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briefs

Bright lights, big trouble

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A simple case of failing to dim his headlights while passing a state police cruiser resulted in a Bevensville man being arrested and charged with drug trafficking and various traffic-related charges earlier this week.

Police reported pulling 45-year-old Timothy Stanley over in Bevensville this past weekend when he failed to properly dim his lights.

Arresting officer Kentucky State Police Trooper Jason Eversole reported that after Stanley was pulled over he detected a strong odor of alcohol in the vehicle.

Stanley reportedly admitted to Eversole and other officers at the scene that he had been drinking alcohol and using cocaine earlier that evening.

Police tested Stanley following his comments and reported that he failed a finger counting test. A search later turned up two bags of white powder, exceeding 8 ounces, police identified as cocaine, leading them to fit Stanley with a trafficking charge.

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Inmates sue over transfer to prison

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Roughly a month after opening its doors, the United States Penitentiary Big Sandy at Inez is facing its first lawsuit.

According to a complaint filed by four inmates transferred into the facility's minimum-security camp in October, the move was unfair because the prison is currently

without a law library to enable them to continue with pending litigation they face in court.

Inmates Kelcey Kendrick, Lucky Irerere, Ernie Embree and James Hill, filing on their own behalf in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Wednesday, said the lack of a law library with tools such as legal research materials, typewriters and copy machines denies them constitutional rights and interferes with their access to

the courts.

In a letter to the prison on Aug. 19, Kendrick, who pointed out eight-and-one-half years of a sentence served with good conduct, stated these complaints, and asked, like the others, for his name to be dropped from the transfer list. Kendrick also included in this correspondence that he understood that "two white inmates" had been removed from the list.

Kendrick's request was denied approxi-

mately a month later.

Irerere wrote also complaining that the Inez location, because it had only been operational a short time, was without an adequate library, hindering his goals toward various court-related items he had been exploring while confined. In addition, Irerere also stated that he had been enrolled in college classes when he

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It was a sold-out crowd for the Sara Evans concert at the Mountain Arts Center Friday. Concert-goers began arriving at the MAC before 7 p.m. to see the country music star perform at 8.

photo by Mary Music

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3 DAY FORECAST

Today

Morning showers

High: 60 • Low: 47

Tomorrow

A few showers

High: 61 • Low: 56

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Mission seeks to cloak signs of poverty with designer duds

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON — Don't expect to find every poor resident of Kentucky's mountain region dressed in threadbare, out-of-style clothes.

In many cases, they're wearing the latest fashions from Tommy Hilfinger, Calvin Klein or Ambercrombie & Fitch.

The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been working for 60 years to erase outward signs of poverty in the region by making brand-name apparel available to everyone.

"I know we shouldn't be so hung up on name brands, but for kids who

go to school it's an issue that they have to deal with," said Karen Bunn, executive director of the group. "Our goal is not just making sure people have clothes on their backs, but it's helping them to feel good about themselves."

Five days a week, the Mountain Mission warehouse in Jackson is a flurry of activity, with trucks hauling in load after load of donated clothing, furniture, appliances, toys and other items needed by families in the mountain region.

Drivers make rounds to churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, picking up merchandise from more affluent congregations who donate items they no

longer need.

A small army of workers sorts the clothing by condition, gender and season, then sends the best of Ralph Lauren, Liz Claiborne, Ann Taylor, Sag Harbor and other fashion giants to nine second-hand stores in small towns throughout eastern Kentucky.

The Mountain Mission charges for merchandise to give people a sense of pride in ownership that they couldn't receive from handouts. The prices are low enough that children of a fast-food waitress can wear Alyce Designs just like kids of the wealthiest merchants.

Formal gowns by Liz Claiborne

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Pet shop owner says store not in wrong

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

LANCER — A local pet store owner facing a small claims lawsuit for selling a carnivorous lizard this week to a teenager says she may consider filing counter charges against the man who is suing her.

Penelope Roberts, owner of Penelope's Pets in Lancer, told The Floyd County Times during an interview Friday that there's a "very

good possibility" that she will countersue Jerry Lee shepherd for abandonment for events which occurred earlier this week.

Shepherd is suing Penelope's Pets for \$53, an amount to refund the purchase of a Savannah monitor lizard, a carnivorous animal he says his 15-year-old daughter should not have been able to buy. In his complaint, Shepherd noted that American Federation of Herpetoculturists (AFH) guidelines

stipulate that minors should not be allowed to own a monitor lizard without adult consent.

According to Roberts, however, "should" is the key word in that guideline.

"It doesn't say it's against the law," said Roberts. "It just says they should not be allowed."

Guidelines posted on the AFH's home page stipulate that "no minor

(See **OWNER**, page three)

Vet's widow sues clinic, hospital

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A veteran's wife is suing U.S. Office of Veteran Affairs, the Veterans' Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va., and the VA Clinic in Prestonsburg, saying the hospital failed to properly care for her husband's heart condition, which ultimately led to his death in May 2000.

The lawsuit, filed by Mouthcard resident Margaret Ramey Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, claims that the veterans' hospital failed to properly diagnose and treat her husband, Truman Ramey's, severe atherosclerotic heart disease and arterial stenosis. Ramey says these illnesses were substantial factors in her husband's death on May 26, 2000.

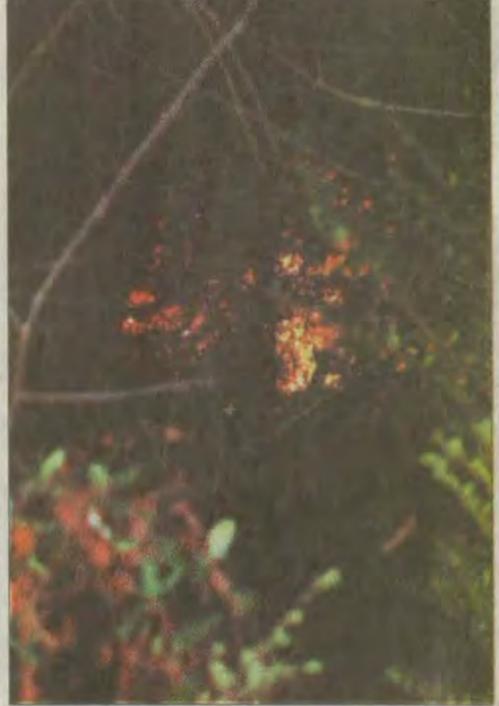
Ramey is suing the hospital and Veteran Affairs for personal injury and loss of consortium, as well as naming a wrongful death claim for a total amount of exactly \$1 million.

According to the lawsuit, Ramey is asking for \$500,000 on the personal injury and loss of consortium claim and an additional \$500,000 on the wrongful death claim.

Truman Ramey was diagnosed and treated for the illness that eventually resulted in his death from May 1998 until May 19, 2000, the lawsuit says.

Included in Ramey's claims are damages as a result of medical and funeral expenses, pain and suffering and loss of earning capacity.

Ramey is being represented by Pikeville attorney Michael Lucas.



Motorists caught a glimpse of this moderate blaze Friday evening near the Alano Club building on Calhoun Drive. Members of the club who were at the club refused to comment on the cause of the fire.

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **SAVANNAH, Ga.** — When Roy Williamson hit a tee shot off the fairway, the lie turned out to be rougher than he thought.

Williamson, 60, was bitten in the head by a rattlesnake when he went to retrieve his ball from some wetlands.

"I saw my ball pretty much in plain view," Williamson said Thursday, a week after the encounter. "Unfortunately, it was being tended to by a rattlesnake

that I didn't see."

He said he picked up the ball and felt something scratch at his right temple as he stood up, slapping at what he thought was a brier. He saw blood, then the rattler — "a good 6 1/2 or 7 feet long."

The men Williamson was playing with — his son, brother and brother-in-law — came running in response to his screams. He remembers reaching the clubhouse, but the next thing he knew, it was three days later.

Doctors determined that the

snake bit him twice, and the venom quickly spread throughout his body.

Alan Cale, general manager of Henderson Golf Club, said his employees roped off the area and posted warning signs. Professional snake handlers were called to assist in rounding up any snakes at the course.

"It's an unfortunate accident, but on a golf course — out in nature — you're going to have wildlife," Cale said.

Williamson said he will play golf again but will be much more careful.

"If I go out now and hit a ball off of the fairway in any fashion or form, I will not go after it," he said.

■ **DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.**

— A 69-year-old woman crashed her car into the Department of Motor Vehicles building where she intended to renew her driver's license.

Denise G. Butterfield said she was pulling into a handicapped parking space when her car suddenly jumped the curb and smacked into the front of the building Thursday.

The car narrowly missed two people sitting on a bench, but nobody was injured. Damage to the building and car was minor.

"I never hit the accelerator," Butterfield insisted. "The gas engaged itself."

A police officer who did a quick check the car said everything seemed to be working properly. Butterfield was issued a ticket for careless driving.

Because of the accident, department officials made Butterfield take a new written and behind-the-wheel test.

"It's better to be safe than sorry," said Mary Lyn Dance, an examiner at the driver's license office.

Butterfield passed both tests and was given a renewed license.

■ **HARRISBURG, Pa.** — A

man who bought a home from Dauphin County for \$15,000

agreed to give it back to the elderly woman who has lived there for more than five decades there after learning she was being evicted for failing to pay \$572 in property taxes.

The buyer, Philip J. Dobson, offered to return the home during a meeting in county offices Thursday afternoon with the woman's nephew, John Arndt, their lawyers and county officials, Arndt said.

"I expected to go to court and I expected to win," said Arndt, whose fight to get back his aunt's home was publicized

locally over the past week. "But I didn't expect what Mr. Dobson did. He put no strings on the offer at all."

Dobson will get his money back from the county.

The reddish-brown farmhouse in Hershey was home to 89-year-old Helene Shue for 55 years. The homestead and the 40 acres around it are situated on a two-lane state highway a few miles west of the Hersheypark amusement park.

County officials said a \$572 tax bill from 2001 was never paid and auctioned off the home

in September at a county tax sale for \$15,000 — the same amount the family paid for it in 1948.

