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In brief

Man charged with killing dog

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — A Langley man is charged with second-degree cruelty to animals for allegedly shooting a dog multiple times.

According to the police report, Israel J. Benner, 31, shot a Jack Russell Terrier belonging to Loretta Gregory four times, then started beating and kicking the dog's corpse before trying to hide its remains.

Benner arrested on Tuesday and taken to the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$500 cash bond and was ordered to have no unlawful contact with Gregory by Floyd District Judge James R. Allen.

Benner is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Dec. 17.

Feds indict man for marijuana

PIKEVILLE — A federal grand jury indicted a Pike County man Thursday for allegedly growing marijuana this past summer.

Johnny Smith Jr. faces one count of manufacturing marijuana, according to records filed in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

According to the indictment, Smith is alleged to have been found growing more than 50 marijuana plants on July 16 of this year. Marijuana is considered by the federal government to be a Schedule I controlled subject.

The felony count could land Smith in federal prison for 20 years if convicted and see him facing \$1 million in fines.

Allen curfew plan becomes moot point

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Mayor Sharon Woods now says there is no reason to introduce a new ordinance for a business curfew within the city limits of Allen.

Woods says, and city records at least partly reflect, that an ordinance setting a curfew for businesses has already been passed.

"I had told them we had already passed an ordinance on this before," Woods said Friday.

The idea of imposing a 9 p.m. curfew on businesses came up last month, when city leaders began fielding complaints about what has been described as a local "poker room."

The establishment, which had been used as a second-hand store in the past, is located just across the street from

city hall and is also the only establishment that is open after 9 p.m. As a result, the ordinance would have only been applicable to that location.

However, Woods says that the issue has not only been dealt with a year ago, but also that the owners of the property and building have "decided to make the building into a residence instead of a business."

According to records at city hall, the

motion to create the ordinance was passed on Oct. 8, 2007. However, the actual ordinance has not yet been located, said city clerk Debra Lumpkins.

"We're still looking for the ordinance," Lumpkins said Friday. "But we do have the minutes reflecting that it was voted on and passed on that date."

Woods said in mid-October that the

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BREATHING EASIER



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Highlands Regional Medical Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday to celebrate the hospital's decision to go tobacco-free. Saint Joseph's Hospital of Martin also went tobacco-free on Thursday.

Postal workers indicted

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A lawsuit filed last week in Floyd Circuit Court will see Highlands Regional Medical Center seeking a favorable decision against Pikeville Medical Center relating to a lease agreement.

The cornerstone of the lawsuit is a \$2,700 per month lease agreement that HRMC representatives contend is "grossly inflated" above market value.

The property in question is a 737-square-foot suite located on the first floor of the Archer Memorial Clinic in Prestonsburg.

The lawsuit was filed by attorney Mark D. Guilfoyle on behalf of HRMC and named Pikeville Medical Center, represented by Pam May, as the defendant.

According to court records, Prestonsburg Clinic Associates entered into the lease agreement with PMC on Aug. 15, 2005. The lease is to expire on Jan. 2, 2010, but HRMC is asking that the agreement be deemed unlawful due to the market value.

The \$2,700 monthly lease currently breaks down to cost \$3.66 per square foot for the office space, the lawsuit claims, adding that the next highest suite pays \$2.07 per square foot.

There is also a section in the lawsuit that includes the overall monthly average per square foot for all the rental units in the building. This breaks down at \$1.35 per square foot for all the

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Hospitals stop all smoking

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

"Well, I guess it's for the best," James Sexton said, stubbing out his cigarette before trekking across the parking lot of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Sexton, a resident of Hindman who came to the hospital to visit a family member, said he has no real qualms with the hospital's decision to go tobacco-free on Thursday.

"Hospitals are in the health business, so it makes sense," Sexton said. "I'm not going to quit smoking, but I won't do it on hospital property. I respect what they are doing and I hope everybody follows the new rule."

Highlands and Saint Joseph's Hospital of Martin both officially went tobacco-free on Thursday in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout. Highlands held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the decision.

"The use of tobacco by everyone is

now prohibited at Highlands," said CEO Bud Warman. "We realize that enforcing it will be difficult, but we are going to encourage people to give up tobacco on their own. Promoting wellness and general welfare is our purpose for being here."

Along with testimonies from medical professionals about the dangers of smoking, educational material was also available at the event, and attendees

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Garrett FD gets grant for truck

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A lot has changed since 1981, especially for volunteer firefighters throughout the county.

It was in 1981 when five men, including current assistant chief Terry Triplett, decided to form the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department. Those were lean years, according to Triplett.

"Back then, if we had \$5,000 a year we were flying," said Triplett, who said he and the other members once used a coal stove to heat their building and had no running water. "When we first started me, the chief, Bruce Scott, the recording

secretary and two board members put up our own property for a bank note to get a new fire truck."

That new truck cost about \$19,000 back then, a far cry from the nearly \$250,000 truck the fire department is readying itself to purchase in the coming weeks.

The purchase is made possible through a recent grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The fire department was awarded \$237,500 Friday as part of a matching grant. The department will be required to tack on the remaining \$12,500 to fill out the full amount.

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation on Tuesday making November National Hospice/Palliative Care Month. Pictured left to right are Paula Spradlin, community resource coordinator. Amy Greene, social worker, and Sheila Joseph, director of Hospice of the Bluegrass — Mountain Rivers.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Diana (Gyeannie) Bailey, 79, of Kendallville, Indiana, a Floyd County native, died Monday, November 17, at Parkview Noble Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James (Jim) M. Branham, 74, of Chelsea, Michigan, a Martin native, died Thursday, November 13. He is survived by his wife, Ella Branham. Funeral services were held Monday, November 17, under the direction of Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

■ Lois Ethel (Lady Bug) Burke, 70, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, November 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Clinton Ray Campbell, 32, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 14, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Carla Gibson Campbell. Funeral services were held Monday, November 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Pauline (Watson) Gilbert, 82 of Fife Lake, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, November 17, at Kalkaska Memorial Health LTC, in Michigan. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Evelyn E. Hamilton, 79, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, November 18, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Michelle Lee Harmon, 36, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 14, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Timothy King. Funeral services were held Monday, November 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Chester Paul "Mutt" Higgins, of Columbus, Ohio, a Garrett native, died Monday, November 17. He is survived by his wife, Helen Jean Higgins. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Evans Funeral Home.

■ Eugene Johnson, 68, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, a native of Floyd County, died Saturday, November 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Agness Irene Johnson. Funeral services were held Wednesday,

November 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maureen R. Martin, 85, of Martin, died Saturday, November 15, in the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ida Mae Hall Slone Pritchard, 96, of Dwale, died Monday, November 17, at Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Vance Caleb Ray, 21, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, November 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 19, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Maxine Conley Reed, 98 of Hueysville, died Monday, November 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Marjorie Rudder, 83, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 18, at St. Joseph, Martin. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Greg "Google" Shepherd, 38, of Hueysville, died Thursday, November 13, in Knott County. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth (Perkins) Triplett, 98, of Garrett, died Wednesday, November 12. Graveside services were held Monday, November 17, under the direction of Arch L. Heady-Cralle Funeral Home, 2428 Frankfort Ave. Louisville.

■ Mekka Anlyn Waddles, daughter of Jess Waddles and Cortney Hall of Teaberry, was stillborn on Friday, November 14, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Shafter Jeffery Couch, 26, of Campbellsville, formerly of Sassafras, died Thursday, November 6, at home. A memorial service was held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Pam Mullins Halcomb, 57, of Hindman, died Tuesday, November 11, at the

Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 15, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Alberta Everage Madden, 98, of Amburgey, died Tuesday, November 11, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Tommy M. Newman, 51, of Georgetown, died Thursday, October 23, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Roy Short, 67, of Mousie, died Thursday, November 6, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Bob Edward Skiles, 49, of Vicco, died Saturday, November 15, at the Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Jimmy Darrell Slone, 60, of Leburn, died Sunday, November 9, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Jimmy Darrell Smith, 61, of Topmost, died Thursday, November 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Thornsberry. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Wendell Bruce Thornsberry, 65, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, November 5, at the New Life Hospice Center, Lorain, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Thornsberry. Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Joy Dene Tignor, 73, of Snellville, Georgia, formerly of Knott County, a native of Drift, died Sunday, August 31. Graveside services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

PIKE COUNTY

■ June Justice Bertrand, 87, of Hespera, California, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, November 7. Interment was in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Pikeville, Saturday,

November 22.

■ Dorsie Potter Clevinger, 87, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, November 17, at the Mountain View Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Lawrence "L.D." Daniels, 40, of Williamson, West Virginia, a Pike County native, died Monday, November 17, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Myrtle Gooden, 80, of Virgie, died Monday, November 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Kennie Hackney, 78, of Canada, died Tuesday, November 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Fairy Justice Hackney. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Paige Smallwood Scott, 64, of Tampa, Florida, formerly of Pikeville and Lexington, died Monday, November 17, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Joe B. Scott Jr. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Loyless Funeral Home, Land O'Lakes, Florida.

