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briefs

Booster seat bill wins final approval

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill requiring children under 7 years old to ride in booster seats has won final approval from Kentucky lawmakers.

The measure passed the House on an 88-8 vote Wednesday night and now goes to Gov. Steve Beshear. Similar bills had died in past legislative sessions.

Rep. Tom Burch said Wednesday that the final version wasn't as strict as he wanted but said it was the best that supporters could get.

The bill would require children under 7 years old between 40 and 50 inches tall to be secured in child booster seats. Violators would be issued courtesy warnings until July 1, 2009. After that, the offense would carry a \$30 fine, though violators could avoid the penalty by purchasing a booster seat.

Violators would not face court costs.



Former President Bill Clinton was at the East Kentucky Expo Center Thursday night campaigning for his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton, whom he called a "change maker."

photo by Jack Latta

Clinton conjures familiar themes during historic visit

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Thousands of Eastern Kentuckians descended on Pikeville Thursday night, despite a torrential downpour, to get an up close and personal look at the 42nd president of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton.

Former Gov. Paul Patton, of Pikeville, whose time in office mirrored

Clintons, was on hand to introduce the former president.

"Tonight we have the first president to visit Eastern Kentucky since Lyndon Johnson in 1962," Patton said, adding that though Clinton carried the weight of the world on his shoulders as president, he never forgot the people who put him there like those in attendance.

President Clinton, who had carried Kentucky both times in his election bids, is hoping his popularity carries

over to his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton, of New York, in her quest to become the 44th president of the United States.

Clinton said he believes his wife is the best candidate for the presidency, which he called, "Nothing more than the most fortunate public servant in the world," noting all of the perks which come with the job, such as Air Force One — "A plane so cool they made a

(See CLINTON, page sixteen)

Local reaction



Lorraine Holbrook, Salyersville: "I came to see Bill Clinton. And I'm supportive of Hillary, all the way."



Glenn Jones, Knott County, HCTC student: "I came here tonight to see a living legend. I wanted to see Bill; but I probably still won't vote for Hillary. I'm not really a supporter of any of the candidates."




Megan Tackett, Prestonsburg: "I hadn't actually made up my mind who I was going to support before I came tonight, but now I know it's Hillary. The health care issue is what swayed me."

photos by Kathy J. Prater


2 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 59 • Low: 42

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Double murder case sent to grand jury

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The mournful cries of traumatized children silenced the courtroom Wednesday afternoon, when Det. Ben Cramer, of the Kentucky State Police, played a 911 tape that brought sharp focus to the reality of the scene that took place in the home of Alan and Lisa Tackett, of Abbott, on the evening of March 20, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

It was on that evening that Alan Tackett, 47, and his wife, Lisa, 30, were gunned down sniper-style in their own front yard by bullets allegedly fired by Berry Hall, 45, the uncle of Lisa Tackett, from a second-story window of his home.

According to testimony provided Wednesday by Det. Cramer, Lisa Tackett's dead body, struck once through the chest, was found lying in the front yard of her home, while her husband's body lay half-in, half-out across the threshold of the home's front door. Alan Tackett, according to Cramer, had been struck twice — once in

the hand, and again on the right side of his head.

Four children under the age of 5 years old were inside the home at the time of the shootings.

Though Hall, according to Det. Cramer, "made three separate confessions" to the crime, his court-appointed attorney Steven Goble, of Pikeville, entered a plea of not guilty before District Judge James R. Allen on Wednesday afternoon.

"I lost it and I killed them," Det. Cramer said Hall told him on the evening of March 20. Cramer also said that Hall told him that he had been arguing with his niece and her husband earlier that day about "some ongoing issues" involving property lines and a dog owned by the couple that had wandered onto Hall's property. Hall, according to Det. Cramer, had said that "he just had all he could stand and he shot and killed them."

Cramer said that during the course of questioning, he queried Hall in regard to

(See MURDER, page sixteen)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Attorneys Keith Bartley and Steven Goble conferred with Judge James R. Allen as Berry Hall, charged with the murders of his niece and her husband, sat in silence during Wednesday's pre-trial proceedings in district court. Judge Allen found cause to refer the case to a Floyd County grand jury.



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Obituaries

Luther J. Johnson

Luther J. Johnson, 71, of Zanesville, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at the Adams Lane Care Center, in Zanesville.

Born March 16, 1937, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Tom and Avanelle Hubbard Johnson. He was a self-employed contractor, and a veteran of the Army.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Kennedy Johnson.

Other survivors include two sons: Luther David Johnson of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Lawrence Donovan Johnson of Connecticut; five brothers: Tom Jr., Johnson of Rushville, Ohio; Marvin Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio; Harmon Johnson of Springdale, Ohio; John Edd Johnson of Pyramid; and James Bruce Johnson of Hamilton, Ohio; two sisters: Grace Webber of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Mary Emma (Al) Ousley of Martin; several nieces and nephews; and three granddaughters: Tasha Bree Johnson, Angel Boyd, Torie Lynn Boyd.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Lyndon Dwight Johnson; three brothers and a sister: Mack Johnson, Richard Bee Johnson, Joe Johnson, and Becky Beavers.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 3, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcolm Slone officiating.

Military services will be conducted by Auxier DAV Chapter 18.

Burial was in the Johnson-Hubbard Cemetery, (Spurlock Fork), in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Andy Johnson, David Ousley, David Lee Ousley, Donnie Ousley, Wayne Beavers, Jack Rice, and Shawn Wright. (Paid obituary)

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Roger D. Martin Sr.

Roger D. Martin Sr., 60, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born March 21, 1948, in Martin, he was the son of the late Oliver and Stella Ramey Martin. He was a retired master mechanic for the Floyd County Board of Education, and was a veteran of the Army.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Jean Collins Martin.

Other survivors include a son, Roger Dale Martin Jr., of Prestonsburg; a grandchild, Cameron Hunter Martin of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Kermit Martin of Drift; and Claude Martin and Purvis Martin, both of Kendallville, Indiana; sisters: Dollie Meade of Printer; Cora Sue Hall of Drift; Barbara Allen of McDowell; and Debbie Martin of New York.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 5, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Ivel Joe McSurley Sr.

Ivel Joe McSurley Sr., 69, of Emma, died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 23, 1938, in Emma, he was the son of the late James and Grace Thornsberry McSurley. He

was a retired truck driver for Overnite; and was a member of the United Christian Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Hughes McSurley.

Other survivors include a son, Ivel Joe McSurley Jr., of Hager Hill; a sister, Violetta Wright of Emma; his grandchildren: Stacie Butcher and Valeria Stapleton; great-grandchildren: Haley Butcher and Waylon Butcher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Lonnie McSurley.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen, Paul Pelphrey, Willie Collins, and Jim Cavins officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, in Emma, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Mirtie Newsome Reynolds

Mirtie Newsome Reynolds, age 93, of Ligon, widow of Effort Reynolds, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

She was born March 23, 1915, in Biscuit, the daughter of the late Jack Newsome and Fannie Stumbo Newsome.

Survivors include a daughter, Freda Hayes of Harrodsburg; a sister, Mae Howell of Andrews, Indiana; six grandchildren: Brigitte Flannery, Belinda Hall, Breana Akers, Chris Kemp, Lesa Shepherd, and Amy Faye Hayes; and four great-grandchildren: Cortney, Brandon, Andrea, and Cody.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; two sons: Billy Gene Reynolds and James Calvin "Bub" Reynolds; a daughter, Faye Reynolds Kemp; six brothers: Cassie Newsome, Crit Newsome, Ed Newsome, Frank Newsome, Homer Reynolds, and Harold Reynolds; and six sisters: Dude Akers, Nell Cole, Ruth Hamilton, Mellie Holbrook, Doll Newsome, and Virgie Placktus.

Funeral services for Mirtie Newsome Reynolds will be conducted Saturday, April 5, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Jerry Manns and Clinton Moore officiating. Burial will follow in the Burton Cemetery, in Ligon, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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FRANKFORT — Know an American history teacher who deserves to be honored? Nominations are being accepted for the American History Teacher of the Year, an initiative of the Preserve America program sponsored by the White House.

For 2008, the award is open to any full-time middle or high school American history teacher (the 2009 contest will be for elementary American history teachers), and nominations can be made by a department head, school director, or principal.

The winning teacher will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, an American History Teacher of the Year plaque, and a collection of resource materials for his or her school library.

The Kentucky winner's portfolio will be forwarded on to the national selection committee, whose choice for American History Teacher of the Year will be announced in fall 2008 at a ceremony in Washington, DC or New York City.

This award is administered by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in cooperation with other history organizations to conduct

state-level competitions, including the Kentucky Historical Society, an agency of the Kentucky Commerce

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Marriage Licenses

Stacy Halbert, 22, of McDowell, to Derek Akers, 26, of Teaberry.
Edith Cordial, 67, of Prestonsburg, to Marcillous Stacy, 72, of Wayland.

Civil Suits Filed

Gina Hall, et al vs. George W. Hall, et al
Orville D. Bentley vs. Helen L. Bentley
Casandra Jordon vs. Douglas Jordon
Roy B. Thornsbery vs. Heather Thornsbery
Sarah Chieftain vs. Michael Chieftain
Aaron Akers vs. Verbon Griffie, et al
Pamela Rife vs. Ronnie Ray Rife
Roy Collins vs. Angela Collins
Lorene Wright vs. Shawn Wright
The Lancaster Bingo Co. Inc. vs. Jimmy Hall, et al
(Jimmy Hall dba McDowell-Minnie-Drift Community Club)
Kenneth Hall vs. Motorists Mutual
Unifund CCR vs. Trinity Allen
Sherry Ferguson vs. Nicholas Ferguson
Capital One Bank vs. Stephanie L. Howell
Ronnie Rife vs. Pamela Rife
Jimmy Dean Hall vs. Patricia Hall
US Bank National Association vs. Artisha Hamilton, et al
Silver Eagle Transport, Inc. vs. Todd Coleman
Sandy River Coal vs. Richardson Fuel, Inc., et al
Timothy Lovey vs. Sonny Wireman
Bonita G. Hamilton vs. Kody A. Howell
John A. Boyd Jr. vs. Wendy Jarrell
Estate of Angela Whitaker vs. Miller Bros. Coal, et al
Oseetah Capital, LLC vs. Katie Gray

Small Claims Filings

Arrow Financial Services vs. Ollie Johnson
Arrow Financial Services vs. Katherin J. Potter
Collins Financial Services vs. Eva Stacy
Palisades Collection, Inc. vs. Theresa G. Dotson
Capital One Bank vs. Malcolm Pinson
Community Trust Bank vs. Eric Vanderpool
Community Trust Bank vs. Jason Allen
First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. Anthony and Amanda Hall
Midland Funding vs. Cathy Younce
Midland Funding vs. Terry Williams
Collins Financial Services, Inc. vs. Debbie Thornsberry
Woodrow J. Jarrell vs. Lisa Stephens
KY Check Exchange vs. Cathy McFaddin
Asset Acceptance vs. John Speer
Central Financial Services vs. Deborah Patton
ARH vs. Terry Tackett

CACH of Colorado vs. Kim Blackburn
Capital One Bank vs. Curtis Lee
Capital One Bank vs. Marnie Hamilton
Midland Funding vs. Elizabeth Blevins
Midland Funding vs. Lonnie Johnson
Lendmark Financial vs. John Stephens
Elite Recovery Services vs. Tunis Daniels
Midland Funding vs. Brenda Minix
Midland Funding vs. Cheryl Slone
Midland Funding vs. Chris Radliff
LVNV Funding vs. Russell N. Frye
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Unifund Partners vs. Lori D. Nichols
Asset Acceptance vs. April Hicks
Asset Acceptance vs. Kathy A. Allen
Asset Acceptance vs. Debbie Judd
Asset Acceptance vs. Phyllis Adkins
Asset Acceptance vs. Randy Little
Capital One Bank vs. Kashetta S. Reffitt
Capital One Bank vs. Carla Huff
Capital One Bank vs. Timothy D. Blackburn
Asset Acceptance vs. Audra Gayheart

Charges Filed

Charlotte Allen, 43, of Eastern, failure to send child to school.
Shella Akers, 32, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
Seth Ousley, 18, of Prestonsburg, one headlight not operating, no/expired registration plates, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, no/expired registration receipt, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, obstructed vision, no tinting label on vehicle, excessive window tinting (windshield), possession of marijuana.

