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In brief

Standard deduction rises for state taxes

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's standard deduction for individual income tax increases to \$2,190 for the 2009 tax year as authorized by KRS 141.081(2). This change represents an increase from \$2,100 for the 2008 tax year.

Taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on their individual income tax return are entitled to claim this increased standard deduction.

Kentucky's individual income tax pension exclusion will remain unchanged at \$41,110 for the 2008 tax year. This exclusion applies to tax returns due April 15, 2009.

The 2005 General Assembly repealed KRS 141.0105, which previously provided for the pension exclusion to be adjusted annually for inflation.

Motorists fill up in fear of 'Ike spike'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The line was long at the Prestonsburg Speedway on Friday as motorists headed to the pumps to get gasoline before a speculated spike in fuel prices due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Ike on the Texas coast.

Dane Sizemore, of Martin, fueled up at \$3.85 per gallon before heading to Morehead to visit some friends. He had heard about the possibility of gas prices shooting over the \$5 mark, and it's something that he dreads.

"It's not going to be good, that's all I can say," Sizemore said. "It's not going to be good at all."

An employee of Speedway said that she had also heard that prices were heading for the

\$5 dollar range, but the manager of the store said they weren't allowed to comment on the situation.

Gas prices have recently been going down, with most stations averaging around \$3.75 per gallon and lower. The Speedway station raised its price by 10 cents early on Friday morning.

While many of the customers were fueling up to prepare for the unwelcome change in fuel cost, Walter Bingham, of Paintsville, was getting gas out of necessity.

"I'm just filling up because I have a decent amount of driving to do today," Bingham said. "Yeah, I've heard that the price is heading up, but it's all scare mongering in my opinion. You tell people that prices are probably going to go up, then they will run out and start sucking gas

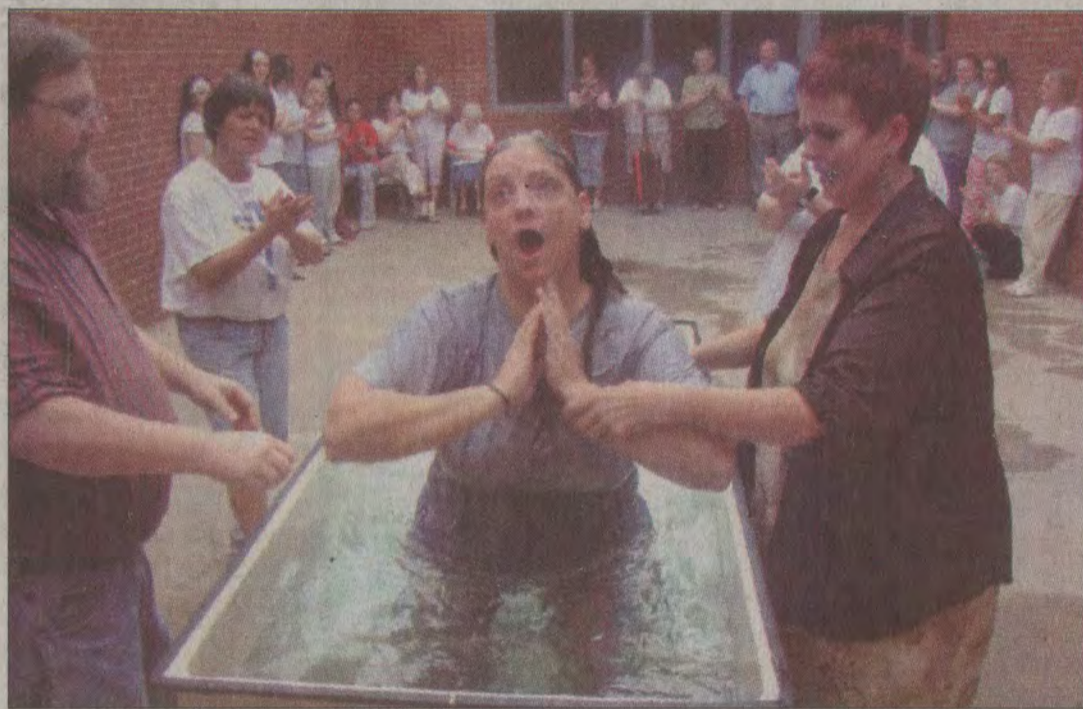
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Dane Sizemore filled up his truck for \$3.85 per gallon at Speedway in Prestonsburg on Friday. Sizemore decided to get gas before a suspected spike in prices due to Hurricane Ike halting oil production in Texas.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

A NEW START



Kimberly Rowe, an inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center, was one of over 10 female inmates to be baptized on Thursday.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Jail hopes to give inmates second chance with baptism

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — "If we can get just one of them to change, then it's worth it," Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb said, as female inmates lined up to be dunked in a baptismal tank on Thursday.

Webb has held a number of baptisms at the jail in the past, but it has been close to a year since the water last splashed the concrete of the recreational area in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Bill Tussey Jr., with the Garrett Church of God, came to the jail to play guitar and sing

hymns, while also assisting with the baptism of inmates.

"This is my first time baptizing in a jail," Tussey said. "We all just want to spread the good news and try to make a difference in people's lives."

Before the baptisms started, Webb addressed the inmates and talked about the dangers of drugs.

"How many of you are here because of drugs?" Webb asked. "Do you know how many we lost to overdoses in the past week? Six people. I've got boxes of files in my office of former inmates that have died from overdoses."

The female inmates appeared

to be shaken by Webb's words as he turned the service over to the various church members who began to sing and preach. Some of the inmates clapped along with the singing, while others solemnly stared at the ground. At one point, the prayers of the church members reached a fevered pitch and echoed off of the brick walls surrounding the recreation area.

After each inmate was baptized, they were led out of the tub and to the back of the area where they were given a white towel to dry off, before leaving to change into a new set of clothes, and, Webb hopes, a new outlook on life.

Hillary Clinton coming back to Eastern Ky.

Times Staff Report

term U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

PIKEVILLE — Four months to the day since she brought her presidential bid to Prestonsburg, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton will return to Eastern Kentucky.

But this time, a different race is bringing her to the area.

Clinton is expected to visit Pikeville and Lexington Sept. 20 to help Democrat Bruce Lunsford in his bid to unseat four-

"I'm honored to have Kentucky's adopted daughter come back to Kentucky and campaign with me," Lunsford said in a press release issued Friday. "Sen. Clinton has a long history with Kentuckians and I anticipate her visit will go a long way to energize voters who want change."

Further details about the visit will be released as the date approaches.

Auxier woman charged with menacing bus

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

guilty to on Thursday.

According to Assistant County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum, a video system on the bus recorded the entire event.

"She stormed on the bus and said something about somebody threatening her child," Marcum said. "She says she is going to jerk everybody off the bus and kill them. You can see Ella Burke, the bus driver, radioing in and asking for

PRESTONSBURG — A bus ride for 44 students in Floyd County turned into a nightmare in Prestonsburg on Tuesday when a woman allegedly got on the bus when it came to a bus stop and started wildly threatening everybody on board.

April Davis, 28, of Auxier, is charged with 44 counts of menacing and one count of terroristic threatening, which she pleaded not

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Community remembers Sept. 11

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The 9/11 memorial service at the Mountain Arts Center brought in a large crowd on Thursday looking to show their respect for those serving the country and remembering the lives lost in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center seven years ago.

The event started with a parade of over 50 emergency and rescue vehicles driving to

the Mountain Arts Center and circling the parking lot.

"When you see all the different trucks and vehicles that are used to help us, you really start to understand just how important it is," said Carol Basham, who attended the event with her husband and two children. "All of these people put their lives on the line to make us safe."

Children were greeted at the entrance to the building by "Freddy," the newest member of the Betsy Layne Fire

Department. Freddy is a miniature fire truck with an expressive face that talks to children about the dangers of fire and what they should do in various emergency situations. Members of the Betsy Layne Fire Department and Freddy talked with children from 6 p.m. until the event officially started at 7.

The memorial included a presentation of colors and the national anthem, along with

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Boy Scouts handed out programs to those attending the 9/11 memorial service at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on Thursday.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Nathan Lee Bryant, 23, of Stanville, a Martin native, died Saturday, September 6, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gerald "Michael" George, 35, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Frankie Crider George. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Avancell Gillespie, 61, of McDowell, died Sunday, September 7, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Wilburn (Bud) Hall, 58, of Wayland, died Friday, August 29, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Major Charles E. Holbrook, USAF, Ret. of Canton, Ohio, formerly of Anderson, South Carolina, a Prestonsburg native, died Friday, August 1, He was interred with military honors, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on September 4.

■ Chester Hunter, 85, of Nicholasville, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, August 26. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 30, at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at McDowell.

■ Charles Andrew "Andy" Jones, 26, of Auxier, died Tuesday, September 2, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dwight Brandon Prater, 29, of Huysville, died Saturday, September 6, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 8, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ RoseMary Reid, 73, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, September 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted, Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ John Paul Sexton, 30, of Garrett, died Tuesday, September 4, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Robert Mark Thoroughman, 38, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 8, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Alvie "Junior" Browning Jr., 62, of Lovely, died Thursday, September 4, in King's Daughters Medical

Center. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Burdette Browning. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ L.G. Jude, 71, of Pilgrim, died Friday, September 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Pat Jude. Funeral services were held Monday, September 8, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ David Jackson Precece, 66, of River, a native of Inez, died Wednesday, September 3, in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Newcomer Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Phillip Wesley Barnett, 47, of Louisa, died Saturday, September 6. He is survived by his wife, Ardy's Ann Kirk Barnett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ William Thomas BOWENS, 54, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 7, in Jenkins. He is survived by his wife, Fontell May BOWENS. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Wallace F. See, 89, of Louisa, died Saturday, September 6, in King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Sophie Conn Crum

Sophie Conn Crum, 85, of Martin, died Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at her residence.

Born July 12, 1923, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Levi and Mary Robinson Conn. She was a mother, grandmother, and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fonzo Crum.

Survivors include her sons: Eugene (Kathy) Crum of Ohio; Orice Crum, Hillard Crum, James Crum, and Kenneth Ray Crum, all of Martin; her daughters: Valerie Crum (Marvin) Collins of Indiana; Mary Etta Crum (Billy) Osborne, Lucille Crum, Emma Lee Crum, Barbara Ann

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Scottie Lee Blanton, 56, of Staffordsville, died Sunday, September 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, Ward Blanton. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ John Wayne Salyer, 56, a Painsville native, died Friday, June 27, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident on Bee-Tree Road in Magoffin County. Burial was in the Salyer Family Cemetery, in Gunlock.

