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In brief

Three hurt in Pike accident

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Three people were seriously injured Thursday after a two-vehicle collision on U.S. 23 in Pike County. According to Pikeville Police Department, a call came into their office at 6:41 Thursday evening reporting a vehicle collision in the southbound lane of U.S. 23 near Long John Silver's. Two female subjects were reportedly ejected from their vehicle, while a male subject was also injured in the accident. According to PPD, the two female subjects were ejected when the pickup truck they were driving rolled over. All three subjects were reportedly transported to Pikeville Medical Center before being flown to other hospitals. Two of the subjects were airlifted to UK, while the third was airlifted to Cabell Huntington Hospital. Pikeville police have not released the names of those involved until family members can be notified. The accident is still under investigation.

P'burg police to receive \$18K grant

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Police Department will be receiving some extra funds later this month thanks to their work with Operation UNITE. According to Dale Morton, with

Operation UNITE, the Prestonsburg Police Department will receive over \$18,000. The funds are part of state and federal assets forfeited from illegal drug activities. The funds were forfeited after arrests of individuals by Operation UNITE and the assisting law enforcement departments that were

part of the investigations. During a ceremony scheduled for August 18, at the London Community Center, \$324,908.90 will be given to 25 law enforcement agencies in the state. This will be the second distribution of funds, as \$209,130.96 was distributed to 24 agencies in October of 2006. The combination of funds repre-

sents 100 percent of forfeited money awarded by the courts as a result of criminal investigations between October 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008. The Pike County Sheriff's Department, Perry County Sheriff's Department and the Magoffin County

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TOUCHY SITUATION



The Prestonsburg Fire Department and members of Prestonsburg City Utilities were called out Friday afternoon when crews working at the new West Virginia Electric Supply building drilled into a gas line.

photo by Jack Latta

Knott man indicted for drugs, weapons

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott county man was indicted this week on drug- and gun-related charges in U.S. District Court in Pikeville. According to the court records, Randall Gene Caudill, of Knott County, was charged with three counts of drug-related offenses. In the indictment, it alleges that Caudill "did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a mixture of substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a schedule II controlled substance." Caudill was also indicted on charges of distributing oxycodone and hydrocodone. According to the Indictment, Caudill also faces weapons charges when he, "in furtherance of the drug trafficking crimes set out in Counts 1 through 3 of this indictment ... did knowingly possess three firearms, to wit: a Hi-Point, model CF 380, .380 caliber pistol; a Charter Arms, model Undercover, .38 caliber revolver, and a New England Firearms model sportster, .17 mm rifle." Caudill was also charged with being a prior felon in possession of weapons. If found guilty, Caudill could receive up to 25 years in prison, and \$1 million in fines.

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Woman alleges slip led to amputation

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A civil action was filed this week against the Dollar General Store, after a slip-and-fall reportedly resulted in an amputation. Linda K. Johnson, 54, of Melvin,

alleges that in September 2007 she was at the Dollar General Store of Bypro when she apparently slipped and fell on "a slippery foreign substance which was allegedly negligently caused by the defendants or negligently allowed to remain on the floor in the defendants' store."

According to Johnson, "there were no caution signs or other precautionary measures ... to warn customers ... about the dangerous and unsafe condition." According to John Kirk, Johnson's attorney, the fall was only the begin-

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Chandler calls for troop pullout from Iraq

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Rep. Ben Chandler, who got a firsthand look at the situation in Iraq last weekend, said U.S. troop withdrawals should begin right away to force the Iraqi government to stand on its own. "I think we need to leave them with as stable a situation as we can but we need to lift off from the country as soon as possible," the Democratic congressman told the Lexington Herald-Leader in an interview. "I think it's time to start withdrawing." Chandler acknowledged any such shift in policy is unlikely until the next president takes office in January. Jon Larson, Chandler's Republican opponent in the upcoming 6th District election, said the United States must be more patient with an Iraqi government that's still "finding its way."

"I believe we are going to need a continued presence in Iraq for a considerable amount of time," he said. "It sounds like it's an extremely risky measure that Congressman Chandler is suggesting." Chandler said a surge of an additional 20,000 troops last year, which he spoke against on the House floor, clearly helped conditions. "We've done a wonderful job really in bringing more security to the country," he said. "You cannot dispute the fact that it is connected with putting more troops there." But he said U.S. efforts might have reached the "point of diminishing returns." "We've given them breathing room to stabilize their situation, and I'm not sure for the money we're spending that we can accomplish a great deal more than that," he said. "Essentially we're

borrowing from the Chinese in order to pay for a war that, if you look at the final outcome, it's really questionable whether we gain a thing from it." Chandler, a member of the House appropriations committee's subcommittee for State Department and foreign operations funding, traveled to Ramadi and Baghdad on Saturday with four members of Arkansas' congressional delegation and Democratic U.S. Rep. Tim Bishop of New York. In addition to meeting with troops and surveying the region, the group met with Gen. David Petraeus and Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin. Chandler said he's increasingly concerned with the mounting cost of U.S. occupation and reconstruction of Iraq, which works out to roughly \$330 million per day. "It's a shocking amount of money and at a time when we're concerned

about our ability to compete in a global economy," he said. Republican U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., who sits with Chandler on the House appropriations committee, said he also has been concerned about the Iraqi government's "progression towards political stability, financial accountability, and meeting the training milestones for their own military." But he said removing U.S. forces too soon could cause disarray that would encourage violence and terrorism. "I believe artificial timetables and unrealistic goals supported by some in Congress are a recipe for disaster in achieving a free and peaceful Iraq," Rogers said. Rogers, who hasn't traveled to Iraq, said he's awaiting Petraeus' latest round of recommendations to Congress and President Bush in September.

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Doris Evelyn Cooley, 62, of Martin, died Tuesday, August 5, at the Mountain View Health Care Center, in Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Friday, August 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clara Magdaline "Maggie" Damron, 70, of Marshall, Mich., a Teaberry native, died Saturday, July 26, at Oaklawn Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 29, under the direction of Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home Chapel, Marshall.

■ Michael M. Dearing, 65, of Wayland, died Monday, August 4, at Ephram McDowell Hospital, Danville. Funeral services were held Friday, August 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joyce Goble, 60, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 2, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Virgil Little, 73, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, August 2, in the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Patricia Akers Little, 60, of Hi Hat, a native of Melvin, died Sunday, August 3, at the residence of a son at McDowell. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Herman Meade, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 29, in Floyd County. Funeral services were held Friday, August 1, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Opal Newsome Motcalf, 83, of Prestonsburg, died

Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Tramble Shepherd, 66, of Hueysville, died Thursday, July 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Shepherd. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, at under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Paul Wells Jr., 69, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 3, at Riverview Healthcare Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Sherill Yvonne Blackburn, 52, of Pikeville, died Friday, Aug. 1, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Larrel "Larry" Blackburn. Funeral services were held Monday, August 3, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Elizabeth, Burke, 89, of McRoberts, died Thursday, July 31, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Carty Funeral Home.

■ Joyce A. Grizzle, 57, of Mouthcard, died Wednesday, July 30, in Kingsport, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, Dewey F. Grizzle. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 2, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Thurman Wayne Helton, 63, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Shelby Gap, died Friday, August 1, at Munroe Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9, under the direction of

Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Derek Shawn Hopkins, 16, of Shelbyana, died Thursday, July 31, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 3, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Billy Lee Jones, 42, of Rockhouse, died Saturday, August 2, in Johnson City, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Collins Jones. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Gary Osborne, 47, of Shelby Gap, died Monday, Aug. 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Bradford Osborne. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jerry C. Ratliff, 53, of Tarentum, Pa., formerly of Lookout, died, Tuesday, July 22, at Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Erina J. "Lin" Ratliff. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Duster Funeral Home Chapel, Tarentum.

■ Linda Darnell Taylor Stratton of Raccoon died Tuesday, August 5, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Minis Wirt Stroud III, 57, of Turkey Creek, died Friday, August 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Tina Louise Bragg Stroud. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ James Albert Thacker, 66, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, under the direction of

the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Johnda Denise Thacker, 40, of Wolfpit, died Saturday, July 26, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband Clyde Ray Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 28, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Timothy Shane White, 33, of McCarr, died Sunday, August 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Alexis Paige Williams, infant daughter of Jessica Chapman and Greg Williams of Williamson, died Monday, August 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Virgil Williamson, 86, of Ransom, died Friday, August 1, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Lewis Herbert Hammonds, 80, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 31, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Savage Hammonds. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Shirley Sparks Kazee, 84, of Whetstone Road, Greenup, a native of Blaine, died Saturday, August 2, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of Reed Funeral Home.

■ Charlie Moore, 72, of Louisa, died Sunday, August 3, in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is survived by his

wife, Janice Marie Thompson Moore. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Pamela Joann Workman, 48, of Louisa, died Monday, August 4, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Louis F. Workman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Thomas B. Arms, 87, of Urbana, a Paintsville native, died Sunday, August 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, under the direction of the Walter-Schoedinger Funeral Home of Urbana.

■ Dorothy Crisp, 92, of Sitka, died Monday, July 28, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Sammie Reed Jr., 55, of East Point, died Sunday, August 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Chester A. Maynard, 85, of Lovely, died Monday, July 28. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Opal Patrick, 82, of Inez, died Friday, August 1, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, August 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Arcona Preece, 84, of Inez, died Thursday, July 31. Services were held Sunday, August 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Sally Bridgett Vance

Sally Bridgett Vance, 28, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born November 20, 1979, in Dayton, Ohio, she was the daughter of Larry and Patricia Garten Vance, of Hindman. She attended Prestonsburg High School and Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She also attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, survivors include two daughters: Katelyn Fraley and Haley Stone, both of Hindman; a brother, Larry Vance of Nashville, Tennessee; and a sister, Tonia Anderson of Mt. Sterling.

She was preceded in death by two daughters: Alexis Hall and Adeline Sierra Dulancy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Allen Miller and Lester Ray officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to any Citizens National Bank to help with funeral expenses.

(Paid obituary)

Country stars join woman's quest to honor Whitley

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Bonnie Hill was 12 when she first saw Kentucky-born country music singer Keith Whitley play a concert in his native Appalachia.

It left an "everlasting impression" on Hill. Now, nearly two decades after his death from alcohol poisoning, Hill is fervently trying to cement Whitley's name in country music history.

Whitley, who grew up in Sandy Hook, Ky., was no stranger to the country charts in the 1980s, recording a string of hits including "Don't Close Your Eyes," and "I Wonder Do You Think of Me." He sold more than three million albums before and after his death at age 33 in 1989.

Hill says Whitley — whose songs are still performed by stars including Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson and Alison Krauss — deserves to be among the legends enshrined in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn.

"A lot of people know who Keith Whitley was, but I kind of have to refresh their memory," said Hill, who named her daughter Whitley after the curly-haired singer.

Hill, who worked in the medical services industry for 17 years before becoming disabled in 2003, had no ties to Whitley before she started her campaign. Since then she has grown close to Whitley's family, including his parents, brother and sister-in-law.

Her Internet petition has so far collected nearly 2,000 signatures, including some stars who knew Whitley: Ralph Stanley, J.D. Crowe and Alan Frizzell, brother of Honky Tonk legend Lefty Frizzell.

But Whitley's pedigree and legion of fans is no guarantee he'll get into country music's exclusive Hall of Fame.

Even 83-year-old Stanley, whose honors include a Grammy, the National Medal of Arts and membership at the Grand Ole Opry, isn't in the hall.

"I'd like to be in it and I'd like to see Keith in it too," said Stanley, who hired Whitley to

play with his backing band when Whitley was a teen.

Hill, 38, said she will travel to Nashville later this year to make a pitch for Whitley to an assistant to the Hall of Fame's director.

There are plenty of fans who contact the museum to make a push for their favorite artist, but few have taken it as far as Hill, said Scott Stem, a spokesman for the Country Music Association, which conducts the Hall of Fame balloting.

"As far as one who has taken the time to come down and meet with people, I don't know that we see that that often," he said.

Stem said inductees are voted on by a secret list of about 300 country artists and industry people, meaning petitions and input from fans hold no sway.

