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briefs

Akers guilty of sex abuse

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 62-year-old Grethel man pleaded guilty Friday in circuit court to nine counts of sexually abusing three children.

Diamond Ray Akers entered the plea following a recommendation by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office that he spend six years in jail for the offenses, which took place between December 2004 and May 2005.

Kentucky State Police Det. Byron Hansford brought the case against Akers after conducting an investigation into claims by relatives, who reported that Akers had unlawful sexual contact with three children under the age of 12.

Akers will also need to complete a sex offender program in prison before he is eligible for parole and will have to register as a child sex offender upon release.

First hearing held in Wheelwright suit

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's not often that a city is sued by its citizens, but the people of Wheelwright allege that their city council recently raised gas rates by three times the past rate and have brought a suit against the city claiming that they are being victimized by a city council which has been negligent in its fiduciary duties and is now asking them to foot the bill.

Special Judge William Engle conducted the first hearing in the civil case that has citizens of Wheelwright seeking to halt the city from enforcing a gas rate increase which triples the price they paid last year.

Engle heard testimony from several resi-

dents of Wheelwright and most of the city council before ordering Wheelwright city attorney Tim Parker to submit minutes of every city council meeting held in the past five years to the judge's Perry County office by 4 p.m. Monday so that a decision might be reached by as early as Wednesday at 4 p.m.

That announcement came after a sidebar at the bench where Parker and the plaintiffs' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, were called to after Parker noted that he possessed some information on the matter which may indicate that "one or two employees may have acted inappropriately" and further noted that he would rather not discuss the details in open court.

Engle, however, appeared agitated when he

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Wheelwright City Attorney Tim Parker reviewed his notes while Mayor Marlee Samons wrung his hands before testifying in a civil suit brought against the city by residents protesting a substantial raise in natural gas rates.

photo by Tom Doty



Prestonsburg resident Sue Brennen and county extension agent Ray Tackett drilled logs for a shiitake mushroom production workshop last week.

photo by Mary Music

Mushrooms touted as profitable way to diversify economy

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Cooperative Extension Service conducted a shiitake mushroom production workshop Nov. 12.

As one of the most popular mushrooms in the world, shiitake mushroom production could provide economic benefits for Floyd County growers, said Ray Tackett, extension agent for agriculture and natural resources.

Tackett said that over the past two years, no attending workshop student has taken an economic

interest in shiitake mushroom production, but he says that Floyd County landowners with access to their own logs should consider it.

Shiitake mushroom production can provide extra income for families working on a small- or large-scale basis, he said, adding that it is a worthwhile project for landowners undergoing timber improvement projects.

In the U.S., most shiitake mushrooms, the world's second favorite mushroom, are grown artificially (predominantly in Pennsylvania) or they are imported.

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture said that an shiitake mushroom production operation with 500 logs varies in start up cost, depending on the availability of raw materials, equipment used, efficiency, labor and production methods used.

It would cost \$275 for enough shiitake mushroom spawn to begin a 500-log operation, they estimated, and it would cost approximately \$100 for enough spawn to establish a 100-log operation.

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Coal could make comeback at old mine camp

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — A strip mining operation that extends from Magoffin to Floyd County is expected to expand operations further into David, a "coal camp" town that was once home to a successful branch of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company.

With coal prices tipping \$50 to \$60 per ton, area officials predict that a coal boom will hit Eastern Kentucky.

"The coal industry has been a big employer in Eastern Kentucky," Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said. "I predict that within the next 2-to-5 years, that it will make a come back. I don't know the period of time that it will last, but I do think it will come, and I know that if it does, it will give more coal severance tax money to the county."

Local businessmen Frank and David May, who purchased the Beverly Ann coal tippie in David and sold it to Appalachian Fuels, an Ashland based mining company, this year, have been negotiating coal mining permits with David residents who own surface rights on their properties. (Most Eastern Kentucky landowners sold the mineral rights to their properties in the early 1900s.)

Appalachian Fuels took

over operations at the Beverly Ann tippie operation in July, prep plant supervisor Rick Brown said. The company is washing and distributing coal from a strip mining operation on Molly's Branch in Magoffin County that extends to Floyd County. Brown estimated that 30 to 95 percent of the coal extracted from the Molly's Branch site is immediately shipped down the river to Ashland. He could not estimate the amount of tonnage already removed from the operation.

Brown said Appalachian Fuels aims to strip mine several acres in Floyd County. The company will soon begin a "high wall miner" operation, which works much like an underground mining operation but doesn't require miners to work underground. Miners may have difficulty mining the coal because of sandstone ratios on the mountainsides, Brown said.

Engineers have estimated that there are more than 30 million tons of coal left in the hillsides at David, a town that was extensively mined by different operations in the past. Currently an estimated 150 employees are working on the Molly's Branch strip mining operation. As expansion continues, Brown says other jobs will be required. (Applications can be picked

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Board offers answers about drug testing policy

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — In a county ravaged by the effects of drug abuse, fewer than 20 people showed up at a meeting hosted by the Floyd County Board of Education Thursday evening to discuss the school district's newly implemented drug and alcohol policy — and that number includes the three presenters, Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, Director of Instruction Henry Webb and Brian Walters, of Premier Drug Testing, in Russell Springs.

Walters took the podium to explain the specimen collection process and to ensure those in attendance that the purpose of the newly implemented policy is to "help, not punish" those with positive, or as Walters said he likes to say "non-negative," test results.

According to Walters, randomly selected students and school district employees will be administered both breath-alcohol and urinalysis screenings. However, selectants will not be subject to both tests at the same time. On days that Premier employees show up at a selected

school to administer drug screenings, some selectants will be given breath-alcohol tests, while others will be screened through urinalysis methodology.

"It's a system that has been designed to keep everyone on their toes," Walters said.

Walters also spoke extensively on the subject of "adulterants," substances commonly used in an attempt to mask recent drug usage. According to Walters, employees of Premier have undergone extensive training in order to detect the use of adulterants, as well as learning to

recognize the symptoms and signs of substance abuse.

"A positive for adulterants will be considered a positive for drugs," he informed the attendees.

During the informational meeting, Walters told those in attendance, "If you get nothing else from this meeting, if you take no other information home at all, then please, get this — do not take other people's medication." Walters said that for some drugs, among them medications

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Tramble Adkins, age 81, of Hueysville, died Monday, November 14, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Nola Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Richard A. "Rick" Bentley, 52, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 15, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 19, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Anna Boyer, 62, of Martin, died Friday, November 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services will be conducted

Monday, November 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jacqueline Branham, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 13, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Scott Clevenger, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 13, at the King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 16, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Willie Gearheart, 83, of

Minnie, died Saturday, November 12, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Brooksie Moore Gearheart. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Faye Joseph, 68, of Martin, died Saturday, November 12, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Beverage Moore Jr., 55, of Caledonia, Ohio, formerly of Magoffin County, died Thursday, November 10, in Marion General Hospital in Marion, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Martha J. Phillippi Moore. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Burial was in the Moore family cemetery, in Wayland.

Draxie B. Newsome, 90, of Ligon, died Monday, November 14, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Joe Ed Slone, 76, of Blue River, died Saturday, November 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Edna M. Corbitt Slone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Sola Tackett Williams, 74, of Printer, died Tuesday, November 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

■ Victoria Devonne Deskins and Kyle Xavier Deskins, twins, the children of Kyle and Dawn Deskins of Kimper, were stillborn at Central Baptist Hospital, Tuesday, November 15. Graveside services will be held Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m., in the Deskins Family Cemetery, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Richard Thomas Elkins, 77, of Hatfield, died Sunday, November 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Vada Elkins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Hubert Elswick, 70, of Caney Creek, died Monday, November 14, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Friday, November 18, under the

direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Patricia Elouise S. Hager, 49, of McAndrews, died Monday, November 14, at the Huntington Veterans Administration Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Hager. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 17, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Caleb Holbrook, 89, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, November 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, November 18, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ James V. Powell, 92, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, November 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Rosie Jane Duty Prater, 72, of Majestic, died Thursday, November 17, at her home.

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Obituaries

Henry Boyd

Henry Boyd, 100, of Dana, died Thursday, November 17, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 14, 1905, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Lee and Lou Crisp Boyd. He was a retired school bus driver for the Floyd County Board of Education.

He is survived by his wife, Nicie Conn Boyd.

Other survivors include seven sons: Elbert Boyd and Howard Boyd, both of Dana, Roland Boyd of Dayton, Ohio, Elliott (Bob) Boyd, Roger Boyd, and Ben Boyd, all of Vermillion, Ohio, and Edsel Boyd of Wakeman, Ohio; four daughters: Hester Crooks of Ashland, Thelma Gilbert of Harvest, Alabama, Dorothy Akers of Shreve, Ohio, and Edith Hall of Dana; two brothers: John Boyd and Luther Boyd, both of Dana; three sisters: Goldie Conn, Mary Jarrell, and Lassie Boyd, all of Banner; 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild, and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Jim Boyd, Alex Boyd, and Doc Boyd; five sisters: Claudie Boyd, Minnie Crisp, Rosie Hatfield, Ann Hatfield, and Gracie Boyd; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 20, at 11 a.m., at the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in Dana, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Boyd

Family Cemetery, in Dana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Friday, November 18, at the funeral home; Saturday, after 5 p.m., at the church; and is Sunday at 10 a.m., at the church, prior to services. (Paid obituary)



John Lewis Martin

John Lewis Martin, age 74, of Hilliard, Ohio, passed away Thursday, November 17, 2005.

He was a member of the Bellevue Baptist Church, and a deacon, and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andy and Virgie Martin, and his wife, Eugle.

He is survived by his children: Rick (Joy) Martin of Delaware, Vicki (Randy) Caudill of Grove City, Tim (Birdie) Martin of Galloway; a sister, Ethel Workman of Florida; and grandchildren: T.J. Caudill, Andy Martin, Ashley Caudill, Gareth Martin, Karly Martin, and Katelyn and Tyler Hobby; and many loving relatives and friends.

Friends may call 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Sunday, November 20, at the Tidd Funeral Home, 5265 Norwich St., Hilliard, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, with Pastors Charles Smith, Roy Smith, and Hubert Caudill officiating.

Interment will be in Kingwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kobacker House, 3724 Olentangy River Rd., Suite G, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

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KNOTT COUNTY

Bob Roberts, 84, of Topmost, died Saturday, November 12, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

PIKE COUNTY

Barbara Blackburn, 59, of Louisville, formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, November 13, at her home. A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. Friday, November 18, at the Broadway Assembly, Lorain, Ohio.

Roger Wayne Coleman, 57, of Marrowbone Creek, died Monday, November 14, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 17, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Dewey Coleman, 75, of Steele, died Tuesday, November 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held

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Coal

up at Appalachian Fuels' office in Prestonsburg).

Atlas, a railroad construction company, has been working for the past two months to repair 9.1 miles of railroad track from West Prestonsburg to David, the same stretch of track Floyd County officials discussed turning into a dinner train tourist attraction called "Mountain Harmony" more than a year ago. That project did not come to realization because of insurance and maintenance concerns. Brown says Appalachian Fuels may be interested in working with officials on this project.

CSX Transportation abandoned the track in 2004. It had not been used since the Branham and Baker Company shut down the Beverly Ann Tipple in the early 1990s and sold it to AEP Kentucky Coal, a company that later sold all of its Eastern Kentucky coal operations.

"We hope to be running trains by the first of the year," Brown said.

Shipment of coal by train will be less expensive for the company than shipment on the river to Ashland.

Some David residents are

concerned about the environmental impacts of strip mining, and other forms of coal extraction, but most of the residents who spoke openly with The Times are more concerned about being treated fairly by the mining operators and about being adequately compensated for mining on their properties.

If mining operations are "done right," Kenneth Prater says he has nothing against them. But Prater, who owns about 58 acres along Route 850, also says he won't sign any agreement until it's confirmed that he no longer owns the mineral rights to his property.

"How can a company say that they have all the gas, oil and mineral rights when the paperwork is referring to seams of coal that you don't even know are there?" he asked. "I won't sign any paperwork until they can show me that they own the coal."

John T. Shepherd, whose family owns 60 to 80 acres in Open Fork, is currently negotiating with the Mays for coal mining permits.

Shepherd's ancestors, who he says owned nearly all of Open Fork at one time, sold the mineral rights to the family property in

the 1920s. In 1977, some of the property was permitted for coal mining operations, he said.

Shepherd says he's being hard-nosed with negotiators because he's concerned that his family may be slighted by coal mining companies.

If the land is mined, Shepherd stands to lose a natural spring water source that he uses to feed livestock. A natural spring on the opposite side of the property serviced five homes at one time, he said, but the water supply was damaged after gas wells were drilled on the land.

"We lived off the land, pretty much, until the 1960s," Shepherd said. "Water was worth a fortune back then, still is. A mining operation back here dried up all the water on this side. The natural spring over there used to have a two-inch pour over, now it's just one inch. I don't want to lose that spring, but I'll negotiate with them if they pay me what I think the coal is worth because the spring's already been damaged."

Residents opting to obtain surface royalties on their property should educate themselves on the value of coal, Shepherd said. Shepherd, who worked 27 years with Columbia Gas, hired two engineers to inspect his property. He claims there's at least a half of a million tons still available there and he wants to get paid fairly.

"Just about everyone else that's been dealing with them say they're getting 50 cents a ton,"

Shepherd said. "People have no idea what that coal is worth to the coal companies. I'm not settling for 50 cents. My coal is worth more than that."

Shepherd is also cautious about monitoring the weight of coal tonnage extracted from his property.

"If you've got coal and you want to lease it, don't take the company's word on tonnage," he said. "They have so many different ways to cheat you on tonnage. When Branham and Baker said they wanted to mine 500,000 tons there, they only offered \$125,000. I said, 'That don't match up to 50 cents a ton.'"

Brown said that the coal removed from Molly's Branch is being weighed at the mining site and at the river dock.

Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen, a Prestonsburg resident, says he has discussed the possibility of coal mining on his property, an estimated 150 acres of "surface" land in Pyramid that lies adjacent to the Molly's Branch strip mining operation, with the Mays. Allen, who doesn't own mineral rights to his property, says he hasn't decided if he will accept the Mays' surface royalty offer. He would not disclose the amount offered.

"People need to try to get the best deal they can," said Allen, who was affiliated with the coal business years ago. "That's the best advice I can give to anybody

regarding surface royalties. Different areas have different amounts that they pay for surface royalties. I've known of places where coal was as high as a \$1 a ton for surface royalties, but I think the normal amount in this area is around 50 cents a ton. People have to check around and negotiate their surface royalties. The best thing they can do is to have an attorney assist them with that."

In addition to paying surface royalties, coal mining companies are required to pay "wheelage" payments to landowners if they haul coal from a property being mined over property that isn't being mined.

In April, one of the country's most environmentally friendly power plants opened in Maysville. The plant can burn high sulfur coal, tires, wood and sawdust with less environmental impact than other power plants.

David Fire Department Chief Greg Davis, who worked at Beverly Ann for several years, said area residents should realize that technological advancements at power plants like the one in Maysville create even bigger markets for coal because coal grades that were previously rejected can now be used.