■ Mae Thornbury, 96, of Greenup, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, September 6, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Jessie Anderson, 59, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, September 7, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ George C. Chaney, 72, of Millard, died Monday, September 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Cloa Epling Chaney. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Darlene Coleman of Lower Pompey died Monday, September 8, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Timothy Creed Layne, 38, of Virginia Beach, Va., a native of South Williamson, died Monday, September 8, in Morristown, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Brooke Chapman Layne. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Chapel.

■ Franklin T. Maynard, 75, of Lykins Creek, died Sunday, September 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Maynard. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Taulbie Joseph "T.J." Miller, 66, of Marrowbone Creek, died Friday, September 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Panza Miller. Funeral services were held Monday, September 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Linda Mullins, 55, of Peyton's Creek, died Tuesday, September 9, at her home. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Walker Porter, 85, of Belcher, died Thursday, September 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

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

■ Delano Webb, 74, of Meta, died Monday, September 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Webb. Funeral services were held Friday, September 12, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Opal Mae Parks

Davidson, 90, of Happy, died Tuesday, August 26, at Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Friday, August 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Opal Halcomb, 86, of Hindman, died Sunday, August 31, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Anna (Annie) Hampton, 93, of Lexington, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, September 6, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Orris Little, 71, of Hindman, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, August 27, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 31.

■ Nora Jane Merchant, 64, of Kendallville, Indiana, for-

merly of Knott County, died Tuesday, August 26. Funeral services were held Friday, August 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Samuel Curtis Patrick, 28, of Leburn, a native of Hindman, died Sunday, August 24, at Leburn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Sally Ann Stone, 59, of Garner, died Saturday, August 30, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Hindman.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Orville "Red" Arnett, 81, of Salyersville, died Sunday, September 7. Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.



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3 charged in bid-rigging case plead not guilty

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Three men charged in a federal bid-rigging case in Kentucky pleaded not guilty on Friday in a court appearance.

Former Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, construction contractor Leonard Lawson, and Lawson aide Brian Russell Billings entered the pleas at the federal courthouse in Lexington.

They were charged last

week with conspiracy, misapplication of property and obstruction of justice after a yearlong FBI probe into the awarding of state highway construction contracts.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Todd set their trial date for Nov. 12 in Frankfort. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor said he expects the trial to last one to two weeks.

Nighbert's attorney, Howard Mann, said his client "is innocent." Lawson's attorney, Larry Mackey, said evi-

dence will show his client committed no crime and should never have been charged. And Billings' attorney, Kent Wicker, said his client "vigorously denies the charges."

A sworn statement by FBI Agent T. Clay Mason last month provided the first glimpse into the case, which centers on allegations that Nighbert and Lawson improperly handled confidential cost estimates on highway construction projects in 2006 and

2007.

Mason alleged in the statement that Lawson paid a state engineer, James Rummage, \$20,000 for the confidential estimates.

Rummage had worked for the Transportation Cabinet since 1984. He resigned March 31 after agreeing to cooperate with FBI agents. It is not clear whether he will face charges.

Prosecutors also allege in the indictment that Lawson funneled to Nighbert more

than \$67,000 disguised as payment for a consulting contract. They also allege that during the investigation, Nighbert, Lawson and Billings obstructed justice by trying to persuade Rummage not to cooperate with authorities and suggesting what he should tell the grand jury.

Defense attorneys on Friday said they will likely file motions asking U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves, who will preside over the case, to move the trial out of Frankfort. They

cited pretrial publicity in central Kentucky that may have prejudiced potential jurors.

"We have been the victim of some very serious pretrial prejudicial publicity, and we want the judge to be aware of that," Mackey said.

Mann said the attorneys also are likely to ask Reeves to reschedule the trial to allow more time to prepare their defense.

Todd allowed all three men to remain free pending the outcome of the trial. But he also ordered them to surrender their passports.

County accepts special district tax rates

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court accepted the proposed tax rates for the county and special districts during a special meeting on Friday.

"Bear in mind that we only accept these rates, we don't set them," said Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

The court accepted the rate of 11.7 for real property tax, which is down from 11.9 last year.

The personal rate was accepted at 12.7, while motor vehicle and watercraft were accepted at 19.7. The tax rate for health was accepted 4.0 across the board. Soil conservation is .009 for real and personal property.

The special taxing district

rates were up a little from last year, with the library tax rate at 4.6 for real property, 7.61 for personal, 2.23 for motor vehicle, and 5.3 for watercraft. The tax rate for the Cooperative Extension Service is 1.76 for real property, 2.33 for personal, and 1.1 for motor vehicle. For the fire districts, the tax rate was accepted at .01 for real and personal property.

Magistrate Jackie Edford

Owens questioned the increase in the library tax, but voted to accept the resolution because it included the volunteer fire departments.

"It's got all the fire departments in it, so I'll vote for it," Owens said. "If they raise it next year, I'm going to ask if we can separate them."

The court also voted to pay Magistrates John Goble and Ronnie Akers for the comple-

tion of a 40-hour training unit for 2008. Both Goble and Akers are to be paid \$1,762.36 each for successful completion of two units of the training.

For new hires, the court voted to employ Jack E. Holthouse as a deputy jailer with the starting wage of \$9.50 an hour. Michael T. Akers was hired by the court as a road department worker, also starting at \$9.50 an hour.

Gas

like no tomorrow. First, we hear that prices are going up because of war, then you get natural disasters. There's always some reason for inflation. That really gives them a reason to raise the price."

Bingham doesn't believe there will be much relief in the future as far as the price of fuel is concerned.

"If things keep going the way that they are, \$5 a gallon

will seem like a happy little dream," Bingham said.

The worries of the public about the rising price of gas has reached Frankfort, with Gov. Steve Beshear signing an executive order on Friday declaring a state of emergency to prevent price gouging in the commonwealth.

"I am outraged by the voracious practices of price gouging we are seeing," Beshear

said. "Today, I have taken an extraordinary step to protect the consumers of the commonwealth from these predators."

The emergency declaration gives Attorney General Jack Conway the power to investigate and prosecute those who sell gasoline, building supplies and other goods for what Beshear calls "predatory pricing in a time of disaster."

"Today, I formally requested

that Gov. Beshear implement the price gouging protections of Kentucky's Consumer Protection Act as they apply to gasoline and other goods and services," Conway said. "We have received an overwhelming influx of reports from across Kentucky regarding gasoline price spikes and even rationing. I felt it was important to get the price gouging protections in place as soon as possible to protect the commonwealth's consumers and businesses."

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Charges

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assistance." According to Marcum, the incident was all because of an argument between a 6-year-old and a 7-year-old at school.

"I went up to the school and watched the video," Marcum said. "It didn't take me long to realize we needed to get the police involved."

Davis is also charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly telling her neighbor that she was going to cut Ella Burke's head off later that day.

Davis is scheduled to be in court again on Nov. 3.

Memorial

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remarks by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. The show ended with a performance by the Big Sandy Singers, which was followed by the playing of Taps and a benediction.

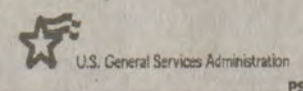
Marshall was very happy with the way the memorial service turned out.

"It was a great event," Marshall said. "The building was almost full. There were about 200 more people there than last year."

Other 9/11 memorial events were held throughout the county and region on Thursday, with a service at Big Sandy Community and Technical College also bringing in a large crowd.

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Guest view

Black holes or codswallop

The track is almost 17 miles long. Racers travel in opposite directions, building up speed for the moment when they reach peak velocity and veer into oncoming traffic. Around the track and around the world, spectators watch in unblinking fascination — wondering what the outcome will be.

We wonder, too: Does NASCAR know about the Large Hadron Collider?

It is the largest machine ever built by humans, buried up to 300 feet underground on the French-Swiss border. Early Wednesday morning, the giant atom smasher surged into action.

So far, at least, no atoms have been harmed (on purpose) in the production of this \$8 billion scientific marvel. There were some collisions between protons sent racing around the track and “stray gas molecules,” but, as they say in physics, you have to crack a few eggs to make an omelet.

When the atom smashing begins in earnest later this fall, scientists hope to recreate conditions that existed milliseconds after the Big Bang. That should shed light on the so-called dark matter that makes up about a quarter of the universe.

Some physicists are even hoping to create a mysterious, hypothetical particle called a Higgs boson, or “God particle,” thought to endow protons, neutrons, photons and electrons with their mass.

For physicists, the supercollider is a very big deal. For the rest of us, it’s an interesting scientific advance that should advance mankind’s store of knowledge and probably won’t kill us.

There is, however, just a slight, tiny, no-need-to-worry-about-it-really, little sliver of a remote chance that the collider could create something else, too: a black hole. That would set in motion the end of the world.

Black holes are theoretical regions in space where the gravitational pull is so great that nothing, not even electromagnetic energy, can escape. A tiny black hole created by the Hadron supercollider could, in theory, sink to the center of the planet and begin devouring everything in sight.

Last spring, a pair of astrophysicists petitioned a federal court in Hawaii to block operation of the supercollider, calling it a “dark matter factory” that holds the potential for “global cultural genocide.”

The European Center for Nuclear Research, which built the atom smasher, dismissed those concerns as what the (set it) London Telegraph (end ital) eloquently termed “codswallop.”

Part of the excitement generated by the supercollider is, of course, the uncertainty. Scientists really do not know what will happen once they wave the green flag to start this demolition derby for atoms.

But clearly, there’s an opportunity here for a smart, Belgian/St. Louis-based brewery to get in on the ground floor of the next big thing. When the atoms start racing, one of them is sure to have a very, very tiny Budweiser logo painted on it.