"They're purposely kept anonymous so that nobody can influence their vote," Stem said. "We view it as country music's highest honor."

It is an exclusive club. Since 1961, when it began

accepting members, only about 100 country artists, acts and industry people have made it to the Nashville Hall of Fame. There are well over 200 inductees in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which began accepting members in the mid-1980s.

Hill acknowledges that her petition alone won't get Whitley in, but says the singer's influence on modern artists should keep his name in the mix.

Rising country star Ashton Shepherd, who was 3 years old when Whitley died, said Whitley had an indelible influence on her career and she has mentioned Whitley by name in her music.

"I just think he's just brilliant, anything he's ever done," said Shepherd, who turns 22 in August. "To have been taken out of this world so early in his career, it's sort of like a Hank Williams story, but yet he's changed country music, for the good."

Chesney, upon winning entertainer of the year at the Academy of Country Music

Awards in 2007, told the crowd that he had only hoped to "cut a record as good as Keith Whitley did."

"He's been dead almost 20 years, and his music has stood the test of time" said Flo Whitley, who is married to Keith Whitley's brother, Dwight. "It's been almost 20 years and there's still all these artists dropping his name as an influence."

Whitley began singing as a 4-year-old. After leaving Stanley's band he became lead singer for J.D. Crowe and the New South, a country-bluegrass band. He went solo in the mid-1980s after earning a reputation with his smooth voice and landed a recording contract with RCA. In 1998, nearly ten years after his death, a bronze statue of Whitley was dedicated near Sandy Hook. The statue was commissioned by New York entrepreneur Richard Snowden, a Whitley fan.

Many of Whitley's songs

were emblematic of a hard-living lifestyle, which he lived off the stage. An autopsy after his death indicated a blood alcohol content of 0.477.

Hill is hoping to put together a memorial concert in eastern Kentucky in September for Whitley, and she says she won't rest until he is honored in the Hall of Fame.

"Whether it's next year or the next ten years, I'm not going to give up."

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The family of Juanita Harvey Caldwell Morrill would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and Hall Funeral Home.

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• Independent Ralph Nadar	4 Votes, 3%
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FCT ONLINE POLL

Jones appointed to committee to study penal code

FRANKFORT — State Senator Ray S. Jones II, D-Pikeville, has been appointed to serve on the Penal Code Study Subcommittee of the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary, whose members are charged with studying the current 30-year-old code and developing recommendations to correct the state's uneven penalty schemes.

"Ray's work on the Judiciary Committee, his past work as a prosecutor and his experience as a private attorney uniquely qualifies him for an extensive study of the penal code," said State Senator Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, chair of the Judiciary Committee who made the appointment. "It will take a lot of work and intellectual ability

to go through this process and Ray will be dedicated to the task." The subcommittee, established by Senate Joint Resolution 80, is to identify a philosophy for modernization; review actions by other states; reconstruct and expand the classification of crimes; review penalties for violent and non-violent offenses;

restore an equal scheme of penalties for crimes of equal nature and seriousness, and determine if re-adjustments are necessary to penalties for controlled substances offense.

"Kentucky's crime rate during the past 30 years has remained virtually flat, increasing only by about three percent," said Jones, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "However, our incarceration rate has increased by 600 percent. In 1970, there were just over 2,000 state prisoners, but right now, the state's inmate population exceeds 22,000. That number is expected to easily top 23,000 by the end of the biennium. Kentucky's corrections budget has swelled to nearly \$398 million in general funds, but even that is not

enough. We need to update the Kentucky penal code."

The original draft of the Kentucky Penal Code, presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in 1972, favored prosecution. Thirty-six years later, the prisons and jails are overcrowded and the penal code is riddled with uneven penalty schemes, which deem it necessary to update and make changes to the code, he explained.

An area that the senator says merits attention is the prosecution of offenders in drug-related crimes.

"We need to take a long, hard look at the approach we have taken in the past in terms of dealing with the prosecution of drug-related crimes and the treatment of drug abusers," said Jones, who has long advo-

cated ordering substance abusers to enroll in a treatment program even before they go to trial. "Putting felony offenders into treatment programs before they go to trial will help ease the financial burden on our court and prison systems, and will save our taxpayers millions of dollars every year. More importantly, it will help save lives by requiring drug abusers to comply with strict treatment requirements."

Jones favors stiff penalties for convicted drug manufacturers and traffickers and advocates taking steps to reduce the practice of "doctor shopping" to acquire highly addictive narcotics.

Senator Jones represents the 31st district, which includes Pike, Martin and Johnson counties. Senator Stivers represents the 25th district, which includes Clay, Knox, Lee, Magoffin, Morgan, Owsley and Wolfe.

Pikeville College offering new programs of study

PIKEVILLE — New opportunities are awaiting Pikeville College students this fall, including the addition of a Bachelor of Social Work degree, an expanded nursing program and the institution's first-ever Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Open registration for the fall 2008 semester will be held Monday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon

and from 1-3 p.m. each day. Students who have not pre-registered will need to report to the Office of Admissions, Administration Building, first floor. Classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 20.

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degree programs in the undergraduate college. The Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine offers a four-year graduate program culminating in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (D.O.)

For more information about fall registration at Pikeville College, call the Office of Admissions at (606) 218-5251. A list of fall class offerings and other helpful information is available online at www.pc.edu.

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Sheriff's Department will also be receiving funds at the event.

The checks will be presented by Congressman Hal Rogers, and special recognition for some of the departments will be awarded as well, with the recipients of the awards being notified during the ceremony.

Operation UNITE works to rid communities of illegal drug use through undercover narcotics investigations, coordinating treatment for substance abusers, providing support to families and friends of substance abusers, and educating the public about the dangers of using drugs. The goal of the

organization is to educate and activate individuals by developing and empowering community coalitions to no longer accept or tolerate the drug culture.

Operation UNITE serves the 29 counties of the Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

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Lawsuit

ning. "This is a very sad matter," Kirk said. "The injury caused a cut that — because Mrs. Johnson suffered from diabetes — would not heal, despite medical treatment.

Sadly, it became necessary to amputate Linda's leg."

Ashley Tackett Lafferty, Johnson's co-counsel, said the medical treatment alone and the costs incurred have changed Johnson's life.

Johnson's suit reportedly seeks unspecified damages for the alleged "past, present and future medical expenses, lost wages, diminished future earning capacity, and for her past, present and future physical and mental pain and suffering."

Kirk is also seeking compensation for the defendants' alleged "bad faith" with regard to Johnson's attempt to reach a settlement.

"Court is the last place I wanted to be," Johnson said, "but we had no choice. Of course, I'd give anything it had not happened."

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Guest view

Monumental failure

Senior aides in the United States Justice Department failed their profession, their administration and their country when they hired career Justice Department personnel based on their own narrow political philosophies rather than the candidates' legal qualifications.

An internal Justice Department report released Monday found that under former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, qualified personnel for important jobs in such fields as counterterrorism or federal immigration courts often were passed over in favor of less qualified candidates on the basis of arbitrary political considerations by those doing the interviewing. Such practices violated both federal civil service rules and the Justice Department's own hiring policies.

If you think these complaints are partisan, election-year criticisms, look again at where this report comes from. The damning indictment of the Justice Department's workings comes from the department's own inspector general and its internal ethics office. The misdeeds are detailed by people within the department who understand that justice is a nonpartisan issue. According to the report, that distinction was lost on the likes of Kyle Sampson, Gonzales' chief of staff, and Monica Goodling, an attorney and one of Gonzales' chief aides.

Goodling is described as rejecting one qualified candidate was because his wife was a Democrat. Another lost out on a job because of a rumor that she might be a lesbian.

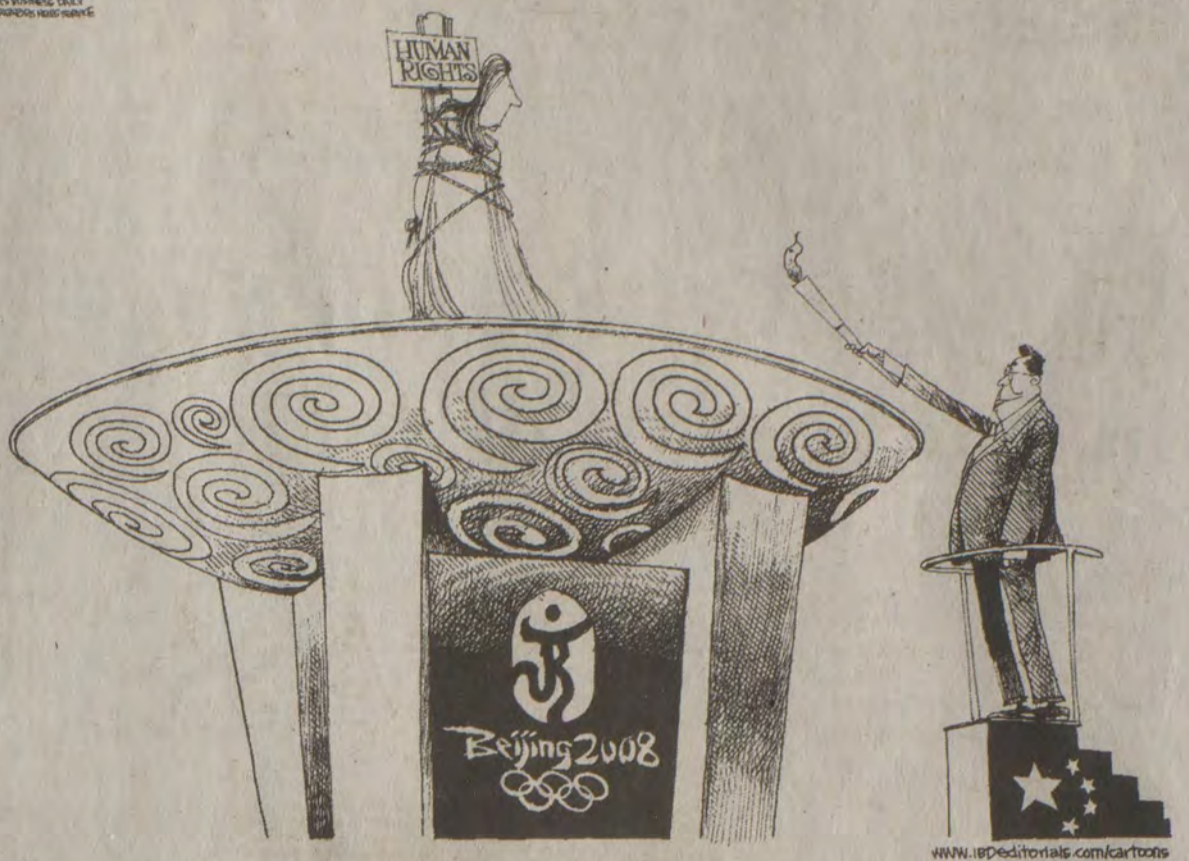
It is a common misconception that jobs in the executive branch are simply patronage positions to be filled by whichever party is in power. But by law, political appointments account for only a few of the 110,000 employees of the Justice Department. The rest are hired not for their politics but for their competence and experience, under the concept that the government works for us all.

The report grew out of the investigation into the questionable firings of several U.S. attorneys after the 2004 election. That controversy led to Gonzales leaving office last year. The report makes it clear that Goodling, Sampson and several others working under Gonzales tried to reduce the department to a spoils system. The resulting taint left the impression that the department's primary interest was not impartial justice.

Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey, who replaced Gonzales, expressed disgust at the report's findings Monday, and vowed not to let such actions happen again. Violating the civil service rules or Justice Department policies are not criminal offenses. Goodling and the others are long gone and can't be fired. But they did previously testify about their actions before congressional committees, and their testimony may be examined in future congressional perjury investigations. Mukasey can keep his vow by cooperating with any future probes.

— The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell

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Rich Lowry Column

GOP must win Sam's Club voters

White working-class voters typically aren't in vogue, with the political chatter tending to revolve around "soccer moms," the "youth vote" or other boutique demographic groups of the moment. But the late charge of Hillary Clinton's doomed presidential campaign made white working-class voters surprisingly fashionable.