Philip C. Wallace, 22, of Harold, alcohol intoxication.
John Sampson, 20, of Grantsville, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.
Brandon Sampson, 20, of Grantsville, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.
Bobby L. Hall, 27, of Prestonsburg, second-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance, prescription not in original container.
Jessie P. Craft, 29, of Thelma, public intoxication, prescription not in original container, possession of controlled substance.
Jeremy Moss, 24, of Grantsville, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.
Judy T. Hall, 56, of Beaver, criminal trespassing, harassment.
Glen Ramey, 44, of Warsaw, Ind., theft by unlawful taking.
Scott C. Jarrell, 19, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
Cory L. Thompson, 22, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
Larry Ryan Castle, 18, of Hueysville, criminal mischief, attempted theft.
Kevin Moore, 18, of Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
Brenden C. Little, 21, of Weeksbury, alcohol intoxication.
Teddy W. Stanley, 41, of Bypro, alcohol intoxication.
Kenneth B. Necessary, 18, of Prestonsburg, assault, disorderly conduct.
Jerrett C. Thomas, Grundy, Virginia, alcohol intoxication.
Steven P. Grogg Jr., 35, of Parkersburg, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.
Danville Ray Little, 41, of Langley, alcohol intoxication, carrying concealed deadly weapon.
Carolyn J. Stricklin, 49, of Auxier, promoting contraband.
Estill G. Jarvis, 27, of Banner, assault.
Heather L. Music, 28, of Weeksbury, promoting contraband.
Kyle Cox, 24, of Watkins Glen, N.Y., alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana.
Ricky Castellanos, 38, of Keaton, possession of marijuana, alcohol intoxication.
Joshua C. Richardson, 22, of Pounding Mill, Va., alcohol intoxication.
Deanna J. Hall, 40, of Wheelwright, promoting contraband.
Michael S. Sampson, 25, of Grantsville, W.Va., alcohol intoxication.
Bobbie J. Hall, 42, of Jenkins, alcohol intoxication.
Genia Crider, 36, of Prestonsburg, failure to send child to school.
Walter Dale Stumbo, 45, of McDowell, wanton endangerment, terroristic threatening, criminal trespassing.
Debra H. Martin, 50, of Teaberry, menacing.
Walter Eugene Gamble, 60, of Hazard, terroristic threatening.
Permelia Archer Phillips,

46, of McDowell, criminal mischief, harassment.
Paula Lafferty, 18, of Prestonsburg, assault.
Charles Walker, 41, of Tram, alcohol intoxication.
Brandon Anderson, 20, of Melvin, alcohol intoxication, fleeing/evading police (on foot), menacing, resisting arrest.
Timmy Lee Castle, 25, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle.
Jerry Manock, 39, of Prestonsburg, harassment.
Rhonda Caudill, 27, of Prestonsburg, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked license, giving false name/address.
Ray C. Vance, 21, of Weeksbury, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, fleeing/evading police (on foot), assault police/probation officer, harassing communications.
Trinity Glen Dye, 20, of McDowell, failure to or improper signal, failure to wear seat belts, failure to notify change of address to Dept. of Transportation, burglary.
Toby Mack Akers, 32, of Prestonsburg, criminal possession forged instrument, theft by deception/cold checks.
Cleve David Stephens, 39, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Michael F. Hall, 28, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Jeremy M. Osborne, 19, of McDowell, burglary.
Latasha Tackett, 22, of Teaberry, theft by deception (4 cts.), forgery (4 cts.).
Earl Wayne Walker, 58, of Dwale, operate motor vehicle under influence.
Tammie Jo Bates, 44, of Hindman, theft by unlawful taking.

Inspections

Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Cloths used for food and nonfood con-

tact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 96.
Hillbilly Market, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Commercially canned or packaged products improperly labeled. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Improper storage of single - service articles. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 95 Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Improper storage of single service articles. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Lighting not provided as required. Score: 95.
Double Kwik #2057, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Improper storage of single service articles. Cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 96. Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Score: 98.
BSCTC: College Grill, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean;

Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 95.
Snacks and More, Langley, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage. Floors not in good repair. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 96.
Cardinal Country, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Lack of effective hair restraints. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Floors not in good repair. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 91. Retail Comments: Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Floors not in good repair. Light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 96.
Wayland Senior Citizens Home, Wayland, regular inspection. Violations noted: None. Score: 100

Property Transfers

Joanie and William Barrowman to Mark and Melissa Shepherd; Blue River.
Carol and Walter Basso; Della Eagles, Billy, Butler, Charles, Delores, Dennis, Ernest, Fayette, Jeannie, Kenis, Lloyd Norma, Regina, Shirley, Verna, and Wayne Hall, Irene and Ivan Kimberley, Gladys McKinney, Candy and Daniel Nichols, Eulah Slone, and Anna, Bryan, Donald, Gary, Heath, Karen, Loretta, Pauline and Shawn Taylor to Ronald

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Viewpoint

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— Rita Mae Brown

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— Guest View —

Editorial roundup

The Denver Post, on Clinton and staying in the race:

The days of picking a party's presidential candidate in a smoke-filled backroom are over. Now the party bosses go straight to the television cameras to try to publicly muscle candidates out of the race.

Another unabashed attempt to shove Sen. Hillary Clinton out of the race for the White House emerged this past weekend as a few more prominent Democrats called for her exit. Clinton, who has proven herself to be remarkably resilient in this campaign, dutifully brushed off the shameful strong-arm tactics, saying people have a right to vote.

Indeed they do.

We think Clinton should stay in the race for now and allow the remaining states to have a voice in this important contest. She also owes it to voters in Florida and Michigan, two large states where Democratic voters have been completely disenfranchised. ...

Democrats who want Hillary out of the race will contend she's hurting the party. But by trying to force her out, they, too, run the risk of furthering any divide in their ranks.

Hard-fought primaries can be tough on the eventual winner, who may emerge bruised and battered. But primaries also can be healthy for a party, and the winner can emerge stronger and tested, especially a relatively inexperienced candidate who hasn't been vetted on a national stage. ...

The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., on superdelegates:

... Millions of Americans have gone to the polls this year to express their preferences in what has been one of the most exciting primary contests in a generation.

Still, there's a chance that when the returns from the last primaries have been counted June 3, neither Barack Obama nor Hillary Clinton will have enough delegates committed to clinch the nomination.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen is among those who hope that scenario doesn't come to pass. But if it does, he has an idea that makes a lot of sense.

Instead of waiting until the Democratic National Convention in August, Bredesen has suggested that the superdelegates gather in June for their own mini-primary.

Bredesen envisions a low-key event, minus the balloons, noisemakers and party hats, during which the remaining uncommitted superdelegates could hear one final pitch from each of the candidates and then cast their votes.

While Bredesen hasn't delved into the specifics of how a primary might be carried out, he favors a transparent process that would allow citizens to know how each superdelegate voted.

Given their disproportionate share of influence in the process, they ought to have some accountability to ordinary voters who took time out of their busy lives to participate in primaries or caucuses.

Bredesen acknowledges that a superdelegate primary wouldn't be an ideal way to settle a nomination. ...

Nobody's come up with a better solution yet.

Los Angeles Times, on the Summer Games and China:

Despite its best efforts, Beijing may be losing the battle to script the Summer Games. The real revelation in recent footage of protests over the Beijing Olympics was not the image of a Reporter Without Borders demonstrator being dragged away by Greek security guards dressed like stewards on the Hindenburg. It was that during his protest, at the Athens torch-lighting ceremony, the sole camera feed cut first to a long shot making it difficult to see what was happening, then cut away entirely - to stock footage. After a decent interval, coverage returned to the main event: a boom-camera shot of a stately ceremony featuring women in faux-classical gowns.

This is the kind of emergency editing that viewers of Syrian or Burmese TV are accustomed to seeing when the news takes a direction unfavorable to local dictators. It says something about the so-called spirit of the Olympics that the first inclination of the people covering the event was to try to suppress unwanted information. ...

At times like these, it's customary to repeat bromides about how the grandeur of amateur competition should transcend parochial interests. And it's true that legitimate concerns about human rights, democracy and the behavior of authoritarian thugs can lead to knee-jerk politicization of the event - such as recent strident calls for Bush to shun the Games.

But this is shaping up to be the most exciting political Olympics since the end of the Cold War. The speed with which Beijing has lost control of the Olympic script is not cause for cynicism but for celebration. Strife, ferment and the painful progress toward liberal modernity by a freedom-challenged great power may not be what the International Olympic Committee prefers to show us, but it's a lot more interesting than another round of sports utopianism and pretty production values.



Economic Indicators



— Guest column —

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Work on a final version of the two-year Executive Branch budget began in earnest last week as lawmakers began conferring on language contained in both the House and Senate versions of the budget bill to try and reach agreement on a single proposal.

A major difference between the two versions lies in how each would be funded. Under the House plan, the state budget would be bolstered by a revenue package that would free up over \$800 million over the next two years to stave off 12 percent funding cuts to higher education, meet public health needs and fund four percent raises for teachers and state employees over the biennium, among other needs. Most of the revenue would come from tax changes--including a 25 cent per pack increase in the cigarette tax--and \$300 million in debt restructuring.

The Senate, meanwhile, has proposed a \$463 million revenue package that, unlike the House plan, would derive around \$110 million from increased lottery contributions. Another \$170 million would come from savings the state expects to realize through retirements in coming months, while the balance would be drawn from improved government efficiency and a reduction in the prison population. All of these sources--except increased lottery revenue--are also included in the House plan, although the Senate expects more revenue from efficiencies and inmate reductions.

What the Senate plan would do is reduce the 12-percent cuts to higher education proposed by the governor to 3 percent, fully fund state merit (KEES) scholarships, provide one-percent raises in each year of the biennium (with the possibility for larger increases if the economy improves) instead of four percent over the biennium, and provide a little more than half of the money proposed by the House for Bucks for Brains research. It would not, among other things, eliminate the full 12 percent cuts to higher education as the House plan would, provide all \$130 million in additional funding for health and family service as proposed by the House, shore up base funding for our elementary and secondary schools, or include a funding mechanism as proposed by the House that would allow the state to bond \$500 million in road projects across the Commonwealth.

Additionally, the Senate plan left out all coal severance projects and water and sewer projects for coal and non-coal counties that were included in the House plan. House members know that counties rely on these projects to build infrastructure for growth in their communities, and would like those projects restored.

So, as you can see, the differences between the two plans are significant and will take time to work through. Even so, lawmakers conferring on the budget said they hoped to have a final bill hammered out and voted on by Tuesday, April 1, which was the last day the General Assembly was scheduled to meet before it recesses through mid-April to give the governor time to consider any vetoes he might wish to impose. When we return from that recess, we would then have the opportunity to override any vetoes the governor makes to the budget rather than risk not being able to take any action on those items until 2010, when the next budget session rolls around.

One thing is certain, and that is that the House members who are conferring with the Senate on the budget are doing what they can to protect funding for those services that we feel would not fare as well financially under the Senate plan. They realize how important it is that we act in this budget session to advance education, public health and all areas of life in the Commonwealth. To do otherwise could set our state back for years to come.

A group of budget conferees from the House and Senate were also meeting last week to iron out differences on the Judicial Branch budget and were hoping to come to some resolution on that bill by week's end. The Legislative Branch budget, or HB 407, received final passage on Monday, March 24 and is on its way to the governor for his signature.

Agreement was reached between the House and Senate on other bills

last week, including legislation that would free up Medicaid funds to provide breast and cervical cancer treatment for uninsured women. Under Senate Bill 98, coverage through Medicaid would be available for treatment of the uninsured, regardless of whether they'd normally be Medicaid-eligible. Such coverage is already in place by executive order of the governor, but SB 98 would make the program statutory. The bill, which passed by a vote of 99-0, will become law immediately upon being signed by the governor.

The environment was the focus of a House bill that was sent to the Senate for its consideration early last week. House Bill 717 would create local authorities that would give communities more input on stream restoration and mitigation projects at watersheds around the state. That bill passed the House 99-0 and is now before the Senate for its consideration.

Pharmacists and their role in our health care system was the subject of another House bill that was passed recently by the House and sent to the Senate. HB 541 would direct state legislative staff to study the practice of pharmacy and whether that practice should--or should not--be expanded to give pharmacists limited primary care duties in collaboration with physicians. The bill passed the House 93-0 and is awaiting Senate approval.

Dozens of other bills are also still awaiting approval from both chambers, but with only two working days remaining this session, lawmakers are finding that they must focus on the most pressing issues first. Those issues, of course, include passage of the state budget and the state pension-reform bill. We will be working as diligently as we can to accomplish those tasks in the time allowed.

Any comments or concerns that you have with legislation being considered during this 2008 Regular Session can be shared with me or another legislator by calling the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. You can also stay updated on all legislation under consideration this session by calling the toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835 or by logging onto the Kentucky Legislature's web site at www.lrc.ky.gov.

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Lawmakers approve \$19 billion budget as session winds down

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky lawmakers sent Gov. Steve Beshear a proposed \$19 billion spending plan Wednesday night, despite opposition from some colleagues over funding levels for education and human services.

The proposal cleared both the House and Senate before the General Assembly's self-imposed midnight deadline. Minutes later they passed separate legislation that will facilitate millions more in special projects across the state.

"I don't believe that we've done the best we can do," said House Appropriations and Revenue chairman Harry Moberly, who worked on the negotiating team with the Senate and voted against the proposal. "If this is the best we can do, that's pathetic."