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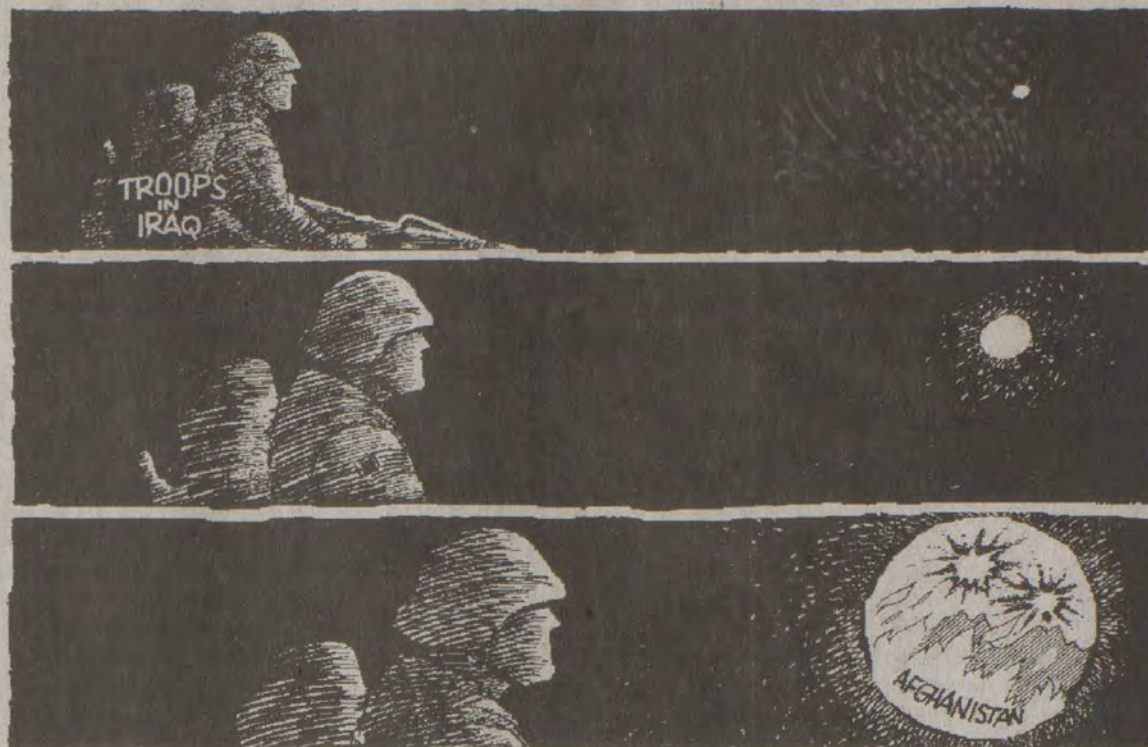
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THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...



Chuck Norris

The 'Maverette'

I'll be honest with you. I'd been giving consideration to third-party candidates. As a conservative with a renewed pledge to bear the legacy of America's Founders, I wasn't going to simply concede to the McCain ticket unless he made a credible (and what might be viewed as a radical) choice for vice president.

McCain is a good man, solid in character, and fully capable to lead our country into the future. But America also needs a fresh, reputable outsider who isn't afraid to confront Washington corruption, government gridlock or partisan paralysis. When I heard Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was McCain's choice, I knew she was a woman whom Americans could support and trust. Sarah is tough, smart, competent, credible and confident enough to fight those even in her own party. I believe she even will help to keep McCain accountable and in check.

Gov. Palin comes from a small town with small-town values. Sarah was sworn in as Alaska's youngest and first female governor, in 2006. This mother of five was tired of seeing government running amuck and away and stepped into public service to reform it. And she has a clear and long record of doing just that: bucking the status quo, cutting taxes and government waste, reducing big government, establishing ethics committees, pursuing alternative energy, and

being pro-family and pro-life (as witnessed by her choice to cherish her baby with Down syndrome and to support her 17-year-old daughter keeping her baby and marrying the father).

The fact is far-left liberals don't know how to respond to strong, conservative female political leaders. They hail Hillary but try to impale Palin. But Sarah has sparred them many times before and has come out of the ring without a scratch. Sarah is so tough that she inspired a new tongue-in-check Web site



Chuck Norris

(www.PalinFacts.com), which parallels the “Chuck Norris Facts” folklore Web site (www.ChuckNorrisFacts.com). It gives some mythical, yet complimentary “facts” about Sarah Palin's life, potential, character and career. Here are three of my favorites:

■ Sarah Palin once carved a perfect likeness of the Mona Lisa in a block of ice using only her teeth.

■ Sarah Palin doesn't need a gun to hunt, because she can throw a bullet through an adult bull elk.

■ And my favorite: Sarah Palin is courageous and tough enough to shave Chuck Norris's beard — and face off against his third fist disguised as a chin.

All joking aside, one real fact about Gov. Palin is that both Sens. Barack Obama and Joe Biden are shaking in their boots over her candidacy and prospective appointment to the vice presidency. Obama talks about change, but McCain further lived out his commitment to reform with his choice of Palin to be his running mate. Obama chose government-as-usual Sen. Biden. McCain chose Washington outsider and corruption confronter Gov. Palin.

Obama and Biden not only know that Palin supersedes Biden's finesse and potential but also that (if called to the task) she's even more

qualified and tenured in life and government to assume the presidency than Obama himself. As Pat Buchanan explained: “The lady has more executive experience than McCain, Joe Biden and Obama put together. None of them has ever started or run a business as Palin did. None of them has run a giant state like Alaska, which is larger than California and Texas put together.” And I might add that none is better suited to serve as president of the Senate than “Vice President Palin,” who would keep it more accountable to “us the people.”

Forget the cheap talk about

(See NORRIS, page six)

— beyond the beltway

Vice presidency is too important for this

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The picture of Sarah Palin that Republicans have been selling us is not unappealing.

A salt-of-the-earth sort of gal, a “hockey mom” who has worked on her husband's fishing boat and in her spare time did a bang-up job as mayor of Wasilla, Alaska (pop. 7,500).

Miss Congeniality in the Miss Alaska beauty pageant; “Sarah Barracuda” on the basketball court.

She was put forward as the real-life incarnation of that fictional character Hillary Clinton played during her Pennsylvania campaign, Norma Rac with a college education (in journalism!).

But the more you learn about Ms. Palin, the more blurred that picture gets. You keep wondering what's next. One thing, however, remains clear:

John McCain's selection of Ms. Palin is one of the most bizarre running-mate choices in the history of running-mate choices.

George H.W. Bush picking Dan Quayle for a partner? As one writer pointed out, Quayle was Thomas Jefferson compared to Ms. Palin.

Geraldine Ferraro? Rep. Ferraro had been around the block 17 times by the time Walter Mondale picked her out of the House of Representatives and put her on the ticket. Ms. Palin has never even been to the corner.

I know what you're thinking: “So now you think experience is such a

big deal? What about Obama? Up to now you haven't given a lack of experience much weight.”

That's a fair point. But never forget, while still a state senator in Illinois, Obama correctly predicted the disaster that the then-impending invasion of Iraq has become. John McCain, for all his experience, hasn't figured it out yet. And there's a difference between not a lot of experience and no experience at all. You can't just pull someone in off the street, put her next to the president and say: “Be ready. If the big guy keels over, you're it.”

They say she's got executive experience. So has the Secretary of Commerce.

Alaska has fewer than 700,000 people. It's only got one congressman, for crying out loud. The difference between running a bureaucracy that size and the federal government is the difference between playing with a toy boat in your bathtub and being captain of the Queen Mary.

Her choice tells us several things about John McCain:

■ He is willing to make important decisions impulsively, supported by very little information. Apparently, he hardly knew Ms. Palin when he chose her and only interviewed her once or twice. (I point out that a president making an important decision based on inadequate information is what got us into Iraq.)

■ He can't feel that good about his chances in the November election. This is a choice that smacks of desperation, much like Mondale's pick of Rep. Ferraro in 1984. Mondale, however, was running

against Ronald Reagan, a supremely popular incumbent. He had a right to be desperate. Looking at the polls, you would think McCain would have reason to be more optimistic and make a less risky choice.

■ He is a heck of a lot more conservative than we give him credit for. Ms. Palin is anti-abortion rights, pro-gun and favors drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. She has doubts about the human contribution to global warming. She is a devout evangelical

Christian. There is some indication that she believes in scientific creationism; at least she's argued that it be taught as a coequal theory with evolution in Alaska's schools.

To those who say that we shouldn't have a religious test for office, I say that belief in scientific creationism isn't a religious test. It's an ignorance test.

We have just lived through nearly eight years of an administration that has turned its back on science and most other information, preferring instead to rely on its pre-conceived beliefs to guide it.

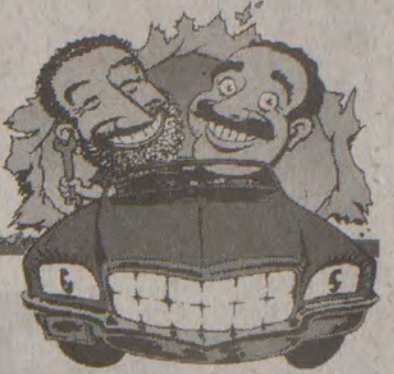
We have had enough of decisions made on pre-conceived beliefs. We can't afford them any more. We need a leader who looks at all the evidence and chooses a path that matches reality.

Judging from McCain's performance so far, he ain't that leader.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

It requires considerable will-power, but we have set the teeth and squared the jaw, and will not, we will not, discuss our troubles with our readers this week. Suffice it to say, they (the troubles, not the readers) are more than somewhat.

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HERE AT HOME

Have you ever driven up Johns Creek from US 23 at the Floyd-Johnson line? Lovely country. A show place or so along the way I was so impressed that I wonder if it was twilight magic that cast its spell, this late-evening drive, so I'm going back soon to do a rerun. Maybe we all should see Floyd County and Kentucky first, before taking off for distant pastures.

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WE AND EINSTEIN

For almost two years now, my sons and I have been operating a boat with a single ignition key. The result has, on occasion, been plumb upsetting. You rush to get started, hurry off to the lake, get all your paraphernalia loaded into the boat, and stepping into the boat, suddenly realize that that key is elsewhere, in a pocket some distance away, and you almost fall into the drink as you pull up short.

This has happened so many times that we have thought of having another key or so made. Then on occasion, we have pondered how to leave the key where it would always be available. Somebody suggested we could leave it in a secret place in the boat, but we were not unanimously agreed this would be a good idea.

Finally, I mentioned this weighty matter to the wife, and she promptly reported, "Why not leave it in your tackle box, inside your locker?"

I report this matter as an exercise in humility, I also remind you who snigger, that Einstein was pretty dumb, too, on occasion.