Shue had no idea that she was facing eviction until Arndt received an anonymous telephone call last week.

Arndt hired an attorney, who filed a court petition arguing that Shue was never properly informed of the taxes she owed because notices were addressed to her husband, Clayton, who died in 1995.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2003. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War.

On this date:

■ In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington during the American Revolution.

■ In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

■ In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

■ In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

■ In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

■ In 1973, Skylab III, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

■ In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

■ In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63.

■ In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago:

The Senate, on a 69-30 vote, approved a measure designed to protect people who provide or seek abortions from physical attacks or intimidation by abortion opponents.

Five years ago:

The Supreme Court ruled that union members can file discrimination lawsuits against employers even when labor contracts require arbitration. House Democrats re-elected Dick Gephardt as their leader.

One year ago:

In an open letter to the Iraqi

Parliament, President Saddam Hussein said he had no choice but to accept a tough new U.N. weapons inspection resolution because the United States and Israel had shown their "claws and teeth" and declared unilateral war on the Iraqi people.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Clu Gulager is 75. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 72. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 68. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 64. Actor Steve Railsback is 58. Actor David Leisure is 53. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 45. Rock musician Mani is 41. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 40. Baseball player Dwight Gooden is 39. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 39. Actress Lisa Bonet is 36. Actress Tammy Lauren is 35. Rhythm-and-blues

singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 34. Actress Martha Plimpton is 33. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul is 26. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal is 26. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 24. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 19.

Thought for Today:

"Whom God would sorely vex, He endows with abundant good sense." — Yiddish proverb.

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Lottery votes to add keno to games

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky added keno to its lottery Friday to shore up cash-strapped state scholarships and offset an expected decline in sales when neighboring Tennessee starts its games.

The state's lottery board voted 6-to-1 to introduce a keno game that could be played over terminals in bars, restaurants and other locations.

Board Chairman Bill Covington said the decision

would be popular with some Kentuckians and unpopular with others, but he predicted that "history will say that we have done the right thing."

"We have done what we think is best for the state of Kentucky, for the lottery ... and for the children of Kentucky," Covington said.

The board acted on a cue from outgoing Gov. Paul Patton, who urged the lottery this week to generate more money for scholarships.

"This is something I think needs to be done on my watch,"

Patton, who leaves office next month. "I asked the lottery board to do it. I'm pleased that they are."

Lottery President Arch Gleason said keno could debut as early as next spring. Gleason predicted a network of up to 1,200 to 1,400 retailers might offer keno statewide once the game is fully operational.

Keno is a type of numbers drawing game, with multiple drawings daily. Typically players chose one to 10 numbers from a possible field of 80. The game is played in about a dozen states.

Prize payouts typically average about 60 percent, though the lottery board will determine Kentucky's payout and other particulars of the game. Prizes

can range from \$2 to \$100,000 for a \$1 play.

By adding keno, the lottery could take in approximately \$95 million to \$125 million each year, and the state would reap an additional \$29 million to \$38 million, they said.

Lottery officials pinned their hopes on keno to offset expected revenue losses when Tennessee introduces its lottery early next year.

Kentucky Lottery sales are expected to drop by \$16 million next year, costing Kentucky government \$4.1 million. Sales losses could reach as high as \$75 million by 2006, officials said, costing state government about \$20 million.

Lottery revenues help fund the state's college scholarship

and grant programs. A recent legislative study predicted a \$3.3 million shortfall in lottery funding of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program by 2005-06. The KEES program awards scholarships to students based on their high school grade-point averages and college entrance exam scores.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, a lottery board member, said the state faces a crisis with skyrocketing college tuition and falling revenues for scholarships. But in casting the dissenting vote, Miller said it was "not the right time and not the right forum" to expand into keno.

Miller suggested that keno should be sanctioned either by the General Assembly or

through a constitutional amendment approved by voters.

Miller said that in "the spirit of bipartisanship," the lottery should defer for the time being to Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher to give him time to develop a plan for the state budget. Miller is a Democrat and Fletcher is a Republican.

The lottery's general counsel, Bill May, said he thought the board has legal authority to create a keno game.

Afterward, Covington said he wouldn't be surprised if the lottery's expansion into keno was challenged in court, but he said "we feel we are on solid legal footing."

Arrest

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When Stanley was taken into custody, the Bevinville resident had been charged with first-degree trafficking in cocaine, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and no insurance.

Stanley pleaded not guilty at his arraignment the following day and was lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$10,000 cash bond. He is set for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 19.

Prison

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received transfer orders, compelling him to appeal the decision, citing this as a legitimate, stated reason to have a transfer dropped.

This request was also denied, Irerere states in the complaint.

Inmate Ernie Embree, like the others, states clearly his complaint that the facility was without a law library, adding that, when he received word that he was to be moved to the Inez location, the decision interrupted his involvement in a drug treatment program.

James Hill, the fourth inmate filing suit against the prison, joined the others in claiming that the lack of a law library would serve as a hindrance to ongoing legal matters in which he was involved.

The four are asking for injunctive relief to see that all are transferred back to the locations from which they were transferred, or a facility with adequate materials mentioned as missing in their complaint.

Public relations officials with the prison could not be reached for comment Friday.

Owner

should be allowed to own monitor lizards without parental consent to assume responsibility for proper housing, care and supervision when handling" the animal.

Additional information posted on the AFH web page indicates that large monitor lizards can cause "serious injury" by scratching with their "well developed claws" or by biting with their "powerful jaws," but that the lizards bite "only when handled inappropriately." In conclusion, it says, "available data does not suggest that the lizards are of significant medical concern" when compared to other domesticated animals.

In his lawsuit, Shepherd indicates that his wife and daughter tried to obtain a refund for the lizard, but the store refused,

offering instead, an exchange for an iguana, valued at nearly \$30.

Roberts says, however, that the suggestion for that exchange came from the girl's mother, a day following the initial transaction, and that mother knew prior to the trade that the iguana was valued for \$20 less than the lizard.

Roberts, who noted that signs "all over the store" reiterate the policy of no refunds on any pet purchased at her store,

said she only agreed to replace the iguana at the mother's suggestion because she didn't want the lizard to be neglected. Shepherd returned the iguana the following day, and set it on the counter without a box, which endangered the animal, said Roberts, a fact which is leading her to file a possible counter suit against Shepherd.

Roberts went on to say that the lawsuit "boils down" to a "rebellious" teenager who came

into the store to purchase an animal she couldn't have, an adult who didn't "care enough to get out of the car" to make sure of the transaction, and a father who wants money refunded that wasn't his in the first place.

According to her, the teenager's grandmother drove her to the store and gave her the money to purchase the lizard, but remained in the car while the transaction took place. Additionally, she said, the girl lied when asked if she had the proper equipment to care for the lizard.

"This is just a bunch of baloney," said Roberts. "I have done nothing wrong and my store looks irresponsible when selling animals and we are not irresponsible when we sell animals."

During the interview, Roberts noted that it isn't store policy to card teenagers who want to purchase animals.

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Mission

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go for \$10, easing the financial burden on teenagers going to the high school prom. Stafford suits go for \$8. Tommy Hilf jeans are marked at \$5. Ambergrombie & Fitch shirts are \$3.

Donated clothing that isn't in good enough condition to be sold gets cut into rags for distribution to repair shops across the region, but not before the buttons are removed and collected in containers to be sold.

"We're sort of like the pig farmer," said Ann Turner, one of the warehouse workers. "We use everything except the oink."

In a region known for high unemployment, the Mountain Mission provides jobs for 68 people, including truck drivers, warehouse workers and sales clerks.

The annual budget of nearly \$1.5 million covers wages and benefits for employees, and supports two local churches and a youth center for Eastern Kentucky teenagers.

Bonnie Strong, manager of the Opportunity Store in Jackson, said customers appreciate the bargains they find on top-quality fashions. She said her customers aren't always living in poverty.

Often they're bankers, teachers, anyone who wants top quality at low prices, she said. The diversity of customers is welcomed because it helps remove any social stigma that low-income residents might feel buying clothing in a second-hand shop.

"You see people in here who have money and who don't have money," said Brenda Little, a customer at the Jackson store. "It's just a good place to shop. You can get really good name-brand merchandise, clothing for your whole family, at prices you can afford."

Little, 48, said she bought clothing for her children in the store when they were growing up and now she shops for her grandchildren.

Strong said the clothing sold in her store looks so new that no one would know otherwise.

"We want to provide merchandise that is useable, that can make people feel good about themselves," Bunn said.

The Mountain Mission began 21 years before former President Lyndon Johnson came to eastern Kentucky to declare war on

poverty. Johnson's visit on April 24, 1964, was to focus attention on the nation's poorest residents as he sought to beef up the federal welfare program.

Bunn said the Mountain Mission has been effective alongside the welfare program because it doesn't strip residents of their dignity.

"We're here to provide needed services," she said. "Our customers help us to do that by shopping in our stores. We all benefit."

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expression

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

GuestView

Patton should exit the stage

Those who live their lives in the public eye often say there's something about the allure of the "spotlight," being center stage, that's hard to explain.

They complain about living under a microscope. Yet, whether it's athletes, movie stars or even politicians, most have a hard time walking away, and far too many try to stretch their 15 minutes into a half-hour.

Maybe this explains Gov. Paul Patton's declaration Wednesday that he plans to spend his five remaining weeks in office being vocal about what must happen to solve the state's budget crises.

Patton said he's the elected official who "knows the most about the budget," and thus he has a "responsibility to articulate the fiscal problems in the state."

Patton's an easy target these days, and there's nothing really becoming about kicking a man when he's down. But the last thing this state needs right now is to have Patton involved in any serious policy discussions, particularly one as difficult and contentious as the budget. ...