Coal mining negotiators usually reduce surface royalty amounts to compensate rejected coal they expect to extract from the property.

Neither Frank or David May returned calls for this story.

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Mushrooms

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Each log used in the growing operations yield an average of 2 pounds annually, the college reported, and each log should yield at least 6 pounds of mushrooms before complete decay. The logs can be forced to bloom three times a year, with market prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$10.50 per pound.

During the workshop Saturday, Tackett began his demonstration by breaking up a "live log" of shiitake mushroom spawn in a bowl.

The spawn, previously packaged and refrigerated with saw dust, is then inoculated into a freshly cut 3-inch to 8-inch diameter wooden log that is drilled with a diamond pattern of 1-inch holes.

Freshly cut logs are the most favorable for shiitake mushroom colonization, Tackett said. The mushrooms will not grow on evergreens or locust trees because

the sap content is prohibitive to the mushroom growth. Logs that have been laying don't have enough moisture for mushroom growth, and may already be colonized with other mushroom species. The logs should be cut in the fall or early spring, Tackett said, because that's when the wood stores most of its sugar, a carbohydrate that "feeds" mushroom growth.

After inoculation, the holes are covered with hot cheese wax and the log is marked, with tree type and mushroom species identified on an aluminum tag. Tackett said spores should begin to colonize if the log is kept in a shaded area for at least six months to one year.

"It's interesting. You learn something," attending student Sue Brennen said, after inoculating a log Saturday. She said she will explain the process to family members who visit her this Thanksgiving.

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November 10, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, November 14, under direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ronald Gene Ratliff, 64, of Pikeville, died Sunday, November 13, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Misie Mae Brown Runyon, 93, of Gallipolis Ferry, W.Va., formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, November 13, 2005, at Pleasant Valley Hospital, Point Pleasant, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 17, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William B. "Wild Bill" Syck, 85, of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Pelfrey Syck. Funeral services will be held Monday, November 21, at 11 a.m., in the Pikeville United Methodist Church, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son

Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Winford "Wimp" Conley, 86, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, November 9, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 12, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Steve Allen Perkins, 46, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 14, at Cabel County Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Connie Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 17, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ricky Allen Hughes, 50, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, November 16, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 19, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

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Our view

Hard questions for a hard problem

We will immediately admit that we have always been ambivalent about the Floyd County Board of Education's plan to implement random drug testing of students and employees.

On one hand, we have never been comfortable with the concept of random drug testing. Asking someone to take a drug test when there is reasonable suspicion makes sense, especially if there are mechanisms in place to punish anyone making false accusations. But arbitrarily treating students and teachers like suspects not only degrades those who are blameless and violates their rights, it also makes little financial sense. What is the point of testing someone who is not suspected of anything? Doesn't that waste resources that could be put to better use?

On the other hand, the move can be seen as a proactive step in meeting head on the substance abuse problem that plagues our region. Eastern Kentucky in general and Floyd County in particular are in the grip of a drug menace that threatens the advancements we have made in recent years.

If it were not for the fact that we are at risk of losing a generation of our children to the rampant abuse of the past half-decade, if we didn't see in our jobs each and every day just how prevalent this scourge actually is, the negatives would greatly outweigh the positives. As it is, we accept the idea of random testing as a result of desperate times.

Still, despite our reluctant approval of the plan, we are somewhat perplexed by some of the policies associated with it.

For one, we have to question the "zero-tolerance" policy in regard to employees. As it now stands, an employee found in violation of the district's drug policy "shall be terminated." There is no mistaking that language. Screw up once and you're gone. But this seems in direct contradiction to another provision that gives the superintendent the authority to take disciplinary action or refer an employee to rehabilitation.

We have to wonder what the ultimate goal of this policy is. Obviously, the school district is attempting to rid itself of illegal drug abuse, and the zero-tolerance policy certainly will accomplish that.

But what else is the school district trying to accomplish? Is the ultimate goal to assist the community's substance abuse problem by rehabilitating drug-abusing employees? Or is it simply to disassociate the school system from the problem of drug abuse by cutting loose violators without regard to where they end up?

Certainly, no one wants a school employee to have supervision of children while under the influence of drugs. This is the most compelling argument for a zero-tolerance policy. At the same time, we have to consider the greater consequences.

Drug addiction can and should be considered a medical problem. By taking away addicted employees' paychecks and health insurance — the very means they have to seek rehabilitation — isn't the school system actually contributing to the problem of addiction in society at large, even while ridding itself of it in its hallways?

We do not pretend to have all of the answers to this far-reaching problem. All we offer here are questions from our perspective outside of the system, and hope that answers providing the greatest benefit to our community ultimately emerge.

— The Floyd County Times



— Rich Lowry Column

Female chauvinist pigs

The next big thing in cell phones, The New York Times reports, will be pornography. As more advanced phones feature full-motion Internet video, they will become portals for X-rated content. This is in keeping with a dynamic in which every technological advance serves the more efficient delivery of pornography.

We live in a world seemingly designed to gratify the teenage boy in the movie "Animal House" who is looking at a copy of Playboy when miraculously a cheerleader is thrown through his window and onto his bed. "Thank you, God!" he exclaims.

Our "raunch" culture, as author Ariel Levy calls it, abounds in such moments for lascivious male teenagers of all ages. Among the forces supporting this pornified culture that gleefully objectifies women, according to Levy, are women.

In her "Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch

Culture," Levy asks how it is that if feminism won, so many unenlightened, bimbo-loving guys are so happy. She reports from the front lines, traveling with the crew of "Girls Gone Wild," which films young women flashing the camera for videos sold on late-night TV. They are eager to perform.

"It sounds like a fantasy world dreamed up by teenage boys," she writes. "Any hot girl you see will peel off her bikini top, lift up her skirt ... all you have to do is ask."

"A baseline expectation that women will be constantly exploding in little blasts of exhibitionism runs throughout our culture," Levy argues. "'Girls Gone Wild' is not extraordinary, it's emblematic." Women strive to look the part. Breast-augmentation procedures zoomed from 32,607 a year in 1992 to 264,041 last year.

It wasn't so long ago that pornography was disreputable: Think of Vanessa Williams, crowned the first black Miss America in 1983, and how quickly she was dethroned after her nude photos surfaced in Penthouse. In contrast, Paris Hilton's sex video rocketed her to stardom.

This isn't quite the liberation femi-

nism promised.

No lustful man would have looked at Gloria Steinem in the 1970s and thought, "She is going to help fulfill my most absurd voyeuristic fantasies." But the currents unleashed by feminism, especially the drive to have women behave like men, have done just that.

The mother of the hyper-sexualized pop star Christina Aguilera has said of her daughter, "She's a wonderful role model, trying to change society so that a woman can do whatever men do." Since women don't have the same interest in seeing members of the opposite sex expose themselves and dress in skimpy bunny costumes as men do, acting like men effectively means objectifying women, too, playing along with the sweaty teenage fantasies.

All of this isn't healthy for anyone, guys or gals. But men — at least men without daughters — will have very little interest in changing it, and as long as the feminist left associates sexual restraint with outdated prudery, there won't be pressure for change from that quarter, either. So Levy cries in the wilderness, while all around her lascivious men ogle the movable bimboic feast of American culture and lift their voices to the heavens: "Thank you, God."

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— beyond the beltway

Is fear of cervical cancer keeping girls chaste?

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I'm not saying that President Bush is a dud in responding to national emergencies but when he announced his plan to fight the next flu pandemic, Las Vegas odds makers immediately installed flu as a 3-1 favorite. (As I understand it, an epidemic is when practically everybody gets sick. A pandemic is when practically everybody gets sick everywhere.)

The plan was pretty straightforward, involving the laying-in of a stock of anti-flu vaccine and medicine to treat its most dangerous version, avian flu.

Which is fine, I guess, but I wonder how the Religious Right feels about it. I wonder if it's afraid the vaccine might promote illicit sexual activity. Sure, that sounds far-fetched to you but you're probably a Secular Humanist or a member of one of those oddball religious sects, like Episcopal, where the members are only born once.

I bring this up because I read a story the other day that they've developed a vaccine that appears to be 100 percent effective in prevention of cervical cancer. That would appear to be great news, but for one thing.

The problem, from a socially conservative standpoint, is that to achieve that level of effectiveness, the vaccine must be given to young girls on the brink of puberty. The conservatives are afraid that removing the threat of cervical can-

cer will undermine their message of chastity before marriage and fidelity after. They apparently think that fear of cancer is what's keeping young women from jumping into the back seat of their boyfriends' cars and, well, you know.

And so I ask, what's so different about flu vaccine? I speak from personal experience when I say that flu is one of the great suppressants of the sex drive. Take fear of communicable disease away and you're apt to have 3rd century Rome in the high schools (not to mention the country clubs) of this nation.

Let me be serious for a moment. Cervical cancer is a terrible disease.

Ten thousand women get it every year; about 3,700 die of it. Are we really willing to sacrifice that many women to answer the moral objections of religious fanatics?

Yes, fanatics. They would rather have embryos destroyed because there is no use for them, as they are now, than used in stem cell research, which could be the key to defeating many dread diseases. They would rather have their daughters die of cancer than take the chance they might be sexually promiscuous.

Pardon me, but I think these people are nut jobs. Which wouldn't be a big problem if they were without influence, as they used to be. But today they control a great many school boards, not a few state legislatures and constitute an important component in President Bush's political base. He doesn't nominate federal judges they disapprove of and he places them in important government positions where they can do maximum damage.

People often accuse me of being a

Democrat. With Zeus as my witness, I am not. I think the Democratic Party is feeble, operating on a memory of better times that grows dimmer each day. The best thing about them is that they're not Republicans.

Garrison Keillor, the bard of Lake Wobegon, got it right when he said that Republicans, "once the 'party of pragmatic Main Street businessmen in steel-rimmed spectacles who decried profligacy and waste,' had become 'the party of hairy-backed swamp developers and corporate shills, faith-based economists, fundamentalist bullies with Bibles, Christians of convenience, freelance

racists, misanthropic frat boys, shrieking midgets of AM radio, tax cheats, nihilists in golf pants, brownshirts in pinstripes, sweatshop tycoons, hacks, fakirs, aggressive dorks, Lamborghini libertarians, people who believe Neil Armstrong's moonwalk was filmed in Roswell, N.M., little honkers out to diminish the rest of us, Newt's evil spawn and their Etch-A-Sketch president, a dull and rigid man suspicious of the free flow of information and of secular institutions, whose philosophy is a jumble of badly sutured body parts trying to walk."

Enough said, at least.

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TV Listings

Best

Continued from p7
9 p.m.
WB
Supernatural
 Dean and Sam (Jensen Ackles, Jared Padalecki) search an abandoned mental hospital for four missing college students in the new episode "Asylum." When it was open, the facility was the site of some nasty acts committed by its head doctor against the patients, who subsequently revolted. Now their restless spirits are tormenting the brothers, driving them insane and turning them against each other.

9:30 p.m.
NBC
The Office
 Michael (Steve Carell) makes a pair of himself once again -- in and out of the office -- in the new episode "E-Mail Surveillance," whose title will tell you why his subordinates are upset with him; he's monitoring their correspondence. Later, he crashes Jim's (John Krasinski) barbecue and adds injury to this insult by singing karaoke. Pam (Jenna Fischer) wonders if Dwight and Angela (Rainn Wilson, Angela Kinsey) are more than coworkers.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2005
8 p.m.
ABC
Kenny Chesney: Somewhere in the Sun
 If you didn't get enough of Chesney on the American Music Awards, here's another chance to catch his act and, if you're in a chilly part of the country, get a warm feeling from the scenes of Chesney hanging out at the beach. The new special also has lots of clips from his "Somewhere in the Sun" tour -- both onstage and behind the scenes.

8 p.m.
FOX
Movie: Anger Management
 An outrageous therapist (Jack Nicholson) tests the patience of a mild-mannered patient (Adam Sandler) who unjustly was ordered by a judge to undergo counseling after being drawn into a confrontation aboard a plane. Marisa Tomei, Luis Guzman, John Turturro, Jonathan Loughran and Kurt Fuller costar in the 2003 comedy movie.

8 p.m. check local listings
PBS
Secrets of the Dead
 The new episode "Voyage of the Courtesans" profiles a group of women who knew how to turn lemons into lemonade. They were more than 200 thieves, prostitutes and con artists who were shipped off to an Australian penal colony in 1789. But rather than go quietly into exile, they set up shop on the ship and found many willing customers in the crew. They arrived in Australia healthy, confident and in control of their destinies, more pioneers than prisoners.

9 p.m.
NBC
Faith Hill: Fireflies
 This new Thanksgiving Eve special gives fans of Faith Hill's country sound plenty for which to be thankful. She ventured into pop territory three years ago with "Cry" but won back many of the fans alienated by that effort with the more recent "Fireflies" and its hit single "Mississippi Girl." The special has both concert clips and footage of Hill interacting with some of the songwriters who contributed to "Fireflies."

9 p.m.
UPN
Veronica Mars
 A school bus crash victim's parents are suing the school district for negligence, and someone isn't happy about that. Veronica (Kristen Bell) helps Keith (Enrico Colantoni) find out who's bothering the couple. She also works a case of her own when Logan (Jason Doherty) asks her to help him fight the murder charge and gets in trouble with some Irish mobsters. Francis Capra also stars in the new episode "Ahoj, Mateys!"

10 p.m.
ABC
Invasion
 Larkin (Lisa Sheridan) questions Russell's (Eddie Cibrian) integrity after he becomes a double-murder suspect and his criminal past is revealed. Dave (Tyler Labine) wants to know what happened to Mariel (Kari Matchett) the night of the storm, while Mariel wants to know whose body she saw and pleads with Tom (William Fichtner) to dredge the bay. Evan Peters also stars in the new episode "The Dredge."

10 p.m.
COMEDY
South Park
 It wouldn't be Thanksgiving on the comedy channel without the 1999 episode "Helen Keller: The Musical." The fourth-graders, hearing amazing things about the kindergarten's Turkey Day play, decide to turn their own production of "The Miracle Worker" into a musical with a Thanksgiving theme. Two turkeys, two Helens and one dead Kenny later, they pull it off ... and Timmy actually utters something other than his own name.

