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### In brief

## Update alarms when time changes

As Kentuckians change their clocks to mark the end of daylight-saving time on Nov. 4, they also should remember to change the batteries in their home smoke alarms, says State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby.

"A smoke alarm battery typically lasts about a year," Raby said. "So an annual event such as the start of 'slow time' is a good reminder to make sure your smoke alarms are working properly."

"We can save lives in Kentucky if residents will make sure they have working smoke alarms," Raby said. "Unfortunately, too many people have alarms that don't work because of missing or dead batteries."

A smoke alarm emits a loud beep when it detects smoke from a fire. This warning can be a life saver, signaling to occupants that a fire is burning and giving them time to get out of a house or apartment.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that 890 lives could be saved nationally each year if all homes had working smoke alarms. An estimated 65 percent of home fire deaths in 2002-2004 resulted from fires in home with no working smoke alarm.

The NFPA offers these tips:

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# Voters would get final say on gambling

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky governor's race has at times mirrored a high-stakes poker game, as Gov. Ernie Fletcher and challenger Steve Beshear bet the house — or at least their campaigns — on whether the state should legalize casino gambling.

Fletcher, an ordained Baptist minister, opposes the idea while Beshear, the

son of a preacher, says that as governor he'll work to pass a constitutional amendment that would clear a path for casinos.

Regardless of who wins Nov. 6, Kentucky's constitution would have to be amended to set the stage for casinos. That's a process that the General Assembly — not the governor — must approve before voters would get their say.

Multiple pushes in the Kentucky

Legislature for legalized casinos have failed before.

Sen. David Boswell, an Owensboro Democrat, has pushed gambling legislation in the past. Its future passage or failure does not necessarily hinge on this governor's race, Boswell said. Some gambling opponents might vote for Beshear while some proponents may support Fletcher, Boswell said.

(See **GAMBLING**, page three)



## HONOR FOR A COACH



Friends and family members gathered around a sign that will be placed at the bridge in Martin, naming it the Denzil "Hoss" Halbert Memorial Bridge.

photo by Jennifer Lawson

# Martin bridge dedicated in honor of late coach

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — In order to recognize and remember an outstanding community leader and school employee, the state and city of Martin have named a bridge after Denzil "Hoss" Halbert.

As family and friends gathered at the bridge that connects Route 80 to Route 1428 in Martin, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Highway District 12 Chief Dan Hall, and family friend and former student

Darryl Luxmore each gave remarks and shared their memories of Halbert.

A lifelong resident of Martin, except for the time he spent in the military during World War II and attending college, Halbert was hired as a teacher and coach at Martin High School in 1947 and continued in those positions until Martin consolidated with other county high schools in 1973. He served a total of 38 years in the Floyd County school sys-

(See **BRIDGE**, page three)



Denzil "Hoss" Halbert

# Man get 12-year sentence for sexual abuse

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Unlawful transaction with a minor and sexual abuse resulted in a 12-year sentence for one man during circuit court Friday afternoon.

Robert Rushmore was sentenced on two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor each, for which he received 12 years jail time,

along with one count of sexual abuse that resulted in five years jail time. The sentences will run concurrent with each other, though he will be eligible for parole upon 85 percent completion.

Judge John David Caudill also ordered that a sample of blood be taken to determine HIV status and that the results be entered into a DNA database.

Rushmore received credit for 192 days served.

# Rehab plays role in three cases

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Having a bad attitude will make Circuit Court Judge John David Caudill determined to keep you in jail, as proved to William Shell, who had a revocation hearing Friday afternoon.

Violating probation by using methadone pills and refusing to go to an in-house rehab caused Caudill to impose a sentence of six years, but — unfortunately, according to Caudill — the sentences will run concurrently due to court laws.

"If I put you on the streets, you'll be right back

in here and probably facing at least 10 years," Caudill told Shell. "You're a drug addict, you've got a bad attitude, and are an extremely dangerous individual."

While Caudill did make note that Shell was willing to go to an outpatient rehabilitation program, he added that Shell would be a risk to not only himself but also to society.

"You've learned nothing since being in jail," said Caudill. "I'm determined to do whatever I can to keep you in prison for as long as I can."

(See **REHAB**, page three)

# Lincoln look-alike stops in Prestonsburg

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Though he may have died in 1865, Abraham Lincoln was alive and kicking as he visited Prestonsburg Friday.

Gerald Bestrom, of Michigan, is a Lincoln impersonator who had never lost a look-alike contest. Travling the world as a professional speaker in hopes of building character in children, Bestrom spends his time going to schools and resource centers to spread knowledge and inspiration from Lincoln's life.

Using a saw as a musical instrument, he often entertains groups of people just as he did at Billy Ray's Restaurant Friday night.

Giving out pennies, with "his" face on it, Bestrom encourages all to do just as the penny says and "Trust in God."

Bestrom travels in a one-of-a-kind 1970s RV, adorned with the name Abraham Lincoln and an "It's Abe" personalized license plate.

After meeting with groups of children in both Floyd and Pike counties, Bestrom will make his way to Florida to continue on his mission.



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"Abraham Lincoln," otherwise known as Gerald Bestrom, visited with those who passed by as he parked his one-of-a-kind RV in Prestonsburg Friday afternoon before traveling on to Billy Ray's Restaurant to perform.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Charles Earl "Chuck" Akers, 66, of French Lick, Indiana, a native of Dwale, died Thursday, October 18, at the University of Louisville Hospital, the result of an auto accident. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Akers. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 25, in the Springs Valley Jr.-Sr. High (Indiana) gymnasium, under the direction of T.L. Pinnick Mortuary.

■ Will Carroll, 60, of Martin, died Saturday, October 20, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Veronica Jean Hoover, 43, of Hueysville, died Monday, October 22, in the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. She is survived by her husband, Johnnie F. Hoover Jr. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Audrey Layne King, 76, of Harold, died Saturday, October 20, in the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lucille Catherine Engleman Nunnery, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, October 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 23, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Lois W. Foley Walters, 80, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a Betsy Layne native, died

Friday, October 19, at the Valley View Alzheimer's Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of Haller Funeral Home of Chillicothe.

■ Edmond Whitaker, 81, of Hueysville, died Friday, October 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Oma Hale Whitaker. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie Lee Wright, 41, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, October 22, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Lois Collins Wright. Funeral services were held Friday, October 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ James Earl Collins, 62, of Collins Highway, died Wednesday, October 24, at the Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tenn. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 27, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Larry Dale Fields, 36, of Belfry, died Sunday, October 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Michele "Mikki" Neal Fields. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 25, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan, W.Va.

■ Sammie Gillespie, 82, of Shelby Dry Fork, died Wednesday, October 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Viola Ratliff Gillespie. Funeral ser-

vices were held Saturday, October 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Burtis Artrip Jones, 91, of Rockhouse, died Sunday, October 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 26, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Maynard, 63, of Pikeville, died Thursday, October 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Burl Stevenson Osborne, 82, of Jonancy died Friday, October 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia H. Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 22, under the direction of the Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ruth Bevins Reid, 83, of North Palm Beach, Fla., a Pike County native, died Monday, October 8. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 11, under the direction of the Howard-Price Funeral Home of North Palm Beach.

■ Janice Sue Rose, 56, of Ransom, died Wednesday, October 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Richard Rose. Funeral services will be held Sunday, October 28, at 11:30 a.m., under direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Herbert Smallwood, 76, of Dorton died Thursday, October 18, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 21, under the direc-

tion of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Jimmie Vaughn Smith, 68, of Toler, died Friday, October 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Lowell "Triss" Tackett, 65 of Virgie, died Friday, October 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Tibbs, 80, of Pikeville, died Monday, October 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 25, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Willis Eugene Blair, 60, of Tutor Key, died Tuesday, October 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Ramey Blair. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 18, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Minnie Frances Salyer Blair, 87, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Hager Hill, died Thursday, October 4. Funeral services were held Monday, October 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Larry Allen Blevins, 57, of Oil Springs, died Friday, October 19, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 23, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Penny Pamela Holbrook, 46, of Grove City, Ohio, a

Johnson County native, died Saturday, October 20, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 23, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Steward Ross, 84, of Springfield, Ohio, a Flat Gap native, died Tuesday, October 16, at Community Hospital in Springfield. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Darleen Ferguson Ross. Funeral services were held Friday, October 19, under the direction of the Adkins Funeral Home of Enon, Ohio.

■ Charles Otis Webb, 67, of East Point, died Friday, October 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Earl J. Whitaker, 82, of Paintsville, died Friday, October 19, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 23, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Douglas Young Sr., of

Lowmansville, died Saturday, October 20, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, October 22, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Terry Don Brown, 57, of Beauty, died Sunday, October 21, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 24, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Pauline Castle, 81, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, October 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Friday, October 26, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Rev. Bobby J. Lyons, 67, of Springfield, Ohio, a Flat Gap native, died Saturday, October 13, at Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 16, under the direction of the Jones-Kennedy-Zechman Funeral Home of Springfield.

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# Boom in China's coal industry draws interest from U.S. investors

by **TIM HUBER**  
 AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — As China's appetite for coal is booming, American investors and businesses are cashing in.

American pension and mutual fund money is being invested in the Chinese coal industry, which is lucrative but has a poor record for pollution and worker safety.

Look no further than China Shenhua Energy Co., the Beijing giant that produces about 170 million tons of coal a year from 21 mines and builds power plants. While about 80 percent of the company's stock is owned by Shenhua Group in Beijing, the rest of its shareholders reads like a who's who of U.S. investors: Fidelity Investments, OppenheimerFunds, Merrill Lynch, even the Teachers Retirement System of Texas.

The performance of Shenhua's Hong Kong-listed shares explains why U.S. investors love Chinese coal. Shenhua gained almost 65 percent from July through September, while Peabody — a favorite of analysts who follow U.S. coal companies — lost more than 3 percent over the same period. Shenhua's initial public offering in Shanghai in September raised \$8.9 billion, a record for mainland China.

U.S. investment in the likes of Shenhua has gone largely unnoticed. Individual investors such as the retired Texas teachers probably don't know their money is going into Chinese coal stocks, says corporate government expert Nell Minow.

But while such companies might come with concerns, investors find poor returns equally upsetting, she adds.

"You're really on the horns of a dilemma," she says. "You can't afford not to be in China."

A spokesman for the Texas pension fund declined to comment.

Even environmental groups that have criticized the U.S. coal industry for practices such as mountaintop-removal mining have been largely silent on investing in Chinese

coal. The Rainforest Action Network, for instance, focused on the U.S. in its criticism of Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp.'s involvement with the coal industry.

"We've predominantly been looking at the recent boom in coal-fired power plants domestically," said Matt Leonard, a global finance campaigner for the group, who added that Chinese coal should be targeted as well. "We're working to get the banks out of all coal development."

Apart from investors, U.S. coal companies are also salivating over China because of the promise of things they haven't seen much of lately: Rising prices and the opportunity to increase exports.

Massey Energy Co. of Richmond, Va., and International Coal Group of Scott Depot, W.Va., recently told investors they plan to increase metallurgical coal production to take advantage of rising world demand caused by China's transition from a coal exporter to an importer this year. And St. Louis-based Peabody spent \$1.51 billion last year to buy its way back into Australia, a country it left several years ago, to export to China.

"In general, they're doing a very smart thing," said Mike Tian, an analyst with independent investment research company Morningstar. "That's where the money is."

Companies in Kentucky, the nation's third-ranked producer of coal, are also trying to figure out how they can capitalize on China's demand for coal, said Cathy Chao, a trade

specialist with the International Trade Division within the state Cabinet for Economic Development.

She said several Kentucky coal companies are preparing to go on a trade mission to China. "Most likely they will take a look at the market and see what opportunities there are," she said.

The most recent U.S. government data illustrates the lure of China clearly. Exports from the U.S. — the third-largest exporter of metallurgical coal in the world — were up 25 percent from 2002 through 2006, and an estimated 19 percent just through July.

"There will be opportunities for U.S. metallurgical coal companies to export more," said Jim Truman, who follows the coal industry for consulting firm Hill & Associates.

Iron ore pellet maker Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. recently jumped into the coal business, buying West Virginia and Alabama mine operator PinnOak Resources. Cleveland-Cliffs said the \$610 million purchase is squarely aimed at exporting metallurgical-grade coal. Peabody has gone a step further and opened a business development office in China.

The National Mining Association's Leslie Coleman said both companies are positioning themselves to be bigger players in the metallurgical coal businesses because of the demand coming from China and the rest of Asia. Metallurgical coal is used to make coke, a fuel.

Faced with increasing



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## Gambling

Still, voters should have a chance to weigh in on the matter, Boswell said.

"It's an insult to the intelligence of the voters to deny them that opportunity," Boswell said.

Kentucky already allows bingo and gambling on horse races. And, there's a statewide lottery that has sold more than \$740 million worth of tickets in each of the last two years.

But Beshear, a Democrat,

says the state can reap \$500 million or more per year from casino revenue, money that can be used for better education and health care. Fletcher, a Republican, calls the idea a "get-rich-quick scheme" that will only manifest in increased social problems such as divorce, prostitution and problem gambling.

