an offseason of uncertainty."

It's become standard operating procedure in Cincinnati. The

team has another disappointing season — five straight losing ones now, their longest such streak in 50 years — then heads into the off-season with a lot of unknowns.

In the past five years, the Reds have changed managers, general managers and operating philosophies. They've bumped the payroll, slashed the payroll, bumped it back up again. They've tried to rebuild, and tried to win now.

The constant change is part of the problem. Winning franchises have a stability that's missing in Cincinnati.

"It's important anywhere," outfielder Austin Kearns said. "The winning organizations, that's what they have. They have a plan and stick with it. Everybody knows what's going on and knows what to expect. That's what we're striving to get to, I guess."

The Reds removed a little uncertainty last week by extending manager Jerry Narron's contract, but only through 2006. Narron took over when Dave Miley was fired in June and led the Reds to a 46-46 record the

rest of the way.

Two big questions remain: Will ownership change? And will the Reds finally be able to get some pitching?

Three limited partners are selling their shares in the Reds, which could affect how the team is run. Controlling partner Carl Lindner has said he plans to remain in charge, but he could change his mind and let a new ownership group take over.

That would change everything. The Reds are still facing a problem that has bedeviled them during that five-year run of losing. They can't get enough pitching to go with one of the major leagues' most formidable offenses.

The Reds lost 89 games this season even though they led the league in runs, doubles and homers, setting a club record with 222 homers. On average, they scored five runs per game — more than enough to win most of them.

All it got them was fifth place.

"You win games with pitching," Narron said.

As good as the offense was, the pitching was worse. The Reds' staff finished last in the

NL with a 5.15 earned run average, giving up the most runs, hits and homers (219). It also had the fewest saves in the league, which is more of a reflection of the starting rotation.

The Reds spent a lot of money trying to overhaul the rotation last offseason, bringing in left-hander Eric Milton (\$8 million in 2005) and right-hander Ramon Ortiz (\$3.55 million). They gave up 74 homers, the most ever by a pair of Reds pitchers.

Overall, the rotation had a 5.38 ERA, worst in the NL.

Burned by the acquisition of Milton, the Reds aren't likely to spend a lot of money on a free agent pitcher this time around. So, they're facing the same conundrum: How do they get enough pitching to make them competitive?

"I think we're close," Casey said. "You almost wish we could get that front-line starter, somebody that's always on everybody's No. 1 wish list. Getting that one more starter is a big deal."

They have an abundance of outfielders with Griffey, Kearns, Adam Dunn and Willy Mo Pena.

The Chicago White Sox were interested in Griffey at midseason, but ownership wasn't interested in trading the franchise's biggest draw.

At age 35, Griffey had his best season since he arrived in 2000, batting .301 with 35 homers and 92 RBIs in 128 games. A strained foot ended his season early, and he had minor surgery to clean out his knee. For the first time in five years, the oft-injured outfielder has a chance to start spring training fully healthy.

"I can have a normal offseason for a change," Griffey said. "That's probably what I'm looking forward to, being able to enjoy an offseason rather than going to rehab three or four times a week for four months and not having any idea what I'm going to look like coming into spring training."

With Dunn, Kearns and Pena among eight players eligible for arbitration, the Reds have some major financial decisions to make. Players are wondering whether the front office will try to keep the core intact and get

some pitching to go with it, or go in a different direction.

Same old question. "I think we've been a couple of players away for a while," Dunn said. "I think we're still a couple of players away from not just being good, but being really good."

## INF Holbert refuses demotion to Reds' minors

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Infielder Aaron Holbert refused an outright demotion to the minors Monday, choosing instead to leave the Cincinnati Reds as a free agent.

Holbert, 32, was promoted from Triple-A Louisville on Aug. 16, ending a 14-year wait to get to the majors. The St. Louis Cardinals drafted him in 1990, and he spent his entire career in the minors.

Holbert appeared in 22 games for the Reds, including four starts and hit .222 with two RBIs. —

## Giambi, Griffey win 2005 MLB Comeback Player of the Year awards

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees and Ken Griffey Jr. of the Cincinnati Reds have been named the inaugural recipients of the 2005 Major League Baseball Comeback Player of the Year Award presented by Viagra® (sildenafil citrate) as the result of fan balloting on MLB.com, it was announced today. Throughout the voting process, Major League Baseball fans cast nearly 400,000 votes for the award.