■ Edgar Nathan Venters Jr., 47, of Jupiter, Florida, a

Pikeville native, died Monday, November 17, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date. J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Monnie L. Daniels, 41, of Fort Gay, a native of Louisa, died Thursday, November 20, in King's Daughters Medical Center. Young Funeral Home in Louisa is in charge of arrangements.

■ Frances "Frankie" Lyon, 88, of Blaine, died Thursday, November 13, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Charles Ray Spillman, 44, of Louisa, died Saturday, November 15. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Burchett Spillman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 18, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Charles Leon "Tobe" Castle, 64, of Wittensville, died Monday, November 17, at Corner Stone Hospital of Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Castle. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Howard Martin Copley, 63, of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, November 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Copley. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under

the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Vineliea Mae Rose Sagraves, 80, of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, November 18, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Vonda Castle Vanhoose, 93, of Nippa, died Tuesday, November 18, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Lyda Jo Salyer Wright, 82, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, November 18. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Laura Bell Endicott, 67, of Buffalo Horn, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, November 12. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Shadle Fletcher Jr., 70, of Debord, died Friday, November 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Jude Fletcher. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Elberta Horn Jarrell, 86, of Inez, died Friday, November 14, at her residence. Funeral services were

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Garrett

"We're going to buy a new truck to replace an old one we have right now," Triplett said, adding the additional money will be made possible through taxes.

The old one, a 1967 model, is one of four trucks in operation at the department, which Triplett has been a loyal member of during his long career as a firefighter.

"You have to love it," he said Friday of volunteering his time over the course of the last 27 years. "It's a crazy thing. I've went to work in the coal mines on less than two hours sleep before, and so have a lot of others. I'd say about 90 percent of us sleep with our scanners on all the time."

However, Triplett is quick to point out that Garrett is no

different than any of the other 15 fire departments across the county.

"It's not just us," said Triplett, who worked as a miner for 33 years before retiring. "All volunteer firefighters in this county and across the nation do the same thing."

"But you've got to be dedicated. When you're out there at two in the morning, there's nobody there to see what you've done and a lot of people don't even know you do it."

But that's fine with Triplett. The bigger picture is the simple pleasure and sense of accomplishment that comes with knowing you've served your community, he says.

"There have been times in the years that I've been working when, if we hadn't been

there, most of the town would have been lost," he said.

One night in particular, when the Garrett Grocery Store was burning, stays with him today.

"If we hadn't cut that fire off and saved the buildings that were connected, we could have lost the town," he said. "We had to make the decision that the grocery store was going to just have to burn and try to save the others."

Garrett, a former coal camp town, is known for its condensed residential and business organization, with homes only a few feet apart in some places and businesses often housed in buildings attached to numerous others, such as the old grocery store.

"Attached to the grocery store was a hotel and a parts store, and another business," continued Triplett. "We worked to save the other businesses after we saw the grocery couldn't be saved."

Now, with a second sizable grant in as many years (the department saw \$118,000 last year for equipment), Triplett says he and the other 20 volunteer firefighters at the Garrett fire department are not taking the back-to-back grants in stride.

"We consider ourselves extremely lucky to have this two years in a row," he said Friday.

And the community of

Garrett would most likely agree. Triplett says community support has always been crucial to the staying power of the department.

In those lean seven years before Garrett became a taxing district in 1988, Triplett remembers holding bake sales and fundraising events that were mostly supported by the firefighters themselves and others in the community.

"A lot of times we would buy our own cakes at bake sales," he said, laughing. "We use to pick up cans and have road blocks, anything to make a dollar. But the building we're in and the land we have were donated by people in the community. We have always had a lot of support from this community."

During that time, the fire department boasted 15 mem-

bers but only had "full gear" consisting of regulation coat, pants and boots, to suit up three firefighters, leaving many to go into fires wearing only their street clothes.

The new grant Friday is part of FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Since 2002, AFG has provided more than \$3.6 billion in grant money to fire departments and first responder organizations.

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Indicted

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units.

Included with the the lawsuit are three exhibits - a copy of the original lease agreement, a description of the other rental units located in the building, and a per square foot total on the amount each unit pays monthly for office space.

Some of the other businesses in the building include Beltone, SV Cardiology and

offices for Dr. Sai Gutti and Dr. Lee Balaklaw.

In addition to asking that the lease agreement be considered unlawful, HRMC has asked that they be entitled to "immediate possession of the premises," that the court restrain and prohibit PMC from enforcing the agreement or from further occupying the building.

Curfew

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general problem at that time was complaints of noise at the establishment, adding then that she would be in agreement with an ordinance to address those complaints.

Though past minutes suggest an ordinance has already been passed, an ordinance drawn up last month in preparation of a then-first reading set out that businesses would be required to close their doors at 9 p.m. and "not to be opened after that time for further busi-

ness or any other reason."

It was included in that ordinance, which city leaders said would have been for "the safety and well-being of all its citizens," that fines for breaking the imposed curfew would result in fines of no less than \$25 and no more than \$100.

Until the original 2007 ordinance reflected in the city's records is found, it cannot be determined if the details match the language and guidelines proposed in last month's draft.

Smoking

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were able to enjoy cakes with the familiar no-smoking logo on the icing.

Saint Joseph's Hospital in Martin also went tobacco-free, eliminating designated areas outside of the hospital where employees, patients and visitors were formerly able to use tobacco products.

"As a health care organization, we are committed to building a healthier community including the health and safety of our employees, patients and visitors," said Kathy Stumbo, president. "Kentucky has the highest smoking rate in the United States. We believe that we have a responsibility to take a leadership role addressing this major health issue and allowing people to use tobacco products defeats this purpose." Saint Joseph also provided visitors with educational material and options to help smokers and other tobacco users to quit the habit.

According to information provided by both hospitals, Kentucky has the highest smoking rate in the United States at 29 percent, compared with the national average of 21 percent. A report by the U.S. Surgeon General estimates that more than 430,000 Americans, including 8,000 Kentuckians, die each year as a result of tobacco use, and secondhand smoke kills more than 50,000 nonsmokers each year.

Obituaries

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held Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Floyd Allen Luster, 53, of Inez, died Monday, November 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betty Luster. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Mary Mae Maynard, 75, of Charley, a native of Martin County, died Sunday, November 16. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Judy Ann (Howard) Maynard, 51, of Huntleyville, died Saturday, November 1, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Lee Maynard. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

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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

Guest view

Dingell's carbon plan serves economy best

Congress seems to be moving toward a law that will sharply limit carbon emissions. Given that that's the case, such legislation should be balanced to have minimal impact on economic growth and job creation.

That's one of the reasons we are hoping Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich, prevails in fending off a challenge from California Rep. Henry Waxman, who hopes to unseat him as chairman of the House Commerce and Energy Committee.

Dingell has placed on the table a reasonable carbon cap-and-trade proposal that would employ market strategies for reducing greenhouse gases.

His legislation would cover roughly 88 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, bringing them to 6 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and 80 percent below those levels by 2050.

The bill would create a market for carbon credits. Limits would be placed on the amount of carbon a business could emit, and those that kept emissions below the limit could either sell their credits to others on the open market or bank them for the future.

Dingell's plan places the country on a steady path toward bringing carbon emissions under control, and makes the likely bet that between now and 2050 new technologies will emerge that will accelerate the ability to capture carbon from tailpipes and smokestacks.

Waxman, by contrast, proposes a far more aggressive timetable and stricter limits. He signed on to legislation that would ban any new coal-fired power plants built without a carbon capture system, an unrealistic measure that would send energy hungry industries fleeing overseas.

The Californian would also come down far harder on the automobile industry. He supports imposing California's proposed tailpipe standards on automakers, adding an extra \$65 billion to the industry's research and development tab.

Critics of Dingell, including powerful environmental groups, accuse him of being overly interested in protecting auto jobs.

But Dingell has considerable experience balancing economic growth against environmental protection. He crafted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts to do just that.

America is headed into a severe economic downturn. Unemployment hit a 17-year high last week. This is not a time to be strangling industry with overly burdensome environmental regulation.

