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**In brief**

## Students protest tuition hikes

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A small group of students have begun protesting proposed hikes in university tuition rates.

The students held the protest Friday at the Council on Postsecondary Education offices in Frankfort. The council is scheduled to hold public hearings on the proposed tuition spikes next week.

State government is facing a \$900 million projected revenue shortfall over the next two years. The General Assembly earlier this month approved a two-year \$19 billion state spending plan that included 3 percent funding cuts for public universities.

Since then, universities have proposed tuition increases of between 6 and 9.68 percent. It's up to the council to approve the tuition proposals.

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# Board member sues athletic director

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A school board member filed a lawsuit against the athletic director of a Floyd County school after she tripped and fell down the bleachers.

According to the complaint filed in Floyd County Circuit Court, "On or about May 4, 2007, the plaintiff Sherry Robinson, was lawfully on the premis-

es at Betsy Layne High School ... when she tripped and fell as a result of the negligent and dangerous condition of the bleachers at Betsy Layne High School which was caused by or allowed to exist by the defendant, Chris Watkins, who is and was at all times relevant hereto, the Athletic Director of Betsy Layne High School, and was responsible for the condition and operation of the bleachers."

Noticeably absent from the lawsuit

is the school itself, or the Floyd County School Board, of which Robinson, of Langley, is a member.

The complaint alleges that as a result of the negligence of the defendant, "The plaintiff has suffered severe bodily and emotional injuries to her body as a whole, and as a direct and proximate result thereof."

"Further the plaintiff has incurred, and will incur in the future, medical expenses, lost wages, travel related

expenses, physician expenses and permanent impairment of her ability to labor and earn money in the future," says William Hickman, Robinson's attorney, in the complaint.

According to the complaint Robinson is seeking to gain through the lawsuit compensation for, "Past mental and physical pain, suffering and inconvenience; future mental and physical

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## FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS



photo by Jack Latta  
Members of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department were called out Friday afternoon to Rough & Tough after a resident's brush fire got away from him. The water turret on board the fire engine was used to help control the blaze. According to officials on the scene, no structures were in danger.



# Clinton campaign to open office in Pikeville

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — In an effort to gain more momentum in eastern Kentucky, Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton will be opening a local campaign office in Pikeville this week.

Campaign officials announced plans to host an open house at the office, which will be located at 137 Division Street in downtown Pikeville, to celebrate the occasion on Monday, April 28, at

6 p.m. "Opening an office in Pike is just another example of the grassroots excitement about Hillary's campaign that we're seeing across Kentucky," said state Democratic Party chairman Jerry Lundergan. "Supporters and volunteers from across the state are coming together to help elect Hillary. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the next few weeks, but opening an office in Pike puts us one step closer to victory on May

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# Family sues bus driver over accident

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A civil action was filed this week by a Floyd County woman after a school bus allegedly crashed into her vehicle, permanently injuring her daughter.

Stacey Scott, of Melvin, is suing the school bus driver Victor Harper Jr., of Bevinville, Karen Johnson, Director of Transportation for the Floyd County Board of Education, and the Floyd County Board of Education, for injuries that she and her daughter, Kenzie Little, and son, Gary Daygan Little, suffered in the crash, charging the defendants with "the intentional or reckless disregard for the safety of other people."

According to the complaint, on April 10, 2007, Harper had just dropped off the last of his passengers and was traveling toward the intersection of Poplar Fork and Route 466 near Weeksbury when he allegedly ran a stop sign and crashed into a Mazda pickup truck being driven by Scott.

"The crash was violent and, given the relative unequal mass of the two vehicles, the force of the crash into Stacey's vehicle caused very severe injuries to all plaintiffs, especially to Kenzie (who sustained severe damage to her face and to her brain and spine)," John Kirk, attorney for the plaintiff says in the complaint. "Injuries which have caused extensive med-

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# Cross-country cyclist hit by car in Arizona

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

KINGMAN, Ariz. — As if bad weather conditions and a bout with food poisoning were not enough, a Floyd County teen who left home last month and headed to California aboard bicycle, was hit by a car Friday afternoon just outside of Las Vegas, Nev.

As reported by family, Adam Harbin, 19, was hit

head on, sustaining injuries that include one broken leg and one broken arm. Penny Lewis, the bicyclist's stepmother, said that Harbin was struck along the roadside in Kingman, Ariz., and airlifted to the University Medical Center, in Las Vegas.

Lewis said that she and Adam's father, Michael Harbin, had been contacted

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Adam Harbin in a picture at the Grand Canyon just days before his accident.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Johnny Ray Bentley, 53, of Drift, died Sunday, April 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Roxie Hamilton Bentley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Monroe Castle, 82, of Prestonsburg, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, April 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nathenia Burton Evans, 85, of Auxier, died Monday, April 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services

were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Elder Hobert Holbrook, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Fred Isaac, 69, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, April 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gracie Conn Kilburn, 81, of Melvin, died Monday, April 21, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday,

April 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mary Jo Meadows Meade, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Charley Childress, 92, of Mouthcard died Thursday, April 17, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Josephine "Bonnie" Clark, 76, of McRoberts, died

Friday, April 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, under the direction of Carty Funeral Homes of Fleming-Neon.

■ Kathleen Coleman, 74, of Regina, died Thursday, April 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Walter E. Coleman. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ George Lee Fraley, 61, of McCarr, died Sunday, April 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Linda Dale "Jody Gooslin" Fraley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services.

■ Ruth Johnson, 87, of Banner Elk, N.C., formerly of Virgie, died Thursday, April 24, at Blowing Rock Hospital, Blowing Rock, N.C. Funeral services were held Monday, April 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Abbie Jean Hatfield Justice, 77, of Ransom, died Wednesday, April 23, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Willie Justice Jr. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 26, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Stella Ramey McClanahan, 79, of Perryville, a Pike County native, died Friday, April 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, under the direction of Wilder Funeral Home of Perryville.

■ Willie McGuire, 82, of Temple, Texas, a Pikeville native, died Monday, April 7, in a Temple hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mary Francis Naylor Rea McGuire. Funeral services were held Friday, April 11, under the direction of Sheffield Funeral Home of Temple.

■ Kenneth Mounts, 42, of Shelbiana, died following an accident, Monday, April 21. Funeral services were con-

ducted Friday, April 25, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Mary Elizabeth Mullins, 81, a Pike County native, died Sunday, April 20, at her home. She is survived by her husband, William H. Mullins. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 24, under the direction of Hobbs-Johnson Funeral Home, Benton, Illinois.

■ Jimmy Muncy, 60, of Jenkins, died Thursday, April 17, at the Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Carty Funeral Homes Polly and Craft Chapel.

■ Joe Ray, 98, of Pikeville Health Care Center, died Sunday, April 20, at the center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Stella Jane Hampton Rowe, 76, of Phyllis, died Tuesday, April 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John Harold Rowe. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Hazel Alley Slone, 89, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Leonard C. Thompson, 69, of Harvey, Ill., formerly of Jenkins, died Sunday, April 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Elkins Thompson. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Polly & Craft Chapel.

■ Ida Mae Tyree, 80, of Jenkins, died Thursday, April 10, at Christian Care Nursing Center, Lancaster. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Carty Funeral Homes, Polly & Craft Chapel.

■ Douglas Ward, 57, of

Frenchburg, died Thursday, April 17, at Baptist Hospital Northeast. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Robinette Ward. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Inez Winchester, 89, of Belfry, formerly of Newtown, W.Va., died Tuesday, April 22, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Willard Winchester. Funeral services were held Friday, April 25, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home of Matewan, W.Va.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Lloyd M. Allen, of Stockbridge, Michigan, 64, a Salyersville native, died

(See OBITUARIES, page five)

## Obituaries

### Burnis Hicks

Burnis Hicks, 82, of Wilmington, Ohio, died at 3:24 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community.

His wife, Verna Hicks, preceded him in death January 3, 2002. They were married April 7, 1948.

He was born December 7, 1925, in Hippo, the son of the late Bill and Jemima Frasure Hicks. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Over his life, he worked for various auto body repair shops.

He is survived by a son, Bill (Shirley) Hicks, of Waynesville, Ohio; three daughters: Carol Vance of Mason, Ohio, Pam (Ed) Fizer of Sabina, Ohio, and Malisa Smith, of Mason, Ohio; a brother, Willie Hicks, of Prestonsburg; and two sisters: Delphia Fryer of Ashland, and Margie (Doug) White, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; six grandchildren: Mark (Elizabeth) Vance and Jenny (Mike) Coady, and Sarah Fizer, all of Wilmington, Ohio, Krista (Bill) Rowe of Springboro, Ohio, Jarrod Hicks of New York, and Ashley Fizer of Sabina, Ohio; and five great-grandchildren: Corinne Coady, Conner Coady, Grace Vance, Jacob Vance, and Tyler Rowe.

Funeral services were 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, at the Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home, 327 N. South Street, Wilmington, Ohio, with Pastor William V. Rowe officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery, Corwin, Ohio.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, at the Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilmington Area Humane Society Inc., P.O. Box 968, Wilmington, OH 45177, or the

Ohio Parkinson Foundation, S.W. Region, 325 North 3rd Street, Fairborn, Ohio 45324-4959.

For more information or to sign the registry of condolences, visit [www.smithandson-funeralhomes.com](http://www.smithandson-funeralhomes.com)

(Paid obituary)

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### Handy Jackson

Handy Jackson, age 67, husband of Annette Jackson, of Wheelwright, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

He was born on December 12, 1940, a son of George and Rosabelle Harris Jackson. He attended Rosenwald High School, in Harlan, and upon graduation he joined the U.S. Army, became an Airborne Ranger and served two tours of duty in Vietnam as well as Germany and Korea. He was a self-employed carpenter for many years, and also worked at American Standard where he retired. Early on in life, Handy accepted Christ as his personal Savior and until his death, served as Deacon, Head Usher and Treasurer at the Lighthouse Temple Church in Wheelwright.

He leaves to cherish his memory, Annette Jackson; his loving mate of 47 years; one daughter: Louisa (Charles) Browning; two sons: Handy (Sheena) Jackson Jr. and Steven (Tiffany) Jackson; two brothers: George Jackson Jr. and Robert (Stephanie) Jackson; three sisters: Rosabelle Jackson, Dolly (Jimmie) White and Betty Gayles; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He also leaves behind a large host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 25, at 2 p.m., at the Lighthouse Temple Church, with Mike Armour and James Butler officiating.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m., at the Rest Haven Cemetery, Baxter, in Harlan County.

Visitation will be Friday, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the church. There will also be visiting hours after the funeral until 7 p.m.

Arrangements for Handy Jackson are under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home, of Robinson, Creek. (606) 639-6313.

(Paid obituary)

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### Everett E. Osborne

Everett E. Osborne, 85 years of age, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in Melbourne, Florida.

Born in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Ballard and Mary Harris Osborne. He was a retired refrigeration/air conditioning mechanic. He moved to Pompano Beach, Florida, in 1962.

Everett was a US Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Big Sandy Chapter No. 18 DAV, and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria; his son and daughter-in-law, Everett E. and Ella Osborne II; grandchildren, Lori Gordon, Christina (Michael) Sklar; great-grandchildren: Christopher Wimmer and Jessica and Jonathan Lutzier.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Mayo Cemetery, with Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Military graveside services will be conducted by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, DAV.

Visitation will be Monday, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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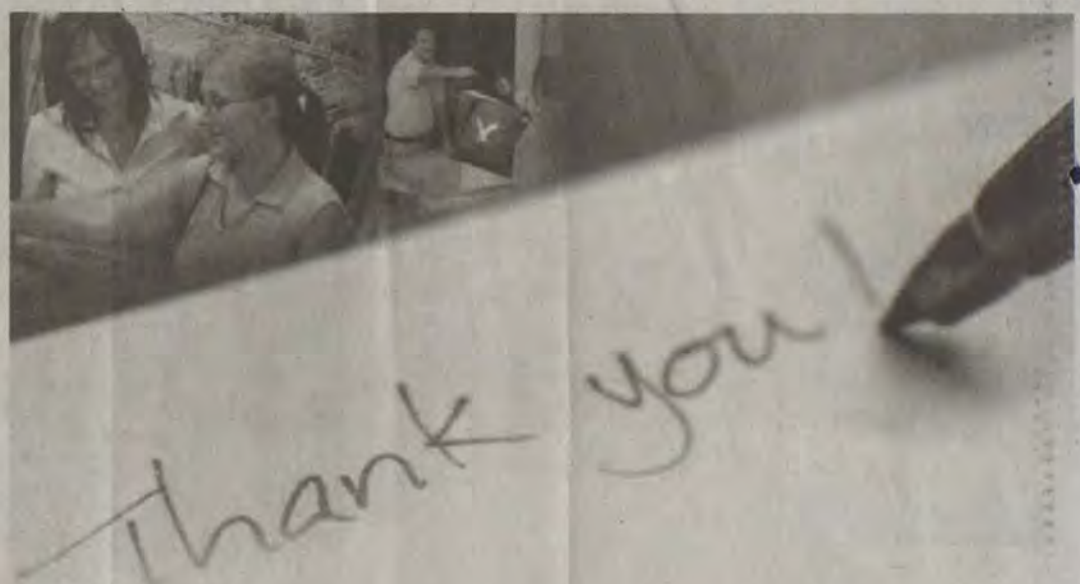
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| The emergence of Eastern Kentucky on the national stage is historic | ██████████ | (2 Votes, 6%)   |
| It's about time they paid attention to our area                     | ██████████ | (27 Votes, 79%) |
| I wish they would go back to wherever they came from                | ██████████ | (5 Votes, 15%)  |

**Go online today and answer this week's question!**

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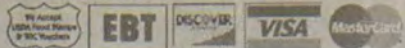
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## Guest view

### A fine time to send a message

Most people across this country — parents, educators, law enforcement officials, clergy and many others — were shocked when six Florida teenage girls videotaped themselves last month taking turns bullying, brutally punching and kneeling a defenseless 16-year-old girl cowering in a fetal position.