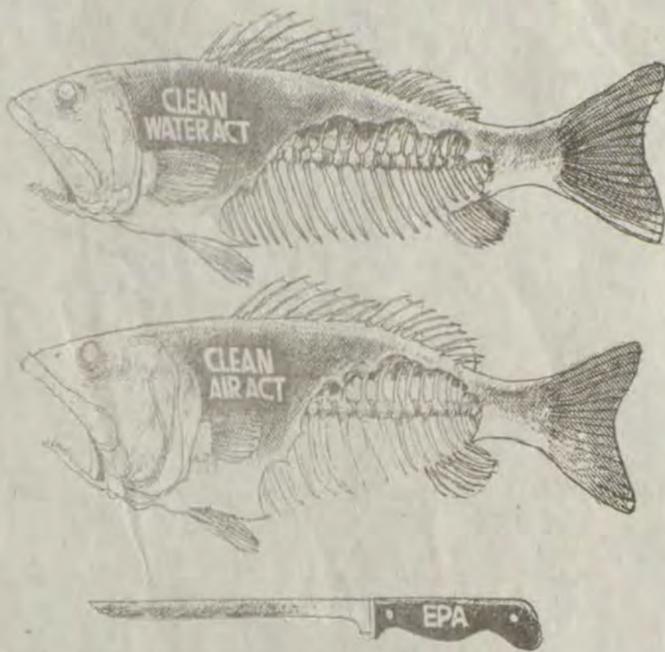
Not everything said or written about Patton in the last year-plus has been fair. It's easy to forget that his first term brought numerous successes, and for the most part was a good time for Kentucky. But he has no one but himself to blame for his fall, and his time for making amends has long since passed.

The voters of Kentucky said resoundingly that they are ready for change. Patton should respect those wishes and bow off the stage quietly and gracefully.

—Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro



ENVIRONMENTAL



GUTTED

—Jim Davidson

Headlines that stick with you

If you have a sense of humor, I believe you will really appreciate what I want to share with you today. When it comes to this business we call life, we should take what we do seriously but we should never take ourselves too seriously. Someone once said that life is a span of time in which the first half is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children. While it does not have to be this way, in many cases this is so true.

The other day I was looking through my files and ran across something that has been tucked back for years that just hit my funny bone. It was titled, "Bits Of Humor" and was a collection of newspaper headlines that were written in a serious vein, but they each had a double meaning, and upon reflection the other meaning was funny and sometimes hilarious.

I might add, before I share these humorous headlines with you, that being associated with newspaper people across the nation is really an honor for me. While I don't work for a newspaper as a full-time employee, I know they are under tremendous pressure with deadlines, equipment breakdowns, personnel

problems and just the struggle of trying to produce a quality product day in and day out.

If you tend to be critical from time-to-time, all I'm saying is that you need to cut them a little slack. In fact, this reminds me of a quotation that will put things in perspective. "It's easy to sit in the sunshine and talk with the one in the shade. It's easy to sit in a well-made boat and tell the others where to wade. It's easy to tell the toddler how best to carry his pack, but you will never know the weight of the load, until the pack is on your back."

With that said I want to share these humorous headlines and I suspect many of my newspaper friends will get a chuckle from them as well.

- Cold wave linked to temperatures
- Red tape holds up new bridge
- Man struck by lightning faces battery charge
- New study of obesity looks for larger test groups
- Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft
- Kids make nutritious snacks
- Chef throws his heart into helping feed needy



- Arson suspect is held in Massachusetts fire
 - British union finds dwarfs in short supply
 - Lansing residents can drop off trees
 - Local high school dropouts cut in half
 - New vaccine may contain rabies
 - Man minus ear waives hearing
 - Deaf college opens doors to hearing
 - Air head fired, steals clock, faces time
 - Prosecutor releases probe into undersheriff
 - Old school pillars are replaced by alumni
 - Bank drive-in window blocked by board
- Well, that's the end of the headlines, but while we are on the subject of respecting and appreciating other people, here is a collection of Common Sense sayings that we can profit from if we will just remember to practice them. Each one is prefaced by the words, "It's never a mistake."
- To tell a man how clever or smart or interesting he is.
 - To say I don't know, if you really don't.
 - To ask advice of an expert.
 - To inquire about grandchildren.

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—beyond the beltway

Iowa caucuses are a mess

by DONALD KAUL

Gen. Wesley Clark and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, two men who aspire to the presidency of the United States, have decided to bypass the Iowa caucuses next January in favor of campaigning in places where they might actually win.

The men are Democrats and they feel Iowa, friendly place though it is, would not be friendly to them. Lieberman thinks he's too moderate for Iowa Democrats and Clark thinks the caucus process too complex for a late starter like himself to make much of an impression.

This has enraged Democrats in Iowa, who are accustomed to being treated like imperial royalty by people seeking the nomination for president. One would be hard-pressed to find a committed Democrat in Iowa who has not shaken the hand and looked deep into the eyes of a half-dozen presidential hopefuls. These are people whose idea of entertainment is a presidential debate. They do not suffer being dissed by political wannabes gladly and warm of dire retribution for the absent candidates.

Less understandably, the national press seems to agree with them. The accredited experts think that taking a

pass on the caucuses is a sure roadmap to oblivion. Which, while it might be true, is a pity. The Iowa precinct caucuses are as bizarre an exercise in democracy as one is likely to find outside of California.

People who want to voice their presidential preference are required to go (shut-ins are disenfranchised) to a meeting place on a cold night in January (as are people with evening jobs) and spend the entire evening arguing, negotiating and, finally, choosing delegates to a county convention, which will elect delegates to a district convention, which will elect delegates to a state convention which will elect delegates to a national convention, which will nominate a candidate.

The delegates elected at the precinct level are not only supposed to represent the political convictions of the entire group, but its ethnic makeup, too. Complex formulae are used to make sure no "preference group" goes unrepresented. Here's a sample of the written rules:

"In caucuses that elect two delegates, preference groups must contain at least 25 percent of the caucus attendees in order to be viable. In caucuses that elect three delegates, total caucus attendees should be divided by six (6) to

determine the viability threshold. Preference groups that do not achieve the viability threshold must be given a chance to realign with other viable preference groups or with other non-viable preference groups in order to attain viability. In caucuses that elect four or more delegates...."

It goes on that way for seven pages. This is reform gone mad.

The result is that participation in Iowa is restricted either to political junkies or people motivated by a single burning issue. For Iowa Republicans that issue tends to be abortion (they're against it), for Democrats, whatever war is going on at the time (they're against it). And in both parties, the sanctity of a federal ethanol subsidy is a litmus test.

Is this really the way to pick a president?

It would be one thing if the caucuses were an accurate barometer of national opinion, but they are not. In fact they are almost invariably wrong. Ronald Reagan didn't win the caucuses the year he was elected president. George Bush the Elder beat him. The year Bush didn't win the caucuses (Bob Dole won), he was elected president. Eight years later Dole lost the caucuses and won the nomination.

It was Jimmy Carter who made the caucuses famous with his showing in



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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment:

Keeping communication with God open

by MARK D. WALZ
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The telephone was not working. We tried doing all kinds of things trying to get it working again. We thought that the computer was on, causing the service to the telephone to be disrupted. We called the

phone company from my office phone to make them aware of the problem to see if they could fix the telephone. The next morning after conferring with my efficient secretary we solved the problem from her suggestion to unplug and plug in again the telephones. Without unplugging and plug-

ging in the phone, we still would not be communicating. Now the telephone is working and we can receive calls and call others.

Communication breakdown can happen between different people, family members, employees or fellow workers. Our communication breakdown

can be a lack of sharing, or listening, or misunderstanding. But when it comes to communicating with God, there can only be one reason for a breakdown. It cannot be because of God being unavailable or God is unreachable. God never leaves us. God is always available every day, every hour, 24/7. The

only reason for a breakdown between God and us, and if there is a breakdown in communicating, it is us.

We may have problems with communicating with God because we are "unplugged." Being unplugged may be from not knowing God as a loving God that hears and answers our prayers. Being "unplugged" may be not knowing how to pray or being patient for God's answers. Communicating with God takes more than asking and walking away. It takes more than one minute of time to drop a prayer and never ask again.

We need to continue to pray, and ask God. We need to contin-

ue to be in communication with God on a daily and regular basis. We should "call" him every day.

Our prayer time is our time with God. It is the time we can bring our petitions to God and to praise Him for what he has done.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us "pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Telephones are never a problem with God. He is just a prayer away, and you will never be disconnected. Call on Him today. He will answer, and the telephone, it will always work.

Baptists adopt resolutions opposing expansion of gambling, alcohol

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Kentucky Baptists spoke out against expansion of gambling and alcohol sales while wrapping up their annual convention.

More than 200 church representatives on Wednesday also urged Congress to approve a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman, opposing a movement to legalize gay marriage.

The participants at the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the state's largest religious denomina-

tion, adopted a resolution lamenting the trend toward legalized sales of alcohol in formerly dry parts of the state.

Fifty-eight of Kentucky's 120 counties now allow some sort of alcohol sales. In this month's elections, voters in formerly dry Oldham County, Mayfield and Harrodsburg approved sales of liquor by the drink at restaurants. Voters in Paintsville and Carrsville rejected such moves.

Baptists, whose history of anti-liquor activism dates back before Prohibition, were at the forefront of opposition to alcohol sales in

this year's votes, and Wednesday's resolution called for continued resistance.

It also encourages "abstinence from this dangerous drug" and help for those "who have been devastated by alcohol abuse."

Another resolution that also won approval cited the debate over expanded legalized gambling in the recent gubernatorial election.

The resolution said such an expansion "will further encourage gambling addictions, crime, family destruction and personal irresponsibility" and "ultimately cost our economy far more than (it) will ever produce."

Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher has said he personally opposes moves to allow slot machines at race-tracks or casinos but would not stand in the way of an effort by legislators to approve a constitutional amendment allowing them.

The Rev. Tim Harns, chairman of the convention's Committee on Resolutions, said it is important that Baptists speak out on public policy, even as they honor the separation of church and state.

The convention also recommended a constitutional amendment stating, "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman." The resolution also laments that "the institution of marriage is being attacked from many directions."

The resolution also says marriage "is the only context for appropriate sexual expression, according to biblical standards."