They'll stay that way if the important new book "Grand New Party," by two young writers for The Atlantic, Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam, has the impact on the political debate that it should. In an incisive analysis, Douthat and Salam puncture self-comforting delusions of both the right and the left, and persuasively advocate a reorientation of the GOP to address working-class concerns.

They define working-class voters — "Sam's Club" voters, in the phrase they borrow from Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty — as that half of the electorate that lacks a college education. Neither party has been able to build a durable majority, Douthat and Salam write, because of "the refusal of America's working class to pick a side and stick with it."

Their economic forebears were a pillar of FDR's New Deal coalition

— understandably, in Douthat and Salam's telling, since the best of New Deal policies helped graduate them into the middle class by rewarding work and aiding economic aspiration (with Social Security benefits, the home-mortgage deduction, etc.). They came unmoored from the Democratic Party when LBJ's Great Society "cost them money and seemed to undermine their values into the bargain."

The Democrats have labored under twin misapprehensions in seeking to woo these voters back. One is that today's working class could be pulled straight out of a John Steinbeck novel. In reality, according to Douthat and Salam, a Sam's Club voter is "far more likely to be working in education or health care, office administration or business services than on a farm or an assembly line."

The second is that the basket of cultural issues with which the GOP has often been able to win these voters is a mere distraction. Actually, these voters have a keen self-interest in arresting social breakdown: "Safe streets, successful marriages, cultural solidarity, and vibrant religious and civic institutions make working-class

Americans more likely to be wealthy, healthy, and upwardly mobile."

If they aren't the stuff of social realism, working-class anxieties are real. Douthat and Salam's worst case is a "steady degradation of everyday working-class life under the pressures of rising illegitimacy, insecurity, and stratification."

Douthat and Salam want Republicans to work to forestall this future. They float an activist program geared to buttressing families and addressing working-class discontents: a \$5,000-per-child tax credit; subsidies for parents providing their own child care; expanded transportation infrastructure to ease the suburban commute; etc.

Their proposals have been dismissed as "Clintonian triangulation from the right." But back in 1992, Bill Clinton's political achievement was considerable. He broke with the stale pieties of his own party, and — with new emphases and a few well-aimed policies — renovated its image. Republicans await a figure who will pick up the challenge of Grand New Party.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The Rich Lowry column



beyond the beltway

Let's take a break from politics

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Stories.

I like stories, everyone does. They have a beginning, a middle and an end; they make you laugh, cry and sneeze. What's not to like?

As a columnist, however, I have learned that they are untrustworthy. The better the story, the less likely it is to be accurate in its details. Reality is messy; it is the enemy of coherent narrative.

So when I hear a good story I never ask: "Is that true?" I merely say "Boy, that's a good story" and pass it on. (If you're looking for journalism, you should look elsewhere in this paper.)

Here is a good story I heard recently from a friend who'd heard it from the brother of someone who'd actually been there:

An old-line, high-end private school in Seattle was combining, as schools tend to do, a reunion event with a fund-raising drive. Its stated goal was \$1 billion (with a B). As the keynote speaker at the big reunion banquet, the school enlisted the services of one of its alumni — Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft. Gates began by saying how much the school had meant to his life. He'd always been a kind of outsider-geekish kid and the school had given him a welcoming place to grow.

In gratitude, he said, he was going to kick off the fund-raising drive with

a personal check — for \$150-million. Then he told a story.

One of the ways the school had helped him get over his shyness was by encouraging him to get involved in the drama department. He'd started off as a stagehand with some walk-on parts before graduating to speaking roles. By the time he was a senior he was ready for bigger things and he got the male lead in the senior play. Bursting with confidence by now he got up his courage and asked his leading lady — one of the prettiest and most popular girls in the class of course — to be his date at the senior prom. She turned him down.

Gates looked straight at the girl, now a well-turned-out middle-aged woman sitting near the front of the auditorium, and said: "Don't worry, I got over it."

"I hope you did." Boy, that's a good story. It's got three surprises.

One — There are private schools that expect to raise \$1 billion with a bake sale.

Two — There are people who keep \$150 million in their checking accounts.

Three — Bill Gates has a sense of humor. Who knew?

Another story, this one from a friend who was actually there.

It was right after World War II and this man, a veteran, was attending CCNY (the Jewish Harvard, they used to call it) in New York City. He had gone into the Great Hall, a large auditorium, to study. It was nearly empty.

He lost himself in his work, barely noticing that the hall was beginning to fill until it was almost filled. People were beginning to gather on stage for some sort of ceremony. One of them, he saw, was Eleanor Roosevelt, the widow of the late president.

The ceremony turned out to be a memorial for the victims of the Lidice massacre. (The Czech town was literally obliterated and all of its men murdered by the Nazis, in retaliation for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, one of the architects of the Holocaust and the wartime ruler of much of Czechoslovakia.)

It was a moving ceremony, my friend said, and at its conclusion, a young man came out and played taps on the bugle. And he was terrible. Hardly hit a note right. It was deeply embarrassing for everyone.

The crowd eventually filed out and once again my friend was left virtually alone in the hall.

But in a few minutes the same bugler came out on stage again and again played taps, this time to the empty house.

And it was hauntingly beautiful, note-perfect. Which was very moving too, in its way, my friend said; a little sad, a little bittersweet.

Stories.

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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.

Dog Days are usually, hot and dry. How come, then, it gets cool and rains...and rains? Because these are Water-Dog Days.

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The only reason I can offer for these August days being called Dog Days, is because they're so dog-goned hot.

EVEN WITH CREASON

About the only way I'll ever get even with the C.J.'s redoubtable Creason is to remind him that the story of the drunk and his car trouble, which he retold from Woodrow Burchett, appeared first in this column, and then print an item he beat me to by a few days. I saw this sign at a Leburn, Knott County, store, last Friday, and immediately decided it belonged herein. By Saturday or thereabouts, Creason had it in print. It's the sign which picturesquely uses phonetic spelling as it proclaims to the world: "STUFF FOR SAIL."

NOT FOR THE BIRDS

I could refer to this piece of equipment of mine as my trusty landing net, but the fact is, it hasn't been tried out enough to be proved. Our neighbors at the Ray Howard Furniture Store had a visitor, a bird, equipped with Norden bombsights, the other day, which wore out his welcome, but refused to take hints, open doors, waving arms, shoes, and other invitations to vacate. So they borrowed this landing net of mine.

But, as in the case of so many of my fishing trips, no catch. The fowl simply would not come to roost in it. Finally, in desperation, and in defense of new furniture, over which the visitor swooped with devastating effect, they came out with a trusty air rifle and shot the visitor down. I have, on occasion, been tempted to shoot a few fish, but the law doesn't encourage such tactics.

So here I be. I can't even properly register any disgust and say, "That net is for the birds."

THE VISITOR

It's always Dog Days at this office. The other morning, we had a new specimen—a gentleman dog of doubtful lineage, but small and prettily marked with a black eye balanced by black on the opposite ear, otherwise white. The mutt enjoyed a reasonably warm welcome, did a lot of tail-wagging and some following back and forth as we pretended to be busy. But, like ships that pass in the night, he has vanished from our ken. But he has left behind a few fleas to remind us, that we all make our contribution, in some way, wherever we go or are.

BY AIR AND LAND

This Air Age may be marvelous, but my experience with Air Express

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**REIL TO COMPETE
FOR MISS TEEN USA**



Shannen Reil

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Shannen Reil hopes to return home from her upcoming trip to the Bahamas wearing a crown.

Reil, a junior at Johnson Central High School, will be competing in the Miss Teen USA pageant on August 15-16 at the Atlantis Resort Paradise Island in the Bahamas. This is the first Miss Teen USA

pageant to be held outside of the United States.

"Atlantis is truly a perfect location for an event of this magnitude," said Paula M. Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization. "It has a tropical atmosphere and many amenities that cater to teens and their families."

Reil, along with 50 other teens representing each state and the District of Columbia, will compete

in personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown categories.

"I am thrilled to represent Kentucky," Reil said. "Win or lose, it has been an honor and an amazing experience I will never forget."

In January, Reil was crowned as the new 2008 Miss Kentucky Teen USA during a pageant held in Somerset at the Center for Rural Development. She competed against over 50 other contestants from across the entire state to take the title. Reil received the crown from Katrinia Giannini, the outgoing Miss Kentucky Teen USA.

Reil has been busy during her summer break from school making personal appearances and supporting charitable events throughout Kentucky, as is customary for the winner of the Miss Kentucky Teen USA. She has also had the opportunity to travel to Nashville, New Jersey and New York City in preparation for the upcoming Miss Teen USA pageant.

Kentucky is ranked eight in terms of place and value of placements across all 23 years of competition at the Miss Teen USA pageant.

The pageant has been televised by NBC from 2003-2007, but it is not scheduled to be shown live this year. According to Reil's mother, it may be aired at a later date.

Shannon Reil is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reil from West Van Lear in Johnson County.

Miss Teen USA is a beauty pageant for girls ages 15-19 directed by the Miss Universe Organization. The first Miss Teen USA event was held in 1983.

The Miss Teen USA, Miss USA, and Miss Universe organization is owned by Donald Trump and NBC Television. Hilary Cruz, of Colorado, is the current reigning Miss Teen USA and will present the crown to her successor at the event.

For more information on the pageant and the contestants, visit <http://www.missteeenusa.com>.

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

'Prophecy'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Horror movies were all the rage in the late-1970s following the success of John Carpenter's "Halloween." Though most films of the time followed the "stalk and slash" formula, there were occasional movies that tweaked the genre, such as this effort which was marketed as a return to the "monster movie" motif.

Here you get grown-up characters, for a change, at the mercy of a freak of nature that stalks them through the woodlands of Maine intent on making a meal out of them.

It all begins in D.C. when a doctor, for the Environmental Protection Agency, lands the plumb assignment of mediating a clash between Native Americans in Northern Maine and a paper company which has purchased the rights to 100,000 acres of trees.

Dr. Verne (the prototype for the Al Gore style crusader) sees it as an opportunity to make a difference, while his wife Maggie views the situation as a chance to sit hubby down and break the news that she's in the family way. Meanwhile we already know there's bigger fish to fry after witnessing a tense opening scene where a search party runs smack-dab into a giant, unseen beast, which decimates their group.

Things go poorly as Verne finds himself torn between the grim leader of the Native American resistance group, Hawks, and the paper company's well meaning representative, Isley. Eventually the doctor learns that Mercury poisoning is to blame for local behavior problems and an alarming rate of mutation in all animal species that eat fish.

The problem then becomes reporting his findings when he is stranded in the woods with a small party and no weapons, which would have come in handy considering that a giant mutant plans to snack on them like so many corn dogs.

This one takes its time getting to the good stuff. You have to wait about 53 minutes for the thrills to come, but they are pretty nonstop at that point. The whole film kicks it up a notch once the monster shows up, but before that you have to wade through a slew of dull moments, a tour of the paper company and a pointless argument about not wanting to bring children into the world because it's tough out there.

That said, the Doc does spot a salmon the size of a Volkswagen, but he naively eats fish he caught in the same lake, proving that he didn't exactly ace biology.

The actors also fail to bring their A-game until the second act. Robert Foxworth makes for a very dull Dr. Verne (maybe he has more in common with Gore than I thought). He's supposed to be passionate about the world's ills but comes off as cynical,

(See LAGOON, page six)

PBH employees honored in awards ceremony

Five employees of Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center were recognized in July for outstanding performance during the second quarter of 2008 by the hospital's Administrator and CEO, Deborah Trimble.

Judy Salyer, who serves as the hospital's Information and Security employee, was chosen as employee of the Quarter. Nurse of the Quarter was Debbie Blair, RN, Third Floor Charge Nurse. Trish Foley, RN, 2nd Floor and CCU Manager was honored as Supervisor of the Quarter.

In two new categories of recognition, "The Impact Award" and "HOPE Award", Sharon Castle, LPN, received the HOPE award while Cynthia McKenzie was granted the Impact Award.



Debbie Blair, RN, Trish Foley, RN, Debbie Trimble, CEO, Judy Salyer.