However, anyone paying attention to what many teens, and adults, are posting and viewing on the Internet these days wouldn't have been surprised at all. Fight videos, especially featuring girls, have become common. Google "girl fight" and you will find thousands of similar videos.

The Florida teenagers, including two boys who stood as guards during the 30-minute video mugging, apparently planned to post their assault on YouTube, the online video host, for all the world to see. They didn't get the chance because when the injured victim finally called 911, police seized the video and released it to the public to be aired repeatedly on TV and posted online.

It clearly is time to begin paying attention to what our young people are putting online, what they are viewing, how they are being influenced and what they are learning there.

The Internet has become a miraculous tool opening opportunities that a few short years ago most of us couldn't have imagined. As with all technological developments, the digital evolution also presents opportunities for abuse. This, and other types of pornography, are unfortunate examples.

Banning YouTube, as some now demand, is no answer. It serves legitimate communications and educational purposes empower citizen participation. Outlawing it would not be possible, anyway. The argument that video beatings exercise free speech protected by the First Amendment makes absolutely no sense, either. They are no more free speech than yelling "fire" in a crowded theater.

There do need to be some safeguards, self-policing within families, institutions of education and faith. And when they fail, law enforcement has to sweep in. Parents can and should help by paying attention to what their children are posting and viewing online. It is their responsibility. They should be aware there are ways to find out what sites their children are visiting. And to check routinely.

The latest example of cyber bullying took place in a faraway state. However, in Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear on Tuesday signed a bill into law that requires policies against bullying in this state. A video of a school fight at Madison County Schools was posted recently on YouTube which officials say could be considered a type of "cyber bullying," according to The Associated Press.

The Florida incident is a warning to anyone who would be tempted to emulate the teen attackers. Not only was their victim seriously injured, possibly suffering a concussion, but their names forever will be associated with the beatings. And they could go to jail for a long, long time.

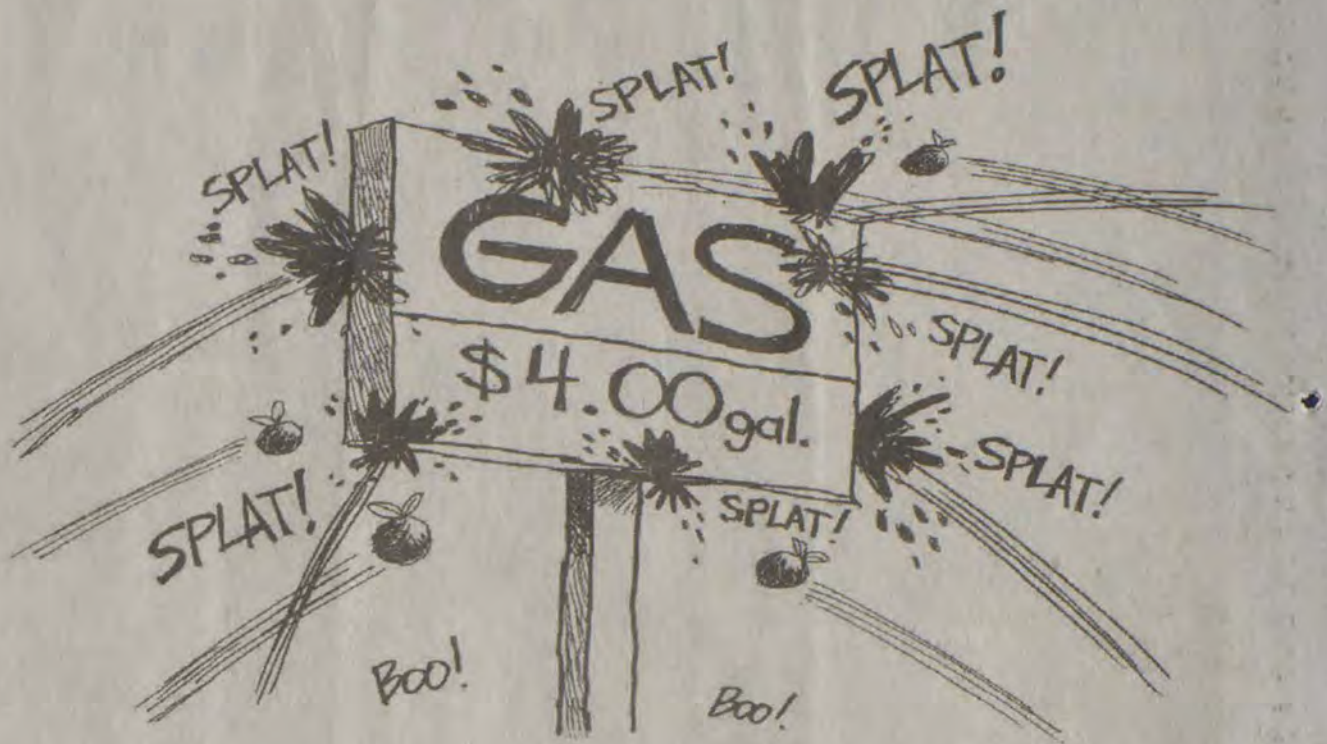
Tried as adults, as they should be, on charges of kidnapping, assault and tampering with a witness, they could spend the rest of their lives in jail. Let's face it, that's not very likely to happen. But for the rest of their lives what is sure to happen is every time they apply for jobs, try to enter a college or university or receive security clearances, the video of their brutal spree will be an obstacle. Impressions of their police mug shots and news stories will pop up every time one of their names is typed into a computer search browser.

The realization that such thoughtless deeds have serious, life-long consequences should send a strong message reverberating across the country, at least for awhile.

— The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown

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## Rich Lowry Column

### Detroit: The city that liberalism ruined

The indictment of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick on eight felony counts, including perjury and obstruction of justice, would just be another dreary entry in the long annals of misbehaving politicians if it weren't for the backdrop of a decaying city.

Elected at age 31 in 2002, Kilpatrick was supposed to bring youthful vitality to his job, and he talked about reform. Now, he's just another tragedy to befall Detroit, a city whose decline is — as psychologists put it — overdetermined, but stands as a stark statement of the failure of urban liberalism.

Detroit suffers from every possible malady except a plague of locusts, and that's only because they find urban living uncongenial. Detroit has a revitalized downtown, but all around it, the city rots. Forbes magazine declared Detroit "America's Most Miserable City," on the basis of its unemployment and crime rates, among other things.

Detroit has lost 1 million residents since 1950. It was hit by the decline of the auto industry and white flight, fueled partly by racism. These trends would have rocked the city no matter what. Detroit compounded them with

disastrous governance, personified by Mayor Coleman Young, who held office for 20 years beginning in 1974.

"Imagine a Rev. Jeremiah Wright with real power," says urban expert Fred Siegel. Coleman [Young] taunted suburbanites, accusing them of "pillaging the city," while his scandal-plagued administration managed the city into the ground.

He neglected policing, maintaining that "crime is a problem, but not the problem. The police are the major threat ... to the minority community." The 1968 riots never really ended in Detroit, dragging on in a long crime wave. With government services terrible to nonexistent and both crime and tax rates high, there was no reason for anyone to stay.

"Several Detroit mayors have been the best economic development officers Oakland County ever had," comments Michael LaFaive of the Michigan-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy, referring to the county to Detroit's north.

Public-sector unions protect the dismal status quo. Detroit high schools graduate just a third of their students, according to an estimate by Michigan State University. But when

a philanthropist offered to spend \$200 million to create 15 new charter high schools, Kilpatrick spurned the offer. These failing schools throw kids into a struggling economy in an environment characterized by social breakdown.

No matter what Mayor Kilpatrick did with his chief of staff or how

many lies he has told, this is the true scandal of Detroit — and too many American cities. In the wake of the controversy over Rev. Wright, Barack Obama called for a national conversation on race. But we talk about race incessantly already, and Mayor Kilpatrick will carry on his own dialogue by playing on black fears with charges of "selective prosecution."

What would better serve the interests of African-Americans and the country is a national conversation about good urban governance — how to crack down on crime, reform the schools and free the economy from sclerotic government. Detroit awaits it, as its disgraced mayor twists in the wind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



## beyond the Beltway

### How candidates transform themselves

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

If Barack Obama doesn't watch it, he's going to talk himself right out of the Democratic nomination. He keeps saying dumb things.

He did it again the other day. Speaking to a group of fat-cat donors in San Francisco, he said he was having trouble winning working-class voters because of their frustration at economic conditions. Then added:

"It's not surprising, then, they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustration."

See? I told you it was dumb. There may be truth to the observation that economic conditions are making the proletariat bitter but to tie that to guns or religion is like checking how much gasoline you have left by holding a lighted match to the mouth of the tank.

No sooner had the comments been posted on the Internet than Hillary Clinton and John McCain were all over it like white on rice.

Senator Clinton was especially sanctimonious. She said Obama's comments were "demeaning" to the good, loyal folk of Pennsylvania whom she hopes will vote for her.

"I grew up in a church-going family, a family that believed in the importance of living out and expressing our faith," she told a rally in Indianapolis.

"The people of faith I know don't 'cling to' religion because they're bitter. People embrace faith not because they are materially poor, but because they're spiritually rich."

Wow. Is that one pious lady or what?

Senator McCain contented himself with saying that the comments were "elitist" and "a fundamental contradiction of what I believe America is all about."

It was enough to make you gager. It makes you wonder whether any of these clowns have ever known any working class Americans. The objects of their reverence sure don't seem much like the working-class Americans I grew up with on the near-northwest side of Detroit.

Politicians would have you believe that all time-clock punchers are "hard-working people who play by the rules, go to church on Sunday and struggle to make ends meet." They blow off steam by bowling and deer hunting and umpiring Little League ball games.

Well, some are like that, some aren't. Some are mean and duplicitous, some are stupid and lazy, some beat their wives. Some wives cheat on their husbands, who in turn are cheating on them.

In other words, there is no single template for the American working class and Obama was wrong to suggest one, although no more wrong than nominate the McCain were to nominate the McCains for sainthood. Blue-collar folk do a variety of things for a variety of reasons. They are diverse. Just like rich people.

Still, no politician ever went broke pandering to the self-regard of the American voter and you have to give Clinton and McCain a plus on this, Obama a minus.

But the real story of the Pennsylvania primary is the remarkable transformation of Hillary Clinton. When she went into the state she was seen as a product of a comfortable, middle-class Chicago family, who went to the best schools and married a hotshot who took good care of her, although at a price. In the past seven years, she and her husband have made more than \$100 million.

She has peeled off that persona like the skin of an onion and now stands before us as a former waitress who as a child couldn't get enough of the primitive Pennsylvania shack her family vacationed in; a closet gun enthusiast with a hidden love of bowling.

No Chicago bluestocking, she. The new Hillary is a hash-slinging, pistol-packing, beer-drinking lover of all things Pennsylvania, who also observes vespers. I expect her to show up for the last debate, chewing gum, and announce that she and Bill have bought a summer place in a Scranton trailer park.

I can hardly wait for the Indiana primary, when we learn that "Hoosiers" is her favorite movie.

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**Bus Driver**

ical care and treatment, injuries that will require future medical care, surgery and other medical treatment, injuries that have caused pain, suffering, physical and emotional distress, inconvenience and other serious consequences."

The complaints states that Gary Little's injuries were "less serious and less severe but very significant and permanent."

According to the complaint, Kirk says that accident involving his clients was the third such accident by Harper in three years. Harper was reportedly involved in two previous accidents on April 28, 2004, and another on Oct. 12, 2005.

According to the complaint, Harper

was operating the bus "uncertified" and without a commercial driver's license when he was involved in both the 2004 and 2005 accidents.

The complaint goes on to say that Harper was not terminated from his position, or transferred, and that later in 2007, Harper was involved in two more accidents, on Sept. 17 and again Dec. 17.

Kirk's complaint states that, despite being involved in five accidents since 2004, Harper is still employed by the Floyd County School Board as a bus driver.

