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briefs

One killed in Johnson accident

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten and Deputy B.C. Williams are currently investigating a fatal accident that occurred on Route 460 at approximately 11:36 a.m. Friday.

The accident occurred when a 2004 Buick sport-utility vehicle, operated by Perri Music, 21, of Oil Springs, veered into the opposite lane containing traffic which was heading west. The SUV then met head-on with a passenger vehicle driven by Elizabeth Rudd, 28, of Salyersville.

Rudd was pronounced dead at the scene by coroner J.R. Frisby.

Three other passengers involved in the accident were transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center for multiple injuries. All three were subsequently transferred to Cabell Huntington Hospital for further treatment.

Assisting at the scene were Lt. H.D. Dotson, Sgt. Tom Wyatt, Deputy Mike Johnson, the Rockhouse Volunteer Fire Department, W.R. Castle Fire and Rescue, Paintsville EMS, First Response Ambulance and the Johnson County Coroner's Office.

Abuse convict surprised by jail time

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lawrence Beck, 33, of Morristown, Tenn., was sentenced in circuit court Friday after a plea bargain saw a charge of sexual abuse against a minor amended to a misdemeanor charge of third-degree criminal abuse.

Recommended sentence had been probation

Beck got the deal because the family didn't want to see the victim suffer again when it was time to testify against Beck.

Though Beck will be probated for two-and-a-half years under supervision, he still got a taste of prison when Judge Danny

Caudill added a 30-day jail sentence.

Beck seemed a bit shaken when he heard about the 30 days and requested to go home and change out of his suit before going across the street to Jail.

Judge Caudill nixed that request, say-

ing, "You go to jail, right now."

Beck's probation will start after his 30 days are served, though they will be difficult for Beck, who lives in Tennessee. Apparently Tennessee doesn't want him so he will have to commute to Floyd County for his supervised probation.

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Gary Newcomb scanned the court for a friendly face before he was sentenced to six years on drug trafficking charges.

photo by Tom Doty

Dealer gets six years

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Though the Floyd County Drug Task Force has stepped aside for Operation UNITE to conduct drug roundups, the work of the task force continued Friday, with the sentencing of Gary Newcomb.

Newcomb got six years on Friday for two counts of first-

degree trafficking and is the penultimate dealer to go to jail from the April Fool's Day drug roundup. Only Arthur Huff remains free from that roundup and his trial, scheduled for Jan. 6, which will see two confessed dealers who have already pleaded guilty testify against him.

The Floyd County Drug Task Force held three roundups in its brief history, making over 100 arrests. Only one trafficker in that

time ever took his case to trial and that was Jesse Compton, who received an eight-year sentence after a Floyd County jury found him guilty. In every other case the audio and video evidence used by the task force as well as a cadre of undercover officers and confidential informants has made for cases that were solid enough for the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to secure plea bargains.

Authorities investigate dead deer

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — An anonymous tip to The Times has led Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer Mark Wallace to the remains of six deer carcasses in Wayland.

The grisly discovery of the carcasses was nothing new to Wallace, who has seen several similar instances this year.

"People will bag over the limit in west Kentucky and many of the

animals spoil before they get home," Wallace said. "These animals had no tags and were most likely poached."

Wallace had a similar case in Mud Creek last week, when an elderly couple made a similar discovery after their dogs began returning home with sections of the carcasses which were dumped in the woods near their home.

Assistant County Attorney, and sportsman, Jimmy Marcum noted that this is a crime which could

carry a heavy punishment.

"It's a class A misdemeanor and carries a \$500 fine as well as up to 12 months in prison," Marcum said. "If Mark Wallace brings us any cases we will definitely prosecute them."

This should come as a fair warning to poachers or even hunters who don't observe the rules for proper disposal of their catches. Marcum has already demonstrated

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Caller ID helps capture fugitive

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Dogged detective work by the Floyd County Sheriff's office has resulted in the arrest of Vicki Case, 46, of Pikeville.

Case has been wanted on a charge of theft but failed to appear

for a scheduled court date back in March. A warrant was issued at that time and Case remained on the loose.

"She moved to Pike County to avoid the charges," Sgt. Gary Tackett alleged.

Thus began a game of cat-and-mouse. The department would follow up on leads and almost nabbed

Case on one occasion when she made a visit back to Floyd County, but they missed her by minutes.

A visit to Case's former Floyd County home missed her again, but deputies got a number where she would be. They called the number but got no answer.

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Pattons adjust to civilian life after leaving governorship

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — People may have been surprised at first to see Paul Patton walking the aisles at the local hardware store, a can of paint in one hand, a box of nails in the other.

Since he left office, the former governor has eased back into civilian life in the coal town where his political roller coaster ride began. He now travels with no entourage, takes on home improvement projects with abandon, and relishes shopping for himself in Pikeville stores.

"At first, I would hear people say: 'Hey, there's Gov. Patton,' but now it's getting to be pretty routine," he said. "I'm just a normal ordinary person."

That's what Patton had hoped for after 22 years politics, including eight as governor and four as lieutenant governor.

Patton, 67, was seven years into what many considered a productive administration focused on education and the economy when news of a two-year relationship with former nursing home owner Tina Conner led him into retirement.

Nearly a year after leaving office, Patton is adjusting to a slower pace, one that has the man who wielded the power of the governor's office now wielding a paint-

brush as he turns his attention to sprucing up the Pikeville home neglected while he was away at the state capital.

"I really, really enjoy not being on a rigid schedule," Patton said. "I certainly enjoyed my 12 years in Frankfort, but a part of that life was a very rigid schedule. I'm trying to avoid anything that ties me down. I just really enjoy the freedom."

Patton now volunteers his time as a fund-raiser at Pikeville College, where he maintains an office decorated with the same wall-hangings he displayed in the governor's office, including photographs of his wife, children and grandchildren.

Patton and his wife, Judi, are still together.

"We're getting along as married couples do," Patton said. "We've reconciled, and living the normal retired life."

Patton's office, a mini-museum to the two-term governor, also has some of the furniture from his Frankfort office, even the same carpet, and houses personal papers that weren't required to go into the state archives.

Mrs. Patton, who still lends her support to child and spouse abuse centers across the state, causes she championed as first lady, has

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Judi and Paul Patton during a 2002 trip to Pine Mountain.

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Odds and Ends

■ **ROYAL OAK, Mich.** — Winky and Wanda's tale of pachydermic woe won't wane.

The American Zoo and Aquarium Association on Thursday denied Detroit Zoo director Ron Kagan's final appeal to send the two aging, arthritic elephants to one of two U.S. sanctuaries where they could roam hundreds of acres.

Winky and Wanda instead appear to be headed to the Columbus Zoo.

Kagan announced the sanctuary plan in May, citing evidence suggesting zoo enclosures of any size fail to meet elephants' extraordinary physical, social and intellectual needs. The voluntary decision to give up elephants primarily on ethical grounds drew widespread praise from the public and animal welfare groups.

The association, however, upheld a September directive by a committee charged with managing elephants in AZA-accredited institutions to send 51-year-old Winky and 45-year-old Wanda to Ohio.

Kagan did not immediately say what he and zoo staff planned to do. "There don't seem to be any great options," he said.

AZA officials say Winky and Wanda will have more space, a warmer climate and four other elephant companions in Columbus. But Kagan says Columbus has no more space and that the climate there is barely warmer than Detroit's.

■ **BAY CITY, Mich.** — Keeping library books too long could soon land some readers in jail.

Frustrated librarians want the worst offenders to face criminal charges and up to 90 days behind bars.

"We want to go after some of the people who owe us a lot of money," said Frederick J. Paffhausen, the library's system director. "We want to set an example."

Paffhausen, who took over as director in October, is asking the Bay County Library Board for permission to seek arrest warrants for offenders who ignore repeated notices. The board plans to consider the crackdown next month.

One patron from Bad Axe owes \$1,190 for 73 items — mainly science-fiction books — hoarded for more than a year, Paffhausen said.

Patrons keep an average of

\$25,000 in overdue materials out of the library system each year, officials said.

That costs taxpayers money, because the library often must buy copies to replace unreturned materials, leaving less for new books, CDs and DVDs, Paffhausen said.

Currently, the library cuts off an offending patron's privileges and sends overdue notices. Daily fines of 5 to 10 cents per item are assessed. If the material is worth \$75 or more, the patron receives a form letter from the prosecutor's office warning that it's a crime to keep library items.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — An olfactory offense sent officials sniffing for the source of a stench that wafted across Philadelphia.

A mysterious invisible cloud carried an odor that left sour faces and perplexed officials in its wake Thursday.

Emergency dispatchers began receiving the first of hundreds of 911 calls about the strong smell shortly past 2 p.m., first from the southern tip of South Philadelphia, then further north as the scent drifted on the wind.

Transit officials, fearful of a gas leak, evacuated a subway line in South Philadelphia for about 45 minutes.

Some people said it smelled like propane. Others said it smelled more like sulfur.

Authorities collected air samples, phoned nearby refineries and checked the pressure of natural gas lines, trying to determine if there had been an industrial mishap.

"We don't know what it is. But we've gathered enough samples to know that it's not toxic. It's just offensive," said mayoral spokeswoman Barbara Grant.

A police spokesman said authorities were checking out theories that the odor came from dust released as a substance was transferred between two train cars, or that it may have originated at a refinery in Paulsboro, N.J.

■ **MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — A cafeteria food fight led to a meat loaf mess and the suspension of the entire eighth-grade class.

The meaty melee broke out Wednesday at Geeter Middle School, which has 637 students in grades six through eight.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2004. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on Nov. 21, 1964, New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge, connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island, opened.

On this date:
■ In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the invention of his phonograph.

■ In 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened in New York.

■ In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened.

■ In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

■ In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt,

revealed the existence of an 18 1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

■ In 1979, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

■ In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

■ In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (It turned out to be Kristin Shepard, played by Mary Crosby.)

■ In 1989, the proceedings of Britain's House of Commons were televised live for the first time.

Ten years ago: North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms, a Republican, remarked in a newspaper interview that President Clinton "better have a bodyguard" if he were to visit North Carolina; Helms later called his comment "a mistake." NATO warplanes bombed an air base in Serb-held Croatia that was being used by Serb planes to raid the

Bosnian "safe area" of Bihac.

Five years ago: President Clinton, speaking at a conference in Florence, Italy, called on prosperous nations to spread global wealth by helping poor countries with Internet hookups, cell phones, debt relief and small loans. China completed its first unmanned test of a spacecraft meant to carry astronauts. Quentin Crisp, the eccentric writer, performer and raconteur best-known for his autobiography "The Naked Civil Servant," died in Manchester, England, at age 90.

One year ago: More than a dozen rockets fired from donkey carts slammed into Iraq's Oil Ministry and two downtown Baghdad hotels used by foreign journalists and civilian defense contractors. Health officials said a deadly outbreak of hepatitis A at a Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant in suburban Pittsburgh was probably caused by green onions from Mexico.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan Musial is 84. Country singer Jean

Shepard is 71. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 70. Actress Marlo Thomas is 67. Actor Rick Lenz is 65. Singer Dr. John is 64. Actress Juliet Mills is 63. Comedian-director Harold Ramis is 60. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 60. Actress Goldie Hawn is 59. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 56. Singer Livingston Taylor is 54. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 52. Journalist Tina Brown is 51. Actress Cherry Jones is 48. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 44. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 42. Actress Nicolette Sheridan is 41. Singer-actress Bjork is 39. Football player Troy Aikman is 38. R&B singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 36. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 36. Baseball player Ken Griffey Jr. is 35. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 33. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHEDAISSY) is 30. Actress Jena Malone is 20.

Thought for Today: "A concept is stronger than a fact." — Charlotte P. Gilman, American lecturer and author (1860-1935).

East Tennessee administrator tapped to lead Morehead State

The Associated Press

MOREHEAD — Wayne D. Andrews, a vice president at East Tennessee State University, was chosen Thursday to be Morehead State University's next president.

Morehead's regents voted unanimously to authorize a four-year contract at an annual salary of \$210,000, beginning Jan. 1.

"I am delighted that I will be leading a school that cares so much about its students," Andrews said in a statement released by Morehead. "I am passionate about the mission of Morehead State."

The other two finalists for the job — G. Edward Hughes, the founding president and chief executive officer of Gateway Community and Technical College in Covington, and Peter Sloat Hoff, former president of the University of Maine — had removed themselves from consideration in the 24 hours before the board's decision.

Regents Chairman James H. Booth said Andrews was definitely the best candidate.

President Ronald G. Eaglin, who is retiring next month and who is the longest-tenured current president of a public university in Kentucky, congratulated the board for making what he described as "an excellent choice."

"Dr. Andrews will make a wonderful president for Morehead State University," he said. "I look forward to working with him on a smooth transition of leadership."

Andrews is vice president for administration and chief operating officer at the Johnson City, Tenn., school.

Andrews, 56, and his wife, Susan, will visit the campus Friday afternoon, and the university will hold a news conference during the visit.

Andrews is a graduate of Fitchburg (Mass.) State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1974, and West Virginia University where he received both a master's degree in 1976 and an doctorate in 1977.

Andrews and his wife, a reading specialist in the Johnson City Public Schools, have two children: Josh, 26, and Jill, 24.



Join Pikeville Medical Center for the Annual Lighting Ceremony Monday, November 29 at 7pm

The event will take place in the front hospital parking lot. Refreshments, choral singing, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus (bring your own camera) and other activities for children will be available.



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Odds

The students were suspended after refusing to clean up the mess.

"In an opportunity first to apologize for their behavior and help with the cleanup, most of the class refused to cooperate," school spokesman Vince McGaskill said.

Principal Jada Meeks suspended students who were in the cafeteria during the fight, meaning the youngsters' parents must meet with school officials before the children can return to class.

"Suspending students is never desirable," McGaskill said. "In this case, the principal felt that strong, some may say shocking measures, were called for to spur change."

■ **STAMFORD, Conn.** — When city employees refused to haul away his raked leaves, Michael Peters blew up. And his meltdown got him arrested for what police describe as "leaf rage."

Peters, 67, of North Stamford, was charged Monday with breach of peace, a misdemeanor, after accosting municipal workers who told him they collected leaves only on the street and not those on a right of way, where his were stacked.

"He grabbed my jacket and said, 'You're not going anywhere,'" operations Supervisor Robert Gerbert said of Peters. "The guy was spitting and swearing — it was the most disgusting scene I've ever seen."

Peters admitted he lost his cool, frustrated by more than three decades of being ignored by the town at leaf time.

"I went berserk. I got very angry," Peters said. "After 34 years, things build up. I am a taxpayer... All I am trying to do is get a service that's being offered to all of my neighbors."

Crews probably would have come back to Peters' home — maybe even later that day — had he asked politely, said worker Jim Crabb. "We're not big, mean ogres."

■ **GREENSBURG, La.** — How do you dry out \$67,380 in stolen cash recovered from a beaver dam? Very carefully, as St. Helena Parish deputies found out.

First, the soggy bills were spread out in the vault at the Bank of Greensburg. But they started to smell — so badly that Maj. Michael Martin can't help wrinkling his nose just talking about it.

Then, the dough was dumped into one of the large dryers at the parish jail. But the muddy moolah simply clumped together. That, though, was easy enough to solve. Adding an old pair of tennis shoes broke up the wet wads of bills.

Finding the proper dryer setting, though, took a time or two to get right. "Regular dry" turned some bills in the first batch "a little too crispy," Martin said. The next three and a half loads on "permanent press" came out warm and fluffy, but still slightly muddy.

Muddy or not, the money is going back to where it was stolen from last week. Owners of the Lucky Dollar video poker casino in Greensburg will get back all but \$2,520, the amount that probably floated down the creek and into the Amite River.

Deputies found two bags of cash stuck in a beaver dam. One had been torn open and some of the cash had apparently been woven into the dam with sticks and other materials by beavers.

■ **LYNDHURST, Ohio** — If a penny saved is a penny earned, then Eugene Sukie earned \$10,480.13 in his three-plus decades of thriftiness.

Over the years, Eugene Sukie, a retired glass plant supervisor, rolled the pennies in wrappers and stored them in 575 cigar boxes organized by year and mint. He had them counted Tuesday — by a machine, of course.

The pennies, over one million of them and weighing 3 1/2 tons, were trucked from Sukie's home in Barberton to a coins-to-cash machine at a suburban

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Cleveland supermarket. Sukie, 78, was worried that he and his wife were getting old and eventually wouldn't be able to get the pennies out of their basement.

"In the evenings, I'd go into the basement and count them," Sukie said. "It was relaxing for me."

Coinstar Inc., of Bellevue, Wash., which operates coin-counting machines, charged Sukie an 8.9 percent service charge, or \$932.73, but paid him \$1,500 for the right to tell his story.

That means that, in all, Sukie pocketed more than \$11,000.