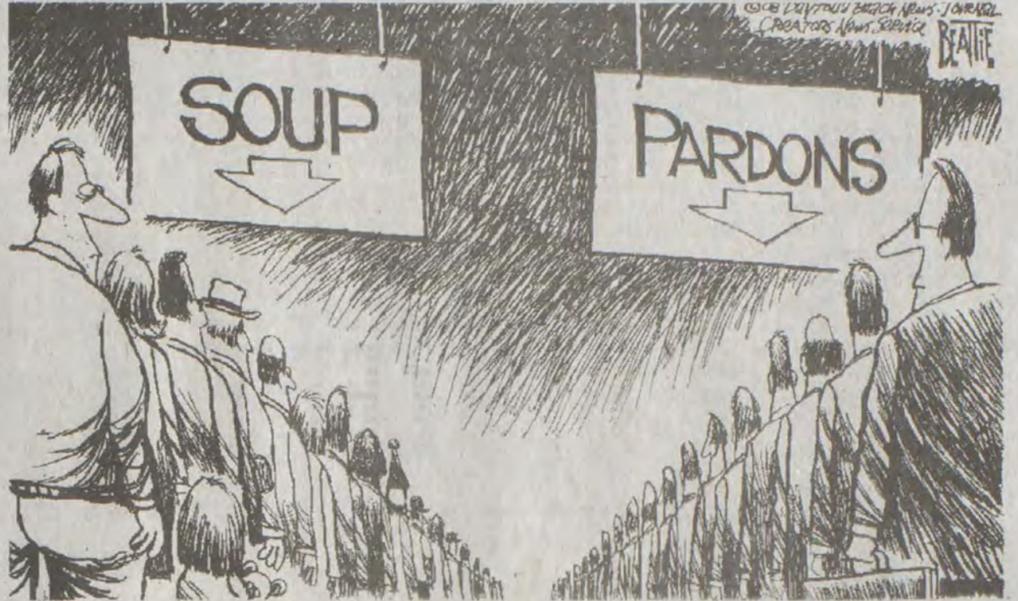
Dingell has proposed reasonable action against carbon emissions. Some jobs will surely be lost if it is enacted. But not nearly as many as if Waxman gets his way.

It's more than just hometown loyalty that causes us to root for Dingell in this fight.

The veteran congressman understands the need for both a clean environment and a healthy economy.

Attacking the climate change problem with a steady, rational plan is far better than adopting panicky legislation that reduces carbon emissions by destroying jobs.

— The Detroit News



Waning Days of the Bush Presidency

— Chuck Norris

If democracy doesn't work, try anarchy

Protestors of Proposition 8 in California (the marriage amendment) shoved aside a 69-year-old woman who was bearing a cross. They reportedly spit on her and stomped on her cross. They then aligned themselves in a human barricade, blocking the media from getting to or interviewing the woman.

Prop. 8 supporter Jose Nunez, 37, was assaulted brutally while distributing yard signs to other supporters after church services at the St. Stanislaus Parish in Modesto.

Calvary Chapel Chino Hills was spray painted by vandals after they learned that the church served as an official collection point for Prop. 8 petitions.

Letters containing white powder (obviously mimicking anthrax) were sent to the Salt Lake City headquarters of the Mormon church and to a temple in Los Angeles. (Thankfully, the FBI said the substance was non-toxic.)

The 25-year artistic director of the California Musical Theatre, who also happens to be a Mormon, was muscled to resign because of his \$1,000 donation to the campaign to ban gay marriage in California.

A pro-homosexual, pro-anarchy organization named Bash Back marched into the middle of a church service and flung fliers and condoms

to the congregants. They also hung a banner from the balcony that featured two lesbians in provocative positions at the pulpit.

And lastly, the tolerance-preaching activists also have taken their anger to the blogosphere, where posts have planted ideas ranging from burning churches to storming the citadels of government until our society is forced to overturn Prop. 8. You even can find donor blacklists online. The lists include everyone who financially backed Prop. 8 — even those who gave as little as \$46 — with the obvious objective that these individuals will be bantered and boycotted for doing so.

What's wrong with this picture? Lots.

First, there's the obvious inability of the minority to accept the will of the majority. Californians have spoken twice, through the elections in 2000 and 2008. Nearly every county across the state (including Los Angeles County) voted to amend the state constitution in favor of traditional marriage.

Nevertheless, bitter activists simply cannot accept the outcome as being truly reflective of the general public. So they have placed the brainwashing blame upon the crusading and misleading zealotry of those religious villains: the Catholics, evangel

ical Protestants, and especially Mormons, who allegedly are robbing the rights of American citizens by merely executing their right to vote and standing upon their moral convictions and traditional views.

What's surprising (or maybe not so) is that even though 70 percent of African-Americans voted in favor of Proposition 8, protests against black churches are virtually nonexistent. And everyone knows exactly why: Such actions would be viewed as racist. Yet these opponents of Prop. 8 can protest vehemently and shout obscenities in front of Mormon temples without ever being accused

of religious bigotry. There's a clear double standard in our society. Where are the hate-crime cops when religious conservatives need them?

There were many of us who passionately opposed Obama, but you don't see us protesting in the streets or crying "unfair." Rather, we are submitting to a democratic process and now asking how we can support "our" president. Just because we don't like the election outcome doesn't give us the right to bully those who oppose us. In other words, if democracy doesn't tip our direction, we don't swing to anarchy. That would be like the Wild West, the resurrection of which seems to be hap-

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Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway

Republicans hold great lure for the dumb

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

You've probably seen that tragic, hilarious football story out of Alabama. It tells us a lot about the recent presidential election we all miss so much. Let me refresh your memory on the details:

After the University of Alabama beat Louisiana State University at football a week or so ago, an LSU fan named Smith in southern Alabama called his pal Williams, an Alabama fan, to vent his rage. An argument ensued. Heated words were exchanged. An agitated Smith decided to go to Williams' house and settle the argument in person. He took his wife with him. Also a gun. Williams was waiting for him. With a shotgun. (I have no idea whether these yokels were members of the NRA but I wouldn't be surprised.)

One thing led to another and before you knew it Williams had shot Smith dead. Also Smith's wife. The lesson being that southerners take their football very seriously.

But football isn't the only thing southerners take seriously. There's also Nutball Republican politics, the intellectual home of Republicans known as "the base."

John McCain didn't carry many states but, with the exception of the relatively unpopulated mountain-west states and Alaska, they were all in the South. Basically, he was elected president of the Confederate States of America. (Congratulations, John! Not coincidentally, at this writing,

the five top college football teams all come from the former Confederacy, as do 15 of the top 25.

Here is my point:
You don't have to be dumb to think of football as a life-and-death matter, but it helps.

So too with reactionary conservatism.

The Republican Party has become the party of dumb. Oh, you can deny it, you Republicans out there, but for years now, your candidates have played the dumb card. No matter what the question — George W. Bush, Sarah Palin, global warming, Freedom Fries, stem cell research, Dan Quayle, evolution, Star Wars — you've always come down on the dumb side of the answer.

With the result that there's been a gradual dumbing down of the party until the only places that really bought what John McCain was selling were places where people kill people over football games.

You've heard of liberal bias? (If you watch Fox News, you've heard of little else.) Conservatives argue that the public was bamboozled into voting for Obama by a biased liberal media.

Not so. (Do you really think America is sitting on the edge of its chair, waiting to get its marching orders from Tom Brokaw?) Journalists may have a barely discernible liberal outlook — no more than a slight tilt — but their real bias is toward smart. They almost always favor the candidate whom they perceive to be smarter than the other guy. And it's seldom the Republican

On the other hand, there are media outlets whose bias is toward dumb. Fox News leaps to mind of course, but there is also the "New York Post," "The Washington Times," the editorial page of "The Wall Street Journal," the "Pittsburgh Tribune-Review," William Kristol of "The New York Times" of all places, and AM radio. Republican supporters all.

Any of these entities, given the choice, will take dumb over smart every time. Indeed, Rush Limbaugh (a famous football fan, by the way) defended his title as the Prince of Dumb the other day by claiming that Barack Obama had caused the current economic mess.

"The Obama recession is in full swing, ladies and gentlemen," he said on his radio show. That's dumber than even William Kristol would go.

I suppose the GOP could start lurching back to smart in an effort to win back voters but it seems to be going the other way. They're already talking up Sarah for president in 2012. Many smart conservatives — George Will, Colin Powell, Christopher Buckley, Chuck Hagel — are jumping ship.

I think, maybe, Republicans will have to be content to win football games rather than elections from now on. And not shoot each other. They can't afford to lose any more true believers.

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This Town, That World

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

A friend has ventured the idea that, inasmuch as this column went on vacation last week, we should have plenty to write about after the rest. Maybe so, but I've found the matter not unlike catching up on sleep. You don't do it. Anyway, somebody has been kind enough to say that the column was missed. Great! It's good to be missed in more ways than one—by friendly readers and by brick-bats.

THE DECISION

For weeks now I have been reading and hearing predictions of the winter to come. There have been those who have assured one and all that this winter will be worse than last. They consulted the wooly worms, spiders' webs, sunspots, weather patterns, everything. There are those who, on the other hand, are less pessimistic and predict with equal assurance that we're going to get a break with a milder winter.