Busy bees

by HARRIET MAY SAVITZ
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: LIFE LESSONS FOR BUSY MOMS"

My grandchildren were visiting for the week. They came with a written calendar of events. Pick-up times and drop-off times. I was in charge of keeping them busy and on schedule. I'm not good at either. As an elder adult, I manage to keep occupied, but I don't think I'm busy. My dog doesn't care if he's busy. He just wants his walk twice a day. And my cats, in between long naps, avoid being busy.

I do not have a busy house, though I have a business in my home. I wasn't certain how my grandchildren would react to the lack of activity, to the abundance of free time. "What are we doing today?" they would ask. "I don't know," I'd answer. I could see by their faces it was not the expected reply. Somehow we managed to pass the day. We did some staring at the squirrels running up the tree. We took the dog for a walk and played ball with him. We sat on rocking chairs, watching people walk up and down the street, and we wondered aloud

where they were going. We spent some time talking to the parakeet in his cage, and taking some long walks around the corner and up the block. We drew some chalk pictures on the sidewalk, and for an hour or two, we just sat, being bored. But that was OK. Because in the free-time zone, you don't have to be entertaining or exciting or wonderful all the time. Or busy. You just can be.

But kids today are accustomed to being like busy bees. They're busy from the time they get up until the time they go to bed. And it's a long day. Some of them get up at 7 a.m. and do not go to bed until 10 or 11 p.m. Not only are they busy at school, but they are busy with after-school activities, and with keeping up with

their friends who are also busy. They do a lot of traveling in cars, keeping busy going from one house to another to fulfill play dates.

Play is no longer spontaneous. It's scheduled, as are dance classes, soccer and baseball, and religious classes, and add to the itinerary doctor's and dentist's appointments.

There is little free time. Unscheduled time is a rare treasure, on the brink of becoming extinct. People fear it, run from it

and avoid it. One morning during my weekend in charge of the children, we lay in my king-size bed all morning deciding what to do with the day. We thought about it a long time. We watched television. We talked.

We told each other things we didn't have time to share before. We explored our feelings about the day and about some problems disturbing us. We even dared to be silent with each other.

Nobody moved to get dressed. Nobody made a tele-

(See SOUP, page six)



Wife need not worry about gas tank location

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My wife wants to buy a Honda Fit, but now she is worried about the gas tank. It is located under the front seat rather than under the trunk. Is this dangerous? — Prentiss

RAY: You're not trying to knock her off, are you, Prentiss? If we tell you it's dangerous, you're not going to buy her the car, then take out a large life-insurance policy on her, are you?

TOM: It's not dangerous, as far as we can tell, Prentiss. We don't know definitively, because the Fit has only been out for a few years, and it's possible that a problem could come to light later. But from what we can tell, it's not an issue.

RAY: Most cars have their gas tank right behind the back seat — conveniently enough, where the mother-in-law usually rides. You'll notice no one's ever written to us to complain about that!

TOM: Honda moved the gas tank in the Fit under the driver's seat to create more room in the back to fold the seats flat. And it IS a very nice, functional design, from the point of view of usable interior space.

RAY: When we looked underneath a Fit, we noticed that the tank doesn't extend right to the outside edge of the vehicle. It's at least somewhat pro-

tected behind a side structural member.

TOM: Here's what we do know. When the Fit was crash-tested, it got top ratings for both frontal crashes and driver's-side impacts. That's a good sign right there. In addition, if the crash-testing agencies (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) had seen anything that worried them during a crash test (like, for example, a gas tank that explodes and burns any surviving crash-test dummies beyond all recognition), they would have mentioned it in the optional "safety concerns" section of the results. There are no such comments about the Fit.

RAY: These days, gas tanks are made of plastic, and they're pretty hard to puncture. They're actually very resilient, in our experience.

TOM: If something entered the driver's side of the car with enough force to wipe out the gas tank, it probably would wipe out the entire front seat, too, if you catch my drift. So either way, your wife won't have to worry about it.

RAY: I'm sure my brother's making you feel a lot better, huh, Prentiss?

TOM: Actually, while we can't say for certain, we have no evidence that suggests it's a problem. If it gives

you any additional confidence, the placement of the gas tank doesn't stop us from recommending the Fit, which we think is an excellent little car.

Accidental high-speed shifting blew transmission

Dear Tom and Ray:

I accidentally shifted my 1999 Plymouth Grand Voyager (SE 6-cylinder) into neutral while the car was in motion at 60 mph. I put it back into gear and heard a loud noise, and the car bucked like I had rolled over something. I know, not good, I pulled over because the car had shut off. I started it again and stepped on the accelerator. The engine just revved. I got out and saw transmission fluid leaking onto the ground. What the heck happened? And please tell me I don't have to get a second mortgage to fix it! Thanks in advance, and cheers! — Greg

TOM: Oh, Greg. Why don't you go grab the home equity loan application, and then come back and read the rest of our answer?

RAY: I'll tell you exactly what happened. When you "accidentally" shifted the transmission into neutral while you were traveling at 60 mph, you also "accidentally" overshot neutral and shifted it into reverse.

TOM: That's what happened, Greg. That explains the loud noise,

the bucking sensation and the subsequent and immediate lack of a functioning transmission.

RAY: When you shifted into reverse at a high speed, you probably blew apart the spider gears in the differential and blew a hole in the differential casing — which is part of the transmission housing. That's why transmission fluid was pouring out under the car.

TOM: So, you're looking at spending somewhere north of \$2,000 on a rebuilt transmission if you ever want this car to move under its own power again, Greg. This is one powerful reason not to shift the car into neutral while your car is moving, unless it's an emergency — like your throttle is stuck.

RAY: Right. We've heard from a lot of people who think they're improving their mileage by "coasting" in neutral occasionally. But the few cents they save on gasoline will pale in comparison with a new transmission if they accidentally push the shifter a smidge too far.

TOM: Actually, not all cars will suffer the same fate as yours, Greg.

With all of the electronically controlled automatic transmissions these days, there are a lot that simply won't allow the transmission to shift into reverse when it's not safe to do so — like when you're going forward at 60 mph.

RAY: Unfortunately, we now know that the '99 Voyager wasn't one of those. But the truth is, we don't know exactly which transmissions will protect themselves and which won't. We can't really experiment on the brand-new test cars we drive, can we?

TOM: So, if any of you readers have "accidentally" experimented on your own car, let us know what happened (at www.cartalk.com). And next time my brother lends me his car, I'll tell you what happens when you put a '97 Honda Odyssey in reverse while going 60.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Trying to decide when to retire? Make an informed decision

by PAUL D. BARNES
SOCIAL SECURITY REGIONAL
COMMISSIONER, ATLANTA

It's never too early to start thinking about your retirement. When you do, one of your first questions may be, "When's the best time to start receiving retirement benefits?"

There's no one "best age" for everyone and, ultimately, it is your choice. You should make an informed decision about when to apply for benefits based on your individual and family circumstances.

With that in mind, Social Security has published a new fact sheet to help you make the decision that's best for

you. When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

Things to consider are your current cash needs, health, family longevity, whether you plan to work after you retire, future financial needs and obligations, and the amount of your benefit and other income, such as pensions and deductions from retirement funds. Do you have investments to draw from when you need extra money? Will it last as long as you expect to live?

Keep in mind that people are living longer than they used to. About

one out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past age 90, and one out of 10 will live past age 95. If you decide to retire early, at 62 or any time before your full retirement age, you'll get your benefits sooner — but you'll get a reduced benefit for the rest of your life. Your monthly benefit will last as long as you do. So the reduction in monthly payment for taking early retirement can add up to a big difference over the life of your benefits.

Your decision can affect your spouse and family, too. If you die before your spouse and dependent children, they may be eligible for survivors benefits. But if you took early

retirement, their payments would be based on your reduced benefit amount.

When you reach your full retirement age, you can work and earn as much as you want and still receive your full Social Security benefit payment. If you are younger than full retirement age and if your earnings exceed certain dollar amounts, some of your benefit payments during the year will be withheld.

On the other hand, if you put off retirement benefits until after your full retirement age, your amount will increase. In fact, your benefit amount will continue to go up until you reach age 70 or start receiving benefits,

whichever comes first.

And when thinking about Social Security, don't forget Medicare. You should sign up for Medicare three months before reaching age 65, no matter when your full retirement age is—even if you decide to delay retirement benefits. Otherwise, your Medicare medical insurance, as well as prescription drug coverage, could be delayed, and you could be charged higher premiums.

Learn more and make an educated decision about when to retire. Visit the online fact sheet, When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

Allen

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isn't so great. Monday, we ordered a machine part shipped out of Chicago by air to Tri-State Airport at Huntington. A day later, we took to the telephone, trying to locate the shipment. A call to Tri-State and Air Express elicited the information that Air Express shipments do not stop there, but go on to Lexington or Cincinnati, and wind up at Ashland Air Express via truck. A call to Ashland narrowed the air destination to Lexington, but also provided the

information that the part would return there from Lexington by truck.

This is Wednesday afternoon, late, and still we don't know where the part is, or whether it's headed in this direction by air, truck, or dogsled.

Carl Wise recently expressed the desire to establish an air delivery service for this section, if enough business could be found. Wish he already was delivering. Otherwise, deliver us from Air Express.

Lagoon

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snotty, somewhat bored.

Talia Shire ("Rocky") is even worse as his suffering wife. She basically whines through the first half of the movie in what appears to be an extended audition tape for "The Nanny."

Armand Assante stiffly interprets Hawks as an emotionless drone who doesn't show a sign of life until he's minutes away from being eaten.

Richard Dysart manages to be the most consistent player as the paper company guy with a conscience. He doesn't allow you to write off this character as a cold-blooded, bought-and-paid-for company guy and even manages to be somewhat heroic until he, too, gets chomped.

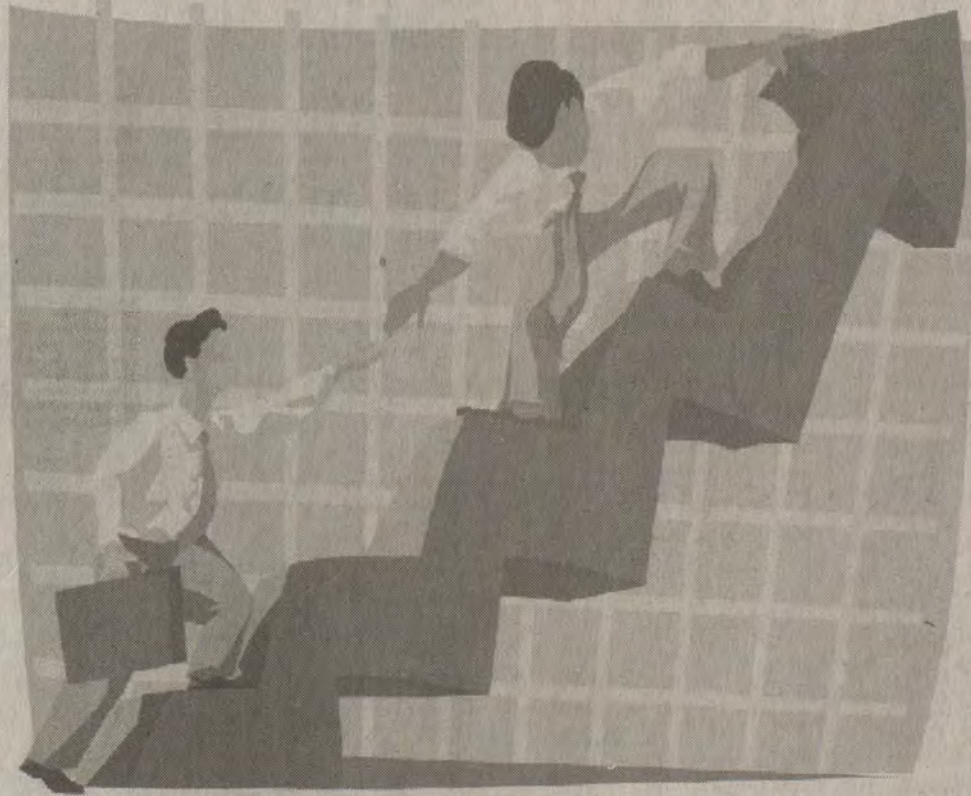
Basically this one comes

alive when the monster shows up. The pace quickens and the monster attacks are well staged, with barely a moment to breathe as the creature whittles down the group by swallowing their heads, thrashing cast members in its burly grip and tossing stunt men through the air with a majestic swoop of its powerful forearm. That said, the monster does suffer upon closeups that make it appear to be nothing more than a shaved bear with a nasty case of the shingles.