■ **KISSIMMEE, Fla.** — Lunch these days for about 2,700 grade schoolers is low-fat and low-carb — a la South Beach Diet.

The menu switch is part of a children's health study by Miami Beach cardiologist Arthur Agatston, author of the best-selling South Beach Diet books. If the diet helps students maintain a healthy weight, the study may be expanded to other school districts.

"We have to prove that we can go into a school system and without totally and expensively uprooting everything, make changes that will have a positive effect," Agatston said.

Students have been measured, weighed and fitted with pedometers to count each step they take and encourage them to keep active. The program at Kissimmee Charter Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary, Partin Settlement Elementary and P.M. Wells Charter Elementary ends in May.

"We are not putting them on a diet, so to say," Agatston said. "We're teaching them to make better choices."

Instead of breaded chicken products and the white bread sandwiches found at many schools, the students get grilled chicken fajitas and ham on whole wheat. The South Beach Diet eliminates carbohydrates during the first two weeks, but those restrictions were excluded from the school program.

Deer

little tolerance for such offenses in his prosecution of four men who poached an elk in Ivel. That investigation was brought into his office by Wallace and saw Judge Eric Hall impose harsh penalties on three of the four men, while the fourth, Billy Joe Derossett, will be tried next month.

Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, a

veterinarian, talked about the risks of disposing of so many carcasses.

"First there is a health risk when rains wash the accumulated bacteria, which will hopefully not settle in creeks," Combs-Morris said. "The smell of so many decaying remains is also a risk and then there is the effect on the environment. The scavengers can't

handle such a banquet, so much of the remains will linger."

Reporting such an incident can also be hazardous. One person who did so reported that they still are finding all manner of dead animals left on their property.

"Poachers can be vicious and not just towards defenseless animals," the victim said.

Pattons

an office directly across the hall from her husband's.

"We have gotten along really well as far as the routine of me being around the house all the time," Patton said. "We have not had any conflict as far as household chores, duties and responsibilities. She's eager for me to do anything I want to do. I can wash the dishes if I want to wash the dishes. She's not going to object."

Mrs. Patton, who still is in demand as a speaker at women's conferences, said her husband also serves as her secretary, typing the speeches that she delivers at various events.

"I am cracking the whip," she joked.

Friends say they're the Pattons of old enjoying their place in the civilian world.

"It's wonderful," Mrs. Patton said. "After 22 years in politics, it's absolutely wonderful."

Mrs. Patton said she continues to share a message of empowerment to young women in mountain communities.

"I want them to realize that, yes, we are from the mountains, but we can be anything we want to be," she said. "Just being from the mountains will not hold them back."

Patton, whose first elective office was local judge-executive, remains the celebrity here, said Terry Spears, development director at Pikeville College. Signs entering town tout Pikeville as home of the former governor.

Groups of school children regularly tour his office, getting a warm smile, handshakes and a speech about the importance of education from Patton.

"You hear, 'Oh my God, it's Paul Patton,'" Spears said. "They just mob him."

Whether in the grocery store, at the movie theater or the local department store, Patton said he simply tries to blend in.

"You hate to go up and down the aisles saying 'hello, hello, how are you, good to see you.' If people look like they want to speak to me, then I speak to them," he said. "Otherwise, I just go about my business."

T.T. Colley, a former property valuation administrator from Pikeville, said his longtime friend is getting a deserved rest from public service.

"He's getting a chance to catch his breath," Colley said. "You never know, these old politicians may come back."

Colley said part of Patton's legacy is the opening up of isolated mountain communities along the West Virginia border by widening and straightening old U.S. 119 and U.S. 460. A civic center large enough to hold conventions and music concerts is under construction in downtown Pikeville thanks to some \$25 million in state funds set aside during the former governor's administration.

People in Pike County respect Patton's desire to "fit in" and have given him space since he left office, Colley said. Even so, he said, "people want to thank him and tell him how much they appreciate what he has done."

Patton insists he's finished with politics and says he doesn't miss the governor's office.

"Eight years were enough," he said. "I think most governor's that have left the gover-

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nor's office have felt like they didn't get their jobs done. I didn't feel that way."

And when his second term ended, Patton said he was ready to disappear from public view. He said he hasn't felt slighted since the reporters and photographers focused their attention on a new governor.

"It wasn't difficult to get back into the routine of just being an ordinary citizen and not being the center of attention," he said. "It hasn't been a problem for me. I haven't made any overt effort to bring attention to myself or to do things that would bring attention to me."

Patton said he also has been careful not to criticize Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his administration in their first year.

"I think that's the best thing for an ex-governor," he said. "I had my shot. I did it my way."

Patton also said he has no intention of re-entering politics, which he said are growing increasingly bitter with each passing election. Patton had been expected to run against U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning before Patton's tearful confession of the Conner affair.

"I see no point in me taking that kind of abuse when I know I'm not in a position to influence things anymore," Patton said. "If you're relatively new to the process, that is if you're on your way up, then I guess it would be worth it to take that abuse."

Besides, Patton said he is enjoying retirement to much to give it up.

"I don't have anything to do, but it takes me all day to get it done," he said.

Arrest

Caller I.D. on the other end of the line came in handy, however, when they received a call back a half-hour later. Sgt. Gary Tackett took the call and pretended to be a friend. The caller sounded intoxicated, Tackett said, and

talked freely. He only got off the phone for a moment to yell to Case that the call wasn't for her.

Having established that they'd found Case, the officers simply looked up the number in the phone book and reported the

address to Pikeville authorities, who then picked her up.

Tackett, along with Deputy Delmas Johnson and Les Varney, then met the Pikeville officers at the county line and picked up their prisoner.

Sentence

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The terms of his probation were very specific as outlined by Judge Caudill. Beck is to avoid all youth groups, events and places where children gather. He will also be restricted from interacting with anyone under the age of 18 unless an adult is present to supervise him. Beck will also have to undergo an anger management/sex offender treatment program.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor noted that the family of the victim was present and was pleased with the result, which will force Beck to enter treatment which cannot even begin until he admits to the behavior that put him there.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

Our view Tough-on-crime stance expensive

A recent study by a University of Kentucky law professor indicates that Kentucky's prison population has grown by 600 percent in the past 34 years.

And while crime rates have dropped, the costs of housing prisoners has skyrocketed from \$7 million in 1970 to more than \$300 million today. The price tag has not only taken a bite out of crime, it is also threatening to gobble up the budget.

The spiraling costs of keeping the state safe is the direct result of "get tough on crime" laws, some of the toughest in the nation. Those laws, sometimes enacted as knee-jerk reactions, often designate many criminals as persistent felons, keeping them warehoused for extended periods. And although some of those criminals are violent and should be locked up and away from society, still others are more danger to themselves than anyone else. Many are also guilty of drug crimes, crimes that even those known to take a tough view on crime agree we can't sentence our way out of.

Locally, we have seen how jail costs have eaten into county budgets, leaving little money for discretionary spending. Projects that could benefit the entire community are instead sometimes put on the back burner so that funds can be spent on housing, transporting and caring for prisoners. Taxes go up, not to expand services to residents but to cover prisoner-related expenses.

There is a great deal of irony when we point out that the commonwealth, which has one of the highest percent of adults who can't read in the nation, counts gains in literacy in low, single digit percentages.

It is time for state lawmakers to take another look at Kentucky's penal code and to make adjustments that allow for some discretion on sentencing. We have to ask ourselves which will benefit our state more. Until that happens, it is very likely we will continue to spend more money keeping our prisons full than we do on classrooms.

— The Ledger-Independent, Maysville

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DESPITE HEAVY RAINS, THE CLINTON LIBRARY OPENS



— Rich Lowry Column —

What's in a name?

Sometime while Hillary Clinton was switching her name from Hillary Rodham to Hillary Clinton and back again and back back again, an important threshold was crossed — people stopped caring. When Hillary initially kept her surname after marrying Bill, it was a blow against the patriarchy and for women's liberation, but today such surname-keeping has lost its cachet.

In the 1990s the number of women keeping their maiden name upon marriage began to dip, according to a fascinating study published in The Journal of Economic Perspectives. This snapback to taking a husband's surname is mostly an elite phenomenon, since among most people it never went out of style. Roughly 90 percent of women take their husband's surname. It is among college-educated women that surname-keeping flowed and is now ebbing.

Surname-keeping took hold in the

1970s. Legal restrictions that forced women to take their husbands' surnames began to be overturned or ignored. Women began to marry later and get more professional degrees, both of which made them more attached to their surnames. Keeping a surname was considered a way for a woman to keep her identity.

The number of women in The New York Times' wedding announcements keeping their surnames was 2 percent in 1975 and had reached 20 percent by the mid-1980s, according to the Journal study. Then the trend stalled.



Why? The study's authors write: "Perhaps some women who 'kept' their surnames in the 1980s did so because of peer pressure. Perhaps surname-keeping seems less salient as a way of publicly supporting equality for women than it did in the late 1970s and 1980s. Perhaps a general drift to more conservative social values has made surname-keeping less attractive."

Indeed, the decline in surname-keeping might mean that marriage is being

taken more seriously. "I think it will strengthen marriage," says University of Virginia professor Steven Rhoads, author of "Taking Sex Differences Seriously." "It's a sign that someone intends it to be a unit, that this is a marriage, and it is for the duration."

It certainly shows that, for whatever reason, younger women are moving beyond old feminist obsessions. In the online magazine Slate, Katie Roiphe writes that, "These days, no one is shocked when an independent-minded woman takes her husband's name, any more than one is shocked when she announces that she is staying at home with her kids."

Finally, there is simply the hassle factor. It can be difficult for a mother who doesn't share her child's last name to pick him up from school or travel with him. Hyphenation has its own perils.

In an essay on the decline of feminism in the City Journal, Kay Hymowitz notes that feminist pioneer Patricia Ireland recently wrote that a woman taking her husband's name "signifies the loss of her very existence as a person under the law." Women who want to get on with their lives and with their marriages greet that kind of old-school feminist call-to-arms with a decidedly 21st century "ho-hum."

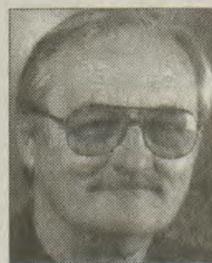
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

— beyond the beltway —

Liberals can find relief in support groups

by DONALD KAUL

On the fourth day after the recent election, I sought out a liberal support group and went to my first meeting.



"Hi Don," the group replied, in unison. I immediately felt better, knowing that there were people out there who felt my pain and, indeed, shared it.

Then I began to tell my story; the story of a boy from a working class family in Detroit who grew up to be a gun-hating, tree-hugging, blame-America-first liberal wuss.

I started innocently enough, in college as so much liberalism does. It was there I discovered foreign films and began to prefer them to American movies, which lacked not only subtlety but subtitles. Soon I was going to cocktail parties and learning

to drink beverages that tasted like radiator fluid, sitting on the floor and listening to Pete Seeger records. I considered myself a recreational liberal.

But before I knew it, I was into the hard stuff: progressive taxation, a living minimum wage, national health care, equal rights for women, separation of church and state and, ultimately, support of gay marriage.

I tried calling myself a progressive then, but I wasn't fooling anyone. Everyone knew what I was: a pathetic knee-jerk liberal. I thought I could control it but, of course, I couldn't. Eventually I was forced to become a pusher, selling liberal opinion to others in order to feed my own habit.

Then, while I was standing in line to vote for John Kerry at the last election, it happened. A supporter of George Bush just in front of me (you could tell he was a Bushie by the smirk he wore) said: "I like Mary Cheney but I wouldn't want her to marry my daughter." At that point something within me snapped; I jumped him and began to throttle him.

By the time they pulled me off, I realized that I needed help, which is what brought me to the support meeting.

When I had finished my story, the other group members rushed up to me and hugged me. One of them, a large man with a prophet's beard, said: "You're among friends now, boy. We're all sinners here."

I can't tell you how wonderful that made me feel. And I think it's already doing me some good. The other day I awoke with a vague urge to go out and shoot something. Later that afternoon I found myself channel-surfing to see if a NASCAR race was being televised.

It's changed my perception of the news too. When I found out that American troops had opened their assault on Fallujah by attacking a hospital, for example, I was overjoyed.

"What a powerful message that sends to the people of Iraq," I said. "We're bringing freedom to them, hospitals first. If that doesn't win their hearts and minds, nothing will."

Fortunately, our troops were able to overcome the resistance offered by the 12 orderlies, seven nurses and two doctors from non-accredited medical schools rather easily. Four suspected terrorists were arrested — one of whom, according to the CIA, was saving up to buy an atom bomb — and we found evidence that the roof was being used as an observation post by insurgents.

I'm sure Iraqis will see our side of it; should they not, the heck with them if they can't take a joke. I now realize the truth of the statement first uttered by Charles Colson, Secretary of Dirty Tricks in the Nixon White House. "If you grab them by the crotch, their hearts and minds will follow," ol' Charlie used to say. Words to live by.

I'm telling you, I feel a lot better now. The scales have fallen from mine eyes and I have seen the glory that is Bush.

Do you think he's any relation to the Burning Bush you read about in the Bible?

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Faith Extra

Nearing the end of his career, Evangelist Billy Graham comes full circle with LA mission

by GILLIAN FLACCUS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA, Calif. — The nation was still recovering from World War II when a little-known minister pitched a tent over a sawdust floor in downtown Los Angeles and began preaching a powerful message of salvation.

His revival led 3,000 people to embrace Christianity over eight weeks and launched a decades-long career that reaped another 3 million Christian commitments, sparking a boom in evangelism worldwide.

Fifty-five years later, a frail Billy Graham is returning to greater Los Angeles for a four-day crusade that organizers say will be his last in California, with his final one scheduled next June in New York City.

Graham, 86, will speak about 30 minutes a day Thursday evening through Sunday in the 92,000-seat Rose Bowl — one of the biggest stadiums he's ever booked.

Greater Los Angeles has changed dramatically since 1949, when Graham first preached here. The region of 5 million framed by barren hills and orange groves is now a sprawling metropolitan grid packed with 16 million people who speak hundreds of languages.

Graham says his message endures.

"I'll be preaching some of the same sermons I preached in 1949," Graham said in a phone interview. "The Gospel hasn't changed and people's hearts haven't changed — they're still in need of the affection the Gospel can give."

Graham's followers are pondering the future of evangelism without their charismatic leader, who has Parkinson's disease, broke his hip and pelvis in the past year and was treated for fluid on the brain in 2001. He uses a walker and has doctors and emergency substitute preachers on call during his rare appearances.

Some 1,200 churches from nearly 100 denominations have contributed more than 20,000 pastors and volunteers to plan the California reunion, substantial numbers but less than organizers wanted.

Graham confesses that filling the cavernous Rose Bowl is daunting. "I'm a little bit old for it, the stadium is a little bit big for me," he said.

Organizers say Los Angeles' size cuts both ways: The market has lots of untapped potential, but it's limited by language barriers, weeknight traffic and a lifestyle that can crowd out time for worship.

"We're busy here, so who

wants to think about religion?" said Dr. Jack Hayford, president of the International Foursquare Church in Los Angeles and the crusade's co-executive chair. "There's no other city in this country — and maybe in the world — where it's more difficult to communicate than LA."

Language plays a large part.

The crusade has spent \$1.4 million of its \$5.4 million total budget on advertising, most of it in non-English media. Organizers have trained up to 12,000 volunteers in 19 different languages to counsel non-English speaking converts who come forward to receive Christ. Audience members can listen in real time on 17,000 radios that will carry translations in 26 different languages — the most ever at a Graham crusade.

Graham's first Los Angeles revival addressed a much different city.

The young preacher set up in what is now an industrial district sandwiched between two highways. He planned to speak for three weeks. But when famous personalities such as 1936 Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini and mobster Mickey Cohen showed up, the event caught the nation's eye and Graham kept going. Soon, the Southern Baptist minister from North Carolina was big news.

More recently, the minister's long absence from Los Angeles and limited appearances elsewhere have diminished his name recognition. Coordinators find that young congregants, and even many young pastors, see Graham as

"Billy who?"

Meanwhile, up-and-coming evangelists from South America, Africa and southeast Asia attract crowds of 20,000 to 80,000 — but none has yet matched Graham's star power. Billy's son, Franklin, has taken over the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and also preaches revivals.

But Billy Graham biographer William Martin expects ever less dependence on one-time, blowout events, partly because weekly church attendance is swelling.

"Evangelism is so much larger and more diverse that it's difficult for anyone to dominate it in the way he has," said Martin, a Rice University sociologist. "Churches are so much more robust, there's the question of why they should put so much time and money into something when they don't need to be rescued."

But those who have experienced one of Graham's stadium-style crusades say there is no way to replace the spiritual passion of a revival tens of thousands of people strong.

Willie Jordan, who attended every day of the 1949 revival as a 16-year-old, said she will never forget the preaching that led her to God.