This season, Giambi, who received 100,037 votes, won by a decisive margin and re-emerged as a star on the baseball field this year after a 2004 injury-riddled campaign. For the season, the Yankees' left-handed slugger hit 32 home runs and had 87 RBI while leading the American League with 108 walks. Additionally, his .440 on-base percentage was the highest in the American League and second overall in the Majors.

Giambi began his surge towards claiming the Major League Baseball Comeback

Player of the Year Award presented by Viagra® (sildenafil citrate) in July by hitting a Major League Baseball best 14 home runs while also raising his batting average 33 points over the course of the month. The five-time All-Star also recorded another milestone in July by hitting his 300th career home run.

Griffey Jr., who garnered 101,264 votes, also led wire to wire in the voting to win the award, re-establishing himself as one of the game's elites by hitting 35 home runs which was his highest total since the 2000 campaign when he slugged 40 home runs. The Reds' outfielder capped a tremendous comeback season by compiling a .301 batting average with 92 RBI and 30 doubles. The 12-time All-Star finished eighth in the Major Leagues with a .576 slugging percentage. Griffey's 35 home runs in only 128 games placed him seventh overall in the National League while his 536 career home runs ties him with Mickey Mantle for 12th on the all-time home run list.

This is the first comeback

player of the year award officially sanctioned by Major League Baseball, which will be presented annually to one player in each League. The award will recognize the players who have re-emerged on the baseball field during a given season. Representatives of Major League Baseball and the editorial staff at MLB.com, the official Web site of Major League Baseball selected the 12 nominees — six players from each League — for the "Major League Baseball Comeback Player of the Year Award Presented by Viagra® (sildenafil citrate)."

To further engage fans in the selection process, Pfizer, maker of Viagra® (sildenafil citrate) introduced an online sweepstakes in conjunction with the "Major League Baseball Comeback Player of the Year Award Presented by Viagra® (sildenafil citrate)." As part of the program, one lucky sweepstakes winner will have the opportunity to throw out a ceremonial first pitch prior to a 2005 World Series® game.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	1	0	.667	68	51
New England	2	2	0	.500	87	108
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	47	73
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	48	69
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	78	26
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	62	64
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	69	106
Houston	0	3	0	.000	24	65
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	0	0	1.000	104	38
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	81	37
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	30	52
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	45	64
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	1	0	.750	80	68
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	91	91
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	127	88
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	76	89

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	43	37
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	136	98
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	112	68
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	88	88
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	1.000	77	45
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	86	57
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	68	87
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	103	96
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	52	39
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	36	58
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	64	107
Green Bay	0	4	0	.000	72	92
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	89	76
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	97	111
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	74	110
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	76	132

### Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
New England at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
Chicago at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.  
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.  
Washington at Denver, 4:15 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.  
**Monday's Game**  
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 9 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 16  
Carolina at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta vs. New Orleans at San Antonio, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 4:15 p.m.  
San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.  
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.  
Houston at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.  
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Arizona, Philadelphia, Green Bay, San Francisco  
**Monday, Oct. 17**  
St. Louis at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

## BENGALS-JAGUARS: Lewis, Del Rio forever linked

by MARK LONG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — As an assistant coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the early 1990s, Marvin Lewis used to show teaching tapes depicting linebacker Jack Del Rio making plays.

Lewis was so impressed that when he became defensive coordinator in Baltimore, the first person he urged coach Brian Billick to hire was Del Rio.

Their careers have been linked since. Lewis and Del Rio molded the Ravens into the stingiest defense the NFL has seen in 2000, won the Super Bowl that season, developed a strong relationship and became head coaches three years later.

The close friends will be on opposite sidelines for the first time Sunday night when the Jacksonville Jaguars (2-2) host the Cincinnati Bengals (4-0), both of them trying to get to the playoffs in their third seasons of rebuilding losing programs.

"We have two good, young football teams on the rise," Del Rio said. "They've gotten off to a better start than we have this year, but I think there are a lot of similarities in the two football teams."

It starts with the coaches. Lewis and Del Rio have defensive backgrounds: Lewis played linebacker at Idaho State, then coached the position for 11 years before getting his first NFL job. Del Rio was a standout linebacker at USC, then played 11 seasons in the NFL for four teams.

Del Rio had his most productive years with the Minnesota Vikings in the early 1990s, about the same time Lewis began his NFL career as linebackers coach in Pittsburgh.

Lewis noticed, and started using videotape of Del Rio to

teach linebackers Kevin Greene, Chad Brown, Levon Kirkland and Greg Lloyd.