A poll by The (Louisville) Courier-Journal taken in September, however, showed

78 percent of those polled favored putting a proposed constitutional amendment up for a vote. The poll also found 48 percent of those surveyed favored casinos while 42 percent opposed them and 11 percent were undecided.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, who has opposed past efforts to expand gambling, said he hasn't changed his mind.

Currently, Republicans con-

trol the state Senate 21-16-1, while Democrats lead the House 63-37. To get on the ballot, the House and Senate would each have to pass a proposed constitutional amendment by a three-fifths vote. It would then be on the ballot in the next general election, so the soonest it could go before voters is November 2008.

A constitutional amendment could include anywhere from very basic to precise language authorizing casino gambling. Beshear has said he wants the amendment to specify where the casinos would be located and how the money should be spent.

State Rep. Larry Clark, a Louisville Democrat who's also sponsored gambling legislation in the past, said a governor who favors the idea could put it over the top.

"If Steve Beshear wins the election and the majority of his theme is about pro-casinos, I think it's a big statement that the voters think that it's acceptable to put it on the ballot and consider it," Clark said.

But with his potential second term on the line, Fletcher hopes voters use the election as a referendum on gambling.

"If you want casino gambling, and that's the primary thing you believe is good for Kentucky, vote for Steve Beshear," Fletcher said during recent debate. "If you don't, and you want good jobs, good economic growth and the kind of values we've always had, then I ask for their vote."

To prove his point, Fletcher went on a "No Casinos Tour"

and filmed commercials in cities that already have casinos. His campaign has aired six different commercials on the matter. And a state GOP mailer used a photo illustration portraying Beshear as "Easy Money Steve" standing in a leisure suit at a gambling table, with a drink in hand.

Beshear has countered that Kentucky already allows certain forms of gambling, and says there is essentially no difference between wagering at a race track or at a casino. Kentuckians seeking entertainment already cross the border to visit casinos in neighboring states and legalizing it would allow state government to tap into that revenue stream, Beshear says.

Fletcher says casinos might bring revenues on the front end but take money from the economy elsewhere. Chip Polston, a spokesman for the Kentucky Lottery, said the agency has looked at how other state lotteries have been affected by new casino gambling. Sales have tended to either flatten out or decline after casinos enter the market, Polston said.

Kentucky's lottery had sales of \$744.2 million during the fiscal year that ended in July, and turned over \$196.4 million to state government for college scholarships and grant funds, Polston said. The previous year, Kentucky's lottery sales totaled about \$742.3 million, and the state's share was \$204.3 million, Polston said.

Laurie Rhodebeck, a University of Louisville politi-

cal science professor, said gambling has not seemed to catch on as a campaign issue among voters.

"Voters that the issue would appeal to, from Fletcher's position, are almost certainly already in his camp anyway," Rhodebeck said. "I don't think the issue of gambling was one that could help him pick up any undecided or swing voters."

David Hinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, said there are other matters for politicians to address. People in the religious community have likely already decided on gambling as an issue, Hinson said.

"Personally, I am more concerned how churches can help our Kentucky leaders shape the future by dealing with issues of poverty, health care, education and the environment," Hinson said.

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## Rehab

As Shell was escorted back to jail, he waved and told family members he loved them.

More than willing to enter into a rehabilitation program, however, was Rachel Tackett, who also had a revocation hearing Friday afternoon. After a public advocate appointed to her suggested that being in a treatment facility would be more beneficial to her than sitting in jail, Caudill agreed but said he knew nothing about the recommended facility.

According to the attorney, an in-house treatment facility that is secured 24 hours a day, had a bed available for Tackett immediately. While Caudill told Tackett that entering into the facility for the recommended six to eight months did not

guarantee being placed on probation, he was more than willing to investigate further into the facility and determine whether or not it would be approved.

Through sobs, Tackett repeatedly told Caudill how sorry she was for doing wrong in the first place.

"I just want you to get to the point where you can stand here, hold you're head up, and say, 'I screwed up and I'm over it,'" Caudill said.

Both Caudill and probation officers are looking to find out more information about the center before a judgment can be made.

Willing to go to a rehabilitation center but denied the option was Kenny Hamilton,

who had filed a motion to do so. However, after reviewing Hamilton's case, Caudill determined that past attempts at rehabilitation had failed.

According to Caudill, Hamilton had showed up at the last treatment center "high" and did not stay in compliance of the center. However, Hamilton said that he wasn't "high," but the drugs had just "stayed in his system during the 20-some days" he was jailed prior to going to the treatment center.

"I am not an idiot," said Caudill, who told Hamilton he needed to "get real." "No one stays high for 20 days without having something to do it with."

Hamilton's motion was denied.

## Bridge

tem, 13 in administrative positions.

As a basketball coach for the Purple Flash, Halbert averaged more than 20 wins a season for 25 seasons, with a career total of 528 wins. During his tenure, Martin captured five district championships and one regional crown.

As a baseball coach, his teams won more than 250 games, including two district championships.

Working for the community, Halbert organized the Martin Little League and Babe Ruth League. He taught Sunday School at Martin United Methodist Church, served a term as mayor and several as a city councilman.

As a commander of American Legion Post 283, he conducted military funerals and placed the American flag at the grave sites of every Floyd County veteran for decades. He was also a 50-year

Mason and member of Zebulon Lodge 273.

Among his honors, Halbert was appointed Kentucky's Ambassador of Good Will in 1966, was inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995, and the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches Court of Honor in 2005.

Halbert passed away at his home in October 1996 while watching the World Series.

## Fletcher still trails by double digits

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher continues to trail his Democratic challenger by double digits, according to poll results released Thursday evening.

Fletcher trails Lexington attorney Steve Beshear by 15 points, according to the Herald-Leader/Action News 36 Election Poll. A poll conducted by the two news organizations in September showed Fletcher trailing by 17 percent.

The telephone survey, conducted by Maryland-based Research 2000 between Oct. 22 and 24, had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent.

The results show that, Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general, would receive 55 percent of the vote compared to 40 percent for Fletcher. Five percent of the 600 likely voters surveyed said they are still undecided with less than two weeks until the Nov. 6 election.

Del Ali, president of Olney, Md.-based Research 2000

which conducted the poll, said with such a wide margin between the candidates, campaign cash to fund a final ad blitz becomes critical.

But the most recent campaign finance reports from early October showed that Beshear had nearly \$1.7 million left in his bank account after paying in advance for several weeks' worth of TV ads, while Fletcher's campaign had \$1.2 million on hand.

"This is over unless (Beshear) foolishly spends the money like no one else has and Fletcher spends the money strategically perfect," Ali said.

But a spokesman for Fletcher said the governor will close the gap.

"We believe that we'll see this race tighten as we move into November," said Fletcher spokesman Jason Keller. "The only poll that truly matters is the one take on Nov. 6, and the enthusiasm we're seeing across the commonwealth is going to translate into a victory on Election Day."

Beshear said his lead in the poll won't slow his campaign

efforts.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to make sure we turn the vote out and we're victorious," Beshear said.

Fletcher has faced a consistent 15- to 20-point deficit in various media polls throughout the race.

The governor has tried multiple strategies to cut into Beshear's lead, from hammering against allowing casinos in Kentucky — something Beshear favors — to running commercials criticizing Beshear's role in the liquidation of Kentucky Central Life Insurance Co.

But the latest poll shows that Fletcher's job rating has remained virtually unchanged from September, with 38 percent saying they approved and 59 percent expressing disapproval of the governor's performance, while 3 percent said they weren't sure.

Fletcher picked up one point in his approval rating from 37 percent last month. The percent of respondents who disapprove of his performance hasn't changed.

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## Alarms

■ Install one smoke alarm on each level of a house and outside every bedroom.

■ Test your devices, following manufacturer instructions.

■ Wipe the dust off your smoke alarms occasionally.

■ Never borrow a battery from a smoke alarm. You might forget to promptly replace it.

■ Replace the devices

every 10 years.

■ Consider installing smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries.

More tips for smoke alarms may be found at NFPA's Web site, <http://www.nfpa.org>.

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# expression

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

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## Shield law vital to protecting a free press

The Free Flow of Information Act that overwhelmingly passed the House last week isn't perfect, but it is likely the best shield law we'll get to protect the rights of journalists to do their jobs free of government interference.

Why is a federal shield law needed? Because the watchdog role assigned to the press by the Constitution is being undermined by the escalating practice in federal courts of demanding notes and the revelation of sources. Most states ... already have shield laws.

During the past year, more than two dozen reporters have been hauled into the federal courts and grilled about their confidential sources. Some have been fined, jailed or sentenced to home confinement; others still face prison sentences.

This harassment of journalists by federal prosecutors, if allowed to continue, will have a chilling effect on the ability of reporters to gather information vital to the public interest. Sources, fearful that under the threat of jail time a reporter will cough up their names, will be less likely to reveal details important in understanding the workings of government and other institutions. The House bill, passed by a 398-21 vote, strictly limits when a prosecutor can subpoena reporters regarding their confidential sources.

It is not an airtight shield. The law would make exceptions, including when there is evidence that disclosure of the identity of a source is necessary to protect national security. That should be enough to satisfy the Bush administration's fears that the law would protect the leakers of national secrets and avoid a threatened veto.

It also provides for suspending the shield if a reporter is a direct witness to a serious crime.

Our concern with shield laws in general is they risk getting the government involved in certifying who is and isn't a journalist. That's a particularly dicey enterprise today, with the emergence of informal Web logs devoted to news coverage and commentary. The House bill attempts to address this concern by defining who's covered as loosely as possible, extending the protection to anyone engaged in gathering and disseminating news.

We also worry that the provision suspending protections when a reporter is a witness to a crime will become a significant loophole. But on the whole, the House bill should put an end to attempts to keep public information secret by trampling the rights of the messenger.

Love the media or hate it, democracy can't exist without a free and unfettered press. The Senate, which is considering a weaker shield law, should embrace the stronger House version and send it to the president.

— The Detroit News



— Rich Lowry Column

### The Iran exception

When five American soldiers were killed at an Iraqi government building in Karbala in January, Democratic Sens. Chris Dodd and John Kerry erupted in outrage. They both knew one of the soldiers killed, a talented West Point grad. According to The Washington Post, his loss "radicalized Dodd, energized Kerry and girded the ever-more confrontational stance of Democrats in the Senate."

It turned out that Iran's Quds Force helped carry out the attack, providing training to the Shiite group responsible for it. So, the Iranians had effectively killed those Americans, but Dodd and Kerry have yet to become notably energized or radicalized about counteracting Iran's malign influence in Iraq.

Democrats angered at American casualties in Iraq can't summon more than pro forma denunciations of one of the main forces responsible for them. It's the Iran exception: Because our intelligence on Saddam Hussein's weapons was flawed and the Iraq War devilishly hard, Iran has practically carte blanche from half the American political spectrum to develop a nuclear weapon, kill Americans in Iraq, pledge to wipe a nearby country off the map, arm dangerous militants

throughout the region and take Westerners hostage.

These Iranian depredations usually evoke a steely Democratic resolve — to oppose whatever measures the Bush administration might be contemplating in response. Sen. Dodd, a Democratic candidate for president (if you hadn't noticed), wrote President Bush a letter recently complaining about "increasingly belligerent public statements by United States officials." What was this reckless saber rattling?

It's hard to know. Maybe they are supposed to let these acts of war pass unremarked? Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack has been saying that "we're working on the elements of a resolution" for further sanctions on Iran, pending "ongoing discussions."

Scary stuff, no? It's hardly the equivalent of "Death to America," which Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shouts at rallies in Iran.

Liberals like to say of the Bush administration's allegedly militaristic foreign policy that if the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. Likewise, if the only tool you have is dialogue, everyone looks like a reasonable interlocutor.

So it is that Columbia University could invite Iranian President Ahmadinejad to come speak on campus for, as President Lee Bollinger put it, "academic purposes." As if Ahmadinejad were merely a vehement participant in the graduate seminar "Jews and Arabs: Approaches Toward a Problem."

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, the Democratic Party's foreign-policy views curdled from the expansive vision of John F.

Kennedy to an inward-looking disposition tinged with paranoia about our own government. The Iraq War has had the same effect on Democrats, many of whom seem to consider the Bush administration a greater threat to peace than the mullahs in Iran.

Out in the real world, Iran is a deadly enemy of the United States. Diplomacy might change its behavior, but only if backed by serious sanctions, and perhaps the credible threat of force. That's the hard reality. The Iran exception cannot stand.

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The Rich Lowry column



— beyond the beltway

### Global warming gets lip service

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The best thing about Al Gore winning the Nobel Peace Prize is that it has driven the Right Wing Nut Farm, home of the Vast Right Wing Conspiracy, absolutely bonkers.

You thought they were whack-jobs before? Gore has sent them entirely over the edge. I don't listen to Right Wing radio myself — that stuff sounds ever so much better in the original German — but I'm told the Conservative Blather Machine is foaming at the dipstick over it.

I'm not sure why right-wingers hate Al Gore so much — maybe they can't forgive him for winning the 2000 election — but he sure rattles their cages.

Personally, I'm delighted he won and even more delighted that his crusade against global warming seems to be having some effect.

The nation, ever so slowly, like a giant grizzly rising from hibernation, is beginning to wake to the problem.

A telltale sign of the degree to which the issue has pierced the public consciousness is that even Republican presidential candidates have heard of it.