All this has brought me to a momentous decision, which is this: I intend to wait and see (if I may, please) and then take whatever comes as best I may.

THE QUICK MISQUE

Somebody once upon a time sat himself down and counted all the ways you can make a mistake in printing a newspaper. Counted the number of words in a line, the number of words in a column and the number of letters in all the words, and so on. The odds against an error-free job are astronomical.

But we don't have to go a column to mess up the job. Last week, for instance, two innocent words did the trick. The outline for Governor Carroll's Page 1 photo at Garrett was written, "Flanked by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley and Representative 'Jitter' Allen..." and, so help me, if it didn't come out, "Thanked by..."

This is one of several good reasons I have for trying not to be too critical of others and their boo-boos.

CAN'T DECENCY BE ART, TOO?

In confess, I am a bit confused about this matter of realism.

In what passes as literature, these days, they justify what some may consider plain pornography by explaining that it's true to life—realism, no less. But when, you turn to art, the artist, one such as the beloved Norman Rockwell who died the other day, is downgraded as too photographic in his work, which says to me that he is being accused of being too realistic, or true to life.

I dunno.

It's true, according to

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LET IT SNOW

State's salt truck, snow plow operators ready for snow

by SARA GEORGE
INFORMATION OFFICER, HIGHWAY
DISTRICT 12

Snow and Ice Training for maintenance specialists in Highway District 12 started with a personalized definition of a salt truck operator: A highly skilled professional who operates a 17-ton truck loaded with 8 tons of salt with a 10-foot plow in places most people would not dare with dry pavement much less covered with snow. With nerves of steel will go anywhere at anytime regardless of weather conditions.

"Snow and ice covered roads are more than an inconvenience," said Matthew Moore, PE, the district's Training Coordinator for Snow and Ice Preparation. "There is the potential for huge economic losses as well as loss of life. Across the country, accident rates rise as much as 1300 percent during a significant weather situation. That means for every one crash during dry weather, there are 1300 crashes during winter weather events."

Colder weather is bearing down on the commonwealth, which means the winter travel season is nearing. While others are busy preparing the usual turkey feast, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is mobilizing its resources to make sure driving conditions are as safe as possible this season.

"Safety will always be our main concern, and many times we face our greatest tests during the winter months," Transportation Secretary Joe Prather said. "When winter weather hits, whether it's in the middle of the night, on a weekend or a holiday, our dedicated personnel answer the call. We are extremely fortunate to have a team so devoted to serving others."

Maintenance crews in all 120 counties are prepared to work as long as it takes and as often as required to keep the roads in the best possible condition during winter weather.

This year the Transportation Cabinet has 320,000 tons of salt and almost 2 million gallons of liquid chloride on hand at numerous locations statewide. The cabinet will use approximately 1,000 state-owned trucks and more than 330 contract snow and ice trucks to keep the roads clear.

Crews used over 250,000 tons of salt and 2.8 million gallons of liquid chloride during the 2007-08 snow and ice season.

Last year, District 12 spent \$2,756,439 during Snow and Ice Season (October 31 through March 31). This total breaks down as follows: \$ 787,666 equipment, \$ 976,360 labor, \$ 688,576 materials, and \$303,837 expense for contract trucks. The district includes seven counties: Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Knott, Floyd, Pike, and Letcher.



Sate road workers are ready for winter weather.

During the 2007-2008 season, the district used 15,511 tons of salt and 77,239 gallons of liquid calcium chloride. In addition, district maintenance specialists manufactured salt brine at the Shelbiana maintenance facility in Pike County. Salt brine is used as an anti-icing agent prior to a snowfall.

Floyd County has two maintenance facilities. The Allen garage has five snow plows. Last year, their combined total of miles plowed was 7,013.8. They used 1022.94 tons of rock salt.

The Minnie facility has four snow plows. Last year, their combined total of miles plowed was 4,420.8. They used 630.45 tons of rock salt. The total materials cost for Floyd County was \$116,745.

This year the district has on hand 19,020 tons of rock salt – enough to treat 152,160 lane miles of road way at 250 pounds per lane mile – and 52,094 gallons of calcium chloride. In addition, the district has prepared 62,462 gallons of salt brine and purchased 297 bags of calcium pellets. The total value of materials on hand for the 10 maintenance facilities in the district's seven counties is \$1,280,460.00.

Darold Slone, PE, Project Delivery and Preservation Branch Manager for Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, and Floyd counties, said that safety is the main emphasis of the district's snow and ice training.

"First of all, no one operates a snow plow without a valid Commercial Driver's License," Slone said. "Our snow and ice crews average almost 11 years' experience, and most of them have cleared the same roads year after year, which means they literally know every bump and dip along the way."

Roads are worked according to a priority system that is based on the amount of traffic which travels the

road on a daily basis and whether or not the road is a critical route for emergency vehicles to get to medical facilities.

Priority A Routes should be completely salted during a routine winter storm within a two-hour turnaround from time of crew mobilization

Priority B Routes should be completely salted during a routine winter storm within a four-hour turnaround from time of crew mobilization. Priority B routes should be salted only after all Priority A routes have been addressed.

Priority C Routes are worked only after Priority A & B routes have been addressed and within an eight-hour turnaround of crew mobilization

Road condition reports for major routes in Kentucky are available by calling 511 or by visiting the 511 travel and traffic information web site at <http://511.ky.gov>. Conditions are described in the following manner:

Wet Pavement – The roadway is wet. Ice could form as the temperature drops.

Partly Covered – The roadway is partly covered with snow, slush or ice. Markings may be obscured.

Mostly Covered – The roadway is mostly covered with snow, slush, or ice. Roadway markers may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.

Completely Covered – The roadway is completely covered with snow, slush, or ice. Markings are obscured.

Impassable – Roadway conditions are not suitable for travel unless required by an emergency.

www.highwaysafety.ky.gov/files/tipsheets/winterdriving.pdf provides additional safe winter driving tips.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Exorcism'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A high body count and assorted deviant behaviors enliven this horror/soap opera hybrid that plays like an episode of "Dallas" that was hijacked by old Scratch himself.

The opening scene sets the awkward tone as the camera drops in on a beach party that would not appeal to Frankie Avalon or Annette Funicello. Instead of volleyball and weenie roasts, these kids kick up the sand by playing tonsil hockey, cavorting in the nude and passing around a goblet filled with human blood.

The beach blanket satanic orgy ends with a young couple (Leila and Richard) hitting the road in their convertible, which they promptly lose control of and plummet off a cliff. They are thrown from the vehicle and Leila awakens in the hospital, where we meet her strained family.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The family includes:

■ Mom, a twice-married snob whose second husband died in an asylum.

■ Brother John, concerned about sister's satanic tendencies when he isn't cavorting in the greenhouse with the family's maid.

■ Deborah, the carefree sister who likes to party.

The extended family includes a hulking driver named Udo, who enjoys walking the family dog, Bork, when he's not secretly photographing the sexual shenanigans of the family, and a priest/archaeologist named Father Dunning.

The film flirts with satanic possession for over an hour as we are exposed to the family dynamic. Brother John is convinced that the devil has entered Leila, but there are so many suspects and agendas in this twisted group that even Father Dunning is dubious that the devil would come near this clan. There are infighting, money woes and plenty of histrionics as Leila begins to exhibit odd behaviors that are downright cribbed from William Friedkin's "The Exorcist."

Meanwhile, the police get involved when people start turning up dead at the family mansion, with their heads completely twisted around. Eventually Udo confesses to the killings, but drops himself out of a convenient window before the police can examine his confession.

Just when you think you're getting ripped off, the devil finally takes over Leila and she gets ugly in a heartbeat, with various pustules and lesions sprouting all over her body.

It all comes down to a battle royale between Leila/Satan and Father Dunning, which sees poor Leila tossed down a flight of stairs and cold-cocked (this priest doesn't mess around). Sure enough Dunning beats the devil out of Leila, but that doesn't stop the Prince of Darkness, who

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A mother's intuition

by GLYNIS M. BELEC

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: MOMS KNOW BEST"

An orange-sherbet sunrise heralded the day as I reached for my morning tea. Glancing at the clock, I knew Amanda would soon be on her way home, tired from her night shift at the coffee shop in the city.

I went about my usual morning routine, and thought how determined my daughter was to earn enough money to help put herself through college. It was a challenge for her to

juggle two jobs, but she managed. As I drifted from dishes to dusting, I felt an unusual surge of concern for my now late-arriving daughter. I tried to keep busy, but I found myself watching out the window and listening for the familiar sound of Amanda's car pulling into the driveway.