10 p.m.
NBC
Law & Order

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20	23	TBS	Dawson's Creek			Movie	Varied Programs			Becker	Becker	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Drew Carey Show	The Drew Carey Show	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear
21	24	NBC	Today Cont'd			Live With Regis and Kelly	The Tyra Banks Show			News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	Oprah Winfrey	
22	25	PBS	George Shrinks	Barney & Friends	Sesame Street		Between the Lions	Teletubbies		Mister Rogers	Reading Rainbow	Varied Programs		Berenstain Bears	George Shrinks	Zoom	Postcards From Buster	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel
23	26	ABC	Mauri		Montel Williams		The View			News	The Insider	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital	Varied Programs	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown
24	27	WGN	The Beverly Hillbillies	The Beverly Hillbillies	Rockford Files		Matlock			Magnum, P.I.		News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show
25	28	CBS	Family Feud	Mercury Media	Live With Regis and Kelly		The Price is Right			News	The Young and the Restless	The Bold and the Beautiful	As the World Turns	Varied Programs	Guiding Light	Varied Programs	Green Acres	The Andy Griffith Show	
26	29	FOX	My Wife and Kids	The Bernie Mac Show	Judge Mathis		The People's Court	Varied Programs		Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	That '70s Show	My Wife and Kids	Jerry Springer	
27	30	CBS	Dr. Phil		Martha		The Price is Right			News	Y & R	Varied	Bold & B.	World Trn	Varied	Guiding Light	Varied	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	
28	31	ESPN	SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter			Varied Programs									Burning
29	32	DSC	Varied Programs											The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs	
30	33	TNT	NYPD Blue		ER		ER			Judging Amy	Judging Amy			Law & Order		Law & Order		Alias	
31	34	A&E	Varied Programs																
32	35	TNN	Movie	Varied Programs															
33	36	NICK	Varied Programs						LazyTown	Varied Programs									
34	37	USA	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs														
35	38	FAM	The 700 Club		Living	Gilmore Girls		Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Boy World	Boy World	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded	
36	39	LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Mysteries	Varied	Unsolved Mysteries			Movie	Varied Programs				
37	40	ESPN2	Cold Pizza	Varied	Cold Pizza		Varied Programs												
38	41	AMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs				Movie				Varied Programs							
39	42	HGTV	Carol Duval	Carol Duval	Room	Room Service	Country Style	Designing	That's Clever	House	Decorating	Sensible Chic	Mission	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Designers'	House	Designer	
40	43	SCIFI	Varied Programs																
41	44	HIST	Varied Programs									Modern Marvels		Varied Programs					
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43	46	HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														Movie	Varied Programs
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46	49	MAX	Movie	Varied Programs										Movie	Varied Programs				
47	50	DISN	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie Olie	Doodlebops	Varied Programs	Little Einsteins	Higglytown Heroes	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs				
48	51	SHOW	Movie		Varied Programs							Varied Programs							Movie
49	52	TMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs	Movie				Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs	Movie

that's about to go to retrieval. Fontana and Green (Dennis Farina, Jesse L. Martin) try to find the killer before any more witnesses -- or McCoy, who prosecuted the original case and is also on the hit list -- are lost.

10 p.m.
TNT
Movie: The Legend of Bagdad
 Vance
 Robert Redford returned to directing with this rather mystical tale, which casts Matt Damon as a soldier-turned-golfer. His game is off, not only on the links but also in life, and he gets advice on how to proceed from an enigmatic caddy (Will Smith). Charlize Theron and Jack Lemmon are also in the 2000 drama, which was adapted from a book by Steven Pressfield.

10:15 p.m.
TCM
Movie: The Sunshine Boys
 Two estranged former vaudeville partners (Walter Matthau, George Burns) are brought back together for a television special, only to re-ignite their old feud. Director Herbert Ross' lively 1975 screen adaptation of Neil Simon's hit play boasts unforgettable turns by Matthau and Burns, who came out of retirement and won an Oscar as best supporting actor.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2005
9 a.m.
NBC
Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
 Giant balloons, marching bands, Tom Turkey and Santa -- if it's Thanksgiving, it must be parade day in New York, and probably at your house. Sit the kids down to watch the ultimate Broadway show and keep them out of your hair during the dinner preparations. But if you're going to a relative's house or a restaurant for your holiday meal, be warned: You won't be able to peel the youngsters away from the television until after Santa has gone by.

12:30 p.m.
FOX
NFL Football
 The annual Thanksgiving football feast begins as usual in Detroit, where the Lions -- with new QB Jeff Garcia most likely at the helm -- try to keep pace in the incredibly mediocre NFC North by beating Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons. Leave room for the day's second game on CBS, a marquee interconference matchup between two D's, Dallas and Denver, in Big D. Can Roy Williams and the Cowboys' "D" stop Mike Anderson, Tatum Bell and the Broncos' rushers?

8 p.m.
ESPN
College Football
 Not that it was necessary, but West Virginia has added incentive to play well in tonight's annual Backyard Brawl versus Pittsburgh. You see, they'd hate to let down WVU alum Sam Huff, the Hall of Fame line-backer who will be honored when his No. 75 is retired. Huff always loved rivalry games like this one, and he'll surely get a kick out of watching diminutive but tough Mountaineer running back Steve Slaton, who scored six times against Louisville last month.

8 p.m.
FOX
Movie: Daddy Day Care
 Eddie Murphy returns to the edgy-family comedy genre with this amusing 2003 tale. Newly jobless, his character teams up with a pal (Jeff Garlin, "Curb Your Enthusiasm") to open a day-care center that rivals the more

8:30 p.m.
ABC
Movie: Finding Nemo
 The top movie moneymaker of 2003, this engaging fantasy was another product of the collaboration between the Disney studio and the Pixar computer animation firm. Albert Brooks provides the voice of a fish seeking his son, Nemo (voice of Alexander Gould), who is abducted and put in a dentist's fish tank. Dad gets help from absent-minded peer Dory (voice of Ellen DeGeneres). Willem Dafoe, Geoffrey Rush, Vicki Lewis and Brad Garrett also are heard.

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NBC
Will & Grace
 Debbie Reynolds reprises her role as Grace's (Debra Messing) mother, Bobbi, in the new episode "Swish Out of Water." As usual, she's driving Grace nuts with her criticism, but Jack (Sean Hayes) comes to the rescue by showing Grace how to read between the lines of her mom's words. Will's (Eric McCormack) first case at his new job has him opposing a slumlord who looks very familiar.

9 p.m.
CBS
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
 The discovery of a body in a garbage bin leads Grissom (William Buntz) and his crew into another subculture -- competitive eaters -- in the new episode "Dog Eat Dog." They find clues to what killed their victim in what he ate before he died. Nick and Sara (George Eads, Jorja Fox) investigate what looks to be a dog attack that left a couple dead. The dog's sweet disposition casts plenty of doubt on the theory that it's a killer, though.

9:30 p.m.
UPN
Cuts
 Peggy Lipton guest stars as Tiffany's (Shannon Elizabeth) estranged mother, who gets a chilly reception when she makes an appearance at Thanksgiving. Things start to thaw, however, when Tiffany learns the real reason for her parents' split. Kevin and Candy (Marques Houston, Shondrella Avery) discover some interesting information about their respective significant others in the new episode "The Turkey Triangle."

10 p.m.
CBS
Without a Trace
 Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio makes her debut in the recurring role of Anne Cassidy, an FBI agent whose husband, also in the FBI, is the missing person being sought in this new episode. A close friend of Jack's (Anthony LaPaglia), he disappears after leaving his wife a message about his partner's murder. Poppy Montgomery and Enrique Murciano also star.

10 p.m. check local listings
PBS
Dave Matthews Band, Weekend on the Rocks: A Soundstage Special Event
 One of music's most popular live acts returns to its roots -- er, rocks -- in this new hour-long special. It was at the Red Rocks Amphitheater in Colorado that the group recorded a live CD that cemented its reputation as a must-see-in-concert band. The show includes the hits "Crash Into Me," "So Much to Say" and "Too Much" as well as songs from this year's "Stand Up."

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2005

stop Heisman Trophy candidate Vince Young and the powerful Texas Longhorns. Young is a menace for opposing defenses both through the air and on the ground; in a recent game against Oklahoma State, he rushed for 267 yards and passed for 239 more. Immediately following is a clash of Big 12 North rivals Nebraska and Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

7 p.m.
SCI-FI
Movie: Stephen King's It
 An evil force returns to the small town it terrorized 30 years earlier, and the seven friends who faced it down as youngsters are back to do battle with it again. This 1990 adaptation of a Stephen King novel received lukewarm reviews from the book's fans, but even they raved about Tim Curry's portrayal of Pennywise the clown, the evil entity's "human" form. Richard Thomas, Jonathan Brandis, John Ritter and Annette O'Toole also star.

8 p.m.
ABC FAMILY
Movie: Hook
 Dustin Hoffman stars as the villainous Capt. James Hook, who kidnaps the children of the grown-up Peter Pan, in this 1991 Steven Spielberg production based on the characters created by Sir James M. Barrie. The cast includes Robin Williams as Peter, Glenn Close as a pirate and Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell.

8 p.m.
ESPN
NBA Basketball
 Is Shaquille O'Neal really in his 14th NBA season? It doesn't seem that long ago that he was toiling for the Orlando Magic, where he began his streak of 13 straight seasons of averaging at least 20 points and 10 rebounds. Health permitting, adding another year to that record shouldn't be a problem, although the Heat have plenty of other scoring options should Shaq falter. Tonight, Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks visit Miami.

8 p.m.
FOX
Movie: Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones
 The second prequel in producer-director George Lucas' fantasy saga significantly advances the relationship of Anakin Skywalker and Padme Amidala (Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman). An assassination plot against Padme -- now a senator -- reveals a shortage of Jedi knights to protect her, so an army of clones is recruited. "Episode II" costars Ewan McGregor and Samuel L. Jackson also return in this 2002 installment.

8 p.m.
NBC
Movie: The Family Man
 Nicolas Cage goes the "It's a Wonderful Life" route in this 2000 fantasy-comedy, casting him as a work-driven bachelor who magically gets to live the life he passed up years earlier. He suddenly finds himself married to a former girlfriend (Tea Leoni) and enjoying domesticity more than he ever imagined, forcing him to make big decisions about his future. Don Cheadle and Jeremy Piven costar.

8 p.m.
TCM
Movie: A Christmas Carol
 Alastair Sim's 1952 version has its devotees, but many consider this 1938 version their favorite screen adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic. Count Linné Lockhart among

stars as Ebenezer Scrooge, the Christmas-hating curmudgeon who finally gets the spirit.

8 p.m.
WB
What I Like About You
 In Part 1 of "The Wedding," Val (Jennie Garth) is ready to walk down the aisle ... until Holly (Amanda Bynes) spills the beans about Rick's (Ed Kerr) dalliance with his former fiancée. While that secret is out, Vince and Tina (Nick Zano, Allison Munn) try their best to keep their own night together under wraps. Singer Gavin DeGraw makes a special appearance. The conclusion follows.

8:15 p.m.
SHOWTIME
Movie: Mean Girls
 A naive teen (Lindsay Lohan) starts public school and is befriended by the elite girls clique and two outsiders -- gay Damian (Daniel Franzese) and nonconformist Janis (Lizzy Caplan). The latter two suggest she take advantage of the former's interest to get the dirt on the clique. All goes well until she falls for the queen bee's ex (Jonathan Bennett). Tina Fey ("Saturday Night Live") wrote this 2004 comedy, in which she plays a teacher.

9 p.m.
HGTV
Holiday Gifts 2005
 The mall will still be there tomorrow and next week, so let the masochists brave the Black Friday crowds while you stay home and get some shopping ideas from this new special. It includes armchair tours of the New York International Gift Fair and the Atlanta Gift Show, where folks in the trade checkout the coolest new items suitable for giving. Gail O'Neill and Mark Totty are the hosts.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2005
7 p.m.
BRAVO
Movie: Braveheart
 Director and star Mel Gibson preceded James Cameron ("Titanic") as king of the Oscars with his five-statue sweep for this 1995 drama. In addition to the coveted best picture and best director trophies, it also won awards for makeup, sound-effects editing and cinematography. Gibson plays 13th-century Scottish warrior William Wallace, who rallies his countrymen against the British monarch Edward I (Patrick McGoohan). Sophie Marceau also stars.

7:30 p.m.
WE
Movie: Kindergarten Cop
 Arnold Schwarzenegger stays within his macho persona in this amusing 1990 comedy-thriller about a cop who goes undercover as a kindergarten teacher in order to find the only person who can testify against a drug dealer he's been tracking: the criminal's son. Penelope Ann Miller, Pamela Reed ("Grand") and Linda Hunt costar.

8 p.m.
CBS
Cold Case
 In "Discretion," Lilly (Kathryn Morris) and the team reexamine the murder of an ambitious assistant district attorney. Several years after his death, he's in the news again, with headlines linking him to some missing funds, and his wife wants his name cleared. The investigation yields some startling information about the case that the victim was prosecuting at the time of his death.

Vegas go after a couple of bird poachers -- college guys who try to steal a flamingo from a hotel on the famous Strip. Elsewhere, what starts out as a routine traffic stop ends in an arrest for prostitution.

8 p.m.
HBO
Movie: Flight of the Phoenix
 The original version of this drama is one of the screen's greatest survival adventures. While the character development isn't quite as rich in this remake, the action sequences are potent. Dennis Quaid plays the pilot of a plane that crashes in Mongolia, where the survivors have to deal with all sorts of perils as they try to fashion a new plane from the remains of the downed one. This time, there's a woman (Miranda Otto) in the group.

8:30 p.m.
NBC
Movie: Runaway Bride
 This 1999 reunion of Richard Gere and Julia Roberts doesn't have the magic of "Pretty Woman," but Roberts can't help but light up the screen. This time around, she plays a woman who's left several men at the altar. Gere's character, a sexist newspaperman, hears the story and writes a scathing column about her. She makes irate contact, they meet, and you know what happens next. Joan Cusack, Paul Dooley and Hector Elizondo also star.

9 p.m.
HALLMARK
Movie: The Reading Room
 Aman (James Earl Jones) who began life in the inner city goes back to honor his wife's dying wish: that he open a free reading room in the old neighborhood. The effort gets a chilly reception, to say the least, but he persists and ultimately gets as good as he gives, finding a new surrogate family. Georg Stanford Brown and Joanna Cassidy also star in this inspiring new drama.

9 p.m.
SCI-FI
Movie: Manticore
 In this new thriller, U.S. troops in Iraq encounter the ultimate weapon, but it's not Saddam Hussein's. It's a monster from Persian legend with the body of a lion, lots of teeth and a tail that delivers a poisonous sting -- was unleashed by a descendant of the ancient Persians who's unhappy with current conditions in his ancestral land. Robert Beltran ("Star Trek: Voyager") and Heather Donahue ("The Blair Witch Project") star.

9:30 p.m.
CMT
American Soldier
 This new six-part series chronicles the experiences of an Army National Guard brigade from Dublin, Ga., on its yearlong tour in Iraq. It focuses on eight men ranging in age from 21 to 40, starting with their preparations to ship out. In the premiere, "Goodbye Georgia," Spc. Jamey Chalker celebrates his twins' first birthday and feeds them before he leaves, while Spc. Matthew Clements tries to decide which pictures from home to take along.

10 p.m.
CINEMAX
Movie: Elektra
 Even being eliminated in a previous movie can't keep some characters down, as Jennifer Garner proves by reviving her "Daredevil" role in this 2005 sequel. Here, Elektra is transformed from assassin into protector, guarding a father and daughter (Goran Visnjic, Kirsten Prout) she

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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.

Ninety nine per cent of the United States are thankful this Thanksgiving, that they're not in the cranberry business. The other one per cent is thankful for not being in the newspaper business.

WE ARE THANKFUL

I do not have to wait till next Thursday to be thankful for many things. I did not improve my financial standing this year. I made few if any advances all along the line of physical living. I did not even catch one big fish. Yet we all have so many things to be grateful for, not only at this season, but every day of the year, that it is only fitting and proper that we stop, take stock of our blessings, at the same time making a frank estimate of our unworthiness—and give some sort of earnest expression to our gratitude.