"Every night that tent was packed. I remember the crowds of people — you could see them coming for miles," said Jordan, 71, who leads the Fred Jordan Mission on the city's Skid Row. "It was a greater sight than any of us had ever witnessed before. It was clear that God had placed his hand on Billy for something special."

Kentucky Baptists wrap up annual meeting

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Baptists wrapped up their 167th annual meeting Wednesday, closing out two days of business and worship by hearing a report on research done by the Barna Group; hearing reports on several resolutions; and attending workshops during a greatly revamped session.

A total of 1,521 messengers registered for the annual meeting, which was held at St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville.

David Kinnamon of The Barna Group, a widely-regarded research organization which specializes in Christian issues, presented findings of a study commissioned by the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The study focused on the unchurched in Kentucky, and Kinnamon presented several conclusions:

■ Roughly one-third of Kentuckians (32 percent) are have not attended church in the last six months.

■ Most of those — 81 percent — have been regular

church attenders in the past, and 42 percent of those attended a Baptist church.

■ Most unchurched adults don't hold negative opinions of Christianity, and well over half claim to have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

The complete report is now posted on the KBC Web site at www.kybaptist.org/annualmeeting.

Following the presentation, more than 300 chose to attend one of six workshops offered. The workshops were all geared toward supporting the new Kentucky Baptists Connect emphasis, which calls Kentucky Baptist churches to renewed commitments to evangelism, missions, leadership training, church growth, networking and relationships with Baptist agencies and institutions.

The Committee on Resolutions also gave their report to messengers. Resolutions presented by the committee expressed appreciation for the host church, city,

local volunteers and Convention staff; encouraged Kentucky Baptists to support Kentucky Baptists Connect; commending missions volunteers; marking the end of the partnership with Baptists in Poland; and commending the recent passage of an amendment to the Kentucky constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

A resolution encouraging parents to remove children from public schools and either home school them or place them in Christian schools was not recommended by the committee for consideration.

Not enough messengers were present to constitute a quorum, so messengers did not vote on the resolutions.

Messengers closed out the annual meeting with words from inspirational speaker Charles Lowery.

The next annual meeting will be held Nov. 15-16, 2005, in Frankfort.

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Robert J. Barnett, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 15, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shirley Bolen Clay, 56, of Hueysville, died Thursday, November 11, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gerla Hamilton Elliot, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 3. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Loretta Slone Hackworth, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Donald Hackworth. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Richard Hale, 84, of Blue River, died Saturday, November 13, at the Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Goldie Hall, 75, of Virgie, formerly of Grethel, died Friday, November 12, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Joy C. Hall, 69, of Bypro, died Saturday, November 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Angus Neal Howard, 71, native of Punkin Center, died Saturday, October 30, at his home in Glendale, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Howard. Memorial services were held at a later date.

Harvey Hunt, 87, of Tram, died Saturday, November 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gregory Johnson, 48, of Millwood, died Tuesday,

November 16, at Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center, in Leitchfield. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Samuel Green Keathley, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 2. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

George (Dave) Parker, 58, of Floyd County, died Saturday, November 6. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jerlean Stratton, 68, of Stanville, died Sunday, November 7. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Opal J. Blanton, 83, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Thursday, November 11, at Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were held Monday, November 15, at the Burcham Funeral Home, in Fairborn.

James Franklin "Jim Bo" Conley II, 35, of Oil Springs, died Friday, November 12, in

Magoffin County. He is survived by his wife, Lenetta Stratton Conley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 15, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Kathy Conley Hall, 50, of Paintsville, died Thursday, November 4, in Clintwood, Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Allen "Charlie" Jones, 44, of West Mansfield, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Saturday, November 6, at Memorial Hospital of Union County, Ohio. Funeral services were held under the direction of the Underwood Funeral Home of Marysville, Ohio.

James Harold Stewart, 76, a Johnson County native, died Friday, November 5. He is survived by his wife, Mary Stewart of New Johnsonville, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 8, under the direction of Humphreys County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

James Bradley Walker, 33, of Beauty, died Friday, November 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Tonya Ray Scott Walker. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

November 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Clay Wells, 75, a Marine, died Monday, November 8. He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Ward Wells. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Sarah Belle Hale Adams, 84, of Pinetop, died Monday, October 25, at the Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Henry Blair, 57, of Louisville, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, October 30, at Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Alma Mae Hall, 92, of Kite died Monday, November 8, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alta Combs Holbrook, 97, of Hindman, died Monday, November 1, at the Knott

County Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Bill Holbrook, 53, of Redfox, died Saturday, November 6, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Angus Neal Howard, 71, native of Punkin Center, died Saturday, October 30, at his home in Glendale, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Howard. Memorial services, held at a later date.

Ashley Briton Moore, 3 days old, daughter of Randy and Missie Moore of Hindman, died Monday, November 1, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, November 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kenneth D. Yonts, 58, of Leburn, died Wednesday, November 3, at the VA Medical Center at Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ann Yates. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Home and Away



Salyersville student Mildred Sizemore.



Floyd County students Jessica Perkins, Justin Johnson and Tabatha Rogers.



Johnson County students Nolan Pack, Robin Caird, Shaan Azeem and Cosby Vanhooze.

Local students featured in 'Home and Away' exhibit

"Home and Away" is an exhibition on display in the art gallery of the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The exhibit displays very naturalistic world of nonrepresentational works by students from professor Tom Whitaker's drawing class.

Whitaker notes that many artists no longer feel compelled to record the natural world, but prefer to deal with the inner world and as a teacher he wants to help each student find direction.

All are invited to view the exhibit and experience the worlds of "Home and Away."

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily beginning on Monday, Nov. 22. The exhibit will run until Dec. 3.

A reception with the aspiring artists present will be held opening night, Nov. 22 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For additional information, call (606) 886-3863, ext. 67205.

Did Fletcher risk his medical license by signing death warrant?

by BRETT BARROUQUERE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed a death warrant for a convicted killer this month, he may have done more than start the clock ticking on an execution. Some say Fletcher, a doctor, may have put his medical license at risk.

American Medical Association guidelines bar doctors from taking part, directly or indirectly, in executions. And Kentucky requires doctors to follow AMA ethical guidelines.

"I think it's a clear violation," said Dr. Arthur Zitrin, an 86-year-old retired psychiatrist in New York and an outspoken death-penalty opponent. Zitrin is also challenging the license of a Georgia doctor accused of helping nurses find a vein in a condemned man for a lethal injection.

A group of doctors is seeking an opinion from the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure on whether Fletcher can sign death warrants without running the risk of having his medical license revoked.

On Nov. 8, Fletcher signed a death warrant for 51-year-old Thomas Clyde Bowling, convicted of shooting to death the husband-and-wife owners of a dry cleaning business outside their store in 1990. Bowling is set to die by lethal injection Nov. 30.

Fletcher's executive counsel, John Roach, said the Republican governor did not violate AMA guidelines or other

ethical standards.

"By signing a death warrant, in no way is Gov. Ernie Fletcher participating in the conduct of an execution," Roach said. "Gov. Fletcher's role under the law is consistent with the roles of judges fulfilling their legal duty and jurors fulfilling their legal obligations regardless of their professions."

The AMA guidelines forbid doctors to actively take part in an execution or to take any "action which would directly cause the death of the condemned" or "which would assist, supervise or contribute" to the death of the inmate.

In a statement, Dr. Michael Goldrich, chairman of the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, stopped short of saying whether the governor violated the guidelines.

Goldrich said the code prohibits any role by a doctor, passive or active, in an execution. But he also said the code "does not speak to individuals with a medical degree who no longer maintain any involvement with medicine and are engaged in activities that are outside the sphere of the medical profession."

Fletcher, 52, earned his medical degree at the University of Kentucky and was a family practitioner until he was elected to Congress in 1998. He was elected governor last year and is still licensed as a physician in Kentucky.

The Federation of State Medical Boards said it has no information on any doctors who

may have been disciplined for taking part in an execution. Not all states incorporate AMA guidelines into state law. For example, it would not be illegal in California for a physician to participate in an execution, according to Candis Cohen, spokeswoman for the Medical Board of California.

According to the National Governors Association, there have been three other doctors who have been U.S. governors since the AMA guidelines took effect in 1980. But none was in the position of having to decide whether to sign a death warrant.

Dr. Otis Ray Bowen of Indiana left office in 1981 without signing a death warrant. Vermont, where Dr. Howard Dean spent 12 years as governor, has no death penalty. Dr. John Kitzhaber was governor during two executions in Oregon before leaving office in 2003. But the Oregon governor does not sign an execution warrant — a judge does. Kitzhaber could have granted clemency to the condemned but chose not to.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., worked as a heart surgeon before being elected to the Senate. Frist, who supports the death penalty, had no comment on Fletcher's decision.

State Rep. Jim Wayne, a Democrat, said of the governor: "It's curious he will keep his no-new-taxes pledge but will violate his Hippocratic oath. I'm not sure how he sleeps at night with this kind of decision."



Midway College was the site of the first annual KCTCS Student Leadership Conference. Big Sandy Community and Technical College students and sponsors attended the two-day event which brought together students from within the KCTCS system for seminars on how to motivate, budgeting, involvement, fundraising and other topics of interest for student organizations. The goal of the conference was to promote leadership and student engagement. Vera Joiner, BSCTC director of student activities, said, "We really had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to meet other student organizations throughout the KCTCS system." Joiner accompanied Daniel Bell, advisor of the Student Government Association and associate professor at BSCTC; Bonita Dove, admissions advisor; Jessica Hackworth, vice president of SGA-Prestonsburg campus; Jeremy Smith, president of Phi Theta Kappa and Lisa Stumbo, president of the CARE Club.

Wildfire

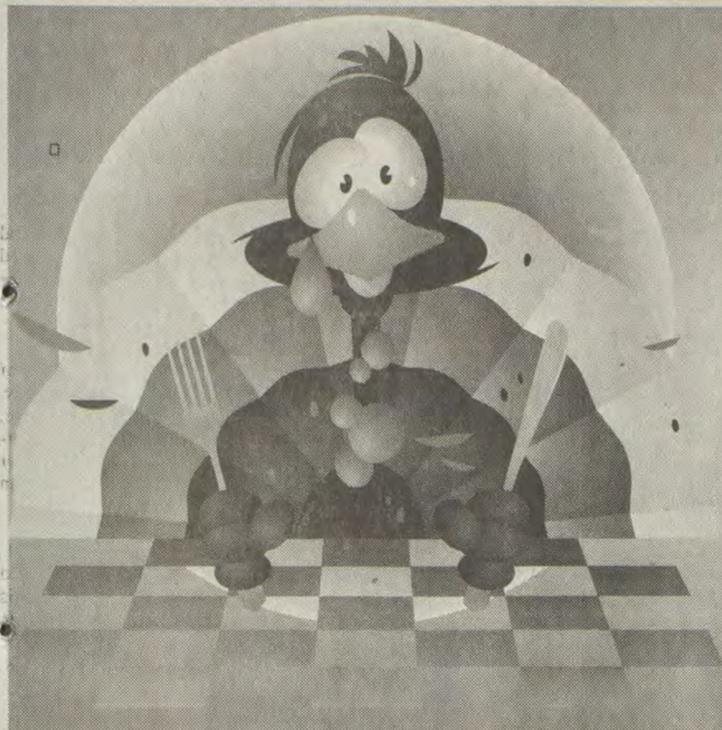
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TALKIN' TURKEY

AND OTHER TREATS



Follow a few simple cooking tips for turkey success.

Turkey buying tips

Whether you buy a fresh or frozen turkey, proper cooking and handling of the bird will ensure a delicious holiday meal. Here are some tips from the National Turkey Federation:

- Purchase one pound of turkey per person to be served. This formula allows for the holiday meal plus a little left over for the prized turkey sandwich.

- Ensure that the packaging is intact and avoid purchasing a bird with packaging that has rips or tears.

- Save on supermarket specials by purchasing more than one turkey. A whole frozen turkey may be stored in your freezer for up to 12 months.

- Select the size of turkey based on number of servings needed. There is no appreciable difference between female (hen) and male (Tom) turkeys in tenderness, white/dark meat ratio or other eating qualities. Hens typically weigh between 14 to 16 pounds and toms 15 pounds on up, so choose the size which best fits the number of dinner guests you expect.

- Select alternative turkey cuts if you are having a small gathering for the holiday. Other turkey products that are readily available include a turkey breast, tenderloins, cutlets, drumsticks or thighs. Or ask your butcher to cut a whole fresh bird in two halves, roast one half and freeze the other half for a later occasion.

Frozen Turkey

- Purchase during special value sales and store the bird in the freezer until the thawing time begins.

- Store at 0 degrees F or below.

- Thaw under refrigeration, in cold water, or in the microwave.

Thawing

- Refrigeration: Allow

approximately 24 hours per five pounds to thaw in the refrigerator.

- Cold Water: Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound to thaw in cold water, which is changed every 30 minutes. Do not use warm or hot water and be sure to change the water every 30 minutes.

- Microwave: Follow the microwave manufacturer's directions and begin to roast the turkey immediately following the microwave process.

Fresh Turkey

- Store at 26 degrees F and above.

- Purchase for convenience because thawing is not required. Cost may be slightly higher due to special handling required by the store.

- Order in advance to be assured of availability.

- Place fresh raw poultry in a refrigerator that maintains 40 degrees F and use it within the time frame on the package label, or freeze the poultry at 0 degrees F.

Hard Chilled/Previously Hard Chilled Turkey

Stored at temperatures between 0 and 26 degrees F. In late 1997, new regulations created a separate category for turkeys in this temperature range, which had previously been labeled fresh. Cooks should treat this bird with the same care as a fresh bird and recognize this product has a shorter shelf life than a frozen product.

Stuff the bird, not yourself, this Thanksgiving

It's possible that this Thanksgiving, the average American will gobble down more than 3,500 calories during a traditional turkey dinner.

Handful of peanuts as appetizer — 175 calories

10 potato chips with creamy dip — 220 calories

6 ounces of white and dark turkey meat with skin — 345 calories

1 cup of stuffing — 600 calories

3 to 4 ladles of gravy — 800 calories

2 candied sweet potatoes and 1 cup of green beans with butter — 365 calories

1 cup cranberry sauce — 105 calories

2 rolls with butter — 240 calories

1 piece of pecan pie with whipped cream — 430 calories

1 glass of cider — 150 calories

TOTAL: 3,430 calories

Sound scary? It is possible to prepare a meal that is delicious yet light in calories. Lance Collins, founder of FUZE Beverage, offers these suggestions on how to "slenderize" your Thanksgiving feast:

Save 135 calories: Instead of a handful of peanuts (175 calories), substitute raw vegetables with salsa (40 calories).

Save 90 calories: Instead of 10 potato chips with creamy dip (220 calories), enjoy five pretzels with low-fat yogurt dip (130 calories).

Save 115 calories: Instead

of white and dark turkey meat with skin (345 calories), choose 6 ounces of turkey white meat with no skin (230 calories).

Save 1235 calories: Instead of 3 to 4 ladles of gravy and 1 cup of stuffing (1400 calories), try 1 cup of low-fat gravy and 1 cup of low-fat stuffing (165 calories).

Save 212 calories: Instead of two candied sweet potatoes and 1 cup of green beans with butter (365 calories), substitute one baked sweet potato and 1 cup of steamed green beans (153 calories).

Save 180 calories: Instead of two buttered rolls and 1 cup of cranberry sauce (345 calories) substitute one roll, no butter and 1 cup of low-cal cranberry sauce (165 calories).

Save 140 calories: Instead of 1 glass of cider (150 calories), substitute an 18-ounce bottle of FUZE Slenderize Cranberry Apple or Cranberry Raspberry (only 10 calories per serving). For more information on FUZE, visit www.drink-fuze.com.

Save 189 calories: Instead of one slice of pecan pie with whipped cream (430 calories), substitute 1 slice of pumpkin pie (241 calories).

It is possible to fend off those holiday pounds. "With a little forethought on how to make a delicious yet reduced-calorie and low-fat Thanksgiving dinner, you can consume about 2,300 less calories and still feel satisfied," says Collins. "And that's nothing to shake a drumstick at."

10 things you never knew about turkey

Think you know everything about that tasty bird called the turkey? Test your trivia and wow guests with these turkey tidbits, courtesy of the National Turkey Federation.

1. Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the official American bird, but the bald eagle was chosen instead.

2. The top five most popular ways to serve leftover Thanksgiving turkey are: sandwich, soup or stew, casserole, stir-fry or salad.

3. Ninety-five percent of Americans surveyed by the National Turkey Federation eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds. That means about 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the United States during Thanksgiving in 2002.

4. In 2002, about 271 million turkeys were raised. It's estimated that 46 million of those turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter.

5. The white versus dark meat war rages on. White meat is preferred in the United States, while other countries favor dark

meat. A turkey usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat. White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.