Lewis tracked down Del Rio at the Pro Bowl following the 1994 season, told him about the video and they shared a laugh. They kept in touch after that, and Lewis sought out Del Rio again eight years later — this time to be part of Baltimore's staff.

"When Brian (Billick) talked to me about what coaches he was considering, the No. 1 guy on my list and his was Jack, so it worked out well," Lewis said. "He did a great job of coaching our guys. He always had an ambition to be a coordinator and a head coach. He did the ground work that it takes to do that, and I think that's why he's been successful at what he's doing."

Both coaches have had early success, turning around floundering franchises.

The Bengals had experienced six straight losing seasons and were the poster child for NFL futility when Lewis took over in 2003. They finished 8-8 each of the last two years and are 4-0 for the first time since 1988 — their last Super Bowl season.

The Jaguars were coming off three consecutive losing seasons when Del Rio replaced Tom Coughlin. They went 5-11 in Del Rio's first season, then barely missed the playoffs last year at 9-7. The Jags are 2-2 after opening with four teams that made the postseason in 2004.

"I see a lot of similarities between Cincinnati and us," Jags cornerback Rashean Mathis said. "Both have a young team with a lot of good, young players. Both teams are trying to get over the hump. They've started out better than us, but we're still in the playoff hunt. Both teams have great potential and both are playoff-bound."

If so, the quarterbacks will be key.

Lewis and Del Rio chose to build their teams around quarterbacks. Lewis drafted Carson Palmer with the top pick in 2003, and Del Rio selected Byron Leftwich at No. 7.

Palmer sat out his rookie season, but started 13 games last year and has developed into one of the league's top passers. He has completed nearly 72 percent of his throws for 1,062 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He has been sacked five times and thrown two interceptions, a big reason the Bengals lead the league with a plus-13 turnover margin.

Leftwich was forced into action as a rookie and has been the starter since. He has struggled some behind a shaky offensive line this season. He has been sacked 13 times, has fumbled six times — losing two — and has thrown three interceptions. Leftwich has five touchdown passes.

"Obviously he's tough as nails and very, very talented," Lewis said. "He stands in there and delivers the football. He's been the leader of this offensive football team, if not their entire football team, with his toughness and personality."

Del Rio said the biggest differences in the two are that Palmer has a quicker release and Leftwich has better decision-making skills.

He also said the quarterbacks' performance will determine which franchise and which coach gets to the playoffs first.

"I think it's obvious that Marvin and I both thought it was important to get a quarterback," he said. "We both got a quarterback and it's important for both our franchises that those quarterbacks play well and do well."

Which of the following actors never played the mummy?

- Bela Lugosi
- Boris Karloff
- Christopher Lee
- Lon Chaney Jr.

September's contest proved tricky for most players but we did receive five correct entries from film fans who noted that Robert DeNiro won his first Oscar for playing the role of a young Vito Corleone in THE GODFATHER PART 2. Charles Akers, of Dana, won a copy of THE SCORE which teams DeNiro and Brando on screen for the first time alongside Edward Norton. We also received correct entries from: Clims Hall, of Drift; Danny Shepherd and Leslie Shepherd, of Van Lear; and Melinda Parker, of Grethel. Next month's contest is ready and all interested players will need to get their answers to us via e-mail or post by Thursday October 27th at 4pm. We here at the Black Lagoon have a big heart, which we keep in a jar under our desk, and we want to give this month's contest players a chance to win some quality time with their Mummy. That's why our October trivia contest prize is THE MUMMY: LEGACY COLLECTION. This handsomely packaged set includes all of Universal Studio's Mummy flicks including: THE MUMMY; THE MUMMY'S HAND; THE MUMMY'S TOMB; THE MUMMY'S GHOST; and THE MUMMY'S CURSE. The set also includes a documentary on the Mummy films called MUMMY DEAREST by horror film historian, and author, David J. Skal. Just go online to [www.floydcountytimes.com](http://www.floydcountytimes.com) and enter an answer to the question

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# Former coach's deposition says he believes players were paid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A former Kentucky assistant said in a deposition that he heard boosters brag about paying players such as former star quarterback Tim Couch, and that university officials were aware of recruiting violations.

The coach, Tony Franklin, was an assistant from 1997 to 2000, and has made previous allegations about recruiting improprieties in a book, but did not mention Couch by name before. In a deposition in a lawsuit filed by another former assistant coach, taken in August but made public this week, Franklin admitted having no firsthand knowledge or evi-

dence to back up his claim about Couch's recruiting.