Still it's a fun return to the monster movie formula which, come to think of it, always featured slow set ups and paper thin characters.

Best line: "I'm strictly a rat-bite-and-gas-leak man."
1979, rated PG.

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Soup

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phone call to a friend. We didn't know what was going on outside the house. We didn't even care. We were in the free-time zone, the no-time zone, the no-clock, no-schedule, no-pressure zone, where it doesn't matter if there's nothing to do. And no place to go. The free-time zone — where imagination, creativity and truth roam unconfined, at last.

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Peevy named UK Associate AD for Media Relations

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LEXINGTON - DeWayne Peevy, the Director of Media Relations at the Southeastern Conference, has been named Associate A.D./Media Relations at Kentucky, UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart announced Monday.

"We are very pleased to have DeWayne come on board to direct our media relations efforts," Barnhart said. "He is a veteran in the SEC media community and his wealth of experience on the national basketball scene is matched by few. We're excit-

ed to have him join the UK Athletics family."

Peevy will oversee the public relations efforts for the entire athletics department and serve as the primary contact for UK's nationally recognized men's basketball program.

"I am extremely grateful to Mitch Barnhart, Dr. Todd and the University of Kentucky for this great opportunity to work for such an incredible institution," said Peevy. "The Kentucky athletics department has a family atmosphere that always made me feel welcome. Working with SEC

men's basketball for the last eight years, I realize the passion that Kentucky fans have for their teams. My family and I are excited to be a part of the Big Blue Nation."

Peevy comes to Lexington after spending the last eight years at the SEC, where he began as Assistant Director of Media Relations before being promoted to Associate Director in 2003 and Director of Media Relations in February. Since his arrival at the conference office, he was responsible for the day-to-day publicity of SEC men's basketball, including serving as

the media director of the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament since 2004. He currently serves on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Final Four Media Coordination Committee and is the SID representative on the board of the United States Basketball Writers Association.

He was the editor of the 2007 and 2008 SEC Football media guides as well as the media director of the SEC Women's Soccer Tournament since 2003.

He and his wife, Allison, have two children, Kaitlyn (7) and Braden (15 months).



photo by Jamie Howell

DANCE: Members of Prestonsburg High School's dance team are gearing up for the start of the 2008 football season.

Stewart, Gordon poised for Glen victory celebration

by JOHN KEKIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — A road course race couldn't come at a better time for Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon.

The masters of Watkins Glen International — Stewart and Gordon have combined to win eight of the past 11 NASCAR Sprint Cup races on the twisting, 11-turn layout — are mired in season-long winless streaks heading into Sunday's Centurion Boats at The Glen.

A fifth win by either driver would put him in a league of his own. No driver in the track's storied 60-year history has ever won five races, and that includes Formula One, Indy cars, and sports cars.

"I feel that we're the guys that every time we go there that everybody has to pay attention to us in order to win," Stewart said. "Now, there are times we don't win, obviously, but we're still in the hunt every time and got a shot."

Being winless in early August isn't uncharted territory for Gordon, although the four-time Cup champion hasn't gone this deep into a season without a victory since 2002. It is for Stewart, though, who has had at least two wins every year since 1999, his rookie season, and customarily shines in the heat of summer.

Stewart hasn't won a Cup race since he bested Gordon here a year ago, a span of 35 races that represents the longest winless streak of his 10-year Sprint Cup career.

"It's not like we're not running well, because we are," said Stewart, who has won four of the past six races at The Glen and will be inducted Friday into the track's Legends of The Glen. "We've just had some circumstances that haven't gone our way. You'll have that."

Of Stewart's 32 career Cup victories, six have come at road courses.

"We're batting better than .400 at Watkins Glen," said Stewart, who finished second to Carl Edwards a week ago at Pocono. "In nine years, we've won four races. If you can't be counted as a factor after that, I don't know when they do count you as a factor."

Gordon, who has a NASCAR-record nine road course wins, won three straight at The Glen from 1997-99 and captured his fourth in 2001. He's had tough luck here since, especially a year ago.

Gordon led 51 of the race's 90 laps and was two car-lengths ahead of Stewart with just two laps remaining. But the classic

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James Perry Justice, owner of Justice Sledge Hammer Competition, is pictured above on the left with Daniel Anderson, Kentucky champion in the 50-pound sledgehammer competition. Below: David Bangham won the 16- and 20-pound divisions. Allen Newsome (pictured above, right) finished second in the 16-pound division.

Justice Sledge Hammer Competition makes history; future events planned

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BANNER — James Perry Justice, owner of the Justice Sledge Hammer Competition, hosted his organization's first event on May 10 at 10 a.m. at Independent Steel on Daniels Creek Road in Banner. Justice, the 1993 Mr. Louisville and a Kentucky Bodybuilding Champion, helped to make history as Daniel Anderson (Shelbiana) was named the 50-pound sledge hammer champion. David Bangham (Paintsville) became Kentucky's first overall champion of the 16- and 20-pound sledge hammer divisions.

By capturing overall championships, Anderson

and Bangham claimed championship belts, trophies and prize money.

All competitors had to swing the sledge hammer of their choice on a 24-inch stump as many times as possible in one minute. Sledge hammers used were 16-, 20-, and 50-pounds. Awards handed out were championship belts, prize money, first-, second- and third-place trophies and eight-pound hammer trophies. Razorback Sledge Hammers (Westlake, Ohio) donated the 24 hammers for the event.

Justice Sledge Hammer Competition is planning to hold its next event in Belfry some time during the month of October.



First hunting season of fall less than one week away

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — With temperatures in the 80s, it's hard to believe that fall's first hunting season begins in less than a week. Squirrel hunters can hit the woods Saturday, Aug. 16 for opening day of Kentucky's fall squirrel season.

"It's a great time to take kids," said Karen Alexy, Wildlife Division director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and avid squirrel hunter. "Kids haven't hunted all summer, and parents really want to

get out there, too."

Early season hunters can find squirrels by finding their food. Hunters should scout for nut-producing trees, where they can hear squirrels cutting or barking and watch for moving branches as the bushy tails move.

"I'm mostly looking for cuttings on the ground and movement in the trees. I'll stalk for a while, then sit and wait," Alexy said. "I won't stay in one place for very long. It's a good time to stalk hunt because there's still a lot of green on the trees, and no dead leaves on the ground."

Small game biologist Ben Robinson said his field observations indicate this will be a good year for several tree species.

"It's going to be a great crop of hickories, beech and white oak," he said. "Red oak probably won't be very abundant, because they were so good last year. It's pretty common for them to skip a year."

While it's easier to spot moving branches at this time of year, the amount of leaves on the trees can make it difficult to spot the squirrels themselves. This makes using a rifle more difficult than later in the

season, when branches are bare. Still, many hunters like the challenge. Both Alexy and Robinson prefer a .22-caliber rifle.

"If you're looking for a challenge, you might try a rifle," said Robinson. "If you're looking to stock up on meat, a shotgun would probably be the sure fire bet."

Shotguns are also a safer choice for kids, who may not have enough experience to safely shoot a rifle up into trees. Twenty-gauge shotguns are a popular choice, but hunters with

(See **HUNTING**, page two)

Perry withdraws from PGA Championship with eye injury

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Kentuckian Kenny Perry, playing in a major for the first time this year, withdrew from the PGA Championship after an opening-round 79 because of an eye injury.

Perry, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour this year, is ranked 17th in the world and has clinched a

spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

"I have had Lasik surgery and have been wearing Lasik lenses which have a hard center and flatten out at the end," he said after withdrawing. "I had got some infection in there and my doctor said that I needed to let my eyes rest by keeping the contacts out."

"He gave me cortisone and steroids which were

very painful and it was annoying and difficult to be trying to fight a tough golf course and have my eye aggravating me at the same time."

Perry said he is being by Dr. Robert Erickson, an ophthalmologist from Birmingham, Mich.

"I love the PGA Championship and I hate to not be continuing. But I have got to get ready for the

Ryder Cup," said Perry, who turns 48 on Sunday.

The biennial competition with Europe will be played in September at Valhalla Country Club in Louisville, Perry's home state.

Perry, who did not even try to qualify for the U.S. Open and passed on playing in the British Open, has made nearly \$4.5 million — trailing only Tiger Woods, whose season ended with

knee surgery — on the money list and is averaging a PGA Tour-low 69.51 strokes in 21 events.

He was winless the previous two seasons, slowed by knee surgery, after winning twice in 2005 and three times in 2003.

This was Perry's 18th PGA Championship and his best finish was a second in 1996 when he lost to Mark Brooks in a playoff.

Miners to host free agent camp at Expo Center

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners free agent camp is scheduled for Sept. 6 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The early registration fee for the professional basketball free agent camp is \$75. Early registration is being held through Sept. 5. The registration fee is \$125 for those who register on the day of the camp.

Acceptable forms of payment are money order and cash. Money orders should be sent for the early registration. Cash or money order will be the only acceptable form of payment. No checks will be accepted during any of the registration period. Money orders should be made payable to East Kentucky Miners.

The camp will be comprised of two sessions — 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. A one-hour lunch period will be held prior to the start of the second and final session.

For those who choose to register on the day of the camp, registration will begin at 8 a.m. that morning. Lunch will not be provided as part of the camp.

The one-day free agent camp is invitation-only to the general public. Media members who contact the Miners public relations department will be permitted to attend either or both of the sessions.

All players should send a resume with their registration form. Players should also bring a second copy of their resume to the free agent camp.

Game video — if available — is also encouraged. Payment and application materials should be sent to East Kentucky Miners Basketball, LLC., c/o Coach Kevin Keathley, 237 2nd Street Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

Wildcats add pads to practices

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team added shoulder pads to go along with helmets and shorts during Thursday's final split-squad practice.

"It was a tale of two different practices," Coach Rich Brooks said. "The second group (primarily first- and third-teamers) looked a lot better than the first group (primarily second- and fourth-teamers). It was a little sloppy, too many mistakes with shoulder pads on in that first group. (There are a) Lot of young players in that group. Obviously, it's a little different activity with shoulder pads on. The receivers can't get off the line of scrimmage quite as easy. There's a lot of things they'll learn from this."

Brooks noted that junior offensive tackle Justin Jeffries missed Thursday's practice and would likely miss another day or two because of a jammed shoulder, but the injury did not appear serious. The coach also said he was pleased with what he's seen of senior defensive end Nii Adjei Oninku and sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Lumpkin, both of whom are returning from surgery.

After three days of split-squad work, the Wildcats had their first practice as a complete team Friday. The first practice in full pads was held Saturday.

Ohio State eyes another Big Ten championship

by GENARO C. ARMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State's James Laurinaitis peeked at a reporter's notebook while giving an interview and noticed a mistake.

"You spelled my name wrong," Laurinaitis interrupted, finding a missing "a" in his last name.

Quite the perfectionist, that All-American linebacker.

The loaded Buckeyes are favored to win the Big Ten for a fourth straight year. But while conference crowns are nice, Ohio State wouldn't mind erasing the memories of lopsided losses in the last two BCS title games with a national championship.

The perfect ending to a season has been elusive for these Buckeyes.

"I've never gotten complacent," he said recently. "Let's face it, when you're in Columbus, you're the team down there. It's something where you are part of something special."

Other interesting story lines abound around the Big Ten.

—Joe Paterno's 372 wins are one behind only Florida State's Bobby Bowden for most among major college football coaches. But an age-old question has emerged again at Penn State: Will this be the 81-year-old Paterno's last season on the sideline?

—Michigan is in transition as new coach Rich Rodriguez installs his vaunted spread offense — without a proven quarterback.

—Illinois will try to prove it's no one-year wonder, while Purdue coach Joe Tiller hopes his high-flying offense can nudge its way into the upper end of the standings in his final season before retirement.