Norman Allen

FISHING REPORT

Somewhere in the preceding paragraph there was a mention of the inevitable fishing. Which reminds me that Heber Burke, last Sunday, caught a six-pound bass at Dewey Lake, then returned in Wednesday's freezing weather, to land one that went beyond the seven-pound mark. The old doll fly was used, and yours truly couldn't catch a fish on one of those contraptions, if it was already tied...It may be that we will have to enjoin this Mr. Burke until the weather gets so the rest of us can totter out and have a hand at the sport.

THE GOOSE-KILLERS

We don't have any names, have too few of the facts in this case, but we do know enough about it to relate that so-called sportsmen ran down with boats and otherwise killed all but a mere remnant of those wild geese the Department of Conservation had released on Dewey Lake as "live decoys" for the '59 hunting season. Remember: These geese were pinned; they could not fly. Hunters and boaters had been asked not to harm them.

The pity of it is, there is nothing the law can do about it. These meat-hunters had hunting licenses and federal stamps, and they did not make the mistake of hunting after hours. The only hope the law has, is to prove they exceeded the

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School children residing at Cliffside Apartments were recently honored for their scholastic achievements and good school attendance with a pizza party celebration held at the Cliffside Neighborhood Network Center.

Cliffside students honored for academic achievements

School children living at Cliffside Apartments are taking advantage of special services offered to them via the Cliffside Neighborhood Network Center, a center located on the apartment complex grounds equipped with online computers, school supplies, and most importantly, the tutorial skills of a retired teacher, Director Carole Rice, who, along with part-time employee Renee Seagraves, actively assists the children through the center's "Homework Program."

As a result of this program, several of the children residing at the complex recently made their school's honor roll. In celebration, the center staff hosted a celebration recognizing the students for their achievements this past November 1. According to Rice, the children showed up for the event, parents in tow, wearing bright smiles and happily embracing the congratulatory hand claps of those in attendance.

"As a retired teacher, I love to see students excited about learning," Rice said. "And I'm very thankful to the students, parents, teachers and all those who work so hard to help our kids with their studies."

Attending the celebratory event were Fran Howell, administrator, Church Housing Association, Cliffside Apartments, and Leslie Ousley, guid-



ance counselor, Prestonsburg Elementary School. Ousley spoke to the children, emphasizing the importance of staying in school and doing their very best to learn and achieve. She also noted the important role that parents, teachers and community members play in providing encouragement to the children. Ousley, who works directly with most of the Cliffside students, was welcomed to the event by the children who greeted her with lots of smiles and hugs.

The Cliffside students were presented with trophies, certificates, new school supplies and gifts provided by Christian Appalachian Project. Following, everyone enjoyed a pizza party.

Among those students recognized for good grades and perfect and good attendance for the first nine weeks of the 2005-06 school year (ranging from

pre-school through high school) were: A-B Honor Roll - Caitlin Kaessinger, Angel Riley, Heaven McCown, Brittany Slone, Terry Thacker, Brian Dillon Johnson, Summer Ousley, and Alexia Hefner, who all attend Prestonsburg Elementary; Kimberly Chaffins, Michelle Crider, Keesha Scott, Ashley Blackburn, and David Lee Patrick, who all attend Adams Middle School; and Mica Joseph, Paige Lewis and Gordan Porter, who each attend Prestonsburg High School.

Students receiving \$25, \$15, and \$10 in a drawing recognizing those receiving A, B, and C grades were: Angel Riley (A-category), Mica Joseph (B-category), and Jordan Chaffins (C-category).

Those students receiving perfect attendance certificates and a prize of \$10 were: Michelle Crider, Kimberly Chaffins, Brittany Slone, Aaron Crider, Caitlin Kaessinger, Justin Riley, Mica Joseph, Tomacina Jervis, and Heaven McCown.

Twenty-four students also received certificates recognizing them for good attendance (not being absent for more than two days during the nine-week period).

Dir. Rice, Adm. Howell, Mrs. Ousley, and Ms. Seagraves all wish to congratulate the students and encourage them to continue with their good work.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Blind Date'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Beautiful locations, a serial killer and a somewhat lame hero add up to middling chills in this early 1980s effort.

The story, such as it is, focuses on a transplanted American, Jonathan Ratcliff, who now heads an advertising company in Athens, Greece. He is not much of a hero as he generally mopes around and spends his spare time stalking a model named Rachell who reminds him of a girl he failed to protect from some thugs in his youth. That girl is now housed in a sanitarium in the states while Ratcliff drools over supermodels that work for his company.

One night while Ratcliff is spying on Rachell, who is parking with her bland boyfriend, he is spotted and runs like a rabbit. Unfortunately for Ratcliff, rabbits don't see well in the dark and he promptly brains himself on a low-hanging branch.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

He wakes up in a hospital and is told that he is now blind but the doctors can't find any physical cause for his new condition. He tries to cope with his handicap but becomes a shut-in when a subway meeting with three toughs scares him into staying home.

Soon he learns about an experimental procedure that may help him. Turns out a scientist has developed a system wherein he wires electrodes into the brain that can feed computerized images directly into the brain. Realizing that this is the 1980s, the scientist has also formatted the device to look just like a Walkman (which probably saved the FX guys a bundle). Now Ratcliff can choose to see things in black and white and slightly out of focus, or he can hire a psychologist and try to cure his hysterical blindness because implanting the device will require severing his optic nerve. Ratcliff opts for the quick fix and is soon plugged into a Walkman that allows him to see outlines (which once again saves the FX people a lot of headaches).

Meanwhile a serial killer is stalking Greece and donning surgical gear to slay his victims. The movie's explanation for this guy is somewhat pat with the killer being a frustrated cab driver who aspired to being a surgeon but at least they give him some kind of motivation. Less can be said for Ratcliff, who abuses his new eyes by keeping them on too long and trying out a goofy experiment where he plugs the device into his '80s game system and winds up having a seizure which knocks him out. He also makes time to use the device to hang out in the subway till his tormentors show up so he can lay them out with his cane.

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Next to my heart

by BONNIE COMPTON HANSON
CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE MOTHER'S SOUL 2

The day I had to stop dead in my tracks in the aisle of a busy supermarket was one of the worst in my whole life.

There I was, pregnant as could be — 40 pounds overweight, a whole month past my due date, with wretched morning sickness that lasted 24 hours every single day. And now I had cramps in both feet so excruciating I couldn't move.

This wasn't the way I had expected motherhood to be. My own mother, who had six children, glowed when she

was expecting. And her mother, my grandmother, not only joyfully welcomed 16 little ones into the world — but also ran a busy store the entire time. Looking forward to holding a little one in your arms, they said, and feeling the miracle of life inside you, should make any woman ecstatically happy. And healthy!

In all my magazines, the maternity advertisements showed blissful mothers-to-be in adorable outfits, perfect hairdos — even high heels. And that's the way my expectant friends were. An office-mate with the same due date as me worked right up till her baby came. My next-door neighbor had done

everything she wanted to for nine full months while looking absolutely gorgeous. Neither had been ill a minute. And both of them now had adorable, healthy babies.

Meanwhile, I was still pregnant, still miserable, and so large I had long since forgotten what either my feet or my legs looked like. There was only one outfit I could even get on — a sort of muumuu tent. I'd had to give up work, give up church ministries, almost give up hope.

Why was God allowing this to happen to me? He knew I loved him, my husband and this unborn child. My friends had started snickering: "You were due when?" Even my doctor grumped at me as if it were all my own fault.

And now during one of the hottest Augusts on record, my ankles swelled

so badly in our sweltering apartment, I had to keep them in buckets of ice. Going anywhere was torture.

But we were out of milk. Just a quick dash to the store, I thought — surely I could do that.

So here I was, frozen in my tracks, stopping carts in both directions.

My face beet-red, I stared at the rows of cracker boxes in front of me, pretending not to notice the angry shoppers whose way I was blocking. And then I heard a little girl's voice: "Mommy, why does that lady look so funny?"

I squeezed my eyes shut, trying to stop sudden tears. Oh, God, please! That's the last straw! Can't anyone say

anything nice about me for a change? I'm so tired of being a medical freak.

Won't I ever be normal and comfortable and well again? Won't I ever get to hold this baby in my arms?

Then that mother said something I will never forget: "Dear," she murmured, "it's because God has given that woman a tiny baby to carry next to her heart."

When I opened my eyes, mother and daughter were gone. Eventually, so were the cramps. But those words have lasted a lifetime.

For, oh, they were so true. And such a blessing to me during those final miserable days before I did hold my beau-



Jim Davidson

Does anyone know the Hellman?

If you have ever found yourself in a position where you wanted to die laughing but couldn't because of the circumstances, you will really appreciate something that my wife Viola observed several months ago. She was attending a luncheon with a group of ladies from our church and they had just sat down to eat when one of the older women in the group got choked on a piece of meat.



Dr. Henry J. Heimlich. Back when Viola told me about this experience, I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to personally interview Dr. Heimlich on the telephone and have him tell me, first hand, how his discovery came about and some of the other significant medical achievements that he has accomplished in more recent times. Apparently he had read some of my columns on the Internet, saw that both our

could have been much more serious and that's why I couldn't laugh."

You would just have to know this lady to get the full impact, but what she was referring to was the world famous Heimlich maneuver, discovered and perfected by thoracic surgeon

wives have Parkinson's, and he had his publicist, Bob Kraft, drop me a note to see if I might like to visit with him.

What a blessing it has turned out to be. Dr. Heimlich was a delightful person to talk with and so very knowledgeable. He is still quite active in medical research and spends time at the Heimlich Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. He turned 85 back on Feb. 3, 2005.

Dr. Heimlich has been married for 50 years to Jane Heimlich, the daughter of dance legend, Arthur Murray, and a long-time advocate of natural medicine. She is the author of "What Your Doctor Won't Tell You." She sent Viola a personally signed copy of her book and it is fantastic. I plan to write a column about Jane's book in the future.

Viola and Jane have since talked on the phone and they plan to stay in touch in the future. She is a wonderful, gracious lady and we are honored to have these good people as our

new friends. But let me get back to what Dr. Heimlich shared with me, because there is a possibility that it could save someone's life.

In response to one of my questions, he told me that he was first and foremost a thoracic or chest surgeon. He said, "I must have been one of the first because my license is No.139."

The Heimlich Maneuver was discovered because he often saw patients who were choking and he wanted to find a way to prevent it from happening. With a great deal of experimentation, he discovered that when someone was choking, another person could wrap their arms around them from the back, place their interlocked hands above the belly button and apply a series of quick upward jolts to cause the diaphragm to force air from the lungs at a rapid rate. This rapid force of expelled air is what causes foreign object or matter to be dislodged from the throat.

One quick side note, accord-

ing to Dr. Heimlich, never slap or beat someone on the back when they are choking. This just causes the foreign object to go even deeper.

Dr. Heimlich went on to tell me that he worked on developing the Heimlich maneuver for two years. In 1974, Dr. Heimlich reported the Heimlich maneuver in a medical journal and it quickly spread throughout the world. By 1985, it had saved so many choking victims, the U.S. surgeon general, Dr. C. Everett Koop, officially approved it and stated the Heimlich maneuver was safe and effective and could be used on adults and children. More than 100,000 people worldwide have been saved by using the Heimlich maneuver, including many celebrities. Among these are Ronald Reagan, Ed Koch, Elizabeth Taylor, Goldie Hawn, Walter Matthau, Dick Vitale and Jack Lemmon.

Although Dr. Heimlich is best known as the developer of the Heimlich maneuver, he has been a medical pioneer for more than half a century, and he is an advocate of natural and low-cost medical solutions whenever possible. He developed a treat-

ment for trachoma, a bacterial infection that can lead to blindness, while serving with the U.S. Navy in China in World War II. He invented the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve, which saved the lives of thousands of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam. He also performed the first esophagus transplant surgery in the U.S., using a tube created from the portion of the stomach, and which today helps overcome esophagus birth defects. These are only a few of the things this outstanding physician has contributed to the betterment of his fellow man.

When I asked him how he would like to be remembered, he said, "As someone who really cares about others. I am presently involved in AIDS and cancer research and the emphasis of the Heimlich Institute is 'A Caring World.'" For more information, please visit his website, www.heimlichinstitute.org. He and Jane are wonderful people.

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Fast and easy internet banking

by PAMELA THACKER

Internet banking is becoming a huge asset to the ever changing community. With the Internet trying to make our lives a little easier, why not upgrade to doing all your banking needs online. The banks are now offering a wide range of options for your everyday needs.



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

You can now access your accounts, both personal and savings, just with a click of a button. Technology today is changing our lives as we know it. We can have the choice to pay our bills, without ever leaving our home. Think about it, no more rushing to the post office, buying stamps, and trying to get the bills there on time. By accessing your account online, you can view where your money is going, see if the amounts were correctly processed, and transfer money from one account to another.

For your convenience most banks are set up with really easy web addresses so that you can remember where to go to access your account. For example, you can access US Bank's web site by going to <http://www.usbank.com>. Once you have the address correctly added to the address bar of your

Internet explorer, click enter. US Bank's web site offers both business and personal account login access. Setting up an account is really easy: on the right side, click on enroll in Internet banking, and continue with the steps provided. After you complete the enrollment process, you're all set.

One thing that is always important about Internet banking - make sure that the bank you use offers security for your personal information, and your account info. One way to tell is to look at the status bar of the web site you are at (this is located at the bottom of your window); if the site is secure, there will be a small pad-lock on the right hand side. If the lock is present then you know you're on the right track with your

Internet banking. With Internet banking you will find it's a lot simpler than rushing to the bank before it closes, checking your balance, or making sure your deposit was correct. There are many possibilities with Internet banking. As technology today makes our world easier for us, why not take advantage of what is offered today. Check with your bank, and see if they offer Internet banking.

Lagoon

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Finally the movie gets into gear when he decides to search for the serial killer and use his new vision for a good cause.

This one is not recommended for its plot or characters, but it is definitely worthy of your attention if you think you liked the 1980s. Pop this one in your DVD player and you'll be cured of that affliction.

Men will dig this for another reason, though, because this film is heavy on the eye candy. It also boasts revealing footage of several actresses who probably didn't think this would ever come out. Kirstie Alley, Marina Sirtis (Star Trek's Counselor Troi) and the late Lana Clarkson, who was killed by millionaire record producer Phil Spector in 1993, all appear here and probably regret waiving that no-nudity clause they now have in their contracts. Sirtis

gets out after only one scene but Alley appears throughout the film and, as an extra feature, the director includes extra footage of her love scene. It's obvious that this one is aimed at the guys but anyone who survived the 1980s will get a kick out of it.

The film's credits end with the threat that Ratcliff will return in a sequel (that never happened) sensitively entitled called, "Run, Stumble and Fall." Two actors mispronounce words with a guy playing a scientist tripping over the term "petit mal" (as in seizure), while another actor totally mangles the word "Seconal," which is surprising since it was a celebrity drug of choice for awhile in the 1980s.

Best line: "I'd feel safer in New York." 1984, rated R.