Sen. John McCain, for example, is saying things like "There's no doubt in my mind about the urgency of the issue of climate change."

And Rudy Giuliani says of the problem: "We need a project similar to putting a man on the Moon."

Leave it to Mike Huckabee to put a religious twist on the issue:

"Whether it's going to your home and tearing up your living room furniture of whether it's going to God's home and tearing up what He created...those of us who are believers would classify it as sinful behavior. It's evil. It's wrong."

But perhaps the most fascinating global warming message has been delivered by Fred Thompson, the stealth candidate:

"Some people think that our planet is suffering from a fever. Now scientists are telling us that Mars is experiencing its own planetary warming...Maybe Mars got its fever from Earth. If so, I guess Jupiter's got the same cold."

There you go. That statement pretty much explains Thompson's candidacy. He's running for president of Mars.

The candidates have suggested a variety of solutions to the prospect of our planet slowly becoming a tropical swamp. McCain is calling for higher fuel standards and capping emissions, Romney and Giuliani think that alternative fuels, nuclear power and hybrid vehicles are the answer. Huckabee wants to lower taxes. (Lowering taxes is the all-purpose elixir of Republican candidates; it cures all ills.)

These are all good proposals. They share a common trait with Democratic proposals, however. None of them would make much difference even if we implemented them, which we won't. It would be too inconvenient.

The problems of global warming are about to overwhelm us (and by

"about" I mean in the next 100 years) and we're just going to stand there and watch it come, like a herd of cows mesmerized by an approaching tornado.

The word missing in the discussion is conservation. Candidates, generally speaking, don't use it, except in a vague context.

That's because they're trying to fool people into voting for them and the American people are not interested in energy conservation, which they think of as some sort of

socialist plot.

Remember the oil embargo back when Jimmy Carter was president? Ol' Jimmah, he went on the TV and said we had to use less oil. He was wearing a sweater because he'd turned down the heat in the White House. The press, the public, his party, they laughed at him.

Conservation is not the American way. We are a people that likes it 78 degrees in our homes during the winter (when we're wearing wool) and 64 degrees in the summer (when we're in cotton). We don't care if the earth dries up and blows away, so long as we're in our SUVs when it happens. That's the way we are and, frankly, most other countries are too.

Still, I'm glad Al Gore won the prize. Anything that brings a snarl to Ann Coulter's lips is worth doing.

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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.*

It is exactly 3:56 p.m., as I start this. I should be through by 4 p.m., if I write only what is in mind as of this moment.

**"SOMEBODY" PEEKED**

Hanging on the wall in front of this desk is a memento left behind by Charles Goble, during a recent visit here from West Liberty. It's a folder-type thing, and the flap reads, "In case of fire, raise this flap."

Well, somebody raised the flap, and here's what the next word was: "Not now, stupid—just in case of fire."

**VITAL STATISTICS**

The Vital Statistics office of the State Health Department occasionally runs into items which are more interesting than cold statistics would be expected to be. For instance:

On death certificates of the last century, causes of death were on a few occasions listed as "to mean to live" and "shortness of breath."

("Heart failure" is a good, all-inclusive reason that surely was listed.)

And the folks in that office have found that there are some people who would like to appear for the record, older than they really are, since it sometimes pays. One person went so far as to scorch the pages of a Bible to make it look older, and thus scotch any question, as to the authenticity of the genealogical record in it.

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Somebody reported finding my lost temper when they drained Dewey Lake. Now they can start looking for my hopes for good fishing.

**ARE WE UNGRATEFUL?**

Has Floyd County lost its capacity for gratitude? Or is it, like the fellow Senator Barkley often told about, insisting that the Red Cross hasn't done anything for it "lately?"

Floyd Red Cross Chapter is behind with its rent, behind on the salary of its one paid worker...Floyd County had a quota of \$6,700 when the Red Cross fund drive was begun early this year. And the people of the county had contributed only \$2,200 of that amount as of this week.

This is the Red Cross which, after the flood of 1957, spent \$525,000 in Floyd County alone. It is the same organization which spent \$13,000 in this county, only last spring, when a smaller and less disastrous flood hit the county.

Must we have a disaster every six months to remind us that we have stood in need, and that that need has been met by the Red Cross?

Thanksgiving time is at hand. It's a good time. Maybe more of us

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Scary witches? Not so bad, we think!

**Halloween fun on the pumpkin farm**

Local couple treat area school children

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

It's that special time of year again - when tiny ghosts and goblins walk the streets in search of treats and light, frosty dews cover fields full of pumpkins.

Halloween fun is some of the best fun of the year and William and Tammy Barker, of Lowmansville, make sure that the children in Johnson County have their share of it. For the past four years, the Barkers, owners of Barker's Mobile Home, in Hager Hill, have treated kindergarten and first grade students from Johnson County schools to some frightful Halloween fun with some help from volunteer friends.

"It's just our way of giving back to the community," Tammy Barker said.

Among the fun available on the



The mood for some scary fun is set with a good ole round of spooky stories told around the campfire prior to hopping up on the wagon atop a hay bale for an exciting ride around the farm.

Barker's Barkwood Farm is a haunted hay ride along a wooded section of the property featuring ghouls hanging from trees and witches hidden among the bushes stirring up some Halloween trouble. The highlight of the ride is a visit from the Headless Horseman himself as he comes riding down from the hills atop a midnight black steed!

And if that isn't enough to elicit squeals of delight, each child

visiting Barkwood Farm is allowed to choose their very own pumpkin from among a large patch to take home for painting, or carving, their own jack-o-lantern for display. Each child is also given a treat bag filled with candy, coloring books and other fun items, as well as being treated to a barbecued lunch of hot dogs fresh off the grill.

"The entire thing is awesome. It's hard to believe unless you've seen it," said Jamie Vanhose, whose son, Blake, was among the lucky children to experience the seasonal fun this year.

The Barkers, who fund the entire project on their own, hope to continue the tradition for several years to come. "We wish every child in every county could come visit us," said Tammy Barker, "but we work full-time and have to schedule times that we can manage to do it. But we just have a lot of fun with it when we can, as a matter of fact, I'd say we actually have more fun than the kids do!"

Those who volunteered to make this year's haunted hayride a success were Robin and Jeff O'Bryan, Melissa Whitaker, Carol Castle, Joe Skaggs, Vickie Crowe and George Auxier.

Visits to Barkwood Farms are scheduled through Johnson County schools.



Excited shrieks of fright burst forth from young and old alike when the Headless Horseman appears near the end of the ride.

**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'The Monster Squad'**

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

This year the Lagoon salutes Halloween by offering this late-1980s effort that was aimed at adolescents and reunites the Universal monsters (Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, the Wolf man, the Mummy and everyone's favorite gill man from the chony lagoon) and pits them against a band of misfit youngsters who have been ostracized by their peers for embracing creature features.

The film opens in typical monster movie style, with a sequence depicting rioting villagers descending on Dracula's castle. They burst into the castle and immediately take down a vampire bride with a well placed crossbow bolt before summoning a magic vortex which sucks them all into another dimension.

The film then cuts to 100 years later where two eighth-graders (Sean and Patrick) are being grilled by their principal for drawing pictures of monsters when they should have been paying attention in science class. Turns out they are the charter members of a monster club that gets together to talk about fright flicks.

We also meet Horace, another member, as he is jumped by two bullies whose lame insults don't progress past "hey, fat kid." Horace is rescued by high schooler Rudy, who happily joins their group when he realizes he can spy on Patrick's gorgeous teenage sister from the clubhouse's window.

Meanwhile, Dracula is back and hijacks a plane carrying the remains of Frankenstein's monster. He and the crate make a crash landing into a lake.

Turns out that Dracula is in search of an amulet, glimpsed in the opening scene, that can grant him dominion over the free world and it's a powerful temptation that has spurred him into gathering other monsters so that nothing can get in his way. What he doesn't know is that Sean has gotten his hands on Dr. Otto Van Helsing's diary (you gotta love yard sales) and, with the aid of a Hessian neighbor, christened "scary German guy" by the neighborhood children, has translated the tome and learned of Dracula's plans.

Sean soon realizes that strange events confronting his detective dad (which include the theft of a mummy and a police brawl with a man who professes to be a werewolf) make the diary an all-to-real prophecy that can't be ignored. He lines up the Monster Club and they rechristen themselves as the Monster Squad and proceed to get ready for a showdown with the Prince of Darkness.

Dracula, though, is no slouch and becomes aware of their efforts. He dispatches the Frankenstein monster to their clubhouse, but things go awry when the monster turns out to have a

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**Recollection of a gravel-clutcher**

by AUSTIN GODRICH

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHRISTIAN SOUL"

I don't think much about World War II now, even though it's been more than 60 years since it ended. I'm just comforted to know I had some wee small part in its outcome.

Sometimes events of the past are either reduced to insignificance by people born after them or enlarged beyond recognition by nostalgic reminiscences. Still, every once in a while, I can hear again that cry in the woods high on a ridge overlooking

the town of Hitchenback in the Ruhr Valley.

Our unit had marched all day and was looking forward to some rest when the order came down: We would soon take part in our first large-scale night attack. We were to wait in the woods above the village while our artillery and air support dropped high explosives on the targeted town. Then we were to attack and take over the town.

Toward evening, we took our places. At first, the whining sound of shells passing overhead was largely ignored. But gradually the shells

came closer to the tops of the pine trees where we waited, until there was only a split second between the whining sound and the explosion.

Then there was no interval at all, and we were under the worst kind of friendly fire: huge shell bursts that spewed down jagged shreds of steel in sweeping arcs of destruction. Nobody was standing or sitting now — it was time to dig a hole in the ground and hide. At the base of a large tree, I pawed at the ground, sending pine needles flying. The explosions overhead got so intense that individual bursts merged into an carsplitting roll

of deadly thunder. And I prayed: Oh, God, please, please make 'em stop. Please God ...

Then, very suddenly, there was a terrible silence. It was over, but no one spoke, and bodies rose up like ghosts from a graveyard. Finally, calls were heard from different parts of the hillside: Medic, over here! Hurry! Help, Medic!

It was then that I heard, through the scattered calls for help, the one cry that has remained with me all

these years. The voice was that of PFC Marks, a rifleman in the 3rd Platoon. Like many of us in the

86th, Walter Marks had been slated to go to college when the war interrupted. I remember him as a smiling person with the impish look of a boy always on the verge of pulling off a great practical joke.

His voice traveled through the woods with a special resonance that overrode the cries for help and sounds of battle.

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# Is the earth losing its polarity?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a question for either car mechanics or geophysicists — you decide. I often want to know in what direction I'm driving (plus I like gadgets). So I'll buy these stick-on-the-dash compasses. They seem OK when outside the vehicle, but when mounted inside and in use, they give directions, at times, that I know are false. My questions: Do cars have a magnetic field of their own that interferes with the readings, or are the compasses simply too cheap; or is Earth losing its polarity, or are you not the right people to ask this? Thanks. — Paul

TOM: All of the above, Paul.

RAY: I think scientists have discovered that magnetic north is actually migrating. And they predict that in about 50,000 years, Earth's poles are going to switch, so the north pole will be at the south pole. But I don't think your car will still be around then, Paul.

TOM: The biggest source of electromagnetism in your car is your alternator, which is, essentially, a big electromagnet. But I would think that if it was throwing off your compass, it would throw it off all the time. You

say "at times" you know the reading is false. Maybe that means at other times it's also false, but you just don't know it.

RAY: Or it could be that as the output of the alternator increases with the speed of the engine, the magnetic interference increases.

TOM: And, of course, any time a current is going through any wire, you're making magnetism. And there are lots of wires running behind and under the dashboard. So those could be throwing off your cheap little compass. But I'd say it's even more likely to be affected by things outside the car, like overhead power lines.

RAY: So our answers are: Yes, there are sources of magnetism in the car, yes, you're buying cheap compasses, and yes, we are not the right people to ask. If any of our readers have a better answer, drop us a note (you can e-mail us from cartalk.com).

## Father-in-law knows best

Dear Tom and Ray:

I suppose it goes without saying that any father-in-law seems crazy to the son-in-law, and, perhaps more emphatically, the son-in-law seems crazy to the father-in-law (What? This thing hoodwinked my daughter, etc.?) But let me present a specific

case that might tend to push the balance in my favor (I'm the son-in-law). To cut to the chase: My father-in-law turns off his truck at every stop. Why? My wife tells me that he insists that he is saving gas. Let me further underline the peculiarity of this behavior. We live in Las Cruces, N.M., a town not associated with traffic congestion. You are not likely to sit idling for more than 5 minutes anywhere at anytime probably 95 percent of the time. My question: Is this loony or what? Also, can you give me some scientific explication on the subject, i.e., what's the effect on miles per gallon; effect on the car; is this an inheritable personality defect? — Matt

TOM: Matt, this is obviously your first marriage. Because by the second or third marriage (take my word for this, Matt), every man learns that you should never try to get between your wife and her sainted father. That can only lead to trouble.

RAY: Particularly when you happen to have your head up your keister, like YOU do in this case, Matt.

TOM: Your father-in-law is doing a good thing for the planet. Idling is a complete waste of fuel. It increases our dependence on foreign oil, pollutes the atmosphere and puts wear

and tear on your engine. Not to mention the squeeze it puts on your bank account.