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A NOTED LADY

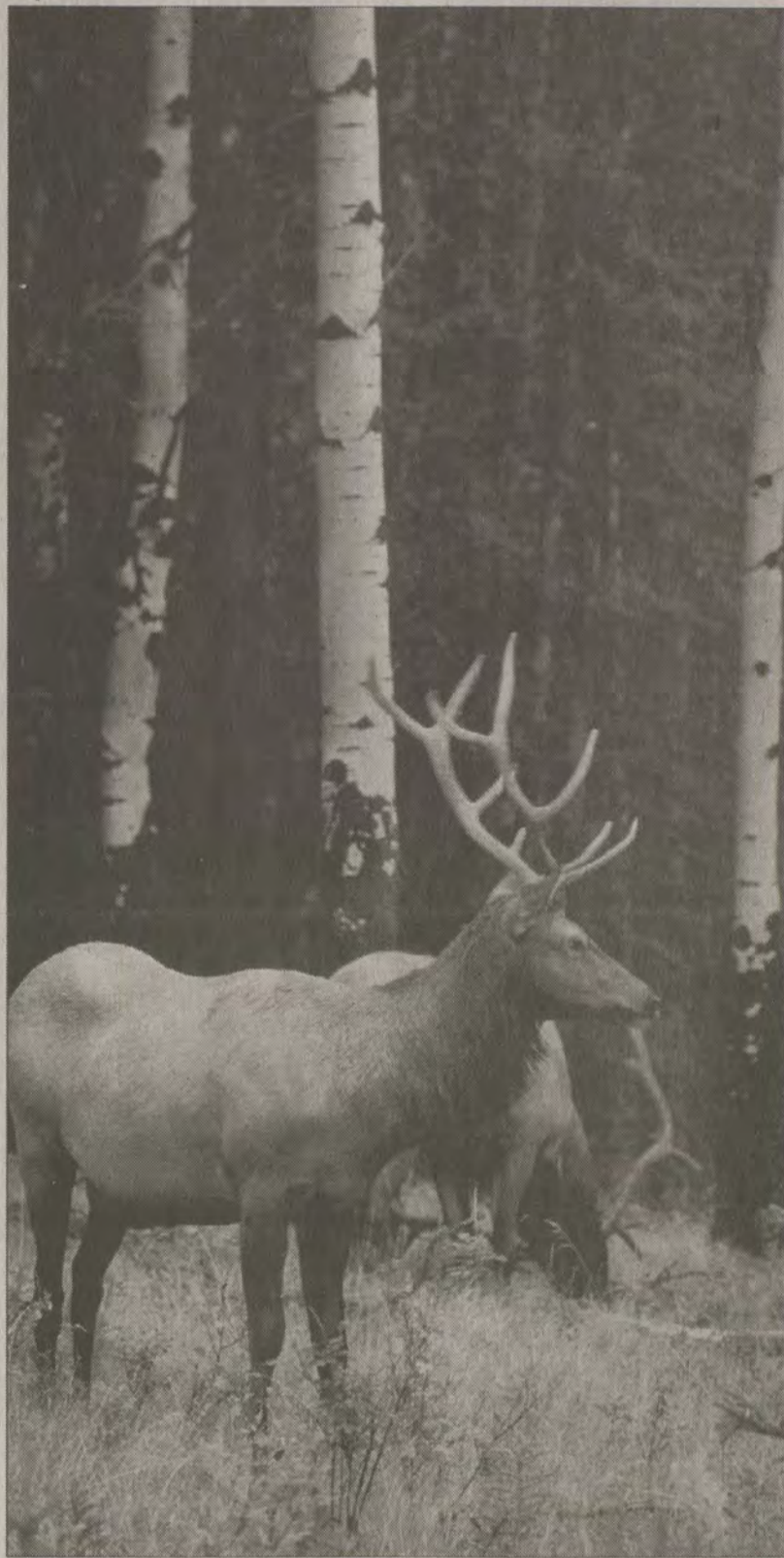
Really, I don't have to go back so far to catch a newspaper, including this one, in a ridiculous error, but this one which was first reprinted in The San Angelo (Texas) Standard of Aug. 25, 1894, has its points:

Mrs. Lease lectured on "What We Shall Bequeath to Posterity" at Topcka a few evenings since. The gentleman who introduced her said she was "perhaps the most noted lady of either sex, in this country."

ELK ON THE MENU

Jenny Wiley event puts a wild taste on your plate

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER



Kentucky has more elk than any state east of the Mississippi, and Floyd County residents will have the opportunity to get close to the massive beasts starting this month, but that's not all. In addition to exploring for elk, those attending Elk Night at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will be able to get a taste of one of the largest species of deer in the world.

"We will have displays and demonstrations set up in the lobby of the May Lodge," said Trinity Shepherd, naturalist at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. "When you arrive or after you have had dinner, you can check out all the information that will be available."

A variety of elk dishes will be available at the dinner, with elk roast, elk stew, and elk meat loaf topping the list.

Along with the dinner, attendees of the event will be able to meet with representatives of some of the organizations that helped get the elk to Kentucky. Representatives from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and others will be answering questions and handing out information about conservation.

Also at the event, a wood carving demonstration will be held on the lawn of the May Lodge, and an abundance of wildlife art will be displayed for viewing in the lobby.

The Elk Night buffet will be in the dining room of the May Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 20. Serving time will run from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., with adults eating for \$18.95, and children 12 and under for \$8.95.

The elk tours will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They will run from Sept. through March of next year. There is a cost of \$20 per person for the trip. Reservations are necessary, and can be made by calling (606) 889-1790, ext. 2158.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Taste the Blood of Dracula'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Dracula takes a bite out of the filthy rich (and promptly spits it back out) in this horror effort from "Hammer Pictures" that plays like a cross between a vampire flick and any of the "Death Wish" movies.

Hammer movies tend to hit the ground running and this one is no exception. Before the opening credits roll we are treated to a scene where in a chubby salesman gets pitched off of a carriage for trying to sell trinkets to his fellow passengers. He stumbles upon Dracula's death scene from the previous movie ("Dracula has Risen from the Grave") and watches in astonishment as he melts into a large puddle of the wet stuff.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

This salesman is not one to miss an opportunity. He promptly gathers up the monster's remains, which include blood, an amulet, a signet ring and the ever-popular cloak.

Next we meet three well-to-do gentlemen as they leave Sunday services. It's a sly touch as this bunch (which calls itself "The Circle") prefers to spend the last Sunday evening of every month hitting a brothel in London and seeking morbid thrills to prop up their unsatisfactory lives. The Circle is a kind of "Fright Club" and the first rule is that no one talks about the group, so their families are totally in the dark about these monthly meetings.

They get just what they're looking for in the form of a nobleman, Lord Courtly, who has fallen from grace after being accused of worshipping the devil. They take Courtly to dinner and he convinces them to try something really scary — a black mass to resurrect Dracula. He introduces them to the salesman glimpsed in the pre-credits sequence and these fools are soon parted from their money and become the proud owners of Dracula's effects.

Courtly leads them to an abandoned church and dons the cape while pouring Dracula's blood into four goblets. He then mixes in his own blood, but The Circle backs off and refuses to drink. This is their only wise decision, as one sip sends Courtly into a coughing fit. The Circle is momentarily shocked but then takes action and proceeds to stomp the choking nobleman into an early grave. They then split and miss the main act, as Dracula erupts from Courtly's body and vows to slay the men who killed his servant.

Now this turns into a revenge flick, as the dark one hunts down each man and makes him pay for his sins. What makes this whole thing work is how nasty he does it. The fanged one opts to use his powers of hypnosis to make sure that each member of The Circle dies by the hand of their own children.

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Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall recently presented a check for \$8,750 to the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center. The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted last week to give the same amount to all of the senior citizens centers in the county. Pictured from left to right are Nora Lou Jones and Eula Hall, board members, Judge Marshall, and Loretta Bentley, director.



The earrings

by ROBERTA MCGOVERN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SHOPPER'S SOUL"

One day while visiting the Bargain Basket, I watched a busy volunteer sort a donation that had recently arrived. "Look at these," she said, holding up a pair of red rhinestone earrings, dangling and shining in the morning sun. "I wonder who wore these and what story they might have to tell."

Visions of a young girl in a fancy, red gown dancing at her senior prom came into my mind. Perhaps they were a gift from someone very spe-

cial, or maybe the mother of the bride wore them at her daughter's wedding. Her question intrigued me as I began to look around the shop.

Among the children's books I found a well-worn copy of "Goodnight Moon." The image of a mother rocking her baby and softly reading him to sleep came to mind. I thought of the many times I had done exactly the same thing, and then watched my own children follow suit years later.

What about these boxes of jigsaw puzzles? Who put them together? Maybe two young girlfriends on a rainy afternoon, sharing stories, and storing memories for the future. I remembered a table by the door of the dorm when I was in nursing school

that always had a puzzle in progress. After classes, or anytime we came and went, we stopped and put a few pieces in place — a true community effort.

I thumbed through the old records and came across Glen Miller's romantic "Moonlight Serenade." It brought to mind a young couple dancing on a starlit night. Was that the song that was playing when the young man "popped the question"?

Did some college kid wake to the aroma of fresh-baked bread and brewed coffee from the bread maker and coffee pot sitting on that shelf? Beautiful glassware, now chipped and scratched with only three matching pieces remaining, were probably part of many fancy parties and family

gatherings. What New Year did they ring in?

And how many frustrated parents cursed those twisted strands of lights, vowing that next year they would store the Christmas ornaments away properly as they declared, "This is the prettiest tree we have ever had!"

Bits and pieces of yarn and threads evoked the presence of a grandmother crocheting mittens and baby blankets for countless grandchildren. Was she like me, who barely finished one before there was another baby on the way?

On the "buy one get one free" table were four beautiful, lace-edged slips and several feminine nighties, all brand-new and never worn. I recall my mother-in-law,

who saved her best lingerie and nightgowns in case she someday had to go to the hospital. After her death, they all ended up at the thrift shop on a "buy one get one free" table just like this one.

I wonder what story my possessions will tell and what images someone will conjure up as he or she holds my prized red rhinestone earrings to the morning sunlight streaming through the shop window.



The story of how 'LEV' became 'PZEV'

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I got my copy of Drive magazine from Subaru today, and they talk about something called PZEV. Apparently, it stands for Partial Zero Emission Vehicle. I've never heard of that. What is it? — Mary Ann

RAY: Interesting terminology, isn't it? I'm not a mathematician, but I don't think there's any such thing as "partial zero."

TOM: Right. My brother, for instance, has always been a complete zero.

RAY: The real story of the term PZEV involves a lot of letters, Mary Ann. So you'll need to pay attention. It starts with an Environmental

Protection Agency emissions standard for cars called LEV, which stood for Low Emissions Vehicle. That standard set limits for how much a car could pollute.

TOM: LEV was eventually replaced by ULEV, or the Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle standard. Then came the current standard, SULEV, for (you guessed it) Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle. An SULEV vehicle is supposed to produce 90 percent less emissions than the average vehicle made in 2003. That's pretty good.

RAY: Here, our story moves from the offices of the EPA in Washington, D.C., to the sunny state of California.