"Given the great potential for catastrophic harm that could result from plac-

ing an unqualified person "behind the wheel" of a school bus, the actions of Defendants Johnson and the Board when it placed harper upon the road with a bus load of kids constitute gross negligence at best, and more probably a willful and wanton disinterest in the welfare and the rights of school children and the public at large," Kirk says in the complaint.

Kirk is requesting that depositions be taken from Victor Harper and Karen Johnson at the Floyd County Justice Center on June 12.

A complaint is not an admission of guilt, and presents only one side of an argument.

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**Board member**

pain, suffering and inconvenience; lost wages; permanent impairment of her ability to earn money; future medical expenses, past medical expenses and lost wages to the extent that these elements of damages are payable to the plaintiff and miscellaneous expense incurred by the plaintiff."

When questioned about her role in Robinson's accident, Chris Watkins, offered no comment. Neither Robinson nor her attorney could be reached for comment.

A complaint is not an admission of guilt, and presents only one side of an argument.

**Cyclist**

on Friday afternoon by a Horace Martinez, a man who had witnessed the accident and called for help. "This man stayed with Adam the whole time. He stayed even after the ambulance arrived and he was with him as they airlifted him to the medical center. This is a man who didn't even know Adam, who doesn't know us, but he stayed right with him and took care of him and then called us to let us know what had happened. We're all just so thankful for what he did," Lewis said.

At press time, representa-

tives from the Las Vegas hospital had confirmed for the family that Adam was alert and that he was undergoing further tests and examinations to determine whether or not he had any internal injuries.

"They said that he was fully aware of what was going on, fully alert," Lewis said. "We're taking that as a good sign."

Currently, Michael Harbin is unemployed but according to Lewis, "We're scraping together everything we can get so that he (Michael) can get out there to him."

"Anyone who knows Adam knows that he's just the happiest-go-lucky kid ever. He's the happiest child you could ever meet," Lewis said. Just prior to his accident, Adam had made it the Grand Canyon and was "just amazed," according to Lewis, with the beauty of the area. "He loved being there," she said.

Anyone caring to donate funds to help Adam and his family with upcoming expenses may drop off donations at both Papa John's and Charley's restaurants, in Prestonsburg. All funds donat-

ed will be used to help Adam return home and for any personal or medical expenses he may incur.

The Times will report further updates on Adam's condition as information is received.

**Clinton**

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"Throughout the state, people are eager to get involved in Hillary's historic candidacy because they know she has the ability to turn around our economy and rebuild the middle class," said state director Jonathan Hurst. "Opening an office in Pike will build on the momentum from President Clinton's visit a few weeks ago and help Hillary carry the Bluegrass State."

The office is the second such office to open in Pike County. Sen. Barack Obama opened his campaign office in Pikeville during Hillbilly Days.

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**Obituaries**

Friday, April 11, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Nora H. Bates Allen. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Evon Jackson Carty, 76, a resident of Salyersville, died Saturday, April 12, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, April 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Valerie Ann Standifer James, 41, a resident of Happy, died Saturday, April 12, at the Hazard Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Madeline C. Ottoman, 84, a Salyersville native, died Thursday, April 10, at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Towsley Village. Funeral services were held Monday, April 14, under the direction of Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

John Fairchild, 69, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, April 16, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sue Williams Fairchild. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Estill Franklin, 94, of Dayton, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, April 16, at Hospice of Dayton. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

William Hershel Lilly, 76, of Boons Camp, died Wednesday, April 23, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, W. Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Darrell R. Melvin, 62, of Paintsville, died Saturday, April 19, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Melvin. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

**MARTIN COUNTY**

Darwin "Bo" Henry Blackburn Sr., 68, of Blaine, died Thursday, April 17, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Anna Rae Starr Blackburn. Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Anthia M. Cline, 89, of Ocala, Florida, a native of Kentucky, died Saturday, March 29, at Orlando Regional Medical Center, in Florida. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, in Florida.

Shirley Dingess Marcum Conley, 73, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Tuesday, April 15, in Columbus, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Kevin Shane Endicott, 36, died Tuesday, April 16, in Olive Hill. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

John A. Maynard, 38, of Inez, died Saturday, April 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Hyer Maynard. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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## Odds &amp; Ends

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.** — An attorney who watched a police officer park illegally in front of a restaurant, then wait around while his meal was prepared, issued the officer a series of citizen-initiated violations.

Eric Bryant said he was sitting at the restaurant March 7 when Officer Chad Stensgaard parked his patrol car next to a no-parking sign and walked inside to wait for his food, the Portland Mercury reported Thursday.

Bryant told the weekly paper that when he asked Stensgaard about his car, the officer asked Bryant, "If someone broke into your house, would you rather have the police be able to park in front of your house or have to park three blocks away and walk there?"

Bryant filed a complaint as a private citizen alleging several violations, including illegal parking and illegal operation of an emergency vehicle.

Stensgaard was issued a summons to appear in traffic court in May. The fines could total \$540.

"Citizens should be concerned that he used his status as an officer of the law as justification for breaking the law," Bryant said.

Cathe Kent, a spokeswoman for the Portland Police Bureau, said Stensgaard would fight the complaint in court, "as he rightfully should."

Parking is limited on city streets, especially with many construction projects downtown, she said, and officers remain on duty even when they are picking up food.

"We are emergency responders and need to be ready to take an emergency call," Kent said Saturday.

■ **SIDNEY, Ohio** — Another round and amen! Beer was on tap and a mechanical bull inspired the sermon as a new church held its inaugural service in a western Ohio bar.

The Country Rock Church drew about 100 people to Sunday night's meeting at the Pub Lounge in Sidney, 35 miles north of Dayton.

The barroom church is an offshoot of Sidney United First Methodist Church, whose head pastor says he's been looking for creative ways to reach people in unconventional places.

The church's Web site for its new branch advertises "Top regional bands, pizza, wings, rowdy fun & a short message."

The Rev. Chris Heckaman says people really seemed to enjoy themselves so he expects the Country Rock Church will meet weekly.

Heckaman's sermon compared staying on the bar's mechanical bull to learning how to get along in life.

■ **FORT SMITH, Ark.** — Police have arrested a pizza parlor manager on charges alleging he sold marijuana out of his drive-through window in Fort Smith, Ark.

Authorities said Monday that state and local investigators acting on a tip went to the Pizza Hut restaurant and found six ounces of marijuana and a set of digital scales in the manager's office.

Police said they arrested 28-year-old manager Aaron Massey on Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

Massey has been released on \$3,500 bail.

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — A couple have decided to give away their home to the winner of an essay contest. The catch: It costs \$100 to enter, and the home will go only if at least 2,500 people sign up.

The state Gaming Control Board is examining whether Tiffany and Todd Lovell's contest qualifies as a raffle, which would make it illegal under state law, or a game of skill, which is allowed, said Greg Saunders, the board's deputy director.

"We haven't made that determination yet," he said.

The Lovells said the depressed housing market led them to try to move their 1,200-square-foot, three-bedroom, one-bathroom home through the essay contest. They are hoping to get at least

2,500 entries, which would net them \$250,000. If they receive fewer than 2,500 entries, they said they would cancel the contest and return the entry fees.

The couple said entries would be judged by "various members of the Los Alamos County community."

■ **ELY, Nev.** — A dog that ran off during a road-trip rest stop apparently made her way nearly 80 miles across Nevada's high desert and two mountain ranges to return home a week later.

Moon, a Siberian husky, was reunited April 14 with owner Doug Dashiell, who had last seen her April 6 near Railroad Valley, about 77 miles from his home in Ely.

Moon, who is nearly 2 years old, was no worse for the wear, with the exception of stinking like a skunk that apparently sprayed her somewhere along the journey.

"I've had trouble with her running away before. She's always come home," Dashiell said. But he didn't expect her to show up after a week had passed.

"After seven days — no way," he told the Ely Times for a story Thursday.

Then the White Pine Veterinary Clinic called Dashiell and told him Moon was back in town. She had wandered up to an Ely residence where Alvin Molea took her home, fed her and gave her a place to sleep.

Molea called the clinic because the dog was wearing a tag from it.

The dog's journey would have taken her across the White River and Ward mountain ranges.

■ **TITUSVILLE, Fla.** — A Bahamian girl's seaborne school project has landed on the sandy doorstep of NASA.

United Space Alliance worker Jill Vogel found a message in a bottle from a student at the Holy Name Catholic School in Bimini, about 220 miles southeast of Titusville and closest to Florida of all the Bahamas islands.

Vogel recently found the bottle while volunteering for a beach cleanup near the space shuttle launch pads at Kennedy Space Center,

Florida Today reported Saturday.

"Dear Sea penpal," the note began, going on to explain that the bottle wasn't litter, but a Columbus Day project. "I hope you respond to my letter."

Respond they will.

Vogel and others have collected space memorabilia — crew photos, pins, stickers and other NASA gear — to send to the 9-year-old girl and her classmates.

■ **EUGENE, Ore.** — A pet store owner is calling a police sergeant a hero for saving her from the coils of a 12-foot Burmese python doing its best to turn her into a meal.

Teresa Rossiter had reached into a cage Thursday to show the huge snake to a customer when it bit her right hand and coiled around her left arm to throw her to the floor.

A friend who happened to be at the store kept the snake off her neck and body while police were called. And when Sgt. Ryan Nelson rushed into the store, he was ready to kill the snake with his knife.

But Rossiter asked him to spare the expensive python, so

Nelson put on gloves and pried open the snake's mouth to free Rossiter's hand.

Two responders from the Eugene Fire Department helped unwrap the snake, which was eventually returned to its cage.

Rossiter called Nelson a hero.

"He was the bravest guy ever. He went way above and beyond the call of duty," she told The Oregonian.

Rossiter suffered dozens of puncture wounds, but she, the sergeant and the python were fine.

■ **DAKAR, Senegal** — More than 50 school children underwent hospital treatment Friday after developing what educators called mass hysteria, marked by fainting and screaming.

Firefighters immediately shut down Dakar's Lamine Gueye Secondary School and Senegal Minister of Education Moustapha Sourang ordered an investigation.

"It's the first time that I have seen such a phenomenon," Sourang said.

Fifty-three teenage girls and

two boys were treated at the capital's main hospital, said principal Adina Aidara.

"The phenomenon started in one of the classrooms," Aidara said. "Three students, all girls, fell down. The same phenomenon was repeated 30 minutes later during recess."

Worried parents fussed over their daughters at the hospital, and some allowed their girls to be interviewed on condition that their name not be published.

A 15-year-old girl said that she was in the middle of chatting with a friend. "Suddenly I had a horrible headache. It hurt so much that I started screaming. And then I fainted. From that moment on, I no longer knew where I was," she said.

Doctors didn't immediately provide a medical diagnosis, and rumors began circulating in the city linking the incident to supernatural involvement.

Chief hospital psychiatrist Ababacar Wilanc tried to put it into perspective, saying many of the students were "probably caught up in the moment and succumbed to a kind of domino effect" when they saw the others fainting and screaming.

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**This Town,  
That World**

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

The first advocate of daylight saving time was, beyond doubt, a rooster. He probably didn't last the season out, and after staggering around the last few mornings I'm ready to declare he met his just desserts.

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**WAS IT A GOOD BUY?**

One of less happy inspirations that have smitten Louie B. Nunn since he took on that job of whipping-boy down at Frankfort is the purchase of a second-hand jet plane for a mere \$550,000. Whether this plane attracts or repels industrialists is a moot question. What I want to know is: What shape are the tires in and how much oil does she use?

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**EARTHY?**

Dr. I. E. Buff's Earth Day remarks were cut off both radio and television, we hear. One wonders if sometimes there aren't more things than the environment, that need cleaning up. If he shocked TV into silence with words—any kind of words—he should have the speech printed. He just might have a best-seller on his hands.

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**MIND WHERE YOU PRAY!**

The plight our spacemen found themselves in had one good effect. It shook the U. S. Senate so much that that august body called on the nation to pray for their safe return. But—I can hear the Supreme Court admonish, from off there in the wings—"All such prayers must be said outside the schoolroom!"

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**THE LITTLE INNOCENTS**

Sometimes these youngsters can be so innocently sarcastic. There was little Bobby, for instance, who chirped one day when all the family was at dinner: "Mom, will this dessert hurt me, or is there enough for everybody?"

**HIS ALAMO**

We had a Texan at something of a disadvantage, the other day. He was trying to sell us something, and made the mistake of commenting on the loveliness of the springtime countryside. When we got through a rather ecstatic review of the region's beauty, the poor fellow apparently felt he couldn't say anything for the biggest and the best and so-on without offending us. So he merely gulped.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

As the redbuds and dogwoods come into bloom, we enjoy reminiscing this week with Imogene Caldwell, author of "From the Top Rail of the Fence."

**Mom's and Dad's Country Store**

by IMOGENE BURCHETT CALDWELL

For all my childhood days, my mother and father had a general store at the head of Cow Creek. I spent many hours inside that small, weather-boarded building. In the back section where they kept the old wooden cash register, is where the pickle barrel and cracker barrels sat against the wall, covered with round, wooden lids. Big rolls of bologna, sausage and sides of bacon hung the year around. Mother would reach up and slice off big slabs with her large, sharp butcher knife.