A wave of nausea washed over me, and my heart raced for a moment. I closed my eyes and prayed for her safety, then chastised myself for being a paranoid mother. Amanda often jokingly reminded me about my smothering-mother tendencies. I

countered with the until you have children of your own" lecture. Was this one of those moments? I called Amanda's cell phone. No answer.

Something was terribly wrong. I felt an urge to jump in my car and look for her. First, though, I called out to God for direction. I cannot say I heard an audible voice — it was more like a gentle nudge, but I truly felt God wanted me to leave the house.

My heart raced as I followed the likely route Amanda would take home. I kept pushing the redial button on my cell phone, but Amanda was not answering. I felt a sudden grip of fear and pulled over to the side of the road, wondering what to do. I remembered the countless times

I had told Amanda to pray — how it was the most important step to take when fear crouched on the doorstep. So I prayed. I prayed that God would send His angels to protect my daughter.

My fear, thankfully, did not turn into panic, as I still felt compelled to drive. I drove for 40 minutes, but there was no sign of Amanda. Then my cell phone rang. My heart jumped to my throat. It was a female voice. The connection was so poor that I could hardly make



it out: "... accident ... Bethel Sideroad ..." I thought it was Amanda's voice, but I couldn't be sure. I was about 15 minutes away from the Bethel Sideroad, so I did my best to keep my composure and drove, praying without ceasing.

A sickening sight awaited me. An ambulance and two police cars blocked the path of oncoming traffic. I saw Amanda's little gray car

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Free handbook for landowners now available

Appalachian Voices has announced the distribution of the second edition of "Managing Your Woodlands: A Guide for Southern Appalachian Landowners."

This free guide serves as a manual for private forest landowners who strive to be good stewards and would like to learn about alternative methods for managing and

maintaining a healthy forest. The handbook also includes a companion DVD, "Landowner's Guide to Sustainable Forestry: Maximizing Profits While

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The second edition handbook shares insightful information on forest management plans, working with foresters and loggers, management options and techniques, forest ecology, forest health problems, economic considerations, and financial incentive programs for good management. The resource section of the handbook connects landowners with organizations and information to assist in making a reliable investment in forestland.

The companion DVD allows the viewer to see real life examples of sustainable forestry and protection of water quality, our most critical natural resource. The film features foresters and landowners from around the country, but particularly Missouri, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

If your organization would like to help publicize this free resource to your members and supporters, please contact Appalachian Voices. We would be happy to provide a speaker for your event or other outreach material.

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Norris

pening in these post-election protests.

I agree with Prison Fellowship's founder, Chuck Colson, who wrote: "This is an outrage. What hypocrisy from those who spend all of their time preaching tolerance to the rest of us! How dare they threaten and attack political opponents? We live in a democratic country, not a banana republic ruled by thugs."

Regardless of one's opinion of Proposition 8, it is flat-out wrong and un-American to intimidate and harass individuals, churches and businesses that are guilty of nothing more than participating in the democratic process. Political protests are one thing, but when old-fashioned bullying

techniques are used that restrict voting liberties and even prompt fear of safety, activists have crossed a line. There is a difference between respectfully advocating one's civil rights and demanding public endorsement of what many still consider to be unnatural sexual behavior through cruel coercion and repression tactics. One thing is for sure: The days of peaceful marches, such as those headed up by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seem to be long gone.

The truth is that the great majority of Prop. 8 advocates are not bigots or hatemongers. They are American citizens who are following 5,000 years of human history and the belief of every major people

and religion: Marriage is a sacred union between a man and a woman. Their pro-Prop. 8 votes weren't intended to deprive any group of its rights; they were safeguarding their honest convictions regarding the boundaries of marriage.

On Nov. 4, the pro-gay community obviously was flabbergasted that a state that generally leans left actually voted right when it came to holy matrimony. But that's exactly what happened; the majority of Californians — red, yellow, black and white — voted to define the margins

of marriage as being between one man and one woman. California is the 30th state in our union to amend its constitution in doing so, joining Florida and Arizona in this election. Like it or not, it's the law now. The people have spoken.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Lagoon

decides to take up residence in the nearest living soul — which turns out to be good old Bork.

This one is fun in the later reels but you get the impression that it was planned as a simple murder mystery set amongst the lifestyles of the rich and pampered until Friedkin's film began raking in the cash at the box office. The exorcism angle doesn't get much play until the last half-hour and those scenes appear to be lifted from the original film with beds shaking, gratuitous vomiting and the possessed woman adopting a deep voice.

That said, this is more fun than it should be, due to the casting of Spanish horror film star Paul Naschy as Dunning. Naschy has played every monster in the Universal Studios catalog, but he's not your typical horror star and looks like the offspring that would occur had John Belushi enjoyed a liaison with Arnold Schwarzenegger and a fire hydrant. Naschy even hosts the film and looks like he's still in peak form, despite being well into his 70s.

Best line: "Traumatology is not my specialty."
1974, unrated.

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Soup

wrapped around a broken hydro pole. The whole car was crushed. I gasped in horror and knew Amanda had surely perished in such a wreck. Feeling faint, I jammed on my brakes. A policewoman approached me, and I wailed in agony. I jumped out of my car, frantically screaming for Amanda. Just then, she stepped out of the ambulance. "Mom!" she called. I raced to her and clung to her with my arms and heart.

How had she survived? The paramedics kept saying it was nothing less than a miracle. The police officers, after they had calmed me down, told me they had expected to pull a body out of the car. In their estimation, no one should have

survived such a horrendous accident.

Amanda apparently had fallen asleep at the wheel, and as she hit the side of the road, her car had flipped twice and hit the hydro pole. The entire car was crushed — except for the driver's seat. She was taken to the hospital for observation, but other than a few scratches and bruises, she was fine.

I still marvel at the power of prayer and the sense of urgency that flooded my mind and heart that morning. The Almighty Protector shielded my Amanda — and sent His angels to protect her, just as I had prayed.

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Allen

Rockwell himself, he could not paint a sexy woman. But how he could portray life, his kind of life, the gentle, beautiful realities!

I maintain that it is as true to life, or as realistic, to record that a character spoke a blessing as it is to have him pronouncing a curse. By the same token, it strikes me that a Rockwell painting showing a couple going to church, their young daughter glorying in her Sunday best while her brother finds the trip a Calvary because he is in starched shirt and shiny shoes and on his best behavior is as realistic as the painting of a nude or of a bacchanalian scene.

This man Rockwell—no Rembrandt or Titian, certainly—is another of the reasons that I am thankful at this season of the year, a time when he probed the deep meanings of family, home and church, and portrayed them so, unforgettably.

RUBE THE CYNIC

There's no denying it. Mrs. Stovall caught the boys unawares with that call last week for a special session of the Legislature. But the village cynic wants to know why she wanted to inflict another Legislature so soon on the

people of Kentucky.

APPRECIATION

I am not so old that I can't remember the days when this newspaper accepted cabbages, potatoes, whatever there was to spare in lieu of cash for a subscription, I am reminded of this by a visit I had this week from an old friend, the Rev. C. H. Furman of Betsy Layne, who brought me some of the finest turnips I've seen. These were brought not in lieu of anything, simply as a gift. I appreciate the gift, but I appreciate more the giver.

A CANDIDATE'S FEAR

The woods are full of candidates for state office already. Don't run that pedestrian down, Mr. Motorist—he may be a candidate for governor.

The urge to get the old hat into the ring spreads. Lenna Moore has almost decided it isn't too early to start the ball rolling for poke warden again. Only one barrier is seen.

"I'm afraid Watt Hale will insist on me making disclosure of my finances," he grumbles.

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Have a good Thanksgiving—and I am not referring only to turkey.

Letters to Santa



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Helms set to join MSU women's tennis program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Ashland native and Boyd County High School (BCHS) women's tennis standout Brooke Helms has signed a national letter of intent to enroll at Morehead State. Helms' announcement was finalized this week by MSU head coach Kevin Fulton during the Fall signing period. She will have one more year of high school competition before becoming an MSU student-athlete in 2009-10.

At BCBS, Helms has advanced to the finals of the 16th region singles championship three straight years and won the singles regional title in 2007. She also was part of the duo that won the region doubles title in 2004 and 2005. Helms was the Region Player of the Year in 2007 and 2008.

Outside of high school tennis and in the junior ranks, Helms has stacked up an impressive and successful resume. In 2005, she was ranked 3rd in the USTA Kentucky rankings and climbed as high as 68th in the south region. She won the singles and doubles titles at the Ryan Holder State Closed Tournament in 2005 and repeated the singles title in 2008. In 2005, she also won the Girl's 18's Jason Issaacs Memorial Junior Doubles Championship and the Blairwood Championship – both exclusive and competitive junior events.

She was the champion of the Bennett Lake Memorial Junior Tournament in 2006, and won the Consolation of the Stuart Blazer event in 2006. She returned to win the Stuart Blazer Memorial in 2007, and also won the Bring It On Tournament. In 2005, Helms was a member of the Junior Davis/Fed Cup Team.