The resolution comes amid growing efforts to legalize gay and lesbian marriage, with Vermont already allowing civil unions. Court cases are pending in Massachusetts and New Jersey on whether to allow same-sex marriages.

President Bush has supported efforts to restrict the definition of marriage to a union of one man and one woman. Although that definition is included in the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, conservatives fear that the law is vulnerable to a court challenge under

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The cast of Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's production of "A Christmas Carol" rehearse at the MAC.

Local actors in holiday production at the MAC

The return of Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's production of A Christmas Carol is scheduled for the week of November 18-22 at the Mountain Arts Center. As always, the cast and crew are in the midst of rehearsal for this wonderful holiday production. Over 6,300 people were wowed with the joint venture between the MAC and JWT in 2002 and audiences are expected to be even greater this year.

While the Theatre is noted for bringing in talent from across the nation for their productions, the cast will also include many talented local performers as well. This season's Adult Company will include

Ronnie Dee Blair from Paintsville in the role of Jacob Marley. His performance was one of the highlights in the last season's show. Ashley Turner, also from Paintsville, will be filling the role of Ms. Dilber and several ensemble roles. Prestonsburg native, Jonathan Goble, will again reprise his role as Topper and Mr. Fezziwig. Misty Daniels from Pikeville makes her return to the JWT Company as Mrs. Cratchit, and Martin Childers, also of Pikeville returns as Scrooge's nephew, Fred.

The Teen Company is full of great talent including Jasmine

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Odds

■ KELOWNA, British Columbia — It wasn't easy to notify Gerry Parker that he had won a magazine sweepstakes.

A courier couldn't deliver a letter to notify Parker that he had won more than \$100,000 after the 71-year-old retired real estate agent and his wife Dianna, 57, were told to leave their home during a forest fire in September.

The Parkers stayed with friends and relatives, worrying about their home and belongings and unaware of the windfall on the way.

When the evacuation order was lifted, they found their home intact and a message on their answering machine from a courier company about an attempt to deliver an envelope.

Unaware of the contents, Parker waited a couple of days before driving to pick it up. Back

in his car, he opened the letter and learned he had won a Reader's Digest customer appreciation sweepstakes.

If he responded quickly, the letter said, he would double his winnings.

On Oct. 7 — one month to the day after police knocked on his door and told him he had an hour to evacuate — Parker received two checks for about \$58,000 each.

"I just about fell off my chair," Parker said Wednesday.

Parker said he had been a Reader's Digest subscriber for almost as long as he can remember and responds to all of its sweepstakes offers.

"My wife has been laughing at me for years for wasting all that money on stamps," Parker said. "Well, she's not laughing now."

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Charles "Snooks" Akers, Jr., 56, of Seville, Ohio, a native of Lancer, died Sunday, November 9, at his home, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Debbie LeMar Akers. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Murray Funeral Home, Creston, Ohio.

Artis Bates, 77, of Bevinville, died Thursday, November 13, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Herma Holbrook Bentley, 86, of Allen, died Tuesday, November 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Amy Alice Goble Boyd, 68, of Defiance, Ohio, native of Emma, died Thursday, November 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Norman Brown Sr., 60, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Kentucky, died Wednesday, November 12, at St. Augustine, Florida. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, November 16, at the Lawson Cemetery, Tolers Creek, Hazard, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Davidson

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To take the time and trouble to put another person at ease.

To listen politely to a child.

To pay an older woman a compliment.

To let the host as well as the hostess know that you had a fine time.

To say I'm sorry even when the other person is wrong.

To tell a man that you value his opinion.

To tell a parent something complimentary about his child.

To guess a woman's age five years under what it could possibly be.

I believe you will agree its never a mistake to sincerely practice these things. Hope you have a wonderful day.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Adopt

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precedents set in a recent Supreme Court ruling striking down Texas' anti-sodomy law.

A constitutional amendment would trump any court challenge.

"A constitutional amendment on marriage will ensure the protection of the traditional, biblical model for marriage amid this culture of tolerance and perversion," said the Rev. Rick Reader, who proposed the resolution's wording. Resolutions are not binding on Baptist individuals or churches.

MAC

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Osborne from Pikeville in the role of Belle, Tom Brown from Paintsville as Peter Cratchit, Dustin Smith of Paintsville in the role of Young Scrooge, John Code from Pikeville in the role of Christmas Yet to Come and Corey Music, Jayme Sparks and Maggie Heaberlin of Paintsville in several ensemble roles.

There are nine very talented area youth filling out the Youth Company roles including Micheala Tussey of Garrett in the role of Fan, Skyler Slone of Hindman as Tiny Tim, Victoria May of Allen, Andy Adkins and his sister Tessa Adkins from Paintsville, Caleb Wheat from Pikeville, Hannah Ratliff from Elkhorn City, Bryce Marshall from Salyersville, and Alex Lester from Prestonsburg.

The Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley Theatre hope everyone will make plans to see

Lois Marie Collins, 46, of Blue River, died Friday, November 7, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia, following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Collins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kate Alice Perkins Goble, 75, of Clyde, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, November 10, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Albert Johnson, 84, of Bevinville, died Monday, November 10, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Bryant Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles "Chad" Mullins, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 8, at Highlands Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Tackett Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

L. May Purucker, 73, of Marshall, Michigan, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, November 6, at her home. Services to celebrate her life were held 1:30 p.m., Monday, November 10, at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home.

William Scott (W.S.) Risner, 88, of Louisville, a native of Rosseau, died Thursday, November 6, at Norton Audubon Hospital Hospice Unit. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of West Funeral Home, Justiceville.

Hershel Shell, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Okie Mae Shell. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tony Soler, 30, of Hueysville, died Monday, November 10, in Hueysville. Funeral services were

Beltway

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1976. He finished second to "undecided." When the caucuses made him a winner in 1980 he went on to lose the election. Dick Gephardt won in Iowa in 1988, but Mike Dukakis won the nomination. The caucuses are for losers. Do you want to know how bad they are? The only man (other than an incumbent) to win in Iowa and go on to win the presidency is George W. Bush. I rest my case.

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. donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

A Christmas Carol this season. Martin Childers, Managing Director for Jenny Wiley Theatre says, "We will probably mount a different holiday production for 2004 and hope that people take this opportunity to see A Christmas Carol before we give the show a rest for a few seasons." Seating is reserved and reservations for the production can be made by contacting the Mountain Arts Center at 886-2623 locally or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. For Groups of 15 or more contact Kristen Bradley at groups@jwtheatre.com or 1-877-CALL-JWT.

*Jenny Wiley Theatre receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism Commission and the Kentucky Arts Council.

conducted Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pike County

Jacqueline "Jackie" Coleman Amick of Washington, North Carolina, a Pike County native, died Thursday, October 30, at Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth E. Amick. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Paul Funeral Home.

Opal Blankenship, 78, of Freeburn, died Wednesday, November 5, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Edis Compton Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Joseph Ryan Dale, 26, a Pike County native, died Saturday, November 8, in Memphis, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Monie B. Damron, 94, of Wyandotte, Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, November 12, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Leonard Damron. Graveside services were conducted Monday, November 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Cheryl "Kathy" Daniels, 45, of Freeburn, died Wednesday, November 5, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Eric "Little Man" Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Floyd Tommy Davis, 64, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, November 5, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Justine Gibson Davis. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 7, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Leroy Elsworth "Bone" Garrison III, 39, of Belfry, died Wednesday, November 12, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

June Gilliam, 89, of Ashland, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, November 6, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Thomas E. Hamilton Sr., 61, of Mentone, Indiana, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, November 13, at Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room, Warsaw, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Sue Hamilton. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 16, under the direction of King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Alice Virginia Kendrick, 60, of Upper Chloe Creek, died Thursday, November 6, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Lona Little, 95, of Caney Creek, died Monday, November 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Kristopher Shawn Luster, 28, of Raccoon, died Monday, November 10, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Clayton W. Potter, 84, of Altoona, Florida, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Friday, November 7, in Altoona. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Margaret Rechinda, 95, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday,

November 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 11, (Information, courtesy of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.)

Ben Rowe, 76, of Greasy Creek, died Sunday, November 9, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Sharon K. Slone, 41, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, November 5, at Meta, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

J.R. Smith, 88, of Phelps, died Thursday, November 13, at Winchester Center for Health and Rehabilitation. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Hackney Smith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Billy Thacker, 31, of Shelbiana, died Sunday, November 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Roy E. Williamson, 78, of Forest Hills, a native of Pike County, died Thursday, November 6, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Henson Brown Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Mildred Franklin Armes, 91, died Friday, November 7, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Peggy Belhasen Baldwin, 54, died Saturday, November 8, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Mike Baldwin. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Willie F. "Bill" Blanton, 76, a Johnson County native, died at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Neva Jo Click Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Ray Clevenger, 66, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, November 5, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Frances Rasnick Clevenger. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gerald Lloyd "Buddy" Delong, 67, died Wednesday, November 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Helen McKenzie Delong. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James W. Music, 66, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, November 5, at Parkway Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Parthena Marshall Music. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash, Indiana.

Knott County

Olga Collins, 76, of Leburn, died Monday, November 3, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kenneth Ray Collins, 53, of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, November 12, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following an auto accident. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Short Collins.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Daniels, 73, of of Greenwicht, Ohio, a Knott County native, died Thursday, November 6, at Fisher Titus Medical Center, Norwalk, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 10, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

John M. Fields, 84, of Cambria, Illinois, a native of Amburgey, died Tuesday, November 4, at Marion Veterans Administration Nursing Center, Marion, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Opal Fields. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Riggins-Pillarsch Funeral Home.

Charles Ray "Whitey" Hays, 59, of Mousie, died Thursday, November 6, at Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mildred Jent, 65, of Amburgey, died November 4, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Richard Jent. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Katherine King, 55, of Wolcottville, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, November 3, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Charles Raymond King. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Gladys Hall Martin, 50, of Hindman, died Saturday, November 8, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.



Keith Justice and April Amburgey, center, managers of CitiFinancial offices in Pikeville, present Sgt. Rob Winslett, right, and Det. Craig Sutton with a \$25,000 grant to Trooper Island. The money will be used to send children in need to summer camp.