RAY: So turning off the engine when you're going to be sitting for more than a minute or two is a great thing to do. Most hybrid vehicles do this automatically now. When you come to a stop, the engine shuts down, and the moment you touch the gas pedal again, it instantaneously starts up, so quickly that you don't even notice.

TOM: And at least one energy expert we know suggested that if ALL vehicles shut down automatically at idle, we could cut our fuel consumption by 10 percent. Or about 40 MILLION gallons a day! Still sound loony to you?

RAY: Some people are worried about turning off their air conditioner in the summer, or their heater in the winter. But if you leave the fan blower running, there's enough residual hot or cool air to keep the car at a

comfortable temperature while you sit there. Even in five minutes — which is much longer than the average person usually idles — the temperature inside the cabin won't change more than a few degrees.

TOM: So here's your to-do list, Matt. First, start shutting off your engine when you're idling — especially if your wife's in the car. Next, tell your wife that you feel lucky to have married into such a smart family. After that, buy your father-in-law a nice bottle of single malt, sit down with

him over a ball game, and ask him if he has any other tips for you.

RAY: And finally, whatever those tips are, don't write a letter in the newspaper calling them loony. Got it, Matt? Good luck.

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



## Odds & Ends

■ **BEREA, Ohio** — As well-wishing zombies and witches looked on, a couple got married at the haunted house where they work.

Tina Milhoane, 22, and Robert Seifer III, 24, exchanged vows Wednesday at the entrance to the 7 Floors of Hell haunted house's outdoor cemetery.

The groom made his entrance in a hearse, emerging from a coffin borne by six pallbearers.

"It's weird watching your son get out of a coffin," said his father, Robert Seifer II. "Usually when you see someone in a coffin, they're going the other way — in, not out."

The minister, clad as the Grim Reaper, read The Lord's Prayer from a scroll clutched in bony-gloved hand.

"This is the sweetest wedding that I've ever been to," said co-worker Tim Perrien, his face caked in makeup. His date, Jessica Repas, was dripping with blood as the lead character in the horror movie "Carrie."

"It was morbid," gushed friend Katie O'Malley. "Beautiful."

■ **MURFREESBORO, Ark.** — A man visiting a diamond park with his fiancée found a 3.92-carat white stone, but it's not going to go onto the finger of his betrothed.

That's because she already has a ring — albeit only 1 carat — with a setting.

Eric Blake, 32, of Appleton, Wis., spotted the stone Tuesday along a trail at Crater of Diamonds State Park when he set down a bucket of mud he was carrying to a wash basin.

"I put the bucket down to switch hands. I looked down and there it was," Blake said.

The stone is big enough to fashion into jewelry, but Blake said Tuesday that he hadn't decided whether to have it placed into a setting.

His fiancée, Susan Gabrielson — who has "only one carat on her finger" — accompanied Blake to the park this week.

Crater of Diamonds is the world's only diamond-producing site open to the public, and visitors can keep the stones they dig up.

The largest diamond ever found in the United States, a 40-carat white stone named Uncle Sam, was unearthed there in 1924.

■ **MANSFIELD, Ohio** — Karen and Mark Cline were teenagers when they got married and didn't have \$150 to pay a photographer for their wedding photos.

But now they've got the pictures, just in time for their 27th anniversary on Thursday.

Their photographer located Karen Cline last week at the diner where she works and surprised her with a photo album.

"About a month ago, I was just cleaning out some of my

old things and I found it," said photographer Jim Wagner, who's now 80. "I knew she didn't have any money back then, and I just thought she might like to have it."

It was too much for Karen Cline.

"I just stood there and cried and cried and hugged him," she said, tearing up again as she described their meeting.

Wagner said that in 1980, Mark Cline paid him \$50 to photograph the wedding. He showed the couple the proofs, but they never ordered any developed photos, which he said happens occasionally in his business. He said Karen Cline explained they had just bought a house and had other expenses more important than the photos.

Karen Cline said she was 18, and felt heartsick because she and her 19-year-old husband couldn't afford to pay Wagner. Instead, all they have had was a single photo that someone else took, of her walking down the aisle.

Wagner said he was able to track down Karen Cline after running into her stepfather a few weeks ago. He said she immediately wrote him a check for \$150.

■ **SPRING HILL, Kan.** — A police officer made a traffic stop Thursday and ended up delivering the baby for the new parents who were speeding to the hospital.

Spring Hill Officer Andrew Peterson pulled over the cou-

ple on U.S. 169 in eastern Kansas, police said. The father, David Grate, got of the car and told Peterson that his wife was giving birth.

The officer then helped the new mother, Charlotte, with the birth of the baby boy, Matthew.

Peterson wrapped the newborn in his jacket until paramedics from the South Johnson County Fire Department arrived to take the family to a nearby hospital.

■ **MUNCIE, Ind.** — A noisy parrot that likes to imitate sounds helped save a man

and his son from a house fire by mocking a smoke alarm, the bird's owner says.

Shannon Conwell, 33, said he and his 9-year-old son fell asleep on the couch while watching a movie. They awoke about 3 a.m. Friday to find their home on fire after hearing the family's Amazon parrot, Peanut, imitating a fire alarm.

"He was really screaming his head off," Conwell said.

The smoke alarm had activated, but it was the bird's call that caught Conwell's attention.

"I grabbed my son and my

bird, and got out of the house," he said.

The fire destroyed the home's dining room, kitchen and bedroom. Muncie fire officials said. It remains under investigation.

Conwell said the fact that he and his son fell asleep on the couch helped save them. They may not have heard the alarm or the bird if they were asleep in their bedrooms.

Conwell said he runs an air conditioner and a breathing machine in his bedroom and they drown out a lot of noise around the house.

## Lagoon

soft spot for kids. He joins their group and leads them back to Dracula's house for a brief battle that sees Frankenstein's monster taken down by a well placed stick of dynamite. The club, however, manages to escape with the amulet thanks to a well seasoned slice of pizza that paralyzes Dracula with its ample seasoning of garlic.

The stage is now set for a final battle as the kids race to train a virgin to recite the vortex spell from Helsing's diary. The catch is that the spell must be read in German and Patrick's sister proves to be not up to the task, as well as more sexually active than she has let on.

It all comes down to the wire as the monsters stage an all-out attack on the town and the only thing that stands between Dracula and world domination is a 7-year-old girl (who can barely read) and five kids armed with monster weapons they fashioned in shop class. It's a grand finale that includes several moments of grisly violence that totally push the PG-13 rating to the limit.

This one is worth watching, but you best watch it by your-

self to determine if your children can handle it. Besides the aforementioned violence (which includes a monster being blown into seven separate parts), there is also plenty of colorful language, with most of it being used by the squad themselves. If you're running a politically correct household, then you definitely should preview this for yourself as there are several incidents of name calling which might require a frank discussion of certain sexual practices before watching the film.

That said, this is a fun movie and it actually appears to have been aimed at an adolescent audience, which justifies the rating, though most PG-13 movies today deal with subjects that are more appropriate for R-rated movies.

The film was the second effort by writer/director Fred Dekker, who also demonstrated a love of monster movies with his first film, "Night of the Creeps." Here Dekker gets a higher budget and he wisely spends it on the monster make-up, which is professionally rendered by Stan Winston ("The Fly"). The monsters all look great with the gill man coming

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off best. The performers (mostly unknown) are just fine in their roles. The children avoid cutesy mannerisms despite the wild material and the adults include seasoned veterans such as Stephen Macht and Stan Shaw.

The best performer here, though, is Tom Noonan as the Frankenstein monster. Noonan had won raves before this film for his fearless portrayal of a serial killer called "The Tooth Fairy" in Michael Mann's "Manhunter" (which also introduced audiences to Hannibal Lecter). Noonan dials it down here and manages to make the character sympathetic despite sporting some gruesome make-up.

This one finally made its debut on DVD in July and had previously only been available via cable television. Unfortunately "Creeps" has yet to land a home video release, but here's hoping that the success of this DVD warrants Dekker another stab at directing.

Best line: "The creature stole my Twinkie."  
1987, rated PG-13.

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Nation's first baby boomer files for Social Security retirement benefits — online

by MICHAEL ASTRUE  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
COMMISSIONER, BALTIMORE, MD.

At an event hosted by Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, the nation's first Baby Boomer, Kathleen Casey-Kirschling, filed for her Social Security retirement benefits online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Ms. Casey-Kirschling, who was born one second after midnight on January 1, 1946, will be eligible for benefits beginning January 2008.

"I know how important Social Security benefits are to Americans of all walks of life," Commissioner Astrue said. "Today, Kathy has reached a personal milestone — she has made the transition from the workforce to retirement. I could not be more pleased that she has chosen to make this transition by filing for her benefits online." To find out what Social Security services are available online go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices).

As the nation's first Baby

Boomer, Ms. Casey-Kirschling is leading what is often referred to as America's silver tsunami. Over the next two decades, nearly 80 million Americans will become eligible for Social Security benefits, more than 10,000 per day. To prepare for this wave of new filers, Social Security has developed a wide range of online services.

"Filing for Social Security benefits online is easy and convenient," said Ms. Casey-Kirschling. "I urge my fellow Baby Boomers to give Social Security's online services a try. Save a trip and do business with Social Security from the comfort of your home or office."

Social Security's online services are convenient and secure. In The Federal American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Scorecard, Social Security's online benefit application has the highest score among all federal websites followed closely by Social Security's application for extra help with Medicare drug costs. ACSI

notes "Their respective scores of 88 and 87 put them in the elite company of online private sector satisfaction leaders like Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble."

"Social Security provides economic protection to millions of Americans and their families," Commissioner Astrue said. "And we remain committed to providing the public with the highest quality service possible. Boomers have always been a generation of trendsetters. Kathy is leading the way by doing business with Social Security online." For more information about benefits and services call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

## Soup

One word, spoken once. "Mother!"

Curious, I thought. The voice lacked the unmistakable sound of pain, nor did it hold any hint of desperation or even sorrow. It was more like a greeting.

When we were finally marching down to take the town, I chanced to see our company medic.

"Did you see Marks back there?"

"Yeah."

"Wounded?"

"No, killed."

"But I heard him call out."

"So did I, but I don't know how."

And on we went to do our duty.

If I had known Marks better, I thought, I would try to

find his mother when this was over and tell her she was the last thing in her son's heart when he died. But I hadn't even known his first name, and as often happened, I was unable to continue to deal with death consciously — I blocked out the details in all but my worst nightmares.

Some of our old Company K buddies recently got together to celebrate the golden anniversary of our survival. One of them had been a close friend of Marks'. I asked him about our fallen friend's last moments and if he'd heard that call. He had.

"He must have seen his mother in his mind's eye and called out to her," I suggested.

"You know, I've often wondered about that," the friend

replied, "because Walter never knew his mother. He had never even seen her."

"How's that?"

"She died in childbirth when she brought him into this world."

## Allen

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will remember this friend who has stood by Floyd County in dark days. Count among your blessings, the blessing of being willing to give, rather than always demanding to receive.

It is exactly 4:21 p.m. Maybe I should have stopped when the clock struck 4.



## Schedule set for Fast Lane Tipoff Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — The schedule has been released for this year's Fast Lane Tipoff Classic. Held annually at Sheldon Clark High School, the Fast Lane Tipoff Classic includes some of the state's top high school basketball players and teams. The latest Fast Lane Tipoff Classic will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24 and include both the boys' and girls' basketball state champions. Only one girls' game is slated for this year's Fast Lane Tipoff Classic.

The first game of the 2007 Fast Lane Tipoff Classic at noon will pit Magoffin County against Tug Valley, W.Va. Magoffin County is the defending 57th

District champion.

In a battle between two Lexington rivals, Lexington Catholic will square off against Bryan Station in the second game at 1:30 p.m.

Game three at 3 p.m. has defending state champion Scott County and 15th Region contender Paintsville set to meet in a preseason exhibition. Paintsville claimed the 1996 state championship.

In the lone girls' basketball game of the panorama, defending state champion Lexington Christian will face the co-host Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals in game four at 4:30 p.m.

The Sheldon Clark Cardinals will meet Rose Hill Christian Academy at 6 p.m. in the fifth game of the day.

Rose Hill features sophomore

Dakotah Euton, who has committed to play college basketball at the University of Kentucky.

In the sixth and final game, scheduled to tip off at 7:30 p.m., Mason County is pitted against Randy McCoy-coached University Heights. UK-bound Darius Miller leads the way for state title contender Mason County. Scott Hopson, a standout player who has committed to Mississippi State University, but continues to receive attention from several other schools, including UK, powers University Heights.

Tickets for the Fast Lane Tipoff Classic are priced at \$6 and will be sold at all Martin County schools and Fast Lane stores.



photo by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS were honored Friday night when the Blackcats hosted Shelby Valley in the Operation Unite Bowl. The game was a district matchup.

## Media tabs UT as SEC men's hoops preseason favorite

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Birmingham, Ala. — Tennessee was predicted to win its ninth Southeastern Conference men's basketball championship in a voting of a select panel of both SEC and national media members. Each SEC school selected two media members that cover their team and six additional writers from across the nation were selected by the conference office to form the 30-member voting panel.