TOM: In 2003, California decided that it wanted to use standards that were stricter than the federal government's. So, they mandated that within a decade or so, manufacturers would have to sell 25,000 cars in their state that produced no emissions at all. These would be, presumably, battery- or fuel-cell-powered cars. California called these Zero Emission Vehicles, or ZEVs. Now we're getting warmer,

right?
RAY: But there was a lot of whining and threatening of lawsuits from the carmakers, and ultimately, California state regulators backed down and modified their plan. They made drastic cuts in the number of ZEVs required, and instead, they called for more SULEV vehicles, with a couple of additional requirements: that the cars produce no evaporative emissions (from evaporating gasoline), and that the warranty on all emissions components be extended to 15 years or 150,000 miles.

TOM: Now, what do you think California decided to call these enhanced SULEV cars?

RAY: Uh, SDULEV? Super Duper Ultra Low Emission Vehicles?

TOM: No. Think public relations. California regulators didn't want to lose face. They wanted it to appear that they were staying close to their lofty ZEV aspirations. So they called the enhanced SULEVs PZEVs, or Partial Zero Emission Vehicles. And that's where the wacky name comes from.

RAY: Since then, other states have adopted California's emissions standards. We now have PZEVs in some states and SULEVs in others, and, except for a better warranty, they're essentially the same thing. Glad we could clear everything up for you, Mary Ann!

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

Lagoon

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This leads to some pretty graphic deaths for a Hammer film, which include a shovel to the head, a dagger to the belly and the odd deaths by fangs.

It's all well rendered by the Hammer approach, which includes Gothic sets, plenty of heaving bosoms barely constrained by extra tight corsets, and a fair amount of gore.

The real sell here is the return of Christopher Lee to his signature role. Despite the fact that he's saddled with lame dialogue (Lee believed the character should have been mute) he manages to rise above the words and embody Bram Stoker's classic character. He adds a touch of class to the proceedings and is surrounded by a capable cast, which includes Peter Sallis (Wallace of "Wallace and Gromit" fame) as the most cowardly member of the circle.

Best line: "I'll shoot you again if you don't get out."
1970, rated R.

Norris

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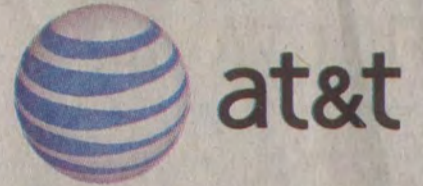
change; Gov. Palin is a proven reformer who can help us restore our country and rectify constitutional revisionism and apostasy. Sarah is small-town civil and Texas tough, with a Southern elegance and an urban savvy. If McCain is a maverick, then there's no doubt that Sarah is (if you will) the maverette! Even Oprah seems to be acknowledging the power in Sarah's prowess by refusing to have this hockey mom turned VP nominee on her talk show until "after the campaign is over" — though she's had Barack (and Michelle) Obama on twice.

Gov. Palin comes to civil service in the spirit of our Founding Mothers. She represents an early-American patriotic spirit that I believe lies sleeping among millions of Americans today and needs to be reawakened. She is the type of revolutionary who will help to wake up and revitalize America and about whom I write in my new book (available now at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble), "Black Belt Patriotism": "Today, we see women incredibly active in every arena of society. They are often wearing multiple hats, as mother, homemaker, professional, spiritual leader, and community leader. Many serve God, family and country with the same fervor as those valiant female patriots of yesteryear. Women like Abigail Adams, Margaret Corbin, 'Molly Pitcher,' Catherine Ferguson, Dolly Madison, Mercy Warren, Martha Washington, and Betsy Ross."

Well done, Sen. McCain. You have rallied the conservative base and others who were still on the fence. You have thrown a political Hail Mary into the end zone of the District of Columbia and scored a touchdown.

So move over, Mr. Smith, because Mrs. Sarah is going to Washington. Give 'em hell, Sarah! Give 'em hell!

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Betsy Layne turns back South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Betsy Layne defeated South Floyd Monday night in a key conference volleyball match. The Lady Cats defeated host South Floyd 2-0. Betsy Layne beat the Lady Raiders 25-20 in the opening game. The Lady Cats cruised in the second game, beating South Floyd 25-14.

The Lady Cats were all business in the first game of the road match, serving up aces and drilling the volley-

ball. "It's past mid season and I feel my team is coming on strong – getting prepared for each match as well as post-season play," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "I was very impressed with their focus and control in the match against South Floyd. They took care of business when they needed to."

Sophomore Taylor Watkins led Betsy Layne offensively, contributing nine kills at a .429 killing percentage. Senior Andie

Meade was not far behind Watkins, ending the match with five kills on a .333 killing percentage.

Audri Ray aided the Betsy Layne effort with three kills. Keleigh Wagner and Samantha Stewardson joined in with one kill apiece.

Setting up the kills for Betsy Layne were senior Andie Meade with (seven assists) and sophomore Keleigh Wagner (eight assists).

Samantha Stewardson, Audri Ray and Allie Meade delivered three aces each for

the Lady Cats. Meade added one ace for host Betsy Layne.

Defensively, Betsy Layne recorded 26 digs. Wagner led the Lady Cats with a match-high six digs. Meade and Watkins each had five digs.

Ray, Stewardson and Allie Meade each dug up three offerings.

Playing the net strong all night for Betsy Layne were sophomore Audri Ray (denying South Floyd six times with a block) and Taylor Watkins (added to the team total with one denial of her own).

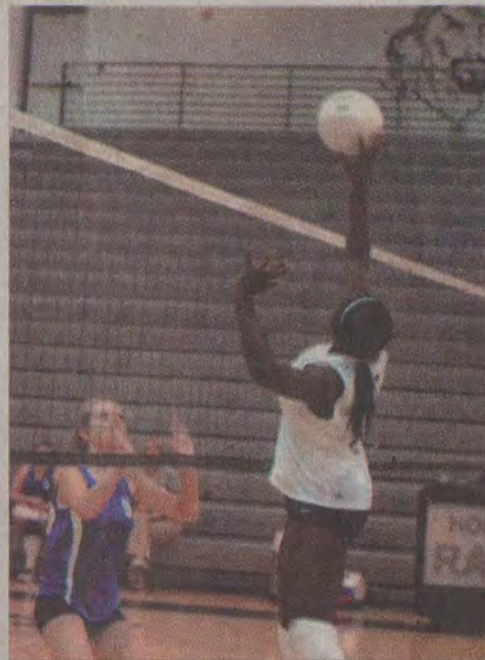


photo by Brandon Marson
BETSY LAYNE managed to defeat host South Floyd Monday night in a conference volleyball match. Both teams continue to be very competitive.

Bellarmino finishes second in Centre Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE – The Bellarmine University men's golf team took second place at the Jim English-Centre Invitational Thursday at Danville Country Club. The Knights fired a team score of 291 (+3), which was four shots behind Lindsey Wilson's 287 and four ahead of Centre and Spalding' 295.

The Knights were lead by juniors Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg/Prestonsburg H.S.) and Doug Wilkinson (Louisville/St. Xavier H.S.), who both fired even par rounds of 72. The pair of Bellarmine juniors tied for fifth overall.

Herrick is a Prestonsburg High School graduate. The Prestonsburg native is a former 15th Region champion

Travis Radford of Lindsey Wilson was medalist with a 3-under par 69.

Other Bellarmine golfers in competition at the tournament were sophomore Jerred McCarty (Shelbyville/Shelby County H.S.) who carded a 1-over 73, and senior Kyle Leach (Louisville/DeSales H.S.) shot a 74. Freshman Chris Stout (Louisville/Trinity H.S.) posted a 77 to round out the Bellarmine scores.

Bellarmino will return to action at the Northern Kentucky Invitational, which will be held today and Monday at Cherry Blossom G.C. in Georgetown.

UK Basketball 2.0 Women's Clinic date changed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University Kentucky men's basketball has changed the date of "UK Basketball 2.0: The Newest Version" of the women's clinic, to Thursday Oct. 9.

The time and location of the clinic remains the same, running from 6-9 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum/Joe Craft Center.

Registration will run from 5-6 p.m. at the front entrance to Memorial Coliseum (facing the Avenue of Champions). Parking is available in the "E" lot on both sides of the Joe Craft Center.

Interested parties can call the Men's Basketball Office with additional questions about the clinic at 800-825-2875 or 859-257-1916.

Wells, Pikeville College men's basketball program to host coaching clinic: The Pikeville College men's basketball program, under the direction of head coach Kelly Wells, will host a basketball coaching clinic on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the PC Gym. East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, Centre College Coach Greg Mason and South Laurel High School Coach Steve Wright will join Wells as speakers during the clinic. Cost of the clinic is \$50 per coach or an entire staff for \$40 per coach. For more information, call Wells at 606-218-5352.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Prestonsburg 40, Bath County 14
Allen Central 62, Phelps 14
Paintsville 60, South Floyd 0
Pikeville 68, Betsy Layne 0
Ironton, Ohio 18, Ashland 6
Russell 44, West Carter 6
Hazard 53, Jenkins 12
Breathitt County 41, Boyd County 6
Johnson Central 35, Bryan Station 31



South Floyd failed to win its second straight game Friday night against its first district opponent of the season. Paintsville blanked the Raiders. Prestonsburg, ranked as one of the state's top Class 2A teams, improved to 3-0, winning on the road at Bath County in a pivotal district game. Betsy Layne fell on the road at Pikeville in another district contest. More on the high school football games will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Lady Cats outlast East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Host Betsy Layne shook a slow start Tuesday night on its way to a win over visiting East Ridge. The Lady Cats outlasted East Ridge 2-1. After falling in the first game, Betsy Layne bounced back to beat East Ridge 25-15, 25-7 in back-to-back games, prevailing in dominating fashion.

East Ridge slipped past Betsy Layne 25-23 in the first game of the varsity volleyball match.

As a team, Betsy Layne ended the match with 14 kills, 12 assists, 10 digs and four blocks.

Offensively, Taylor Watkins and Audri Ray paced Betsy Layne with four kills apiece.

Samantha Stewardson added three kills in Betsy Layne's non-district win.

Keleigh Wagner added six assists for the Lady Cats. Andie Meade managed to handed out five assists and Ariel Hopkins offered up one

Tops in the serving department for the Lady Cats was Keleigh Wagner, who finished with nine aces. Samantha Stewardson followed with seven aces for the Lady Cats. Allie Meade connected on four aces. Andie Meade offered up three and Audri Ray added one.

Defensively, Ray played the net strong for the Lady Cats, finishing with two blocks. Taylor and Andie Meade each had one block for the Lady Cats.