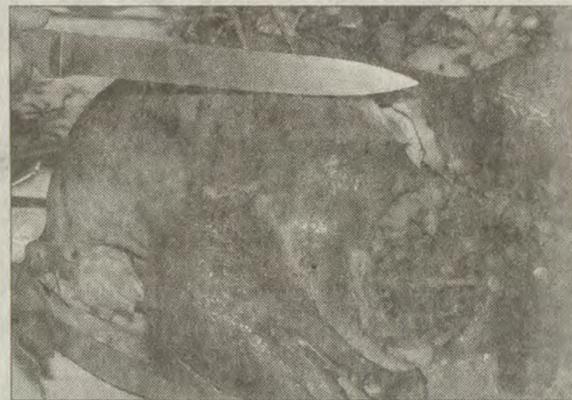
6. According to the USDA, the countries that consumed the most turkey in 2001 were Israel, the United States, France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada.

7. Turkey isn't just for the holidays. Nearly half of U.S. consumers eat turkey at least once every two weeks, with more than a quarter eating turkey lunch meat.

8. Your furry friends are in on turkey, too. The turkey industry distributes 13 percent of its production to pet food.

9. Gobble gobble — but not for all turkeys. Only tom turkeys gobble, while hen turkeys make a clicking noise.

10. Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin's first meal on the moon was foil food packets of roasted turkey and the trimmings.



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Deep-fried turkey is quick and delicious



Enjoy deep-fried turkey any time of the year, indoors or out, with an electric turkey fryer.

Looking for a new way to cook Tom Turkey for Thanksgiving? Consider deep-frying; it'll cook a lot faster than traditional roasting, and the meat is delicious. The following guidelines are provided by the National Turkey Federation.

You'll need a 40- or 60-quart pot with basket, burner and propane gas tank, a candy thermometer to measure oil temperature and a meat thermometer to determine the doneness of the turkey. For added safety, have a fire extinguisher and pot holders nearby.

Place fryer on level dirt or grassy area. Never fry a turkey indoors, in a garage or in any other structure attached to a building. Avoid frying on wood decks, which could

catch fire, and concrete, which can be stained by the oil.

Smaller turkeys, 8 to 10 pounds, and turkey parts such as breast, wings and thighs are best for frying. You'll need approximately 5 gallons of oil; more for larger turkeys. Turkey can be injected with a marinade, coated with breading (such as Shake 'n Bake) or seasoned with a rub before cooking. Approximately 1 cup of marinade is needed for an 8- to 10-pound turkey, two-thirds injected in the breast and one-third in the rest of the turkey.

To determine the correct amount of oil, place the turkey in the basket and place in the pot. Add water until it reaches 1 to 2 inches above the turkey. Remove the turkey

and note the water level, using a ruler to measure the distance from the top of the pot to the surface of the water. Pour out the water and dry the pot thoroughly. Be sure to measure for oil before breading or marinating the turkey.

Heat the oil to 350 degrees F. Depending on the amount of oil used, this usually takes between 45 minutes and 1 hour.

Do not stuff turkeys for deep frying.

Frying the Turkey

Once the oil has come to temperature, place the turkey in the basket and slowly lower into the pot. For safety reasons, it is best to have two people lowering and raising the turkey.

Whole turkeys require

approximately 3 minutes per pound to cook. Remove turkey and check internal temperature with meat thermometer. The temperature should reach 170 degrees F in the breast and 180 degrees F in the thigh.

Additional Safety Tips

Never leave the hot oil unattended, and don't allow children or pets near the cooking area.

Allow the oil to cool completely before disposing of or storing.

Immediately wash hands, utensils, equipment and surfaces that have come in contact with raw turkey.

Turkey should be consumed immediately and leftovers stored in the refrigerator within 2 hours of cooking.

Betty Crocker

Ask BETTY

Sweeten up Thanksgiving with sweet potatoes

Dear Betty,
I'm making up my Thanksgiving menu and am looking for a new idea for using sweet potatoes instead of my usual casserole. Can you help?
Gorham, Maine

Sweet potato casserole is a traditional favorite, but there are other scrumptious ways to bring the sweet flavor and brilliant color of sweet potatoes to your Thanksgiving dinner. Here are just a few:

Mashed sweet potatoes. Put 6 medium sweet potatoes in a 2-quart saucepan and add just enough water to cover them. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Drain and let cool. When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, slip off the skins. Add 2 tablespoons butter and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mash

with a potato masher until the potatoes are smooth.

Sweet potato cups. Cut large oranges in half. Scoop out the flesh, finely chopping about 2 tablespoons and set aside. Make mashed sweet potatoes, stir in the chopped orange, a touch of brown sugar and a dash of cinnamon. Spoon the mashed potatoes into the orange cups, sprinkle with brown sugar. Cover and refrigerate. Just before serving, warm the potato cups in the oven or microwave.

Grilled sweet potatoes. Peel 3 pounds of sweet potatoes and cut into 1/2-inch slices. In a 3-quart saucepan, bring 1 inch of water to boil and add the potatoes. Cover and simmer about 12 minutes or until almost tender. Place the sweet potato slices on the grill and brush with 1/3 cup melted butter and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Grill over medium heat about 20 minutes or until tender, brushing with the butter mixture and turning once.

Dear Betty,
What's the difference between sweet potatoes and yams?
Hamilton, Mont.

Good question! To start with,

what we call "yams" in the United States really are a different variety of sweet potato. True yams are seldom found in U.S. supermarkets, but they're often a staple of Latin American or African specialty markets.

Here are the two most-common varieties of sweet potatoes you'll find in your grocery store:

Pale skin, pale flesh. These sweet potatoes aren't very sweet and when cooked, have a dry texture like a white baking potato.

Dark orange skin, dark orange to reddish flesh. The sweet flesh of these sweet potatoes is moist and rich.

From a nutrition standpoint, yams contain more natural sugar and are more moist, while sweet potatoes are richer in vitamins A and C.

Cookie Exchange: Simple Joys for the Holidays

Dear Betty,
Some friends and I want to do a cookie exchange, but we're all new to this. What do you suggest?
Porterville, Calif.

A cookie exchange can be one of the simple joys of the holidays. Not only do you and

your friends create a wonderful assortment of holiday treats, but the gathering to divide up the goodies is a chance to relax and savor the season. Here are some ideas for putting your cookie exchange together:

Ask your group to bring six to 12 treats for every person in the exchange.

Another option is to host a cookie-baking day. This works great if just a few friends want to exchange. Have each guest make the dough ahead and bring to the party. Or supply the ingredients for three or four treats and make them as a group.

Each person can decide what they're bringing, or you can pick the recipes. My Web site is a great place to find inspiration. Search under "cookie exchange" for recipes that make a large quantity. Look for variety beyond cookies - bars, easy candies and even snack mixes. If you're all a little harried, include super-simple ideas such as purchased biscotti that you dip in white or dark chocolate.

Ask everyone to bring enough copies of their recipe to share. If you've assigned recipes, print them on festive

(See BETTY, page ten)

Turkey roasting timetable

Roast the turkey until temperature reaches 170 degrees F in the breast and 180 degrees F in the thigh. Cooking times are for planning purposes only — always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness.

Approximate Timetable for Roasting a Turkey (325 degrees F):

Unstuffed Turkey

8 to 12 pounds	2 3/4 to 3 hours
12 to 14 pounds	3 to 3 3/4 hours
14 to 18 pounds	3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours
18 to 20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours
20 to 24 pounds	4 1/2 to 5 hours
24 to 30 pounds	5 to 5 1/4 hours

Stuffed Turkey

8 to 12 pounds	3 to 3 1/2 hours
12 to 14 pounds	3 1/2 to 4 hours
14 to 18 pounds	4 to 4 1/4 hours
18 to 20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 3/4 hours
20 to 24 pounds	4 3/4 to 5 1/4 hours
24 to 30 pounds	5 1/4 to 6 1/4 hours

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Layered Mint Chocolate Fudge

Prep time: 20 minutes
Chilling time: 2 hours
Makes about 1 3/4 pounds
2 cups (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk), divided
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
6 ounces white confectioners' coating* or 1 cup deluxe white baking pieces
1/2 tablespoon peppermint extract
1 drop green or red food coloring, (optional)

1. Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.
2. In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with 1 cup sweetened condensed milk; add vanilla. Spread half the mixture into prepared pan; chill 10 minutes or until firm. Hold remaining chocolate mixture at room temperature.
3. In small-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt white confectioners' coating with remaining sweetened condensed milk (mixture will be thick). Add peppermint extract and food coloring (optional).
4. Spread on chilled chocolate layer; chill 10 minutes longer or until firm. Spread reserved chocolate mixture on mint layer. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

*Confectioners' coating can be purchased in candy specialty stores.

Chocolate Snowswirl Fudge

Prep time: 10 minutes
Chilling time: 2 hours
Makes about 2 pounds
3 cups (18 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Dash of salt
1 cup chopped nuts
2 cups miniature marshmallows



1. Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with waxed paper.
2. In large-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk.
2 tablespoons butter, vanilla and salt. Remove from heat; stir in nuts. Spread evenly into prepared pan.
3. In medium-sized heavy saucepan, over low heat,

melt marshmallows with remaining
2 tablespoons butter. Spread on top of fudge. With table knife or metal spatula, swirl through top of fudge.
4. Chill at least 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.
Tip: Serve this decorative fudge in individual gold and silver paper candy cups, or give as a gift in a small silver tin decorated with white ribbons.

Chocolate Peppermint Fudge

Prep time: 10 minutes
Chilling time: 2 hours
Makes about 2 pounds
2 cups (12 ounces) milk chocolate chips
1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
Dash of salt
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
1/4 cup crushed hard peppermint candy

saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt. Remove from heat; stir in extract. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with peppermint candy.
3. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off waxed paper and cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.



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Betty

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paper.
 ■ Supply enough inexpensive plastic or metal holiday trays, along with colored plastic wrap and ribbon so guests can tote their assortment home.

The menu for your exchange gathering could be as easy as:

■ Holiday punch, wine or mulled cider.

■ Cheese tray with brie, cheddar and blue cheese, along with crackers or a sliced baguette.

■ Mixed olives from the deli and

■ Honey-roasted or smoked nuts.

Dear Betty,
 Can you answer this? My sister and I want to know what is the best cookie sheet for cookies. Thanks!

Fairland, Okla.

Do I detect a friendly debate? To answer your question, I turned to the cookie experts in the Betty Crocker Kitchens. They recommend using shiny aluminum cookie sheets because they let cookies brown evenly. The cookie sheets should be at least two inches narrower than the inside of your oven, so the heat can circulate freely. They like using cookie sheets that are open on three sides because cookies brown well, and they're easy to remove from the sheet.

Want more ideas?
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What to do with your leftover Turkey

Turkey Soup

- Ingredients:
- 5 cups Rich Turkey Stock*
 - 3 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
 - 2 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 1 onion, quartered
 - 1 cup uncooked noodles
 - 2 cups cooked turkey, cubed

In 5-quart saucepan, combine first 5 ingredients. Over high heat, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for one hour. Stir in noodles and turkey meat. Simmer until noodles are done and meat is heated through.

- *Rich Turkey Stock:
- 2 pounds bony turkey pieces (back, neck and wings)
 - 6 cups water
 - 3 stalks celery with leaves, coarsely chopped
 - 2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
 - 1 large onion, cut in chunks
 - 3 whole cloves

- 2 bay leaves
- 1 to 10 cloves garlic (adjust amount used to taste), peeled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1. In a 5 qt. saucepan or Dutch oven, combine all ingredients. Over high heat, bring mixture to a boil. Skim foam from surface. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour or until turkey pieces are tender.

2. Lift out turkey pieces with a slotted spoon. Strain stock through a sieve lined with 1 or 2 layers of cheesecloth. Discard vegetables. Skim off fat. Use a metal spoon to ladle the fat off the top, or chill stock and remove solidified fat layer that forms.

3. When turkey is cool enough to handle, remove meat from bones. Discard skin and bones. Reserve meat for future use. Stock may be used at once or stored in a closed container in the refrigerator 1 to 2 days; or stored in freezer up to 6 months.

NOTE: A leftover turkey carcass may be substituted for turkey

Colorful Turkey Pasta Salad

- 2 1/2 cups tri-colored rotini pasta, cooked and drained
- 2 cups turkey, (white meat preferred) cooked and cubed
- 1/2 cup scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh tarragon, chopped (or 1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 1 tablespoon canola or olive oil
- 2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar

- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons reduced-calorie mayonnaise

In a large bowl, combine pasta, turkey cubes, scallions, celery, parsley and tarragon. In a small bowl, mix together the oil, vinegar, lemon juice and mayonnaise. Add to turkey mixture. Mix well, coating all surfaces. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours or until chilled throughout. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

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Kentucky football players win in classroom

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — In the first round of Academic All-America voting, seven Kentucky Wildcats have been elected to the Academic All-District IV Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Three players were named first-team all-district and will advance to the national ballot for Academic All-America. Four Wildcats were selected second-team all-district, but will not be on the national ballot. To earn a nomination for the Academic All-America process, a player must have a career grade-point average of 3.2 or higher, be a sophomore or higher in academic and athletic standing, and be a starter or key reserve. District IV is comprised of universities from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Voting for Academic All-America will be later this month and the team will be announced in December.

Kentucky's first-team Academic All-District IV honorees who will be on the national ballot, include:

■ Kicker Taylor Begley, a junior from Danville, has a 3.817 GPA with a major in Electrical Engineering. Begley leads the team in scoring with 40 points, having made 8-of-13 field goals and all 16 extra points. He has made a school-record 73 consecutive extra points.

■ Running back Alexis Bwenge, a junior from St. Apollinaire, Quebec, has a 3.473

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Second HOOPS Classic features diverse teams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Editor's note: Participating teams in the 2004 Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will be featured in a series of previews over the next six Sunday editions. The two teams featured in today's edition are Morgan County and Allen Central.

PAINTSVILLE — The second annual Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic, scheduled for Dec. 27-30, will feature teams from four different US states and two different countries. In its second year, the HOOPS Classic will feature four four-team divisions.

Defending Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic Oak Ridge, Tenn., will not return to defend its title. Last year's runner-up, Louisville Seneca, does return.

For the 2004 tournament, the East Division will include host Paintsville, Louisville Manual North Laurel and Colony, Alaska. The West Division is comprised of Middlesboro, Louisville Holy Cross, University Heights and Bates Creek. Shelby Valley, Louisville Seneca, Ripley, Ohio and Blackburn, Australia make up the North Division. The South Division is made up of Mosley, Fla., Morgan County, Heath and Allen Central.

Morgan County is fresh off its first-ever 16th Region championship. The Cougars, coached by Matthew Perry, return four of five starters. Playing in the 16th Region, Morgan County faces the likes of perennial powers Ashland, Boyd County, Greenup County and Russell.

The returning starters for Morgan County are seniors Davin Barnett, Andy Lewis and Ralph Hamilton (6-5) and junior Blake McCowan (6-6). Barnett, a six-foot guard, ranks as one of the 16th Region's top players.