Proponents, however, said the budget was the best course for Kentucky at a time when economic forecasters have projected a grim \$900 million revenue shortfall during the next two fiscal years beginning July 1.

"We work for the people, and the people shouldn't have to just work for all of us," Senate President David Williams said.

The House voted 74-21 late Wednesday night just three hours after the Senate approved the spending plan on a 35-3 vote. All 21 House members who opposed the measure were Democrats, while two Democrats and a Republican in the Senate voted "no."

The modest budget cut funding for state universities by 3 percent while providing public school teachers and state workers 1 percent raises in each of the next two years.

House and Senate budgeteers agreed on a final budget proposal Tuesday morning, following eight long days of tedious negotiations that started in full view of the public but ended with a 21-hour session behind closed doors.

Lawmakers wanted to pass the budget by Wednesday to preserve their authority to override any possible vetoes by Gov.

Steve Beshear. Beshear has 10 days to consider vetoes.

Beshear had proposed an austere budget that included 12 percent cuts to education and government agencies. Beshear pushed for new state revenue through two different proposals that stalled during the General Assembly's 2008 regular session: gambling and a higher tax on cigarettes.

Beshear, a Democrat, wanted lawmakers to push through a proposed constitutional amendment to legalize casinos and eventually collect more than \$500 million in annual state revenue. The governor also proposed raising the state's tax on cigarettes by 70 cents a pack.

Neither plan gained traction.

The Democrat-led House, however, proposed raising the cigarette tax by a quarter and imposing the state's sales tax on various services. Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled Senate balked at raising taxes and pushed to grab about \$110 million in extra money from the Kentucky Lottery.

Lawmakers instead agreed on a proposal to raise more than \$300 million in new revenue over the next two years through various sources, including a restructuring of some state debt, \$14 million from the lottery and capitalizing on an anticipated flood of retiring state employees.

More than \$30 million would be left in a "rainy day fund" for the state.

Among other things, a person convicted of nonviolent and nonsexual felonies could be released to home incarceration if he or she had less than six months left to serve.

The agreed budget would put \$60 million into Bucks for Brains, a program that provides state matching money for private donations to universities for research and other spending.

The measure would authorize funding to keep proposed bridges in Louisville on track and included language to allow for tolls.

Still, lawmakers have had mixed reactions as details have emerged regarding the proposed budget.

Moberly, D-Richmond,

called the agreement a "diabolical deal" that allowed for drastic cuts to elementary and secondary school funding. Moberly said legislators were "selling out education and human services" in exchange for projects.

"This is a bad budget for education, and human services, really bad," Moberly said. "One of the worst I've ever seen."

Rep. Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, staunchly opposed the budget proposal.

"This whole thing is dysfunctional," Graham said. "Somehow or another things have got to give. It's got to be a more open process."

But Richards said he wanted to avoid a repeat of 2002 and 2004 when the legislature adjourned without passing a budget.

"I have left here without a budget, it's not a good feeling," Richards said. "I pushed hard to have a budget because I don't think anything good comes from not having a budget."

Lawmakers said they would work on a plan to authorize about \$150 million for water and sewer projects between now and the session's final two days later this month. They agreed to a separate deal to approve millions of dollars worth of projects, after some legislators complained there weren't enough in the negotiated budget.

In addition to the water and sewer projects, the additional appropriations would pay for projects in coal-producing counties, including youth football equipment, sidewalk improvements and equipment for local fire departments.

Williams, R-Burkesville, said lawmakers had done the "prudent" thing for the state by not raising taxes and by limiting spending on things such as raises for public employees.

"We have done the prudent and the proper thing in these economic times," Williams said. "We cannot allow public employees, public officials, schoolteachers or any other group to be an island of individuals that are completely isolated from hard economic times when the budget problems come forward and the economy turns down."

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Gary Carr to David and Lois May; Ky Rt. 1428.

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Larry and Sarah Chaffins to Nyra and Glene Dingus; location undisclosed.

Margie Conn to Stella Herzer; Peyton Justice Fork of Prater Creek.

Margie Conn to Donna Head; Peyton Justice Fork of Prater Creek.

Annetta Hamilton to Cody

Howell; location undisclosed.

Miller Bros Coal LLC to Buena and Daniel Bentley; Hoods Fork of Frasures Creek.

Christine and Travis Newman to Jessica and Kelly Newman; location undisclosed.

Carol Prater to Carol and Ronnie Prater; Brush Creek.

Prudential Relocation Inc to Jill and Kenneth Spinney; Pinhook Branch.

Kermit and Lenore Rowe to Larry Boyd; Orchard Fork of Prater Creek.

Kermit and Lenore Rowe to Larry Boyd; location undisclosed.

Vernon Salisbury to Scottie

Salisbury; Jarrell Fork.

Helen and Maryland Seals to Leva Vaughn; Middle Creek.

Gregory and Jody Shepherd to Consolidated Health Systems Inc; location undisclosed.

Elizabeth Smith to Raymond and Shirley Collins; Stone Cole Creek.

Danita Spears and Marie Tackett to Danita and Trenton Spears; location undisclosed.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Aspirin for me, TLC for her

Had to drop my doggie at the vet's today. She's having spay surgery, a pretty routine thing but, for me, having to take her in was not so easy emotionally. I even had to enlist the help of our sweet LaKole, a close family friend who loves animals probably even more than I do.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

The reason taking Cammie, our boxer, in for surgery was tough on me is because about this same time last year, she was in the same office undergoing a different kind of surgery - a leg amputation.

Cammie, then about seven months old, had managed to wander out of our little hollow out onto the two-lane road near our home. As luck, or the lack thereof, would have it, she was hit by a car

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DINNER DIVA

No magic potions

by **LEANNE ELY**

In anticipation of a trip to Jamaica, I've been surveying my bathing suit inventory (I own two) to make sure they still look decent enough to sit on the beach in. I've been watching it, too, in the food



Leanne Ely

department this week, anticipating all the food that is going to be before me at this resort—it's one of those all-inclusive type places, with restaurants, bars and anything else available to you for one flat fee. Sort of like a cruise without the ship, if you will.

Having an awareness about your eating is necessary in today's world, regardless of your vacation plans. Plates are bigger, utensils are bigger, glasses and cups are bigger, too. We've seen this trend in restaurants (ever been given a "platter" of food instead of a plate when you ordered?) but even in our homes this is true! I have sil-

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Former Kentucky Opry Members to return to honor MAC founder

The construction of the Mountain Arts Center, located in Prestonsburg, has undoubtedly been one of the greatest accomplishments for the benefit of eastern Kentucky. The visionary Billie Jean Osborne recognized that the abundance of talent in the region was in need of a suitable facility in which to be showcased. The Kentucky Opry and Jr. Pros, a talented group of regional singers and musicians, had been performing at various local venues and Osborne, founder of the two groups, was not satisfied with what was available to them. Thus, her concept of a performing arts facility was born. In order to fulfill her dream, Osborne needed the support of local, state and federal leaders, as well as private enterprise, to obtain the necessary funding to complete the construction of what is today one of the finest performing arts facilities in the nation. Osborne's determination, along with her love for her students, propelled her to seeing her dream become a reality in 1996.

On Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center, current and

former members of the Kentucky Opry will pay musical tribute to their founder, "Ms. Billie Jean" Osborne. They will pay honor to her for her dedication and perseverance and for being instrumental in developing the beautiful and permanent home they now have in the Mountain Arts Center.

Among the former Kentucky Opry members planning to return for this most special of occasions, are: Chris and Shea Lafferty, Sean Caudill, Teddi and Jo Pack, Ray Salyer, Danette and Allen James, Reaetta and Craig Collins, Laura Ford Hall, and Clayton Case. There will also be some special guest performers appearing including the Big Sandy Idol 2008 winner, Jerica Blair.

"The Redbud Festival Presents A Kentucky Opry Tribute to Billie Jean Osborne" musical event is being sponsored by The National Scenic Byways and is part of the US 23 Country Music Highway Red Bud Festival.

For ticket information, call 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787), or locally, 886-2623



Ms. Billie Jean" Osborne will be honored in a special musical tribute to be performed at the Mountain Arts Center on Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m.



New Found Road will perform in the Appalshop Theater, Whitesburg, on Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Bluegrass double bill at Appalshop

New Found Road, one of the most exciting new groups on the national bluegrass music scene, will perform their high energy, driving bluegrass on WMMT's popular Bluegrass Express Live on Thursday, April 17, in the Appalshop Theater in downtown Whitesburg. The concert will also be broadcast on WMMT-FM, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

New Found Road's sound is rooted in the deepest traditions of bluegrass and bluegrass-gospel. In fact,

though they thrive on all types of bluegrass, they have recently been honored with the prestigious SPBG-MA Contemporary Gospel Group of the Year Award. They are recognized for soulful three-part harmonies, great songwriting and stellar picking.

Life in a Song, their recent release on the Rounder label, exhibits their balance of the timeless and modern elements of bluegrass. It was produced by Rob Ickes of the super-group Blue Highway, and Ickes'

dobro can be heard on the album. New Found Road performed with Blue Highway at the Mountain Arts Center in January.

Appearing with New Found Road will be one of the area's most exciting and popular groups, Fastlane. The Knott County-based group will be performing songs from their CD, Left This Town, including their big hit, "Tina at the Teardrop Inn," written by Williamson, WV, native Mike Wells.

The Bluegrass Express Live, since 1986, is a live, warts-and-all performance broadcast worldwide by Mountain Community Public Radio, 88.7 WMMT, a part of Appalshop. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations for the April 17 show can be made by calling the Appalshop at 606-633-0108, or emailing wmmt@appalshop.org. Find out more online at wmmt@appalshop.org.

FLY LADY

Do over?

by **MARLA CILLEY**

Did you ever sit and wonder how your life would be if you had only made a different decision? One time I was queuing up an email to go out at a later date. By accident, I put yesterday's date in the box. Programmers can be so funny sometimes. A little error message window pops up and says, "I know you had to send this message yesterday, but I just can't do it till my time machine gets back from the shop." Well folks, we don't have time

machines and, if we did, would we really want to use them?

Our lives are comprised of the decisions we have made. Albeit good or bad; they are the decisions that have sent us on our journeys through life. Reminiscing is not negative but regret can take years from you. Why do we beat ourselves up over decisions we have made? We don't have to live in regret anymore. We can release the regret by forgiving ourselves of those bad mistakes and accepting them as part of our path to where we are today.

Bad decisions help us to make better choices in the future. There are many reasons we have made regrettable decisions in our pasts. The first ones had to

do with our impetuous and rebellious teenage years. Those years are no different than the terrible twos. We had to prove ourselves. No one could tell us anything. We didn't listen because we thought we knew it all. Our parents tried their best to keep us from making the same mistakes that they had made, but we had to make our own mistakes in order to learn something from them. There is nothing like a dose of reality to send us in a different direction.

We may not have a time machine in order to change the past, but we do have a type of a crystal ball and it is in our heads. The power of that crystal ball comes from all those decisions we have made in the past and what we

have learned from the good ones and the bad ones. Those choices become the filters that help us to process the decisions we have to make every day.

We don't get a "do over" in real life! Or do we? We are destined to continue to make the same mistakes over and again if we don't learn from them. One New Year's Day, I used my crystal ball filter system to figure out why I had trouble keeping my home clean. When I examined the system that had worked once, it was easy to see the mistakes that I had made in using the Sidetracked Home Executive card file; it was a great system. But in my



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Family Medicine



Martha A. Simpson, D.O., MBA
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Flu shots don't prevent 'stomach flu'; try rest and fluids

Several people at work, including me, have had the stomach flu this winter. Most of us have missed three or four days of work. Can you tell me more about how to treat the stomach flu? Also, I had a flu shot this year, but I still got the stomach flu. Why?

It sounds to me like you and your coworkers have viral gastroenteritis. While this disorder is commonly referred to as the stomach flu, it is not caused by the influenza virus. That's why the standard flu shot offers no protection from it. In fact, viral gastroenteritis can occur at any time during your life, and it can

occur many times. The actual viruses that cause gastroenteritis have gone by several different names in past, including Norwalk-like viruses and caliciviruses. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the term norovirus has been approved as the official name for this group of viruses. The symptoms of a norovirus infection are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps. You also feel tired, achy and can have a mild headache. The illness usually starts very suddenly, after which you typically feel very ill.

In infants and young children, viral

gastroenteritis is most frequently caused by a different virus altogether. It's called a rotavirus. This form of the disease can lead to severe, dehydrating diarrhea and may require hospitalization.

In healthy adults, however, viral gastroenteritis is usually self-limiting; in other words, your immune system response will get rid of it without medical intervention. While your body is recovering, you should try to get plenty of rest and keep well hydrated.