The moral of the story is: Ignore younger brother

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: I was trying to get into my dad's car, which was locked, and I didn't have the key. My younger brother told me to pick the lock. So I put a piece of wood in the lock, and it broke off. And now we can't use the key in the lock. My dad says I have to pay for someone to fix it unless I can figure out a way to get it out of there. Do you have any suggestions? I am 13 and don't have a job, so I really need your help. — Spencer

TOM: Oh, Spencer. I hope that at the very least, you've learned one of life's most important lessons: Never listen to your younger brother about anything!

RAY: My brother's just still miffed about the time I convinced him that he could get rid of his zits by painting them with a laundry marker.

TOM: I'm not sure I really have any good ideas for you, Spencer. I assume you've tried to fit a pair of tweezers in there. But the key slot is really too small for you to be able to use them, even if they do go in.

RAY: Well, the solution is obvious to me: fire. Wood burns, right? You need to stick a lit match in the keyhole, and ignite the piece of wood. It'll burn up, turn to ash, and the problem will be solved.

TOM: Spencer, if you saw how mad your father was when he found out about the wood, just imagine how he's going to react when he finds his entire car burnt to a crisp. Don't listen



to my brother, Spencer! He's a younger brother, remember?

RAY: All right, here's another idea. Get a long pin. Using needle-noise pliers, bend the tip of it 90 degrees. Then try to stick the end of the pin into the piece of wood, and fish it out that way. Or, you might try going to the drugstore and getting a dental tool that has a point on the end. If the shaft is thin enough, it'll be a stronger version of the pin-tool.

TOM: Well, you can try it, Spencer, but I suspect, in the end, you're going to have to call a locksmith. It'll cost you \$50, which you'll have to work off by mowing lawns.

RAY: Or just break into your father's wall safe and take the money. You can break in using a piece of wood, you know.

TOM: Spencer, go out and earn the money and get the lock fixed. And consider it a small price to pay for an important lesson about brotherly advice.

When radiators explode

Dear Tom and Ray:

I was in the mass exodus from Houston during Hurricane Rita when I got stuck in the slowest-moving traffic that I have ever been in. My car overheated, and the plastic side of the radiator exploded. One person told me not to get an original Volvo replacement (which will have the same plastic parts), but to get a brass radiator instead. Another friend said that that was fine, but said the brass radiators are much more expensive. This is a '91 Volvo 240 in good condition. I am planning on keeping it another three to five years. Any advice would be appreciated. Thanks. — Jim

TOM: The radiator made of brass reminds me of an old limerick about a man from Madras. But we won't go into that, Jim.

RAY: No, we won't. You'd be hard-pressed to find a brass radiator, Jim. I suspect that your friend meant to suggest a copper radiator.

TOM: The vast majority of radiators these days have plastic exterior tanks and aluminum cores. They work great, and last a long time. In fact, the plastic completely resists corrosion and is also very lightweight. So that's what Volvo and most other manufacturers use.

RAY: You might be able to find a copper radiator for your car, but it will be a lot more expensive. And I suspect that under the circumstances you describe, a copper radiator would have exploded too.

TOM: Yeah. Something

obviously went very wrong with your cooling system. The thermostat got stuck, you ran low on coolant, it was 100 degrees out, and you were in stop-and-go traffic for 26 hours. That's a recipe for serious overheating, if your cooling system is anything less than perfect. Eventually, the pressure got so high that something had to give.

RAY: So, the first thing you need to do is get your cooling system thoroughly checked out to see what's wrong with it — in addition to the fact that you're now missing a radiator. When you figure it out, I'm sure a standard plastic radiator with an aluminum core will serve you very well for the next three to five years.

TOM: Under the extreme circumstances you were in, the only advantage a copper radiator might have provided is that it might have held on longer before exploding, Jim. And in that traffic jam, what would that have gotten you? Another quarter-mile closer to College Station?

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Allen

bag limit.

These are men whose names should be posted at the boat dock and other conspicuous points. Public opinion, then, would do them the full justice they deserve. May every fish and fowl they catch or kill, now and forevermore, taste like goose feathers!

WE OVERLOOKED FDR

Somehow, we got the idea that since Bert Combs beat Herbert Hoover's Kentucky majority, his lead set a new record. Now we learn it has

passed the 180,000 mark, and yet, at the same time, we are reminded that a fellow named Franklin D. Roosevelt still holds the record with a majority of 186,000 votes.

Will somebody please explain how we could overlook The Champ?

CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

In the mail comes a photostat of a certain "document" that is getting wide circulation in the state of Ohio, these days. It is entitled, "Application for Reinstatement of Citizenship in

the State of Kentucky."

The information section of the application leaves spaces for name of applicant, and is followed by items such as these:

Your woman's name, number of young'uns, whar applicant plans to settle, a question as to how long had ye lived in this hyar state afore ye left, and has ye been happy since ye left.

Then follows this pledge, to be duly signed and witnessed:

I, _____ do hereby pledge, that me, my woman, and all my kids wish to return to make our home in the state of

Kentucky; I further pledge that I had no idea of being a Yankee for life when I left, and that I have had no Yankee children while gone from this state. I pledge that I have been faithful to return every holiday.

I further pledge that the only Yankee acquired possession that I will bring back with me is money. I pledge that I will in no way try to smuggle shoes into the state of Kentucky, and that I have not tried to learn the English language. I pledge that the only laws that I will obey, will be the "Code of the Hills."

Soup

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tiful firstborn in my arms. During my next two pregnancies as well. A blessing I remembered as my three children grew up and married. A blessing I have been privileged to share with my own pregnant daughters-in-law and many other young women I have known throughout the years.

For even after our children are born, we mothers still carry those precious little ones next to our hearts. And we will our whole lives long.

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Pikeville College Community Education Program presents The Nutcracker



Pikeville College will present The Nutcracker, starting Dec. 7.

PIKEVILLE — Celebrate the yuletide season with the magic of The Nutcracker ballet. See this holiday classic come to life as Herr Drosselmeir turns the nutcracker doll into a handsome prince who will whisk Clara away to a land of snowflakes and sweets ruled by the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The ballet is presented by the Pikeville College Community Education Dance Program. Several performances are scheduled, including matinees with special rates for schools. Matinees will be held Dec. 7 and 8 at 9 a.m. and at noon. Admission is \$1 per person. Additional performances will be

held Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m. Admission to the afternoon and evening shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All performances will be held in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial building, level five.

Dance instructor Peggy Davis, who originally brought The Nutcracker to the stage at Pikeville College several years ago, said opportunities are available for anyone who would like to participate.

"We're still looking for adult men and women for the party scene, Act I," said Davis. "The men will wear tail coats, no

tights, and the women will wear ball gowns."

Davis said the dance program is also looking for a seamstress and volunteers to do scenery construction and help backstage. For more information or to make matinee reservations, call 218-5224.

Drug Testing

commonly prescribed for anxiety disorders or weight loss, a positive result will not be "a problem as long as you have a valid prescription, in your name, for the medication."

"So," he continued, "if you wake up in the middle of the night, with a migraine or a toothache ... and your spouse has a prescription for, let's say, Tylenol III ... and you take your spouse's medication, and the next day you're selected for testing and the test shows positive, but of course, you have no prescription for it (in your own name), that will create a problem. There will be absolutely no leniency on that type of situation. It is illegal to take someone else's medication ... If you do, you will have to pay the consequences. So, don't do it. That's the best advice I can give."

Premier Testing employees will appear at random at individual schools for screenings. "No one, including Dr. Fanning or even Ms. (Jennifer) Martin (board nurse) will know when we're coming," Walters said. "So, you never know when you are going to be tested, what you will be tested for, or when we are going to show up to test."

According to policy, any student testing positive for a first violation will be suspended for the next six consecutive interscholastic/extracurricular events

or the next six weeks of the season, whichever is longer. Student drivers will be denied permission to drive or park on school property for the next six consecutive weeks of school. Before reinstatement following the first violation, the student must receive an assessment or evaluation for chemical dependency; he or she must also submit to a new drug test. A positive result will be treated as a second violation.

For a second violation, students will be suspended for 36 consecutive interscholastic extracurricular events or 36 consecutive weeks, whichever is greater in time. Student drivers will not be permitted to drive or park on school property for the next 36 consecutive weeks of school. Again, before reinstatement, students must submit to a new drug test. A positive result will be treated as a third violation.

A third violation will constitute exclusion from participation in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the student's eligibility. It will also disqualify the student's involvement in all extracurricular activities or from driving/parking on school property for the remainder of his/her enrollment in the district.

For employees, the school district has implemented a

"zero-tolerance" policy, meaning that an employee found in violation of the district's substance abuse policy will be terminated.

In light of the fact that the Floyd County school district recently learned that state funding would be \$600,000 less than anticipated, administrators have had to formulate a testing policy that will test students and employees, at random, on a percentage basis.

Forty percent of all full-time employees will be tested; 60 percent of all students; 10 percent of those submitting requests through a "voluntary pool"; and 20 percent will be randomly selected for breath-alcohol testing. Any district employee deemed to be of "reasonable suspicion" for drug or alcohol abuse may also be asked to submit to testing.

According to policy, "all students choosing to participate in any extracurricular activity, including students/players at the varsity and sub-varsity levels, and students who drive or park on school property" will be among the 60 percent randomly selected. However, any parent or guardian who wishes may place their child's name into the volunteer pool. If their child were to be randomly selected for testing, the test would be conducted at the expense of the

school district. However, any repeat test would not.

The drug/alcohol testing program will be, according to Supt. Fanning, paid for by grants from the UNITE organization, Title IV funding and from district general funds.

More information about the district's drug/alcohol testing policy is available at the Floyd County Schools website at www.floyd.k12.ky.us. For questions concerning drug testing procedures, visit the Premier Testing website at www.premierdrugtesting.com, or call (800) 256-7141.

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Supt. Fanning may also be available for questions/concerns. "But," he said, "please, read the policy before coming to see me."

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Hearing

learned the commission met twice since learning of its court date to work on matters which were going to be dealt with in court, such as appointing a gas commission.

Engle issued instructions to both attorneys to gather materials and fax or deliver them to his office by the Monday deadline. He noted that it was vital that the attorneys comply and that they could face contempt charges if they are late in getting him the information or if they fail to gather everything he requested. Parker said he would make a good faith effort but said that minutes of council meetings may not be available from as far as five years back.

The hearing saw most of the city council testify, with appearances from Mayor Marlee Samons and council members Andy Akers, Rodney Hall and

Don Hall. Each testified that he wasn't aware that the city had incurred a \$100,000 debt with Equitable Gas, although each conceded that is what happens when you charge customers less than what you pay for gas. Each said that the city took over setting gas rates after a 2003 meeting and they all said that no one wanted the job and that they were forced to do so because no one stayed at the job because of complaints from customers.

Each council member, and Parker, blamed Hurricane Katrina for the increased cost of gas. They all noted that Weeksbury is paying more for gas than their customers did.

Pillersdorf attacked many of their claims and pointed out that that Katrina hit on Labor Day weekend and that they received news of how much they owed Equitable (\$100,000, including delinquency fees) in July. Pillersdorf argued that they also couldn't cite Weeksbury, since it is not an incorporated city and residents there pay a private company for gas. He also asked several council members if they knew how much more they were asking their citizens to pay as opposed to other cities in the commonwealth. The council members gave similar responses, saying that it wasn't their business what other areas paid for gas. Pillersdorf didn't

overemphasize that the council members all knew that one area paid more for gas but the courtroom, which was filled with Wheelwright residents, made so much noise they had to be admonished by Judge Engle.

Pillersdorf also questioned practices observed during the two city council meetings when the council voted on raising rates. He observed that the council violated public meeting rules by not allowing citizens to speak. He also questioned the council members about why people were told they could be arrested for speaking out at the meetings. Parker responded by saying that the Attorney General's Office endorsed such a rule to provide for safety at public meetings which could get heated.

The judge asked for other documentation by Monday to help him make a decision about whether residents of Wheelwright should pay the increase. On the record, all of his requests were aimed at Parker and included documentation of when delinquent gas payments reached \$10,000 and every notice of delinquency until the bill reached \$100,000; information on how many times the gas bill was paid in full in the last 18 months; and city financial statements for the last five years.

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Odds and Ends

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Missing: Two purple car doors and eight possibly pregnant South African goats.

Two unhappy owners reported the unusual thefts to officials this week. The owner of the eight South African boer goats told sheriff's deputies the animals were taken from a corral north of Lincoln sometime between Nov. 7 and Monday.

The \$200 goats are brown and white and have red heads, an incident report said. Their left ears are pierced, there are red spray-paint spots on their ears and they may be pregnant.

Goat thievery is uncommon in Lancaster County, sheriff's Sgt. Andy Stebbing said.

Not so the theft of Honda Civic auto parts.

The people who stole the driver's side and passenger doors off Joe Ruterbories' purple Honda Civic "seemed to really know what they were doing," he said, when they unscrewed the hinges.

This was the second time someone stole pieces off his ride. The last thief opened the hood and stripped out the cold air intake system.

"Apparently the parts are not easy to find," Ruterbories said, who found that out when he called salvage yards about replacements.

■ **KENOSHA, Wis.** — You might call her the underwear elf.

After 16-year-old Kelsey Swiatko heard that underwear is one of the biggest needs among the city's poor, she launched "Operation Underwear." Swiatko and a corps of helpers spent 10 hours outside a local Wal-Mart on Saturday collecting donations.

Her goal was 1,200 pair and she topped it, filling her family's home with 2,200 pair of underwear and socks.

"We were swimming through underwear," she said.

Most of the donations were from individuals, although Wal-Mart contributed 100 pairs and Target and Jockey stores combined for another 125.

Swiatko made her deliveries this week, splitting 1,100 pairs between the Salvation Army and Shalom Center. On Thursday, the other 1,100 pairs went to a shelter for battered women.

"We get a lot of wonderful used clothing, but underwear, that's one thing where it's so much nicer to have something new," said Paula Clark, the shelter's development coordinator.

Dawn Simon, children's service coordinator, said, "We never get children's underwear and socks. This is like Christmas."

■ **NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** — Undercover officers noticed something conspicuously absent from a tanning salon — tanning beds.

The only tanning bed on the property of VIP Tann Spa was found in a wooden box on the porch, officer Jerry Miller said Thursday.

Miller said the so-called tanning salon was actually a very different kind of business: Three employees and two customers were charged with prostitution and related charges after the undercover visit last month.

The undercover officer found makeshift beds and other evidence people were being paid for sex, Miller said.

Investigators took business receipts, credit card statements and cash before closing the salon: The County Council revoked the owner's business license.

■ **PITCAIRN, Pa.** — A pastor who had been camping on his church roof came down after collecting more than 500 turkeys for needy families.

Pastor David Martin of the Pitcairn Assembly of God had said he would camp out on the roof in a tent until he collected the 500 birds. He had been there since Monday.

Martin had collected 255 turkeys as of noon Wednesday. Someone promised him more than 100 turkeys which, along with other donations, surpassed his goal of 500.

"I wanted to bless the community," he said. "And you figure if you do something a little strange, people will show up, and they did. They have given over and over — more than I could have imagined."

Martin said he reached his goal sooner than expected. He had planned to stay on the roof until Friday.