Yet all that may take a backseat to another BCS title run by the Buckeyes.

Twenty starters return for coach Jim Tressel, including Laurinaitis and bullish 1,000-yard rusher Chris "Beanie" Wells. Tressel also added super-recruit Terrelle Pryor, who could have an all-purpose role on offense while playing understudy to steady starting quarterback Todd Boeckman.

"You hear about them all the time," Rodriguez said about the Buckeyes. "I still have on my desk from the first day I got the job a 'Beat Ohio State' button, so (it's) not like I needed to be reminded about that. But I do think it's fun."

Still for all their talent, the Buckeyes weren't good enough to beat LSU in the BCS title game last season, or Florida for the 2006 championship.

That has renewed debate by some college football fanatics about the strength of a conference viewed by crit-

ics as slow and plodding against the speed of the SEC or elite programs such as Southern California.

The Big Ten went 3-5 last year in bowl games, including 0-2 in the BCS — the other loss being Illinois' 49-17 stinker to USC in the Rose Bowl.

Perhaps no team wants to change the minds of Big Ten naysayers more than the Buckeyes. They'll get their first chance on Sept. 13 at USC.

"Whenever people are telling you, 'You guys aren't going to be any good,'" he said, "you want to prove everybody wrong."

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

OHIO STATE — Key players: QB Todd Boeckman, Sr.; RB Chris Wells, Jr.; DB Malcolm Jenkins, Sr.; LB James Laurinaitis, Sr. Returning starters: 9 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: The Buckeyes are trying to become the first team in the 113-year history of the Big Ten to win three straight outright titles. Ohio State shared its 2005 crown with Penn State. ... There will be no grace period for Pryor. "I would think that from day one he'll be a guy that you're going to take notice of," Tressel said.

WISCONSIN — Key players: RB P.J. Hill, Jr.; TE Travis Beckum, Sr.; LB

Jonathan Casillas, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: Coach Bret Bielema must break in a new starting QB for the second straight year. Kansas State transfer Allen Evridge is the favorite. ... Wisconsin opens conference play with a tough trifecta: at Michigan before facing Ohio State and Penn State at home.

PENN STATE — Key players: WR Derrick Williams, Sr.; RB Evan Royster, So.; DE Maurice Evans, Jr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Off-field issues aside, Paterno will ease in a new starting quarterback behind a veteran offensive line. ... JoePa must replace standout LB Sean Lee (right knee), and depth on the D-line took a hit after tackles Chris Baker and Phil Taylor were kicked off the team last week.

ILLINOIS — Key players: QB Juice Williams, Jr.; WR Arrelious Benn, So.; CB Vontae Davis, Jr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Williams might be relied on more to spark the offense with RB Rashard Mendenhall gone to the NFL. ... Benn, last year's freshman sensation, has recovered from offseason shoulder surgery. ... The defense must replace four of last season's top five tacklers.

MICHIGAN STATE —

Key players: QB Brian Hoyer, Sr.; RB Javon Ringer, Sr.; LB Greg Jones, So. Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The Spartans hope to ride the momentum of last year's bowl appearance, their first since 2003. ... Hoyer and Ringer form a good core on offense, though WR Devin Thomas must be replaced after he decided to skip his senior season for the NFL.

MICHIGAN — Key players: WR Greg Mathews, Jr.; DL Terrance Taylor, Sr.; DE Tim Jamison, Sr. Returning starters: 3 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The Rodriguez era begins with an offensive overhaul. Redshirt freshman Steven Threet, a transfer from Georgia Tech, could take over at QB in the new spread-option offense. ... The D-line should be a strength with four starters back.

IOWA — Key players: QB Jake Christensen, Sr.; DT Mitch King, Sr.; DT Matt Kroul. Returning starters: 7 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: The university's handling of an alleged sexual assault case in which two former football players have been charged has drawn headlines. ... King and Kroul could be one of the best DT duos in country.

PURDUE — Key players: QB Curtis Painter, Sr.; RB Kory Sheets, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Tiller, 83-54 in his 11 seasons as Purdue coach, is two victories shy of becoming Purdue's all-time winningest coach. ... The school is hyping Painter as a Heisman Trophy candidate, complete with the Web site, www.curtispainter12.com.

MINNESOTA — Key players: QB Adam Weber, So.; WR Eric Decker, Jr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The offense appears to be in good hands with Weber, who passed for a school-record 2,895 yards and 24 touchdowns as a red-shirt freshman. Still, the Gophers went 0-8 in conference last year.

INDIANA — Key players: QB Kellen Lewis, Jr.; DE Greg Middleton, Jr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Lewis is back with the Hoosiers after being suspended by coach Bill Lynch for undisclosed reasons. ... Middleton had an NCAA-leading 16 sacks last year.

NORTHWESTERN — Key players: QB C.J. Bacher, Sr.; RB Tyrell Sutton, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Sutton, the Big Ten's leading active career rusher with 2,996 yards, missed five games last season with an ankle injury. He was limited to 522 yards in 2008 — still a team-high.

Mountaineers are new beasts of Big East

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since Miami and Virginia Tech left the Big East, commissioner Mike Tringese has pitched competitive balance as the league's selling point.

Apparently, West Virginia didn't get the memo from the league office.

The Mountaineers haven't quite reached Hurricanes-level dominance, but over the last three years, they've won 34 games and finished in the top-10 in nation three times, with league championships and BCS victories in 2005 and '07.

Favored to win the Big East again this season behind its Heisman Trophy contender quarterback, there's no doubting West Virginia is the conference's premiere program.

But can the Mountaineers stay on top with Coach Rod in Michigan and Coach Stew running the show in Morgantown?

"We like proving people wrong," senior tackle Ryan Stanchek said. "I think it's great for the football team. I think we do a lot better when we are the underdog. We do better when we have something to prove. So keep telling us that we don't have a coaching staff."

During the tumultuous time after Rich Rodriguez left West Virginia for Michigan, Bill Stewart, a West Virginia native like Rodriguez, directed the Mountaineers to a 48-28 victory against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

Stewart, an affable long-time assistant, was rewarded with a promotion to permanent head coach, putting one of the most talented teams in the country in the hands of a man whose only head coaching experience was three lackluster seasons at VMI.

It seemed all of West Virginia loved coach Stewart after the Fiesta Bowl, but that warm and fuzzy feeling won't last if the Mountaineers stumble this season — and he knows it.

"I don't worry about that pressure," Stewart said during Big East media days in Rhode Island earlier this month. "Every game, they're all big. We're going to approach every game in a championship manner."

The mastermind behind West Virginia's spread offense is gone, but the guy who makes it go is back for his senior season. Pat White ran for 1,335 yards and 14 touchdowns and completed 69 percent of his throws.

White expects to throw it even more this season, but it's when he leaves the pocket that he becomes one of the most dangerous players in the country.

"He's very unique. He's slippery," Pittsburgh linebacker Scott McKillop, a third-team All-American and the league's leading tackler last season. "You've got to make sure you have him tackled because if you think you have him tackled he could be 60 yards downfield."

McKillop and the Panthers have yet to reach a bowl in three seasons under coach Dave Wannstedt, but last season's huge upset against West Virginia has Pitt a trendy pick for a breakout season.

South Florida was the feel good story in the Big East for the first half of last season, before a three-game losing streak knocked them out of championship contention. The Bulls have quarterback Matt Grothe and sackmaster George Selvie back, and own a two-game winning streak against the Mountaineers. They'll try to extend that in the season finale at Morgantown, a game already being talked about as a de facto conference championship.

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

WEST VIRGINIA — Key players: QB Pat White, Sr.; RB Noel Devine, Soph.; S Quinton Andrew, Jr.; LB Morty Ivy, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: Devine, who aver-

aged 8.6 yards per carry as Steve Slaton's backup last season, is now White's primary running mate. ... The offensive line returns intact and new offensive coordinator Dan Mullen, imported from Wake Forest, should provide some new wrinkles. ... The defense, which ranked in the top 10 in both yards and points allowed, needs reworking up front.

SOUTH FLORIDA — Key Players: QB Matt Grothe, Jr.; RB Mike Ford, Soph.; DE George Selvie, Jr.; LB Tyrone McKenzie, Sr. Returning starters: 10 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Grothe led the team in rushing with 872 yards, but coach Jim Leavitt would probably like to have Ford (645 yards and 12 TDs) take a bigger role. ... Bulls have top three wide receivers (Carlton Mitchell, Jessie Hester, Taurus Johnson) and TE Cedric Hill back. ... Friday night home game against Kansas (Sept. 12) matches two of last season's surprise teams.

PITTSBURGH — Key players: RB LeSean McCoy, Soph.; WR Derek Kinder, Sr.; DE Greg Romeus, Soph.; LB Scott McKillop, Sr. Returning starters: 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Wannstedt is 16-19 in three seasons at his alma mater, but he's recruited well and those efforts should start paying off now. At least Pitt is banking on that, because Wannstedt received a three-year extension the day before he beat West Virginia. ... McCoy set a Big East freshman record with 1,328 yards rushing. ... McKillop led the NCAA in tackles per game with 12.6.

RUTGERS — Key players: QB Mike Teel, Sr.; WR Kenny Britt, Jr.; S Courtney Greene, Sr. Returning starters: 7 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Who replaces Ray Rice and his 2,012 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns? Sophomores Mason Robinson and Kordell Young, recovering from knee injury, are the top candidates. ... Britt (1,232 yards) and Tiquan Underwood

(1,100) became the first 1,000-yard receiving duo in school history.

LOUISVILLE — Key players: QB Hunter Cantwell, Sr.; C Eric Wood, Sr.; DT Earl Heyman, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Coach Steve Kragthorpe's first season was disappointing (6-6) and he spent this offseason cleaning up a roster with too many troublemakers. ... Cantwell backed up Brian Brohm for three seasons, flashing promise in a handful of starts. NFL scouts like his arm and size (6-foot-5, 236 pounds).

CONNECTICUT — Key players: QB Tyler Lorenzen, Sr.; RB Andre Dixon, Jr.; LB Scott Lutrus, Soph. Returning starters: 9 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Surprising UConn was the Big East co-champion last season with West Virginia, though that 66-21 loss to the Mountaineers makes it tough to take the championship banner seriously. ... Coach Randy Edsall passed on chance to take over at Georgia Tech in offseason.

CINCINNATI — Key players: WR Marcus Barnett, Soph.; DT Terrill Byrd, Sr.; CB Mike Mickens, Sr. Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: There's still a chance Ben Mauk, who passed for 31 touchdowns and is appealing for a sixth year of eligibility, could be back. If not, senior Dustin Grutza, who has 24 starts, is the guy. ... The Bearcats were plus-16 in turnover, tying for the national lead with 42 take-aways in coach Brian Kelly's first season.

SYRACUSE — Key players: LB Jake Flaherty, Sr.; QB Andrew Robinson, Jr. Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Coach Greg Robinson must get the Orange to improve this season after going 7-28 in three years or he'll be gone. ... Ranked last in the league in total offense and total defense.

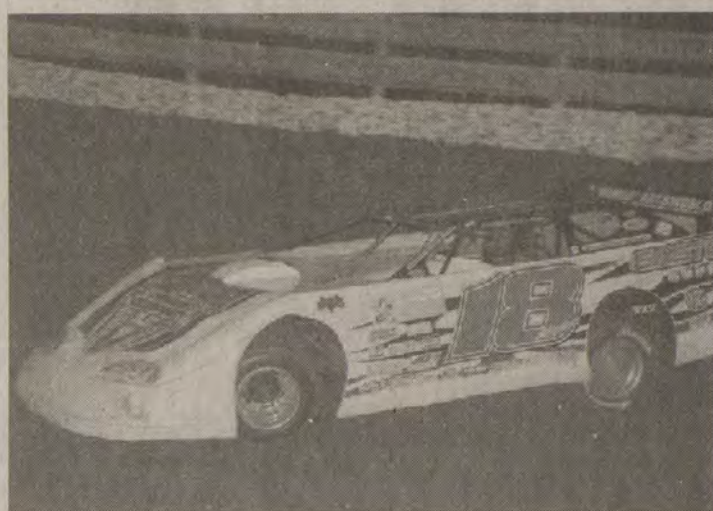


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BRANDON KINZER won this year's Pop's 40 Late Model Feature at 201 Speedway.