Assuming that you and your coworkers are all otherwise healthy, you should be able to treat this illness at home. It usually lasts one to four days. To keep hydrated, try clear liquids once the nausea and vomiting has stopped. You might find that slowly melting crushed ice in your mouth is a good way to reintroduce fluids. Depending on the severity of your symptoms, you might also want to take acetaminophen and over-the-counter

antidiarrheal medications. If you develop bloody diarrhea, high fever and severe abdominal pain, then the cause may be bacterial and needs prompt medical attention. Also, if you are elderly or have other medical problems - like diabetes or heart disease - you should contact your doctor for advice on managing your symptoms. Ask him or her what would warrant a trip to the doctor's office or the hospital emergency department. For the elderly, the major concern is usually dehydration.

I frequently see people in the office who continue to have diarrhea for several days after the vomiting has stopped. Commonly this is due to resuming their regular diet too quickly. When you have had diarrhea, it is important to let the intestinal tract "rest" for a few days by limiting the amounts and types of solid food that you eat. Emphasis is on fluid replacement with clear, mostly water-based

foods. The BRATT diet is appropriate for a couple of days in adults as well in older children whose gastroenteritis is resolving. This stands for Bananas, Rice, Applesauce, Tea and Toast. These foods are easy on the intestines, tend to not commonly cause diarrhea in most people, and will satisfy your hunger.

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School Happenings

***Of special note:** Thursday, April 10, "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at MAC. For all parents/guardians of all Floyd County students. Food, door prizes, information - all FREE.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center.

- Lending Library available for student/parent use: Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
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- The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

- April 8 - Open House, 5-7 p.m.
- April 9 - Technology Showcase, 5:30-8 p.m.
- April 18 - Progress reports.
- April 18 - UK Barn Storming Tour (Basketball).
- April 21 thru May 2 - CATS testing window.
- Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

- April 7-21 - Accepting Parent SBDM Council nominations.
- April 7, 8, 11 - Energy program for 6th grade.
- April 17 - Child Abuse Awareness booth, in cafeteria, 2-3 p.m.
- April 21 - CATS testing begins.
- April 21 - Parent Site-Base Election, in YSC, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
- The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

- Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

- Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
- The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please

contact the center at 478-5550.

- Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

- Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.
- Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
- The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

- May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information.
- Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
- GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.
- Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

- Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For

more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

- Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

- April 4 - School Dance (K-2nd, 6-7:30 p.m.); (3rd-5th, 7:30-9 p.m.)
- April 8 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:25 p.m., conference room.
- April 8 - SBDM Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., school cafeteria.
- April 15 - Parent Conference Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Soup Bean dinner in cafeteria.)
- April 22 - Parent meeting to review Learning Compact for 08-09, 6:30 p.m., in cafeteria.
- May 15, 16 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
- After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
- School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Call the PES Center at 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on South Floyd campus on Mondays; Mt. Comp Care counselor will be on campus on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with either counselor, contact the SFYSC.
- SFHS and SFMS Parent Volunteer training held throughout the year. Watch for dates TBA.
- Juniors and Seniors will attend the pre-Prom program at the MAC in May.
- Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
- Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
- The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
- All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

- John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for kindergarten. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.
- Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. If

your child has lost an item, please contact us as soon as possible. Items left over two weeks become the property of the center and will be donated to charity.

- Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center.

- Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.
- The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.
- The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the

center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

- April 22 thru 25 - Stanford testing.
- May 1, 2, 8, 9 - WCS Aldersgate Camp Family Retreats. K-4 through 2nd grade on May 1, 2; 3rd grade through 7th grade on May 8, 9.
- WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

- Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Highlands Regional Hospital; BSCTC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
- 9-11 a.m. - Hope House

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments; David Craft Center.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Highlands Regional Medical Center; BSCTC.

9-11 a.m. - Hope House

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksburg CC.

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

6-9 p.m. - Betsy Layne Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephanja Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.



Billy Maynard, Floyd Chamber of Commerce, welcomes Prestonsburg Rotary members Tommie Layne and Chris Daniel.

Floyd Chamber welcomes Prestonsburg Rotary

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed new member, the Floyd County Rescue Squad Fishing Tournament, Floyd County Rescue Squad Radio Auction, Eyeglass Collection (to be sent to Nicaragua), and International Medical Trips to Guiana. They are also teaming up with the Floyd County Health Department in an effort to inform the community about the need to have their children immunized. The Club received a \$2000 Blaine Immunization Grant, through the Rotary Foundation, to purchase tote bags that will be filled with

information and given to the parents of newborns through the HANDS program. The Prestonsburg Rotary Club officers for the 2007/2008 year are: Chris Daniel, President; Tommie Layne, Secretary; Talila Kidd, Treasurer; and Dave Kraus, Past President. They meet each Thursday, at 12 noon at "Made From Scratch." If you would like more information on the Prestonsburg Rotary Club, please stop by and visit any of their meetings, or contact Chris Daniel by phone at 886-7354, or by email to: chris.daniel@kctcs.edu

to serve. Club activities include: Adopt -A-Highway, The Floyd County Rescue Squad Fishing Tournament, Floyd County Rescue Squad Radio Auction, Eyeglass Collection (to be sent to Nicaragua), and International Medical Trips to Guiana. They are also teaming up with the Floyd County Health Department in an effort to inform the community about the need to have their children immunized. The Club received a \$2000 Blaine Immunization Grant, through the Rotary Foundation, to purchase tote bags that will be filled with

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A great week for musical fans saw the return of an old favorite and a smart adaptation of a Broadway musical, while the bottom of the racks featured one lame horror movie and a romance that will put you to sleep.

■ "Sweeney Todd" — Tim Burton strikes again with this excellent adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's magnum opus which broke all barriers for

musicals when it hit New York City and revealed that characters in a show can be gloomy, tortured and downright homicidal. Johnny Depp stars as the titular character who returns to London with murder on his mind after being separated from his wife and daughter by corrupt and lascivious judge. As in the stage production, the dialogue is mostly sung and there's even more gore as Todd uses his position as a barber to cut more than hair in his quest to get revenge. Helena Bonham Carter costars as his

companion, Mrs. Lovett, who benefits from Todd's crimes by stuffing his victims into meat pies and selling them off to her low rent customers. Excellent atmosphere, sets, acting and songs.

■ "Alvin and the Chipmunks" — The whole family can enjoy this live action take on those three singing rodents (Alvin, Simon and Theodore) who first debuted 50 years ago. Here they are computer generated and interact with live actors. The story, such as it is, finds the trio homeless

after their tree is cut down, which brings them to the door of a struggling musician (Jason Lee of "My Name Is Earl"). Good songs and harmless yuks ensue.

■ "Eye of the Beasts" — James Van Der Beek sinks further into direct-to-video hell with this sea monster story that hits every cliché in the book. Have your DVD player seek a restraining order against this dreck.

■ "The Good Night" — A talented cast is pretty much wasted in this

romance that finds a pre-middle aged man having a mid-life crisis that propels him into a love affair with the girl of his dreams. She really doesn't exist outside of his dreams, but a crossover plot involving Freddy Krueger is the only thing that could have saved this one.

Next week look for an Oscar winning performance by Daniel Day Lewis in "There Will Be Blood" and Tom Cruise fans can scope out "Lions for Lambs."



Col. Edwynna Hale Miller, left, and her mother, Mrs. Bobby Hale.

Miller promoted to colonel

Dr. Edwynna Hale Miller, a native of Prestonsburg, was recently promoted in the United States Army Dental Corps to the rank of Colonel.

Col. Miller is the daughter of Mrs. Bobby Hale and the late Edgar Hale. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Transylvania University, and the University

of Kentucky Dental School. She joined the United States Army in 1991 and has served for the past 17 years. Col. Miller completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is currently the Chief, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Participating in the ceremony were Col. Miller's husband, Jared, and her two children, Bobbi Jo and Jacob. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Col. Miller's mother, Mrs. Bobby Hale, of Blue River, and her sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Gary Frazier, of Prestonsburg.

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight

Patty's Tax Service

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed new member, Patty's Tax Service. Patty Maynard founded Patty's Tax Service in 1993 with one location in Salyersville. The corporate headquarters was later moved to Dana, in 2001. This year, Patty's Tax Service will open a second location in Betsy Layne.

Patty's Tax Service helps with tax preparation and tax planning. They also do payroll, business set-up, fuel tax, audits, and collection cases including offer and compromise, and retirement planning. Patty's Tax Service also offers electronic filing and fast refunds with most people receiving their checks the next day.

Patty's Tax Service is open year-round and Patty Maynard has over 20 years of tax accounting experience. Visit the Betsy Layne location at 85 Blackburn Street or reach Patty Maynard by phone at (606) 478-9500.



Billy Maynard, Chairman, president, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Patty Maynard, owner, Patty's Tax Service, to Chamber membership.

Fly Lady

impetuous rebellious state of mind, I had to do it my way! Doesn't that sound familiar?

The first thing I figured out was that I had never established a habit. Then I noticed how hard I was on myself by trying to do everything at once in addition to piling on more and more to do! I decided to be nice to myself by only picking one habit at a time to practice. I even gave myself a grace

period of ten days; instead of beating myself up when I would miss a day, I would jump back in without having to start back over. We hate that defeated feeling of failure. This way, there were no excuses because I didn't have to be perfect to establish a habit; I had a whole month to do it. The rule was I could not skip two days in a row. Anybody could do it!

That first habit was shining my sink. When that worked, I added another habit the next month. Each new habit was setting the foundation for keeping my home clean and shiny as well as getting rid of all those awful regrets.

We don't have to be stuck in our own Groundhog Day Movie. We have a choice to use our filter system to help us make different decisions. We

have our brains that can think. We have the ability to take advice instead of rebelling against it. We are a crystal ball because the choices we make today set the paths for our futures.

Are you ready to FLY by letting go of your regrets and forgiving yourself? Our choices have made us who we are today. When we learn from our mistakes we can use them as a

filter to keep us from making those same bad choices again.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out FlyLady's website and join her free life coaching at www.flylady.net, listen to her <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/flylady> show or read her books. *Sink Reflections*, published by Bantam and her *New York Times Best Selling* book,

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Eyes

and left with a mangled leg.

The driver of the car didn't stop, witnesses later reported, but thanks to two nearby good Samaritans, Cammie was picked up from off the road, blanketed and comforted until my eldest daughter got to her and then rushed her to Rudy Ousley's vet clinic.

What a terrible afternoon. Tears and questions and accusations - we were all worried about our dear puppy's fate and more than once, we found ourselves lashing out at one another. Through it all, Dr. Ousley remained calm and

patient. Eventually, his calm demeanor helped us to all calm down and realize that our behavior was doing very little to help our precious pet.

Rudy stabilized Cammie, gave her something for pain and to help calm her and then told us that the next few hours would be a waiting game. He had to make sure that no internal injuries were present before he could proceed.

As it turned out, Cammie was in pretty good shape except for her poor right leg. The leg couldn't be saved, but our puppy was.

Cammie is getting her spay surgery about a year too late, but after a pretty lengthy recuperation period, I just couldn't bear to put her through any more last year.

A year later, she is strong and healthy and even without that one rear leg, she runs like the wind. Most importantly, she is a happy dog. And we all love her unconditionally.

You would think Cammie herself would appear anxious when visiting Rudy's office, but she doesn't. Each time she's been back since her amputation surgery, she has

been excited and happy to see her old friends. Dr. Rudy and his staff gave her lots of love, attention, and most importantly, TLC, during the days and nights she spent recuperating with them.

This morning, it was I who was hesitant when pulling into the clinic's parking lot. Cammie, on the other hand, seemed eager to get out of the car and sniff the grounds and check out her old friends.

I made LaKole meet me at Rudy's and take Cammie in. I couldn't bear the emotional trauma of separation. I can't

wait, however, to go pick her back up. Unfortunately, because of Bill Clinton's visit to our area this week (I write this column on Thursday morning), I may have to postpone that happy reunion for a day.

I'm sure, though, that in the meantime, Cammie is in very good hands. I'll miss her, but Dr. Rudy and his crew will make sure she gets her daily dose of love and attention.

Thank you, you guys. I'll be back to get my doggie just as soon as I can.

Diva

verware that I have had for the past 20+ years. I like it and had no desire to change, so when I found out they had the same pattern available; I ordered another set off eBay. Guess what? The pattern and design is exactly the same, except everything is bigger; especially the part that goes in your mouth!

That said, it's not surprising that an extra 100 calories eaten per day can mean an extra 10 or so more pounds added to your frame per year. That means you could be 50 pounds heavier in just 5 years and not know how it happened!

One of the ways to avoid this sneaky weight gain is by eating at home on smaller plates; with smaller utensils and to make a conscience effort to eat sitting down at the

table...having a regular meal-time is one of the ways to avoid a mystery weight gain.

The magic potion for weight loss is an understanding of what a magic portion is...size does count! Let's get back to the table and enjoy a meal together with those we love best. Here's a great recipe to get you there—and with the weather starting to warm up, this is the last hurrah on such hearty fare—enjoy!