CitiFinancial makes donation to Trooper Island

PIKEVILLE - CitiFinancial Kentucky East branch offices located in London, Corbin, Harlan, Pikeville, Paintsville and Hazard have selected a Citigroup Foundation grant in the amount of \$25,000 for Trooper Island.

The money will give young campers from all over Kentucky an opportunity to share a week of positive, character-building experiences. These are children who otherwise might not be able to attend summer camp.

Over the past three years, the Kentucky East Offices of CitiFinancial have provided Trooper Island with grants totaling over \$74,000. In addition to the funding, earlier this year CitiFinancial provided computers for the children's use at camp. As a result, Sgt. Rob Winslett, director of the camp, has initiated a newsletter featuring stories written by the campers.

"This organization makes a real difference to the quality of life in our area," said April Amburgey, manager of the Weddington Branch Road office, and Keith Justice, manager of the South Mayo Trail office of CitiFinancial in Pikeville. "CitiFinancial is proud to be a part

of this community and it's important that we all take the time to give back, whether it's in the form of money, time or talent."

"The employees in our network of branches are in tune with specific needs of the communities where they live and work. We feel they are the best front line representative for our company's philanthropic program," said Joe Burns, regional manager of CitiFinancial Corporation.

The local contributions program, funded by the Citigroup Foundation, began in 1990 as the Travelers Foundation Grants in order to provide assistance to non-profit community projects in areas where CitiFinancial offices are located. Criteria for selection are that the organization's programs must be open to everyone in need of services without restrictions and the organization itself must be an official "not for profit" organization.

CitiFinancial is a financial services company specializing in consumer loans. The company has been in business since 1912 and currently has over 2,100 offices across the United States and Canada.

She is survived by her husband, Kohlman Martin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shirley Mosley, 87, of Leburn, died Sunday, November 9, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Manford Terry, 83, of York Convalescent Center, Yorktown, Virginia, a Knott County native, died Friday, October 31. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Peninsula Funeral Home.

Pauline Watts, 61, of Hindman, died Sunday, November 9, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Donnie Watts. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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COLLEGE

Campbellsville ousts Pikeville College VB

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JEFFERSONTOWN – The playing careers of five seniors came to an end on Friday evening when second-seeded Campbellsville University knocked off No. 3



Sammons

Pikeville College 3-0. The decision came in the first semi-final match of the 2003 Mid-South Conference volleyball tournament at the Mid-American

Sports Center. "I'm very proud of these seniors and it's been my pleasure to be associated with them for their senior season," said Robert Staggs, whose first season as volleyball coach at the

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Bears open tourney with victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JEFFERSONTOWN – The Pikeville College Lady Bears began play in the 2003 Mid-South Conference volleyball tournament with a 3-1 win over Lambuth University on Friday afternoon.

The win puts the third-seeded Pikeville in the semifinals against No. 2 Campbellsville this afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Mid-American

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OUTDOORS

Hunting: Beyond deer, smaller species

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Slipping in under the radar screen, amid the distraction of the firearms deer season, is the onset of hunting for most other Kentucky game.

Kentucky hunters' favorite species nowadays is the white-tailed deer, the most pursued game in the state. Most attention is heaped on deer, too, during the modern gun

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THEATRE

Rupp performance coming to Knott Co.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN – The Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center and Knott County Leadership Program will present Chataouqua speaker Edward Smith as Adolph Rupp. He will be performing Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Opportunity Center in Hindman. Smith teaches theater and performance courses in the Communication Arts Department at Georgetown College.

Adolph Rupp, the man Smith will be portraying, was the legendary University of Kentucky basketball coach for 42 years. He took the job as head coach in 1930 after an unsuccessful career as a basketball player. He pushed the University of Kentucky Wildcats into the spotlight and is the reason for the popularity the program still enjoys to this day.

For more information contact the

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Members of the Appalachian Regional Rocky Mountain Horse Club took south to South Carolina in support of the Annual Beach Ride for the American Heart Association.

FUNDRAISING

Horse club supports American Heart Assoc.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Last weekend found the officers and members of the Appalachian Regional Rocky Mountain Horse Club in South Carolina in support of the Annual Beach Ride for the American Heart Association.

This fundraising event has been held in beautiful Myrtle Beach, S.C. now for 22 consecutive years.

Horses and riders from all over the Eastern United States came to ride and

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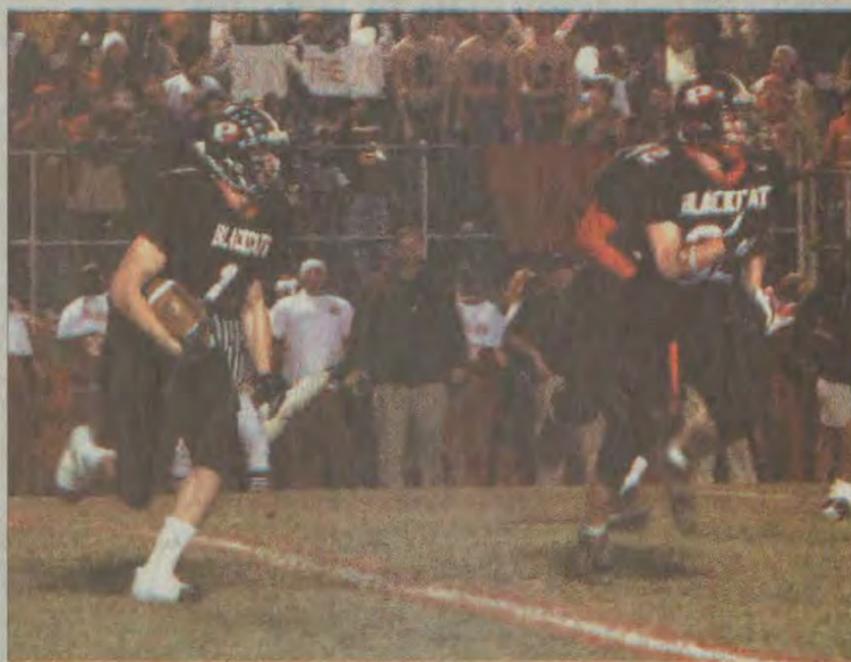


photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Chat Yates looked to turn the corner against the Belfry defense.

Belfry escapes Blackcats

Prestonsburg ends season with second round exit

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

POND CREEK – On a night that early on looked as though Prestonsburg may get soundly thumped by Belfry, it would be a valiant bunch of Blackcats that would fall just short of a regional finals game in the end.

Belfry took a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter and seemed to be on its way to a lopsided win but Prestonsburg would show plenty of heart and determination and nearly pull off a

big upset before finally losing by a score of 27-19. Prestonsburg took the opening kickoff and mustered one first down before Belfry stopped the Blackcats and force a Blackcat punt. After two short runs on the Pirates first possession, it would be a third-and-seven for Belfry from its own 30-yard line.

Paul Howard found Doug Howard wide open for a 70-yard touchdown pass and Belfry would get out to an early 7-0 lead with 5:44 left in the first quarter.

After Prestonsburg would be forced to punt early in the second quarter, it would be another long touchdown from

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bradley, Williams newest signees for Wildcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – The two newest UK men's basketball signees, both guards, join a UK roster for the 2004-05 season which is already heavy with talented backcourt players.

Kentucky's Tubby Smith announced Wednesday that the Wildcats opened the 2003-04 national signing period by inking a pair of high school guards - Ramel Bradley of New York City, and Adam Williams of St. Albans, W.Va.

"Ramel Bradley and Adam Williams are just what we need - what we have been looking for," Smith said. "They are great additions to our Wildcat basket

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Shannon moves into starting role at ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The loss of top returning player Tommy McKenzie left Alice Lloyd College head coach Gary Gibson looking for both a starting point guard and a leader. Ryan Shannon, a graduate of South Floyd High School and a contributor in past seasons, has moved into a starting role for the Eagles. And he's produced in the early goings.

In a win over Berea, Shannon, the team's starting point guard, had a solid

Shannon went into the current season with high expectations saying he hoped the Eagles could "win all home games, half road games, and win the conference tournament."

floor game with nine points and four assists. The Eagles beat Berea 85-73. In a game against UVA-Wise,

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South Floyd alumnus Ryan Shannon has found a fit in the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program.



photo by Jamie Howell
Senior Nick Jamerson was one of many Blackcats that gave an all-out effort in Friday night's loss on the road to Belfry.

Four North Carolina schools in top 25

by DAVID DROSHAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last season, no Atlantic Coast Conference team landed a spot in the Final Four for the first time since 1996. Don't expect another poor NCAA tournament showing from one of the nation's top conferences. Duke is no longer a team of young pups, Roy Williams has returned to coach North Carolina, and Wake Forest and N.C. State have joined the two powers in the preseason poll for the first time in ACC history.

more with kid gloves and be a little more understanding, yet still be demanding," Williams said. "Expectations have to be realistic. You've got to pull them along, like teaching your kid to ride a bike. You are going to run beside them holding them, not throw them in the river and say, 'Sink or swim.'" Wake Forest is 46-19 in two seasons under Skip Prosser and

won last year's regular-season race by two games over Duke and Maryland. The Demon Deacons should have an opportunity to repeat with four starters back and one of the deepest teams in the league. "We have the kind of kids (See TOP, page three)

Flemingsburg man remembers a long ago life of baseball

by DANETTA BARKER
THE LEDGER-INDEPENDENT

FLEMINGSBURG — A long time ago, Bill Graham was one of the Boys of Summer. He was the guy who lives to play baseball, the kid who left the farm to play baseball. Graham was a professional baseball player, a starting pitcher for 11 short years a long time ago. That was another lifetime really, Graham said recently. So much has happened in his life that playing ball seems like ancient history. In 1957 Graham left Fleming County to pursue his dream of pitch-

ing in the big leagues. "I played in the minor leagues for eight or nine years," Graham said. "Then I played for the Detroit Tigers until the last part of the 1968 season, then I was traded to the Mets." Graham was traded just a few short months before the Mets surprised the country and won the 1969 World Series. He also left the Mets just a few short months before that historic victory. Graham's father, a doctor, fell ill. His mother had already passed away and Graham felt the need to go home. "Bad timing," he said grinning.