Weak spots evident for BCS contenders

by RICK FREEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Every team has a weak spot, an Achilles' heel, a tragic flaw. And every team save one is going to fall short of the national title. Here's some likely causes for the top contenders to stumble:

1. Florida's secondary: When last you saw this unit, it was being flayed to ribbons by Michigan in the Capital One Bowl. Gators' DBs allowed a 60 percent completion rate last season and overall, Florida yielded 25.5 points per game last year. If they can't get that back closer to the 13.5 of their national championship season, another trip to Orlando — and not Miami — is likely.

2. Southern California's offensive line: The Trojans' line is one of the least experienced in the country. This could be ... an issue ... for a team that hasn't settled on a featured back yet and only has four starters back on offense.

3. West Virginia's coaching: Everybody loved Bill Stewart after he led the Mountaineers to a 48-28 victory over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. He seemed so genuinely appreciative of the opportunity. It was a feel-good story, but the reality is West Virginia hired a coach who would not have been a candidate for any other major college job in the

country.
4. Oklahoma's cornerbacks and linebackers: After a front four that should be stout and violent, the Sooners are looking to break in two new linebackers and two new cornerbacks. Oklahoma's top four tacklers from last season are gone, and in a league filled with top passers, relying on inexperienced corners could be the Sooners' undoing.

5. Georgia's schedule: The Bulldogs visit South Carolina (almost always a tough nut for them to crack) and Arizona State in September. If they survive that, they'll have to take on Tennessee at home before closing the season with trips to LSU and Auburn, and, if all is still on track, the SEC title game — most likely against a testy set of Tigers. By comparison, Hercules simply had to tidy up the stables, round up the critters and get the laundry.

6. Ohio State's recent, uh, performances in national title games: It's silly to suggest that Ohio State lacks some secret code to beat SEC teams in bowl games, even though it hasn't happened yet in nine tries. That said, with memories of the past two seasons' pratfalls fresh in their minds, BCS voters are unlikely to give the Buckeyes the benefit of the doubt if more than two candidates present a case for the title game.

Dolland dismissed from Auburn basketball program

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

AUBURN — Junior forward Josh Dollard has been dismissed from the Auburn basketball team for violation of Auburn University Athletic Department policy, head coach Jeff Lebo announced Thursday.

"Auburn has supplied Josh with all the resources for him to be successful," Lebo said. "Josh understood his requirements and responsibilities to be an Auburn student-athlete, and he has fallen short in fulfilling what

was clearly communicated to him."

Dollard took a leave of absence from the basketball team for medical reasons for the 2007-08 season and was redshirted. As a sophomore in 2006-07, he was the Tigers' leading scorer and rebounder in averaging 12.5 points and 7.0 rebounds, respectively. In the final five games of the season, the Hemingway, S.C., native averaged 15.6 points while shooting 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range.

"I have had the opportunity to be successful on and off the court at Auburn," Dollard said. "Due to certain circumstances, I am unable to continue my career here at Auburn. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in my career at Auburn, and I would like to wish my teammates, coaching staff and Auburn family much success in the future."

Dollard averaged 9.1 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals in 22.9 minutes per game as a freshman in 2005-

06 while starting 12 of 23 games. He scored a career-high 29 points and had eight rebounds vs. Jacksonville State and 18 points, five rebounds and three steals at Colorado State. He missed the last five games of his freshman season and the first six games of his sophomore season after being suspended for violation of team rules.

Dollard, who has the option to remain in school at Auburn, is only 12 hours shy of finishing his degree. He would graduate in three and

DB Faison leaves Tennessee team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Defensive back Vince Faison has left the Tennessee football team, citing continued high blood pressure.

Faison joined the Vols in spring practice after a nine-year professional baseball career.

Faison, 27, was a 2000 first-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres. He also played in minor league organizations for Seattle, the New York Yankees and Oakland.

Coach Phillip Fulmer said Faison will become a student coach for the team.

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For sale: 2002 Mitsubishi Montero Sport. Asking pay-off.. 88,000 miles. Call 874-0752.

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2001 S-10 \$4,195

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2001 Jeep \$4,595

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2000 Toyota corolla auto, 116,000 miles \$3,200

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For Sale: 1989 Chevy 4x4. 4.3 Eng Automatic with air. \$ 1,600. Call 377-2107 or 226-1164.

2005 Black Ford Mustang for sale. Automatic, 6cy, purchased extend-

warranty. \$12,500 or best offer. For more information call Tonya at 230-0235.

2006 Harley Dyna Lowrider 1600 miles - \$10,400.00. Both excellent condition. (606) 377-2028 or (606) 377-6229.

2002 Pontiac Sunfire. Mileage 80,000. Price \$4,800. Phone 874-1007.

2006 Harley Sporster Custom 1200cc, 1400 miles - \$7,200.00 and a 2006 Harley Dyna Lowrider 1600 miles - \$10,400.00.

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Work from home! Earn up to \$500 a week or more! Free details. Call 1-800-654-5041.

Local shop needs: Experienced metal fabricator / welder. Underground equipment mechanic / electrician. 1st and 2nd shift jobs available. Wages depend on experience. If interested call Fannin Enterprises, Inc. at 606-874-6441 or come by our shop at 4766 Ky Rt 1428 Allen, Kentucky to fill out an application.

Truck Drivers hiring now. Heavy hauling local and long distance. Call

Bill 606-791-8238.

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HELP WANTED Large Distributor Center getting ready for 100 yr anniversary. Is opening a factory authorized sales & service center in the Paintsville & Prestonsburg area. 28 people needed in all departments. No experience necessary. We will train you if you qualify. Pay starts at \$325 - 588.40 per week as per written agreement. Must be 18 yrs of age or older and be ready to start full time. Rapid advancements &

Immediate opening for an experienced Crew Chief & Rodman with underground and surface surveying.

WELDING POSITIONS AVAILABLE EXCELLENT PAY. Drug screen required. Call Monday-Friday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 285-9358

PREMIER ELKHORN COAL COMPANY Myra, KY is now accepting applications for the following position: TPP Electrician with three years plant electrical repair experience. Must be able to cut and weld. PLC experience required. Requires State and Federal Electrical certifications. Also requires KY Surface Mine certification. Applications will be accepted at: Kentucky Department for Employment Services 138 College Street Pikeville, KY 41501 Premier Elkhorn Coal Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

United States Department of Labor MSHA Mine Safety and Health Administration COAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH INSPECTOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SCREENING OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2008, at 7:00AM PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL 100 WINNERS CIRCLE DR PIKEVILLE, KY 41501 The Mine Safety and Health Administration is seeking candidates for Underground and Electrical Coal Mine Inspectors throughout District 6: Elkhorn City, Hindman, Martin, Phelps, Pikeville and Whitesburg, KY. A minimum of one year of underground mining experience, performing a full range of tasks and operating a variety of equipment is required. After passing math and writing tests, you will be interviewed for possible employment. Specific requirements and online registration for MSHA-08-106-KY-D6 is located at www.doors.dol.gov Online advance registration closes September 19, 2008. For more information about MSHA's Inspector Career Intern Program and what to expect, please visit our website at www.msha.gov Equal Opportunity Employer.

paid vacations available. Call Monday August 11th only. 9 am- 4 pm 606-788-0402.

ROUTE DRIVER Airgas has a career opportunity available for a Route Driver at its Prestonsburg, KY location. This position requires a Class B CDL with HAZMAT Endorsement. Knowledge of the welding industry & customer service experience is a plus. Airgas offers a competitive salary and benefits which include paid vacation days, holidays, sick days, 401(k), employee stock purchase plan. Please inquire to: Mid.Employment@Airgas.com Fax: 270-842-8459 Airgas Mid America EOE M/F/V/H Visit Airgas on the web at www.airgas.com.

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Must have all necessary papers required by the state. Immediate opening for an AutoCAD Technician with prior experience or a graduate of AutoCAD from a vocational school. Immediate opening for a mining permit technician. The applicant should have experience in preparing all phases of a DNR mining permit (Surface & underground). We offer an excellent benefit package. Applications may be picked up at Abbott Engineering, Inc 3073 Ky Rt. 321 Prestonsburg, KY 41265 or call 606-886-1221.

Kentucky Oil now hiring for the following positions: maintenance and truck drivers. Those applying for truck-driving jobs must have a class A & B

hazmat with tanker endorsement CDL license. Pay will be discussed in interview. For more information call 606-478-9501 during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Meade's Stop N Go / Topcat liquor. Now hiring all positions. Apply in person at the junction of Rt 3 & 321 near Thunder Ridge. Call 886-6395 or 886-6393.

Prestonsburg Health Care Center has openings for full time and part time LPN's, RN's, and C.N.A.'s. We offer competitive wages and benefits. If interested please stop by or send a resume to 147 Highland Ave. Prestonsburg Ky 41653 (beside Prestonsburg elementary) or call 886-2378.

A local surface mine company, located in Johnson County, is hiring due to future expansion of their job. All positions available. 2 years experience required. Must submit to drug testing. Yearly bonuses, life insurance, Blue Cross/ Blue Shield 90 / 10 health insurance, and vision / dental provided for family. Paid weekly. Call David Wright @ 6063-213-1005 or send resume to Ridgeline Coal. PO Box 2121, Pikeville, Ky 41502.

Post office Now Hiring! Avg pay \$20/hr, \$57k/yr, incl Fed ben, OT.

Placed by ADSOURCE not USPS who hires. Call 1-866-668-5257.

Housekeeping & Dietary Aide: Mtn Manor of Paintsville has housekeeping and dietary aide available. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, Ky from Monday-Friday between 8:00am to 4:30 pm.

Independent Sales Agent wanted. Call 1-806-424-9593 or fax resume to 285-3272

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Miller Bros. Coal, LLC is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Surface Mine Planning Engineer. Mining Engineering degree and experience required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants should send their resume in confidence to P.O. Box 990, Allen, Ky. 41601. Phone inquiries not accepted.

Heavy Equipment Steam Cleaning Company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining

Park Place Apartments "Back To School Special" First Month Rent Free!! Valid 8-31-08 1BR-\$280; 2BR-\$304 All electric—HUD Accepted. Call: (606) 886-0039 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER Located at Staffordsville in Crosscreek I Subdivision, on Dixon Street. SAVE THOUSANDS!!! NO REALTOR FEES!!! For an appointment, call 886-6471 or 226-3016

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PERRY COUNTY COAL CORPORATION, Hazard, KY, a subsidiary of TECO COAL CORPORATION, Corbin, KY, is now accepting applications for the following position: Mine Personnel Manager to administer the human resources function, under the direction of Director of Personnel, of a large coal mining operation in Eastern Kentucky. Responsible for hiring, discipline, employee relations, benefits, records maintenance and problem resolution related to those duties. Must have at least three years experience in human resources. Coal industry HR experience preferred. Excellent computer skills and experience with database applications required. BS degree or equivalent required. You may mail or email applications to: Paul D. Matney, Personnel Director TECO Coal Corporation 200 Allison Blvd. Corbin, KY 40701 pdmatney@teccoal.com TECO Coal Corporation is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Picture this: Soon, a lucky few seniors will move into beautiful new low-income apartments in San Francisco. No more living in garages. No more choosing between medicine, food and a place to live. All because neighbors are uniting and saying yes to affordable housing. Today, 37 million people live in poverty. But hope is building. For easy ways you can help, visit www.povertyusa.org.