Softball Eagles ink four during fall signing period

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Morehead State head softball coach Holly Bruder has announced that four high school athletes have signed national letters-of-intent to join the Eagle program for the 2010 season. The newest MSU softball athletes are: Amber Riddle (Morehead/Rowan County High School), Anna Sommer (Southside, W. Va./Point Pleasant High School), Kayla Ashbrook (Canton, Ohio/Massillon Jackson High School), and Elizabeth Wagner (Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo, Ind.).

"We are very excited about the talent we signed for the class of 2009," said Bruder. "This class shares the desire and passion we want and need to move this MSU team onto bigger and better things for the future. These four all have the experience and success to add depth to next year's squad. We will be stronger and deeper because of them. They are excited and determined to come in and make an immediate difference."

Riddle, a local product from Morehead and Rowan County Senior High School, could be one of the most touted recruits in MSU history. With her senior year left to play, this power hitter has already set the Kentucky State career home run record with 38 and is poised to possibly break a bevy of other state records this season for the Lady Vikings. Riddle set the Kentucky single season record with 19 home runs as a junior in 2008 and also set single season state marks for most RBIs (77), most runs scored (65) and most grand slams (2). On the career charts for the state, she ranks third in doubles (67), first in grand slams (4), second in RBIs (195) and ninth in batting average (.495).

She also had a record-setting sophomore season in 2007 when she set the state single season record with 25 doubles and hit .569, which ranked as the ninth best batting average for a season in state history. She had 70 hits, 11 home runs, 61 runs and 62 RBIs in 2007 as well. In 2008 against Morgan County, Riddle established a state record by hitting a home run in three consecutive at-bats. She was an All-State pick in 2008 and is a member of the West Virginia Diamond Dusters summer league team. She helped RCSHA advance to the state tournament in 2008.

Sommer is a middle infielder/outfielder from Southside, W. Va. and Point Pleasant High School. She helped her team win the state championship in 2008 and boasts a career batting average of higher than .400. She was named All-Tournament at the district, region and state levels and was also named All-State.

Wagner is a middle infielder from Canton, Ohio who attends Jackson High School in Massillon. Her career numbers – with a season remaining – include a .388 batting average, 97 hits, 15 doubles, 10 triples and seven home runs. She also has 80 career runs scored and 68 RBIs. For 2006 through 2008, she was named to the All-Federal league team. She was named All-NEO in 2007 and was a Stark County All-Star in 2007 and 2008. Kayla ranked seventh among hundreds of players at the renowned Colorado Fireworks NFCA camp and ranked in the top 50 for all NFCA camps. She also is a member of the Ohio Wolfpack Black summer league travel ball program.

Wagner is a product of Kokomo (Ind.) High School where she set school records for batting average, extra-base hits, total bases, triples and also earned run average as a junior in 2008. She was named All-Conference in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and was Third-Team All-State in 2008. She ranked first in the state of Indiana in batting average in 2008. Wagner was a National Scholar Athlete as well in 2008. She is the starting shortstop for the Indy Dreams Gold travel ball program.

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Panorama

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good ball team," Martin commented. "I think the biggest factor early on for us is just time. Hunter and Logan have the potential to have a good year and I think there are two or three that are going to surprise some people with their improvement."

In the final game, Betsy Layne, under the guidance of Coach Junior Newsome, will take on Coal Grove

from Ohio. For the Bobcats, senior Josh Head returns along with a strong group of underclassman.

Following are the game times for each of the three preseason matchups: Game One – June Buchanan-Prestonsburg, 4:30 p.m.; Game Two – Pikeville-Allen Central, 6 p.m.; Game Three – Coal Grove-Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.

Alice Lloyd men escape St. Catherine in overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd Eagles held off a furious second half comeback, and escaped with a thrilling 80-76 overtime victory over the St. Catharine Patriots in a matchup Wednesday night at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

The Eagles got off to a slow start and trailed throughout most of the first half. They took the lead at the 4:50 mark on a jumper by senior Will Dillard, and managed to increase the margin to eleven (40-29) by the halftime break.

ALC opened the second half on a 10-1 run sparked by buckets from forwards Corey Hairston and Rodney Mitchell, and pushed the lead to 20 (50-30) with just under 16:00

remaining in the contest.

The Eagles suddenly went ice cold, and the Patriots made their move. Sparked by the one-two punch of guard Brandon Johnson and big-man Arthur Latham, SC went on a 24-6 run over the next nine minutes, and cut the deficit to two at 56-54.

From this point, the teams traded baskets until the last minute. St. Catharine's Kevin Owens banked in an inside shot to tie the game at 67 apiece with twenty seconds remaining. On the ensuing possession, the Eagles fumbled the ball with six seconds left. In the scramble, Latham

picked up the loose ball and sped to the bucket for the potential game winning shot. His contested layup, however, missed the mark, and ALC had its first overtime game of the season.

Given new life in OT, the senior Mitchell stepped up with several strong post moves. His two goals, sandwiched around a Hairston bucket, gave the Eagles a cushion of six at 76-70 with two minutes remaining. SC cut the lead to two, but ALC connected on four free throws to ice the game.

Mitchell led the Eagles (6-1) with 19 points and seven

rebounds. Dillard followed with 18 points and a game-high nine assists. Also in double figures for host ALC were the senior Hairston with 14 points, and sophomore Corey Dixon, who chipped in 10 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Johnson led the Patriots (0-5) with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He was followed by Latham, who looked impressive with 20 points and game-high 19 rebounds.

The Eagles return to the hardwood on Tuesday for much anticipated showdown with the Pikeville College Bears. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center. Women's basketball teams from the two schools will meet in a matchup prior to the men's game



Rodney Mitchell

Lady Eagles defeat SC, claim second consecutive road victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARDSTOWN – In a defensive battle on the road Tuesday night, the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team picked up its second straight road win, knocking off host St. Catharine 65-53.

ALC took the early lead and was able to preserve it in a hotly-contested first half. With the tempo slowed, Alice Lloyd squeezed out a 31-26 advantage and went into the intermission in front.

In the second half, ALC picked up its defensive intensity. The Lady Eagles held St. Catharine to a paltry 28.9-percent shooting from the field, while managing to connect on

an impressive 52.4-percent themselves. Combining that with timely free throw shooting, the girls kept the Lady Patriots at bay as they picked up the nice win.

For ALC (3-2), Sierra Wynn put on an outstanding all-around performance. The junior forward finished the contest with 18 points, connecting on four-of-eight field goals and nine-of-10 free throws. For good measure, Wynn pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds as she registered her first double-double of the season.

Senior guard Kaylan Richardson also finished the night in double figures. The 5-7 shooter chipped in 10 points for the Lady Eagles. Richardson hit two three-point goals.

Sophomore Nicole Lutes added nine points on shooting from beyond the arc and grabbed seven rebounds, while senior Camille Cook contributed eight points, four rebounds and five assists.

Junior Chelsea Jarrell also did her part, adding eight

points and five boards. Freshman guard Whitney Frazier added seven points and five assists.

For St. Catharine (2-), Courtney Milam led the way with 19 points. Guards E Rogers and Iona Cauldwell chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lady Eagles return to the hardwood on Saturday afternoon on the road in travel to Cincinnati, Ohio to face the University of Cincinnati Clermont Cougars. The game ended too late to make it a home game.

The Lady Eagles will host Pikeville College Tuesday night at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.



Kaylan Richardson

Rose leads Colonels past Winston-Salem State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – Senior Mike Rose scored 20 points on 6-of-8 three-point shooting and the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team held the visiting Winston-Salem State Rams to just 19 points in the second half to secure its first victory of the season Tuesday night, 69-44. Eastern Kentucky improved to 1-1 while WSSU dropped to 0-2.

Rose's 20 points lead all scorers while junior Papa Opong chipped in with 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Sophomore Justin Stommes added 11 points and redshirt freshman Deveyon Hunter came off the bench to lead all reserves with five points. Freshman Joshua Jones recorded a game-high five assists.

Forward Jamal Durham and guard Paul Davis led Winston-Salem State with 12 points apiece.

With the game tied 6-6, Eastern Kentucky went on a 6-0 run, courtesy of two straight three-pointers by Stommes, to pull ahead of the Rams, 12-6. Winston-Salem State, however, clawed back to tie it, 15-15, with 7:45 left in the first half.

With the game tied, 17-17, Durham knocked down a three and then guard Lamar Monger hit a floater in the lane to give Winston-Salem State a five point lead. Rose, however, responded with two consecutive three-pointers to push the Colonels advantage back to 23-22 with 2:59 showing on the clock. Rose then sank two free throws to send it into halftime tied at 25.