Herrick reigns as best in GLVC

Prestonsburg native earned conference's golf scholar-athlete award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Earlier in the year, the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) selected 10 student-athletes as Scholar-Athlete of the Year in their respective sports for the 2007-08 season. Two Bellarmine students earned the awards in their respective sports. Katie Hickey, a senior from

Cincinnati, Ohio, earned the award for women's track and field. Brooks Herrick, a junior from Prestonsburg, won for men's golf. The awards recognize outstanding athletic accomplishment and academic performance.

Herrick is a longtime leading student-athlete. In high school, Herrick ranked as one of Prestonsburg's most outstanding student-athletes. A junior political science

major at Bellarmine, Herrick maintained a 3.95 grade point average and earned Academic All-GLVC honors in each of his first two years.

Herrick was named Bellarmine's Most Valuable Golfer in 2008 after finishing 19th at the Great Lakes Super Regional. Herrick's 74.1 scoring average in 2007-08, helped land him spots on both the All-

GLVC and Ping's All-Great Lakes Region teams.

Herrick played strong on the links earlier in the week with a fifth-place overall finish in a Centre College-hosted tournament.

In addition to his golf awards, Herrick earned Bellarmine's Fred J. Karem Scholastic Achievement Award and is a member of Bellarmine's nationally-ranked Mock Trial Team. Herrick a starter for the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team during his senior year, ranking as the team's leading three-point shooter.



BROOKS HERRICK



Stumbo bowls 300 game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Prestonsburg resident Taylor Alex Stumbo recently bowled his first career 300 game. He bowled the milestone game at Sparetime Lanes in Paintsville.

Stumbo is a senior at Prestonsburg High School. He has been bowling since he was nine years old. Stumbo bowled his first 700 scratch series. At age 10, Stumbo started bowling in the men's summer league. He has continued bowling in the league since, winning first-place in high scratch and first in all events in the city tournament over the summer.

Stumbo currently holds his league's high average with a 221.

Lady Cats upend Piarist in 9/11 match

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – Betsy Layne blanked the host Piarist School 2-0 Thursday in a 9/11 remembrance match. The Lady Cats and Lady Knights were decked out in the patriotic red, white and blue colors.

The victory was Betsy

Layne's third straight win. Betsy Layne was now won four of its last five contests.

Betsy Layne enjoyed a balanced effort en route to a win in the highly-anticipated remembrance match.

Allie Meade had two aces and three digs for the Lady Cats.

Taylor Watkins contributed

three kills, five digs, one assist and one block for Betsy Layne in its varsity volleyball triumph.

Andie Meade turned in a complete effort, finishing with seven kills, four assists, four aces and four digs for the winning team.

Ariel Hopkins added one kill and one assist. Audri Ray

landed five kills and recorded two digs and six blocks.

Keleigh Wagner ended the varsity match with two kills, eight assists, one ace and one dig.

Samantha Stewardson had seven digs and one assist.

Betsy Layne will host Prestonsburg Monday in a crucial conference match.

Edwards adds international touch to Miners free agent camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Less than a month after the conclusion of the 2008 Olympics, East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley had an opportunity to evaluate some international talent up close as Canadian Sherone Edwards visited Eastern Kentucky. Edwards was one of the 26 participants in the East Kentucky Miners free agent camp held Saturday, Sept. 6 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Edwards, a 6-4 shooting guard/small forward, displayed his athleticism throughout the free agent camp.

"Sherone Edwards is quite an athlete," said Keathley. "I was impressed with his athleticism and the way he handled himself."

Edwards played his college basketball at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). In 26 games during the 2005-06 season, Edwards averaged 21.7 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He hit 53.2-percent of his shots from the floor during the 21.7 points per game campaign. During that same season, Edwards shot 33.3-percent from behind the three-point line.

Edwards earned the following honors during his college career: All-Canadian CIS First Team (2005); Canadian University All-Star Game selection (2006); Atlantic Division First Team (2006); CIS All-Canadian Second Team (2006).

The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization is gearing up for the 2008 CBA Draft on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

High school sports participation increases again

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — For the 19th consecutive year, the number of student participants in high school athletics increased in 2007-08, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the NFHS, participation for the 2007-08 school year set an all-time high of 7,429,381, according to the 2007-08 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. In addition, boys and girls participation figures reached all-time highs, with 3,057,266 girls and 4,372,115 boys participating in 2007-08. The girls figure surpassed the total of 3,021,807 set last year, while the boys figure eclipsed the former record of 4,367,442 set in 1977-78.

Through the survey, it was also determined that 54.8 percent of students enrolled in high schools participate in athletics.

"This is certainly another great report on the interest of high school sports in our nation's schools," said NFHS Executive Director Robert F. Kanaby. "The fact that we experienced all-time records for both girls and boys reflects the fact that the high school sports participation experience is more viable than ever and is of great interest to our nation's young people. In addition, the results support the NFHS 2008-2011 Strategic Plan, in which the organization committed to providing stronger leadership and support for high school athletics and fine arts activities."

Two years ago, the NFHS began a new brand identity emphasizing using a communications tag line of "Take Part. Get Set for Life.ã,ç." In addition to its chief task of writing playing rules for high school sports, the NFHS is striving to gain awareness and support from state and local governments, media, corporate partners, and especially students and their parents.

Competitive spirit squads gained the most female participants in 2007-08 with 16,130, followed by soccer with 8,913 and cross country with 6,973.

Lacrosse gained the most participants among boys sports in 2007-08 with 11,336, followed by soccer with 5,562, swimming and diving with 5,158 and cross country with 5,042.

In terms of combined participation, the emerging sports of bowling and lacrosse continued their rise in popularity with significant percentage increases. Overall participation in bowling increased 17 percent, while lacrosse participation was up 14 percent.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 449,450 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (447,520), volleyball (397,968), fast pitch softball (371,293), soccer (346,545), cross country (190,349), tennis (172,455), swimming and diving (147,197), competitive spirit squads (111,307) and golf (69,243).

In boys sports, 11-player football once again topped the list with 1,108,286 participants, followed by basketball (552,935), outdoor track and field (548,821), baseball (478,029), soccer (383,561), wrestling (259,688), cross country (221,109), golf (159,958), tennis (156,285) and swimming and diving (111,896).

Texas held its title as having the most sports participants with 779,049, followed by California (735,497), New York (380,870), Ohio (346,571), Illinois (336,646), Michigan (315,734), Pennsylvania (286,992), New Jersey (256,837), Minnesota (230,068) and Florida (227,157).



The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team features five seniors — Eric Mullins (Hazard), Will Dillard (Beckley, W.Va.), Rodney Mitchell (Manchester), Corey Hairston (Beckley, W.Va.) and Preston Simon-Spradlin (Stanville). ALC will open its season Nov. 1 versus Kentucky Christian University.

EAST KENTUCKY MINERS

In-state players perform well in free agent camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky players joined with hoopsters from 13 other states and one foreign country during the East Kentucky Miners free agent camp held Saturday, Sept. 6 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Other states represented in the camp were North Carolina, Georgia, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Ohio, Missouri, Maryland, California, Mississippi, Virginia, Michigan, Alabama and Maine. Nearly a quarter of the players in attendance at the free agent camp had Kentucky ties.

Lexington native Jaron Brown brought one of the most impressive resumes to the free agent camp. Brown, a 6-4 guard, played four seasons for the University of Pittsburgh. He averaged 10.7 points and 5 rebounds per game during his junior season with the Panthers. As a senior, Brown averaged 11.7 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game. The Lexington native participated in the 2004 Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (Pre-NBA Draft). He attended Bryan Station High School in Lexington. Recent Georgetown

College standouts Gordon (Gus) Chase and Justin Taylor more than held their own during the free agent session. Taylor is a Lexington native who previously starred at Tates Creek High School. Chase is a native of Baltimore, Md., was an NAIA First Team All-American in the spring.

Joe Buck, a California native who played at USC, ventured to the camp from Lexington — his new home. Buck had one of the best overall performances of the camp. Other players with Kentucky ties in the Miners free agent camp were Lamont Campbell (Lexington), John Patterson (Lexington) and Brandon Moore (Louisville).

"I was pleased with the turnout for the camp," said East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley. "Some of the players who attended the free agent camp will definitely be invited back for the veteran's camp. Right now, we're still evaluating players."

The East Kentucky professional basketball organization continues to prepare for the 2008-09 season. The Miners will hold a press conference on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the East Kentucky Expo Center.

All work, little play as Busch begins title hunt

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Kyle Busch has been known to enjoy New York City and the ample opportunities it offers young, rich superstars.

And after a dream regular season, the kid who has seemingly won everything this year had plenty of reason to run wild during NASCAR's two-day tour through the city to promote the upcoming Chase for the championship.

Instead, the celebration seemed uncharacteristically subdued for Busch, the Las Vegas driver who usually has no trouble finding the latest hot spots. He did his media obligations and squeezed in shopping and sightseeing with his girlfriend, but bowed out when the party roared into the early morning hours.

"I've been low-key all season," he insisted.

Maybe. But isn't New York your kind of town?

"Tell you what," he said Thursday morning. "If I come back here in December celebrating a championship, I'll tear it up."

That's a promise Busch has 10 long weeks to try to fulfill. He led the Sprint Cup Series points standings for most of the season, building a cushy lead behind eight victories in NASCAR's top division. It ensured him the top seed in the Chase, which starts Sunday in New Hampshire.

All bets are off from here on out, though, as any one of 12 drivers can win the championship Busch has been chasing all season long. The title is up for grabs, and Busch will face stiff competition from

two-time defending champion (and former teammate) Jimmie Johnson, as well as rivals Carl Edwards and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Busch isn't even immune from his own teammates beating him: Both Denny Hamlin and Tony Stewart are in the Chase, giving Joe Gibbs Racing three chances to win the title.

So it's understanding — albeit a bit surprising — that Busch wants to keep things quiet as he focuses on the start of the Chase. And who could blame him? New Hampshire International Speedway isn't exactly a great track for Busch and the No. 18 team. He was 25th there in July, then took the same car to California and struggled there, too.

"We're not taking the same car back this weekend," he said. "The car we ran at Loudon ran so bad, and we took to California and ran terrible there. So that's a showcar now. We'll take something new there and hopefully we can run decent."

The title can be lost by a single bad race, and Busch said his goal for Sunday is to simply get the best finish possible. But he also knows an average finish won't get it done.

"We're going to have to get a top 10," he said. "If it's a top five, it's an excellent day. Anything worse than that, and we're probably already going to be behind and have to play catch up."

And that's not something Busch has had to do this season. He's been out front all year, and ticked off wins at a rapid pace that frightened the competition. But he's consid-

ered to be in a bit of a slump right now — Busch followed an August win at Watkins Glen with consecutive second-place finishes, but he's "only" finished seventh and 15th in the last two events.