University of Kentucky spokesman Jay Blanton declined to comment Friday on Franklin's allegations, saying the school does not comment on pending litigation.

Couch could not immediately be located for comment. A message was left at his agent's office Friday morning.

Couch's brother told The Courier-Journal the claim was "ridiculous."

"There's nothing to it, and there's nothing really more to say about it," Greg Couch told the newspaper.

Franklin's testimony was taken in an Aug. 19 deposition in a federal lawsuit filed against

the NCAA by former Kentucky recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett.

Franklin said a UK booster, Lexington businessman Talbot Todd, bragged about giving money to Couch and other players.

A message left at his business, Todd & Associates, was not immediately returned Friday.

Couch, who grew up in Leslie County, played for Kentucky from 1996-98 and finished with 8,435 passing yards, second on the school's all-time list. He still holds school single-season records for completion percentage (.671) and passing yards (4,275). Couch is also Kentucky's all-time high school quarterback, with 12,167 passing yards.

Bassett was Kentucky's

recruiting coordinator and is the central figure in an NCAA investigation that led to major sanctions. He sued the University of Kentucky Athletic Association, the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference, claiming they conspired to keep him from landing another college job and asked for \$50 million in damages.

In Franklin's deposition, he claimed former athletic director Larry Ivy cooperated in the NCAA investigation of the football program and Bassett's recruiting activities because the school did not want a deeper probe that might raise questions about the recruiting of Couch, which occurred under a previous coaching staff.

"Why would Larry Ivy want a huge investigation to come down on the University of Kentucky when he is in personal knowledge of the fact that the biggest recruit in the history of the university was bought," Franklin said in the deposition.

Reached Friday at their home in Florida, Dorene Ivy, Larry Ivy's wife, said he was not commenting about the allegations in Bassett's lawsuit.

A phone message left at a Lexington number for Franklin on Friday was not immediately returned.

NCAA sanctions against Kentucky led to a one-season bowl ban and the forfeiture of 19 scholarships over three years. Bassett was sanctioned for recruiting violations and for

improprieties involving the operation of summer football camps.

The violations had nothing to do with Couch.

Bassett was banned from coaching at NCAA schools for eight years. He filed a lawsuit, claiming the University of Kentucky Athletic Association, the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA conspired to keep him from landing another job in college football.

Much of the lawsuit against the athletics association, Southeastern Conference and NCAA has been dismissed. Bassett's fraud claim against the athletics association and a claim that the NCAA interfered with his future contract negotiations were allowed to move forward.

## From Bourbon Street to Peachtree Street, Sugar Bowl coming to Atlanta

by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The Sugar Bowl is going from Bourbon Street to Peachtree Street, from the Superdome to the Georgia Dome, from gumbo to grits.

Forced out of flood-ravaged New Orleans, the Sugar Bowl will be played at the end of this season in Atlanta, where it will be part of a three-games-in-four-days cornucopia that should leave even the most devoted fans shouting, "No mas!"

A news conference was scheduled Friday morning at the Georgia Dome to make it official.

Back in New Orleans, a bartender working at the Asian Cajun Bistro in the French Quarter said a Sugar Bowl in Atlanta just won't be the same.

"Nobody's going to be throwing beads at you," 26-year-old Camran Nguyen said. "You lose that culture of New Orleans."

With the Superdome in ruins, there was no chance of holding the game in New Orleans this season. Organizers wanted desperately to keep it in Louisiana, so they considered using LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, about 75 miles away. Under that plan, the fans and teams would have stayed in New Orleans, and all pregame festivities would have been held there.

But, with the city still largely abandoned and struggling to cope with routine issues such as clean drinking water, it became apparent that hosting a major event in less than three months wouldn't be possible.

Too bad, because New Orleans clearly needs reasons to be hopeful. Nguyen, for one, felt the city would have been ready to host the Sugar Bowl and reap its economic benefits.

"It's heartbreaking," he said. "We needed that money."

When it comes to hosting a giant street party, can Hot-

Lanta possibly stack up to the Big Easy, a city gone wild before the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina?

"I definitely think we can," said Mark Vaughan, an executive vice president with the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. "I know the folks at the Sugar Bowl have a lot of confidence in Atlanta and our ability to show everyone a good time. We have great restaurants, great attractions and great activities. I think people who haven't been to Atlanta in a while will enjoy what they find."