The Colonels shot just 39 percent in the first half, but held the Rams to only 30 percent shooting. Rose led the Colonels at the half with eight points. Durham led all scorers with 10 points.

Trailing 28-25 early in the second stanza, the Colonels exploded on a 10-2 run, highlighted by two Rose threes and two buckets by Opong, to take a 37-30 lead with 16:35 showing on the clock. A baseline jumper by freshman Jorge Camacho, a free throw by senior Ryan Wiersma and another three by Rose gave ECU its first double digit lead of the night, 44-33, with 9:44 to go. Another Rose three pointer – his sixth of the night – and a layup by Opong ballooned the Colonel lead to 49-33.

Following a Camacho

layup, Stommes put an exclamation on the victory with a thundering one-handed dunk down the lane that put ECU up 59-35.

ECU made up for a subpar first half with a 60 percent shooting performance in the second half as the Colonels shot 51 percent for the game. More importantly, the Colonels held the Rams 33 percent shooting in the second half and 31 percent for the game.

ECU men's basketball program signs two recruits: Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball head coach Jeff Neubauer has announced that high school senior Willie Cruz and collegiate sophomore Spencer Perrin have signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the Colonels in 2009-10.

Cruz is a 6-4 guard from L'Anse Creuse High School, which is just outside of Detroit, Mich. As a junior, Cruz averaged 20.5 points and 8.3 rebounds per game on his way to earning all-conference, second team all-area, and honorable mention all-state honors. He shot 41.6 percent from the floor last year and also chipped in with 3.2 assists per game. Cruz's career high is 33 points and he knocked down a

career-best six three-pointers in a game.

"Willie Cruz showed throughout the summer that he is a competitor," Neubauer said. "He shot the ball well and rebounded well and played like an unselfish guard. His toughness throughout the summer recruiting period is really what attracted us to him."

Perrin hails from Danville where he played high school basketball for Boyle County a senior. He led the Rebels with 21 points and 10 rebounds per game in 2006-07 and helped Boyle County reach the 12th Region championship game. The 6-5 sophomore forward is currently in his second year at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill. Last season Perrin led his squad with 16 rebounds per game while averaging 12.2 points per game.

"It's great for us to add local product to our program," Neubauer said. "Spencer Perrin has had a very productive career at Lake Land College. His eagerness to become a Colonel was a huge part of why we were impressed with him. We expect him to have a great year this year at Lake Land and a super career as a Colonel as well."

EK Miners tickets remain on sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – East Kentucky Miners fans still have an opportunity to secure their tickets for the 2008-09 campaign. Miners season tickets remain on sale. Tickets for the 2008-09 season went on sale Saturday, Oct. 18. East Kentucky will play 16 home games inside the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center as part of a 32-game schedule during the 2008-09 season. There's a season ticket package suitable for all fans. Four different seating levels – Courtside (\$384 Season Ticket), Sections 103-106, 118-121 (\$256 Season Ticket), Sections 101-102, 122-123, 111-113, (\$192 Season Ticket); and All Upper Arena Seats (\$105 Season Ticket) – are available. East Kentucky Miners season tickets are available through the team's office, the East Kentucky Expo Center and TicketMaster.



THE PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM entered the weekend 7. Pikeville College will meet rival Alice Lloyd College in an upcoming matchup.

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Waterfowl season looks promising

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Breeding conditions in the northern Great Plains states and the Prairie Pothole region of Canada were dismal last spring. That would normally spell poor hunting for the upcoming waterfowl seasons that open Nov. 23 for Canada goose and Nov. 27 for ducks, but this could be an exceptional hunting year.

"We have a lot of ducks in west Kentucky right now," said John Brunjes, migratory bird biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The Mississippi River flooding this past summer in Iowa, Missouri and Illinois may have caused less food availability up north and pushed them here. We should have a good waterfowl season this year."

Ballard Wildlife Management Area in Ballard County has been a waterfowl hunting mecca for decades and

is a good bellwether for the prospects of the upcoming season.

"We have between 50,000-60,000 ducks on the area right now," said Charlie Wilkins, area manager for Ballard Wildlife Management Area (WMA). "We have a few hundred white-fronted geese as well. With the winds out of the north, we should pick up some more ducks over the next several days."

Cold spring weather greatly affected the waterfowl breeding areas in Canada and the northern Great Plains. "They had snow on the ground up north until June," Brunjes said. "There is little to no waterfowl breeding with snow on the ground. The birds are still there, but reproduction was impacted."

Those birds are also showing up all over Kentucky. "I am seeing them on the ponds I hunt when I've been scouting," said Hank Patton, deputy commissioner of Kentucky

Fish and Wildlife. "They haven't been here, they just got here. We are seeing some migration. Some of the ponds have more than 20 birds using them. In the past at this time of year, there would be one or two."

Farm ponds may be the best bet for an early season waterfowl hunters who don't live in or don't want to travel to west Kentucky. "It is good hunting on farm ponds," Patton said. "Waterfowl hunting is the best it's been in my experience in central and east Kentucky."

Scout for ponds that hold numbers of birds. Patton will not hunt a pond unless it is holding at least two dozen waterfowl.

He also recommends not shooting at the pond too often. "I shoot it and let rest for at least a week," Patton explained. "I won't shoot it more than once a week. If you have ducks on it and overshoot it, they'll abandon it. If I don't see it getting better after

letting it rest, I won't hunt it anymore."

The Ohio River is also a good waterfowl hunting destination from November to the end of January. "Anywhere along the Ohio River is good," Patton said. "I hunt the Ohio River extensively. It always holds birds."

The Kentucky River also provides quality waterfowl hunting, especially in the dead of winter when farm ponds and smaller lakes are frozen.

"Once those smaller waters lock up with ice, the birds have to go somewhere," Patton said.

Cave Run Lake is also a good choice, but is closed to goose hunting. "Cave Run had amazing numbers of birds last year," Brunjes said. "We would have 3,000 to 4,000 ducks on the lake at times."

Brunjes also recommends Taylorsville, Green River, Cumberland, Laurel River and Herrington lakes for waterfowl hunting. "Get some steel num-

ber 2 shotshells for ducks and some BB or BBB steel shotshells for geese and get out there after them," Brunjes said. "This is a great time of year to hunt waterfowl."

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Kentucky Afield is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously-running outdoor television show in the nation. The program airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern /7:30 p.m. Central and is repeated Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central on KET 1.

Deer season takes Kentucky Afield TV to Magoffin

FRANKFORT — With Kentucky's modern gun deer season still open in Zones 1 and 2 through Nov. 23, Kentucky Afield TV recalls a day when there was no season because there were no deer, this weekend, Nov. 22 and 23, on Kentucky Afield television.

In 1916, the commonwealth was home to less than 1,000 deer - a factor leading to a 40-year ban on deer hunting. This weekend, experts including David Yancy, deer historian for the Kentucky Department of Fish and

NASCAR

Kenseth signs extension with Roush Fenway Racing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. — Roush Fenway Racing has signed Matt Kenseth to a multi-year contract extension. Kenseth, the 2003 Cup Series champion, has been with Roush Fenway since 1998 and has 16 wins in 328 starts.

"It's been a great 11 years at Roush Fenway Racing," said Kenseth, driver of the No. 17 Ford. "We've had a lot of success together including a championship and I'm really proud of that. I'm looking forward to the next few years and winning another championship with Roush Fenway."

After making the Chase for the fifth consecutive season, Kenseth finished the 12th in points. His 2008 stats included nine top-five finishes and 20 top-10s. However, he failed to win a race for the first time since the 2001 season.

"Matt Kenseth is a champion in every sense of the word and John Henry and I are proud to have him in our stable of dri-

vers," team owner Jack Roush said. "Over the last 11 years Matt has been a leader in our organization and a voracious competitor on track, and to know that he will continue on in that role with Roush Fenway is gratifying."

Kenseth is the longest-tenured driver with Roush Fenway Racing. The team's other drivers are Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards, Jamie McMurray and David Ragan.

Roush recently re-signed Edwards and Biffle, and the extension for Kenseth means either McMurray or Ragan will have to leave the organization at the end of 2009. Roush currently has five Cup entries, but must scale it back to four to be in compliance with NASCAR's car cap.

Nemechek, Furniture Row agree to contract buyout: On the heels of Furniture Row Racing announcing plans for a limited 2009 Sprint Cup Series schedule, the team announced Friday a contract buyout of its driver Joe

Nemechek.

"Just like the reduced schedule announcement, this buyout of Joe's contract has nothing to do with his on-track performance," said team president Joe Garone. "But our contract with Joe for 2009 was for a full schedule and we're not able to fulfill that part of the deal."