So he's ready to get his momentum back, and would have preferred not taking a midweek trip to New York before the Chase opener.

"Instead of having to take this week and come up here and talk about it, I would have preferred just going on to New Hampshire and getting this thing started," he said. "It feels like it's just a little different routine, feels a little bit different ... like you went on a mini vacation and now it's like you have to go back to work."

Busch's Q&A with AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer:

Q: So did you have any fun in New York?

KB: I had fun in New York, it was a good time. The first day is just a little bit of work, but the second day is a lot. Then you get one day to get back to doing what you want to do.

Q: So how will you spend Thursday, the day you can do what you want?

KB: It's just a chill day. I'm going to go around New York City with my girlfriend and do some more window shopping.

Q: Not going to buy anything?

KB: I'll buy stuff, but you know you have to walk by everything and look at the window and see if there's anything you want to go in and get. I've got some gift certificates to burn up, too.

Q: Has (girlfriend) Sam done a lot of shopping while you've been working?

KB: No, she hasn't done a whole lot.

Q: Has she been waiting for your credit card?

KB: She has her own. She's certainly not waiting for mine.

Q: Hey, I know you are big football fan and follow the NFL. What did you think of Tom Brady getting hurt?

KB: I don't think it's going to hurt that team because they have enough depth. They can insert a guy and the team will function just fine. And I think you have to give the benefit of the doubt to Matt Cassel and believe he's going to do just fine. But the injury to Brady is kind of shocker.

Q: You grew up in Vegas, so what's your favorite NFL team?

KB: The Broncos. When John Elway was playing for the Broncos years ago, I met him at a dealership. Obviously I was a lot younger, and after I met him, I just kind of became a Broncos fan.

Q: Completely different subject now, your teammate got into it with his crew chief on the radio at the end of the race at Richmond. Is that unusual?

KB: I don't think so. Is it unusual for a husband and wife to bicker? I mean, you've got a relationship and Tony was so frustrated they didn't get the win. They've been so close all year, and he's won races every year going back like nine or 10 years. Now it's getting down to the end of the year and he's still trying to get a win and I think they just get frustrated. But what happens on the radio is pretty common.

New Nationwide Series car debuts at Richmond test session

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Va. — Walking through the garage on Monday at Richmond International Raceway prior to the start of the first official test session for the Nationwide Series' new car, series director Joe Balash was told he looked like a "proud papa."

"This is a new project for the Nationwide Series so there's an unknown until you get [the car] to the racetrack," Balash said. "Now we have it at the track and it's been very well-received."

The four series manufacturers — Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford and Toyota — were represented by five teams. Bryan Clauson was the first driver to take a lap for Dodge and Chip Ganassi Racing.

David Ragan and reigning series champion Carl Edwards for Ford and Roush Fenway Racing; David Reutimann for Toyota; Scott Wimmer for Chevrolet and Richard Childress Racing, the defending series owner champion; and Morgan Shepherd for Davis Motorsports also turned laps throughout the day.

"Going through the garage

area and speaking to some of the drivers, the input I got was the car was very good," said Robin Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of competition. "A couple actually said they wished they could race this new car tomorrow."

Differentiation and uniqueness are the name of the game going forward with the introduction of the new car in the Nationwide Series. The main difference between the current car and the new car will be the chassis and the body. The current chassis has a 105 inch wheel base. The new car will be a 110 inch NASCAR-certified chassis, which is the same as the current Sprint Cup car. This also will allow current Nationwide Series components to be brought forward in an effort to contain costs.

The new car will provide the same safety enhancements that are in place on the current Cup car and will also make more bolt-on parts interchangeable (for example, rear end housing), creating cost savings for the teams. Additionally, the new car will continue to use the rear spoiler whereas the Cup car has a wing.

"We're still walking down the path of certifying the bodies for the cars in the Nationwide Series," Balash said. "The manufacturers haven't made their official announcements yet on what body styles they'll have once we get to the race track."

Cost containment and competitive balance also are keys for the introduction of the new car in the Nationwide Series.

"As we build cars, we want to make sure we don't draw something up on the drawing board that's hard to manufacture," said Brett Bodine, NASCAR's director of cost research. "If that's the case, the cost goes up to produce these cars. As they build these cars — these are the first ones built — we're listening to what they've got to say from their fab shops. This is the kind of interaction from a small group of people like we have here today that helps makes the process a lot more efficient."

"So far we've been pleased," team owner Johnny Davis said. "With more testing, we can be pretty close [to the multi-car teams]. I think a smaller, single-car team under these circumstances can be a

better top-10 car than what we have today with our current cars."

The drivers at the test also gave the new car a thumbs-up.

"I'm excited about the car," Wimmer said. "[There are] a lot of real positive things right now. We've been running through the normal things we do at a test and it's responding well."

"The car's been good and it looks pretty cool, too," Edwards said. "I was impressed. I hadn't seen the car before it was sitting on the ground. It drives really well; it feels a lot like the cars we're driving right now. Compared to when we first ran the new car in the Cup Series this is a lot smaller change for us. I'm happy with it."

Tuesday's second day of testing has been re-scheduled for a morning-only session since the data gathered Monday by the manufacturers and teams was sufficient. The threat of rain in the afternoon also was a factor.

The Nationwide Series new car is also set to test Oct. 13-14 at Charlotte.

Kentucky Speedway to host four Chase drivers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Four NASCAR Sprint Cup teams involved in the Chase for the Sprint Cup are scheduled to test at Kentucky Speedway Tuesday and Wednesday (Sept. 16 and 17).

The No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports team of fourth-seeded Dale Earnhardt Jr., is expected to join the No. 24 team of 10th-seeded stable mate Jeff Gordon. Brad Keselowski will turn laps in the No. 24 Tuesday (Sept. 16)

and Gordon is expected Wednesday (Sept. 17). The No. 20 team of Tony Stewart is expected to join its Joe Gibbs

eighth. David Stremme is expected to turn laps with his new Penske Racing team.



photos courtesy of Kentucky Speedway Dale Earnhardt Jr. will turn laps at Kentucky Speedway in an upcoming test session.

Specific test drivers are to be determined. Fans can view testing from the designated area outside the Kentucky Speedway Fan Center in Turn 3 for free. The center is located off of Interstate 71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 North in



TONY STEWART



DALE EARNHARDT JR.

Sparta. Tests usually begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Times will vary based on team goals.

Browns hoping to rebound versus division foe Steelers

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Before Browns linebacker Willie McGinest decided that this season — No. 15 in the NFL — would be his last, he took several things into consideration.

He wanted to get back to the playoffs.

He wanted another shot at a Super Bowl ring.

And, he wanted to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"They kind of run the division, which is no secret," McGinest said Thursday. "We want to change that."

Embarrassed by the Dallas Cowboys in their season opener at home last week, the Browns will look to bounce back Sunday as they host the Steelers, their repugnant rival and the defending AFC North champions who have beaten them nine straight times and are coming off an impressive Week 1 win over the Houston Texans.

The first of five nationally televised games on Cleveland's schedule, this week's matchup with Pittsburgh is anything but

ordinary. For the Browns, it's as big as an early season game can possibly get. If they have any designs of unseating the Steelers in their division, they need to end Pittsburgh's dominance over them.

Now, Wide receiver Braylon Edwards, who dropped several passes and a potential TD in last Sunday's 28-10 loss, was asked if the Browns "have to" win this week.

"Umm," Edwards said, pausing to perhaps choose the right words. "It would definitely help to come out and get a win so we can rebound from last week. This is a division game. It would give us a chance to go 1-0 in the division. It's a very pivotal game. It's a very important game. 'Have' is a very strong word, but it's close."

Browns general manager Phil Savage wasn't quite as reserved in labeling the matchup as vital. Although it's early, the remainder of Cleveland's season could hinge on the outcome.

"Nothing would calm the waters better than beating the Steelers," said Savage,

who took over the Browns in 2005. "It's the biggest game of the year, and quite frankly it's the biggest game we've played in since I've been here. It's a critical game. These next three weeks (Pittsburgh, at Baltimore, at Cincinnati) are really are going to define our season. The first one is almost a must win if you can have one in the second game of the year."

He's right. The Browns, who came into the season as a trendy pick to contend in the AFC after a 10-6 season in 2007, can't afford an 0-2 start, not at home, and not with a schedule that includes upcoming games with the New York Giants, Jacksonville, Denver, Indianapolis and Philadelphia along with four division games on the road.

Cleveland is expected to be slightly healthier than they were a week ago. Pro Bowl kick specialist Joshua Cribbs should be back after missing last week with a sprained ankle and safety Brodney Pool has been cleared to play after missing several weeks with a concussion. The Browns lost safety

Sean Jones to a knee injury earlier this week and wide receiver Donte Stallworth will probably miss his second straight game with a strained quadriceps.

Cribbs, though, should provide a spark. Last year, he returned a kickoff 100 yards against the Steelers in the second meeting between the clubs. That score put the Browns ahead 28-24 in the fourth quarter, but they couldn't hold the lead and lost by three when Ben Roethlisberger threw a 2-yard TD pass to tight end Heath Miller late in the game.

Cleveland's biggest problem in recent years against Pittsburgh has been finishing the Steelers off. The Browns have held double-digits leads that they've let slip away.

They seem to be getting closer to ending Pittsburgh's steel grip of them. Last year, the Browns were routed 34-7 in the season opener by the Steelers, a season-changing loss that led the Browns to trade quarterback Charlie Frye two days after being humiliated. One week later, new quarterback Derek Anderson came in and threw

five TDs in a 55-45 win over Cincinnati.

In the rematch with Pittsburgh, Anderson threw three TD passes in the first half as Cleveland built a 21-6 lead. The Browns couldn't hang on, losing for the 15th time in 16 games to the Steelers.

This week, the Browns are hoping to show that last week's loss — a game of missed chances and missed tackles — was not a sign of things to come. They need to prove that they are legitimate, that the TV network honchos in New York didn't make a mistake by putting them on in prime time on three Monday nights, a Sunday and Thursday.

On Sunday, McGinest, who won three Super Bowls in New England, will play in his 200th career game. The 36-year-old, though, wasn't in the mood to wax nostalgic about his playing days.

Not this week. Not with so much on the line.

"I'm worried about Pittsburgh," he said. "I'm not thinking about retiring or the season or nothing else like that. Nothing else really

matters right now. Our focus right now is on Pittsburgh. Not me, not 200 games, not me retiring. Pittsburgh."

Browns hit \$1B mark in Forbes ranking

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns are worth \$1 billion according to Forbes Magazine's annual ranking of NFL franchises.