She kept her sewing machine, the kind with a foot pedal, under the window in the big store and when there were no customers there, she would sit and sew - maybe a new dress for me or tea towels for her kitchen or pajamas for my little brother. She had several bolts of pretty cloth on some of the shelves that covered the right side wall. She made my dresses from these bolts, but often she made our pajamas from feed sacks. These shelves were also full of needed things like belts, stockings, men's shirts and overalls, ladies' shoes and men's brogans.

I remember that belt box very clearly. Mice visited that store so often that Daddy tried all kinds of ways to get rid of them because they chewed holes in the coffee sacks, the sugar bags, and anything and everything they came across. Daddy kept a secret from all of us until he finally had to tell - one day he discovered a big black snake inside the store. He knew that snakes eat mice so he let it stay in the store. Oscar Pitts came by to purchase himself a new belt. Well, Mother got the belt box down to search among the coiled up array of belts to help Oscar find his right size. She reached into the box to get out what she thought was a pretty black belt, but it wasn't a belt at all that she found herself holding - it

was a snake! I suppose you can guess the rest of that story.

The women in our tiny community would save up their extra eggs until they had enough to bring them to the store and buy something that had been displayed in the two glass showcases that sat just in front of the store shelves. One of those showcases held candy - all kinds of sweet candy treats. You could buy a small, brown paper bag full of candy pieces for a nickel. I loved to reach in and pop a bite of a Zero candy bar in my mouth best of all, but peppermint sticks were what the sold the best.

Daddy went to the wholesale house once a week to pick up items that we were getting low on. On these trips, he would bring back a 50-lb. block of ice to keep pop cold in the old wooden ice box. He had Nehi strawberry flavor, Coca-Cola in thick, glass bottles, and often he had orange and grape flavor pop, too. You could buy an ice cold pop for five cents and even today, I can still taste those good Zero bar bites and Nehi pop after all these years.

A traveling salesman who rode horseback came by once a week and took an order of all the things that seemed to be selling out, then, in a few days, a big truck would deliver our order to the store's front door. There would be items like flour, lard, nails, hammers, barbed wire, and horse feed. (We kept an ample supply of cornmeal, too, but that was mostly ground at Uncle Dick's grist mill.) All of these things, plus many more, were stored in the little "lean-to" shed that ran the entire length of the store on the left side. They even had dynamite and blasting powder in there, but in it's own, separate area.

Now in one of those pretty glass showcases I mentioned before, were all the "pretties" that women liked to buy with their egg money. Things like pretty, dainty handkerchiefs. Evening in Paris perfume, rouge, silk hose, pretty gloves. Lots of other goodies were contained

safely behind those glass doors, too. Sometimes the young girls that came in would offer to clean and dust for a handsome brush or a pretty comb or fanciful ribbon to put in their hair. Simple things like those were considered treasures by the young girls back then.

Ah, but those days have come and gone now. The little store that sold everything from ribbons to blasting powder has faded into the past. The lovely plates that came buried deep inside a bag of flour are no more (except for the few I have today in my china cabinet. I also have some of the pretty, stemmed glasses that came inside big bags of coffee).

Mother's little store burned down several years ago, along with the little charge books showing where people charged their groceries when they had no money or eggs or chickens to trade.

My son Bill's home is now near where the store was and his yard is where people used to hitch their horses to come to the store. His backyard is where the chickens were kept until the fellow who bought them came by with his wagon and wooden chicken coops. After loading them up, he took them to Paintsville to a slaughter house along with the eggs that he had placed in egg crates to keep them from breaking on the long, bumpy ride along a dirt road all the way to Johnson County - a place that was then far away from Cow Creek.

If memories could fill a cracker barrel, I would have one that was overflowing. If daydreaming would bring back homemade feed sack dresses, my closet would be running over. If rolls of bologna could hang from the ceiling, I would never go hungry. If horses and mules were our transportation today, I wouldn't ever buy another single gallon of gasoline. If all the sweet thoughts of yesteryears never

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**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Demonstone'**

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Two Marines, trying to prevent a gang war, find themselves up against a 400-year-old curse in this supernatural action-fest that benefits from exotic locations and tart dialogue.

This one starts off like a blind date with about 10 minutes of exposition that is awkward and profoundly dull. Basically we learn that an amulet (called the heart stone) was the prized possession of a Chinese warlord who decided to retire to the Philippines after wiping out all of his rivals back home. The amulet proves use-



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

less in ancient Manila, where the warlord and his army get slaughtered by natives who sneak up on his party about as stealthily as a herd of flutulent elephants.

The film picks up the pace immediately as it shifts gears to modern day Manila, where a looming gang war threatens to dissolve tourist dollars faster than an ebola virus outbreak. The concerned parties include: Sharon Gale, an intrepid female reporter/1980s hairstyle victim; Andy Buck, an ex-Marine with a grudge against the local senator/drug kingpin; and said Sen. Belfardo, who just happens to be a descendant of the native king who murdered the Chinese warrior in the prologue.

All three of these characters collide when a Marine is accused of killing some of the senator's crime crew in a bar fight. The situation gets ugly in a hurry when protesting locals demand justice and storm the American base. During said riot the suspect gets scared and escapes amidst the confusion.

Gale and Buck decide to pool their resources and find the AWOL Marine before Belfardo's goons can deliver a little rough justice to him. Turns out these two have a past (even Mitt Romney could have seen that one coming, but he probably still would have spent \$50 million investigating the story before dropping out) and working together gets them cozy again, but there is a slight hitch. Everyone they talk to is soon killed by a supernatural being which burns them from the inside out and is under the control of the amulet, which is now seeking to wipe out the Belfardo bloodline.

Despite the fact that there isn't much mystery here, it still takes Buck most of the film to figure out that Sharon is the missing link, though she has been sorting the amulet throughout the whole movie.

Though this is a decent ghost story/revenge tale, it works better as an action movie. There are assorted fight scenes, car chases, gun battles and shots of stuff blowing up to please the most jaded adventure fan. The demonic amulet adds enough ambiance to sell this turkey (a little 1980s slang there for you nostalgic types). The production values are

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**The miss of a great 'miss'**

by JACK SCHLATTER  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEENAGE SOUL"

I'll never forget the day I first saw "a dream walking." Her name was Susie Summers (name changed to protect the fantastic). Her smile, which sparkled beneath two twinkling eyes, was electric and made people who received it (especially guy people) feel very special.

While her physical beauty was astounding, it was her invisible beau-

ty I shall always remember. She really cared about other people and was an extremely talented listener. Her sense of humor could brighten your entire day and her wise words were always exactly what you needed to hear. She was not only admired but also genuinely respected by members of both sexes. With everything in the world to be conceited about, she was extremely humble.

Needless to say, she was every guy's dream. Especially mine. I got to walk her to class once a day, and once

I even got to eat lunch with her all by myself. I felt on top of the world.

I would think, "If only I could have a girlfriend like Susie Summers, I'd never even look at another female." But I figured that someone this outstanding was probably dating someone far better than myself. Even though I was president of the student body, I just knew I didn't stand a ghost of a chance.

So at graduation I said farewell to my first big crush.

A year later, I met her best friend

in a shopping center and we had lunch together. With a lump in my throat, I asked how Susie was.

"Well, she got over you," was the reply.

"What are you talking about?" I asked.

"You were really cruel to her the way you led her on, always walking her to class and making her think you were interest-

ed. Do you remember the time you had lunch with her? Well, she stayed by the phone the entire weekend. She

was sure you were going to call and ask her out."

I was so afraid of rejection, I never risked letting her know how I felt. Suppose I had asked her out and she'd said no? What's the worst thing that could have happened? I wouldn't have had a date with her. Well, guess what? I DIDN'T HAVE A DATE WITH HER ANYHOW!

What makes it worse is that I probably could have.



# Cars don't care about the weather

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

We own a 2005 PT Cruiser and a 2005 Pacifica, and in the next year or so we are moving to Puerto Rico from northern Illinois. We are thinking of taking the cars with us since they are not very old. I have heard different people say that cars are made for only one type of weather. Is this true or false? Would the drastic change of temperature affect the cars? Is there anything special that I need to do to them so they can adapt to the very hot weather? — Ricardo

RAY: Congratulations, Ricardo. Puerto Rico is a wonderful place, with great weather, nice people and excellent arepas.

TOM: And it's thoughtful of you to consider the cars' feelings. But the cars really couldn't care less.

RAY: The island's hot weather

would put a heavier burden on the cars' cooling and air-conditioning systems. But if those systems are working properly, the cars will handle it without any problem. After all, Chrysler dealerships in Puerto Rico sell these same exact cars.

TOM: But before you ship your cars, you should know that Puerto Rico levies significant import taxes on vehicles brought to the island from the United States. The tax is based on the value of the car. So, if your Pacifica is loaded up, the tax could be as much as \$3,000-\$4,000!

Even for the less-expensive PT Cruiser, you could pay a couple grand just in import taxes. And that's not counting the cost of shipping, which will probably run in the neighborhood of a thousand bucks per car — more, if it falls into the ocean.

RAY: If you go to the Web site of

the Puerto Rican government (<http://www.hacienda.gobierno.pr/>), there's a link in English to "Vehículos Excise Taxes." That allows you to enter your vehicle's details and get an estimate of the taxes you'll owe.

TOM: Then there are a few other things to consider. Your cars have spent the first few years of their lives in the snowy and road-salty winters of northern Illinois. That salt is laying the groundwork for future rust. You might want a car that hasn't been pre-salted.

RAY: And there are features we want up North that are much less desirable in the Caribbean. I mean, your seat heaters won't be of much use down there. Neither will all-wheel drive, if your Pacifica has it.

TOM: But more importantly, you don't want a car with leather seats in the Caribbean. Leather gets extremely hot when the sun beats down on it. And when it's extremely hot, you wear what? Shorts! Then, when you get in your car and the uncovered portion of the back of your thigh makes contact with the hot leather, you're going to end up with a brand, like a beef cow.

RAY: So, look at the whole picture

before you decide. See what similar cars are selling for down there — or some other car you may want. After weighing all of the information, you may find that you'd be better off selling your cars privately before you move and then buying replacement cars when you get there.

### Pedal away oil-light problem

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have an '07 Chevy Cobalt. I like the car, especially because it's red and has a spoiler. But it has an annoying feature. It has a computer that tells you various things, like your gas mileage, temperature, coolant level, etc. It also tells you your "oil life." But it never seems to catch on that I've already changed the oil! I change the oil, and the light still tells me I need an oil change. I've changed the oil a dozen times or so already, and yet the computer keeps saying "change oil soon." OK, there are bigger problems in the world, like war, disease and pestilence, but this little beeping oil thing is driving me crazy. — Barbara

TOM: Isn't it interesting how you can get obsessed with something so trivial? You have a little, tiny,

insignificant problem with an otherwise perfectly good car. But once you notice it, you start to focus on it. And then war, disease and too-tight underwear all take a distant back seat.

RAY: Fortunately, this is an easy one, Barbara. There's a reset procedure. Whoever is changing your oil doesn't know how to perform the reset. If you're going to a Pokey Lube-type place, those guys change the oil on 1,000 different types of cars a week, and they might not even know your oil-life light NEEDS to be reset — not to mention knowing how to do it on your Cobalt.

TOM: This is going to sound like I'm pulling your leg, but I'm not. On this car, you turn your key to the "on" position (without starting the engine), and then press the gas pedal all the way down three times within seven seconds. Next, turn the key off, then start the engine. The light should go off after a few seconds. You might have to try it a few times to get it right. But that's all you have to do.

RAY: And then, next time you go to the Pokey Lube, when the guy's finished changing your oil, walk over and say, "Hey, lemme show you something interesting."



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Talk Cars

### SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

# America saves for retirement

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON  
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EXPERT IN PRESTONSBURG KY

Social Security is proud to be a part of the America Saves campaign.

America Saves is a nationwide campaign involving a broad coalition of more than 1,000 nonprofit, corporate and government agencies, groups and organizations. The campaign was designed to help individuals and families save and build wealth.

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ple by providing information, advice and encouragement on saving for important things like a home, education and retirement.

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your individual retirement plan should look like. Visit the Retirement Planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

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### Lagoon

pretty good for this sort of thing and the Manila locations are well employed.

B-Movie fans will get a kick out of the cast. Jan-Michael Vincent provides stoic heroics as Buck, not to mention a little low key narration for those of you who forget that there is a vague plot to tie all of this together.

Nancy Everhard ("Deepstar Six") provides the eye candy as Gale, but the whole movie

would fall apart without the participation of character actor/drill sergeant R. Lee Ermey. This guy has made a career out of propping up limp movies by providing improvised dialogue that mixes drill master vulgarity with Southern gentility. Whenever the movie begins veering towards a dull spot he pops up and barks out a stream of colorful metaphors which provide plenty of yuks, though they don't exactly

advance the plot.