In only its third year as a Sprint Cup Series team, Furniture Row Racing is coming off its best year, qualifying for 32 out of 36 races and earning the team's first pole position at Talladega Superspeedway in the spring along with a pair of top-20 finishes. Nemechek was 18th in the summer race at Daytona and finished 11th in the fall Talladega race.

Qualifying was critical for the team this season, and Nemechek's knack for getting a good starting position helped set the table for the solid season. Nemechek's specialty was the superspeedways. In addition to his pole at Talladega, he

started seventh there in the fall race. And at Daytona, he qualified the car fourth for the mid-summer classic.

Perhaps just as critical was Nemechek's ability to bring the car home in one piece during 2008. He was running at the finish in 26 of his 32 races.

"Joe has been a great leader, mentor and driver for Furniture Row Racing," Garone said. "This move is doing what is best for both Joe and our team. It doesn't require us to have him drive for Furniture Row in 2009, but it doesn't restrict him from doing what he loves - and that's racing at the highest level every week of the season."

As announced before, Furniture Row Companies - the team owner, primary sponsor and one of the nation's largest furniture retailers - is a privately-held entity and does not make its sales figures public. But the company is looking at retail sales trends and is tightening all expenses as a result.

DIRT TRACK

Eldora Speedway major race dates announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio - With respect and honor to tradition, Eldora Speedway officials have released the dates for four of their 2009 major race meets.

Kicking off the major event slate will be the newest member of the 'fab four', the Prelude to the Dream, on Wednesday night, June 3. With a heavy involvement of NASCAR Sprint Cup drivers, the charity event has played to

a capacity crowd each year, and has been aired live on HBO pay-per-view. Similar plans are in the works again this year, with a possible twist to the format that will generate additional excitement amongst the dirt Late Model world.

Just two days later, June 5-6, Eldora's stage becomes home to the 15th annual Dirt Late Model Dream, complete with a \$100,000 paycheck for the 100-lap main event winner.

Winged Sprint Cars are on the menu in July for the 26th

annual running of the fabled Kings Royal weekend. The Knight Before the Kings Royal fills the July 17 timetable and then the following night, Saturday, July 18, the \$50,000 crowning of a new King takes place with the completion of the Kings Royal.

Eldora's longest standing tradition, the World 100 for dirt Late Models, returns for the 39th time, over the weekend of September 11-12. This year's edition will see \$42,000 going to the event winner, but

more importantly, the cherished globed trophy.

Tickets for the Dirt Late Model Dream, Kings Royal weekend and the World 100 go on sale December 1 beginning at 9 a.m. Tickets are available online at www.eldoraspeedway.com beginning that date, or by calling the track office at 937-338-3815 during normal business hours. The ticket campaign for the Prelude to the Dream will take place at a later time, to be announced.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



Earlier in the week, South Floyd met Allen Central in the Right Beaver Classic. Above: South Floyd guard Blake Dean lofted a three-point field shot. Below: Corey Thornsberry eyed a free throw attempt.



Above: Dean pushed the basketball against an Allen Central defender. Mac Little is pictured below following through on a free throw attempt.



Alice Lloyd, Pikeville named Champions of Character institutions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Wednesday that 199 colleges and universities were named Champions of Character institutions for the 2007-08 school year. The total number of member institutions recognized shows a 20-percent increase from 2006-07. These institutions share the NAIA's commitment to high standards and to the principle that participation in athletics serves as an integral part of the total education process. Alice Lloyd College and Pikeville College

were each named Championship of Character institutions.

The mission of Champions of Character is to restore character values and raise a generation of students who understand and demonstrate in everyday decisions respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship. The NAIA and member institutions use the Champions of Character program to instill an understanding of character values in sport, and provide student-athletes, coaches and parents the training to help them know and do the right things, inside and outside the sports setting.

"Champions of Character has a profound impact on student-athletes, coaches and in the communities the NAIA and member institutions serve. I am delighted to see an increase in the number of schools that use the program to intentionally teach character," said Rob Haworth, NAIA Vice President for Champions of Character. "Champions of Character uses the power of sport to teach lessons for life. I applaud these institutions for their commitment to advance character-driven intercollegiate athletics."

The program is dedicated to the principle that character is a choice and that being a cham-

pion is not just about winning, but making good decisions consistently in daily life. To be considered a Champions of Character institution, schools must complete a form which is later reviewed by a team directed by Haworth. These institutions must demonstrate how the campus incorporates the Champions of Character program in five specific areas: athletic contests, public service projects, established policies related to behavior in practice and game situations, athletic and academic environment and character education.

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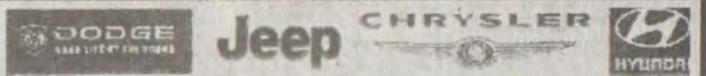
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by TOM and RAY
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Dear Tom and Ray:

A friend and I took a trip in my car. The gasoline bill was \$40. What percent should he pay when I consider wear and tear on my vehicle? How do I calculate the bill fairly? — Ralph

TOM: He should pay whatever you guys agreed he would pay in advance. These things are best negotiated before you're 280 miles from the nearest Chat n' Chew, and have to ride back home in brooding silence.

RAY: On relatively short trips, people tend to split the fuel cost. If you were going to take the trip anyway, Ralph, you now would have someone to keep you company, someone to pay for half of the gas and maybe even share the driving. That works for everybody.

TOM: And if your friend was generous, he'd offer to buy lunch since you provided the car.

RAY: If it's a trip that you were not going to make on your own (where the two of you sat down and said: "Hey, let's go to Canada to taste their burritos. Whose car should we take?"), then you might agree in advance to split the cost of an oil change, or your friend might agree to pay for more of the fuel to make up for the wear on the tires, brakes and other things that wear out with use.

TOM: But, like most deals, if money is an issue you feel strongly about, discuss it before you hit the road. Or suggest that you take his car.

Wax on, wax off

Dear Tom and Ray:

I did something that was, at best, careless — and at worst, really, really stupid. So don't tell anyone! When I turn on my 2006 Jeep Liberty, the vents emit a "not so nice" smell. So, I put a very pleasantly scented bar of homemade soap (that I bought at a farmer's market) on top of the dashboard. I just placed it there, wrapped in the clear plastic it came in. It helped make the car smell better. Then, while parked in a big parking lot for the day (I take the train to work), the soap melted in the hot sun. It leaked through the openings on the dashboard, down into the radio and hazard-light switch. Neither of them now works. Is there a way to remove the panel that covers the radio? There doesn't seem to be. My hope is that I can get inside and remove whatever soap flowed down there. If that doesn't work, I guess I'll have to bring the car to a mechanic and get the hazard lights fixed. As for the radio, I suppose I'll want to replace that, too, before selling the car. I'm so embarrassed about this that you're the only people I can bear to discuss it with. Please help! — Kelly

RAY: Don't be embarrassed, Kelly. Of the 34 million people reading this column, I'm sure none of them knows anyone named Kelly with a Jeep Liberty who takes the train to work.

TOM: And what you did is hardly embarrassing. It's a simple mistake that anybody could have made. Years ago, I was driving a convertible, and I pulled up next to a bus full of people at a red light. As I was sitting there, the lit end of my cigar fell off, and landed right between my legs. And I was dancing around, trying to brush it away before the seat — or MY seat — caught fire. Now, THAT was embarrassing.

RAY: Both the hazard switch and the radio come out very easily. They pull right out through the front. I'm going to recommend that you replace both of them. Getting melted

soap out of delicate electronics is not easy. It's not like getting wax off your dining-room table.

TOM: It's worth having a look at where the soap ended up, but the likelihood is that those two parts are toast. So here's what I'd suggest: Call your dealer's parts department and ask them to order you a new hazard switch. That'll be cheap. Like, 35 bucks.

RAY: Then ask him how much a replacement radio for your car costs. When you regain consciousness, tell him to just order you the hazard

switch.

TOM: Then go to a dedicated car-stereo shop. Buck yourself up, Kelly, because you're going to have to confess. But remember, this is minor-league stuff. If you had any idea how many of our customers' kids have stuffed their rubber duckies up the family minivan's tailpipe, you'd lose all sense of shame around the soap incident.

RAY: Ask the installer to pull out the radio and have a look. If the soap got inside, you're probably out of luck. But on the off chance he sees

that it's something simple, he can try to fix it right there on the bench, and test it out before popping it back in.

TOM: If the installer doesn't think he can fix it, you can then pick out a nice, cheap replacement radio, and he can put that in for you instead. And it'll take him a minute or less to unplug your old hazard switch and pop in your new one (which you'll conveniently have sitting there on the passenger seat).

RAY: But don't wait until you're about to sell the car before replacing the radio. It'll

cost you just as much then as it will now. And you'll have missed out on all the enjoyment you'll get from it. Do you really want to risk missing the release of Sleepy LaBeef's next album? Now, THAT would be embarrassing!

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