■ **FERGUS FALLS, Minn.** — A former employee who attempted to burglarize a restaurant apparently didn't know any good hiding places.

Police responded to a burglary alarm at the Speedway Restaurant early Monday and surrounded the building.

When officers entered, they discovered that the burglar had tried to hide in the ceiling. He fell through and tried hiding in an oven instead.

"The guy was only half-baked when he was picked up,"

joked Police Capt. Hugo McPhee.

The 43-year-old man was taken to the Otter Tail County Jail.

■ **EAU CLAIRE, Wis.** — Ken Hasenmueller and his wife have been feeling a little uncomfortable while in the family car.

The car itself — a 1996 cherry red Oldsmobile Cutlass — is fine. It's the license plate that's the problem. They were randomly assigned 666-KEN.

"Initially, I thought it was interesting," Ken Hasenmueller said of the pairing of his first name with the numeric symbol for the Antichrist. "But then I thought that people might think I was Satanist."

Hasenmueller said he was worried others would assume he requested the devilish plates. He plans to trade them in for new ones.

"I wouldn't want people thinking I was interested in that sort of thing," Hasenmueller said. "You don't want this sort of thing on your car."

"We are a very strong Christian family," added his wife, Jean.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — An Australian food agency is trying to quell fears about glow-in-the-dark meats.

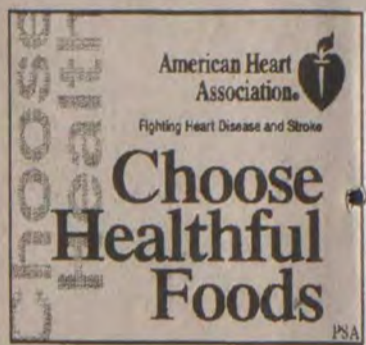
In a statement released Wednesday, the New South Wales state Food Authority said the glowing phenomenon is caused by a harmless light-emitting bacteria that is naturally present in most meats and fish.

"While most of us would understandably be shocked to see our food glowing, it is important to remember that the microorganism responsible for the glow is not known to cause food poisoning," the authority's director general, George Davey,

said in the statement.

The Food Authority receives around two phone calls each month from nervous consumers who have discovered glowing meats in their iceboxes. It issued the statement to allay fears about possible radioactivity in Australia's meat supply.

"There has been some speculation in the media that glowing food might have been irradiated, and I can assure consumers that this is definitely not the case," Davey said.



Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2005. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 20, 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, in a ceremony broadcast worldwide from Westminster Abbey.

On this date:

■ In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

■ In 1910, revolution broke out in Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero.

■ In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass.

■ In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Marines began landing on Tarawa and Makin atolls in the Gilbert Islands, encountering fierce resistance from Japanese forces but emerging victorious three days later.

■ In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

■ In 1959, the United Nations issued its "Declaration of the Rights of the Child."

■ In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

■ In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

■ In 1980, faced with disastrous reviews from New York critics, United Artists announced it was withdrawing its \$36 million movie "Heaven's Gate" for re-editing.

Ten years ago: Federal employees idled during a government shutdown returned to their jobs. Olympic figure skating champion Sergei Grinkov died of a heart attack in Lake

Placid, N.Y. BBC Television broadcast an interview with Princess Diana, who admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles.

Five years ago: Lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled before the Florida Supreme Court over whether the presidential election recount should be allowed to continue. Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori resigned, ending a 10-year reign.

One year ago: Republicans whisked a \$388 billion spending bill through the House. Palestinians formally opened the campaign for a successor to Yasser Arafat. Scientist Ancel Keys, who invented the K rations eaten by soldiers in World War II and who linked high cholesterol and fatty diets to heart disease, died in Minneapolis at age 100.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., is 88. Actress Evelyn Keyes is 86. Economist Beryl Sprinkel is 82. Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 80. Actress Estelle Parsons is 78. TV personality Richard Dawson is 73. Comedian Dick Smothers is 67. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 63. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., is 63. Actress Veronica Hamel is 62. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 59. Actor Samuel E. Wright is 59. Singer Joe Walsh is 58. Actor Richard Masur is 57. Actress Bo Derek is 49. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 48. Actress Sean Young is 46. Rock musician Todd Nance (Widespread Panic) is 43. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 40. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 40. Actress Ming-Na is 38. Actress Sabrina Lloyd is 35. Rapper Kamaal (aka Q-Tip) is 35. Actress Marisa Ryan is 31. Country singer Dierks Bentley is 30. Actress Laura Harris is 29. Country singer Josh Turner is 28.

Thought for Today: "Make haste slowly." — Caesar Augustus, Roman emperor (63 B.C.-A.D. 14).

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• Last week of preseason rolls up for area hoops teams

H.S. BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Most area high school basketball teams will spend the next week getting ready for the start of the 2005-06 season. Of course, some have more work to do than others.

At Pike County Central High School, a late coaching change has placed Stephen Butcher in as the head coach the Lady Hawks. Butcher, who also coaches the Pike Central baseball team, replaced Tammy Tussey.

Butcher isn't the only first year head coach calling shots for a high school basketball program.

Jennifer Hopkins is entering her first season at Allen Central High girls' basketball coach. Hopkins and her Lady Rebels took to the floor Saturday evening in a scrimmage against Morgan County. Hopkins entered the exhibition pleased with her team's pre-

season efforts.

"The girls are working very hard and seem to be picking up on our system," said Hopkins. "We are making sure that we get the basics and fundamentals down before starting offenses and defenses. Senior leadership has been excellent. The team has displayed a strong, positive attitude."

A successful football season has the

likes of Paintsville, Belfry and Sheldon Clark behind somewhat in hardwood work.

One area coaching change on the boys' side in the 15th Region has former Mason County assistant coach Mark Starnes taking over for Les Trimble at Johnson Central. Starnes led his Golden Eagles into preseason

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• Three elected to Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA have announced three new additions to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame:

Joan Rizer, Bardstown - A prominent amateur golfer from Bardstown, Rizer is a five-time Women's Kentucky State Amateur Champion (1988-1991, and 1994), and finished runner-up in the event in 1985, 1996, and 1998. She also captured the prestigious Marion Miley Invitational in 1991 and 1999. Rizer qualified for the 1986 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, the 1991 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, and the 1990 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, where she advanced to the quarterfinals. She also won the Women's South Central Championship six times (1971, 1974-77, 1986), along with numerous other titles in regional, city, and club competitions. She currently serves as the men's and women's golf coach at St. Catherine College in Springfield, and has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association.

Harcourt Kemp, Louisville - A prominent amateur golfer from Louisville, Kemp recently qualified for his 20th United States Golf Association Championship. He has participated in two U.S. Open Championships (1971 at Merion Golf Club and 1979 at The Inverness Golf Club); six U.S. Amateur Championships; 3 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships; one U.S. Senior Open Championship; one U.S. Junior Amateur Championship; and seven U.S. Senior Amateur Championships. He also served in a variety of leadership positions with the Kentucky Golf Association in the 1970s and 1980s. His other accomplishments include 26 club championships at Louisville Country Club in a span of five different decades, and two club championships at Valhalla.

Tom Musselman, Louisville - Louisville businessman and tireless promoter of golf, particularly to junior golfers. Member of the St. Xavier Athletic Hall of Fame, where he was a member of a State Championship golf team; and the University of Louisville Athletic Hall of Fame, where he was a member of the golf team.

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The championship game of the Right Beaver Classic boys' basketball tournament was scheduled for Saturday evening at Allen Central Middle School. Winners in the opening round included tournament host Allen Central, Stumbo, Beaver, Hazard Eighth and Betsy Layne.

photos by Jamie Howell



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Eagles clip Circleville Bible, 101-50

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio - Visiting Alice Lloyd College needed just a couple of minutes to set the tone in Monday's men's basketball game against Circleville Bible College. The Eagles carried a commanding 60-26 lead into halftime. Alice Lloyd kept up in the second half, too. The Eagles outrebounded Circleville 44-17 and nine different players scored eight or more points en route to a 101-50 win.

Alice Lloyd pulled down 38 of its rebounds on the defensive end.

K.J. Waterman paced Alice Lloyd with a team-high 12 points. Jeremy Jackson, playing in off of the Eagle bench, ended the contest with 11 points. Jeremy Daniels and Eric Mullins each tossed in 10 points to give Alice Lloyd four players in double figures in the points department. Mullins had the game's only double-double as he pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Turnovers didn't help host Circleville (1-4). The host team finished the game with 25 turnovers - exactly half of its total points.

Chris Hurt, William Dillard and Corey Hairston each had nine points for the Eagles. Tim Parks and Brent Prichard chipped in eight points apiece while Shawn Newsome and Winston Lee netted six apiece. Jordan Kidd rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring with three points.

Two different players reached double figures in the scoring column for Circleville.

Blackcats set to meet media

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball coaches and players will meet members of the media today, beginning at 3 p.m. The program is hosting its annual Media Day less than two weeks from its season-opener. The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team held the 2005-06 installment of Meet the Blackcats Saturday night. The event gave many P'burg basketball fans the opportunity to get a first look at this season's team.

Prestonsburg (18-11) is the only team to make it into the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals each of the last three seasons. Prestonsburg's run in last season's regional tournament ended with a loss to eventual 15th Region champ Shelby Valley.

Head coach Jackie Day Crisp welcomes back two starters in senior guard Michael Stephens and senior forward Sean Leslie. Others back with playing experience from last season include Lewis Barnette and Brooks Herrick.

The Blackcats will take to the court Wednesday evening in a panorama game at Allen Central High School.

KHSAA BoC meets

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) conducted its regular November meeting Thursday at the KHSAA office.

The Board received a report from the CPA firm of Miller, Mayer, Sullivan and Stevens regarding KHSAA finances. The firm communicated a "clean" audit in its report.

Also, the Board reviewed Proposal 3 dealing with out-of-state student-athlete participating. The proposal passed the October Annual Meeting by a vote of 189-75-2-9 by KHSAA member schools. The Board had tabled its review of Proposal 3 at its Oct. 21 meet-

ing pending further information and review.

On Thursday, the Board of Control voted 14-1 with three members absent to recommend adoption of the Proposal 3 by the Kentucky Board of Education with the following additional provisions: 1) the rule shall not apply to students ruled eligible under the Bylaw 6, Section 1 (e) (boarding school students); 2) the rule shall not apply to students ruled eligible under Bylaw 6, Section 2 (Foreign Exchange Students) either through an approved agency or through the Due Process Procedure; and 3) the stipulation in the last line of the proposal referring to grade four (4) shall be changed to grade

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Allen Central High head coach John Martin talked with his team during a practice session Thursday evening. On Wednesday, Allen Central will host its annual boys' basketball panorama.

photo by Jamie Howell

MSU head coach, players honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Morehead State Head Football Coach Matt Ballard was named Pioneer Football League South Division Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive season, quarterback Brian Yost was named division Offensive Player of the Year and 18 Eagles were listed on the 2005 All-PFL South Division Team, the league announced Wednesday.

Morehead State finished the regular season at 8-3 and was a perfect 3-0 in South Division play.

First Team All-South Division honors were awarded to the following Eagles: Yost (So., Huntingburg, Ind.), tight end/wide receiver Daniel Vagni (Sr., Pittsburgh, Pa.), runningback Eli Parkes (Sr., Portsmouth, Ohio), offensive tackle Grant Jennings (So.,

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KHSAA

six (6). In addition, the Board recommended that the rule be implemented upon arrival through the regulatory process, but exempt those students already enrolled in a member

school system who are enrolled beyond the sixth grade as of the effective date for promulgation.

The Board is required to review the issues considered at the Annual Meeting and recom-

mend to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) whether or not they are implemented. This is part of an annual process required by state regulations to codify KHSAA rules.

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MSU

Lakeside Park), offensive guard Ross Rick (So., Ottawa, Ill.), defensive end Kevin Cristello (Sr., Walton), linebacker Andrew Sturzenbecker (So., Jamestown, N.Y.), defensive back Kwesi Williams (Sr., Louisville) and return specialist/wide receiver Nick Feldman (Fr., Oconto, Wis.).

Honorable mention honors went to wide receiver Dana Calhoun (So., Louisville), runningback Jabari McGee (Jr., Evansville, Ind.), center Nick Schoenfeld (Fr., Cincinnati, Ohio), defensive end James Spencer-Howell (Sr., Gallipolis, Ohio), defensive tackle Justin Nichols (Jr., Danville), line-

backer Brett Mazzaro (So., Cincinnati, Ohio), defensive back Jordan Shafer (Jr., Covington, Ohio), defensive back David Hyland (Fr., Woodstock, Ga.) and kicker Adam Jones (Sr., Dayton Ohio). Prestonsburg High School graduate John Gilliam serves as the MSU defensive coordinator.

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Golf

Musselman was instrumental in the formation in 1978 of the KGA-PGA, Inc., a joint operating and management venture between the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA (the KGA-PGA, Inc. recently celebrated its 28th year in business). This business model now serves as the standard

for cooperative business among golf organizations nationwide. Musselman was also instrumental in the formation of the Kentucky Junior Golf Foundation and the Musselman-Dunne Junior Golf Tour. In 2003, Musselman and a group of investors purchased The Cardinal Club in Simpsonville,

and the facility will host the 92nd Kentucky State Amateur Championship next June.

The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame was formed in 1984 as a joint effort between the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA. An official induction ceremony will take place later this year.

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Little League announces dates for '06 World Series tournaments

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The sites and dates for the eight World Series tournaments in Little League Baseball and Softball were approved on Friday by the Little League International Board of Directors, it was announced today by Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball.

For the 60th anniversary of the Little League Baseball World Series, held annually in Williamsport, Pa., the first games will be played on Friday, Aug. 18, and the tournament will end on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Howard J. Lamade Stadium with the world championship for baseball players 11-12 years old. On Saturday, Aug. 26, the United States and the International championships will be decided.

"In August 2006 Little League Baseball will celebrate its 60th World Series," Keener said. "The 16 teams that travel to Williamsport from around the world will write the latest chapter in the storied history of the

Little League Baseball International Tournament. As is the case each year, the players' teamwork and athletic prowess along with the sportsmanship of all the managers, coaches and fans will set the benchmark for what makes each of the World Series tournaments the special events they have become."

Last August, all 32 games of the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series were televised on ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Deportes, or ABC. It was the first time that all of the World Series Tournament games were televised.

In 2005, all eight U.S. regional championships were broadcast on ESPN or ESPN2. The semifinal and championship games of the Little League Softball World Series, as well as the Junior League Baseball and Big League Softball championship games were also carried on the ESPN family of networks.

Williamsport has been the home of Little League since it was founded there in 1939, and the final game of the tournament

is traditionally on the weekend before the Labor Day weekend. Labor Day in 2006 is Sept. 4.

The other seven World Series dates and sites are: Junior League Baseball (13-14-year-olds), at Taylor, Mich., Aug. 13-19; Senior League Baseball (14-16-year-olds), at Bangor, Maine, Aug. 13-19; Big League Baseball (16-18-year-olds), at Easley, S.C., July 29-Aug. 5; Little League Softball (11-12-year-old girls) at Portland, Ore., Aug. 10-17; Junior League Softball (13-14-year-old girls), at Kirkland, Wash., Aug. 13-19; and Senior League Softball (14-16-year-old girls), at Lower Sussex, Del., Aug. 6-12; Big League Softball (16-18-year-old girls), at Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 14-19

Specific times and dates for all televised games will be announced in June 2006.