Enjoy this one for its action quotient or just appreciate it as another notch in Ermey's belt, which already includes points for making the first hour of "Full Metal Jacket" a movie worth watching until the halfway point.

Best line: "After the stunt you pulled, I ought to give you a furball enema."

1989, rated R.

### Store

came across my mind, I would have nothing to cry about, nothing to laugh about, nothing to dream about, and nothing to write about. If - If - If! Well, I'll tell you later the story about the horse I once had that got drunk!

For now, sit back in your easy chair, close your eyes and

let your memories flow. You'll be happier at the end of your nap, and at the end of your day.

Editor's Note: Imogene Burchett Caldwell, now enjoying her "golden years" of life, has lived her entire life on Cow Creek, in Floyd County. She is a retired Floyd County school

teacher who began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse. She is enjoying her retirement writing her memories of days gone by. She is the author of the book, "From the Top Rail of the Fence," available in most local bookstores and gift shops.

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## Lady Blackcats mercy South Floyd, 14-4

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

### PRESTONSBURG

After dropping its first five games, Prestonsburg has prevailed in four of six outings during the month of April. Lady Blackcat Coach Jack Pack witnessed his softball team win its second game of the season via the Mercy Rule Wednesday evening. Prestonsburg posted a Floyd County Conference/58th District win over South Floyd, dismantling the Lady Raiders 14-4 in five innings. The Prestonsburg batting

order was solid from top to bottom. Alisha Mayfield and Whitney Caudill – the top two hitters in the Prestonsburg order – scored three runs apiece.

Prestonsburg freshman Alexis DeRossett pitched strong throughout the district/conference matchup, claiming the win. DeRossett had good defense behind her. The Lady Blackcats withstood a three-run third inning en route to the win. South Floyd only produced one run after the third frame.

Prestonsburg scored multiple runs in four different

innings. The Lady Blackcats put two runs up on the scoreboard in the opening inning and never trailed. Prestonsburg plated two runs in the second inning and carried a 4-0 lead into the third stanza.

The Lady Blackcats answered South Floyd's offensive outburst in the bottom half of the third inning, scoring seven runs.

For Prestonsburg, Wednesday's victory was the second triumph in three games. The Lady Blackcats defeated Pike County Central 12-5 Thursday, April

17. Prestonsburg turned South Floyd back for good in the bottom half of the fifth inning, scoring three runs. Tasha Damron took the loss for the Lady Raiders. Damron, Andrea Conn, Lindsey Dye and Branda Hamby scored one run apiece for the South Floyd squad.

A rundown of the 15th Region (teams' records listed in parenthesis) prior to games played Friday follows: Johnson Central (13-



PRESTONSBURG will open the 2008 season versus longtime rival Paintsville in the Joe P. Tackett bowl game.

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

## No. 1 Georgetown knocks off Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN – The Pikeville College Lady Bears were limited to four hits and saw some costly walks result in runs for top-seeded Georgetown College in a 4-1 loss Thursday afternoon.

The win for Georgetown put it in the winner's bracket finals against No. 2 Campbellsville, which knocked off Cumberland on Thursday. Pikeville will now play in the noon game on Friday, meeting six-seeded West Virginia University Tech in an elimination game.

"We had some scoring opportunities, but every time we had a chance Jen Tarplee would do something amazing out there," said Coach Robert Staggs, referring to the senior from Cincinnati who made two diving catches, one coming with runners at second and third to end an inning and the other preventing a run from scoring from second. "I've said all along she's the best player in the league and she proved it again tonight."

In addition to her dazzling defense, Tarplee drove in three runs for the Tigers.

Pikeville (25-27) got on the scoreboard first, plating a run in the second inning. Senior Heather Robbins drew a one-out walk and moved into scoring position when junior Tiffany Allen grounded out. Senior Megan Swan laced a single to center and Robbins hustled in from second to make the score 1-0.

Despite a few more chances, that would prove to be the only run the Lady Bears would score in the game.

Georgetown evened the count in the bottom of the third. No. 9 hitter Whitney Ealey led off with a bunt single and moved to second on a wild pitch. She reached third on an infield hit by freshman Rachel Johnson and scored on a sacrifice fly by senior Kara Renfro.

The game was decided when the Tigers posted three runs in the fourth, all having reached base via the walk.

Junior Jessica Craddock opened the inning with a single and moved to second when junior Sarah Gronfield walked. Starting pitcher Marissa Adkins, a freshman from Russell, was on the cusp of escaping the inning unscathed when Ashley Mitchell's line drive was caught

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)



Cumberlands sophomore pitcher Adam Blanton didn't make the All-Mid-South Conference Team, but posted a 5-1 regular-season record in his second season with the Patriots.

## Cumberlands dominates MSC baseball honors

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN – The Mid-South Conference has named Trevor Urbanick of the University of the Cumberlands the league's 2008 Baseball Player of the Year. The Pitchers of the Year are Adam Blakey of the Cumberlands and Jeff Duda of Campbellsville University, while the Coach of the Year award was given to the Cumberlands' Brad Shelton.

Two Pikeville College players earned honorable mention recognition. Four Bears were named to the All-Academic Team.

A breakdown of the conference honors follows.

Player of the Year – Trevor Urbanick, Cumberlands. Pitchers of the Year – Adam Blakey,

Cumberlands; Jeff Duda, Campbellsville. Coach of the Year – Brad Shelton, Cumberlands.

The 2008 Mid-South Conference All-Conference Team (Pos., Name, School, Year): 1B, Phil Brockman, WVU Tech, Jr.; 2B, Drew Denton, Cumberlands, Jr.; 3B, Chris Curley, Campbellsville, So.; SS, Bryan Bonner, Georgetown, Jr.; IF, Jake Mahan, Georgetown, Jr.; OF, Trevor Urbanick, Cumberlands, Sr.; OF, Temple M a c D o n a l d, Campbellsville, Sr.; OF, Nathan Bray, Lindsey Wilson, Jr., OF, Dylan Holt, Cumberlands, Jr., C, Jason Frilling, Georgetown, Jr.; C, Robert Mills, Cumberlands, Jr.; P, Jeff Duda, Campbellsville, Sr.; P, Adam Blakey, Cumberlands, R-Jr.; P, Tyler

Lee, Cumberlands, Jr.; P, Jeremy Greene, Lindsey Wilson, Fr.; RP, Pete Thackston, Georgetown, Fr.; DH, Trae Balzano, Cumberlands, Fr.; U, Danny Flores, WVU Tech, Sr.

Honorable Mention (Pos., Name, School): 1B, Daniel Eck, Lindsey Wilson; 2B, Tommy Nutt, WVU Tech; 3B, Javi Gali, Cumberlands; SS, Hector Urbaneja, Campbellsville; IF, Luis Raffan, Cumberlands; OF, Joseph Willis, Lindsey Wilson; OF, Brandon Hunter, Campbellsville; OF, Justin Maynard, WVU Tech; OF, Jason Beale, Campbellsville; C, Mark Jurczynski, Lindsey Wilson; C, Gerardo Hernandez, WVU Tech; P, Ryan Anderson, Georgetown; P, Jordan Compton, Pikeville; P, Brandon Williams,

Cumberlands; RP, Jeff Krauklis, WVU Tech; RP, Jeff Grieme, Pikeville; DH, Logan Smith, Campbellsville.

The 2008 Academic All-Conference Team – Campbellsville University: Austin Beal, Rob Elliott, Bryan Fuller, Weston Jones, Curtis Payne, Nathan Quesenberry, Logan Smith. University of the Cumberlands: Andrew Denton, Jonathan Silverman, Christopher Short. Georgetown College: Jake Gramsky, Travis Prewitt, Tyler Van Dyke, Peter Thackston, Kyle Lucal. Lindsey Wilson College: Ace Adcock, Alex Arango, Daniel Eck, Josh Gibson, Andrew Johnson, Mark Jurczynski. Pikeville College: Adam Elmer, Matt Deblauw, Oscar Fields, John Williamson.

## Herrick ties for 37th at Great Lakes Regional

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. – Bellarmine University junior Kyle Leach (Louisville/DeSales) helped push the Knights to a 12th place finish at the two-day, 19-team Great Lakes Regional No. 3 held last weekend at Purgatory Golf Course.

Leach's top 20 individual finish should be enough to secure a spot in the

NCAA Super Regional which starts Monday, May 5 in Findlay, Ohio. The Super Regional field was released by the NCAA this weekend.

As a team, the Knights shot 305-305 610. Leach fired a 5-over 72-77 149 in the event, placing him in a seven-way deadlock for 17th place.

Sophomores Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg) and Doug Wilkinson (Louisville/St. Xavier),

meanwhile, each finished 77-75 132, placing them in a six-way tie for 37th place in the 95-golfer event.

Herrick is in his second season with the Bellarmine University men's golf team. The Prestonsburg High School graduate is a former 15th Region champion.

While Bellarmine did not perform well enough to qualify as a team to attend the Super Regional, Herrick is still in the running for an individual nod to extend his

season. The top eight teams in the region and the top five regional individuals not on those eight teams earn an invite.

Thomas Moore (Louisville/Butler) bounced back from an opening round 80 to post a 6-over 78 on day two, giving him a final tally of 158. Freshman Nick Becht (Louisville/Saint Xavier) shot a 79-82 161.

## Former standout player J.R. Hammond to guide ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – J.R. Hammond, former Sheldon Clark High School boys' basketball coach, has been tabbed to guide the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program.

Hammond, a key member of the most successful basketball team in Alice Lloyd College history, helped to lead his college team to four NAA National Tournament appearances in the early 1990s. After graduation, Hammond went on to coach basketball at Sheldon

Clark High school for 11 years – four as an assistant and seven as head coach.

His stint at Sheldon Clark High School included winning a 57th District championship.

"Coach Hammond is an outstanding choice for men's basketball coach at Alice Lloyd College," commented ALC Dean of Students Scott Cornett. "He brings

experience and commitment and has a passion for the College as well as the basketball program."

Hammond holds a bachelors degree from Alice Lloyd College and a Masters Degree in School Leadership from Morehead State. He and his wife Heather, an Alice Lloyd College alumna, will reside in Pippa Passes with their two sons, Hunter and Parker.



JR HAMMOND



The eight participating teams for the 2009 WYMT Wayne Supply Mountain Classic will be defending 58th District champion Allen Central, host Perry Central, Hazard; Knott County Central, Letcher County Central, East Ridge, Johnson Central and Clay County.

## Compton hurls Bears past top-seeded Patriots

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN – Senior Jordan Compton has had one of those seasons that simply leave you scratching your head.

He ended the regular season 0-5, but had posted a miniscule 1.54 ERA with an opposing batting average of only .267.

On Thursday afternoon, however, Compton finally got the one thing he'd been missing – timely hitting from his offense and it was all he needed for a 4-2 win over No. 1 seeded Cumberlands in the opening game of the 2008 Mid-South Conference baseball tournament.

Compton simply dazzled on Thursday, scattering two hits and striking out 12 in seven innings of work. The only run he allowed was unearned and he walked only one in leading his team to the win.

Compton's efforts came while his sister Whitney scattered three hits in seven innings of work to lead the Lady Bears to a 3-0 win over Lindsey Wilson in the opening round of the MSC softball tournament on an adjacent field.

"We got the two-out hits today when we needed them and finally gave Jordan the support he deserved," said Pikeville College Coach Don Ashby. "And he was just fantastic, as he's been all year long."

Pikeville posted single runs in four different innings to get the win. The first game in the second, when senior John Williamson tripled to right-center and, two outs later, scored on a wild pitch.

It was a lead the Bears would never relinquish, but they quickly added to it in the third. Brice Fields opened the third reaching on an error and advanced on a sacrifice by Adam Elmer. He scored when Brandon Fleming singled to left to make it 2-0.

The Bears went up 3-0 in the top of the fifth when Fleming again delivered with a run-scoring double to plate Elmer, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

Cumberlands finally dented the scoreboard in the sixth when Andrew Denton walked. Trea Balzano singled to center to move Denton to third, and when the ball was bobbled, he came in to score to make it 3-1.

Pikeville (10-37-1) got the run back in the top of the eighth. With two outs, Chris Rakes walked. He moved to third on a single by Matt Fleener and scored on a hit by Ryan Chapman.

Cumberlands (40-11) tried to mount a rally in the bottom of the ninth off reliever A. J. Elliott. Javier Gali-Rodriguez opened with a walk and when Luis Raffan doubled to right-center, runners were on second and third with none out. An infield single off the bat of Dylan Holt scored Gali-Rodriguez.

But from there, Elliott settled down, recording consecutive strikeouts before inducing lead-off hitter Trevor Urbanick to pop out and end the game.

Fleming and Chapman had two hits apiece for the Bears, who finished with nine for the game. Obed Quiles, Williamson, Rakes, Fleener and Fields had hits as well for the Bears.

Compton was followed by

(See BEARS, page two)

# Double-check boating equipment before going out

by LEE McCLELLAN  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Now that we are in the first truly warm weeks of the year, it is easy for people to overlook some things in their haste to get their boat on the water. Over the years, I've learned from personal experience about checking your boat and trailer before launching it for the first time of the year.