Juniors Devan Adkins and Nathaniel Peyton also return for

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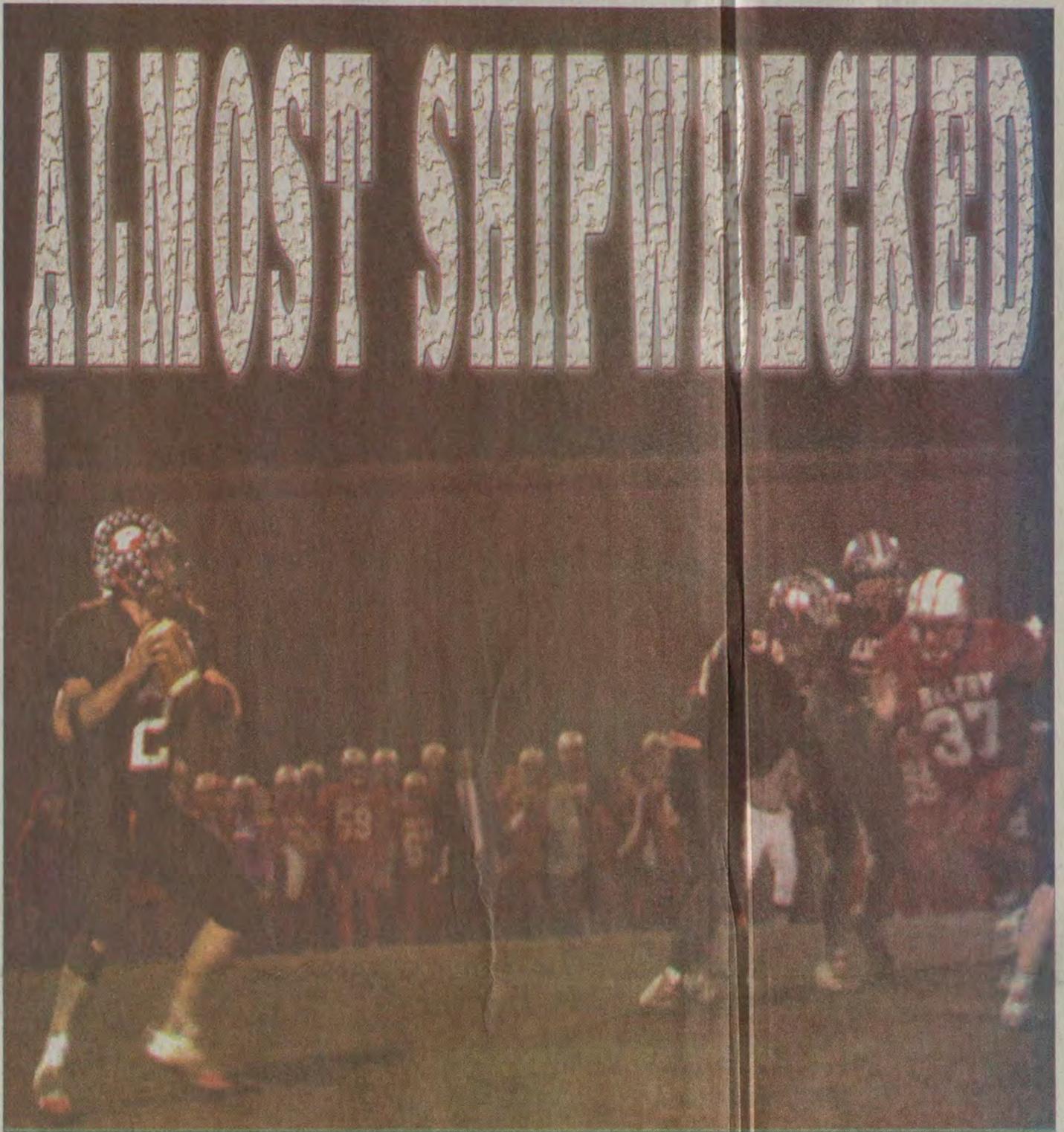


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Prestonsburg senior quarterback Trevor Compton looked to pass during the second half of Friday night's regional championship game against Belfry.

P'burg comes up short, Belfry repeats as region champ

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — For three quarters Friday night, Prestonsburg owned the host Belfry Pirates. But four quarters make a football game. Playing at home and not wanting to say goodbye to historic Viperman Stadium, just yet, Belfry shook off a slow start and rallied back Friday night, beating the visiting Blackcats 28-12 and claiming the Class 2A, Region 4 title.

The Blackcats gave Belfry all it wanted — and then some.

The Pirates were almost shipwrecked.

Prestonsburg came into the game fresh off a win over top-ranked Breathitt County and looking to upend the defending Class 2A state champion Pirates. But the host team battled back in the fourth quarter and snatched the victory.

Prestonsburg jumped out to an early

12-0 lead and had Belfry on the ropes for the first three quarters before the Pirates gained momentum and ran with it. The Pirates didn't enjoy their first lead of the game until the fourth quarter. But once they got on top, they stayed there.

Belfry exploded for three touchdowns in the fourth and final period, nixing any hopes Prestonsburg had of claiming the Region 4 title for the third time in five seasons and the first time since 2001.

With the win, Belfry (12-1) advances on to the State Semifinals. The Pirates will play host to undefeated Russell (13-0), a 48-14 winner Friday night over Fleming County.

For the second straight season, the two old rivals, Prestonsburg and Belfry, met up in the Class 2A, Region 4 Championship Game. And for the second straight season, Belfry claimed a region title. But the Pirates had to sweat

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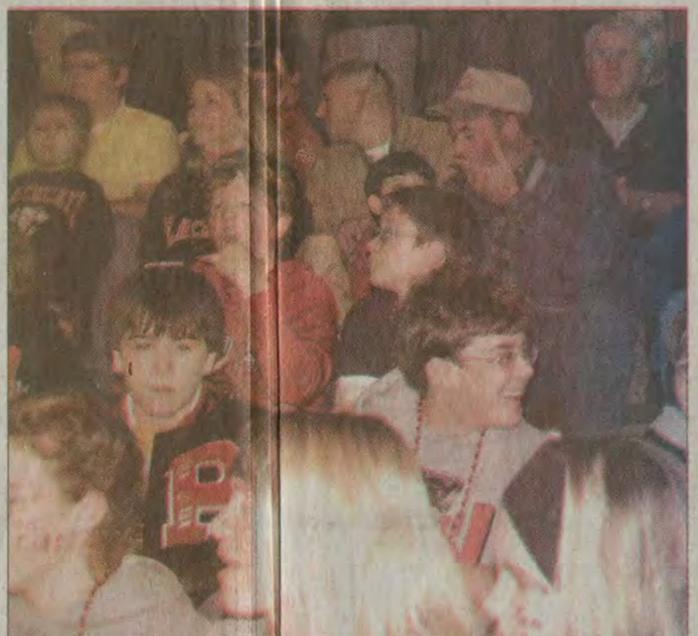


photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg Blackcat faithful made the trip to Pond Creek for Friday night's battle against the host Pirates.

Blackcats push defending state champ Belfry

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

BELFRY — Read this sentence carefully:

On December 3, it wouldn't be too surprising to look back on Friday night and see that the best two teams in Double-A in Kentucky were both at

Viperman Stadium.

I wouldn't be shocked at all if that was the case. And if not, it was maybe the best playing easily the hottest. Prestonsburg couldn't have been warmer had the game been played on Satan's home field after their romp over top-ranked Breathitt County a week ago. They were sizzling.

And for the longest time it looked like it would carry over Friday night. The Blackcats came up big nearly each time it needed to.

The problem with that last sentence is

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photo by Jamie Howell

Junior fullback Brenton Hamilton (30) had success carrying the football Friday night against Belfry.

Push

that the biggest word in it comes directly after the big word: Nearly.

I've been around football long enough to know that had Prestonsburg been able to score on its possession at the end of the first period and beginning of the second to take a two-score lead, Uncle Mo wouldn't have just been wearing black, he'd have been baptized in it.

But somehow or another, Belfry's defense sucked it up and kept the Cats at bay.

Oh sure, Belfry was quickly forced to punt and two plays later Prestonsburg scored on a terrific pass from Trevor Compton to Kyle Ousley for a 12-0 lead, but it still had a different feel to it than had they scored on the previous drive.

There's something about taking right to somebody — especially when that somebody is Belfry — and running it straight down their throat. And that's what Prestonsburg had done on its ill-fated drive, right until it was second-and-a hot dog from being 12-0.

But something odd happened on second-, third- and fourth-downs.

The champion came out in Belfry. The boys from Pond Creek bowed their necks and stiffened up and turned Prestonsburg away.

Maybe John DeRossett would disagree with me on this, but I believe the game could have been decided right there.

But it wasn't. Belfry was still alive.

It was particularly still breathing after it scored before the first half ended on an 11-play, 65-yard drive to send the game to its midpoint trailing only 12-7.

Then it survived the third quarter long enough to catch its breath, and took the game by storm — and Angry Red one at that — in the final 12 minutes.

As it turns out, Belfry and not Prestonsburg will host Russell on Friday night in the state semifinals. Four Double-A teams remain — surprising Corbin and Owensboro Catholic will meet in the bracket's other half — but, perhaps only Belfry is as good as the Blackcats.

It's difficult to believe that one team is considerably better than the other, and if you're comparing scores, Belfry's overtime win in the regular season is

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far more indicative of the closeness of these teams than Friday's 28-12 final, a score that proves only that once momentum switches sidelines in the fourth quarter things can go south in a hurry.

These teams are pretty even any way you look at it, and perhaps both meetings this season were decided based on what happened to Belfry last Dec. 5. There's something about the heart of a champion that can't be measured.

But therein lies the issue I want to focus on now: Heart. And not Belfry's.

Walking that muddy field on Friday night in what would prove to be the penultimate game at Vipperman Stadium, I was in awe of the Blackcats and how hard they played.

They showed considerable heart, the kind of desire it takes to become a champion.

I wasn't surprised to see this from Blackcat Brenton Hamilton, a young man I coached against in his youth baseball days in Pikeville. This kid oozes heart and desire and toughness, and all were on display two nights ago.

Turns out, when he moved to Floyd County he found a few teammates who had that same determination, and they put together a season that had them on the cusp of greatness.

It's amazing how far this team came since the Pike County Bowl. It's also amazing how similar it looked to the 2003 Belfry Pirates, a team that also laid an egg in the PCB.

I wondered in this space the day these teams played their first game if Prestonsburg was destined to repeat Belfry's title run of a year ago, or if the Pirates of this year would prove to be better than any team they had in their own way last fall.

As it turned out, the latter was true. Belfry was inches, only a shade or two, better.

On Friday, Prestonsburg took it to the defending state champion. It pushed them to the brink, until finally, Belfry pushed back.

There was a lot of pride on display Friday night at Belfry.

Says here, the same pride should be shown tomorrow morning at Prestonsburg High School.

These guys had a season to remember, regardless of Friday's outcome.

Repeats

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out the first three quarters and Prestonsburg, led by one of the most athletic senior classes in school history, wasn't about to give the host team anything.

Prestonsburg won the coin toss and elected to receive the football first, going on offense.

The first Blackcat offensive drive stalled. Belfry's first offensive drive also stalled out.

Prestonsburg put its first touchdown of the game on the scoreboard with 3:56 remaining in the first quarter when junior fullback Brenton Hamilton crossed into the endzone on an eight-yard scoring run. The Prestonsburg PAT boot failed and the Blackcats led 6-0.

Just 13-seconds later, Belfry, playing on offense, fumbled the football right back to Prestonsburg. Junior defensive end Dave Shaffer recovered the Belfry fumble and set the Blackcats back up in offensive business with 3:43 left to play in the opening period.

Prestonsburg exited the first quarter driving and looked to be on its way to a second score early in the second quarter before the Belfry defense made a goal line stand at the one-yard line.

But the Blackcats were heard from early in the second quarter when quarterback Trevor Compton found fellow senior Kyle Ousley on a 33-yard touchdown pass. Prestonsburg tried for a two-point conversion after Ousley's touchdown reception and came up short.

Belfry senior running back Doug Howard got the Pirates back within a touchdown when he scored on a one-yard touchdown run with 2:31

remaining in the first quarter. Boomer Edwards added the PAT kick for the Pirates and pulled Belfry within five points of Prestonsburg. The Blackcats took the 12-7 lead into halftime.

With Belfry driving to end the third quarter, Prestonsburg still led 12-7.

Belfry took its first lead of the game with 7:35 remaining when Jones scored on a nine-yard run. The first touchdown of the game for Jones, a player in his second year as a Pirate football player, after making a transfer in from West Virginia, gave the Pirates a 13-12 lead. Belfry called Jones' number again on the two-point conversion and the Pirates then led 15-12.

Prestonsburg came back on offense looking for some new life after Belfry's quick score to take the lead, but slipped. Howard stepped in front of a Compton-thrown ball and returned it for a touchdown with 6:27 left to push the Pirates ahead, Edwards added the PAT to put the Pirates ahead 22-12.

Down 10, Prestonsburg's attempt to get back some of the points surrendered via quick strikes came up short.

Faced with a fourth-and-five from their own 35 with 5:17 left in the game, a Blackcat pass went incomplete. After taking over on downs, Belfry's Jones struck again with 3:30 left to play, scoring a 30-yard touchdown. Edwards added the kick for his fourth and final PAT of the night.

Prestonsburg ends the season with a 10-3 record.

Classic

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the Cougars.

Morgan County posted a 28-5 record last season and at one time, before falling to Perry County Central in the State Tournament, reeled off 20 straight wins.

Morgan County plays in the 61st District. In three seasons, Perry has coached Morgan County to a 74-10 record. The Cougars rose above last season, beating Ashland for the 16th Region title.

Veteran boys' basketball coach John Martin is set to lead another edition of the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels into another season. Martin coached Allen Central back into the 15th Region Tournament last season. Allen Central finished runner-up to



Prestonsburg in the 58th District

Minus its top three scorers (Rossi Samons, Austin Francis and Justin Hall) from last season, Allen

Central returns two of five starters. Senior center Tim Griffith and senior forward Ryan Hammonds both return for the Rebels.

Another player back who saw a considerable amount of playing for Allen Central last season is senior David Kilburn. Guard Ryan Collins is expected to carry a bigger role for the Rebels during the 2004-05 season. This will be Allen Central's first Tiger HOOPS Classic. The Rebels finished last season with a 13-14 record.

Classroom

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GPA with a major in Public Administration. He has rushed for 79 yards and three touchdowns this season. Particularly impressive about Bwenge's academic accomplishments is the fact that he came to Kentucky with English as a second language. His primary language growing up was French.

Offensive tackle Hayden Lane, a sophomore from Lawrenceville, Ga., has a 3.958 GPA and a double major in Anthropology and Classics. He has started every game this season at right tackle. Lane is scheduled to graduate in 2005, needing only three years to earn his diploma. He is considering applying for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

Eventually, he would like to combine his interests in Christianity and ancient history and get into the field of Biblical archaeology.

Kentucky's second-team Academic All-District IV honorees include:

Tight end Jeremiah Drobney, a junior from Massillon, Ohio, has a 3.823 GPA with a major in Finance. He has caught 11 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown in 2004.

Offensive guard Matt Huff, a senior from Louisville, has a 3.224 GPA and a major in Foreign Language and International Economics. Huff has started every game but one at right guard.

Cornerback Antoine Huffman, a junior from Jonesboro, Ga., has a 3.450 GPA with a major in Telecommunications. Huffman leads the team in pass breakups with six and also has an interception and fumble recovery this year.

Wide receiver Gerard Parker, a senior from Louisiana, has a perfect 4.000 GPA in his master's program in education and had a 3.205 in his undergraduate program in secondary education. He has caught 14 passes for 160 yards this season.

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NASCAR gets drama of playoff, but it could lose some fans in the bargain

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's been a dozen years since the final race of the NASCAR season could promise this kind of suspense.

When the checkered flag drops Sunday with the Nextel Cup Chase championship on the line, three of the most popular drivers on the circuit are all within a few car lengths of current points leader Kurt Busch, and a fourth, sentimental favorite Mark Martin, could mathematically still pull off the upset.

So why are so many fans so upset with the playoff system that made it possible?

We'll get to some of those reasons in a moment, but first the short answer: Junior won't win.

NASCAR's biggest star by far could zoom into the winner's circle at Homestead, Fla., but the only way Dale Earnhardt Jr. makes up the point differential on the guys ahead of him — Busch, Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon — is if all three get stuck in line at a car wash on the way to the track.

Racing luck being what it is, crashes, blown engines or some other misfortune could sideline one, and maybe two of them. But Earnhardt knows the chances all three would have miserable days is way too much to expect, especially the way his luck has run at Homestead.

"The reality is, we didn't run good there last year," he said. "The test wasn't a 100 percent success. I don't live in a dream world. I know what the facts are."

Keep in mind that Earnhardt

undercut his own chances in early October by including a curse word in his victory celebration just seconds after stepping out of his car at the fabled Talladega superspeedway. That little slip cost him \$10,000 and, more important, 25 points in the Cup Chase.

Which brings up reason No. 2 why some fans have been slow to warm up to NASCAR's new playoff format: It smacks of manipulation.

Under the previous Cup system, the championship was a season-long affair that awarded consistency above all else. Drivers earned points depending on their finish in each of the 36 races, totaled them up at the end, and the leader walked off with the title. Typical of the way things have gone for a while, last year's champion was Matt Kenseth, who won exactly once, ran about seventh a lot, and drove very carefully to protect his lead the rest of the time.

This year, with a new spon-

sor aboard and a desire to juice up the end of its TV schedule — when the races compete with NFL games and playoff baseball for ratings — NASCAR boss Brian France made a radical change. They totaled up the points after the first 26 races, made only the top 10 eligible for the Chase, reset the points between them so the spread was only 45 with 10 races left in the season.

Measured by TV ratings, the changes didn't take with the fans, at least not right away. The first two races in the Chase lost viewers compared to a year earlier, but then spiked 21 percent at Atlanta three weeks ago. France predicts more of the same this weekend, and he's not the only one.

"It's going to be a heck of a shootout," Johnson said last weekend after winning the Southern 500, one of the wackiest races in a while. "NASCAR got what they wanted here."

NASCAR did. Still to be

determined, though, is how much of the fan base feels the same way.

Some complained the playoff essentially wiped out the first two-thirds of the season, and made the final third almost irrelevant to all but 10 drivers. Some griped the points system punished one bad race too severely and others took the opposite side, arguing that it didn't allow for enough separation.

To make matters worse, some sponsors have started grumbling that even when their driver has a good day, most of the airtime is diverted to those drivers competing in the Chase.