Three Bean and Lentil Soup

- Serves 6-8
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 cup dried lentils
- 1/3 cup pearl barley
- 3 quarts chicken stock (or vegetable stock)
- 2 carrots - diced

- 1 rib of celery - diced
- 15 ounces canned black beans - rinsed and drained
- 15 ounces canned white beans - rinsed and drained
- 15 ounces canned red kidney beans - rinsed and drained
- 14 1/2 ounces canned diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped

In a soup pot over medium heat, cook the onion and garlic in the olive oil till onion is translucent. Add lentils and a quart of chicken broth and cook for twenty minutes or until tender.

In the meantime, put barley

in another saucepan and cook for the same time. Add the remaining broth, the carrots, and the celery to the soup pot, bring to a low boil, and cook covered, for 10 minutes.

While the vegetables are cooking, process HALF of the black and white beans in the blender or food processor. Return the puree to the soup pan, add the remaining beans, the cooked barley, the tomatoes, and the other ingredients, including minced parsley. Salt and pepper to taste and continue to simmer the soup until the flavors are blended, about 30 minutes. Taste and add or correct the seasoning if necessary.

Per serving: 339 Calories; 2g Total Fat; 19g Protein; 59g Carbohydrate; 12g Fiber; trace Cholesterol; 2728mg Sodium.

Food Exchanges: 3 1/2 Grain (Starch); 1 Lean Meat; 1 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 0 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates. Note: sodium count will be much lower since you have rinsed and drained the beans.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Some whole grain rolls and big salad is all you need.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website www.SavingDinner.com or her *Saving Dinner Book series (Ballantine)* and her *New York Times Best Selling* book *Body Clutter (Fireside)*. Copyright 2008; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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Cinema 7—Starts Friday, April 4
NIM'S ISLAND (PG), Mon-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, April 4
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.
Cinema 9—Starts Friday, April 4
THE RUINS (R), Mon-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 10—Held Over
SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.



Faith and Family



KIM'S KORNER

Let's not be quick to judge

A few months ago emails began to come in weekly from a young minister in India with various prayer requests with our online Worldwide Intercessory Prayer Partners.

Later his emails turned into daily spiritual uplifting messages, and below is his latest.

"Let me pass on to you what I have learned this week. Sometimes we get tired

of hearing people passing quick judgment on circumstances, people and ministers. Many times we jump to a conclusion even without verifying and analyzing the matter. In family living, it is easy to mistake or misunderstand the other person and thus form a wrong opinion. At times such wrong opinions would lead to wrong decisions. What does the Bible say about passing judgments.

"DO NOT JUDGE IN THE WRONG TIME — The time is not ripe to pass any judgment. We have been asked to wait till the Lord comes. (1 Cor. 4:5) 'Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart.' (1 Sam 16:7) What appears wrong today might look right tomorrow. It is quite easy for us with our mind to misread a situation and misjudge a person or circumstances.

"DO NOT JUDGE WITH WRONG STANDARD — (4:6a) It is wrong to measure different men with their own personal preferences and prejudices. We cannot compare the circumstances or people with one another. In Corinth church they were wrongly comparing Paul with Apollos. The only true basis for evaluation is 'that which is written' the Word of God. Let us not use our own measures to judge others or circumstances.

"DO NOT JUDGE WITH WRONG MOTIVES — (4:6b) Usually in judgments the motives are to tear down someone's reputation or what was already built by others. The ulterior motive has got to be spiritual and edifying. The tearing down of a person's personality is quite dangerous whether it is done in the church or family or organization. Sometimes it may be devilish. So the motives must be right.

"PRAYER — Lord, let me be careful and be spiritual in passing judgment on others of my own circumstances."

Thank you Ghuna for sharing God's Blessings
Til next week ...



Kim Little Frasure

Judge stops Ky. county from displaying Ten Commandments

by **BRETT BARROQUERE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A federal judge has permanently barred a Kentucky county from using the Ten Commandments as part of a "Foundations of American Law and Government" display.

U.S. District Judge Joseph H. McKinley said the Grayson County display has the "effect of endorsing religion." McKinley's ruling upholds a preliminary injunction issued in 2002 that resulted in county officials taking down the Ten Commandments, but leaving the frame on display.

No public money was used to set up the display in the

county courthouse in Leitchfield, about 75 miles southwest of Louisville.

The Rev. Chester Shartzter put up the display, without a public ceremony or public prayer. Two Grayson County residents and the American Civil Liberties Union sued in 2001, claiming the intent of the display was religious and therefore unconstitutional.

The display originally included the full text of the Mayflower Compact, the full text of the Declaration of Independence, the Ten Commandments, the full text of the Magna Carta, the Star Spangled Banner, the National Motto together with the Preamble to the Kentucky

Constitution, the Bill of Rights, a picture of Lady Justice together with an explanation of the significance of each of the documents.

McKinley found that the intent of the display was religious, not educational, in part because it came after the county failed to put up only a Ten Commandments display and Grayson County Fiscal Court members discussed what to put with the Ten Commandments to avoid objections from the ACLU.

"An objective observer would understand that the Foundations Display's sponsor desired to post the Ten Commandments in the Courthouse for purely reli-

gious reasons and counseled the Grayson County Fiscal Court on how to accomplish this to avoid Objection by the ACLU," McKinley wrote in a 23-page decision filed Friday.

David Friedman, general counsel for the ACLU of Kentucky, said the government shouldn't endorse or promote a specific religious belief.

"People should not be made to feel like second-class citizens in their own community because they may not share the prevailing religious view — especially in a courthouse," Friedman said.

Mat Staver, who heads the conservative Christian legal group Liberty Counsel and represented Grayson County in the case, said McKinley's decision will either be appealed or a modified display will be put up. Staver said legally, the county is on sound ground because appeals courts, including one that oversees Kentucky, have upheld "the exact same display."

"One thing is clear," Staver said. "This is not the end of this case. It's just the beginning."

Kent Ostrander, head of the Kentucky Family Foundation,

said local communities should decide what is displayed in courthouses and schools, not federal judges. Ostrander also said it appears the ACLU has "split hairs" to "seduce" a federal judge into striking down the display.

"The Kentucky General Assembly has encouraged such displays and it is foolish to have the ACLU maneuver the federal courts into being the religious thought police," Ostrander said.

The case was filed in 2001, but put on hold while other legal disputes involving public displays of the Ten Commandments were heard in court.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2005 ruled that displays inside the McCreary and Pulaski county courthouses were unconstitutional while the U.S. 6th District Court of Appeals said a Mercer County Courthouse display that incorporated other historical documents was constitutional.

Since then, Ten Commandments displays and monuments in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia have been challenged and taken down.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Student sues Wisconsin school district over religious drawing

MADISON, Wis. — A high school student has filed a federal lawsuit alleging his art teacher censored his drawing because it featured a cross and a biblical reference.

The lawsuit alleges other Tomah High School students were allowed to draw "demonic" images and asks a judge to declare a class policy prohibiting religion in art unconstitutional.

"We hear so much today about tolerance," said David Cortman, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal advocacy group representing the student. "But where is the tolerance for different beliefs?"

Tomah School District Business Manager Greg Gaarder said the district hadn't seen the lawsuit and declined to comment.

The student, a senior identified in the lawsuit by the initials A.P., drew a cross and the words "John 3:16 A sign of peace" in his drawing of a landscape, according to the lawsuit.

His teacher asked him to remove the reference to the Bible, saying students were making remarks about it, the suit said. He refused, and she gave him a zero on the project.

The teacher showed the student a policy for the class that prohibited any violence, blood, sexual connotations or religious beliefs in artwork. The boy tore the policy up, was kicked out of class, and later received two detentions for his actions, the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also alleges school officials allow other religious items and artwork to be displayed on campus. A.P. suffered unequal treatment because of his religion even though student expression is protected by the First Amendment, according to the lawsuit.

New Mormon Tabernacle Choir director named
SALT LAKE CITY — A composer, arranger, guest con-

ductor and former Brigham Young University music professor has been named the new music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Mack Wilberg replaces Craig Jessop, who abruptly resigned last month from one of the most treasured institutions of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or the Mormon Church.

Wilberg was the associate director under Jessop and served as interim director after Jessop stepped down after eight years in the position. He said he wanted to teach and spend more time with his family.

"It's a bit of a pressure cooker, but the best kind," Wilberg said of directing the choir.

As music director, Wilberg will oversee musical and creative aspects of the choir, the Orchestra at Temple Square, the Temple Square Chorale and the Bells on Temple Square, including selecting repertoire for concerts, recordings and tours. He will also oversee the creative direction for the church's weekly "Music and the Spoken Word" broadcast.

Jessop conducted the choir and Utah Symphony at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, working with world-renowned artists Sting and Yo-Yo Ma.

Under Jessop, the choir launched a private record label in 2003 and released more than 10 albums. Several of those topped Billboard's Classical Music chart.

Mac Christensen, president of the choir, said that before Jessop became director in 1999, choir tours didn't draw huge crowds. Now, he said, they can "fill an NBA arena with more than 14,000 people. Last year alone we had a million request for tickets to the Christmas concert."

400 picket Westboro Baptist church

TOPEKA, Kan. — Members of Topeka's Westboro Baptist Church are known for picketing the funerals of U.S. troops, but around 400 people targeted the church

in a Sunday protest of their own.

Organizers said the event drew marchers touting messages of compassion and tolerance for gays and lesbians. Westboro Baptist is known for its anti-gay message and picketing of services for troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gay, straight and transgender demonstrators hugged, danced and cheered as passers-by honked their support for the protest at Gage Park in Topeka.

Organizer Chris Love of Leavenworth said he got the idea for the march after Westboro members picketed actor Heath Ledger's memorial service.

"It's about time we did something like this again," said Hope Prescott of Topeka, who waved a rainbow banner. "We feel somewhat responsible for ... Westboro Baptist Church. It's about time we show our support for gays rights and all rights."

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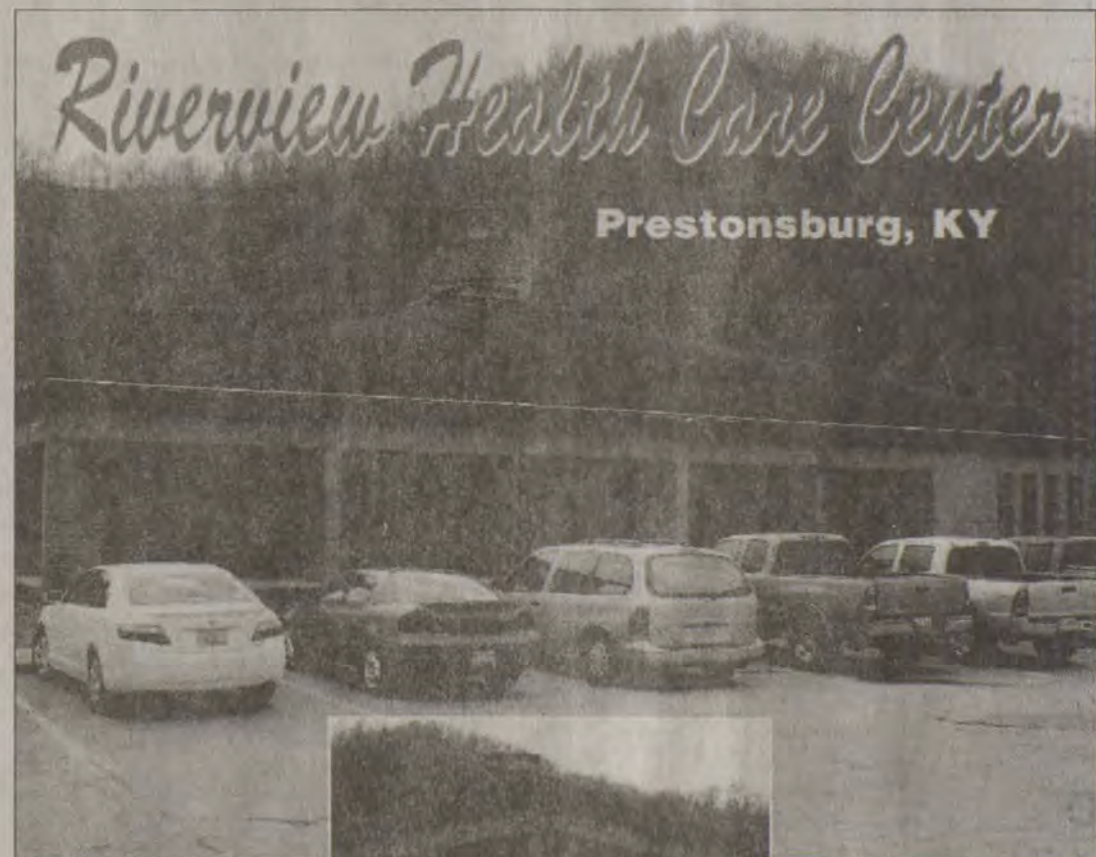
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Blackcats take two from JBS, beat KCC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — First-year head coach Marc Shepherd guided the Prestonsburg baseball team to five wins in six outings during the first week of the season. Shepherd, a Johnson Central High School graduate, coached Prestonsburg to a pair of home wins over June Buchanan School Saturday in a doubleheader. The Blackcats defeated Knott County Central 13-2 in five innings Monday at StoneCrest. More on each of Prestonsburg's last three games follows.