"The Mets were a young team, then they won it all." Back when Graham played, things were a little different than they are now; players got traded or sold and salaries were about \$7,000 a year. "Only a handful of players, like Mickey Mantle, made big money. They were paid about \$100,000 a year," Graham said. "I remember once while I was playing, the owners of the Yankees complained about players' salaries, saying they were out of hand. The Yankees payroll that year was over \$1 million — for the whole team." Players could be sold and traded, much the same way kids traded baseball cards. Graham said it wasn't always a bad thing to be traded; sometimes it gave a player another chance to become a great ball player.

Hunting

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season that now is under way. The gun hunt runs through Nov. 23 in Zone 1 and 2 counties, and it closes Monday in Zone 3 and 4 counties. That's why the recent statewide beginning of small game, furbearer and bobcat seasons largely goes unheralded — at least at first. At the top of the list of these smaller species are rabbits, bobwhite quail and squirrels. Before the ascension of deer in Kentucky with the modern whitetail re-establishment program that began in the 1960s, rabbits and squirrels were the most hunted of Kentucky's game. They remain popular small game pursuits once the options for deer wind down. Rabbits and quail are fair game through Feb. 10 in 29 westernmost counties and through Jan. 31 in the rest of the state. Daily and possession limits are four and eight respectively for rabbits, and for quail they are eight and 16. The hunting for rabbits and bobwhites may be improved this year because of a succession of relatively mild winters conducive to survival of these species and based on anecdotal reports of increased sightings of rabbits and quail across much of Kentucky during the summer and autumn.

Squirrel season, starting in late summer, resumes for a long run that will continue through Jan. 31 statewide. The conventional daily bag and possession limits remain six and 12. A species that is often passed over in late fall and winter, squirrel hunting does offer some underappreciated bounty. Good "mast" crops — chiefly acorns and hickory nuts — over the past few years have allowed squirrel numbers to edge upward. After fall's generous new generation of squirrels added to the total, there is a plentiful population of the rodents over most of Kentucky's forests and woodlots. Bird hunting in a number of eastern Kentucky habitats also means grouse. Ruffed grouse can be taken by high country wing-shooters through Feb. 29. Bag and possession limits remain four and eight. Both hunting and trapping are open for the state's furbearers, which include raccoons, opossums, red and gray foxes, mink, muskrat, beaver, weasel and striped skunk. These critters are "in season" through noon of Feb. 29.

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Region's top guards in junior Quinn Hawkins. The Colonels are expected to give a strong push in the 37th District. Other key players back include Deron Brown, Jay Hilder and Andrew Sosby. Bourbon County is forced to replace graduate Craig Williams, a senior center last season. The Colonels are coached by Brandon Salsman. Silver Grove, coached by Steve Hart, figures to again be strong. The Big Trains (16-9) are led by Bryant McCarter, who averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds per game last season. McCarter is a 6-1 junior forward. All three of the participating 10th Region teams play in the same region as defending state champ Mason County.

Of the furbearers, the most targeted by hunting are raccoons, pursued by nocturnal houndsmen and their baying canines. While a specialty that's not pursued by a wide segment of the sporting community, raccoon hunting is in some glory days with raccoon populations hovering at historical high levels. The bag limit on raccoons is two per hunter in a 24-hour period. Small game hunters who launch into their pursuits while the modern gun season or any other gun hunt for deer continues must remember to wear fluorescent "hunter orange" on hats/caps and upper body clothing to meet safety requirements. Those who hunt at night — raccoon hunters, for instance — are exempted from hunter orange requirements. The statewide duck season, meanwhile, opens Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, and Canada goose hunting follows, beginning as early as Dec. 6 depending on the goose regulation zone of the state.

ALC

Bullitt East is the lone team from the 8th Region in the first-ever Tiger Hoops Classic. Coached by Troy Barr, East competes in the 29th District. Barr's team has a talented junior class led by 6-2 guard Daniel Alcorn, one of the top players in the 8th Region. Justin Troutman (6-4), Brandon Fentress (6-4) and Cliff Florence (6-3) will provide play inside for the Chargers. Ryan Troutman, a six-foot shooting guard and Jacob Porter (6-2) are other backcourt players.

Shannon (South Floyd) finished with 13 points, three rebounds and three assists. Shannon went into the current season with high expectations saying he hoped the Eagles could "win all home games, half road games, and win the conference tournament." Shannon played his high school hoops for current South Floyd head coach Henry Webb.

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enjoy the Myrtle Beach facilities. Lakewood Resorts Camp Ground has been the ride headquarters and the originally organized the fundraiser. As one might expect Myrtle Beach and Horry County have some strict rules when it comes to using their public beaches however, for three days in November they open these gorgeous facilities to over 1000 horses and riders to ride, relax, play in the surf and enjoy the warmer weather. One can see horses and riders on the beach at 2 p.m. in the day and at 2 a.m. in the morning enjoying the miles of open beaches and surf. The activities are culminated by the official ride on Saturday that turns into a twenty-mile romp from Surfside Beach to 54th Avenue of Myrtle Beach. The halfway station and rest point served pizza and drinks to all that stopped. The horses were well taken care of also; they enjoyed a treat of carrots and

apples while being hitched to the Myrtle Beach Pavilion guard railing. Horses of every breed, riders from every walk of life came together to talk, ride and enjoy the sites of one of South Carolina favorite vacation spot. In all, over \$100,000.00 dollars will be raised for the American Heart Association in these three days of November and The Appalachian Rocky Mountain Horse Club dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Rocky Mountain Horse that has its roots in Eastern Kentucky played a small but important part in this worth while cause. The club is headquartered in Pikeville and boasts of over 140 members throughout Eastern Kentucky, Southwest Virginia, West Virginia and East Tennessee. The Rocky Mountain Horse is fast becoming one of the more sought after mounts on a long ride such as this. Its smooth natural gait and comfortable ride allow one the opportunity to complete the full day rides such as this and still be able to visit, socialize and enjoy the after hours activities.

Rupp

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ball family. We recruit people that will fit our needs and compliment our group of returning players. These two will fit very well into our plans. The future is bright." Williams is somewhat of a schoolboy legend in the state of West Virginia. The highest-rated prep player in West Virginia, the 6-4 Williams was named first-team Class AAA all-state and the Kanawha County Player of the Year as a junior after averaging 19 points, eight rebounds and nearly four assists for St. Albans High. He is rated as the No. 32 shooting guard in the nation, and No. 149 overall, according to Rivals.com. "Adam is a player with a lot of upside to him," Smith said. "He's learned a lot of basketball from his father, Tex, who is an

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Adams falls to Dorton

by RANDELL RENO

The Adams Middle School Boys A-Team basketball team opened its season with a tough loss on Thursday night as the visited the Dorton Wildcats of Pike County. The Blackcats floundered in the first quarter with James Michael Lafferty scoring their only two points of the opening period. Down 11-2 the Blackcats were sparked by the entrance of seventh grader Jody Tackett as he scored five quick points early in the quarter. The Blackcats clawed their way back into the game, outscoring the Wildcats 15-6 in the second quarter leaving them trailing by a single point as they entered the locker rooms at halftime. But upon reentering the game

the Blackcats faced a tough full court press which saw the Wildcats go up as many as eight in the third and fourth quarters. Yet the Blackcats would not retreat. Once again they fought back into the game paced by Lafferty who contributed six points in the fourth. With literally one minute to go Dorton regained the lead by two and did not let go. Although they dropped a close one to the Wildcats these Blackcats played tenaciously and will be a team to watch in the 2003-2004 campaign. The Blackcats were lead in scoring by Lafferty who scored eight points and Nathaniel Stephens who also had eight. They were led in rebounding by Josiah Reno who had eight boards.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bwenge not your typical tailback — or football player



Alexis Bwenge

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky's new starting tailback speaks French at home, soon will begin work toward a master's degree, often quotes movie character Austin Powers and rarely had watched football until he started playing the game. Meet Alexis Bwenge, a sophomore who will start in the backfield Saturday, when the Wildcats (4-5, 1-4 Southeastern

Conference) visit Vanderbilt (1-9, 0-6). "He definitely is a unique individual," said tight end Win Gaffron, one of Bwenge's best friends on the team. "He can do good at whatever he does. He's so intelligent and is such a good athlete. He chose football and he does good at that." Bwenge is a native of Quebec, Canada's French-speaking province. He left home at age 12 to attend boarding school so he could play basketball. The football coach at the school asked Bwenge to play that sport, too, so he did. At Champlain Prep in Lennoxville, Quebec, Bwenge rushed for 712 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior. But he said he never modeled himself after any running back he saw on television, because he doesn't watch much of it. "I never really watch sports on TV. I don't watch TV much at all, actually," he said. "I'm not big on idolizing people." How did he end up at

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Johnson priming for 2004 Nextel Cup title run

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson can't avoid the spotlight, but he sure does try. "I don't worry about getting a lot of attention," the second-

year Winston Cup star said, shrugging. "What we're trying to accomplish is to win races and do the best we can as a team. If people notice, that's great. If not, that's OK, too." It would be hard not to

notice what Johnson and his No. 48 Chevrolet team have done since reaching NASCAR's top stock car series.

A year ago, he and Ryan Newman locked up in a classic season-long rookie battle.

Johnson won four poles, three races, had 21 top 10 finishes and wound up fifth in the standings and second in the rookie points.

Newman was named rookie of the year and got most of the acclaim with a win, six poles and 24 top 10 finishes that carried him to sixth in the season points.

It's been more of the same this year.

Newman goes into Friday's qualifying for the season-ending Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway with a series-high 11 poles, eight wins and 22 top 10s — second only to new Winston Cup champion Matt Kenseth's 25. Newman is fourth in the points.

Johnson's season has been less spectacular but equally effective.

He goes into Homestead with two poles, three wins, 19 top 10s and — most important — is second in the standings.