France took it all in, then earlier this week tried to squash the debate by telling The Associated Press, "We always said we wanted to let the full year play out, but the balance we have now, we're real happy with. We may end up making some slight adjustments next season, but nothing very noticeable."

Just like the BCS guys who hijacked college football's post-season, France is about to learn how tough it is to stage-manage drama in sports. And just like the BCS guys, he's going to need some luck to end his season without a few thousand suggestions jamming NASCAR's inbox.

An upset win by Junior would get him off the hook, and he's probably in the clear if either Gordon or Johnson — who's on a dazzling late-season charge — make up enough ground to claim the Cup. But if Busch hangs on in anything but a classic, France will be hearing plenty about how this season's championship, for all the new hoops he made drivers and fans jump through, was more trouble than it was worth.

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Petty joins forces with Evernham for 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEVEL CROSS, N.C. — Petty Enterprises will begin using Evernham Motorsports engines beginning with testing for the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup season.

The organization fields the No. 43 Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge of driver Jeff Green and the No. 45 Georgia-Pacific/Brawny Dodge of driver Kyle Petty. Petty Enterprises, the winningest organization in major league motorsports, has used engines prepared by Joey Arrington in the latter part of this season since splitting with Mike Ege's engine company.

"We are constantly looking for ways to improve our performance and to run better as a

team," said Petty, who is also CEO of Petty Enterprises. "We at Petty Enterprises worked very closely with Evernham Motorsports to develop the Dodge program. Ray has been very gracious in his comments about the role of Petty Enterprises in that effort."

"We have continued to work closely with Evernham and with Dodge on many aspects of our program since then, and we see this alliance in the engine program as a natural evolution of our relationship."

"Evernham Motorsports has really moved into the forefront in regards to Dodge engine development and we're excited to be part of that. We've made some big strides with our chassis and bodies, so this was obviously the next step."

In its fourth year of operation, Evernham Motorsports has moved to the elite among NASCAR teams. The organization, which has one driver in the Chase for the Nextel Cup and a second 12th in Cup points and also leads the Rookie of the Year race, has 13 poles, five wins, 45 top fives and 81 top 10s.

"We have been working with Kyle and Petty Enterprises on behalf of Dodge the past four years, and they have a solid organization," Evernham said. "The chassis are pretty much where they want them to be. We feel we can help them on the horsepower side as well, and help them continue to build their program. We're all very excited at working even more closely with Petty Enterprises in 2005."

NASCAR to implement post-qualifying impound

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR will implement a post-qualifying impound procedure for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series at the majority of the 36 championship-point races in 2005, NASCAR officials announced today.

More than half of the events on the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series schedule will utilize the new procedure that will provide cost-containment benefits to the



John Darby

teams. Following qualifying and the post-qualifying inspection process, the starting field of 43 cars will be impounded by NASCAR officials until race day. During this period, the teams will not be permitted to work on their cars unless for special circumstances and authorized by NASCAR officials.

"We are still in the process of getting more tracks to commit to this procedure," NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Director John Darby

said. "We appreciate the cooperation of our track operators to assist us in delivering cost-saving measures to the team owners."

Some of the benefits of the new procedure will include reducing the amount of labor by crew members on the cars throughout a race weekend; reducing practice tire consumption and, most importantly, eliminating special qualifying parts, components, oils and set-ups.

"Ultimately, all the teams will arrive at the track with a focus on one goal," Darby said. "That goal will be to have the best possible race set-up, and hopefully that will enhance the overall competitive element throughout the field."

The new procedure will alter the traditional race weekend schedule. The two 45-minute final practices the day following qualifying — the last of which is commonly known as "Happy Hour" — will be eliminated.

In many cases for a traditional race weekend (Friday-Sunday), two hours of practice would take place Friday, Bud Pole qualifying on Saturday and then the cars would be impounded immediately following post-qualifying inspection.

On doubleheader weekends, Bud Pole qualifying could be followed by a NASCAR Busch

Series event, creating a strong single-day package for race fans.

In another cost-saving measure with competition benefits, NASCAR also will give its NASCAR Nextel Cup Series teams the opportunity to conduct a combination preseason test at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and California Speedway.

The NASCAR Nextel Cup teams will be permitted to test a maximum of two days at each track. Las Vegas Motor Speedway will be available to NASCAR Nextel Cup Series teams Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, and California Speedway will be available Feb. 1-3, eliminating the expense of making two separate trips for tests at those respective tracks.

"This benefit to the teams would not have been possible without the cooperation and willingness of both Las Vegas Motor Speedway and California Speedway," Darby said. "We expect the teams to take full advantage of the opportunity."

The tests at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and California Speedway will serve as the western swing of NASCAR Preseason Thunder, which kicks off the 2005 season with sessions Jan. 11-13 and 18-20 at Daytona International Speedway.

Title contenders face countless possibilities

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Forget about strategy. The five drivers competing for the Nextel Cup championship have no choice other than to race for a victory.

With only 82 points separating leader Kurt Busch from fifth-place Mark Martin, with Jimmie Johnson, Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. in between, there are countless possibilities going into the season-ending Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday.

But it all starts with a victory.

After stumbling at the start of NASCAR's new 10-man, 10-race playoff-style championship, Johnson has charged back into contention with four wins in the last five races.

Just 18 points back, he can claim the championship by winning Sunday and leading the most laps if Busch finishes second without leading any.

"There's a lot of pressure that I feel the 97 team is under," Johnson said of Busch. "We've been in that position through this season and we've had bad luck with that pressure on our shoulders."

"I like the position that both Hendrick cars are in. We're very close to Kurt in points. We just have to go out, be aggressive, race hard. That's what both teams are very good at."

Gordon is 21 points behind Busch under a scoring system that gives the race winner 10 points more than the runner-up. Any driver leading a lap gets five bonus points and the driver leading the most laps gets five more.

A second-place finish by Busch would prevent Gordon

from winning his fifth NASCAR title.

"I think it's nerve-racking and intense no matter where you're at," Gordon said. "You've got to go out there and run hard."

Gordon figures Busch is definitely in the best position, though.

"The closest thing that I have to compare to this would be when Mark Martin, Dale Jarrett and myself were going for the championship in '97," said Gordon, who wound up beating Jarrett for the title by 14 points that year.

"I had the points lead by a small margin, and it was a good position to be in because it was our championship to lose, and we knew that," he said. "Those other guys really had to be on the huge offense."

"If I had my choice, I'd want to be in Kurt's position, but I do like the fact we get to go out there and go for broke. We know we have to lead laps and win the race."

Busch appeared well on the way to the championship before an engine failure slowed his momentum at Atlanta and let the other contenders back into the fray. Since then, he has finished 10th at Phoenix and a struggling sixth last Sunday at Darlington.

But if Busch wins Sunday or finishes second and leads a lap, he will get his first Cup title no matter what the other drivers do.

"We need to go out and attack the racetrack this weekend, to lead laps and to make sure that we do our job at the end of the race," Busch said.

The job is tougher for Earnhardt and Martin, who trail Busch by 72 and 82

points, respectively. They need to substantially outrace the others.

"We dug ourselves a pretty big hole at Darlington," said Earnhardt, who finished 11th last Sunday after pitting late in the race for a battery change. "It will be difficult to climb out and still win this championship. We're going to have to be the best team at Homestead as well as the luckiest."

Martin, a four-time series runner-up, would need even more good fortune than Earnhardt.

"We're going to go to Homestead and race for a win," said Martin, who finished second at Darlington to remaining viable in the Chase. "I don't really think all of those other guys are going to have a bad race, but we can't control that. We can only control what we're doing on the track and try to get the best finish we can."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Kurt Busch, 6,346
2. Jimmie Johnson, 6,328
3. Jeff Gordon, 6,325
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 6,274
5. Mark Martin, 6,264
6. Tony Stewart, 6,161
7. Ryan Newman, 6,102
8. Matt Kenseth, 5,963
9. Elliott Sadler, 5,963
10. Jeremy Mayfield, 5,942
11. Jamie McMurray, 4,451
12. Kasey Kahne, 4,225
13. Bobby Labonte, 4,145
14. Dale Jarrett, 4,123
15. Kevin Harvick, 4,094
16. Jeff Burton, 3,847
17. Rusty Wallace, 3,813
18. Joe Nemechek, 3,796
19. Michael Waltrip, 3,766
20. Sterling Marlin, 3,742

National Guard, Roush extend agreement for '05

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — The National Guard and Roush Racing have extended their Nextel Cup partnership for the 2005 season. The National Guard will maintain its primary role with Roush Racing's No. 16 Nextel Cup entry and driver Greg Biffle.

"We couldn't be happier with the program at Roush Racing," said LTG Roger Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard. "Greg, Doug (Richert, crew chief) and the team there have done an excellent job representing the Guard and we want to continue the relationship we've built over the last 10 months."

"The win at Michigan was a milestone for the National Guard, as I understand it was the first win for a military-backed team in the Cup series. This season has been a morale boost for our soldiers working both here and overseas and I expect we'll have even more to cheer for in 2005."

The National Guard began their involvement in NASCAR in 2002 and joined Roush Racing last December. In a partnership with Subway, Travelodge and Jackson Hewitt,

the National Guard took on a primary role with the No. 16 team and debuted their signature red, white and blue Ford shortly before the Daytona 500.

"I was extremely pleased when I learned that the National Guard would continue to be a major part of our Cup program," Jack Roush said. "This year, we've had the privilege of having soldiers from the Guard at every race. I have enjoyed the opportunity to thank them personally for what they do for our country and look forward to carrying the relationship into 2005."

Biffle shares Roush's appreciation of the unique relationship between the team and the National Guard.

"It means a little bit more when you know there are soldiers up in the middle of the night, overseas, who have stayed up just to cheer for their car in the Nextel Cup race," said Biffle. "This season, we've had the chance to hear stories and meet soldiers who were either just returning home or were preparing for deployment. I was happy to put their car in victory lane at Michigan and I look forward to the opportunity to put the National Guard Ford in the winner's circle a few more times

in 2005."

The 2004 season got off to a good start for the National Guard team when they took the pole for the Daytona 500 and after sustaining a few growing pains, the team has gained momentum heading into the final races of the year.

"We weren't getting the finishes that showed what this team was capable of in the first half of the season," said crew chief Doug Richert, "but the National Guard stood by us and showed their support through it all. The second half of the season has been a true example of what this National Guard team can do. We had the win at Michigan, six top-10's in the last 15 races and the pit crew has taken the McDonald's/Powerade Pit Challenge Award three times this season."

"We're going to try to get this National Guard Ford into victory lane again before the end of the season and then get ready for 2005. We've made a lot of improvements as a team and I expect next year to be a successful one. We take a lot of pride in representing the National Guard each weekend and look forward to doing the same in 2005."

Reds release 2005 schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — A home-and-home series with the I-71 Tival Cleveland Indians and another homecoming for popular former Reds manager Lou Piniella highlight the Cincinnati Reds' 2005 regular-season schedule released today.

The schedule can be viewed in calendar format using the link above or at www.cincinnati-reds.com.

Tickets for regular-season games will go on sale at a date to be announced. In December, holiday gift cards will be available at The Reds Team Shop by Majestic, located in the Westin Hotel downtown; or by calling 513/765-7400.

Starting times for the 2005 schedule will be announced after Major League Baseball's

television broadcast selections are finalized in December.

The Reds will open the '05 season at Great American Ball Park on Monday, April 4 against the National League East Division rival New York Mets. Following a day off on Tuesday,

April 5, the brief season-opening homestand concludes with 2 more games against New York.

Cincinnati's first road trip of the season begins with a 3-game series at Houston from April 8-10, followed by another day off and then a 2-game set at St. Louis on April 12-13. Both of those teams are representing the National League Central Division in this year's NL Championship Series.

Interleague play will continue for the ninth straight season with 6 games against the American League Central Division's Cleveland Indians in addition to 3-game series vs the AL East's Tampa Bay Devil

Rays, Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Orioles.

The Reds will host the Indians in a weekend series from May 20-22, Piniella's Devil Rays from June 7-9 and the Orioles during the weekend of June 10-12. The visit to Cincinnati will be the second for Piniella since he led the Reds to the 1990 World Series championship. He was skipper of the Seattle Mariners when they played here in 2002.

Interleague road games are scheduled for the weekend of June 24-26 at Cleveland's Jacobs Field and from June 13-15 at Boston's storied Fenway Park. The Reds will visit Boston for the first time since their dramatic World Series victory in Game 7 of the 1975 World Series.

The home schedule includes 10 games in April, 19 games in May, 14 games in June, 13 games in July, 13 games in August and 12 games in September.

For the complete 2005 Reds schedule, go online to www.cincinnati-reds.com.



Reds announce 2005 spring training schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Tickets for Cincinnati Reds 2005 exhibition games in Sarasota, FL will go on sale Saturday, January 15 at the club's spring training complex and on-line at www.cincinnati-reds.com.

The spring training reporting dates for pitchers, catchers and position players will be announced next month.

The Reds will play home games in Ed Smith Stadium during their eighth season in Sarasota. Beginning January 15, single-

game tickets will be sold at the third base ticket window on the east side of the ballpark. Holiday gift certificates can be purchased now at the stadium's administration building in right field and by calling 941/954-4464.

Also beginning January 15, tickets can be purchased by phone through Tickets.com at 877/647-7337. Mail orders, including a \$7 service charge per order, should be sent to 1090 N. Euclid Ave., Sarasota, Fla., 34237. Tickets also can be purchased in person at Ed Smith Stadium, located at 12th Street

and Tuttle Avenue, in Sarasota. For information regarding spring training tickets or Ed Smith Stadium, call 941/954-4464.

Ticket prices for Reds spring training games are \$14 for box seats, \$12 for reserved seats and \$7 for general admission. The Reds' 34-game Major League exhibition schedule opens March 3 and includes 16 games at Sarasota's Ed Smith Stadium, plus exhibitions against the Toronto Blue Jays on April 1 at Memphis' AutoZone Park and April 2 at Louisville Slugger Field.

Chad Johnson expects to celebrate against Steelers

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ignoring advice to keep quiet, Chad Johnson says he's ready to celebrate a touchdown catch against the Pittsburgh Steelers this weekend.

His coach sounds like he's ready to throttle him.

The Cincinnati Bengals' chatty receiver asked fans on Wednesday to bring donations to cover the fine he'll receive for a planned touchdown celebration against the Steelers.

"I need all fans to bring a dollar to the gate," Johnson said. "Don't forget. There will be a bucket. Bring a dollar to the gate this week. Next week, I need everybody to bring a bottle of Pepto."

That's the last thing that coach Marvin Lewis wanted to hear heading into a make-or-break game. Informed of the receiver's latest whimsy, he sat in silent surprise for a few seconds.

"It's not a wise thing," Lewis finally said, with annoyance in his eyes and disappointment in his tone. "It's not his fine that's as significant as if we get a penalty."

Or, a pumped-up opponent.

The Pro Bowl receiver has repeatedly angered Lewis by guaranteeing wins and tweaking opponents leading up to games. His most famous outburst — guaranteeing a win over previously unbeaten Kansas City last season — drew atten-

tion and divided the locker room. Several veterans told him it isn't wise to rile up the opposition.

Despite a promise to change this season, Johnson has found it tough to keep quiet.

He sent bottles of Pepto-Bismol to Cleveland defensive backs before their game on Oct. 17, along with handwritten notes saying they'd get sick trying to cover him. Johnson had the worst game of his career and the Bengals lost 34-17 to an inspired team that clearly took offense.

Lewis took him aside afterward, and Baltimore's Ray Lewis called Johnson with some advice: Keep your mouth shut and play.

With a pivotal game at hand, he's at it again.

A 17-10 victory over Washington improved the Bengals to 4-5 heading into their rematch with the Steelers (8-1). A victory would leave Cincinnati with three consecutive wins, a little momentum and an outside chance to make the playoffs. But the closing schedule is daunting.

Unprovoked, Johnson said the capacity crowd at Paul Brown Stadium on Sunday can expect a show.

"That means I've got a special celebration when I hit the end zone," Johnson said. "Bring a dollar to the gate for my fine."

Johnson was fined for three touchdown celebrations last season: \$5,000 for a photo pose

with teammate Peter Warrick in the end zone, \$5,000 for a throat-slash gesture to the crowd, and \$10,000 for holding up a preprinted sign that read: "Dear NFL: Please don't fine me again."

Before this season started, Johnson promised a new touchdown celebration, one that wouldn't draw a 15-yard penalty under the NFL's stricter rules. He has yet to unveil it — he's had only two touchdown catches all season.

His first came while the Bengals trailed in the opener against the Jets, the wrong time to use it. The other catch came in a Monday night victory over Denver, but Johnson had been warned by the Bengals not to do anything to call attention to himself on national television.

"I was told not to celebrate before the game started," he said then.

Johnson gave Pittsburgh's defense unusually glowing praise on Wednesday before getting around to his end zone plans.