The Volunteers are coming off a Sweet 16 appearance in the 2007 NCAA Tournament and a 24-win season. They earned 28 first-place votes, topping Mississippi State which earned two votes as SEC Champion. Tennessee returns eight letterwinners and four starters, including Wayne Chism, Chris Lofton, JaJuan Smith and Ramar Smith.

Tennessee was a unanimous selection to win the East with 180 total points (30 first-place votes), ahead of second-place Kentucky's 142 points. Kentucky returns nine letterwinners and three starters from last year's 22-win team for new coach Billy Gillispie. Florida, Vanderbilt, Georgia and South Carolina round out the top six.

In the West, Arkansas was first with 168 total points (18 first-place votes) compared to Mississippi State's 148 points (10 first-place votes). Alabama and Auburn each received a first-place vote. Arkansas returns all five starters from last year's squad for new coach John Pelphrey. The Razorbacks were the runner-up in the 2007 SEC Tournament and earned an NCAA Tournament berth. Mississippi State returns seven letterwinners and two starters from 2007. Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Ole Miss round out the top six in the West.

Tennessee senior guard Chris Lofton was the overwhelming choice of the media for SEC Men's Basketball Player of the Year with 27 votes, followed by two votes for Mississippi State junior guard/forward Jamont Gordon. Tennessee sophomore forward Tyler Smith also garnered one vote. Joining Lofton and Gordon on the All-SEC First Team were Alabama junior forward Richard Hendrix, Arkansas sophomore guard Patrick Beverley and Vanderbilt senior guard/forward Shan Foster.

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photos by Jamie Howell

Host Prestonsburg celebrated a hard-fought win over district foe Shelby Valley. The Blackcats will conclude the regular-season on the road next week versus Perry County Central.

## Blackcats beat Valley, claim district's top spot

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After losing senior quarterback Bobby Hughes for the season with a knee injury, the Prestonsburg Blackcat offense figured to need time to adjust to sophomore quarterback Michael Burchett. On a night when the offense produced only 14 points, it was the defense that came up big shutting out a potent Shelby Valley offense in a 14-0 win for the Blackcats Friday. Prestonsburg came into the Operation Unite Bowl game looking to keep the ball on the ground, but it was a 16 yard touchdown pass on Burchett's first aerial attempt that got the Blackcats on the scoreboard. Junior Austin Gearheart was on the receiving end of Burchett's pass as Prestonsburg took a 7-0 lead with 2:40 remaining in the first quarter.

Both teams exchanged defensive stops throughout the remainder of the first half as Prestonsburg took a 7-0 lead into halftime. Shelby Valley was held to only 68 yards of offense in the first half.

Prestonsburg seemed to be in position to take control of the game midway through the third quarter, but once again the Shelby Valley defense came up with a stop with Prestonsburg inside the 20. The third quarter ended with Prestonsburg owning a 7-0 lead.

The first play of the fourth quarter turned out to be the play of the game for the Blackcat defense. Shelby Valley fumbled away the football at its own 25 yard-line,

setting up the Blackcats. It took only four plays for Craynon to find the endzone. The second Prestonsburg touchdown came on a 6-yard run from Craynon. The Craynon touchdown carry to gave the Blackcats a 14-0 lead with 10:59 remaining in the game. Shelby Valley was led in rushing by Jonah Justice. After not turning the ball over in the first half, Shelby Valley turned the football over twice in the second half.

Prestonsburg got inside the Shelby Valley 5-yard line late in the game, but the Wildcat defense would hold on downs. The Blackcat defense would not allow Shelby Valley inside the Blackcat 20 on the night. After stopping Prestonsburg with less than 2:00 remaining, Shelby Valley got one final shot. The clock, however, ran out on the Wildcats and Prestonsburg picked up the all-important district victory. Prestonsburg improved to 7-2 on the season and 3-0 in district play. Shelby Valley fell to 5-4 and 2-1 in district play.

The inaugural Operation Unite Bowl championship trophy went to the Blackcats. Players of the game on offense for Prestonsburg were Allen Craynon and Matt Blevins. Defensive players of the game for the Blackcats were Seth Setser and Austin Gearheart.

With the win, Prestonsburg wrapped up homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

Prestonsburg will close out the regular-season on the road this Friday as it travels to Perry County Central.

### H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Allen Cent. 39, Knott Co. Central 36  
 Belfry 42, East Carter 7  
 Bell County 48, Leslie County 0  
 Breathitt Co. 52, Lawrence Co. 7  
 Estill Co 35, Magoffin Co. 22  
 Fairview 49, West Carter 18  
 Letcher Co. Cent. 40, Bourbon Co. 12  
 Mason Co. 28, Fleming Co. 14  
 Mercer Co. 14, Rockcastle Co. 6  
 Perry County Central 41, Harlan 19  
 Pulaski County 27, Knox Central 6  
 Russell 35, Raceland 14  
 Williamsburg 34, Evarts 28 (OT)



ALLEN CRAYNON

## PC volleyball team continues on successful streak

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Coach Robert Staggs' Pikeville College volleyball team sewed up at least fourth place in the Mid-South Conference tournament by knocking off the University of the Cumberlands 3-0 in a match much closer than that score indicates.

Pikeville (18-13 on the season, 4-5 in the Mid-South Conference) won the match by scores of 32-30, 30-28, 30-22 to sweep the season series with the Patriots. The Lady Bears have won 11 of their last 14 matches and have won three in a row for the fourth time this season.

Two Lady Bears reached double figures in kills in the win. Senior Sarah Layne had 12 to go along with 21 assists. In addition, she had 14 digs and two blocks. Meanwhile, senior Vicki Hall had 10 kills on offense and six digs on defense.

Kristal Daniels, a sophomore from Betsy Layne, had three solo blocks and an assist to go with three kills in the win.

On the defensive side, junior Libero Hillary Mussman had 27 digs to pace the team. She also had 21 receptions. Senior Anna Bevins had 19 digs and 17 receptions to go with a pair of kills on the offensive side of the net.

Senior Heather Robbins and junior Kristin Hamric had 12 digs apiece. Hamric also had nine assists.

## Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Do the right thing

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — The call came in to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Information Center a couple of years ago, during the first week of modern gun deer season. The woman was angry.

"I want to call and complain about people shooting deer and leaving them lying," she said. "It's not right."

I agreed. But this issue is one of those gray areas where ethics, not the law, determines what a hunter will do. Even the most well-meaning hunter can lose an animal despite a sincere attempt to retrieve it. Usually, only the hunter knows if an animal is left because of a genuine inability to locate it, or if the hunter just didn't want to search for a deer that ran deep into the woods.

The best I could tell the woman was for her to encourage every hunter, especially those she allowed to hunt on her land, to act ethically and make every attempt to retrieve downed game.

We're approaching that busy time again this year, when phone calls pour in to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife from hunters across the state. They call to double-check season dates and regulations, make sure their firearms are legal, get help with the Telecheck process or find a public place to hunt. Calls like these, which the department takes by the thousands, prove that most hunters want to hunt safely and legally.

For those who do not want to

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## Miners sign 2nd Round Draft pick Marcus Heard for first season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization has announced the signing of 6-7 forward Marcus Heard. A product of DePaul University, Heard was the 13th overall pick in the 2007 CBA Draft. The Miners selected Heard in the second round of this year's draft.

Heard (6-7, 235) averaged 6.4 points and 4.5 rebounds per game as a senior for the Blue Demons, ranking as one of the team's most consistent performers. As a junior, Heard also helped the DePaul pro-

gram depth-wise, averaging 3.4 points and 1.5 rebounds per game.



Marcus Heard

A native of Springfield, Ill., Heard played for current DePaul Coach Jerry Wainwright.

"I couldn't be more excited about getting Marcus's contract signed and getting him in a Miner uniform," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "Marcus is a proven player with the ability to play multiple positions. I expect big things out of him during the upcoming season."

As a DePaul Blue Demon,

Heard played in the Big East against some of the nation's top college basketball teams and players.

Less than a month ago, East Kentucky made former Syracuse standout Josh Pace its first-ever, signee.

The Miners are headed into their inaugural season in the CBA. East Kentucky will open the 2007-08 season away from home in Pittsburgh on Friday, Nov. 16 versus the Xplosion.

The Miners will host Pittsburgh on Sunday, Nov. 18 in their home debut. Tickets for all Miner home games remain on sale. For more information on tickets, call the Miner office at 606/437-9715.

### Kentucky High School Athletic Association Upcoming Events/Meetings

Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 3 — KHSAA State Soccer Championships, Toyota Stadium, Georgetown.  
 Nov. 2-3 — Regional Cross Country Meets, Various Sites.  
 Nov. 9-10 — State Football Playoffs Week No. 1, Various Sites.  
 Nov. 10 — State Cross Country Championships, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington.  
 Nov. 16-17 — State Football Playoffs Week No. 2, Various Sites.  
 Nov. 23-24 — State Football Playoffs Week No. 3, Various Sites.  
 Nov. 30-Dec. 1 — State Football Playoffs Semifinals, Various Sites.  
 Dec. 7-8 — State Football Championships, Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville.



# UK COACH BILLY GILLISPIE: No sympathy needed

by JOHN ZENOR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Billy Gillispie's first Kentucky team has two seniors, enough injured players for a starting lineup and a sixth man, and of course the high expectations that greet the Wildcats every season.

Don't feel too sorry for him, though.

"I'm not looking for any excuses, believe me," Gillispie said Thursday at Southeastern Conference media days. "And our team isn't either. The only thing that's been tough for us has been the injuries. Whoever plays for us, we're expected to win, and no one expects to win more than our players or me."

"We're not looking for any sympathy from anybody."

That's good, because they're unlikely to get any. Certainly not from his peers in the SEC East, who don't hesitate to designate Gillispie's Wildcats as league title contenders, maybe even the favorites.

They point not only to the returning guards, Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley, but also incoming freshman forward

Patrick Patterson, a McDonald's All-American and one of the nation's top recruits.

"I think they're the team to beat in the SEC East," said Tennessee's Bruce Pearl, whose team was actually picked to win the league. "I think it's going to be Kentucky. Their backcourt is terrific. It is deep, it is experienced. The frontcourt is young but Patrick Patterson has a chance to be the newcomer of the year in our league."

Adds Vanderbilt's Kevin Stallings: "I would say Tennessee's the favorite but those of us who have been around the league long enough, none of us would be surprised if Kentucky did what Kentucky has done a lot of times and that's figure out a way to win a championship."

Gillispie is more interested in figuring out a way to get healthy at the moment. Crawford and guard Derrick Jasper and center Jared Carter all had offseason surgery and have missed some practice time.

Guard Michael Porter is recovering from a concussion and Perry Stevenson and Ramon Harris both have had their noses broken during practice.

No wonder Gillispie deflected a question about his likely starting five with the Wildcats' first exhibition game upcoming next Wednesday.

"We're just trying to get five guys that can practice," he said. "We have not had one day that we didn't have four guys miss since we started. That's been the most difficult part of being able to figure out any kind of rotation. It's way too early to be trying to figure out all those things. I'm way more concerned about finishers than I am about starters."

Gillispie does expect the 6-foot-9 Patterson to make an immediate impact. The Wildcats are having to replace starting forwards Randolph Morris and Bobby Perry.

"He should make a major difference in our team," Gillispie said. "Even though I want everyone to give him a chance to breathe, we're going to expect a lot out of him right from the word go. He should have a great career, I would think."

The former Texas A&M coach replaced Tubby Smith, who left to take over the Minnesota program. Smith's departure after leading the team to the second round of the

NCAA tournament is evidence of the kind of high-pressure job Gillispie has undertaken.

"I would think it's the best position in the world," Bradley said. "Everyone loves you when you win. It's like you're a big rock star. But at the same time he's definitely under a microscope. He has to watch every little thing he does. He has to be perfect."

"Every time we lose, they're going to blame it on the head coach. I think it's the best thing in the world and I think it can be the toughest thing in the world."

Gillispie's timing has been good in one sense, at least. The Wildcats 14th-ranked football team has grabbed some of the spotlight for a change.

"I think that helps coach out a lot, not only coach but it helps us out a lot," Bradley said. "Wherever we go now, it's not only basketball."

Gillispie still comes into a division where rivals include two-time defending national champion Florida and four teams that went to the NCAA tournament last season.

None of that seems to faze Gillispie, though.

"If you spend a lot of time worrying about things you can't con-

rol, you're wasting energy," he said. "And we don't have any energy to be wasting."

"Expectations don't scare me."

## Williams leads Red team to victory in U of L scrimmage

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Terrence Williams scored 24 points, including the game-clinching dunk in the final seconds, and had 19 rebounds to lead the Red team to a 87-82 overtime victory over the White team in Louisville's annual preseason scrimmage on Monday night at Freedom Hall.

Earl Clark had 17 points and David Padgett added 16 for the Red team.

Sophomore forward Derrick Character led the White team with 21 points in 39 minutes and seemed in much better shape than he was a year ago at this time. He was hardly winded at the end, a far cry from last fall when he tried to play his way into shape after losing

50 pounds off his 6-foot-8 frame.

Character's status for Louisville's exhibition against Carleton University on Oct. 29 is up in the air. Coach Rick Pitino said Character needs to drop from his current weight of 278 lbs. to 270 lbs. in order to play.