The city has a thriving music scene, producing such popular hip-hop artists as OutKast and Jermaine Dupri. And there's plenty of places to head for a good time or a good meal, from the trendy clubs of Buckhead to the street-side cafes of Midtown to the Bohemian decor of Little Five Points. The new Georgia Aquarium, the country's largest, is set to open at Thanksgiving.

Here's the catch: Unlike New Orleans, which has the French Quarter, there isn't one central place for everyone to congregate in Atlanta. The word "sprawl" is synonymous with this city, which spreads out in all directions with no natural barriers to halt its growth. More than 4 million people live in the metro area, some more than an hour's drive away from downtown.

The Georgia Dome is downtown, just a short walk from Centennial Olympic Park, CNN Center and many of the city's major hotels. But, despite repeated efforts to make this the city's backyard, it remains desperately short of touristy attractions. The area is a concrete jungle of office buildings and parking decks that mostly clears out after dark.

But, for football lovers,

Atlanta will provide a little bit of heaven as one year blends into the next:

— The Peach Bowl, a normally sold-out game matching teams from the Southeastern and Atlantic Coast Conferences, will be held the night of Dec. 30.

— About 36 hours later, the Atlanta Falcons close their NFL regular season on New Year's Day against division rival Carolina, a game that could have an impact on the playoff race and also figures to be a sellout.

— The following night, the Sugar Bowl will be held on the very same field, one of the BCS's "Big Four" and a game that traditionally features the SEC champion against another highly ranked team. Count on another full house.

So, if things go as expected, more than 210,000 fans will pack the Georgia Dome over the four-day period.

"If you don't like football," Vaughan quipped, "you probably don't want to be in Atlanta during that time."

Like New Orleans, Atlanta has an impressive resume when it comes to hosting major events. Two Super Bowls. The 1996 Summer Olympics. Final Fours for both men and women. Baseball and basketball all-star games.

On the other side of the coin, breakfast for this Sugar Bowl will be served at the Waffle House, not Cafe du Monde. Public transport will be provided by MARTA, not the St. Charles streetcar line. Greasy fast food will be dished up at the Varsity, not Mother's.

This will certainly be a Sugar Bowl like no other.

Associated Press Writer Rachel La Corte in New Orleans contributed to this report.

## Haddix takes conference player of the week honor



TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University junior quarterback Justin Haddix was selected the Gateway Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week last Sunday after tying a pair of career highs in the third-ranked

Hilltoppers' 10-point win at Indiana State this weekend.

Haddix, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound native of Jackson and graduate of Breathitt County High School, threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to lead Western to a 38-28 road victory over the Sycamores in the league opener for both schools. His 47-yard touchdown pass to Jamison Link with just over nine minutes remaining in the contest gave WKU the lead for good, and he sealed the win when he found Curtis Hamilton for a 30-yard scoring play just under five minutes later.

In the first half, Haddix helped give the Toppers an early

advantage when he hit Matt Perkins for a 72-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage and he later added a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter that gave Western a 14-7 lead at the time.

He finished the day with season-best 290 yards of offense, completing 15 of 22 pass attempts for 228 yards, adding 12 carries for another 52 yards on the ground. Haddix, eight different receivers playing a unit that gained 521 yards of total offense on the day.

It's the first time in two seasons that Haddix has earned the league's weekly award.

## Eight SEC schools among Street and Smith's 50 Greatest College Football Programs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Eight Southeastern Conference schools have been listed among the top 50 college football programs of all time by Street & Smith's Specialty Publications.

Street & Smith's "50 Greatest College Football Programs of All Time," a 128-page keepsake, became available on newsstands nationwide on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Alabama (3) led SEC teams with Tennessee (13), LSU (17), Georgia (18) finishing in the top 20. Auburn (21), Florida (25), Ole Miss (26) and Arkansas (32) rounded out the top 50.

Street & Smith's graded each program's football history - reaching back to the game's origins in the 1860s - on a combination of national championships, undefeated seasons, major bowl wins and appearances, conference champi-

onships, all-time winning percentage, graduation rate, Heisman Trophy winners, No. 1 draft picks, NCAA infractions, and mascot ferocity.

With eight programs making the list, the SEC tied the Big Ten and the ACC for most schools in the top 50. However, with none of its schools finishing lower than 32, the SEC had the highest average ranking of any conference.