"This defense is a little different from everybody that we've played," Johnson said. "Watching them on film, it's unbelievable. It's sort of unfair what they have out there on the defense. Seriously. Just looking at the names, the personnel you have to go against, there's no weak link where you can attack."

His celebration comment made sure there would be no letdown, either.

Can Bengals derail Big Ben's express ride?

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals' next opponent hasn't lost in a long time. The season is at a make-or-break point. Chad Johnson is running his mouth to build excitement.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? One year ago, the upstart Bengals forged an identity and jump-started their season by knocking off the 9-0 Chiefs at Paul Brown Stadium, backing up Johnson's guarantee of a win.

They're looking to do it again Sunday.

The Pittsburgh Steelers (8-1) are on an equally impressive roll, winning seven in a row, their longest streak in three years, with rookie Ben Roethlisberger running the show. With the kid quarterback from nearby Miami of Ohio, a bruising running game led by an old standby, and a blitz-crazy defense orchestrated by former Bengals coach Dick LeBeau, the Steelers have emphatically emerged as the league's front-runner.

Previously unbeaten New England and Philadelphia tried to slow them down, but got beat handily at Heinz Field. The Browns failed miserably last week in Cleveland.

Now, it's up to the Bengals (4-5), who are pretending it's last year all over again.

"Kansas City was on top of the world and everybody was talking Super Bowl," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "And the same is being said for Pittsburgh right now. It is a similar situation."

"We obviously handled ourselves in a way to be successful in that situation last year, so we're looking to do the same thing."

The parallels abound. The Bengals' 24-19 win over

the Chiefs sparked a four-game winning streak that put them in playoff contention for the first time since 1990. This time, they've won two in a row and gotten back a familiar feeling.

Receiver Chad Johnson is even ruminating about a showy touchdown celebration, though stopping short of guaranteeing anything — a concession to his old-school head coach.

"We're getting on a roll about the same time as we were last year," Johnson said. "The offense is clicking right now, running and passing. So it's going to be a good one."

Their best shot at pulling it out involves the other Johnson — Rudi, who ran for 123 yards in Pittsburgh's 28-17 win on Oct. 3. No other running back has reached 100 yards against the Steelers. The last three teams — Patriots, Eagles and Browns — have run for 96 yards combined.

"Take nothing away from him — he's a powerful running back — but at the same time, we just missed a lot of tackles," linebacker Joey Porter said. "I think if we work on tackling, we'll be all right."

Everything they do seems to turn out right these days.

"That's what happens when you get hot — everybody plays great," Rudi Johnson said. "You look across the board, everybody on their team is playing great."

Things seemed ominous when Roethlisberger was forced to play because of Tommy Maddox's elbow injury in the second game. Instead, the first-round pick has won all seven starts, the best debut by an NFL rookie quarterback.

No one could have imagined it a year ago, when Roethlisberger was playing

college football a half-hour north of Cincinnati. He's been sensational even though he's still adjusting to the NFL — the home-and-away division games, for instance.

"I guess it's something you've got to get used to," he said. "You're going to play a lot of teams twice. I guess you can't surprise them anymore."

There won't be many surprises on Sunday. The Steelers will rely on what they've done best the last few weeks by having Roethlisberger hand off the overwhelming majority of the time.

With their offensive line intact this season, the Steelers have re-emerged as one of the league's most dominant running teams. When Duce Staley hurt a hamstring, Jerome Bettis took over and tore off consecutive 100-yard games.

Bettis has 10 games of more than 100 yards against the Bengals, and needs only 6 yards to move ahead of Tony Dorsett for fifth place on the career list.

"Whenever you can pass a Hall of Fame guy like Tony Dorsett, from the Pittsburgh area, just to go by a guy like that is an honor," Bettis said. "Whenever they mention your name with a guy like him it's special."

What the Steelers have done this season is special, though they're loathe to even discuss it. They know things can change fast.

The Chiefs were in the same promising position when they arrived in Cincinnati one year ago, but went 4-3 down the stretch and lost their first playoff game to Indianapolis.

It doesn't take much to derail a season.

"Everybody's waiting for the letdown for us," receiver Hines Ward said.

NFL: No fine for alleged spitting in Redskins-Bengals game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — The NFL will not fine Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor after looking into allegations that a Cincinnati player was spit on during Sunday's game.

Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said one of his players was spit on during Cincinnati's 17-10 victory. Lewis did not name either player involved, although comments from receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh implied the culprit was Taylor.

The league, as it does every week, carefully examined

every play from the game and found insufficient evidence for action.

"Sean Taylor will not be fined," NFL spokesman Michael Signora said Thursday. "There was no video evidence to support a fine."

Taylor has not commented on the matter. The No. 5 overall draft pick from Miami hasn't spoken to the media since he was arrested and charged with drunken driving Oct. 28. Taylor's difficult rookie year has also included a \$25,000 fine for skipping one day of a rookie symposium.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said Wednesday he had not discussed the spitting matter with Taylor.

"It really hasn't been a big deal to me," said Gibbs, who added, "I don't have a clue what's happened here."

Assistant coach Gregg Williams said he did his own investigation and reached the same conclusion as the league.

"I didn't see it take place, and I've studied the film hard, and I can't find anything," Williams said Thursday. "And who am I going to believe? I'm going to believe my guy."

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Two Mill Hill wins feature at Churchill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Two Mile Hill took the lead in the turn and drew off in the stretch for a 6 3/4-length win over Valiant Dancer in the \$54,900 feature for fillies and mares, 3 years old and up, Thursday at Churchill Downs.

Two Mile Hill, ridden by Larry Melancon, covered the 1 1/16 miles in 1:45.34 and paid 6, \$3 and \$2.40. Valiant Dancer, the favorite in the field of six, got up in the final strides and returned \$2.60 and \$2.20. Solitary Emerald took the early lead but gave way and paid

\$2.60. The 4-year-old daughter of A.P. Indy, owned by Laura and Eugene Melnyk, earned \$34,335 for the win to increase her career total to \$134,447. Two Mile Hill was unraced until this year and has now won three of her 10 starts.

Todd: Wait and see on any changes to Kentucky football staff

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Any decisions about Kentucky's football coaching staff won't come until after an ongoing evaluation of the program by the university's athletic director is finished.

University of Kentucky President Lee Todd said Friday.

Todd, speaking after a meeting of the university's athletic association, said he didn't want to speculate about any possible changes on coach Rich Brooks' staff. Kentucky is 2-8 entering next Saturday's season finale against Tennessee.

Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, who said he is evaluating the coaches of Kentucky's fall sports, already has met once with Brooks and will have another meeting next week.

"You have an athletic director do an athletic director's job, but there's no doubt he and I talk about everything that's happening in this department," Todd said of Barnhart.

Todd and Barnhart have expressed support for Brooks on several occasions this season. Brooks is in the second year of a

five-year contract that pays him \$750,000 per year and is 6-16 in those two seasons.

But the question of the status of assistant coaches has become an issue, thanks in part to comments Brooks made earlier this month. Brooks said he planned to bring back his entire staff next season, including embattled offensive coordinator Ron Hudson, whose offense ranks near the bottom of NCAA Division I-A.

"As far as I'm concerned, it is up to me, and if it isn't, somebody can replace me, I guess," Brooks said. "I stand firmly, and I'm not going to say it any plainer, I stand firmly behind this coaching staff."

Todd said any decision about assistant coaches would be a joint one, with input from himself, Barnhart and Brooks.

"I don't like to say that there's any one final decision-maker in the group," Todd said. "I wouldn't hand that responsibility off to any one single individual."

In recent weeks, bumper stickers and T-shirts calling for Todd to "Ditch Mitch and Rich" could be seen in Lexington.

Todd has been regularly booed when introduced at Kentucky home games since October.

Todd said he understood fans' frustration with the Wildcats' lack of on-the-field success but emphasized the damage done to the program by NCAA sanctions, which included the loss of 19 scholarships over a three-year period.

"We knew this would be the toughest year of the three years of probation," Todd said. "We got hammered pretty hard for that."

Barnhart said the time frame for success in college athletics is shrinking.

"It used to be you had five to seven years to get a program turned around, then it became four to six, then it became three to five," Barnhart said.

"Now, it's a much shorter time frame. That's the nature of our business."

"I don't want to see my president booed. That's nothing that I want to see my president have to go through. I don't want to see bumper stickers and T-shirts. Those aren't fun things, but it's not unexpected in our business. It's happened in a lot of places."



Brooks



Barnhart



Todd

Color fish illustrations in 2005 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Anglers opening the 2005 Kentucky Sport Fish and Boating Guide early next spring will notice a striking new edition.

The guide will include for the first time color illustrations by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) staff artist Rick Hill of sixteen of the most sought after fish in Kentucky. Numbered key identifying characteristics of the fish species accompanies each illustration. These color illustrations will help anglers differentiate between a hybrid striped bass and a striped bass, a sauger and a walleye or white crappie from black crappie.

"The only thing better than Rick's pictures are a live fish sitting there," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for the KDFWR. "The detail and the anatomical correctness along with our numbered key characteristics of each fish will help anglers with identification questions."

These pictures are the initial efforts of a two-year long project to produce a poster of Kentucky fish species that should be completed by late 2005 or early 2006. "The poster will be all types of fish you may encounter in Kentucky as an angler from sport fish to commercial fish species," Hill said. "The main reason for the poster is educa-

tion, but it will also be used for regulation and informational brochures and on the All Wild About Kentucky's Environment (AWAKE) website — anywhere fish identification is needed."

Hill has already produced five other posters about Kentucky's aquatic ecosystems that included fish and other animals. "The other posters were habitat oriented, educational posters," Hill explained. "This poster focuses on fish."

The 2005 Kentucky Sport Fish and Boating Guide is due out in mid-January.

The guide may be obtained wherever fishing and hunting licenses are sold or request one by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Do's and Don'ts during deer season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Even for veteran hunters, sometimes the laws governing deer season can be a little fuzzy.

Often we hear conversation of other hunters, or rely on hunting friends to know what's legal and what's not legal, but we really haven't investigated the laws ourselves. In some cases, that can lead to trouble. It is every individual hunter's responsibility to be familiar with the laws. They change. Going on what someone says isn't the best source of information. And should you make a mistake, the questioning wildlife officer likely won't buy "but my buddy said it was OK...."

One common misunderstanding among hunters is that he or she can take a deer for someone else, as long as the other person calls and checks the animal in. In no case, can a hunter harvest a deer and not claim that animal as his or her own. The hunter who takes the deer has to record the deer on his hunter harvest log (on back of the license) and report the harvest. Hunters who take deer

for other people often creates another violation for themselves, too, probably without realizing it.

In a county where there is a specific season bag limit, taking deer for someone can result in exceeding the bag limit. For example, those who hunt on private land in Kentucky are restricted to one antlered deer per season.

You cannot take a buck, and get another person to claim it, and then return to the field and take another antlered deer. You will have violated the law twice. It is not legal for an individual to take more than what the bag limits allow, or neglect to claim deer he or she takes.

It is not illegal to give a harvested deer to someone else, but the person who takes the deer has to claim and check in the deer. When a limit is reached, that — well, is the limit. It means no more until next season.

Another common mistake deer hunters make is removing their hunter orange clothing once they reach their deer stand. The entire purpose of the hunter orange clothing law is to make one hunter visible to other hunters. Taking your hunter

orange vest and/or cap off when you get in your stand not only violates the law, but defeats the reason for this law: to help keep you safe. Hunter orange must be kept on while in the field hunting.

A final recurring question many hunters have concerns retrieving deer. If a deer you take winds up on property where you don't have permission to be, you must get permission before you retrieve your animal on someone else's land.

Trespassing is one of the most prevalent problems during deer season.

Hunting without permission is a serious violation, but at the same time, can almost always be avoided. If you're not absolutely sure you have permission to be where you are, go back to a place you are sure about.

Hunters are strongly encouraged to read the 2004-05 Kentucky Fall Hunting & Trapping Guide, keep this guide with them on hunting trips, and call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with any questions at (800) 858-1549.

There's no reason to be unaware of the law, and a whole lot of reason to be.



The C- and D-teams from McDowell and Osborne split games this past week. More information on the games will appear in Wednesday's edition. Some pictures from the games appear above.



Lauren Gearheart, top left, the McDowell mascot, enjoyed a game. The C- and D-team cheerleaders from both McDowell and Osborne cheered their teams on this past week during boys' basketball play between the two schools.



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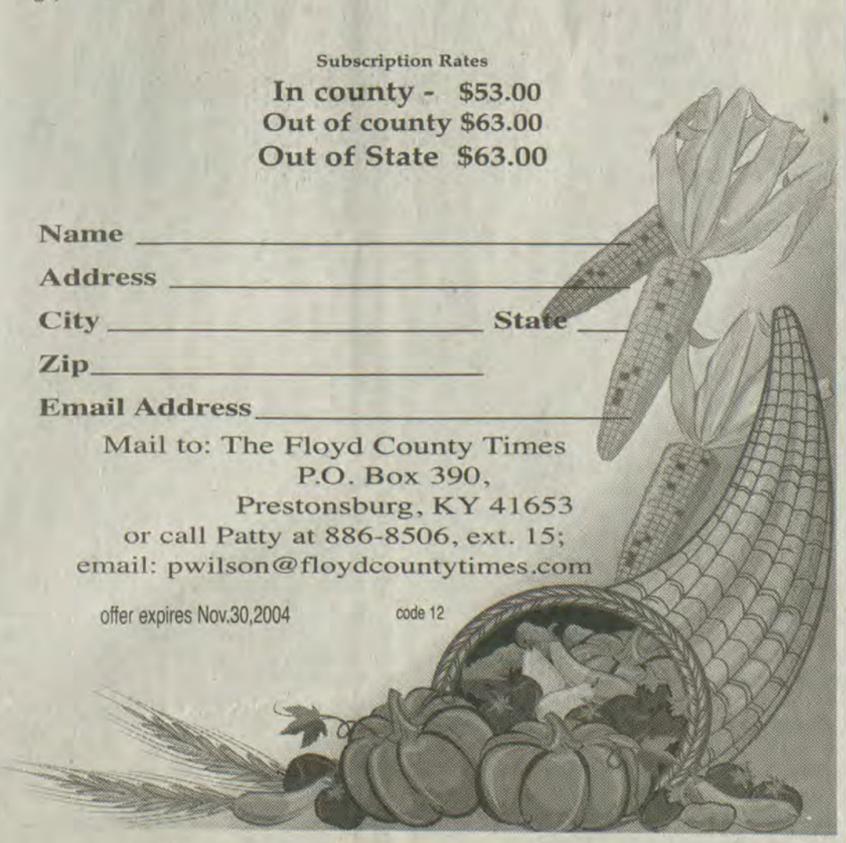
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Jim Davidson

A lesson my father taught me

Someone once said that a father is "a man who can't get on the phone, into the bathroom, or out of the house."

My father was a veteran of WWI and he passed away back in 1977. While he was here however, he taught me a lot of valuable lessons. Incidentally, we didn't have a phone when I was growing up and didn't have an indoor bathroom until I was almost out of high school.



My father was considerably older than my mother and before he met her around 1935, he had a most unusual occupation. He owned a good horse and he would ride out through the countryside and buy cattle and hogs from farm-

ers and then drive them to the closest railhead and load them on the train.

At this point he would get on the train and ride with them to Kansas City, where large stock-

yards were located, and sell them to buyers who were there. Most of the livestock would then become a part of our nation's meat supply. His income was derived from the profit,

which is the difference between the amount of money that it took to buy the livestock and what he was able to sell them for. He told me that this was really an art, because when you buy livestock on the "hoof" you

had to be a pretty good judge of quality and what an animal weighed, because this would determine what it would bring at the stockyards. If you paid too much, obviously you could lose your shirt.

Because of his occupation, my father's nickname was "Cowboy." When I was growing up in a small community in south Arkansas, everybody called my father Cowboy and quite naturally some of the kids in our town would call me Cowboy, too. I was a pretty fair basketball player and one night we were playing a team from a nearby community. It was a close game and along about the third quarter, I was guarding an opposing player and he faked me so good that I leaped high in the air and when I came down, I landed on his back. On cue, someone up in the stands yelled, "Ride him, Cowboy."

I'll never forget it.

Here is that valuable lesson my father taught me and it may be of value to you as well, if you don't already do it. My father said as he traveled around buying livestock, occasionally he would strike someone that he could not trade with. This is to be expected because of human nature. We tend to place value on our possessions for many different reasons but when it becomes emotional, in most cases reason and logic are out the window. In situations like this, how many times do you suppose a potential buyer kept on talking, maybe running down the other person's property, until he got mad?

That's the lesson my father taught me to avoid. He said, "When you strike someone you cannot trade with, don't make him mad. Just go on down the road, because there is someone down there that you can trade with."