A few years ago, for example, my wife, a friend and I went to Herrington Lake to bass fish. I idled our boat just across the lake from Bryant's Camp boat ramp when I felt an unsettling coldness on my feet and ankles.

Six inches of Herrington Lake flooded the floor of the boat. We were sinking. I quickly fired up the motor and beached my boat on the ramp. We put the boat back on the trailer and let the water run out of the hole where the plug used to be.

Water poured out of the hole like a garden hose. Other anglers at the ramp could hardly launch their boats from laughing. Some walked by our boat with tears in their eyes,

shaking their heads and chuckling.

After all the water was gone, I put in a spare plug I had on board, screwed it down, and pulled as hard as I could. It didn't budge. We launched again and went on to catch several respectable largemouth bass that day.

The problem stemmed from a swollen gasket around the old plug. After a late winter trout fishing trip to the Dix River, I had removed the plug and tossed it into the recessed compartment in the stern of the boat. There it had swollen from contact with some spilled gas and oil.

The plug had not fully seated because of the swollen gasket. I thought the plug didn't feel quite right when I put it in, but I was too excited to get the boat in the water on the warmest day of that year. Water pressure and movement quickly dislodged it after we launched.

This taught me the importance of always carrying a spare plug on my boat. Before you take out your boat this year, first inspect the plug each spring to see if the rubber gasket is dry rotted, cracked or swollen. Periodically check the

plug's snugness before launching.

A few years ago, I was on a friend's boat while fishing for smallmouth bass on Lake Cumberland. We hadn't fished long when I heard gurgling. I looked over and saw water gushing through the vent in the middle of the floor. It looked like Uncle Jed's black gold discovery on the opening credits of the "Beverly Hillbillies" television show. My buddy quickly fired the motor and we made our way back to the ramp.

The culprit was a broken housing on the livewell's intake pump, which allowed water to seep into the hull. If a boat has a livewell, inspect the outside housing of the intake pump for cracks or other damage. Inspect the seal around this housing for dry rot.

A similar incident happened one summer night on Laurel River Lake. The boat felt funny and I heard squishing when I walked. We were taking on water from a crushed pump intake housing. After a trip to the ramp, we jury-rigged a patch with plastic sandwich bags and went back to fishing. I never really relaxed that night, however, until we pulled

the boat out of the water.

On another occasion, a friend and I were driving home from a smallmouth bass fishing trip at Lake Cumberland. An explosion erupted behind us and we swayed all over the highway. After some scary moments, we managed to stop on the shoulder of the road. The tire on the boat trailer had blown out.

Many trailers have a carpeted piece of marine-grade plywood on the inside of the wheel well, to protect the boat from rocks and other highway debris. This piece of wood had shaken loose and lodged in the wheel well, causing the blowout. It was no fun putting a boat and trailer on a small hydraulic jack at 10:30 p.m. along the side of a busy parkway, trying to dislodge this hunk of rotted wood to put on the spare.

Inspect this piece of wood to make sure the screws or bolts are still secure and the wood isn't rotten. This wood gets soaked every time you launch and retrieve and it is easy to overlook its maintenance.

Don't make the mistakes I've made through the years. Take the extra time to check

the boat plug, the livewell intakes and the condition of the trailer components. This will make the first boating trip of the year an enjoyable one, not a nightmare.

Lee McClellan is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

## Sale of commercial fishing licenses resumes Thursday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will resume the sale of commercial fishing licenses Thursday (May 1).

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife temporarily suspended the sale of commercial fishing licenses last September over concerns about the sustainability of the commercial harvest of caviar from shovelnose sturgeon and

paddlefish.

"Not everyone who could purchase a license did so before the freeze," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "This will allow additional commercial fishing licenses to be sold this year."

A resident commercial fishing license cost \$150 annually and a non-resident commercial fishing license costs \$600.

"They may come here to the Fish and Wildlife Headquarters in Frankfort and purchase them or they may send in their application and money and we will mail it to them," Buynak said. "Harvest reports must be up to date before a license will be issued."

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# Focus High School Football Combine to offer video, full results

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Focus High School Football Combine will debut Saturday, June 14 at Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School. Per new NCAA guidelines, college coaches won't be able to be in attendance at the combine. Numerous recruiters, however, showed an early interest in attending the combine as early as fall 2007 and will follow the event

despite being absent. College coaches will have access to video tape of the

combine along with full results. The Focus High School Football Combine staff will distribute all combine video and statistics of the various prospects in attendance. In addition, the Focus High School Football Combine website, scheduled to be launched in early-May, will include live updates throughout the event.

The Focus High School Football Combine is open to Leslie County High School players.

The NCAA's Football Issues Committee, an advisory panel composed of college

coaches and administrators, supported the new legislation on combines. The legislation was presented to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) more than a year ago. The rule was aimed at cutting the number of combines held nationwide.

"The NCAA's recent ruling won't limit the Focus Combine," said Focus High School Football Combine Coordinator Steve LeMaster. "Players in attendance will still have a great opportunity on a grand stage prior to the start of the 2008 high school football season. Results from

the combine will be delivered to all NCAA Division II and III programs along with every NAIA and junior college program."

Although college coaches won't be permitted to be in attendance, numerous former college and professional football players — none of whom are on the staffs of any college gridiron programs — will be present at the first Focus High School Football Combine.

"College prospects who attend the Focus High School Football Combine will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with many former col-

lege and professional players," LeMaster added.

The combine will test college prospects in the 40-Yard Dash, 20-Yard Shuttle Run, Bench Press (Repetitions of 185 pounds), Vertical Jump and Broad Jump.

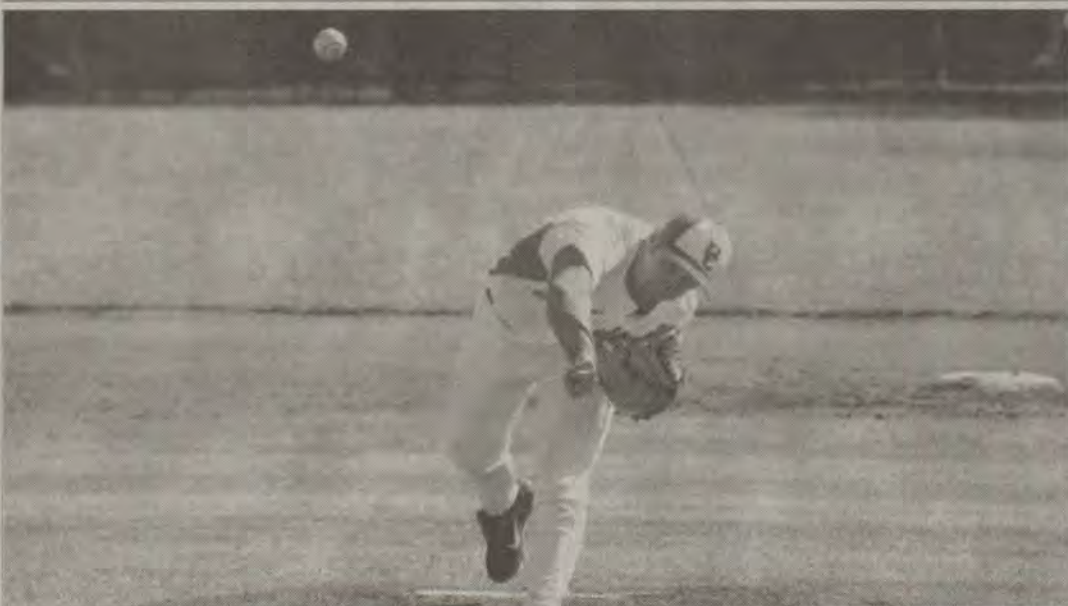
The Focus High School Football Combine, scheduled to get underway at 8 a.m. on June 14, is open to high school seniors-to-be as well as underclassmen. The registration fee for the combine is \$50 prior to the day of the event. Those who register on the morning of the combine will be charged \$60. Registration forms for the

combine are available via email

at [footballcombine@suddenlink.net](mailto:footballcombine@suddenlink.net).

Combine registration forms are available at high schools and businesses throughout Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. For more information on the combine or to send in a registration form, mail to the following address:

Focus High School Football Combine  
P.O. Box 1677  
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653



Johnson Central High School graduate Adam Blanton recently earned his second Mid-South Conference Player of the Week honor for the 2008 season.

## Blackcats

5); Magoffin County (12-2); Lawrence County (12-4); East Ridge (10-7); Shelby Valley (8-1); Allen Central

(7-3); Belfry (7-7); Pikeville (6-6); Phelps (4-5); Prestonsburg (4-7); Paintsville (3-9); Sheldon

Clark (3-11); South Floyd (2-5); Betsy Layne (2-6); Pike County Central (1-11).

## Pikeville

by second baseman Terri Mullins (Allen Central High School), who stepped on second to force Renfro for a double play, leaving only the runner at first with two outs.

But Adkins then lost the strike zone, issuing back-to-back walks to sophomore Pamela Hardesty and senior York Sammons to load the bases.

Ealey again proved damaging from the nine hole, lacing a single to center to score Gronefield with what would prove to be the winning run. But the inning wasn't over, as Tarplee, the leadoff hitter, laced a two-run single to score both Hardesty and Samons.

Tarplee again plated the final run of the game, this one

on a bases-loaded walk in the sixth to score Gronefield, who led off the frame with a walk.

Pikeville had four hits in the game, coming on a double by Kouns and singles by Robbins, Allen and Swan.

Adkins was the pitcher of record, throwing all six innings, giving up 10 hits and five earned runs. She fanned two but walked five.

## Miners coach takes a stand against child abuse

Keathley continues community efforts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The "Take a Stand Against Child Abuse" statewide campaign came to Pike County Wednesday, April 23. Launched during National Child Abuse and Prevention Month by Sunrise Children's Services, the Take a Stand Against Child Abuse campaign made its statewide presence felt in Pike County. Sunrise Children's Services has an Eastern Region foster care facility in Ivel. The Ivel facility served 145 children

in 2006-07. East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley was among those taking a stand in Pike County.

"Myself and the entire Miners organization have banded together in the fight against child abuse," said Keathley. "I encourage everyone to continue to take a stand against child abuse. It was a pleasure to be a part of such a worthwhile cause."

Keathley is a staunch advocate against child abuse.

Additional Take a Stand events were slated for Bowling Green, Danville, Elizabethtown, Lexington, Louisville, Morehead, Mount Washington,

Owensboro, Paducah and Somerset. The Take a Stand campaign is scheduled to run through April 25.

While helping to raise awareness, the Take a Stand campaign raises money to help provide the children in Sunrise's care with presents at Christmas.

Participants in the Take a Stand events collect pledges. Businesses and individuals also sponsor life-size and desktop-size cardboard stands of children to display throughout the month.

Brian Shannon, a regional fundraising representative, and Angela Horn, coordinated the Pike County Take a Stand event.

## Bears

Elliott, who worked the final two innings for the save. He gave up two hits and an earned run while striking out three and walking three.

Adam Blakey (9-2) took the loss for the Patriots, going 7.2 innings, giving up nine hits and all four runs, three of which were earned. He had seven

strikeouts and a walk. Johnson Central High School graduate Adam Blanton followed, going 1.1 innings with two strikeouts and a walk.

## Churchill Downs suing horsemen groups

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Churchill Downs Inc. filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Thursday against a pair of horsemen's groups who are blocking nearly all the simulcast and account wagering at CDI-owned Calder Race Course in Miami.

The suit, filed in Louisville, said the Thoroughbred

Horsemen's Association and the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association are violating the Sherman Antitrust Act by their refusal to approve the distribution of Calder races to out-of-state off-track betting sites, including advance-deposit wagering companies.

The two groups are attempting to increase the amount of money from

account wagering that is contributed toward purses. CDI said Tuesday that purses at Calder would be cut 30 percent effective April 27 because of its inability to simulcast and take in advance-deposit wagers.

Calder Race Course and Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Co., are co-plaintiffs in the suit.

## Compton's three-hitter leads Lady Bears

AC graduate Terri Mullins helps Pikeville College softball team to opening round victory over Lindsey Wilson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — Freshman right-hander Whitney Compton fired a three-hit complete game as Pikeville College blanked Lindsey Wilson College 3-0 in the opening round of the 2008 Mid-South Conference softball tournament on Thursday afternoon.

Compton struck out four and walked only one in the win, which came at the same time that her brother Jordan struck out 12 in going seven innings as the Bears knocked off top-seeded Cumberland 4-2 on an adjacent field.

The win puts the Lady Bears, seeded fifth in the six-team tournament, in the winners bracket in a game versus Georgetown College later in the day.

"We played about as well as we could today," said Pikeville College Coach Robert Staggs. "We got some great play in the field, our hitting was timely and we couldn't ask for more from Compton."