## Tulane, Marshall to square off in Mobile Oct. 29

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Forced from its city, its school and its stadium by Hurricane Katrina, the Tulane Green Wave will play its fourth home football game of the 2005 season in its fourth different city when they play host to Conference USA foe Marshall on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. Kickoff time for the game, which will be broadcast live on College Sports Television, is 6 p.m. (Central).

The game will mark Tulane's first "home" game outside the state of Louisiana after playing Mississippi State in Shreveport (Sept. 17), Southeastern Louisiana in Baton Rouge (Oct. 1), Houston in Lafayette (Oct. 8) and UTEP in Ruston (Oct. 14). The Tulane team is headquartered in Ruston, La. for the fall semester, attending classes at Louisiana Tech University and

"We are excited about the opportunity to play at Ladd-Peebles Stadium," said Tulane Athletic Director Rick Dickson. "As a team that is homeless right now, we are truly looking forward to playing in Mobile, where the entire city and county have embraced us with open arms. This might not be our permanent home, but Mobile is our home for a week-end, and we couldn't be happier. We're especially excited to play at Ladd-Peebles Stadium since its recent renovation and addition of FieldTurf."

The Green Wave evacuated New Orleans on Sunday, Aug. 28, one day in advance of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the area on Aug. 29. The Wave's home stadium - the Louisiana Superdome - also sustained damage during the storm and in its aftermath.

The City and County of Mobile have stepped forward to

will receive all ticket proceeds. Tulane Athletics staff will work with the staff of Ladd-Peebles Stadium to run the operations of the game.

"We have all been deeply touched by the losses that our neighbors in Mississippi, Louisiana, and especially South Mobile County, have felt," said Braxton Counts, Chairman of the Ladd-Peebles Stadium Board of Directors. "We are more than willing to open our stadium and our city to Tulane and to Marshall, and look forward to an exciting game between two strong conference rivals. We are especially grateful to the City and County of Mobile for providing the resources necessary for Tulane University to make Ladd-Peebles Stadium their home field for this game."

Tickets for the game are \$25 for sideline general admission seats and \$10 for end zone general admission, and will be sold



Pictured, from left to right: Yumekia Hunter, Elizabeth Mosley, Coach Kevin Stone, and Mara Biliter.

## ACHS students tops in track

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Yumekia Hunter, Elizabeth Mosley, Mara Biliter, and Lyndsey Frasure, Allen Central High School students, were all chosen for the All Area 9 Track Team in different areas.

Mosley was chosen for 100 and 200 meter dash events as well as long jump; she went to state in all three, including a fourth place finish in 100 meter and sixth place finish in 200 meter dash in the state track meet. Biliter was chosen for the 400- and 800- meter dash. Frasure was chosen for the 100- and 200- meter dash and finished ninth in the 100-

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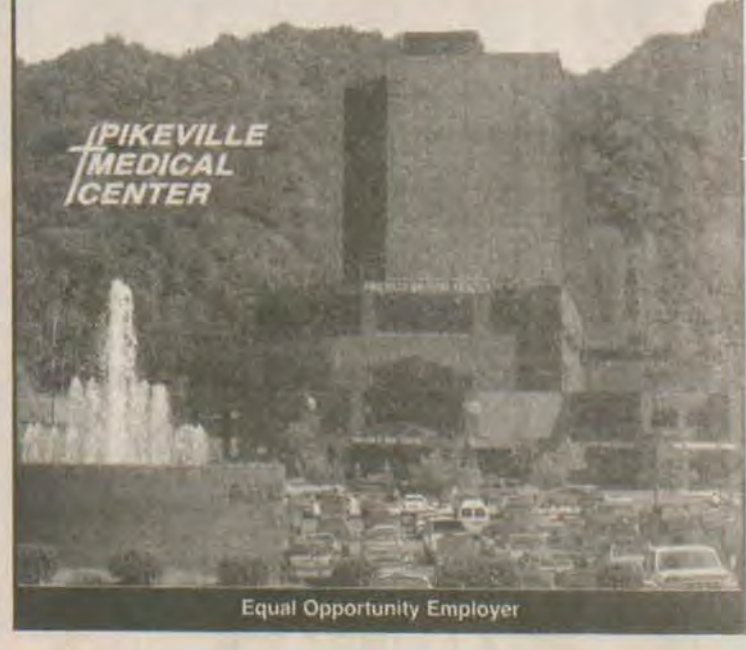
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