His hold on second place is precarious. He's just 38 points ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr., 103 in front of Newman and 137 ahead of Jeff Gordon, Johnson's teammate, car owner and a four-time series champion.

"Jimmie is doing a great job, but we've got an outside shot at finishing second and we're going to give it everything we have," Gordon said. "The way those guys compete, though, it's going to be hard to take it away from them."

Holding onto second place

would mean a lot to Johnson.

"If you look at it financially, the difference from second to sixth is \$920,000," Johnson said. "And we set goals to try to do better than fifth place, where we finished last year."

"It's important to meet those goals to build for a championship year next year."

Does that mean he expects to be a championship contender in 2004?

"With the way these last two years have gone, we're setting our expectations high and want to win the championship," Johnson said. "We keep learning and working as a team, and that's important for the future."

One reason Johnson doesn't

draw more attention is his racing style — steady and aggressive only when he believes he has to be. He doesn't usually knock other drivers out of the way on purpose or get into post-race name calling.

That's probably the main reason he comes into Homestead having been in the top 10 in points for 68 consecutive races — longer than any other active driver.

"I think being in the situation I'm in — driving Hendrick Motorsports cars — it has put me in that position," Johnson said. "It's just being in great equipment, stuff that doesn't fall apart"

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NFL

Chiefs must ignore Chad, listen to Elway

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ignore Chad. Listen to Elway.

In the midst of their second Super Bowl championship season, the undefeated Broncos came to town in 1998 for a game against the lowly Bengals, a

team with a losing record and everything to gain.

By day's end, the Broncos felt awfully lucky to be 8-0. Terrell Davis' touchdown run with 58 seconds left gave them a win and a warning.

"Today was a great lesson for us," Elway said. "We've got to be ready to play week in and

week out."

Listening, Chiefs?

Kansas City comes to town this weekend as the NFL's only unbeaten team, the first team to start 9-0 since those '98 Broncos. And they're facing the same challenge.

How do they get psyched up for an unfamiliar team with everything to gain?

"People have been saying that we're going to lose every week," Chiefs guard Will Shields said. "We just sort of take it that way, that each week we're supposed to lose. We'll just play our game and what happens, happens. I think it's going to be a tough game."

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that are going to keep coming at you," Prosser said. "We may not always win, but if you are going to beat us you better pack a lunch because it's going to be a long day."

After some lean seasons in Raleigh, N.C. State is coming off consecutive NCAA appearances for the first time since 1988-89. Coach Herb Sendek has also been to the ACC title game the last two seasons against Duke.

The Wolfpack is small, but can create matchup problems and has one of the best players in the ACC in Hodge.

"Our recent successes have served to reap some measure of confidence," said Sendek. Beginning his eighth season with N.C. State. "Our guys feel good about themselves. All those things help when guys look in the mirror."

Maryland, the 2002 national champion, could be the league's dark horse because Gary Williams is a master with young squads.

Gone is four-year starting point guard Steve Blake and clutch shooting guard Drew Nicholas, with Nic Caner-Medley the only returning player with substantial experience.

Williams will need a big year from senior Jamar Smith and sophomore point guard John Gilchrist, who is one of the ACC's fastest players.

Only Duke (105) has more ACC regular-season wins than Maryland (99) since 1994.

"I'm excited this year because teaching is a priority," said Williams, who begins his 15th season in College Park. "To watch this program grow with this school has been a great thing. We don't feel we are at the peak of what we can do as a basketball program."

Florida and Kentucky should be the top two teams in a deep SEC.

The 11th-ranked Wildcats

went 16-0 in the league last year and finished 32-4, but fell short of the Final Four.

"I think the momentum of last year is still there," coach Tubby Smith said. "The characteristics of the teamwork that it took to do that, those are still with the team. We are very capable of being as good or better than last year's team."

Meanwhile, the No. 8 Gators have averaged 24.4 wins over the last five seasons under Billy Donovan and have two of the nation's best young players in Anthony Roberson and Matt Walsh.

They too, however, fizzled in the NCAA's last year.

"Everybody can have a goal, but not everyone has a purpose behind a goal," Donovan said. "We have talked to our players about having a purpose."

In the Southern Conference, defending champion East Tennessee State looks strong again with five starters back.

Western Kentucky has won three straight Sun Belt titles, but should be pushed by Louisiana-Lafayette and New Mexico State, who has preseason player of the year James Moore.

N.C.-Wilmington, the underdog darling of many fans in the last two NCAA tournaments, will try to make the postseason for the first time without star Breit Blizzard in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Georgia State could emerge again out of the Atlantic Sun with preseason all-conference players Lamont McIntosh and Nate Williams.

Perennial Big South power Winthrop is expected to have another solid campaign, while Florida A&M is favored in the MEAC, Texas Southern in the SWAC and Texas-Arlington in the Southland.

AUTO RACING

After 16 years of trying, Roush finally takes title

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — After four runner-up finishes and 16 years of frustration, nothing could spoil Jack Roush's drive to the championship with Matt Kenseth.

Not bad luck, not rule changes, not even NASCAR brass' perceived dislike of Roush could derail this trip.

The 61-year-old car owner took off his trademark hat and leaned back in his transporter as he explained all the heartache while chasing the Winston Cup title.

"I'm kind of in shock over the whole deal," Roush said after Kenseth finished fourth Sunday at Rockingham to win the title. "It's kind of like breaking through a plate-glass window not knowing what's on the other side. It has been painful getting through it. It has been really tough emotionally to think about the four times we were so close with Mark and came up just short."

His most recent disappointment was last year, at Rockingham of all places, when

Mark Martin's team was penalized 25 championship points for using an illegal spring. The penalty ruined Martin's momentum as he headed into the season finale in pursuit of Tony Stewart.

The Roush camp bitterly protested the penalty, appealing it on the eve of the finale only to lose and watch Stewart edge Martin for the title.

"You have to understand, I have been close before — close enough to touch it — and ended up so disappointed," Roush said.

When he entered Winston Cup racing in 1988, he put all his hopes on Martin. Together the two battled the NASCAR establishment, always on the outside looking in.

They came close in 1990, but a 46-point penalty in the second race of the year over an infraction pointed out to NASCAR by rival Richard Childress ultimately played a role in that championship, too. Martin and Roush lost the title to Childress and Dale Earnhardt by 29 points.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Morehead St. 48, Charleston, W.Va., 10

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — David Caudill threw for four touchdowns and ran for another as Morehead State defeated University of Charleston 48-10 on Thursday night.

Caudill was 15-of-31 for 212 yards, including 21- and 37-yard touchdowns to Ralph Delsardo in the first half, as the Eagles (8-2) dominated the Golden Eagles (2-9) before a sparse crowd of 250 at Laidley Field.

Delsardo ended with four catches for 97 yards.

Morehead State, which came into the game fourth in Division I-AA scoring defense allowing 13.4 points a game, gave up 240

yards to UC, which turned the ball over five times.

Cory Isner threw a 24-yard touchdown to Marcus Johnson with 1:03 left for UC's only touchdown.

Isner ended 16-of-35 for 186 yards and two interceptions. UC managed only 54 yards rushing on 31 carries.

The Golden Eagles scored first on a 27-yard Pat Shea field goal in the first quarter. But the Eagles responded with 48 unanswered points, 24 in each half.

The game concluded UC's first season since 1956. It was the schools' first meeting since Morris Harvey, as UC was then known, beat Morehead State 40-7 on Nov. 12, 1955.

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Kentucky?

"They offered me a scholarship," he said.

Bwenge's answers often are short and to the point. If he doesn't understand an English word — he's only spoken the language seriously for about four years — he'll simply ask what it means. He can be brutally honest as well, which his teammates say they appreciate.

"He runs like the way he is — no nonsense," Gaffron said. "He's running straight up and down the field. That's the way his personality is, too — straightforward. If he doesn't like something, he'll tell you, just because I don't think he's learned how to sugarcoat things yet. He just knows how to give it to you straight up."

That doesn't mean Bwenge can't be funny, though.

"He just pulls out days when he just wants to be funny and he makes jokes and cracks with people," quarterback Jared Lorenzen said. "He loves Austin Powers. That's when he gets funny, is when he starts reciting all those things. He's hilarious."

But most of the time, Bwenge is matter-of-fact and serious about both football and academics. The political science major is only in his third year at Kentucky, but next semester, he'll begin work on his master's degree, even as he's finishing up work on his bachelor's degree. He carries a 3.48 grade point average and has been nominated for the Academic All-America team sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Off the field, Bwenge used to room with linebacker Raymond

Fontaine, a teammate from Canada who also speaks French, but now he has another French-speaking roommate who's not on the team. They speak French in their apartment.

"There's no reason not to. It's our first language," Bwenge said.

That the 6-foot-1 Bwenge is the starting tailback for the Wildcats isn't surprising — he was considered the starter after spring drills. But he bulked up to 215 pounds during the summer, and coaches instead opted to use him as the starting fullback. He's bounced between the positions all season, but earned a start at tailback after recording 140 yards and three touchdowns rushing and receiving in Kentucky's last game, a 71-63, seven-overtime loss to Arkansas.

He'd only scored one touchdown all season prior to that game. "That long run I had (a 51-yard, third-quarter touchdown catch) made me feel really comfortable, and I was able to free my mind and just go out there and play hard," Bwenge said.

Bwenge has rushed for a team-high 306 yards this season on 69 carries. Coach Rich Brooks said Bwenge will also play some at fullback against Vanderbilt.

"We put him in where we feel like he can best help the team, because he is multipurpose," offensive coordinator Ron Hudson said. "He needs to improve on his blocking, and he knows that. He's got to take the same type of attitude he had running the ball to blocking. Then he'll be even a better player."

"He is totally different. He's an enigma. But he's a good guy."

PRO FOOTBALL

Former Knott Co. head coach takes over Horsemen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen will be looking for additions to its 2004 roster by holding an open tryout in Heritage Hall (located in the Lexington Center, next to Rupp Arena) on Saturday, Dec. 13. All offensive and defensive hopefuls are invited to attend. A separate tryout for kickers will be held on a to-be-announced date in January.