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.7 million players and 1 million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and scores of other countries.

All-BluegrassPreps.com Football Team in the works

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Continuing its tradition of leadership in Kentucky high school sports information, news and discussion, BluegrassPreps.com has announced its third annual All-BluegrassPreps.com Football Team.

BluegrassPreps.com will honor the state's top 36 players, starting with the best players at

12 offensive and 12 defensive positions. As a special feature, the All-BGP team will recognize 12 players whose versatility and all-around contributions on offense, defense and special teams embody the spirit of high school football.

The staff of BluegrassPreps.com is currently accepting nominations from across the state. When nominat-

ing a player, BGP staff ask that you be specific whether it is for offense, defense, or as all-around contributor. Nominations must be received by Nov. 26. The honorees will be announced Dec. 10.

Prestonsburg High School alum Nick Jamerson is a former All-BGP honoree.

TO NOMINATE
Email your detailed nominations to allstars@bluegrasspreps.com.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Adams Middle School cheerleading squad was one of several cheer and dance units that performed earlier in the week in the Right Beaver Classic boys' basketball tournament at Allen Central Middle School.

Hoops

action this weekend as well.

The schedule for the 15th Annual Holiday Classic at Villa Madonna Academy has been released. This year's tournament includes host Villa Madonna, Lawrence County, Covington Scott, Pikeville, Lloyd Memorial, Trimble County, Bracken County and Ashland Blazer.

With the start of the 2005-06 basketball season just around the corner for Kentucky prep teams, Belfry High School is poised to host its annual panorama—the Border States Shootout.

Pitting high school girls' basketball teams from the states of Kentucky and West Virginia against one another, the Border States Shootout will again serve as a final preseason tuneup for the

upcoming 2005-06 campaign.

Kentucky teams in this year's Border States Shootout are Belfry, East Ridge, Johnson Central, Phelps and Shelby Valley. Huntington, Scott, Logan, Tug Valley and Harts will represent West Virginia.

T-shirts will be provided for all players and coaches. Warm-up balls and water will also be provided.

Games will consist of two 15-minute halves and a five-minute halftime.

Officials will hail from 15th Region and locker rooms will be assigned upon arrival.

Post game meals for players will be available at the concession stand while a separate hospitality room will be provided for coaches and officials.

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BORDER STATES SHOOTOUT	
Saturday, Nov. 26 Schedule	
Noon	Belfry-Huntington (W.Va.)
1:15 p.m.	East Ridge-Scott (W.Va.)
2:30 p.m.	Johnson Central-Logan (W.Va.)
3:45 p.m.	Phelps-Tug Valley (W.Va.)
5 p.m.	Shelby Valley-Harts (W.Va.)

House votes against regulating boxing

by **DEVLIN BARRETT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Fresh from dealing with baseball and steroids, Congress chose Wednesday not to step into the ring as boxing's referee, voting down a bill to create a federal agency to protect fighters' health and wallets.

The House voted 233-190 against forming a U.S. Boxing Commission within the Commerce Department. Most Republicans opposed the measure, while most Democrats voted for it.

Critics attacked the bill as a misguided effort to expand the federal government to manage a part of the entertainment industry.

"This is a big government bill. It creates a new federal agency that provides for more regulation and is not self-financing," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

The Senate in May approved a similar bill offered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Boxing has suffered from waning popularity in recent years, hurt in part by legal tussles between promoters, sanctioning bodies and the fighters themselves.

The House bill from Rep.

Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., would have created a three-person U.S. Boxing Commission, appointed by the president to three-year terms, funded by licensing fees imposed on those who make their living in the fight business.

Proponents argued a U.S. commission would solve a range of problems, including fighters risking their health to fight in states with weak regulations, a lack of financial support for run-down boxers, and unscrupulous managers.

Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., a former college football coach, said it was long past time to address the centuries-old lack of proper safety controls in boxing.

"How many people have to die, how many people have to have their brains scrambled? ... We wouldn't do this with animals," he said.

The vote against a federal commission came a day after Major League Baseball announced it was toughening its anti-steroids policy, spurred largely by the threat of federal legislation that would have been dealt more severely with players caught cheating with drugs.

Stearns said the boxing commission would pay for

itself by licensing fees, but that left others complaining Congress had dropped more important work to focus on sports.

One of the sport's biggest promoters, Bob Arum, said he supported the federal intervention, but worried about the consequences.

The bill, he said, would have taken the sport "into uncharted waters. Can a federal bureaucracy regulate a sport fairly? Some things the federal government does very well, and some things they screw up, like Hurricane Katrina."

Arum criticized lawmakers for seizing on sports as a target for reform.

"The problems they generally deal with have become so immense that, like everybody else, Congress is looking to sports for a diversion. It's easier to make baseball steroids-free or make boxing better than to deal with the situation in Iraq," he said.

On the Net:
Information on the bill, H.R. 1065, can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
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Busch regrets actions, ready to take over new ride

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Kurt Busch has a lot of regrets as he sits at home this week while his NASCAR Nextel Cup colleagues race in the season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Busch is missing the final two races of the season after being suspended by the Roush Racing team. He rues the fact that he's carrying extra baggage as he begins his new role as driver of Penske Racing South's No. 2 Dodge in 2006.

Most of all, though, the reigning Cup champion is sorry he became "argumentative" with an officer during a traffic stop last week in Phoenix, although he insists that alcohol played no part in his behavior.

"When I was asked by the officer if I had been drinking, I explained to them I had one drink during dinner, but I was certainly not intoxicated," Busch said in an exclusive telephone interview with The Associated Press from his Charlotte, N.C.,

office Thursday night.

Busch was pulled over for driving 60 mph in a 45 mph zone, swerving to avoid a car and running a stop sign last Friday night on his way back to Phoenix International Raceway. He said he was returning from dinner with his fiancée.

The police report said the deputy smelled alcohol on Busch, and the driver became belligerent.

"You're only doing this because you're a Jeff Gordon fan," Busch was quoted as saying to the officer in the police report, released earlier Thursday in Phoenix.

He was eventually issued a misdemeanor citation for reckless driving.

"I admit I became a bit argumentative with the officer when he continuously insisted that I submit to a field sobriety test and a breath test, which I ultimately did," Busch said. "I later learned my (preliminary breathalyzer) test was .017. That's consistent with an individual my size having one drink. That's

brought us to this point.

"I regret that my actions, including saying some disrespectful things to the officer, made the situation worse. I have apologized for this and I want to reiterate this apology to the officer and to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department."

The officer, responding to Busch's comment about Gordon, said he did not follow NASCAR and is a fan of neither Gordon nor Busch. He eventually called a supervisor to the scene.

According to the police report, Busch called the deputies "a joke," crowded an officer and asked "Do you know who I am?" at various points while he was detained.

"I resent him making derogatory remarks about our sheriffs," said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Even though an official alcohol breath machine had malfunctioned, Arpaio said there was no point to have Busch take that test because the preliminary results showed he wasn't intoxicated.

Busch, who was wrapping up

his contract this year with the Roush team, previously signed to drive for the Penske team, beginning next season. On Saturday, Roush team owner Jack Roush initially said he would take no action against the driver because "it's somebody else's problem now."

But Roush suspended Busch from the final two races Sunday, after consulting with his sponsors, including Diageo, the manufacturer of Crown Royal whiskey.

Busch has had several run-ins with other drivers and NASCAR officials during his five years with the Roush team and, in announcing the suspension, team president Geoff Smith said, "It's the last straw for Roush Racing. We're officially retiring as Kurt Busch's apologists, effective today."

Busch said he has not talked with either Smith or Roush since his suspension.

"Roush owns the team and has every right to handle the situations as he does, whether it's for him, the team or for the sponsors," Busch said.

"I spent five years with Roush Racing. I loved it there. I loved the guys," he added. "I wanted desperately to finish off the season in style, not only for myself as a champion, but for the team as well."

"I'm very proud of the accomplishments at Roush. The team was great for me and they gave me a wonderful opportunity. But I brought something to the table, too. That was a 100 percent commitment to excellence, both on and off the track."

Busch won 14 Cup races for Roush, including three this year. Now he moves to Roger Penske's team to replace retiring Rusty Wallace in the car sponsored by Miller Brewing Company's Miller Lite brand.

He said Penske has "stood behind me 100 percent."

"They've been terrific in every way, Roger and the whole Penske organization," Busch said. "They asked me to provide the facts and I did. Fully aware of what happened, they communicated to the Penske Racing sponsors and they gained their

commitment to continue with my transition from Roush to them."

As for Miller, Busch said, "They have made it very clear that they expect me to demonstrate the behavior befitting of a champion. And, in this situation, I did not do that. The bottom line is I screwed up in how I handled it and I have learned from that."

Busch said he'll stay at his North Carolina home this weekend, rather than attend the season-ending Ford 400.

"The Bears are playing the Panthers. Those are my two favorite teams, so I'm going to watch them play some football and do what any other American would do on Sunday and take the day off," Busch said. "Then the race is in prime time and I'll catch that at end of the day. I'll be supporting my existing teammates as well as my future teammates."

AP writer Jacques Billeaud in Phoenix contributed to this story.

A glance at drivers in NASCAR's championship chase

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 10 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship, in order of points standings:

DRIVER: Tony Stewart
CAR: No. 14 Mobil 1 Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: First, 6,415
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Stewart finished fourth on Sunday in Phoenix to stretch his lead to 52 points over Johnson. Stewart can win his second NASCAR championship by finishing ninth or better during the finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

SPEAKING: "We're all going fishing," Stewart said of his team. "That's something we're all looking forward to doing together as a team, and that will get us straight into the weekend."

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson
CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet
CHASE POINTS: Second, 6,363
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Johnson was better than Stewart for most of Sunday's race, then faded at the end to finish seventh and lose more ground to him. He knows he'll need Stewart to falter at Homestead if Johnson has any shot of winning the title. Johnson has been good in the finale, with three top-10 finish-

es in his last three races there.

SPEAKING: "We'll go to Homestead and put in a hard day's work there and see what happens," Johnson said.

DRIVER: Carl Edwards
CAR: No. 99 Office Depot Ford
CHASE POINTS: Third, 6,328
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Edwards tried to win his third straight race, but had to settle for a sixth-place finish. Now he's 87 points out and needs bad luck from both Stewart and Edwards for any chance to win the title.

SPEAKING: "We have to go to Homestead with an aggressive mind-set. We can't go there and be conservative. We have to run very well to get this finished," Edwards said.

DRIVER: Greg Biffle
CAR: No. 16 National G/Subway Ford
CHASE POINTS: Fourth, 6,313
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Biffle did all he could in Phoenix, leading 189 laps before finishing second. He's the last driver still mathematically eligible to win the championship, but at 102 points out, realizes it's probably not going to happen this season.

SPEAKING: "We're certainly not in it any more. The reality is that next year we're going to go after it again," Biffle said.

DRIVER: Mark Martin
CAR: No. 6 Viagra Ford
CHASE POINTS: Fifth, 6,253
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Martin finished a sub-par 14th in Phoenix to fall out of title contention. He can make up positions in the standings with a strong run at Homestead, but that's all he has left to race for.

SPEAKING: "We have a good shot to finish inside the top five in points and we'll be going there this weekend with every intention of winning the race," Martin said.

DRIVER: Ryan Newman
CAR: No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge
CHASE POINTS: Sixth, 6,208
POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1

WHAT HAPPENED: Newman wrecked during an early practice session at Phoenix and had to go to a backup car. He still pulled out a 12th-place finish.

SPEAKING: "We're mathematically out of first place, but we can always be the first loser," Newman said.

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth
CAR: No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford
CHASE POINTS: Seventh, 6,187
POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1

WHAT HAPPENED: Kenseth lost a spot in the standings by finishing 32nd in Phoenix after mechanical problems dropped him two laps down. He can finish as high as third in the final standings.

SPEAKING: "We'd certainly like to finish this season on a high note, particularly because we had a problem last week and a disappointing finish," Kenseth said.

DRIVER: Rusty Wallace
CAR: No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge
CHASE POINTS: Eighth, 6,016
POSITION CHANGE: Plus 1

Scott James and the Oval Craft Fast Time Awards will go to Earl Pearson, Jr.

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WHAT HAPPENED: Wallace finished 29th in Phoenix, two laps down. He'll make the final start of his long, storied career on Sunday at Homestead, then drive off into retirement.

SPEAKING: "It's the last one, and I think some of the emotions is starting to set in a little right now. When I start that race and get out of that car around 7:30 at night it's going to be, 'OK, what's next?'" Wallace said.

DRIVER: Kurt Busch
CAR: No. 97 Irwin Ind./T/Sharpie Ford
CHASE POINTS: Ninth, 5,974
POSITION CHANGE: Minus 1

WHAT HAPPENED: Busch had a Friday night run-in with Phoenix police and was charged with reckless driving. It led car owner Jack Roush to suspend him for the final two races of the season, ending his Roush career because he's scheduled to drive for Roger Penske next season. But because of the Chase format, Busch won't finish lower than 10th in the standings.

SPEAKING: "We're officially retiring as Kurt Busch's apologists," Roush Racing president Geoff Smith said.

DRIVER: Jeremy Mayfield
CAR: No. 19 Dodge Dealers/UAW
CHASE POINTS: Tenth, 5,939
POSITION CHANGE: None

WHAT HAPPENED: Mayfield had another rough Chase race, finishing 24th. The good news is he'll pass the suspended Busch in the standings to avoid finishing 10th in the Chase for a second straight season.

SPEAKING: "It's time to go back to the drawing board, I think," Mayfield said.

ISC: Taxes from fans would pay for Washington track

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BREMERTON, Wash. — Private investment would cover about half the cost of a \$330 million NASCAR racetrack proposed for Kitsap County, a company official lobbying for the stadium said.

International Speedway Corp. of Daytona Beach, Fla., is proposing the track, which would seat 81,500. It would be publicly owned and leased to a corporate subsidiary.

The company has not made public a detailed proposal for the racetrack south of Bremerton. But the plan would include Speedway Corp. paying for nearby road improvements, said Sue Santa, the company's public and legal affairs director.

Santa also repeated the company's pledge that taxes generated by race fans could support much of the public portion of the project, the Kitsap Sun reported.

"There would be no new bur-

den on any local person or any local business," she told the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

A study by Seattle consultants Berk and Associates pegs the proposed track's value to Washington's economy at nearly \$140 million per year, assuming two major sold-out races and a smaller regional event.

The Berk study also said more than 60 percent of fans attending major races would come from other states.

The racetrack plan has earned criticism from state Treasurer Mike Murphy, who has said promoters are looking for a taxpayer handout.

ISC has an option to buy 950 acres for the track in unincorporated Kitsap County, near the Bremerton airport. The first races are projected for 2010.

The company is the largest owner and operator of racetracks in the country, with 12 facilities including Daytona International Speedway.