Edgar Sosa added 18 points and Reginald Delk scored 17 for the White.

The Red team had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Will Scott missed a 3-pointer and Padgett couldn't handle the put-back at the buzzer.

Pitino didn't promise polish, not for a team that's been practicing for 10 days. Neither team shot better than 41 percent from the floor and combined for 38 turnovers, but Pitino credited some of the miscues to fatigue.

Guard Jerry Smith (thigh bruise) and forward Juan Palacios (knee) sat out the scrimmage. Smith should return to practice later in the week. Palacios is out until at least mid-November after injuring his right knee on Oct. 13.

The Cardinals open the regular season on Nov. 17 against Hartford.

# StoneCrest holds Couples Invitational, wraps up season

by RICK FRYE  
STONCREST HEAD  
PROFESSIONAL

StoneCrest Golf Course wrapped up the tournament season for the year with the Couples Invitational

Tournament held Oct. 5-6. With an even split of out-of-town teams and those who live in Prestonsburg, we had a great mix and were able to make pairings so that each out-of-town

team could have a host to show them around the course.

It was the first time visiting StoneCrest for most of the non-member teams, and they were duly impressed with not only the scenic beauty and quality of the golf course, but also with the great time they had outside of the golf with excellent meals, prizes and entertainment. They headed home after the event on Sunday with comments that they couldn't wait to come back

and play next year, and they

first-place in the third flight;



would be bringing their friends with them.

Local teams that came up winners included Henry and Edith Hackworth, who captured

second flight; and Gary Greer and Susan Justice, third in the fourth flight.

We once again had great support from community businesses which enabled us to put on a first-class event. Gold level sponsors were Kinzer Drilling and the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission. Silver sponsors were Appalachian Wireless, Mountain Enterprises and Enviro-Pro. Bronze sponsors were Ronnie Slone, Statewide

Press, Kentucky Farm Bureau and Turner Technology. Many thanks go out to all of the sponsors for their help.

The year 2007 was an excellent year at StoneCrest for not only our club events, but also for golf outings. We will start booking for next year on Dec. 1. The course's number is 886-1006.

ONLINE:  
www.stoncrestprestonsburg.com

# Adventure Tourism campaign to visit Knott County Sportsplex

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash will provide further details of a new plan aimed at increasing the adventure travel niche in Kentucky. The "Kentucky Unbridled Adventure" campaign will seek to increase Kentucky's share of the adventure travel market, one of the fastest growing tourism niches in the United States. The event will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Knott County Sportsplex in Hindman.

The move to grow the adventure travel market started

more than a year ago when Governor Fletcher directed the Kentucky Department of Tourism and the Appalachian Regional Commission to commission a study to determine the economic potential of adventure tourism in Eastern Kentucky.

That study, released in August, showed increased spending on adventure tourism in eastern Kentucky alone could bring in 130,000 new visitors a year, create more than 1500 new jobs and have an estimated economic impact of up to \$100 million. Since the potential is so large for the Commonwealth, the campaign

has been expanded to cover all of Kentucky.

**UPCOMING EVENT**  
Kentucky BCI Boys/Girls Veteran's Memorial  
Nov. 9-11 (All-School State Qualifier)

Age/Grade: All-School Division: Seventh and Eighth Grade Teams; Entry Fee: \$150; Entry Deadline: Nov. 2 (Forms and entry fee must be mailed to main office in Varney.); Games: 3 Minimum; Location: Knott County Sportsplex; Email address for info: kentuckyBCI@msn.com; Phone: 606/631-4555 or 606/422-9404; Fax: 606/631-1014.



photo by Jamie Howell

ADAMS is one of several Floyd County grade school/middle school girls' basketball teams preparing for the upcoming county tournament.

## SEC

Arkansas senior center Steven Hill, LSU junior forward Tasmir Mitchell, Ole Miss senior center Dwayne Curtis, Mississippi State senior forward/center Charles Rhodes and Tennessee sophomore forward Tyler Smith.

Auburn senior forward Quan Prowell and Georgia senior guard Sundiata Gaines also received votes.

Points were compiled on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for each division. Each media member also voted for one team as an overall conference champion and a five-player All-SEC Team.

The 2007-08 SEC Media Preseason Poll tipped off SEC Basketball Media Days, October 24-25 at the Birmingham Marriott in

Alabama. The 2007-08 season begins Nov. 6, with conference play set to begin Jan. 8, 2008. The 2008 SEC Tournament will be held March 13-16 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga.

**ONLINE:**  
www.secsports.com

## Outdoors

follow the law, our poacher hotline heats up with reports of everything from trespassing to spotlighting to shooting across roads.

But many calls, like the one this woman made about wasted game, come in about things that are more a matter of ethics than law. Hunters set up right on property line fences, irritating the landowners next door. Shots are taken too close to a farmer's grazing livestock, or at distances too far for a clean kill. Downed game is left lying in the woods without an earnest recovery effort. Things like this may not be illegal, but they give all hunters a bad name and frustrate true sportsmen and sportswomen.

None of us is perfect. Few haven't been tempted to pull the trigger when a deer presents a less than ideal shot, step across a fence line without first getting the landown-

er's permission, or give up the search for a downed animal on a cold, rainy day. But if we all hold ourselves to a strict code of personal ethics, even in the isolation of the woods, it enhances our enjoyment of and pride in our sport. Perhaps even more importantly, it sets a positive example for kids and new hunters, and sends a good message to those who don't hunt.

Prepare yourself for difficult choices in the field. Determine the effective range of your rifle when practicing before the season, and refuse to take a shot farther away. Realize that the law prevents you from retrieving game on someone's land without permission, but ethics dictate whether you'll set up your tree stand near a property line in the first place. If it's getting close to dark and you're still hoping to see a deer, but don't

want to comb the woods on your hands and knees with a flashlight, go ahead and pack it up for the night. One of the easiest ways for all of us to do the right thing is not to put ourselves in difficult situations in the first place.

This season, hold yourself to the kind of standard you'd like to see in all hunters. It's sometimes harder than it sounds. But an ethical hunt is always a successful day afield, and when we are fortunate enough to take home game, it's a trophy every time.

*Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter.*

# Union beats Pikeville for school record 29th victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Union College volleyball team broke the school record with their 29th win, a 3-0 victory at Pikeville College Thursday night to break the record set by the 1993 squad.

The 3-0 win was also fourth-straight sweep for the Lady Bulldogs and gives Union a total of 17 on the season. Union's overall record now stands at 29-9, meanwhile Pikeville, a member of the Mid-South Conference, falls to 15-14 overall.

The Lady Bulldogs won both meetings against Pikeville this year. Union's first win over Pikeville came last Tuesday inside Robison Arena.

Union captured the first game, 31-29 and then took the next two with identical 30-23 scores for the record-breaking victory.

The Lady Bulldogs' offense was led by Brooke Vinovich (Somerset) and her 14 kills while Deena O'Hare (Perry, Canada) and Stephanie Pateman (Weyburn, Canada) added 12 and 11 kills, respectively.

The freshman duo of Tracie Phillips (Bowling Green) and Monica Moreland (Louisville) accounted for 23 and 12 digs, respectively. Moreland also was credited with 45 assists.

Next for the Lady Bulldogs is a road Appalachian Athletic Conference contest at Bryan (Tenn.) College Tuesday scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The winner will have the advantage to capture the AAC regular-season championship. Union, looking for the program's first conference championship, will enter with a 14-1 conference mark while Bryan currently holds a 13-2 record in the AAC. Bryan took the first

meeting 3-1 on September 29 in Robison Arena. The contest also features the top two teams from the NAIA Region XII rankings. Before the match on Tuesday, Bryan will play two home AAC contests this weekend, against Virginia Intermont College and King (Tenn.) College.

The Union junior-varsity team also defeated Pikeville 2-1 earlier in the evening. The Lady Bulldogs dropped the first game 26-24, but bounced back, 25-18 and 25-22, over the next two games for the victory.

Melissa Shannon (Danville) collected 21 digs while Nikki Bistine (Frankfort) and Meg Donnelly (Middletown, Ohio) added 14 digs each. Donnelly also accounted for 11 kills to go with Brooke Bowlin (Albany) and her ten kills. Misty Belcher (Harlan) was credited with three blocks.

# Coach Kevin Keathley Show set to debut on WYMT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Viewers will have the opportunity to get an up close look at the East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization on Thursday, Nov. 1 when the Coach Kevin Keathley Show Presented By Appalachian Wireless makes its long-awaited debut on WYMT-TV.

Beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, WYMT will carry 24 one-half hour shows as part of an inaugural season of the show featuring Keathley and the Eastern Kentucky professional basketball franchise.

"This is an exciting time for the East Kentucky Miners organization as a whole," said Keathley. "We feel the Coach Kevin

Keathley Show will be another vehicle to expose basketball fans throughout Eastern Kentucky to our product."



Fans of all ages are invited to tune in to the Coach Kevin Keathley Show.

"We are working extremely hard to make it enjoyable for all ages," added Keathley. "There will be a mix of everything. I encourage everyone to tune in to the first show. You won't be disappointed."

Hazard-based WYMT is owned by Gray Television and is a

sister station to WKYT-TV, Lexington's CBS affiliate. The station is a leader in Eastern Kentucky news and sports coverage.

WYMT's Derek Forrest will host the Coach Kevin Keathley Show. Each edition of the show will feature new and exciting insightful segments.

"I am very excited to be a part of something new here at WYMT," commented Forrest. "The Coach Kevin Keathley Show is a new venture for us, and I hope that it is something that the viewers of Eastern Kentucky will enjoy and tune in to every week."

"The Coach Kevin Keathley show will give everyone of Eastern Kentucky more insight on the coach as well as the East Kentucky Miners. We're looking to give the viewers a completely different look at the team — something that's innovative and compelling."

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# Ex-Bengals QB Anderson's influence on Roethlisberger showing

by ALAN ROBINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — No Cincinnati Bengals quarterback was responsible for winning more games than Ken Anderson. On Sunday, he'll do everything he can to make sure they lose.

The ball won't be in Anderson's hands, as it was tens of thousands of times during his extended run as Cincinnati's quarterback from 1971 to 1986. Instead, he'll be offering advice and helping select plays for Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Anderson, in his first season as Pittsburgh's quarterbacks coach, has not tried to remake his starter's delivery or reshape his game after Roethlisberger followed up his Super Bowl-winning season in 2005 by throwing an NFL-leading 23 interceptions last year.

Instead, Anderson has been more of a sounding board for Roethlisberger, offering guidance, support and a lifetime's work of experience.

"I remind him of that all the

time — he's got plenty of NFL experience," Roethlisberger said, pointing to the 58-year-old Anderson's 30-plus seasons as a player and coach. "I think the biggest thing he's helped with is after the games, the next day, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, coming in here and just giving me a recap of what happened and things I did well, things I did poorly and things I can improve on."

Anderson insists he hasn't done anything dramatic with Roethlisberger, who was good enough to win 27 of his first 31 NFL starts in 2004-05. However, the quarterback's numbers (13 touchdown passes, 5 interceptions) are much better than they were at this stage last season (6 TDs, 11 interceptions).

Roethlisberger has had a bounce-back season despite being among the Steelers players most affected by the change from Bill Cowher to Mike Tomlin as coach. Not only did his head coach change, so did his offensive coordinator (Ken Whisenand to Bruce Arians) and quarterback coach (Mark

Whipple to Anderson).

Roethlisberger has visibly embraced the change at coordinator, praising Arians and his game plans weekly. However, switching position coaches was difficult because Roethlisberger and Whipple had a close working relationship.

Whipple, who is not coaching full-time this season, remained in Pittsburgh and talks multiple times a week to Roethlisberger. If that bothers Anderson, he's never said so.

"We were very close and we're still close, so it was really tough when he left," Roethlisberger said. "We still stay in contact, get to play golf sometimes. But I think Ken (Anderson) has done a great job of stepping in and being a good quarterback coach for me."

Anderson has opposed the Bengals before, as the offensive coordinator and QB coach at Jacksonville, but his return trip to Cincinnati is generating more news than usual. The Steelers and Bengals are big rivals, and it's the first time

Anderson has been on the opposing sideline in Cincinnati.

Picture longtime Steelers icon Franco Harris on a Bengals sideline, and you get the idea.

Anderson thinks too much is being made of his switch in loyalties, saying it would be much different if he were still playing.

Still, it is obvious that Anderson remains a revered figure in Bengals history after playing for so long and being an assistant coach for another 10 seasons. He threw for 32,838 yards and 197 touchdowns and ran for another 20 TDs, and twice was among the 15 finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Whenever your coach is a guy that has not just played, but played as long as he did and played well, it helps because it gives him credibility," Roethlisberger said.

So much so that, earlier this week, Bengals owner Mike Brown called Anderson the most important player in franchise history.

"He obviously has a lot of close friends here in Cincinnati," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "He's beloved here at Paul Brown Stadium. He's a good coach and he's in a good spot right now."

Notes: S Ryan Clark's status remains uncertain. He stayed in Denver an extra night following the Steelers' 31-28 loss Sunday because of a spleen problem partly caused by Denver's thin air. ... LB Andre Frazier was cut by Cincinnati earlier this season. ... The Steelers have won their last six games in Cincinnati and haven't lost there since a 26-23 overtime decision late in the 2001 season. It was a nearly meaningless game for the Steelers, who had already clinched a first-round playoff bye.