Prestonsburg 9, June Buchanan 6: Blackcat senior Bobby Hughes went 3-for-3 and drove in four runs on the offensive side in a 9-6 win over June Buchanan. Defensively,

Hughes pitched 4 2/3 innings, striking out six Crusaders on his way to improving to 2-0.

Prestonsburg had nine hits. Cameron Tincher provided two hits, reached base after being hit by a pitch and scored three runs.

Prestonsburg 7, June Buchanan 4: Josh Rodebaugh went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI as Prestonsburg defeated June Buchanan. Rodebaugh turned in a strong pitching performance en route to his second win of the season. One of the 15th Region's top pitchers, Rodebaugh recorded 15 strikeouts and didn't allow any earned runs.

Cameron Tincher also had two hits for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg 13, Knott County Central 2 (5 innings): Prestonsburg had a total of 16 hits Monday in a convincing home win over 14th

Region member Knott County Central.

Josh Rodebaugh hit a two-run home run. Rodebaugh's blast is the first hit over the StoneCrest field's fence. The Prestonsburg senior collected three hits and drove in four runs.

Tyler Hall had a triple, double and single, driving in three runs for the Blackcats. Nathaniel Stephens tagged a triple and single as Prestonsburg defeated Knott County Central easily.

Cameron Tincher and Alan Craynon also had two hits for host Prestonsburg.

Chris Schoolcraft earned the win for Prestonsburg, pitching a three-hitter. Schoolcraft (1-1) fanned five batters while only walking two and allowing a pair of earned runs.



photo by Greg Moore

SOUTH FLOYD PITCHER TRISTA DAMRON went to the plate with a pitch during a recent game.

Mr. Wildcat made impact on many

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

When you hurt when you lose someone you hardly knew it's a sure sign that, regardless of your age or how jaded you sometimes can feel, you haven't lost the ability to be a fan.

That happened to me twice on Monday. One saw a hero call it a career; the other, a life come to an end way too early, even if it lasted past four score.

I was on the radio Monday night when we got word that Bill Keightley had suffered a fall at Great American Ballpark and was in critical condition. Immediately I checked out of the show. As a worn-again Christian, I believe that when something like this comes to my attention, it is my responsibility to stop doing whatever it is I'm occupied with and pause for prayer.

So sitting in my chair right there in the EKB studio, I paused the task at hand — finding something to laugh at Joe Kinzer about being the main one on those Monday nights atop Peach Orchard — and asked God to intervene on behalf of the man we all know as "Mr. Wildcat."

There are a couple of funny things about prayer, things we have to come to grips with and keep in mind as we pray. First, regardless of what we ask for, we should always do as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane: We should ask for what we want, and then bow to His ultimate authority. "If it be Your will ..." is a phrase I often punctuate my prayers with. "Let Your will be done ..." is another.

The other thing we must keep in mind when we pray for someone who is ill or suffering is that when we ask God to heal them, sometimes he does it through death. Sometimes that's how it happens, and when it does, through the blinding pain and suffering our heart feels here due to our selfish loss, we must realize that in death, and only then, are we truly healed.

Mr. Wildcat was healed Monday night when he died, the result of a bleeding tumor that only God knew he had. See, that's another thing about God: He knows all. We,

(See KEIGHTLEY, page twelve)



file photo

Floyd County native Landon Slone will attend the University of Kentucky as a walk-on.

Landon Slone to walk on at Kentucky

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Floyd County native Landon Slone has agreed to walk on during his freshman year at the University of Kentucky. Slone, who starred at Paintsville High School the last four years, chose UK's walk-on offer over scholarship offers from East Tennessee State, Marshall and Evansville, among other NCAA Division I programs.

Slone, a 6-for-3 guard, averaged 25.8 points and hit 61.8 percent of his shots during his senior season. The former Mountain Christian Academy standout shot 86.5 percent from the free throw line.

Slone led Paintsville to this year's 15th Region championship. The Floyd County native paced Paintsville in a Sweet 16 Tournament opening round win over Jeffersontown. Slone scored a game-high 35 points in Paintsville's opening round win over 7th Region champion Jeffersontown.

Slone, the 15th Region Player of the Year, scored over 2,000 points

during his Paintsville career.

Pleasure Ridge Park standout Adam Delph has also announced he'll walk on at the University of Kentucky. Delph averaged 23 points per game.

Bradley participating in All-Star Game: University of Kentucky senior Ramel Bradley will take part in today's DiGiorno College All-Star basketball game in San Antonio, Texas.

Bradley is one of 22 seniors playing in the game, which will be played on the Final Four floor for the first time in its long history. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. (ET) and will be televised on CSTV.

The 6-2 senior will team with fellow SEC member and SEC Player of the Year Shan Foster of Vanderbilt as a member of the National Team and will be wearing the number 20.

Bradley led the team in assists (3.4 apg) and free throw shooting (83 percent) and ranked third on the team in scoring with a career best 15.9 ppg average. The Brooklyn native also finished his career ranked 27th on UK's exclusive

1,000 point list with 1,326 points.

Bradley was named first team All-SEC by league coaches and second team by the Associated Press.

Patterson named freshman All-American: University of Kentucky freshman Patrick Patterson has been named a 2nd Team Freshman All-American by CollegeHoops.net as announced by the organization.

Despite missing UK's last five games with a stress fracture in his left foot, Patterson finished the regular season as one of two freshmen to rank in the SEC's top 10 in both scoring (9th) and rebounding (7th), and is one of two players in the league's top 10 in points, rebounds, field goal percentage (5th) and free throw percentage (9th).

Patterson finished the season averaging 16.4 points, second on the team, and a team high 7.7 rebounds. He also shot a team best 57 percent from the field.

He was also named the SEC Coaches' Co-Freshman of the Year as well as being named a second team All-SEC performer by the coaches and the Associated Press.

Patterson undergoes surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky freshman Patrick Patterson underwent surgery in Charlotte, N.C., last Friday on his left ankle, to repair a stress fracture sustained during the season, while

sophomore Jodie Meeks is still exploring the possibility of surgery on a diagnosed sports hernia.

Patterson's surgery was performed by well-known foot and ankle specialist Dr. Robert Anderson. The procedure was done to stabilize the

stress fracture.

Patterson, a Huntington High School graduate, will be in a cast and on crutches for six weeks and a 4-6 month recovery time is expected, depending on how the injury heals.

Meeks has been diagnosed with right athletic

pubalgia, more commonly known as a sports hernia.

Meeks will meet with sports hernia specialist Dr. Bill Meyers in Philadelphia, Pa., on Thursday, April 10, to determine if surgery is necessary.

Beaver Junction MX opens '08 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DWALE — Beaver Junction Motocross hosted 112 competitors Sunday as part of its season-opener. Med-Zone Pharmacy sponsored the awards for the season-opening event. The Floyd County venue will host motocross competitors for 15 rounds during the 2008 season. A breakdown of Sunday's results follows.

Beaver Junction Motocross Race Results from Sunday, March 30 — 250 C: 1. Aaron Mullins; 2. Christian Francis; 3. Greg Dawson. C/D Unlimited: 1. Alan Mullins; 2. Josh Bolen; 3. Shane Hamilton. 125 AM 2 Stroke: 1. Donavon Jones; 2. Myles Minix; 3. Jeremy Swiney. 85 Open: 1. Myles Minix; 2. Justin Ousley; 3. Dustin Whisenhunt. 85 Jr.: 1. Chase Solar; 2. Daniel Cross; 3. Travis Meek. 85 Sr.: 1. Justin Ousley; 2. Evan Sizemore; 3. Patrick Stewart. 30-Plus: 1. Scott Varney; 2. Rodney (Tator) Anderson; 3. Johnnie

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Motocross action returned to Floyd County Sunday as Beaver Junction opened the 2008 season.

Keathley-coached Miners lead CBA in scoring

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky head coach Kevin Keathley promoted an exciting brand of basketball upon his introduction during the Miners' inaugural press conference held at the East Kentucky Expo Center in July 2007. It's safe to say Keathley followed through on his promise. True to his word, Keathley coached the Miners to the CBA scoring title. East Kentucky led the CBA in scoring during its debut season, averaging 110.6 points per game.

East Kentucky, one of four expansion franchises in the Continental Basketball Association, broke a CBA single-game scoring record Sunday, March 2 in a 194-115 win over Atlanta. The Miners shattered the previous CBA single-game scoring mark of 183 points. East Kentucky's 194 points in a single-game rank as professional basketball's all-time top offensive effort. East Kentucky achieved the scoring feat in its final home game at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The previous CBA scoring record of 183 points was set by the Anchorage Northern Knights on February 19, 1979. Anchorage defeated the Maine Lumberjacks 183-140 to set the previous scoring mark.

The Keathley-coached East Kentucky team produced all of its offense without the aid of a veteran CBA player.

"In laying the foundation for our franchise we looked for versatile players who could play multiple positions," Keathley confided. "For instance, guards like Jason McLeish and Bryant Northern, players who could excel in the open court game as well as a spread offense, fit in extremely well."

East Kentucky's average of nearly 111 points per game remains first in pro basketball. The Miners afforded all of Eastern Kentucky professional basketball's most explosive team.

Eight different East Kentucky players averaged double figures scoring during the team's first season. The Miners enjoyed success in an uptempo game throughout the campaign.

"In order for our team to be able to run up and down the floor we had to be in great shape — and we were," Keathley added. "On the offensive end, we had slashers — players who could get to the basket and were very tough to contain."

Miners guard Josh Pace led the CBA in scoring. East Kentucky players Mike Dean and James "Boo" Jackson ranked fifth and sixth, respectively, on the league's individual scoring list.

Keathley, who also set a single-game scoring record in the ABA, now has sights set on the 2008-09 season.

"I encourage everyone who enjoys fast-paced basketball to catch the East Kentucky Miners during the 2008-09 season," said Keathley. "What better way to witness that exciting brand of basketball than to come out to the first game next season?"

Marvin Stone's family had history of heart problems

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Former Louisville player Marvin Stone's death was apparently the latest to strike his family because of heart problems.

Stone, 26, died from an apparent heart attack after collapsing during halftime of a game in Saudi Arabia Tuesday. He lost his father, Marvin Sr., to a heart attack in January 1999 and a sister, Ontina Stone Davila, died of complications during heart surgery in 2001 at the age of 32.

"It's devastating," said Mark Komara, a family friend and Marvin Stone's longtime summer league coach. "I've been trying to look back on all the times he and I spent together."

Komara said Stone's younger nephew, who sometimes lived with the Stone family, died about a month ago of complications from pneumonia. Louisville spokesman Kenny Klein said Tuesday that Stone died of an apparent heart attack.

Stone's mother, Lois, still lives in Huntsville, where he starred at Grissom High School and was named Alabama's Mr. Basketball.

"She's pretty much holed up in her room not taking calls," Komara told The Huntsville Times in a story Wednesday. "It's a sad, sad day for me and for the Stone family. (Lois) is tough, but she's a wonderful woman."

Stone, who played for both Louisville and Kentucky, collapsed while playing for Itihad Jeddah during Saudi Arabia's Elite Cup playoffs. He was pronounced dead after being taken to a hospital.

It's not clear if Stone had existing heart problems, but Komara said Kentucky cleared him to play after Stone's father died.

He failed a physical after first signing to play overseas, the newspaper reported. The reasons for the failure were not known.

Stone later joined a team and has played professionally since 2003, including stops in France, Greece, Germany and Spain.

He signed to play for Itihad Jeddah a couple of weeks before he died after completing a season in Cyprus.

Former Grissom player Chris White said Stone recently passed out during a pickup game.

"He came back and said he was OK," White said. "He was like my brother," he said. "It was beyond basketball."

Stone led Grissom to the Class 6A championship as a senior and was named a Parade and McDonald's All-American. He played for the USA Junior National Team.

Stone signed with Kentucky but finished his career at Louisville, averaging 10.3 points, 7.1 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots as a senior in the 2002-03 season.



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FORMER SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY STANDOUT JOSH PACE led the CBA in scoring during the 2007-08 season.

Mr. Wildcat Bill Keightley passes away

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Longtime Kentucky basketball manager Bill Keightley passed away Monday night at the University of Cincinnati hospital from internal bleeding caused by a previously undiagnosed tumor on his spine. Keightley was 81 years old.

Doctors believe the internal bleeding began Monday afternoon while Keightley was attending the Cincinnati Reds season opener. He was taken to University Hospital, where doctors at the trauma center were not able to stop the bleeding, according to Dr. Pete Muskat, Clinical Director of Trauma Services. He passed away at 7:45 p.m., with his family and members of the UK coaching staff with him at the hospital.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Wildcat," Keightley had been associated with the

Wildcats' basketball program since 1962. Keightley, who manned the "Bill Keightley Equipment Room" in Memorial Coliseum, was as much a fixture around UK basketball as the seven national championship trophies on display in the Joe Craft Center.