Pikeville (25-26) put runners on base in the first two innings but left three stranded before finally scoring in the top of the third. Sophomore Courtney Bentley ripped a double to left to lead off the frame. After a sacrifice bunt by senior Terri Mullins moved her to third, she coasted in as junior Krista Kouns blasted a home run just beyond the fence in straightaway center for a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Bears added an insurance run in the fourth and had an opportunity to blow the game open go by the wayside. Junior Tiffany Allen and senior Megan Swan led off with bunt singles and loaded the bases when Allen beat the throw to third on a sacrifice bunt by Megan Swan.

Allen scored what would prove to be the final run of the game when freshman Marissa Adkins was hit by a pitch. The bases remained loaded, but Lindsey Wilson starter Danielle Clark avoided more trouble with a strikeout and double play to get out of the jam.

Compton, meanwhile, was brilliant on the mound, allowing multiple base runners only in the first inning while cruising to the win. She finished with four strikeouts and a walk, allowing only three hits.

Bentley, Allen and Swan led the offensive attack for the Lady Bears with two hits apiece. Bentley had a double amongst hers. Senior Heather Robbins added a single.

But the star of the game was clearly Kouns, who added a couple of diving catches of line drives to her homer to lead the Lady Bears to the win.

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# Kyle Busch, busy with cars, misses Kansas truck race

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It turns out Kyle Busch won't be attempting a NASCAR triple after all.

With his early season success in Sprint Cup, Nationwide and the Craftsman Truck series, there was some speculation, if he kept running well, that the 23-year-old Busch might attempt to become the first driver to run all three series full-time in the same season.

But that idea went by the wayside when it became obvious that Busch, who will be driving in Cup and Nationwide races in Talladega, Ala., this weekend, couldn't possibly make it to Kansas for Saturday night's truck race.

He was replaced in the No. 41 Billy Ballew Motorsports Toyota Tundra by truck veteran Shane Sieg, who drove three races for the team in 2007.

While Busch has won two of the first four races this year and

holds the series points lead heading into the Kansas event, Sieg starts over four years, with his best finish an eighth at Milwaukee in 2004.

"It is a great opportunity for me to get back behind the wheel of Billy Ballew Motorsports equipment," Sieg said. "I know I have big shoes to fill, but I just want to bring a good finish home to keep Billy Ballew as the team owner's point leader."

Ballew said it was disappointing that Busch would have to miss the race.

"With Kyle's schedule at (Joe Gibbs Racing) this weekend, there was no way he could make the race in Kansas," Ballew said. "Shane has driven for us before and is familiar with the equipment. We hope to leave Kansas still leading the owner's points and know Kyle can make up some ground in the driver's points when we race at Lowe's (in May)."

GYM JAM: NHRA Top Fuel star Hillery Will won't be spending all her time at Atlanta Dragway this week.

While attempting to move up in the NHRA Powerade series points during the Southern Nationals at the Commerce, Ga., track, the 28-year-old driver will try to spend as much time as possible watching the NCAA Gymnastics Championships in nearby Athens.

Will, a gymnast in her younger days and a current resident of Ann Arbor, Mich., said, "I'm a big fan of the University of Michigan gymnastics team, and I've gone to about five of their meets this year. They had a difficult season last year but fought back to a 28-2 record so far this season."

"Being a former gymnast, I understand their hard work and dedication. They are an inspiration to me. A lot of what I know and learned from gymnastics

can be applied to driving my dragster. ... Since our race in Commerce is not far from there, I'm going to try to drive over and see some of the competition when I'm away from the race track."

Will, who became the fastest woman in NHRA history in February with a run of 334.65 mph in Pomona, Calif., is slowly moving up the standings.

"We just keep inching our way up in points," Will said. "We want to go out and win every round and every race but, in the big picture, points are critical and it's never too early to start thinking about that. We're up to sixth place now so, hopefully, we can continue to keep moving up this weekend."

PAIRING UP: Rookie Aric Almirola, who shares the No. 8 Dale Earnhardt Inc., Chevrolet with longtime NASCAR star Mark Martin, is confident he can keep the recent team

momentum rolling this Sunday in the Sprint Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway.

In the last four Cup races, Martin and Almirola have combined for three top-eight finishes. The surge began with Almirola's eighth-place run in Bristol, followed by Martin's finishes of eighth in Texas and fifth in Phoenix.

The only slip during that period came in Martinsville, the week after Bristol, when Almirola qualified third but was relegated to a 42nd-place finish by engine failure.

After the first eight races of the season — six driven by Martin — the No. 8 is 14th in the car owner standings, just 13 points out of 12th, the cutoff for making the Chase for the championship.

"It's been an all-around team effort and I feel it's only going to get better," Almirola said. "Along with having some really strong race cars, we also

have great driver-crew chemistry."

Almirola has only eight Cup starts, but one was last October at Talladega. So he knows what awaits him Sunday.

"It's a mind game at Talladega," he said. "You're constantly thinking about strategy and how you can be among the leaders in the closing laps."

In his Talladega debut, Almirola was in the lead draft with 24 laps remaining, but a mechanical problem ended his day early.

"So many things can happen on that track," Almirola said. "But the good news for us is that the No. 8 had good power in Daytona. If we can stay away from trouble, we'll have a good chance of securing another strong finish in the U.S. Army car."

After Sunday, Almirola's next scheduled race will be June 22 on the road course in Sonoma, Calif.

# Allmendinger scheduled to return to No. 84 at Talladega

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — AJ Allmendinger had his heart broken twice in a 10-minute span earlier this season.

First, Red Bull Racing told the second-year driver they were temporarily pulling him from his ride.

Then Brett Favre, his hero, announced his retirement.

"I swear I almost burst into tears when they told me about Favre," he remembered. "I was like 'This just ain't my day.'"

Nor were the next six weeks.

Allmendinger was forced to watch from the pit box as Mike Skinner took over the No. 84 Toyota to help Red Bull correct the struggling program. Allmendinger had failed to qualify for the first three races of the season, leaving the team at the bottom of the standings and unsure how to fix it behind Allmendinger's limited NASCAR knowledge.

A former star in the now-

defunct Champ Car Series, Allmendinger struggled through his rookie season last year. He made 17 of 36 races, finished 30th or lower in 13 of his starts and never got enough seat time to get a proper feel for stock cars.

New general manager Jay Frye said he believed the best fix was putting an experienced veteran behind the wheel.

"Mike was able to help fix it, and it has AJ postured to come back in a better situation than he was in before," Frye said. "The team has made six races in a row, so it has data, a playbook, so to speak."

"And he did a terrific job of coaching and mentoring and showing AJ the ropes. AJ should be better, too, because sometimes you have to take a step back and watch and understand to figure out what you need to do going forward."

Allmendinger's scheduled to make his season debut this weekend at Talladega Superspeedway.

"I'm pumped up, bouncing around like a little school girl,

and I think I've been quite annoying to the entire team," Allmendinger said.

"Absolutely, I'd agree with that," Frye said. "But it's in a good way."

Although Allmendinger struggled with the emotions of being benched, the experience helped build his confidence and assured him he wasn't as clueless about the cars as he had feared.

Because Red Bull entered NASCAR the same time as Allmendinger, the team wasn't fully prepared to provide the driver with the learning curve he needed.

It became a maddening cycle of futility as the car missed races and neither Allmendinger nor Red Bull knew how to help each other fix it. But as Skinner found similar problems with the car, Allmendinger's confidence began to improve as he learned how to communicate with crew chief Ricky Viers.

"It really gave me a peace of mind because I learned more about what each adjustment does, what Ricky likes to

hear and I felt better with Mike saying some of the same things I had been saying," Allmendinger said. "When you are new to the series and you get on a new team, you have nothing to judge off of. It's not like jumping in the 24 car after watching Jeff Gordon run up front and win races."

"When you are brand new, you wonder how much of it is me? Is the team lacking? Am I lacking? Who is the problem here?"

Frye insists the past six weeks was never about assigning blame. Red Bull's other car is piloted by Brian Vickers, who brought three years of Cup experience from Hendrick Motorsports to the startup team.

Although the No. 83 also struggled last season, Vickers and crew chief Kevin Hamlin were able to correct many of their problems at the start of this second season. The team's now solidly inside the top 35 and out of danger of missing races.

Allmendinger just didn't have the same experience.

Frye points to qualifying day in Las Vegas, where the No. 84 team was far off the pace it had set during preseason testing. Not understanding what had happened or how to fix it, Allmendinger was unable to offer insightful feedback.

Fast-forward to two weeks ago in Phoenix, where the car again struggled on the first day of practice. Skinner was able to guide the crew through the necessary fixes that helped qualify the car.

Allmendinger was able to watch, listen and learn from the experience.

"When we did this, there wasn't a blame being put on anybody. But with AJ's experience, we didn't know if what he was saying was correct," Frye said. "So for him to listen to practices and test with Mike and see what Mike did to help fix things, it gave AJ confidence with the team. He's still got a long way to go, but he's got a good jump on what he needed to learn."

The rest of the season still may be a struggle for Allmendinger, but he has no

regrets about the move to NASCAR. Even in the wake of open-wheel's unification, he's confident he can make it in stock cars.

"This is where I should be," he said. "You look at it, and my team that I left (Forsythe Racing) doesn't exist anymore. Paul Tracy (former teammate), he doesn't even have a ride right now. Obviously, we want things to be a lot better, and this six weeks has been tough."

"But I'm ready to go and can't wait to get back in the car."

NASCAR Sprint Cup Driver Standings: 1. Jeff Burton, 1,215; 2. Kyle Busch, 1,135; 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,129; 4. Jimmie Johnson, 1,116; 5. Kevin Harvick, 1,112; 6. Denny Hamlin, 1,078 (tie); Tony Stewart, 1,078; 8. Clint Bowyer, 1,044; 9. Carl Edwards, 1,041; 10. Greg Biffle, 1,039; 11. Kasey Kahne, 929; 12. Ryan Newman, 915; 13. Jeff Gordon, 907; 14. Martin Truex Jr., 897; 15. Matt Kenseth, 869.

# NEW GM: Jockeyty hoping to bring Reds stability

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — When Ken Griffey Jr. joined his hometown team in 2000, great things seemed to be right around the corner.

Jack McKeon had just been chosen NL Manager of the Year for leading the Cincinnati Reds to within one victory of the playoffs. General manager Jim Bowden was talking about champagne celebrations in the near future.

McKeon? Gone. Bowden? Gone. Those giddy days? Ancient history.

Since his high-profile homecoming, Griffey has played for six managers, four general managers and two owners. That's a lot of change in a little more than eight years.

When he did the math, Griffey was taken aback.

"Damn!" he said.

One more numbing num-

ber. Over that span, the Reds have managed only one winning season.

It all adds up. The Reds' impatience has left them lurching from one perceived quick-fix to another during their dismal decade. The long list of managers — McKeon, Bob Boone, Dave Miley, Jerry Narron, interim Pete Mackanin and now Dusty Baker — suggests a franchise that can't make up its mind.

Finally, that might be changing.

When the Reds fired Wayne Krivsky and hired Walt Jockeyty on Wednesday, they brought in someone who is accustomed to stability.

"I believe in continuity," said Jockeyty, the team's fourth GM in six years. "Sometimes it takes a little time to get things the way you want them, but I think there's a lot of quality people here. Now we've got to find a way to make it all work."

He's starting at the bottom. A 5-3 loss to Houston on Thursday left the Reds (9-14) in last place in the NL Central; off to their worst start in five years.

Impatient owner Bob Castellini seems to be leaning toward giving Jockeyty and Baker — his two most experienced hires in two years running the team — time to settle in and get the organization to settle down.

"It's very important," said Baker, who was hired last October. "Good organizations keep a lot of the same people for a good length of time."

Jockeyty will be the key. He has the owner's ear.

Hired by Oakland's Charlie Finley in 1980, Jockeyty spent 10 years as the Athletics' director of baseball operations. He later moved to Colorado and then St. Louis, where he took over in 1995 and revived a team that hadn't been to the playoffs in eight years.

Jockeyty hired Tony La Russa as manager before the 1996 season, traded for Mark McGwire in 1997 and presided over a streak of seven playoffs appearances in 13 seasons. The Cardinals won the NL pennant in 2004 and again in 2006, when they beat Detroit in the World Series.

Front-office friction over player development led to Jockeyty's firing. He wasn't sure he had the desire to be a general manager again.

Jockeyty is friends with Castellini from their days together in St. Louis, when the current Reds owner was a minority partner in the Cardinals. Castellini offered him a job as special adviser in Cincinnati, and talked about creating a bigger role for him at the end of this season.

Upset at the team's slow start, Castellini changed his timetable and fired Krivsky after only 21 games. Jockeyty was surprised by the move

and the job offer, which he discussed with his family before accepting.

"They said they could see I was ready to get back," Jockeyty said. "The first few months (after the firing), I just vegged as much as I could. I didn't even follow baseball. Then I got to spring training, and I started getting excited again."

His closeness with Castellini was one of the factors that led him to accept.

"I talked to Bob quite a bit a few years ago when he was contemplating buying this franchise," Jockeyty said. "We talked at the time about what a great franchise this was, the history of this franchise, and how it was similar to the situation I had in St. Louis with the winning tradition."

