

The Insider

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Late Breaking News:

- **Jake Grover**, Young Bucks QB, was in the Georgetown University emergency room with a possible shoulder blade break. X-rays determined that it was not a broken clavicle and he is listed as a probable starter if he can find a ride home from DC.
- **Patty Ann** recruits Silver Buck from NY.

Charge of Age Discrimination

AP: New Castle, PA. November 4, 2006. An age discrimination suit was filed today in appellate court by **Ellen Nicolls** of Toledo Ohio. Mrs. Nicolls, who admits to being "somewhat over 70", claims that an attempt to join the cheerleading squad for the Silver Bucks as they play in Turkey Bowl XXIII was thwarted by officials because she is too old. But Mrs. Nicolls, who was a star performer and earned the nickname "**Jellin' Ellen**" at the prestigious summer cheerleading camp run by the Nicolls sisters "**Jumping Jessica**" and "**High Kicks Katie**", feels that she has earned the right to a place on the team. "Ever since **Gayle 'Sayers' Ridge** deserted the squad for a place on the Silver Bucks football team, cheerleading has been a weak spot," says "**Jellin' Ellen**". "I placed first in the Nicolls cheerleading camp competition this summer, and I can keep up with any young-

un they try to put up against me, if they would only give me the chance." Her husband, former Silver Buck "**Mean Gene**" agrees. "She got so



"Jellin' Ellen Nicolls performs her grand finale in the routine that won her first place in this year's state cheerleading competition.

excited over her great-grandchildren that she jumped all over the place, and she's been jumping ever since. Best to get her out of the house and onto the playing field before she damages

something."

Turkey Bowl commissioner **Donald Nicolls** was unable to be reached for comment, but a spokesperson for his office, "**Babbling Barb**" Nicolls had this to say. "The deadline for applications was midnight of October 31. Her application was received on the morning of November 1, too late for processing. It has nothing to do with discrimination." **Jellin' Ellen** responded by stating that she was given misinformation on the filing deadline by the commissioner's office, "and I have the papers to prove it."

A pre-trial hearing is set for Monday, November 20. This is only one of many legal issues involving the Turkey Bowl commissioner. (See related story on page 2)

By **Patty Nicolls**

Kauffman Corner

Carol's ticket to the OSU-Cincinnati game was offered to **Kyle** as she and **Aunt Mary** had gone to Youngstown that weekend. **Kyle** was late getting from Athens to Columbus, missed the **Kauffman "Buckeye Bus"**, and thus had to get to the stadium under his own steam. He finally made it to the tailgate, calling his mother to exclaim: "Having a great time; we're tailgating in the West Stadium, and **Dave Nicolls'** spirit

is alive and well - GO BUCKS!" Unfortunately, the campus traffic police were also alive and well that day, as **Kyle** found out. His car had disappeared, only to be found in an impound lot. He would have gotten it out, except his tags had expired. He would have renewed his tags, but realized his driver's licensed had expired. After about 8 hours of red tape, he came to the realization that it would have been much easier to

catch the Buckeye Bus.

After being billed as top salesperson for three months in a row in her new job as leasing agent, **Lindsay** has decided to enroll in real estate classes. She's wondering if any of her Nicolls' cousins may know anything at all about real estate and could give her a tip or two...hmmmm...

By **Carol Kauffman**



"Mad Dog" Gary Grover wants You!

Homeland Security

In the summer of 2001, before September 11th, **Gary Grover** was attempting to organize a home

militia. Pulling out a number of his military hats from his collection and **Hank's** Red Ryder BB gun (you'll shoot your eye out), he enlisted the Grover boys to

pose for a training poster. Fortunately, the boys all had other things to do with their lives and the rest is history.

By Hank Grover

TurkeyGate

First there was Watergate. Then came Travelgate, Monicagate and a host of other gates. In recent months Ohio has been rocked with media coverage of Coingate. But... TurkeyGate? Investigative reporters working with the Turkey Bowl Newsletter have learned that **Donald Nicolls**, beloved Turkey Bowl Commissioner, is being investigated for misappropriation of funds.

The Turkey Bowl, traditionally played the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is extremely popular with both fans and players of the game. But in recent months there has been evidence that all is not what it should be. Silver Buck **"Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls**, overheard in a conversation with **"Wild Bill" Nicolls** was complaining that the Silver Bucks have not had new uniforms since the mid 1990's, and it is well known that the Young Bucks have always had to play in a hodge-podge of uniforms with logos of other teams. Half time programs with the pres-

tigious Turkey Bowl marching band have been replaced by fans recruited from the stands playing on little tin horns and little toy drums. **Head Chef "Bakin' Bev"** was heard to say that she was being forced to provide gourmet meals for players and fans with little or no remuneration. Financial advisor and Silver Buck team member **"Big Boy" Bob Nicolls** claims that it is simply due to cost of living. "I mean, ticket sales have stayed the same since 1968. Costs have to be cut somewhere."

Turkey Bowl Commissioner and sometime coach of the Silver Bucks, **"Big Don" Nicolls** owns the stadium, the parking lot, restaurant and hotel where the annual football game is played. Until now, not a breath of scandal has been associated with him. However this reporter learned that recently the commissioner entertained family members at a luxury resort in West Virginia. The weekend getaway included large luxury suites, meals with heavy tipping of the wait staff, who then presumably looked the other way while the game of chance "99"

was played with heavy stakes. In fact, a cleaning woman turned in currency found in sofa cushions that turned out to be coins missing in the Tom Noe scandal. It is a well known fact that Silver Buck **"Wild Bill" Nicolls**, whose parents **"Mean Gene"** and **"Jellin' Ellen" Nicolls** were also at the resort on that weekend, frequents the coin and card shop in Maumee that Tom Noe owns.

The commissioner refused an interview with the Turkey Bowl Newsletter, but a statement was issued from this office in New Castle, PA. "I have not now nor have I ever used funds from the Turkey Bowl for my own personal use. I have reason to believe that much of this information comes from a disgruntled family member who claims she was denied a position on the Silver Bucks cheering squad. I am not a crook, and I did not refuse to hire that woman!"

By Pattye Nicolls

"Recently the commissioner entertained family members at a luxury resort in West Virginia"



Photo evidence showing the D.J. Nicolls enjoying their sumptuous surroundings at the posh Oglebay Resort last October.