The Browns ranked 15th among 32 teams and their value went up 7 percent from last year.

Al Lerner, the late father of Browns owner Randy Lerner, paid \$530 million for the expansion Browns in 1998.

The magazine found that for the first time in any sport team values averaged \$1 billion. Ten years ago the average value of an NFL team was \$288 million.

Dallas ranked first at \$1.6 billion followed by Washington at \$1.5 billion and New England at \$1.3 billion.

Roethlisberger heads to home state to face rival Cleveland

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger watched injury after injury befall quarterbacks across the NFL on the first weekend of the season and felt fortunate to still be standing.

One game down, 15 to go. Roethlisberger came out of the Pittsburgh Steelers' 38-17 victory over Houston with a near-perfect passer rating and sore throwing shoulder that kept him out of practice one day, though he returned to the field Thursday. He sees no reason he won't play Sunday night in Cleveland against the home-state team that snubbed him in the draft four years ago.

Considering the Week 1 injuries to Tom Brady, Vince Young, Brodie Croyle, Alex Smith (in practice, no less) and Jeff Garcia, Roethlisberger is glad to have gotten out of the opener with only an aching arm and shoulder.

"It was a bad week for football players and quarterbacks getting hurt," Roethlisberger said. "That's why they say it's the most physical sport we have. It's

kind of what we say at the end of the year, the healthiest team usually does well. You don't expect that (so many key injuries) in Week 1."

Neither did Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, who called the numerous injuries "sobering — it reminds you of the (physical) nature of the game."

Roethlisberger got a scare when Texans defensive lineman Mario Williams sacked him late in the second quarter, landing atop the quarterback's throwing arm and causing a fumble. Roethlisberger played the third quarter, but spent most of it handing the ball off.

"That's a big man," Roethlisberger said. "He about broke my arm. I really thought he snapped my arm. My arm was still attached to the football and he was holding my arm."

One scary play aside, Roethlisberger was 13-of-14 for 138 yards and two touchdowns — he didn't need to throw any deep passes as the Steelers quickly jumped out to a 21-0 lead — and he also ran 17 yards for a key first down.

It was exactly the kind of well-executed game that has enabled Roethlisberger to win 40 of his first 56 NFL starts. This week, he goes against a

depleted Cleveland secondary that will be missing safety Sean Jones (knee cartilage) — the 18th Browns player to miss significant time since camp started. The other starting safety, Brodney Pool, has been out a month with a concussion.

The Browns currently have only one 2007 secondary starter, cornerback Eric Wright, in their lineup. The other cornerback, Brandon McDonald, was a 2007 fifth-round pick.

With the Browns' defense so short-handed, it's likely the Steelers will throw the ball much more than they did against Houston, which gave up 138 yards rushing and three touchdowns to Willie Parker.

"Definitely, we'd like to exploit that," wide receiver Hines Ward. "They really don't have much experience. But it depends on how the game goes. We still have Willie Parker and we're not going to change our identity. We're not going to come out and start slinging the ball everywhere."

Even if Roethlisberger wouldn't mind doing that. He grew up in Findlay, Ohio, and played at Miami (Ohio), and

hasn't forgotten that the Browns bypassed him in the 2004 draft. They chose tight end Kellen Winslow at No. 6, and the Steelers took Roethlisberger five picks later.

"My friends won't let me live it down if I don't win in that state," Roethlisberger said. "It's just something about going home and trying to win at home. It's a little something added for Cleveland because I think they had a pick higher than No. 11 when I was drafted."

Roethlisberger is 7-0 against the Browns — he sat out a 2005 game while injured — and is 9-0 in NFL games played in Ohio.

No wonder Cleveland's Dawg Pound, which dislikes the Steelers like no other group of fans, gives Roethlisberger such a hard time.

"Whenever opposing fans get on you, it's usually because you like to trash talk or because you're a good player," he said. "I hear mixed things from the Pound, not that I really pay much attention to it, but I'll look up and see somebody I went to high school with or something. It's kind of funny. But I'm not too intimidated by it."

Allen Central rolls past visiting Letcher County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Amber Shepherd scored a game-high 33 points Wednesday night as host Allen Central defeated Letcher County 42-31 in an A-Team middle school girls' basketball matchup.

Shepherd excelled versus the Lady Cougars, drilling two three-point field goals and finishing nine-for-nine from the free throw line. The game's leading scorer also hit nine field goals.

As a team, Allen Central hit 10-of-11 attempts from the charity stripe.

Allen Central played from behind early on. The Lady Rebels exited the opening quarter out in front 11-9. But Allen Central bailed back. The host team carried a slim 20-19 lead into halftime.

Allen Central, following a 29-29 deadlock with Letcher County at the conclusion of the third quarter, outscored the Lady Cougars 13-2 in the final frame. Shepherd provided all of Allen Central's fourth quarter scoring.

Caitlin Kidd was the second-leading scorer for the Lady Rebels. Kidd tossed in seven points. Sarah Rife rounded out the Allen Central scoring, chipping in two points.

Julie Cornette paced Letcher County with a team-high 16 points. Three players accounted for all of the Letcher County scoring. Ari Nichols followed with 13 points for the Lady Rebels. Samari Mullins rounded out the Letcher County scoring, hitting for two points.

The Allen Central A-Team is now 6-0 through its first half-dozen games.

In the B-Team game, Allen Central defeated Letcher County 47-16. Rife scored 13 points and DeShea Elliott added 12 for the B-Team Lady Rebels.

In the C-Team contest, Allen Central defeated Letcher County 31-10. Jayla Spurlock scored a game-high 12 points for the Allen Central C-Team.

Allen Central sweeps Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Allen Central pulled off a middle school girls' basketball sweep over Adams Monday night, defeating the host Lady Blackcats.

Allen Central won the A-Team game in convincing style, defeating Adams 62-13.

Amber Shepherd doubled up Adams by herself. Shepherd, one of the top middle school girls' basketball players in Eastern Kentucky, scored a game-high 26 points. Shepherd was one of two Allen Central A-Team players to score 20 or more points. Caitlin Kidd followed with 20 points for the Lady Rebels. Hannah Macelthose netted six points and Jayla Spurlock pushed in four in Allen Central's A-Team victory.

Tiffany Wertz scored a team-best six points for the Lady Blackcats.

Sarah Rife and Jeni Dingus rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points apiece.

In the B-Team game, Allen Central defeated Adams 32-27. Rife led the Allen Central B-Team, scoring a team-high 11 points. Deshea Elliott scored eight points and Spurlock guided in six for the Lady Rebel B-Team.

Cathryn Calhoun ripped the nets for a game-high 12 points as she led Adams. Hayley Howell was the second-leading scorer for the Adams B-Team with eight points.

Allen Central topped Adams 36-10 in the C-Team game. Spurlock and Dingus dumped in 10 points apiece for the Lady Blackcat C-Team. Alyssa Moore, Breanna Prater and Lanah Gibson scored four points apiece for Allen Central in the win.

Autumn Hall led the Adams C-Team with six points.

Elizabeth Prater scored a game-high six points as Allen Central beat Prestonsburg Elementary 17-6.



SET: The South Floyd High School volleyball team is eyeing a return trip to the 15th Region Tournament. South Floyd continues to show improvement.

Ravens-Texans matchup moved to Monday night

by KRISTIE RIEKEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans' game against the Baltimore Ravens was moved to Monday night at 8:30 p.m. EDT because of Hurricane Ike.

The game was originally scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Hurricane Ike was headed toward the Texas coast as a category 3 storm Thursday. It was expected to make landfall between Houston and Corpus Christi sometime early Saturday morning.

The game will be broadcast on CBS stations in Houston, Baltimore and Washington as well as several smaller secondary markets.

The Ravens are scheduled to fly to Texas on Sunday afternoon.

"We understand completely why the change had to be made," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We'll adjust our schedules."

This isn't the first time a game time has been changed because of an impending hurricane. In 2004, a game in Miami between the Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers was moved from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. to allow Hurricane Jeanne to pass through the area.

Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron worked for the Chargers in 2003 when California wildfires caused a game against the Miami Dolphins to be moved to Monday night at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium.

"We all have an understanding that it's a blessing to coach or play in an NFL game," he said. "Just tell us when the game is and where to play it and we'll play it."

Texans tight end Owen Daniels said the hurricane isn't a distraction and is a bit intrigued at the prospect of going through one. He has a degree in atmospheric and oceanic sciences and hopes to be a television weatherman one day.

"I would say (I'm) more fascinated and interested to know what it's actually like or what it looks like or what it feels like than scared by what is going to happen," he said. "I think if we were out closer to the gulf I would be a little more scared."

Texans center Chris Myers said he went through Hurricane Andrew, the last category 5 storm that made landfall in the United States, in Florida in 1992 when he was 11 years old.

"After going through a category 5 hurricane anything else is kind of, you know, nothing after that," he said. "So, I'm kind of working with it right now and we're ... focused on

Baltimore right now."

The Texans moved their scheduled Friday practice to Thursday night to allow players to have Friday off to take care of their homes and families. The players are scheduled to be off until Sunday morning, but that could change depending on the severity of the storm.

"I think right now it's just concern for our city and that everybody is going to be OK with this storm coming," coach Gary Kubiak said after practice Thursday night. "We were able to get our work done today and I can get these coaches and these players where they should be for the next two days and that's with their families. I hope everything will be OK."

Name or number change, NFL players must pay up

by RACHEL COHEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A wide receiver wanted to alter the back of his jersey looked, then discovered he had to pay up first.

No, this wasn't Chad Johnson legally changing his last name to Ocho Cinco, but

the Oakland Raiders' Jerry Porter trying to switch his number after the 2006 season.

Porter planned to go from 84 to 81 — until he learned it would cost him about \$210,000. The NFL requires that players reimburse Reebok, the league's official supplier, for the value of the jerseys already printed for sale to fans, which would become obsolete after a name or number change.

"Man, there's a couple of nice cars I'd like to get for that money," Porter said at the time.

The more popular the player, the more expensive the switch, said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

The Ocho Cinco jersey situation remained unresolved as of Thursday, after he had to wear his old name on his shirt in Sunday's opener. On Wednesday, the Cincinnati Bengals star didn't want to talk about it.

"I'm not sure," Ocho Cinco said when asked where things stood. "I'm not really worried about it. I'm letting the people on the outside take care of that. It doesn't matter what jersey I'm wearing or what name is back there, you're going to get results."

AP Sports Writer Joe Kay in Cincinnati contributed to this report.

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2x10 Treated	7.44	9.88	11.88	13.88	15.55
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6x6 Treated	16.77	18.88	23.33	25.55	32.77
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