**National Football League Schedule:** Today's Games—N.Y. Giants vs. Miami at London, 1 p.m.; Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.; Oakland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.; Cleveland at St. Louis, 1 p.m.;

Philadelphia at Minnesota, 1 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.; Indianapolis at Carolina, 1 p.m.; Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:05 p.m.; Houston at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.; Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.; New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.; Washington at New England, 4:15 p.m. Open: Kansas City, Seattle, Arizona, Dallas, Atlanta, Baltimore.

Monday's Game—Green Bay at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4—Denver at Detroit, 1 p.m.; Carolina at Tennessee, 1 p.m.; San Diego at Minnesota, 1 p.m.; Washington at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.; San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.; Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.; Jacksonville at New Orleans, 1 p.m.; Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.; Arizona at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.; Houston at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.; New England at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.; Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.; Open: Miami, N.Y. Giants, Chicago, St. Louis; Monday, Nov. 5—Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

# Kenny Watson's teammates savoring running back's big game

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Kenny Watson was headed for the weight room after practice Wednesday when quarterback Carson Palmer called him over for yet another congratulatory knuckle tap and more kind words about his breakthrough performance.

The unheralded running back has brought a good feeling to the Cincinnati Bengals locker room.

Watson ran for a career-high 130 yards and scored three touchdowns Sunday in a 38-31

victory over the New York Jets that at least temporarily saved the Bengals' season. Cincinnati (2-4) is still last in the AFC North, but could move to within a game of first place by beating Pittsburgh (4-2) on Sunday.

Give Watson much of the credit.

"I'm not surprised at all," said Palmer, who lobbied for the Bengals to keep him in the offseason. "Kenny's a great back. It's so great to see him do what he's doing."

"I'm so happy for him. I told him after the game he did a great job and all, but I'm just happy to see him doing what

he's doing. I'm happy to see him happy."

The Bengals were happy to see anyone do what he did against the Jets.

Cincinnati's running game has struggled for most of the season, putting pressure on Palmer to throw. The lack of a dependable ground game was a big factor in their struggle on third down — they went 1-of-18 over a two-game span.

An injury-depleted offensive line had problems opening holes, and running back Rudi Johnson has missed most of the last three games with a strained hamstring. The line had all five

starters back for the first time against the Jets, and Watson had the benefit of running behind it.

"It was big for us to come out and dominate the line of scrimmage like we did," Watson said. "We're always trying to come up with a balanced offense. That hasn't worked out for us the last few weeks."

It helped that the Bengals had bookend tackles Levi Jones and Willie Anderson for the entire game. Anderson threw the block that opened the way for Watson's first touchdown.

"It's a big difference having

his leadership out there," Watson said. "You know he's banged up, and you've got to go hard for him."

Anderson most likely will sit out Sunday against Pittsburgh. He aggravated a sore knee during the game against New York and was listed Wednesday as out for the next game.

Johnson also missed practice on Wednesday, leaving his status uncertain. That could mean another big role for Watson, who hadn't started a game since 2002.

Watson signed with Washington as an undrafted

player from Penn State in 2001. He had a pair of 100-yard games for the Redskins, starting four times in two seasons. The Bengals signed him as a reserve running back and special teams player.

He carried only 25 times last season for 138 yards, and caught 23 passes for 213 yards in his role as third-down back. Palmer lobbied the Bengals to keep him in the offseason, and Watson got a three-year deal in April.

Two weeks later, it looked like his job was in jeopardy when the Bengals drafted running back Kenny Irons in the

# Chase for the Nextel Cup Championship Glance

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DRIVER:** Jeff Gordon, **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports, **CAR:** No. 24 Dupont Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** First, 6,055, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Gordon led 168 laps, but lost the lead to teammate Jimmie Johnson. He was headed toward a second-place finish, but was knocked out of the way by Ryan Newman late and had to settle for third.

**SPEAKING:** "He got me up the race track and then I gave him room and we slammed pretty good there. I wasn't real happy about it. But it's no big deal. He didn't mean to do that and he understands why we were upset and that's all good," Gordon said.

**DRIVER:** Jimmie Johnson, **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports, **CAR:** No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Second, 5,533, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Johnson won his third consecutive race at Martinsville Speedway to chip into Gordon's lead in the points.

**SPEAKING:** "I still think I am on the offensive ... I can still go out and earn it and I don't need him to have engine failures or accidents to hand it to me," Johnson said.

**DRIVER:** Clint Bowyer, **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing, **CAR:** No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Third, 4,115, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Bowyer finished a career-best ninth at Martinsville, notching his fourth top-10 finish in six Chase races. He was sixth at Atlanta in the spring, and is looking for another strong run to keep him in title contention.

**SPEAKING:** "Atlanta has

been a good track for us. We've run well there in the past. Hopefully, we'll get out of there with a top-five and stay in the hunt for this thing."

**DRIVER:** Tony Stewart, **TEAM:** Joe Gibbs Racing, **CAR:** No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Fourth, 4,249, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** A poor qualifying effort put Stewart back in 34th, but he worked his way into the top five. His race was derailed when Kyle Petty wrecked in front of him, Stewart had to stop, and he wound up 13th.

**SPEAKING:** Stewart did not comment after the race.

**DRIVER:** Carl Edwards, **TEAM:** Roush Fenway Racing, **CAR:** No. 99 Office Depot Ford, **CHASE POINTS:** Fifth, 4,285, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Edwards finished 11th, but was furious with teammate Matt Kenseth because of on-track contact between the two. He angrily confronted Kenseth after the race in a scene that was caught on camera. Edwards has apologized, but said there's a lack of team spirit at Roush.

**SPEAKING:** "As a team, we need to do a better job working together. I've won three races this year in the Nextel Cup Series. When I win, people call and congratulate and people are happy for me. It's just the wrong people. I've got Jimmie Johnson calling me every time I win to say good job. And my teammates aren't the ones doing that," Edwards said.

**DRIVER:** Kyle Busch, **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports, **CAR:** No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Sixth, 4,290, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Busch was strong enough to win the race, even leading 106 laps, but found himself trailing his teammates at the finish. He ended up fourth — his fourth top-five finish of the Chase.

**SPEAKING:** "If we didn't have two wrecks (in the Chase), I think we'd be right there challenging for this thing," Busch said.

**DRIVER:** Kevin Harvick, **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing, **CAR:** No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Seventh, 4,369, **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Harvick finished 10th in Martinsville despite a tight race car that made it difficult to gain track position.

**SPEAKING:** "We picked up a spot in the point standings which is important because we know the championship is out of reach and our goal now is to finish as high up as possible," Harvick said.

**DRIVER:** Denny Hamlin, **TEAM:** Joe Gibbs Racing, **CAR:** No. 11 Fed Ex Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Eighth, 4,374, **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Hamlin finished sixth, his second top-10 finish in the past three races. After a disappointing start to the Chase, he's now just 86 points outside the top five.

**SPEAKING:** "We definitely have to take steps in this whole Chase deal and top 10 is a good step for us to try to get back to the top-five in points. That is the real feasible goal we have right now," Hamlin said.

**DRIVER:** Jeff Burton, **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing, **CAR:** No. 31 AT&T Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** Ninth, 4,409, **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Burton led early, but was flagged for a commitment-line violation by NASCAR that took him out of contention. He

also lost a race to the finish with Carl Edwards, and had to settle for 12th.

**SPEAKING:** "We don't come to each track worrying about a championship. We focus on each race. All that we can do as a team is our very best and if we do that, the points will add up," Burton said.

**DRIVER:** Kurt Busch, **TEAM:** Penske Racing, **CAR:** No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge, **CHASE POINTS:** 10th, 4,420, **POSITION CHANGE:** Minus 3.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Busch said he lost a cylinder early, and he was later caught up in an accident that caused him to finish five laps down in 31st.

**SPEAKING:** "We need to get back into the swing of being competitive throughout the race and coming home with a strong finish at the end of the day," Busch said.

**DRIVER:** Martin Truex Jr., **TEAM:** Dale Earnhardt Inc., **CAR:** No. 1 Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet, **CHASE POINTS:** 11th, 4,447, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Truex was good all day, running in the top 10 for a large chunk of the race, but was ultimately caught up in three accidents and finished 19th.

**SPEAKING:** "Man, now I remember why I dislike this place. I can't wait to get to Atlanta. We usually run pretty well there," Truex said.

**DRIVER:** Matt Kenseth, **TEAM:** Roush Fenway Racing, **CAR:** No. 17 Dewalt Tools Ford, **CHASE POINTS:** 12th, 4,462, **POSITION CHANGE:** None.

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Kenseth finished fifth, but his off-track confrontation with teammate Edwards overshadowed his performance.

**SPEAKING:** "Carl and I aren't friends. We've never went to dinner and hung out together. We've talked a little here and there," Kenseth told USA Today.



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY QUARTERBACK Andre Woodson remains a Heisman Trophy candidate.

# Tamme named National Scholar-Athlete

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky tight end Jacob Tamme has been chosen as one of the 2007 National Scholar-Athletes by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Tamme is one of 15 players from around the nation, including all classifications of collegiate football, to be recognized. He is now a finalist for the prestigious Draddy Award, which goes to the NFF's top scholar-athlete in the country. The Draddy will be announced, and Tamme will receive his National Scholar-Athlete Award, at the annual NFF Awards Dinner on Dec. 4 in New York City.

The National Scholar-Athlete Awards take into account academics, athletic performance, citizenship, and leadership. Tamme (Danville) excels in all areas.

— He needed only three years to complete his bachelor's degree in integrated strategic communications.

Tamme is in his second year of his master's in business administration.

— On the playing field, he has 28 receptions for 304 yards and four touchdowns this season. He was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference in 2006. His career totals feature 105 catches for 1,102 yards and nine TDs. He is one of only 10 players in UK history with at least 100 receptions and he is the No. 2 pass-catching tight end in school history, trailing only James Whalen.

Tamme has been very active in community service. He was the Outreach Chairman for the UK football team and his many service efforts earned him a place on the 2006 National Good Works Team, one of only 11 players honored by the American Football Coaches Association.

Tamme will be the fourth Kentucky Wildcat to win the NFF Scholar-Athlete Award, joining Jim Kovach (1978), Leon Shadowen (1979), and Jeff Zurcher (1998).

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# NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings

1. Jeff Gordon, 6,055
2. Jimmie Johnson, 6,002
3. Clint Bowyer, 5,940
4. Tony Stewart, 5,806
5. Carl Edwards, 5,770
6. Kyle Busch, 5,765
7. Kevin Harvick, 5,686
8. Denny Hamlin, 5,681
9. Jeff Burton, 5,646
10. Kurt Busch, 5,635
11. Martin Truex Jr., 5,608
12. Matt Kenseth, 5,593
13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,626
14. Ryan Newman, 3,560
15. Greg Biffle, 3,531
16. Casey Mears, 3,508
17. Bobby Labonte, 3,159
18. Jamie McMurray, 3,113
19. Juan Montoya, 3,103
- (tie) Kasey Kahne, 3,103

# Big races to remain under the lights at Kentucky Speedway

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The biggest events on Kentucky Speedway's 2008 schedule will remain under the lights, the track announced on Thursday.

The NASCAR Nationwide Series Meijer 300 (formerly the NASCAR Busch Series) will

be run on Saturday, June 14 and be broadcast on ESPN2. The IndyCar Series Meijer Indy 300 will be run on Saturday, August 9 and will be seen on ESPN.

The NASCAR event was sold out this year, while more than 56,000 turned out for this year's IndyCar race after it was moved from Sunday afternoon

to Saturday evening.

The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series returns on July 12 with the Built Ford Tough 225.

The schedule also includes two visits from the ARCA Series. The Buckle-Up Kentucky 150 will be held on May 10, and the Kentucky 150 will be held on July 11.

The Major League of Monster Trucks will visit on Sept. 20 and the Frank Kimmel Enduro Invitational II, a grassroots street stock racing event, will return on May 24.

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-0452 Amendment No. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 1876 Yellow Creek Road, Sassafras, Kentucky 41759 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting an additional 124.85 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres for a total of 739.59 acres located approximately 1.4 miles north of Amburgey in Knott County. The proposed operation is approximately 2.4 miles north from Route 1231's junction with Route 3391 and located adjacent to State Route 1231. The proposed operation is located on the Hindman and Carrie U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the surface contour and auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by E. P. Cornett, Gabe Hudson Heirs, Charles Hudson, Alfred Davidson, Jack & Beth Ann Caudill and Deborah Davidson. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. (FOR FINAL ADVERTISEMENT ONLY): This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or request for a permit conference must be received with 30 days of this date.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., an election is held each year to appoint low-income representatives to serve on the agency's Board of Directors. These elections are held in each of five counties served by BSACAP. To be eligible to nominate candidates and to vote in this election, you must meet the 125% poverty income guidelines. Representatives do not necessarily have to be low-income themselves, but will serve as a voice for the low-income residents in their county.