"This is one of the saddest days of my life," head coach Billy Gillispie said from Cincinnati Monday night. "I commented earlier today that at the age of 81, he's become one of my very best friends, and the person I was talking to said 'that's what makes him so great, because everyone feels he's their best friend.'" And that's because he was so genuine and so caring about others.

"He influenced each of us on a daily basis, and he was a great example of someone who loved his University more than anything. Obviously, he's in a better place, but the void

he leaves for all of us, and especially his family, is going to be a difficult situation. Our hearts go out to his family and the millions of Wildcats fans who he loved so much."

Having just completed his 48th season on the UK sidelines, the Wildcats' record over the past four decades with Keightley as equipment manager is 1,113-351. During his tenure, he served under six UK head coaches — Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall, Eddie Sutton, Rick Pitino, Orlando "Tubby" Smith and Billy Gillispie.

Kentucky, which has fielded 105 teams, has played 2,588; meaning Keightley played a role in 57 percent of those games.

In 1997, UK honored Keightley with a retired jersey in his honor. He joined veteran broadcaster Cawood Ledford as the only non-player or coach to have a jersey retired at UK. Keightley was also

among 88 Wildcat greats inducted into the charter class of the UK Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

"I'm shook up," former UK head coach Joe B. Hall said Monday night. "We had dinner together Friday night and he was in great spirits. It's hard to believe. He was a good friend to all of us. He was so close to all the coaches, players, managers and everyone who was associated with Kentucky basketball. It's a total shock."

A graduate of Kavanaugh High School in Lawrenceburg, he was a retired U.S. Postal Service carrier and veteran of the Marine Corps in WWII.

The avid Cincinnati Reds fan is survived by his wife, the former Hazel Robinson of Lawrenceburg and his daughter, Karen, who works in the University's veterinary science department and son-in-law Alden Marlowe.

BMS to host Frank Kimmel Street Stock 150

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway will kick off its Saturday Spectacular Series April 5 with a potential starting field of up to 99 cars in the Frank Kimmel Street Stock 150.

The 150-lap Street Stock event will be staged by nine-time and defending ARCA champion Frank Kimmel. Cars, which will start the race in rows of three, competing in the event must be stock-appearing American made models built between 1960 and 1988, powered by all-cast iron engines no larger than 410 cubic inches.

Kimmel launched his Street Stock Spectacular in 2007 at Kentucky Speedway to rave reviews from fans and competitors alike. Now, the series moves to Bristol Motor Speedway, where nothing like this has even been attempted.

That same day, BMS will hold a trailer race, another first for the half-mile oval. American-made stock cars will pull trailers around the Speedway in a survival-of-the-fittest in what should be a fan favorite. And before the end of the day, Bristol's own Randy

Moore will bring his War Wizard Monster Truck into the arena to crush at least one big bus.

Opening the day's activities will be a 30-lap Thunder Roadster race.

A pit pass for the entire event is \$35. Grandstand tickets (general admission) are \$15 each. Children 12 and under will be admitted free with a paying adult.

Practice will be held throughout the day April 5, along with qualifying. The Thunder Roadsters will take to the track at 3 p.m., followed by the Frank Kimmel Street Stock Spectacular while the Trailer Race will cap the afternoon of racing.

Grandstands will open at 2 p.m. while the pit gate will open at 7 a.m.

Earnhardt Jr. will go retro May 10 at Darlington

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. will race a special one-time-only throw-

back paint scheme on the No. 88 Chevrolet at Darlington.

To kick off Mountain Dew's "Old School New School" promotion, Earnhardt will pilot the No. 88 Mountain Dew AMP Energy/National Guard Chevrolet with a throwback paint scheme modeled after the 1981-82 entry driven by Darrell Waltrip.

"I'm so excited about this paint scheme. To run a paint scheme like the Mountain Dew one is a tribute to the history of the sport and the heritage at Darlington," said Earnhardt. "I can't wait to see how the car looks on the track because it looks awesome on paper."

Could the throwback Mountain Dew paint-scheme be a good-luck charm for Earnhardt as he chases that elusive Darlington victory? The Mountain Dew colors have certainly proven to be lucky at Darlington in the past. Mountain Dew was on the hood of Darrell Waltrip's car in 1981 when he won 12 races, including the Rebel 500 at Darlington.

Mountain Dew also will launch the "Old School New School" promotion that will

give consumers the chance to win "Cars, Kicks and More." Those who participate in the "Old School New School" promotion will be able to decide which "school" they prefer. Beginning May 19, winning consumers will choose between new and retro prizes like 2009 Corvette or vintage Corvette, an arcade game or an Xbox and many other items. You can learn more about Mountain Dew "Old School New School" by going to www.oldschoolnew.com.

"Dale Earnhardt Jr. has such high regard for our sports past, it's only fitting that he be the one to bring back the retro Mountain Dew paint scheme at a historic track like Darlington Raceway," said Mark Dyer, President and CEO of Motorsports Authentics. "We are pleased to partner with Dale Jr., AMP Energy/Mountain Dew and Darlington Raceway on this program by giving fans the opportunity to commemorate this event with Action Racing Collectables die-cast and other 'Old School New School' memorabilia."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Linsey Fields, Prestonsburg Softball

Josh Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg Baseball

Keightley

regardless of what we sometimes think of ourselves, do not.

If there's one thing about Mr. Wildcat, it's that the University of Kentucky didn't save its bouquets for his death. The Lexington Herald-Leader has been chock full of pictures this week of the loveable man who was part legend and part mascot. There was his surprising jersey retirement from 1997, him popping out of the cake as the university began its 100th year of college basketball, him enjoying laughs with players present and past, coaches and folks he probably barely knew.

Bill Keightley was a legend in this state, and he was loved — as President Lee Todd said — from Paducah to Pikeville.

He will be missed, but his legend will never fade. Not in this state.

I was also saddened last weekend when the career of one of my heroes came to an end. I gave up on professional wrestling long ago. Most Monday nights pass without my even thinking about Monday Night Raw, and I couldn't even tell you when those other programs air or on which channel they're carried. And I couldn't even begin to tell you the last time I watched one of those overpriced pay-per-views.

But after our show on Monday night I rushed home and flipped it to Raw. The night before at Wrestlemania, Ric Flair participated in his "last match." I put that in quotes because pro wrestling is different from other sports where retirements are concerned — you know, as in nobody in sports ever really retires these days — in that people have been coming back in it for an even longer time than any other sport.

In fact, coming out of retirement may have been invented in the place Gordon Solie liked to call "the squared circle."

I suppose I first saw pro wrestling — much to the protests of my parents — when I was five or six. Back then it aired on Saturday afternoon. On one station we got Southeastern Championship Wrestling, based out of Knoxville. On another, it was Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling, coming to us from the Carolinas.

It wasn't long before one man on the latter began to stand out. He was clearly the best of the bunch, both in the ring and at the other job most important in the sport we call "rasslin'." He had bleach-blond hair, was a terrific in-ring performer and when it came time to talk, he took a backseat to nobody, even back in the mid-1970s.

He called himself "The Nature Boy," and while I still don't really understand that moniker entirely, it is synonymous with him and his prowess. Think Ric Flair and I go back to those early days when he first did battle with Ricky Steamboat and carried the tag-team titles with Greg Valentine. It was in those Mid-Atlantic days that he was perfecting the persona that carried him all the way through Monday night, complete with his patented chops to the chest of an opponent and the figure-four leg lock.

Ric Flair was pro wrestling to me for most of the time I followed the sport. At the age of 40, I'm not ashamed I once joined a couple of friends for a drive to Charollette to be live at Starcade, one of those old PPVs, so we could be there in person when "Nache" won one of his many world

titles, this one at the expense of Van Vader.

When I think of Flair, I think of the Four Horsemen, The Black Scorpion, of Terry Funk, of Harley Race and of those Saturdays at 6 when Georgia Championship Wrestling kept me tied to the tube for two hours.

Anybody who has started watching wrestling in the last few years probably has no idea of the things I write about, but let me assure you of one thing: For a 20-year stretch, there was nobody who compared to him. He set the stage for people like Sting and Shawn Michaels and Triple-H, even if they'd never admit it today.

The morning after we watched Flair win the title we got up to leave town but stopped by Ric Flair's Gold's Gym on our way out.

We picked up a couple of T-shirts and were marveling at the massive display of photographs of the owner with movie stars, wrestlers and politicians when we heard a familiar voice.

Ric Flair himself had walked in, and we quickly learned why all those legends of stage and screen made time for him. In our brief time with him we found him to be humble, appreciative and very friendly. I was also impressed that he not only knew the receptionist by name, but had invited her to the post-show party and noticed her absence.

"I had to work this morning," she said. He told her he'd wished she could have been there, and right there, I realized all the time I'd invested following his career had been well-spent.

His glory days may be behind him now, but there's one thing I know. Just like Mr. Wildcat, I'm glad I've been along for the ride.



SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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McMurray shines, Gibbs battles Childress, Roush spars with Toyota

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Three things were evident when the dust settled at Martinsville Speedway: Jamie McMurray is capable of rising to the occasion; there's been a shift in power among NASCAR's elite teams; and owner Jack Roush really, really dislikes Toyota.

First up was McMurray, who went into Martinsville under more scrutiny than any other driver.

Knocked out of the top 35 and not earned a spot in Sunday's field, McMurray had to qualify on speed to make the race.

Typically, that might not have been an issue for McMurray, who is pretty decent at Martinsville. However, the pressure was intense — an errant move, blown tire or broken part would have sent a Roush Fenway Racing car home for the first time since Greg Biffle missed Las Vegas in 2003.

Sitting out on Sunday would have been disastrous for McMurray, and forced him to climb from a deep hole to salvage his season. Instead, he left nothing to chance with a flawless qualifying run that earned him the fifth starting spot.

"It was really a hard two weeks, and I told my girlfriend ... 'I wish we could just go right now and qualify, and get it out of the way,'" he said after qualifying. "I went out and played with my go-kart and did everything I could not to think about it."

Admitting he was as excited about Sunday's race as he had been in a very long time, he backed it up by

running with the leaders from start to finish and driving one of his smartest races in recent memory. The effort was rewarded with his best finish since Dover of last September, a span of 14 races.

McMurray's season-best eighth place finish rocketed him six spots in the standings, to 30th, and locks him into this weekend's race at Texas. The hard part, for now, is over. If McMurray can string together a batch of strong runs like Sunday's, he'll quickly lift himself off the hot seat.

Buoyed by the decent weekend and his ardently loyal fans, McMurray is not ruling out making a run at the Chase.

"I learned a lot about myself and fans. Having the weeks that I had ... to support a guy that doesn't win very often, that's a really loyal fan and that kind of makes you feel good," he said after the race. "I don't think that the Chase is out of the question."

Making the Chase will be difficult for McMurray, and even if he gets there, it's looking like he and his Roush teammates will be chasing a new set of leaders.

Through six races this season, Hendrick Motorsports has, at least temporarily, given up its spot as the industry leader.

That title now belongs to either Joe Gibbs Racing or Richard Childress Racing, as both teams have shown early dominance. With three wins between them — and a handful of missed opportunities in the other three races — the teams rank all six of their drivers inside the top 12.

Currently, the edge goes to RCR, which has Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick holding down the top two

spots in the standings. Kyle Busch is the highest-ranked Gibbs driver at fifth, but a broken gear in Martinsville dropped him there after three weeks as the Cup Series points leader.

The two teams have a combined 21 top-10 finishes, and have shown early that Hendrick is now chasing them.

At this point last season, Hendrick had four victories. This year, the team is winless.

And Martinsville is where many expected them to have their first Victory Lane celebration. Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson had owned the track of late, and again, ran up front most of the race. But with the win on the line, Gibbs driver Denny Hamlin broke through with his first victory of the year and the second for Toyota.

Watching a Camry drive into Victory Lane had to infuriate Roush, who continued to voice his displeasure with the automaker and its teams during the three-day Martinsville weekend.

This time the issue surrounds a stolen swaybar, which Michael Waltrip has admitted his team inadvertently grabbed following the Dover race last fall. But Roush leveled charges of "intellectual espionage" and said he had considered taking legal action against the team.

Most of the garage found this latest drama wildly entertaining, with Gordon mockingly suggesting the FBI should be brought in to investigate. But it again pulled Toyota Racing Development back into the ring with an opponent it has been sparring since before it entered

NASCAR.

Roush has been fervent in his stance that only American automakers should be permitted to compete in NASCAR, and even though Toyota has been doing business in the U.S. for 50 years and has 150,000 employees here, he still resents the inclusion of a Japanese automaker. Roush even referenced Pearl Harbor several years ago when discussing Toyota's arrival in NASCAR.

After years of public silence, Toyota is finally pushing back a bit, both on and off the track.

High-ranking TRD official Lee White got things rolling when he intimated the Roush team intentionally cheated during Carl Edwards' win in Las Vegas. White, by the way, is a former Roush employee and the two didn't exactly part best of friends.