Tryouts for All Offensive and Defensive Linemen will begin with registration from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Running Backs, Receivers, Linebackers, Defensive Backs and Quarterbacks will begin with registration from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

All interested players must be at least 19 years old and are encouraged to call (859) 422-7277 before December 13 if they wish to try out. On Dec. 13, players will register at the security entrance behind Rupp Arena, off of Cox Street. The tryout fee is \$50.00, payable only by cash, check or money order, and will be collected at registration on Dec. 13.

Current Lexington Catholic

head coach and former Knott County Central head coach Bob Sphire is in as the new head coach of the Horsemen. He replaces Tony Franklin.

Players need to bring turf or tennis shoes, as well as workout clothes (shorts, t-shirts, etc.). Participants will be tested in the 40-yard dash, pro-shuttle, vertical jump, and various football skill drills, and will be weighed and measured. Any players who have video of themselves are encouraged to bring it to the tryout as well. For more tryout information, please contact the Horsemen office at (859) 422-7277.

Season tickets are now on sale for the 2004 season, which begins in March; for ticket information, call the Rupp Arena box office at 859-233-3535 or log on to www.rupparena.com.

The Horsemen finished their inaugural season with a 9-6 record and a trip to the playoffs, where they were defeated in the first round by eventual 2003 NIFL Champion Ohio Valley. For more information about the team, please call 859-422-PASS or visit www.lexingtonhorsemen.com.



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Belfry

Belfry, this time on a 75-yard scamper from David Jones and the Pirates would lead 14-0 with 9:43 left in the first half. Belfry seemed to be on the verge of putting the game away early but a David Jones fumble at the Pirate 30 yard line with 3:00 left in the first half gave the Blackcats new life after Brandon Peters scooped up the ball and returned it to the Belfry 20. Prestonsburg put a touch-

down on the board with only 29 seconds left in the half on a three-yard run from Trevor Compton to cut the Belfry lead to 14-7 at the half. Prestonsburg quickly took the second half momentum after another Pirate fumble and hit paydirt on a one-yard plunge from Nicholas Jamerson. Prestonsburg failed on the point after and Belfry still lead 14-13 with 9:38 on the third quarter

clock. After the Blackcat touch-down, Belfry quickly answered on a four-yard run from Doug Howard to regain a 20-13 lead. But the Pirates would also fail to convert the PAT. The third quarter ended with Belfry in front 20-13 and Prestonsburg again trimmed the lead after a nice drive that would be capped off by a one-yard dive from Jamerson to cut the lead to 20-19. Prestonsburg attempted a two-point conversion but Compton's pass was knocked down by Tyler Bostic and Belfry still led 20-19 with 6:02 left in the game. The Pirates chewed up clock on the

next series and forced Prestonsburg to use time-outs. The Pirate offense tacked on another score on a 20-yard run by Bostic late. Prestonsburg was forced to give up the touchdown to have any chance to get the ball back. Belfry led 27-19 with 1:30 remaining, but after Prestonsburg drove the ball to the Pirate 20 in the closing seconds, the Blackcats fumbled away the pigskin and Belfry held on for the win. Prestonsburg ends another good grid season at 7-5. With many of this season's players returning it should be another good season on the horizon in 2004.

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National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	184	155
Miami	5	4	0	.556	168	141
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	149	158
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	166	173

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	254	171
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	174
Houston	3	6	0	.333	162	244
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	172	231

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	206	182
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	186	200
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	135	171
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	176	217

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	0	0	1.000	287	150
Denver	5	4	0	.556	210	171
Oakland	2	7	0	.222	162	211
San Diego	2	7	0	.222	174	243

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	181	136
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	159	166
N.Y. Giants	4	5	0	.444	172	195
Washington	4	5	0	.444	176	212

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	7	2	0	.778	178	163
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	189	205
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	188	141
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	157	250

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	3	0	.667	251	205
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	244	210
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	151	211
Detroit	3	6	0	.333	152	207

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	213	174
St. Louis	6	3	0	.667	246	181
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	202	152
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	130	235

Sunday, Nov. 16

St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
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San Diego at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17

Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9 p.m.



College

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school resulted in a 17-7 worksheet. "They worked hard every day in practice, provided a high level of leadership for us and will be missed.

"Unfortunately, tonight just wasn't our night."

Campbellsville will play the winner of the second semifinal match between top-ranked Georgetown College and No. 3 Lindsey Wilson College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The opening game was tight early, as the teams were tied on four consecutive points ending with 11-11. But from there, the Lady Tigers took control. Five consecutive kills, the middle three by senior outside hitter Erin Plumley, combined with a Pikeville hitting error to stretch the lead to 17-11.

Plumley wrapped up the game with a solo block and a kill to end it 30-18.

A pair of kills by junior Rebecca Cahill helped the Lady Tigers jump out to a 7-1 lead early in the second game. A dink, a kill and a service ace by senior Tereza Morano pulled Pikeville to within four at 12-8, but senior Michelle Hume had two kills during a 5-1 run to put Campbellsville in front 17-11, and her kill on match point ended it for 30-20 win.

Pikeville got out quickly in the third game and led 12-8 before the Tigers rallied to take control. The Lady Tigers finished with a 30-23 decision. Tereza Morano had 29 digs, 20 receptions, 12 kills and four blocks in the match. Rebecca Van Meter finished with 20 digs, eight kills and two blocks. Amanda Sammons contributed 23 assists, 11 digs, five blocks and four kills.

Chiefs

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Chad Johnson has guaranteed it.

As soon as the Bengals (4-5) beat Houston last Sunday, the chatty receiver guaranteed a win over the Chiefs. It became the talk of the locker room, with most of his teammates wishing he'd kept quiet.

"It's to get us fired up," Johnson said. "I just put us out there."

He certainly put them on the spot.

The Bengals are one game out of first place in the weak AFC North, their best standing at this point of a season since 1990. That's the last year that they had a winning record and went to the playoffs.

By knocking off an unbeaten team, it would suggest they've come full-circle under first-year coach Marvin Lewis. They might even win over some of their reluctant fans.

They got drubbed before a capacity crowd in their home opener, prompting fans to conclude Lewis' rebuilding is going to take some time. They've had crowds of around 50,000 for each of the last two home games — roughly 15,000 below capacity.

A sales surge after the 34-27 win over Houston guaranteed a capacity crowd for the Chiefs and another chance to show fans that things are different.

"The excitement has been there since Marvin Lewis was hired, really," quarterback Jon Kitna said. "After the first game of the year, there was a little bit of doubt or whatever. But I think we've played ourselves back into a position where that excitement is back."

up the week in both cities, though the Chiefs refused to dignify it by firing back.

"I think it's a way of motivating themselves," cornerback Eric Warfield said. "When you're on top, you're going to take shots. That's up to them. He's wanting to guarantee a win. We'll see what happens on Sunday."

The Chiefs started the season with a little boasting of their own. During training camp, they predicted that they'd be a force in the league this season.

So far, they've backed it up every time out.

"I thought we'd be a good football team," coach Dick Vermeil said. "But no one can predict 9-0. There's only been 10 teams do it since 1970, so no one can predict that."

The Chiefs will have the advantage in most matchups. An offense that has topped 40 points four times this season will be facing a defense prone to giving up a lot of yards and big plays. Houston set a club record with 27 points last week.

Plus, Dante Hall will try for an NFL-record fifth kick return for a touchdown against Bengals special teams that allowed Houston's J.J. Moses to return seven kickoffs for 186 yards, plus a 47-yard punt return that was wiped out by penalty.

If the Chiefs are up to it, Johnson's guarantee could wind up sounding rather silly.

"There have been guarantees that don't come to fruition," Shields said. "Basically, we've just got to go out and play the game."

And remember Elway.

Bears

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Sports Center.

"We didn't play particularly well early on, but we advanced and that's all that matters at this point in the season," said Robert Staggs, whose team improved to 17-6 on the season. "We'll have to play better this afternoon to handle Campbellsville, but I was proud of the way the girls continued to battle after getting behind early.

Lambuth played with a level of enthusiasm not indicative of its 4-31 record entering tournament play and jumped on Pikeville early, building leads of 6-2 and 9-6 in the first game. Pikeville evened the count four different times, the last being at 15-15, before the Eagles pulled away and won 30-19.

Pikeville took control in the second game. Tied at five, the Lady Bears scored 15 of the next 18 points to lead 20-8. Tereza Morano and Rebecca Van Meter had three kills apiece during the run while Teresa Westray had a couple of service aces. Pikeville won 30-21.

Game three was tightly contested, with the teams tied eight times early, including 15-all. But again the Lady Bears went

Cup

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and that's competitive."

Johnson is proud of the record he and his team have compiled in their two years together, but he had even higher goals for 2003.

"I had hoped we might be in a position to possibly win the championship this year, based on

Roush

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They came up short three more times — to Earnhardt again in 1990, Jeff Gordon in 1998 and Stewart last season — and so it was perhaps bitter-sweet that the first title came from Kenseth.

"This is a good thing for all of us, for everybody involved with Roush Racing," Martin said. "I'm not bitter about the things I haven't accomplished in my life or my career. I'm very proud of the things that I have accomplished."

But the joy is also tempered somewhat. Roush wants Martin to participate in the champion ceremony next month alongside Kenseth, the driver Martin discovered and begged Roush to find a seat for.

our rookie year when we led the points and were a part of that whole battle," Johnson explained.

"But, a realistic goal that we set was to try and be in the top three. Hopefully, we'll be able to do that."

Martin said there's no way he'll even consider it.

"It's not mine to celebrate," he said. "I am happy for Matt. I am happy for Jack. But this belongs to them, not me. I have no place being part of it."

And that's OK with Roush, who won't be celebrating for very long, anyway.

The championship trophy will be accepted, then Roush will move on to preparations for 2004 and his five-car operation.

"I'd trade a championship to have all five of my cars in the top 10," Roush said. "Every time one of my teams wins a race, I've got four other losers and believe it or not, that's hard to deal with."

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