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All low-income residents are encouraged to attend.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5524, Transfer**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 intends to transfer permit number 836-5423 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560. The new permit number will be 836-5524. The operation disturbs 397.72 surface acres and will underlie 3,241.47 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer. The operation is located approximately 3.6 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from KY Route 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road and is located along Poplarlick Fork and Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

The proposed permit area is approximately 1.10 mile southeast from Ky. 122's junction with Ky. 2030, and located on Shop Branch. The Latitude is 37°31'36". The longitude is 82°44'04". The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour,

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0339**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a Permit for a surface coal mining auger and reclamation operation affecting 411.70 surface, and 107.6 acres of underground, for a total of 519.30 acres, located 1.00 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County.

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and auger/Highwall mining method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Black Diamond Mining Company, LLC, Tandy Spurlock, James Ervin Halbert Heirs, Sally Neil Halbert and Talmadge Robinson Heirs, Denver and Mickie Meade, Ruby Halbert, David F. May, Donald Ray Halbert, Merlene Jo Dingus, Russell W. and Bonita B. Jarrell, John Melvin and Jeanie Mullins, John Paul and Sherree Wright, Lisa and Greg Slone, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Joseph C. and Belva Jean Crews, Alan and Gina Salisbury Moore, John A. and Karen C. Salisbury, Bruce Salisbury, Alma Land Company, and Tommy and Sherry Shelton. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road 2030. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at

the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, No. 2 Hudson Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections,

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# FALLING FOR NEW FLAVORS

## Latin spices add kick to traditional autumn dishes

FOOD FEATURES

As temperatures drop and the days become shorter, families begin to crave hearty, flavorful autumn meals. Many fruits and vegetables, including apples, cranberries and squashes, are harvested in the fall, making it a great time to showcase the season's freshest tastes.

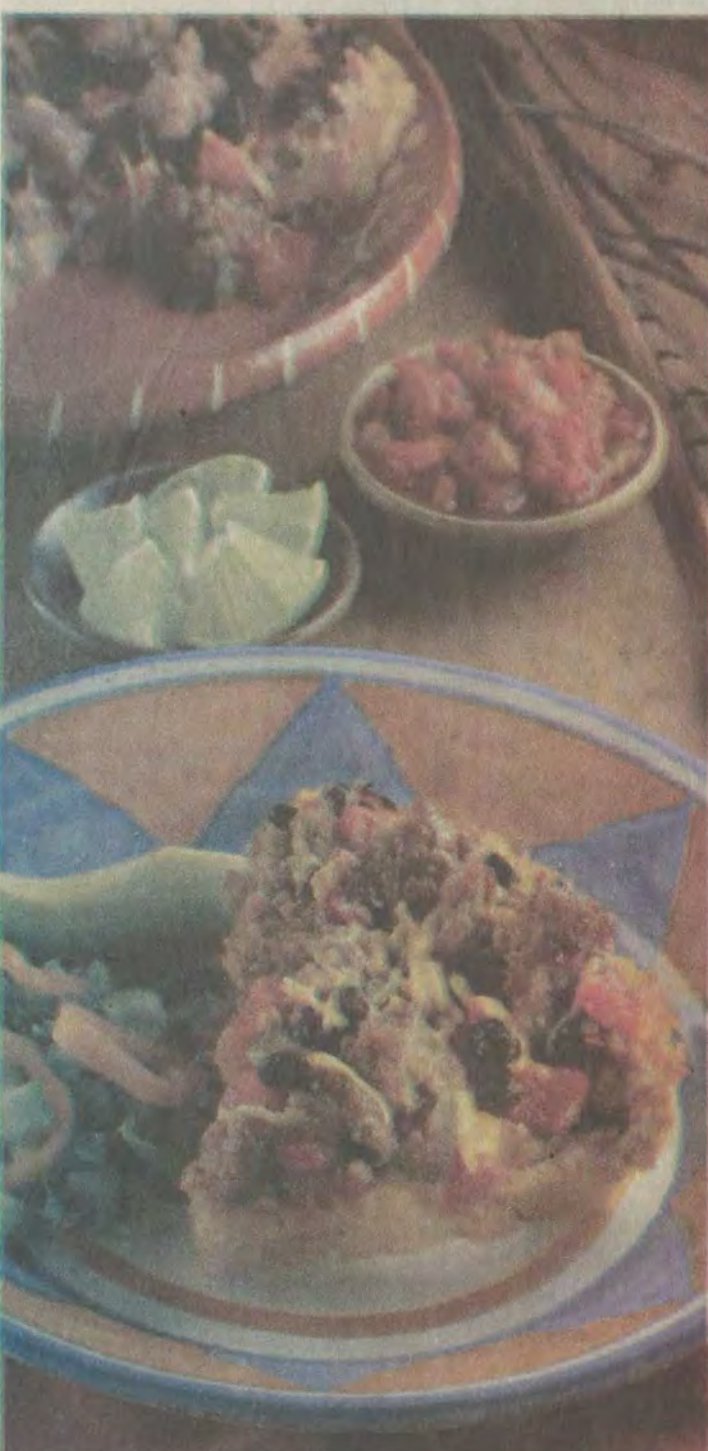
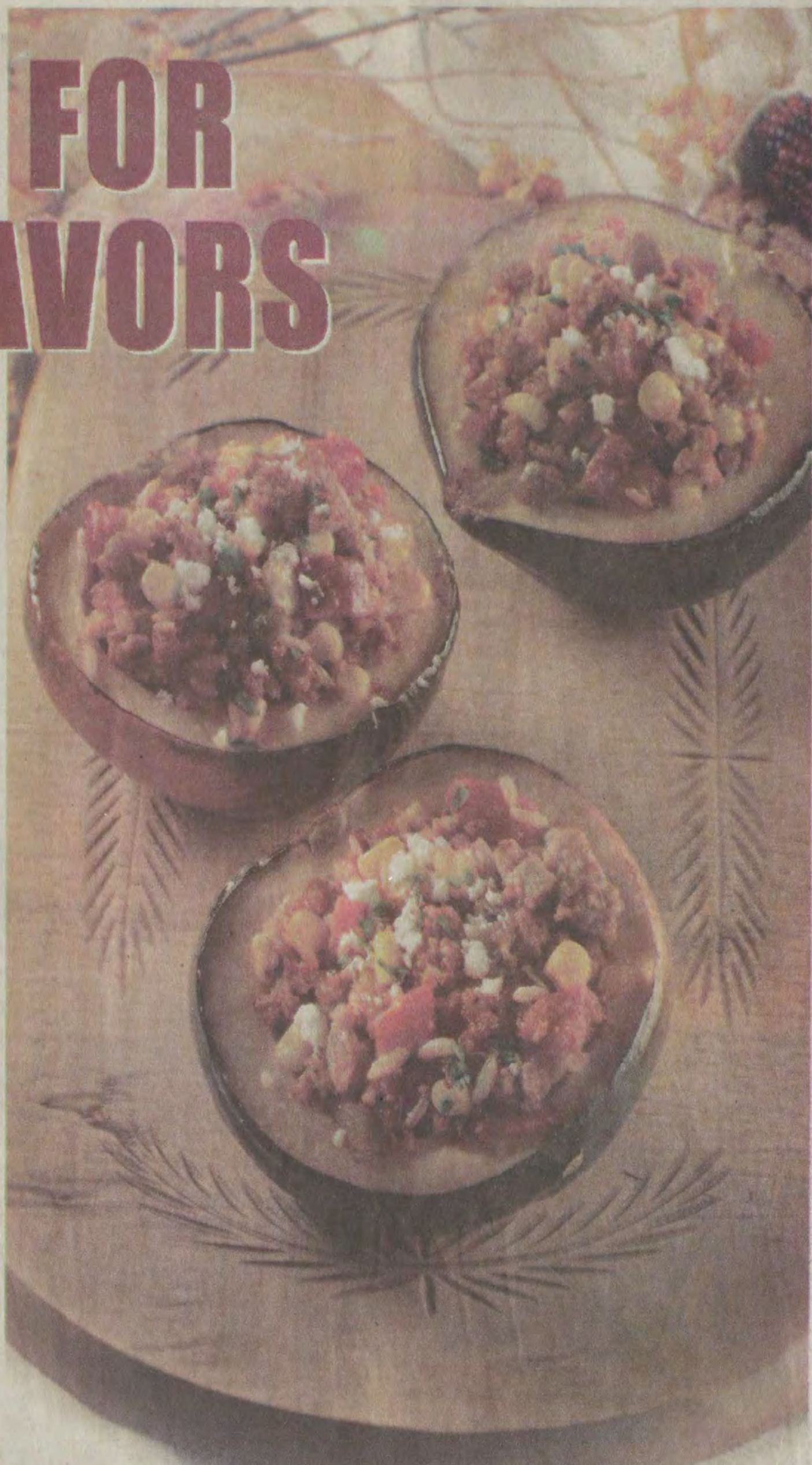
This fall, put a twist on traditions by infusing Latin spice into a favorite seasonal dish. The Hispanic population is now over 40 million and it is increasing rapidly. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentage of Hispanic Americans will double by the year 2050. This population surge has resulted in a rise in the popularity of Latin cuisine, an increase in Mexican, Cuban and Latin restaurants and new, spicier ingredients.

"Authentic Latin flavors are enjoyed by all demographics," said Dan Hernandez, "Flavor Czar," Hormel Foods, who notes that the rise of Hispanic flavors has been sudden and sharp. "A decade ago, chipotle was virtually unknown to many Americans. Now spices like this can be found in a variety of dishes, adding rich flavor to mainstream favorites."

"Nearly one out of four Americans prepare a Mexican entrée for dinner once a week," said Hernandez. "Try branching out from tacos and burritos by introducing chili spices and cilantro to a spicy pork chili or queso fresco and salsa to turkey-stuffed squash."

Home chefs can easily add Latin spice to autumn entrées with small substitutions and new ingredients. For example, consider using rich Mexican crema in place of sour cream or adding chiles or jalapeño peppers to brock pot sauce for a spicier slow-cooked meal. The change to the recipe is subtle but unique and exciting for the taste buds.

Hernandez lends his flavor expertise by adding Latin touches to traditional fall favorites like corn bread skillet and chili. These spiced-up seasonal recipes are sure to delight guests and win rave reviews at your next family feast. For more delicious recipes, visit [www.hormel.com](http://www.hormel.com).



### Fiesta Tamale Pie

- 1/2 pound HORMEL ALWAYS TENDER ground pork
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup CHI-CHI'S Salsa
- 2 tablespoons chopped CHI-CHI'S White Green Jalapeño Peppers
- 1 (7.4-ounce) package CHI-CHI'S Sweet Corn Cake Mix
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- Additional salsa, if desired
- Mexican crema or sour cream, if desired

Heat oven to 375°F. In large skillet, cook ground pork, onion, and bell pepper until pork is no longer pink. Stir in beans, salsa and jalapeño peppers. In bowl, prepare corn cake mix according to package directions. Spoon corn cake mixture evenly into greased 9-inch pie plate. Spoon pork mixture into crust. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Remove from oven; sprinkle with cheese. Bake 2 to 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges. Serve with salsa and Mexican crema, if desired. Serves 6.

### Harvest Stuffed Squash

- 3 (1-pound) acorn squash, cut in half, seeds removed
- 1 tablespoon CARAPALLI olive oil
- 1 (20-ounce) package JENNIE-O-TURKEY STORE Lean Ground Turkey
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (16-ounce) jar CHI-CHI'S Salsa
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 cup shredded queso fresco or Monterey jack cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Mexican crema or sour cream, if desired

Heat oven to 375°F. Place squash, cut side up, in 13-by-9-inch baking pan. In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil until hot. Crumble in turkey, add onion. Cook and stir until turkey is no longer pink and onion is tender; drain. Stir in salsa, rice, corn, chili powder and garlic salt. Divide mixture among each squash half. Cover. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until squash is tender. Sprinkle with cheese and cilantro. Serve with Mexican crema, if desired. Serves 6.

### Yucatan White Bean Chili

- 1 (27.2-ounce) package HORMEL ALWAYS TENDER original flavored pork fillet, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 (10-ounce) cans diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- 1 (16-ounce) can white navy beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 bell pepper, sliced
- 3/4 cup CHI-CHI'S Salsa
- 1 MANNY'S tortilla, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- Optional toppings: shredded Quesada or Monterey jack cheese, Mexican crema or sour cream, chopped cilantro

In large saucepan over medium heat, cook pork, onion and garlic in oil 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with chili powder, cumin and salt. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add tomatoes, beans, bell pepper and salsa. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Heat oven to 375°F. Place tortilla strips on baking sheet. Bake 8 minutes or until golden brown. Ladle chili into bowls. Top with tortilla strips and desired toppings. Serves 6.

### Enhance Your Dining Experience

Joan Hanson, Test Kitchen Director, Hormel Foods, offers a few tips to make sure the dining table looks as good as the food tastes.

- Adorn your table with linens in brilliant fall hues including warm browns, rich reds, burnt oranges and golden yellows.
- Create an easy, seasonal centerpiece using fall fruits and vegetables. Place gourds, pumpkins, chili peppers, dried ears of corn and colored leaves around a variety of fall-colored pillar candles for a harvest-themed decoration.
- Pumpkin is a delicious recipe ingredient and iconic decoration during autumn. Bean pumpkin spice scented oil in your home to create an inviting aroma.