Naturally, Roush went ballistic when he learned of White's accusations, and responded with several new rants that voiced his Toyota displeasure. During one of those talks he let it slip that a Toyota team had stolen a Roush part and maybe even tried to glean trade secrets during the time it was in its possession.

Waltrip copped to the caper, but insisted the swaybar accidentally landed in his possession. TRD said it knew nothing of the thievery, and backed out of the dispute by referring all questions to the parties involved.

TRD isn't totally off the hook.

While investigating the Waltrip incident, it found it also had a Roush part in its possession following the race at California but said they it was promptly returned upon discovery. That was likely little consolation to Roush, who is proving Toyota is his

No. 1 nemesis and can't stand to watch the automaker's sudden success with the shining stars at Joe Gibbs Racing.

This feud won't likely end anytime soon, not with Gibbs cars running out front and not with Toyota battling for wins against Roush's Fords.

Still, it's just one of the many problems Roush will have this season. But, hey, at least McMurray is no longer one of them.

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1. Jeff Burton, 915
2. Kevin Harvick, 876
3. Greg Biffle, 855
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 846
5. Kyle Busch, 831
6. Tony Stewart, 811
7. Kasey Kahne, 786
8. Denny Hamlin, 758
9. Jeff Gordon, 749
10. Jimmie Johnson, 746
11. Ryan Newman, 741
12. Clint Bowyer, 740
13. Martin Truex Jr., 695
14. Carl Edwards, 686
15. Matt Kenseth, 677
16. Kurt Busch, 669
17. Juan Pablo Montoya, 633
18. Brian Vickers, 631
19. David Ragan, 628
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Encarnacion lifts Reds past D'backs

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — When Edwin Encarnacion failed to get down a sacrifice bunt in the bottom of the ninth, freezing while strike two sailed past him, the few thousand fans left in the ballpark let out another boo.

He's heard that sound a few times already in the young season.

The third baseman collected himself and connected on the next pitch, hitting a three-run homer that gave the Cincinnati Reds their first win under manager Dusty Baker, 6-5 over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday night.

"It doesn't matter how you win 'em," Baker said. "That first one always seems like the toughest one."

Until the ninth, no one had it tougher than Encarnacion.

His wild throw home on a forceout attempt gave the Diamondbacks a pair of unearned runs in the fifth inning. The 14,016 fans didn't like that one — Encarnacion's second throwing error of the season was soundly berated.

"I don't know what happened there," said Encarnacion, who has a history of throwing the ball away. "Errors are part of the game. You've just got to keep your head up. I said, 'There's five more innings, and anything can happen.'"

Nothing much happened until the ninth, when the Diamondbacks turned a 5-3 lead over to Brandon Lyon, their new closer. He got the job after Arizona trad-

ed Jose Valverde in the offseason.

Valverde led the NL with 47 saves last season. Lyon converted his first chance in the season opener, a 4-2 win on Monday. This time, he didn't even get an out.

Brandon Phillips and Adam Dunn opened with singles, bringing up Encarnacion. Many of the fans had already left Great American Ball Park, figuring there was little chance of a comeback.

With Encarnacion trying to get down his first sacrifice bunt in the majors, Lyon threw a breaking ball that froze him for strike two. Then, he tried to put him away with a fastball.

Bad decision. "I put myself in a bad situation, and I just couldn't make enough quality pitches to get out of it," Lyon said. "It's a tough loss for us."

"It looks like we should have just let him bunt it. I tried to go away (with the next pitch), but left it over the plate and he went with it."

The ball landed in the lower deck in left field, sending Reds players streaming into semicircle around home plate. Encarnacion was giddily engulfed the moment he arrived.

"Of course he was going to put pressure on himself," Phillips said. "I'm glad it happened the way it did. It's a beautiful thing to see it happen to a young player like Edwin."

Left-hander Jeremy Affeldt (1-0) escaped a bases-loaded threat in the top of the ninth, putting him in position for

the win. He got a break when Eric Byrnes ran into his soft grounder in front of the plate, drawing an interference call that provided the second out of the inning.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. remained hitless in two games, leaving him seven homers shy of becoming the sixth player to reach 600.

Until the ninth, right-hander Dan Haren was the star. He doubled, scored a run, hit a sacrifice fly and pitched six innings during his Diamondbacks debut, putting the defending NL West champions in position for another close win.

Haren wasn't feeling good when he arrived at the ballpark — he had a scratchy throat, an indication that he's coming down with a virus going through the clubhouse. Nothing about his performance was sickly.

"Just the stuff going around the clubhouse," Haren said. "I didn't have as much energy today. The Adrenalin gets going once you get out there."

He gave up four hits in six innings, including Corey Patterson's solo homer and Phillips' two-run shot in the fourth.

Haren also started Arizona's go-ahead rally. He doubled off Bronson Arroyo in the fifth, when the Diamondbacks loaded the bases with one out. Encarnacion threw high and wide of catcher Paul Bako as he tried to force Haren at the plate on a routine grounder, leading to a pair of unearned runs.

Haren added a sacrifice fly in the sixth for the 5-3 lead.

game against us. That's not the outcome you want to have."

A new-look bullpen held on. Brandon Lyon, assuming the role of traded closer Jose Valverde, pitched a perfect ninth for the save, closing out a combined three-hitter. The Reds didn't get a runner into scoring position in the last five innings.

"I think we were trying to do too much," said Brandon Phillips, whose triple set up both of Cincinnati's runs. "It was like we were trying to prove something instead of trying to win the game. A lot of guys were swinging at balls they don't normally swing at."

Young and Eric Byrnes homered off Aaron Harang (0-1), and Jeff Salazar added his third career pinch-hit homer off Jared Burton in a rare show of power by the Diamondbacks' lineup.

Ken Griffey Jr. made no progress in pursuit of his 600th career homer. He remained seven shy after going 0-for-3 with a walk. Griffey is second all-time in opening day homers with seven — one behind Frank Robinson — but hasn't hit one since 1999.

The Reds turned the opener into a tribute to former pitcher and broadcaster Joe Nuxhall, who died last November. A cold, misty rain was falling when Reds coaches and players took the field for pregame introductions wearing jerseys that had Nuxhall's No. 41 and his name on the back.

All but Harang switched into their regular jerseys for the game. Harang got permission from Major League Baseball to wear his during the game, then donate it to the team's hall of fame.

"They came to me and asked me to wear it, and I didn't think twice about it," Harang said. "I started knowing him in '03, and you're not going to find a better guy."

In different ways, both teams were looking for big change at the outset.

The Diamondbacks won the NL West despite one of the league's worst offenses — a collective .250 batting average that ranked last. They're counting on the continued development of the majors' youngest roster to improve the offense.

For the Reds, it's about ending a seven-year losing streak, their worst in a half-century. Baker's job is to bring a winning attitude to a clubhouse that knows little about it.

In the opener, Arizona got exactly what it wanted.

Young, who set a club rookie record with 32 homers last season, sent a solo shot into the upper deck in left field in the third inning. One out later, Byrnes homered for a 3-0 lead.

Phillips' hit to center skipped off the slick grass and went to the wall for an RBI triple in the fourth. Phillips scored on Adam Dunn's groundout, making it 3-2 and putting the Diamondbacks on familiar ground.

Last year, Arizona led the majors with 32 one-run wins. Already, they're 1-0 this season in close ones.

"Similar to the way we semi-drew it up last year, at least at the end there," manager Bob Melvin said. "Big hits for our guys, albeit not too many of them."

Notes: Rain delayed the first pitch by 59 minutes. It was the first rain delay in a Cincinnati opener since 2000, when Griffey made his hometown debut. ... Last year, mayor Mark Mallory was so far off target on the ceremonial first pitch that he became a national celebrity. County commissioner Todd Portune was down the middle with his toss on Monday. ... It was Baker's third season opener in Cincinnati as a manager. He had won his other three — with the Giants in 1999 and the Cubs in 2004 and 2006.



SENIOR TAYLOR CLARK was one of many Prestonsburg High School track and field athletes in competition Tuesday during a home meet at Blackcat Stadium.

Oklahoma captures CBA championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY — The CBA completed its 62nd season of play Sunday night with the Oklahoma Cavalry winning the CBA Championship by defeating the Minot Skyrockets in the deciding fifth game of the CBA Playoffs, 86-76 and captured the Jay Ramsdell Trophy in the process. Due to his stellar play throughout the CBA Finals series, Brandon Dean was awarded the CBA Playoffs Most Valuable Player award.

The Cavalry are the first expansion team to win a CBA Championship since the Dakota Wizards won the CBA Championship in the 2001-02 season. The Cavalry's win also returns the CBA Championship to the state of Oklahoma for the first time since the 1996-97 season. Michael Ray Richardson becomes the fourth former NBA player to win a CBA Championship as a head coach, joining Phil Jackson, Cazzie Russell, and Henry Bibby.

The Cavalry opened up a 24-19 first quarter lead but were unable to hold the lead as the Skyrockets came back to lead at the half, 45-42. In the final 24 minutes of the CBA season, the Cavalry dominated Minot. They held the Skyrockets to only 29-percent

shooting from the field and they grabbed 56 rebounds to the 39 from Minot. The Cavalry had 60 out of their 86 points in the paint and had 19 second chance points.

Shawn Daniels had a monster fifth game for the Cavalry. He had a game high 23 points and 16 rebounds for Oklahoma, an expansion team. CBA Player of the Year Daryan Selvy had 22 points and Dean had 14 points. CBA Defensive Player of the Year Marvin Phillips had 13 rebounds in the win. Kevin Johnson had 14 points for the Skyrockets in the loss. Lee Scruggs had 13 points, and Ronnie Fields had 12 points for the American Conference Champions.

"This was a great series by both teams," said CBA Deputy Commissioner Dennis Truax. "The Cavalry played the best when it mattered most and were able to capture the championship. My congratulations go out to the ownership group of the Cavalry, general manager Otis Birdson, and head coach Michael Ray Richardson and all of the players and staff of the Cavalry for a fine season. I also want to congratulate the Minot Skyrockets organization for a fine season as well."

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Webb paces Arizona in win over Cincy

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Overpowering pitching, perfect defense and just enough runs. The Arizona Diamondbacks opened the season with the same blueprint that won them 90 games and a division title the last time around.

Why change what works?

Brandon Webb, an Ashland native, pitched six innings Monday, and the light-hitting Diamondbacks piled up three solo homers in a 4-2 victory that dampened Dusty Baker's debut as the Cincinnati Reds manager.

Unlike Baker's new team, the defending NL West champs have a knack for winning the close ones.

"That's exactly how we won a lot of them," said Chris Young, who hit the first of the three homers. "The starter goes six, then it's 7-8-9 and get it done."

Webb (1-0) allowed three hits and a pair of runs in six innings for a breakthrough victory. The right-hander had 34 wins the last two seasons — tied with Carlos Zambrano for most in the NL — but hadn't gotten a victory in his two previous opening day starts.

Pitching against the team he followed as a youth, the northern Kentucky native finally won an opener with a six-strikeout performance. More than two dozen relatives and friends found a way to get tickets for the sold-out game.

"Opening day is so special here in Cincinnati," said Webb, who never got tickets to one when he was growing up in Ashland, Ky. "To do it so close here and have that many fans behind me, it was definitely sweet."

Even the Reds noticed.

"We had a lot of people, but I think half of them were from Webb's hometown," Baker said. "He pitched an outstanding

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Job Title: Dean
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2 Story home for sale. 3,000 sq ft. Located in Upper Wells Addition in Pikeville, Ky. Call 437-1950 or 424-1150.

3 Br, 2 bath house for sale. 2 New heating units, newly floored, back deck, basement, city water & sewage. Central air & gas heat. Located at Allen off US 23. Price \$152,000. Call 606-297-2792(h) or 454-4579 (c).

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Houses

For rent: 2 br townhouse- all electric, appliances furnished, 1 1/2 bath, car garage, located in Prestonsburg. \$700. per month, \$700. deposit required. Serious inquires call 886-6186 or 886-8286.

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RENTALS

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Apartment building for sale by owner. Located near HRMC. Call 889-9717. for more information.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No.836-5341 Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky, 41214, has applied for a renewal of an underground coal mining operation, located 2.7 miles south of Odds, in Floyd, Martin, and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation disturbs 42.50 acres of surface area, and will underlie an additional 123.00 acres, for a total of 165.50 acres. The operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Daniel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile south of Dick's Creek. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by

Pocahontas Development Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel Inc, P.O. Box 565 Betsy Lane, KY 41605, has applied for a Phase II/III Bond Release on Increment No. 1 of Permit Number 836-5342 which was last issued on May 22, 2006. The application covers an area of approximately 3.50 acres located 0.60 miles north east of Ivel in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.9 miles northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. Route 23/460 and located on Kinney Branch. The bond now in effect on Increment No. 1 is a surety bond for \$14,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,900.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching completed in March 2002 on Increment No. 1. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by June 4, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for June 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 4, 2008.

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