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HIGHLANDS REGIONAL The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Director of Case Management & UR Highlands Regional Medical Center is seeking a full-time Director of Case Management & UR. This individual will be responsible for the implementing and supervision of the day to day operation of the Case Management and Utilization Management Programs of the Hospital. Manage activities necessary to ensure appropriate utilization of the Hospital and its resources while maintaining optimal achievable standards of patient care. Maintains the strictest confidentiality of all patient information. Promotes the concept of cooperation and develops open lines of communication with department employees, patients, and visitors and other personnel within and outside the hospital. The qualified candidate must be a graduate of accredited registered nursing program and currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the state of Kentucky. Bachelor's Degree in Health Care related field strongly preferred. Master's Degree in Nursing, Health Care Administration, Public Health, Business Administration, preferred. Working knowledge of Federal, State and regulatory requirements in quality assessment, case management, resource management, hospital systems, accreditation, and licensure is desired. * Nine (9) Paid Holidays * Retirement Plan * Medical/Dental Insurance * Life Insurance Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-7530 • Fax (606) 886-7534 E-mail: tclark@hrmc.org Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.

papers. Mine Emergency Tech. is a plus. Call Mon. Thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (606) 886-1759 If no answer leave message.

AKC Boxer for stud service. \$350 stud fee. 606-874-9646.

Eskimo Spitz puppies for sale. \$6500 each. Call 285-1980 or 478-7255.

Gardens on US 23 between Ivel and Allen Ky. \$3500.00 Serious inquiries only, call 886-8539 after 5 pm.

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For sale: 2 800 Watt Max 10" subwoofers Volfenhag. Also Boss Amp 400 w X 2 Revolution series. \$ 200. Call 789-8792 or 792-8657.

2 karat diamond choker necklace for sale. Call 791-0107.

REAL ESTATE

Houses

House for sale: 572 Riverside Dr. Prestonsburg. Call 1-859-294-7010 or 1-859-229-1916.

3 br, 2 ba brick home for sale. Located in Prestonsburg. 1/2 mile from the MAC at Spurlock Creek. First brick with fenced in yard, carport, .75 acre, fireplace, and a garden spot. Price reduced \$175,000. Call 889-0544 after 6pm Monday - Friday. Or call 791-3742.

3 Bd house for sale. 1 1/2 bath new kitchen & app. Commercial bldg also located on property. Located on Middle Creek. Call 8886-2699.

Brick & Stone House for Sale. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

HOUSE FOR SALE Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23.

baths one has a jacuzzi tub and utility room. It sits on around 2 acres. Price \$95,900. Call 606-285-9694 or 606-757-9661.

House for sale: 3 br, dining room, kitchen, single bath with full size unfinished basement. 5,500 sq ft with garage area. Located half mile south of World Wide Equipment. Call 874-2421.

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Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719, evenings 606-377-6042

Sale or Lease

Land for sale: 1/4 acre, exiting septic, city water located at Ivel between Prestonsburg and Pikeville. Call 606-422-1862.

Office space for rent: Located on 1320 North Lake drive Prestonsburg. Good location for hair stylist. Call 886-6336. If no answer call 794-6204.

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RENTALS

APARTMENT

2 Br, townhouse for rent. Located on Rt 1428. 3 miles from Prestonsburg. Newly renovated. Call 358-9483 after 6 pm.

1 Br furnished apt for rent. 5 miles from Martin on Rt 1210. Suitable for 1 or two people. \$450 month plus \$200 deposit. Utilities included. No pets. Call anytime. Call 285-3641.

Townhouse, houses, also 1 br apartment. Call B & O Rentals @ 886-8991. No pets.

For rent: 1 br small efficiency apartment. Located between Allen &

Prestonsburg on Rt 1428. Fully furnished. Suitable for 1 or 2 people only. Private parking. All utilities are furnished including basic tv cable. \$475 mth plus \$250 deposit. No pets. Call 606-262-4296.

Apartment for rent. 2 br, 1 bath. Located on US 23 above Unisign at Ivel. \$350 month plus security deposit. 1 yr lease. No pets. Call 606-478-8100.

APT FOR RENT Branham height Apt Wheelright KY, is now accepting applications for one bedroom Handicap accessible Apt. rent is based on income. Contact Kathy 452-4777

Houses

For rent: 2 br, 1 bath house. Located at Martin. \$ 500 month plus \$500 deposit. Call 478-8139 or 791-9992.

3 br, 3 bath house for lease. With 2 car garage. Located at Spradling Branch. Call 889-0363.

House for rent: 1,500 sq ft. 2 Br, 1 bath fully furnished. All utilities. Located on US23 between Prestonsburg & Pikeville. \$795 deposit & \$795 month. Call 606-422-1862.

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Misc.

Merchandise

2-6 ft glass display cases for sale. Also 2-5 ft wood cabinets for sale. Call 886-3142. 9am-5pm

8 Foot fluorescent light out of Tackett Furniture Building of Martin. 1 or 100. Call 285-0899.

Animals

For sale: 5 adjoining burial plots Davidson Memorial

DRIVER

We are seeking a full-time Driver at our Martin, KY, location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job-site under the direction of the Location Manager.

Must possess a current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements, high school diploma or GED, and 2+ years' driving experience. Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Company, Fax: (606) 285-5171, Call: (606) 285-5166, or email:

humanresources@austinpowder.com
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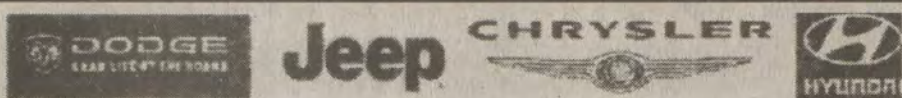
LABORER

We offer competitive starting pay, benefit package, personal safety equipment and complete training program.

Qualified applicant will possess reliable transportation and valid drivers license, and be 21 years of age or older. Repetitive lifting of 40-60 lbs. units. Will be reporting to Martin, KY, location daily, and working in the great outdoors.

To schedule an interview, please call Austin Powder Company: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 606-285-5166.

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Deskins Motors Deskins Drive Pikeville, KY

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Call AB Motors 606-886-1922 606-434-5551

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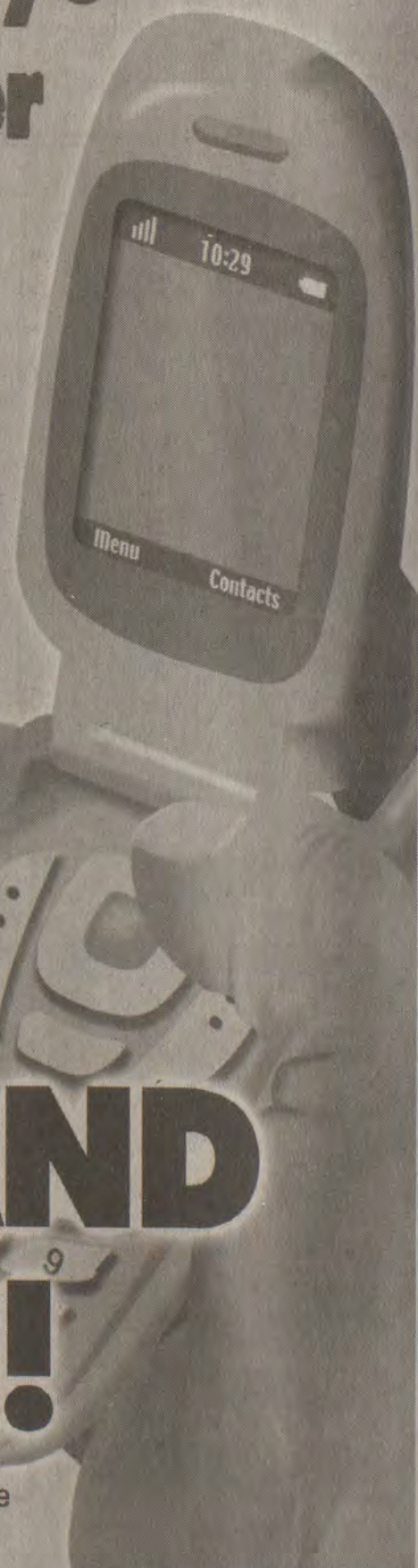
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2 Br mobile home for rent. Call 889-0363.

For rent: Nice 2 br Mobile home for rent in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

LOTS FOR RENT Dwale Mobile home Park. off US 23 near Prestonsburg. Nice quiet community. Restrictions apply. 606-377-2357

For rent: Very good condition. 3 Br, 2 bath mobile home. Located close to Prestonsburg community college. Central heat / air. 2 inch installed metal top that reduces electric bill. Garbage, water, sewage provided. No HUD. Rent \$500 month with \$400 deposit. Must have 1 yr of references. Call 606-874-2162.

3 Br, 1 1/2 bath double wide for rent. Located on Hall's branch, Banner. Also 2 Br, 1 bath. Interested callers call 874-9757.

Legals

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Natural Resource Group, LLC, P.O. Box 792, Brevard,

NC 28712, (828) 883-7277, Permit No. 836-5530, will be blasting at Conley Fork of Abbott Creek, Latitude 37°42'34". Longitude 82°52'19". Blasting will be done daily, Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given from a siren: a one (1) minute series of long sirens, sounded five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; immediately before the blast, a series of short sirens sounded, one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be a prolonged siren sounded, following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergencies, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety, requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: A one (1) minute series of long sirens, sounded five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal; immediately before the blast, a series of short sirens sounded one (1) minute prior to the shot. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be pro-

longed siren, sounded following the inspection of the blast area. Also prior to detonations in emergencies, the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE1 Pursuant to Application Number 858-5064 Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles southeast of Odds in Martin, Floyd and Johnson Counties. The amendment will add 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and 1,876.94 acres of underground mining area making the total area within the permit boundary will be 8,498.95 acres. The amendment area is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional

Airport Road and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch of Daniels Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 771/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground mining methods of mining. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation and New South Mining Company, Inc. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining 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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0346, Renewal

No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.91 mile northeast of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 161.67 surface acres and will underlie 201.11 acres for auger of which 8.64 acres are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 354.14 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.85 miles southwest from KY Route 777's junction with KY Route 680 and is located along in Martin Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the contour and auger method of

surface mining. 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, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Beverly May, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth,

363 Wilson Creek Road, Langley, Kentucky 41645 has petitioned the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to declare an area unsuitable for all types of surface coal mining activities, pursuant to 405 KAR Chapter 24. The petition number is LUM 08-2. The petition area is located in Floyd County and consists of 2,006 acres in and around the Wilson creek watershed. A Public Hearing previously scheduled for August 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allen Central High School, 442 KY Rt. 550, Eastern, Kentucky has been canceled. The

hearing will be rescheduled in December, 2008. Written comments may still be submitted to Ron Mills, Director, Division of Mine Permits, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE

Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac Matthew Castle, single, Petitioner vs. Clarendia T. Bailey/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Clarendia T. Bailey; Oma T. Johnson, Deceased and the

Unknown Heirs of Oma T. Johnson; Arizona T. Isaac/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac; Hagar Thornsby/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Hagar Thornsby; and Floyd County, Kentucky Respondents Notice is hereby given to the Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac that suit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court. You have fifty (50) days in which to file an respond the Complaint/Pétition.

PUBLIC NOTICE
To All Natural Gas Customers of Cow Creek Gas Company, Inc.

To recognize a gas pipeline emergency:

(a) Natural gas has a distinct odor. If you smell or detect any gas odor inside your home—immediately turn off all gas appliances—leave your home, and call the gas company. Do not reenter your home until the gas company has made its inspection of all gas piping inside and outside your home.

(b) Any smell of natural gas, or detection of leaks in any gas line, regardless of its location, should be reported immediately to the gas company.

(c) To all persons, firms and contractors: Before you commence any excavation, digging or related activities, in the areas of Cow Creek, Home Branch and Slick Rock Road, call for the location of our gas mains and service lines. We will send a person to locate and mark our lines before you commence any work.

Telephone — 606-432-0526 or 1-800-469-0083

Cow Creek Gas Company, Inc.
 134 Mims Branch
 Pikeville, KY 41502
 606-432-0526
 606-432-3032 Fax

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Tammy Phillips of 363 Beaver Junction Road, Dwale, KY 41621, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to set a doublewide mobile home on property located at 363 Beaver Junction Road, Dwale, KY 41621, and is off US 23, within a mile of Allen, KY, and the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.



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Victims of the recent hurricane need help immediately. The American Red Cross is on the scene—providing shelter, food and counseling. But your help is urgently needed. Your contribution will help the victims of this recent hurricane and thousands of other disasters across the country each year.

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