This simple lesson has been a tremendous help to me over the years. I've been in sales

now for almost 40 years, and remember to be successful, we all have to sell ourselves, if not a product or service. Over the years, as I have sold or marketed various products and services, I have encountered thousands of people that I could not do business with, and I have very carefully tried to avoid making them mad. There is no future in that.

Sometimes people in sales fail to realize that when a person says "no," they are not putting us down personally. These people are simply saying that they have no interest or need for our product or service, at least not now. The last part of the previous sentence is really the key to success in selling, because we should never close the door where we cannot go back. We should not make people mad, but rather make them feel good because they are making the decision they feel is best for them.

For example, I have many, many friends in the newspaper

industry and they give me leads and have even called other publishers for me, regarding the merits of this column. However, there are times when I strike someone that I cannot do business with. When this happens, I always try to leave them in a frame of mind where I can call them back later. This has proven very profitable because you may be reading this column in a newspaper that came on line because I was nice to your publisher or editor and did not make them mad when they were not interested the first time I called. Things change. Many times new people come along and they are wonderful to do business with. Have convictions about what you do, but don't ever make other people mad. Be nice to everyone.

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Tradition

of the hawkers that were walking up and down the street selling programs.

A natural born conversationalist, Deanna has spent the last 40 minutes talking to two women who live 35 minutes outside London. They tell her that they took the train trip today because they have been watching the parade on the telly for years but never came to see it personally.

Policemen and women are

patrolling. They walk back and forth, making sure that all is in order before the parade begins. One officer politely unhooks one of the barristers to let people cross from one side to the other. Children are laughing, blowing their whistles. An obvious granddaughter pushes her grandmother across the street in a wheelchair.

"Programs, get your programs, yours for only £3," one of the young hawkers announces as he passes by with his British accent. Sand trucks disperse a cloud of red dust onto the pavement. Deanna's two new friends say the sand will keep the horses from slipping.

It's 10:55, five minutes before the parade is scheduled to begin, and the crowd is momentarily silenced with the thrust of a Royal Air Force jet maneuvering a fly-past above.

Boy, these Brits know how to party. This year's festivities celebrated the Right Honorable Michael Savory, the 677th Lord Mayor of London, who decreed the show's theme as "Celebrating Excellence." Savory drives, fixes and plays with tanks at his military museum in Norfolk.

A vibrant mixture of dance, music and military drill followed the fly-past. There were, literally, hundreds of horses and performers of all kinds. There were unicyclists and dancing costume bearers, even kilt-wearing Scots playing bagpipes. There was an outrageous collection of vintage vehicles ranging from a Challenger tank to Rolls-Royces and Mini Coopers.

Savory, whose appearance ended the show, was driven in the splendid golden State Coach, which was pulled by the black shires horses of Young's Brewery. This coach is permanently showcased at the Museum of London and is used only in this event and for coronations. Four of the other carriages in the show belong to the corporation of London. The remaining eight carriages and 24 horses came from the Royal Mews and were lent by Her Majesty the Queen. This show is the only event in which royal carriages take part in a procession without a member of the royal family present.

The entire performing was awe-inspiring, as it has been for centuries. (I smiled when I noticed "USA" proudly written on the sides of the army jeeps and I laughed when one prominent Brit in fancy English clothing stuck his tongue out at us as his driver drove near our side of the street.)

The procession of 151 entries took more than an hour to pass the three-

and-one-third-mile trek. The performance was bursting with color, music and entertainment for everyone — from tanks and trumpets, to carriages and even puppies that guided the Battersea Dogs Home cause.

It was absolutely amazing, and its history makes it all the more inviting. The show annually pulls in a television audience of approximately 2 million and stands as the longest running live television program in the world. (It was first televised in 1937.)

Shakespeare, Samuel Pepys and Ian Fleming wrote about this show. Hogarth drew it, Canaletto painted it, Alfred Hitchcock filmed it and Inigo Jones designed floats for it.

Entrants carried with them an 800-year tradition of pomp and circumstance that began so that the new Lord Mayor could swear his loyalty to the sovereign. (Savory swore his Oath of Allegiance before the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls at the Royal Courts of Justice on the Strand.)

In 1453, Mayor John Norman, who was lame and had difficulty mounting a horse, chose to travel to Westminster in a "sumptuously furnished" barge, followed by decorated boats of the livery companies, who cared for the horses. (It's how we termed the word "float" for parade barges.) In the 1800s, the stinky River Thames prompted festival-goers to move the parade to dry ground, where it remains today.

After the parade, festivities continued with a fireworks display on the River Thames and free guided city walks by several tour guides.

Great Britain is gearing up to commemorate next year's 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of its victor, Admiral Horatio Nelson. On Oct. 21, 1805, Nelson's fleet of 29 ships intercepted a combined French and Spanish fleet of 33 ships off the coast of Spain and in the space of a few hours utterly destroyed it. It ended Napoleon's plans to invade Britain and paved the way for the French Emperor's ultimate defeat at Waterloo 10 years later. Nelson is memorialized at Trafalgar Square and at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Lord Mayor's appeal raised funds this year for two causes — The Alderman Savory's Heart: the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) and the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

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Click and Clack Talk Cars

Reliable car recommendations for young adults

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

You give such sage advice that I thought you might be able to help me out. We gave our twin children (a boy and a girl, now age 19) the promise of their first cars when they graduate from high school. We told them they would be used cars, and they would be expected to pay all related costs. We also said they will not get their cars until we all agree that they are ready for the responsibility. Now that they've completed their first year of college, they've starting lobbying for their cars. Since they both seem to want different things in a car, I've decided to give them each a set amount of money, and if they want something newer or fancier, they can pay the difference themselves. The question is, what is a fair and reasonable amount

of money to give them that will put them in a decent, safe car? We live in the Midwest, if that matters. By the way, you should know that my wife and I have promised ourselves that our kids CANNOT be driving nicer cars than we are. She has a 2002 Mazda 626, and I have a '98 Jetta with 86,000 miles. — Scoop

RAY: My father made the same kind of deal with my brother when he graduated from high school. He said he'd buy Tommy a car when Tommy was mature enough for the responsibility. My father died a few years ago, and he was still waiting to shell out the money!

TOM: My number is \$5,000, Scoop. I think that's both fair and reasonable. If you want to make them work a little harder or suffer a little more, you could ratchet that down another thousand or so. But I think you can get a decent, safe car for \$5,000.

RAY: Yeah, like a '98 Jetta with about 85,500 miles on it (but don't worry, Scoop, you can always go out and whack a dent in it to make it uglier than yours).

TOM: Actually, our primary criterion for young, new drivers is safety. And for \$5,000, you can certainly find a decent, late-1990s Ford Crown Vic with air bags and maybe even anti-lock brakes. That's a pretty safe car because of its left. Or you can get an early- to mid-1990s Honda Accord, which has front-wheel drive, is reasonably safe and is extremely reliable.

RAY: You could even get an early-'90s Volvo, like a '93 or '94 850, which is a real tank. But then you'd have to worry about significant repair costs and the real possibility of the kids, with their leather seats, showing you up in your Jetta, Scoop.

TOM: I would add one rule to your deal with the kids: I would insist that you be able to approve the type of car before they buy it. Maybe your kids are great, sensible young adults. But at 19, it's unlikely.

RAY: Right. You don't want your 19-year-old boy taking your five grand and buying himself a Camaro or Firebird, or something else he's going to drive at 100 miles an hour and wrap himself around a tree in. Left to their own devices, most 19-year-old boys would do just that. That's why God invented parents. Good luck, Scoop.

Air bags usually don't deploy in rear-end collisions

Dear Tom and Ray,

I was involved in a very serious accident a month ago. An 18-wheeler hit me from behind and sandwiched me into a van in front of me. The entire front end of my car (1996 Cadillac Eldorado) was smashed in, yet the air bag did not inflate. Even though I had my seat belt on, my head swung forward and hit the steering wheel. I was very upset that the bag did not inflate, but the dealer claimed that even though all the sensors were hit (to put it mildly), air bags will not inflate unless you are going at least 35 mph. And they will rarely inflate if you are hit from behind. Is what he told me true? — Lana

RAY: Sort of, Lana. Normally, when you're hit from behind, you're pushed backward into the seat — rather than forward into the steering wheel — and once you're pushed back into

the seat, you're supposed to be held in place by the seat belt. How your head hit the steering wheel, I'm not sure. Perhaps the seat-belt mechanism failed and didn't lock to hold you in place?

TOM: But since the primary impact of a rear-end collision moves you backward, the air bag is not designed to go off in that case.

RAY: Now, if you're in a "sandwich" collision — like my brother was with a pastrami on rye the other day — where you're hit from behind and pushed into something, the air bag CAN go off. But it will only go off if the frontal part of the collision occurred while the car was traveling more than 15-20 mph or so. In other words, if the front end was slowly mushed, like yours was, the air bag would likely not go off — especially if the car used inertial sensors.

TOM: Without an accident reconstruction team, we might never know exactly how fast the front of your car was traveling when it hit the back of the van.

RAY: So, we can't say for sure whether the air bag performed correctly when it didn't go off, but circumstances suggest that it did just what it's programmed to do.

TOM: And the fact that you're alive to write to us is further evidence that things worked as they should have. Aside from the Cadillac wreath emblem that's permanently embossed in your forehead, it sounds like everything has worked out all right. We hope so, Lana.

■ ■ ■ If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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



Upcoming events

■ The Great Christmas Pudding Race Dec. 4 at the Covent Garden Piazza. Teams in fancy dress (costume) race around an obstacle course while balancing a Christmas pudding on a tray.

■ Christmas without Cruelty Fayre Dec. 5 at Kensington Town Hall. Over 60 Stalls offering cruelty free, ethically produced Christmas gifts, proceeds go to charities, campaign groups and ethical traders.

■ Pig's Ear Festival Dec. 7 at York Hall. Pig's ear is Cockney rhyming slang for beer. On the tap: ales, ciders, foreign and bottled beers.

■ Cool Yule Dec. 20-28 at Royal Festival Hall. Gypsy and Klezmer music, pop and jazz, Jewish comedy and pantomime, and even a bagel pyramid.

■ Peter Pan cup swimming Race. Dec 25 at Hyde Park. Members of the Serpentine Swimming Club race 100 yards in the freezing water of the Serpentine to win the Peter Pan Cup.

■ Earlier this month, Brits celebrated Guy Fox Day with celebrations-including fireworks—all throughout London. The celebrations commemorate the gall of one British man, Guy Fox, who attempted to blow up Parliament in 1605. A bonfire was held in memory of his "Gunpowder Plot."

Town

The poor dope washed the dishes, swept the floors, made the beds, put out the wash and so on, till the little woman couldn't take it any longer. Said he drove her almost to the point of nervous breakdown with his "mental cruelty."

(I need not add that this did not happen in Prestonsburg.)

Then, eschewing a tame, little item such as "mental cruelty," there was the suit filed alleging "alternation of affectations."

INVITATION

Ran across an interesting subheading in a religious publication, the other day. It read:

"God has no grandchildren." Take time to explain that statement in clear, concise language (100 words or less), and send it to me. I'll print the best (in my opinion) contribution received.

OF WORDS

An advertising man, fresh out of college, was doing a piece of copy, which read, "at this juncture the viscoso or liquid was extruded."

"Ex-what? What does that mean?" his superior wanted to know.

"It means, forced out." "Then say, 'Forced Out,' son, and forget your learning."

After which the veteran suggested to the youngster that he read the King James version of the Bible to find the noblest sentiments expressed in simple, beautiful language.

Except for proper names, there are few many-syllabled words in the Bible. And those which are long, are deep and wonderful in meaning. For example:

Crucifixion, resurrection, redemption, justification.

Lagoon

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contains a ton of in-jokes for film buffs.

The film is practically a 21-gun salute to Roger Corman's films and anyone who has followed his career will find a lot of nods to the Corman legend. The mall's pet store is lovingly named "Roger's Little Shop of Pets" and there is also an appearance by three stars of Corman's movies playing the same characters they did in his movies. Paul Bartel and Mary Woronov, are seen briefly as the Blands (the characters they played in "Eating Raul") and Dick Miller on hand as Walter Paisley (whom he

played in Roger's "Bucket of Blood"). All this and you even get an exploding head effect that is second only to the one in "Scanners."

Best line: "I guess I'm just not used to getting chased around a mall in the middle of the night by killer robots." 1986, rated R.

Readers looking for that obscure film on video or who just need help remembering the name of a film that they just can't get out of their mind can come to the Lagoon for help. Just send us an email at tom@floydcountytimes.com and we will try to help you out.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.



SHOCK TREATMENT Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite closed
 - 5 Doris Day refrain
 - 9 Junket
 - 13 Significance
 - 19 Prepare a pear
 - 20 Author Murdoch
 - 21 Run the show
 - 22 Five iron
 - 23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
 - 26 Shorthand inventor
 - 27 Periwinkle, e.g.
 - 28 Primeval upheaval
 - 29 See 14 Down
 - 31 Mil. policy
 - 32 Lassie's mother
 - 34 Puzzled
 - 37 Word with song or dive
 - 38 Question for a tardy electrician?
 - 44 Figure
 - 46 Nice time of year
 - 47 Genesis name
 - 48 Wordy Webster
 - 50 Eloquent equine
 - 52 Boa, but not cobra
 - 55 Raven maven?
 - 56 Dandy
 - 58 Quick snacks
 - 60 Roller-coaster feeling
 - 62 Apparel
 - 66 Alaric, for one
 - 68 Buddies
 - 70 South Seas novel
 - 71 — Marie Saint
 - 72 TV's — "Haw"
 - 73 Part of USSR
 - 76 Electrician's theme song?
 - 80 — "Parkington" ('44 film)
 - 81 GI's address
 - 82 — down (destroy)
 - 83 Melodious McEntire
 - 84 Galba's garment
 - 86 First state
 - 89 Paradise
 - 90 Sleeve type
 - 94 — nous
 - 95 Cen. segments
 - 97 — "Tiki"
 - 100 Clear the windshield
 - 101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
 - 102 Cuban currency
 - 105 Ladies of the sea
 - 107 Hosp. areas
 - 108 — "luego"
 - 111 Electrician's teatime treats?
 - 115 Wading bird
 - 117 '65
 - Righteous Brothers hit
 - 119 Capote, on stage
 - 120 "Unforgettable" name
 - 121 Born
 - 122 — "Gay"
 - 126 One of the Titans
 - 130 Fleet
 - 133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
 - 137 Tidy up
 - 138 Relate
 - 139 "So — You" ('77 song)
 - 140 — friendly
 - 141 Borgnine or Gallo
 - 142 Award for 101
 - 143 Cross
 - 144 Work in the lab
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Feigns
 - 2 Dear fellow?
 - 3 Surface measurement
 - 4 Dwell
 - 5 — vous plait!
 - 6 Skater Heiden
 - 7 Loaded
 - 8 Sailing
 - 9 Wagner hero
 - 10 Capek drama
 - 11 Unwell
 - 12 Italian specialty
 - 13 Mischievous
 - 14 With 29
 - Across, rum cocktail
 - 15 Washington hrs.
 - 16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
 - 17 Lasso
 - 18 Mortise's mate
 - 24 Wilde work
 - 25 Aim
 - 30 Burro
 - 33 From — Z
 - 36 Page
 - 37 Bit of parsley
 - 38 Singer Dottie
 - 39 Craving
 - 40 Parent
 - 41 Diamond authority?
 - 42 — Paulo, Brazil
 - 43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
 - 45 Both: prefix
 - 49 Humble house
 - 51 Prevent
 - 53 Torn or Taylor
 - 54 Defect
 - 57 Perform a pirouette
 - 59 — a Lady ('71 hit)
 - 61 Andes animal
 - 63 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
 - 64 Got a galley going
 - 65 Fancy dessert
 - 67 Relish
 - 69 Bedtime reading
 - 73 Mean Marquis
 - 74 Removes the cork
 - 75 Poet turned electrician?
 - 77 Nebbish
 - 78 Maris or Mattingly
 - 79 "My word!"
 - 85 Generation
 - 87 La Scala songs
 - 88 Moistens
 - 91 Pride papa
 - 92 Lot size
 - 93 Stack role
 - 96 Splinter group
 - 98 Hold the deed
 - 99 Safety —
 - 103 — generis
 - 104 Hospital worker
 - 106 Fast way to the UK
 - 109 Lodger
 - 110 Lincoln or Lyman
 - 112 Betting setting
 - 113 Learn fast?
 - 114 End product
 - 115 Cockamamie
 - 116 Less adorned
 - 118 Ms. Midler
 - 123 Leave out
 - 124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
 - 125 Hill dwellers
 - 127 — majesty
 - 128 Belligerent deity
 - 129 Spanish artist
 - 131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
 - 132 — Plaines, IL
 - 134 Clear one's throat
 - 135 Common street name
 - 136 NASA affirmative

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Attire Contest Pretty Tempress
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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A3

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

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812 - Free

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