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Awards Banquet set for Dec. 1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2005 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Awards Banquet will be held during the 18th Annual PRI Show in Orlando, Fla., on Thursday night, Dec. 1. The celebration of the 2005 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series' first season will take place at the Wyndham Hotel and Resort located at 8001 International Drive in Orlando. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 8 p.m.

Earl Pearson, Jr. will be honored as the 2005 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Champion along with the rest of the top 10 drivers from the 2005 season, including Don O'Neal, Donnie Moran, Matt Miller, Scott James, Freddy Smith, Tim Dohm, Darren Miller, Brian Birkhofer and Brady Smith. Also, the top three in the Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year honors include 2005 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Rookie of the Year — Scott James along with Tim Dohm and Brady Smith.

Other special awards to be handed out include the 2005 Chassis Builders Challenge to Masterbilt Race Cars. The Weld Wheels Hard Charger Award will go to Don O'Neal, the VP Fuels Makin' Power Heat Race Award will go to



GAME OF THE WEEK: Bengals vs. Unbeaten II

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — A 9-0 team is coming to town. Chad Johnson has made a guarantee. Fans are revved about their moment in the national spotlight.

The parallels end there. The Colts are a much different team than the 9-0 Kansas City squad that showed up two years ago and got knocked off, as Johnson had flat-out guaranteed. And these Bengals (7-2) are much different, too, since that rousing win over the Chiefs.

"I can't remember it," coach Marvin Lewis insisted, refusing to dredge up the past. "I don't know where we were at that point."

Of course he does. The 24-19 victory put the Bengals back on the NFL map in Lewis' first season as head coach. Two years later, they're trying to take the final step in his rebuilding: making the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

About 100 miles down Interstate 74, the Colts have been working on a breakthrough season of their own. A 40-21 victory over New England two weeks ago got Indianapolis over its biggest hurdle from the last few years and marked the Colts as the team to beat.

This second act of Bengals versus Unbeaten has a whole

different feel.

"There's a lot more at stake, a lot more riding on it than when we played Kansas City," Bengals offensive tackle Levi Jones said.

The main plot is the same. Just like Kansas City, the Colts are trying to become the first team to go 10-0 since the 1998 Denver Broncos. In NFL history, only 16 teams have won their first 10 games.

"It's kind of snuck up on us," coach Tony Dungy said. "Nobody else outside of our building was concerned about it until we were coming up on the Patriots. It was, 'Hey, they've done OK, but we'll see what happens with the Patriots.' The streak didn't get a lot of attention early on."

The 1972 Miami Dolphins are the only team to go through a season unbeaten, so the odds are overwhelming that Indianapolis will lose one. The Colts have three road games left — at Cincinnati, Jacksonville and Seattle — so this one represents one of the best chances to keep those '72 Dolphins in a class by themselves.

"We have a great opportunity to stop that streak now," said

Johnson, who has guaranteed the Colts won't be able to cover him. "This game is going to do down in history, man. This is not a football game. This is a historical event getting ready to happen."

Fans two hours down Interstate 74 sense the same thing.

"The game is so close," quarterback Peyton Manning said. "I don't know how many tickets we're allowed, but I know Indy fans who got tickets, it's an easy travel for them. I know people all around are excited about this game."

There are a couple of subplots that could wind up as the lasting memories years from now.

With two catches, Marvin Harrison will reach 900 in his career faster than anyone in history. Jerry Rice reached the milestone in 168 games; this will be Harrison's 149th. Only five other receivers — Rice, Cris Carter, Tim Brown, Andre Reed and Art Monk — have caught 900 passes.

There's more. Harrison is tied with Don Maynard for second place with 50 career 100-yard games. A triple-digit game in Cincinnati would move him alone behind Rice, who had 76.

"He's a small receiver, but he creates ways to get open," said Johnson, who has watched him play in person. "He's just good. That speaks for itself."

The other subplot is the matchup of teachers and students.

Johnson and Carson Palmer hope to be as good as the Harrison-Manning tandem someday, and made a two-hour field trip to watch them play a Monday night game last season. They studied how they talked things over on the sideline and how they communicated with small gestures on the field.

Sitting near the end zone in seats that Johnson got through friend Edgerrin James, the two Bengals learned a lot.

"We had a chance to see how they develop such rapport and this timing and rhythm they have that's so unique to any other quarterback-receiver combo," Palmer said. "It's something that Chad and I have a chance to do."

"We know we're going to be with each other for a long time. Whatever records they've set, we're hopefully going to get a chance to beat and break. It was just a good chance for us to learn together and watch them."

Manning wasn't aware that he and Harrison were being watched

until he read about it later.

"I think that's pretty neat, to tell you the truth," Manning said. "First of all, I like my teammates to do anything together off the field. I'm not sure what they got out of watching the game, but I guarantee they got something productive out of the two-hour car drive. That can be a valuable experience in bonding and win a game for you down the road."

Just not this one, he hopes.

Demand soaring for Bengals-Colts tickets

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Fans are paying up to \$650 — 10 times face value in some instances — for tickets from brokers and online auctions to Sunday's sold-out game between Cincinnati and undefeated Indianapolis.

"It's the game," said Bengals fan Steve Bradford, 34, of suburban Cincinnati, who will be watching the game on TV. "The

Colts are the best team in the AFC. They're 9-0."

The much improved Bengals, a longtime doormat, are 7-2 this year and are tied with Pittsburgh for first place in the AFC North. The Colts are the last undefeated team in the NFL.

Regular ticket prices at the 65,535-capacity Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati range from \$49 to \$68.

Tickets.com, an online ticket site, says some fans have paid up to \$650 for seats. The price range is \$165 to \$773.

"We've already fielded 1,000 calls today," Travis Jackson, marketing director for Ticket Time in Cincinnati, said Monday. "It's the talk of the town right now."

Fans in Indianapolis also are paying top dollar for tickets.

Front Row Tickets in Indianapolis was down to two tickets Monday at \$240 each. Front Row officials said the company has been selling tickets to Colts and Bengals fans for \$200 to \$600 a ticket.

Ticket brokers say they also have received calls from across the country and from countries such as Australia, England and Germany.



Johnson guarantees big game against Colts

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Chad Johnson took his last bite of noodles, washed them down with a gulp of punch-flavored sports drink, then turned toward the semicircle of 23 reporters and photographers bracketing his locker.

Time for a guarantee about those unbeaten Colts.

"Hold on, I've got to get my game face on," the Bengals receiver said, wiping his hand across his face. "All right, come on."

He leaned forward on his four-legged wooden stool, his eyes focused on the camera lenses.

"For the guarantee, you've got to zoom in close, because I'm about to get myself in trouble," he said, hinting that coach Marvin Lewis wouldn't like what was coming next. "I guarantee — I'm serious — I guarantee that I will not be stopped on Sunday. For real."

"I won't be covered. I will do everything I can to make sure we win this game. That's my guarantee."

That's it? That's all?

Yep. Two years after his most famous guarantee, he wasn't about to issue another.

Johnson was roundly criticized two years ago when he flat-out guaranteed a win over 9-0 Kansas City. Angry veter-

ans lashed out at Johnson for drawing attention to himself, and Lewis was unhappy that he gave the Chiefs more motivation to stay unbeaten.

Johnson apologized to coach Dick Vermeil before the game, then had seven catches in a 24-19 victory that got him off the hook and out of the guarantee business. He hasn't promised another victory since then, and wasn't about to start with the 9-0 Colts coming to town.

"There's no need for me to guarantee a victory. No point," Johnson said. "We're 7-2. We are one of the best teams in the NFL right now. So there's no need for me to go out on a limb like that."

He'll let this game promote itself. Not that it needs any help.

The Colts are off to the best start in their history, and one more victory would make them the first team since the 1998 Broncos to start 10-0. The Bengals are trying to stay in first place in the AFC North and are closing in their first winning season since 1990.

In the past, it wouldn't have stopped Johnson from saying something outlandish. It's a sign he has matured since 2003, when he was so unpredictable that even Colts coach Tony Dungy had to talk him out of something.

Dungy coached the AFC's Pro Bowl team after the 2003 season, when the NFL was still

stewing over Janet Jackson's infamous halftime show at the Super Bowl. Justin Timberlake yanked off part of her top at the end of the show, embarrassing league officials.

Johnson devised a touchdown celebration for his first Pro Bowl appearance that was a takeoff on the halftime controversy, but Dungy got him to change his mind.

"I cut a hole in my jersey and stitched it back together," Johnson said Wednesday. "When I scored, I was going to pull it open. He talked me out of that one. He was right. I didn't want to tease the league like that."

Dungy was diplomatic Wednesday when talking about the receiver's antics.

"Chad is a great receiver and he's fun," Dungy said. "He makes the game fun. I'm glad Marvin has to coach him and I don't."

Johnson has evolved from guaranteeing wins to celebrating touchdowns this season, coming up with a new skit for each score. His most famous celebration — an end zone Riverdance — got notice around the league and inspired him to come up with something new for each opponent.

He's got something in mind for the Colts.

"My plan is Martha Stewart-like," Johnson said. "What it's



going to be exactly, I can't tell you. You'd have to watch. It's going to be fun, though. It will probably keep you on the edge of your seat."

The Colts couldn't care less.

"Whatever he has planned, I don't want to see it," cornerback Nick Harper said, laughing. "He can save it for next week."

"Hopefully at the end of the ball game, he'll be pretty quiet," defensive tackle Montae Reagar said.

Johnson praised the Colts' defense, giving it credit for their 9-0 start. He also suggested that the Colts' cornerbacks shouldn't take it personally when he guarantees that he won't be covered very well on Sunday.

"It's just impossible," Johnson said, with a straight face. "It's not who I'm playing. It can't be done, and I've come to that conclusion. If I had to stop myself, I probably wouldn't be able to do it, either."

AP Sports Writer Michael Marot in Indianapolis contributed to this story.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	4	0	.556	203	236
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	142	162
Miami	3	6	0	.333	162	174
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	121	200
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	0	0	1.000	260	115
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	180	142
Tennessee	2	7	0	.222	175	231
Houston	1	8	0	.111	124	247
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	223	145
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	210	134
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	135	170
Baltimore	2	7	0	.222	100	171
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	2	0	.778	232	169
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	252	192
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	199	197
Oakland	3	6	0	.333	202	216
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	202	157
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	254	167
Washington	5	4	0	.556	187	185
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	193	205
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	7	2	0	.778	250	166
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	217	176
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	176	156
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	142	242
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	156	107
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	154	228
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	160	173
Green Bay	2	7	0	.222	201	184
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	2	0	.778	245	162
St. Louis	4	5	0	.444	224	262
Arizona	2	7	0	.222	167	240
San Francisco	2	7	0	.222	126	263

Reds announce 2006 spring training schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Tickets for Cincinnati Reds 2006 exhibition games in Sarasota, Florida will go on sale Saturday, January 14 at the club's spring training complex and on-line at reds.com.

The spring training reporting dates for pitchers, catchers and position players will be

announced next month.

The Reds will play home games in Ed Smith Stadium during their ninth season in Sarasota. Beginning January 14, single-game tickets will be sold at the third base ticket window on the east side of the ballpark. Gift certificates for the holidays can be purchased now at the stadium's administration building beyond right field or

by calling 941/954-4464.

Also beginning Jan. 14, tickets can be purchased by phone at 877/647-7337. Mail orders, including a \$7 service charge per order, should be sent to 1090 N. Euclid Ave., Sarasota, FL, 34237. Tickets also can be purchased in person at Ed Smith Stadium, located at 12th Street and Tuttle Avenue, in Sarasota. For information regarding

spring training tickets or Ed Smith Stadium, call (941) 954-4464 or log on to reds.com.

Ticket prices for Reds 2006 spring training games remain the same as last year: \$14 for box seats, \$12 for reserved seats and \$7 for general admission. The Reds' 33-game Major League exhibition schedule opens March 2 and includes 16 games at Ed Smith Stadium.

CINCINNATI REDS' 2006 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

(Schedule & Times Always Subject To Change, SS - Split Squads)

Date	Opponent	Site	Game Time
March 1	INTRASQUAD GAME	SARASOTA	Noon
March 2	Detroit Tigers	Lakeland	1:05 p.m.
March 3	DETROIT TIGERS (SS)	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins (SS)	Ft. Myers	1:05 p.m.
March 4	New York Yankees	Tampa	1:05 p.m.
March 5	TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 6	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 7	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
March 8	PITTSBURGH PIRATES (SS)	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota Twins (SS)	Ft. Myers	1:05 p.m.
March 9	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradenton	1:05 p.m.
March 10	NEW YORK YANKEES	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 11	TORONTO BLUE JAYS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 12	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.
March 13	MINNESOTA TWINS	SARASOTA	7:05 p.m.
March 14	Boston Red Sox	Ft. Myers	1:05 p.m.
March 15	OFF DAY		
March 16	PITTSBURGH PIRATES	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 17	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
March 18	Pittsburgh Pirates (SS)	Bradenton	1:05 p.m.
	Atlanta Braves (SS)	Orlando	1:05 p.m.
March 19	PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 20	TORONTO BLUE JAYS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 21	CLEVELAND INDIANS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 22	Minnesota Twins	Ft. Myers	7:05 p.m.
March 23	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradenton	1:05 p.m.
March 24	Tampa Bay Devil Rays	St. Petersburg	1:05 p.m.
March 25	MINNESOTA TWINS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 26	Cleveland Indians	Winter Haven	1:05 p.m.
March 27	PITTSBURGH PIRATES	SARASOTA	7:05 p.m.
March 28	BOSTON RED SOX	SARASOTA	6:05 p.m.
March 29	TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
March 30	Boston Red Sox	Ft. Myers	1:05 p.m.
March 31	Cleveland Indians	Winter Haven	1:05 p.m.
April 1	CLEVELAND INDIANS	SARASOTA	1:05 p.m.
April 2	Workout at GABP	Cincinnati	TBA
April 3	Opening Day vs Chicago Cubs	Cincinnati	TBA

Sunday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

- Atlanta at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
- Denver at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 27
- St. Louis at Houston, 1 p.m.
- Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
- San Diego at Washington, 1 p.m.
- San Francisco at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
- Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
- Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
- New England at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
- Cleveland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
- Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
- Jacksonville at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
- N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.

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510- Comm. Prop

FOR LEASE: Commercial property, Prestonsburg, KY just off Mtn Parkway on RT 122, across from Mtn Arts Center 8-10 acres, all utilities. Call 606-349-6703.

530-Homes

FOR SALE: New 1320 sq ft house located on Haywood DR, Prestonsburg. 3 BR 2 BA hardwood floor and ceramic tile. You pick the carpet. Call 606-478-9993.

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550- Land/Lots

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FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 BA log home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. CH/A, low utility bills, large covered deck, large storage barn. Acres of privacy, \$1100/month or best offer. 850-222-2226.

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LEGALS

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.6 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 113.16 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximate-

ly 0.70 miles northeast from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428 and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark D. Pergem and Jesse L. Rudd, Tri-Star Development, Inc., E. L. and Bertha Cline, Jefferson Coal, John G. and Billie Goble, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, Timmy Ballard Plummer, Osie Foley, Charles Michael Harris, Rex

Reynolds, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Billy Yonts. The operation will use the area method of surface mining.

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

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