Though stunned by the timing, Reds players weren't surprised that Jockeyty was moving into the job.

"He ended up turning St.

Louis around and making it a very solid organization and a good team," pitcher Aaron Harang said. "I think that's what Bob and the rest of ownership is looking for."

Although Jockeyty didn't hire Baker, he has known him for a long time. Baker spent the last two years of his playing career in Oakland, when Jockeyty was in the front office.

Baker was fired by the Cubs after the 2006 season, his fourth in Chicago. Jockeyty was fired by the Cardinals after that run of playoff appearances. Both were stung by how they left their last jobs.

"Trust me; Me and Dusty are very motivated," Jockeyty said. "We're both guys who have a vendetta, a little chip on our shoulders. So we want to find a way to make this work."

To do that, they'll need time.

# Four MSU players named to Academic All-PFL Teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SAINT LOUIS, Mo. — Four members of the Morehead State University football team were named to the 15th Annual Academic All-Pioneer Football League Teams. Nick Feldman and Brian Yost were named to the first team. Ricky Cornelius and Wes McDermott were named to the second team.

Feldman, a junior return specialist from Oconto, Wis., has a 3.28 grade point average with a major in sport management. Yost, a senior quarterback from Huntingburg, Ind., has a 3.10 grade point average with a major in business administration/management.

Cornelius, a senior fullback from Cincinnati, Ohio, has a 3.19 grade point average with a major in exercise science. McDermott, a sophomore linebacker from Louisville, has a 3.61 grade point average with a major in business administration/marketing.

Pretonsburg native John Gilliam guides the MSU football team's defense.

and its members of the league football team were named to their academic achievements (3.0 grade point average or higher) in the fall semester.

# Berkman leads surging Astros over Reds, 5-3

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Might as well call it Berkman's Ballpark.

Lance Berkman hit his 18th homer at Great American Ball Park — the most by any visiting player — and drove in three runs Thursday, leading the Houston Astros to their fifth straight win, 5-3 over the Cincinnati Reds.

Berkman had a two-run homer and a run-scoring double off rookie Johnny Cueto (1-2), whose 96 mph fastball wasn't enough to slow the Astros' surging offense or get the Reds out of their slump.

They just can't stop Berkman from hitting homers in their own yard.

"Somebody's got to have the most," Berkman said of his distinction. "It might as well be me."

With Berkman playing his familiar role, the Astros extended their best streak in a year.

Houston hadn't won five in a row since 1997. The Astros gave up three runs during the five-game surge. Even right-hander Jack Cassel (1-0) got involved, adding a run-scoring single for his first career RBI.

Cueto, a 22-year-old right-hander

facing the Astros for the first time, learned what every other Cincinnati pitcher already knew: No one causes the Reds as much heartache as Berkman.

The first baseman has more career homers (42) and RBIs (120) against the Reds than any other team. Hardly a series against Cincinnati goes by when he doesn't decide a game with a clutch hit or two.

Berkman hit a two-run homer in the first inning, his sixth of the season. Berkman's two-out, run-scoring double in the fifth made it 5-3. He later singled for his third hit of the game, raising his career batting average at Great American to .360.

Cueto gave up eight hits — the most in any of his five starts — and five runs in seven innings. Asked if it amounted to a learning experience, he said through a translator: "You're right. Next time is going to be better."

One thing's sure: Next time he'll be more careful with Berkman.

"They whacked the ball around pretty good when they needed it," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "His stuff wasn't as sharp, but he pitched well enough to keep us in the game."

Cassel, called up from Triple-A to make his first start of the season, gave up three runs and seven hits over five-

plus innings against a lineup struggling to find its stride. Jose Valverde pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in six chances.

The loss completed a jolting 5-5 homestand for the Reds, who at 9-14 are off to their worst start in five years. They fired general manager Wayne Krivsky on Wednesday, then lost their next two under replacement Walt Jockeyty.

Cincinnati has dropped 10 of its last 13 overall, falling into last place in the NL Central.

Houston has been particularly tough on Cincinnati, winning its last six games against the Reds from the end of last season. The Astros have gone 10-1 at Great American over the last two seasons.

Ken Griffey Jr. had a run-scoring single off Cassel, but remained at 597 career homers. The Reds play their next nine games in San Francisco, St. Louis and Atlanta. Griffey's 200th, 300th, 400th and 500th homers came in road

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Experienced CDL Driver** needed. If interested call Fannin Enterprises, Inc at (606) 874-6441.

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**Information technology specialist** needed. Bank experience necessary. Salary depends upon experience. Full benefits paid. Please send resume to: Bank of Hindman. Attn: Valerie Bartley. PO Box 786 Hindman, Ky 41822.

**Appalachian transportation Inc** is hiring for 2 drivers. Must be able to pass drug test. For appointment call 791-3137.

**Job opening cook.** First Baptist church. 157 South Front street. Call 886-8681. Call Glenda Blackburn.

**Bocook engineering, Inc** is accepting applications for Underground surveying experience & appropriate underground certification. Rate of pay depends on experience of the applicant. Benefits include 401 K,

health ins, paid vacation & holidays. Applications are being taken at 312 10th street, Paintsville, Ky or 259 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky.

**Pediatric office** seeks RN / LPN for FT employment. Send resume' to Pediatrics, PO Box 607 Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

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**Abbott Engineering, Inc** has an immediate opening for a surveying crew chief/transitman with experience in both underground and surface surveying. Also, a Rodman, experience preferred but not necessary. Must have outside/underground certification papers/card. Excellent pay and benefits. To apply, please come by 3073 KY Rt.321, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653 or call 606-886-1221.

**Independant Sales Agent wanted.** Call 1-606-424-9593 or fax resume to 285-3272

**Wanted: Person** or persons to oversee Storage Rentals in Pikeville Seniors and Retired persons welcome. Call 1-800-457-5678.

**Movie extra's** needed. Earn up to \$200 per day. All looks needed to

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**RN/LPN:** Mountain Manor of Painstville is now taking applications for a RN or LPN position. Comparable wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Painstville, KY from Monday-Friday 8-4:30

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**Human Resource Director - We are looking for the right person to be a part of the management team** who has a track record of building a culture of team work. The successful candidate will have human resource experience preferably in health care experience and be certified as a PHR or SPHR or whose combination of education and experience will give them the best opportunity for success. Interested candi-

dates should send their resume to: **Pikeville Healthcare Center** David R. Baumgartner, S P H R "mailto:dbaumgartner@hqmmail.com" dbaumgartner@hqmmail.com (859) 806-1517 Fax (859) 523-5564 PO Box 910844 Lexington, KY 40591-0844

**Miller Bros. Coal, LLC** is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Surface Mine Planning Engineer. Mining Engineering degree and experience required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants should send their resume in confidence to P.O. Box 990, Allen, Ky. 41601. Phone inquiries not accepted.

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**Need your grass cut?** Call Corey Qualls anytime!! 1-606-216-4769 (C) or 606-889-9303 (H).

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**2 family yard sale!** 1 366 North Highland Prestonsburg, May 1,2 and 3 rd. Antiques and more! Come rain or shine!

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**Reward:** For information leading to the arrest of person stealing red riding Troy- Built lawn mower from the residence of Wendell Patton-Phone 606-874-9703.

**Reward :Poodle** lost in Thunder ridge area. Apricot in color. Weighing about 20 pounds.

Male about 5 1/2 yrs old. Blue collar and blue leash with long hair. Call 1-276-926-5253.

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**Custodial Worker II—**  
 (Prestonsburg campus—3rd shift)  
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**Procedure:** Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863 Ext. 67370. Review of applications will begin May 9, 2008. Applications accepted until position is filled. Applicants must submit a resúme, completed application, college transcripts (if applicable) to: Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.  
  
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\$129,500 in Floyd County. 2 Br, 1 story \$69,500 in Floyd County. 2 story colonial with white columns and 8 acres. \$350,000. Pike County. No rent to own or land contracts. **Houses not available to rent.** Call 437-1950 or 424-1150.

**Home for sale:** 3 Br, 2 bath, hardwood / tile floors, 1 car garage, security system. Prestonsburg city limits. Built in 2006. \$139,000 negot. 606-874-8659 after 5 pm.

**5 Br, 2 Ba brick** home for sale. Living room, dining room, family room with fireplace. Washer / dryer & all appliances included. Located at Lancer \$135,000 valued at \$217,000. Call 285-3869.

**For sale: one of** Prestonsburg's finer homes. 3-story four bedrooms, three baths, jacuzzis, furnished basement, swimming pool, patio etc. Also house w/ three bedrooms, 1 bath. House # 381 located at 389 maple Ave. Also for sale golf clubs, bicycles and so forth. Call 886-3422.

**3 br, 2 ba brick** home for sale. 1/2 mile from the MAC in Spurlock creek. 1st brick on right. With fenced in yard. 0.75 acres, 1 car carport front & back porch, fire place, small garden spot. 2,200 sq ft with large bedrooms, and closets. \$175,000 Call 889-0544 after 6 pm on weekdays.

**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).

**3 Bd house for** sale. 1 1/2 bath new kitchen & app. Commercial bldg also located on property. Located on Middle Creek. Call 8886-2699.

**Brick & Stone House for Sale.** Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

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**Sale or Lease**

**S-Curve Property.** Grocery store, 3 lots. Lease one or all. May consider selling. 606-791-3663.

**Office space for** rent: Located on North Lake drive Prestonsburg. Call 886-6336.

**Level lot for sale:** 100x300 with city water. \$15,000 Call 886-8366.

**Acres for sale.** Located at Rt 80

close to Martin. Possible commercial property. \$85,000. Call 886-8366

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

**Building for rent:** approx.2500 square ft. Former John P. Wells garage. Equipped with mechanics lift. Located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Call 886-9690 for more info.

**Beauty Shop For** Rent: fully equipped located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Ready to move in! Call 886-9690 for more info.

**Prestonsburg business for lease.** Great location on the main road, close to downtown and the courthouse. lease as is or change, many possibilities, ie restaurant, sports bar, office complex, ample parking. May consider selling. Call 791-3663.

**FARM FOR SALE** Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint, Lum Derossset Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

**Rentals**

**APARTMENT**

**Apartment for rent** located at level on US 23, above Unisign. 2 BR 1 bath \$350 monthly + \$350 security deposit. 1 year lease required. No pets. Call 478-8100.

**1 & 2 Br Apts** located in Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-8991.

**APT FOR RENT** Branham height Apt Wheelright KY, is now accepting applications for one bedroom Handicap accessible Apt. rent is based on income. Contact Kathy 452-4777

**For rent: 2 Br** duplex. Central heat and air. Excellent condition. Close to Prestonsburg. Also 2 br Mobile home. No pets. Call 889-9747 or 886-9007.

**1 BR Apt located** 4 miles up Mtn. Park Way. All utilities paid. \$475 monthly, deposit required, please call 886-6061 or after 5pm call 886-0480.

**For rent:** Furnished 1, & 2 br apt and mobile

home. No drugs or pets allowed. Ready to occupy, very clean, private and quiet. Good location near Prestonsburg & Jenny Wiley Lake. Suitable for 2 working people. Call 886-3941 or 205-0295.

**Furnished Apt 4** miles from Martin on Rt 1210. \$450 per month plus 200 deposit. Utilities included. No pets. Call 285-3641 anytime.

**2 Br, 1 bath Apt** for rent. Central heat / air refrigerator & stove included. Also washer / dryer hook-up. No pets and No hud. Located at Harold near US 23. Suitable for working men or couples. \$500 per month. Call 886-9158 or 226-9472.

**Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments** on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

**Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

**Houses**

**House for rent:** Porter lane at Mouth of Cow Creek. 2 Br, 1 Ba with W / D hookup. Gas heat. Recently updated. Garden plot available. \$425 month. Call 270-782-0648 after 5.

**Large house in** country for rent. Newly remodeled. Must have good references. \$800 per month plus \$500 deposit. Call 886-8366.

**For rent: Nice 2** br Mobile home for rent in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

**MobileHomes**

**Mobile home for** rent. Located at level. Also have a 1995 cadillac for sale \$ 4,500 and drum set for sale. And having yard sale Sat April 26th at 36 Crossroad Allen. Call 874-6700.

**2 Br mobile** home located on Buffalo for rent. \$320 per month plus \$150 deposit. Call 886-0200.

**16 x 80 Mobile** home for rent. Located on private lot minutes from

d o w n t o w n Prestonsburg. \$425 mth plus \$250 deposit. Call 886-2753.

**For rent 2 br** Mobile Home on Mays Branch behind pizza hut. \$300 month plus security deposit. Call 886-1637.1wk 01/09

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**Legals**

**Publication Well # 505281** Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and KRS 353.640 An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No 505281, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Harold Quadrangle, of Floyd County, State of Kentucky. Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property. To include all known or unknown successors in title to the Mrs. John C.C. Mayo Company, including address if known or last known address. Mrs. John C.C. Mayo Company

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5530** In accordance

with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Natural Resource Group, LLC, P.O. Box 792, Brevard, North Carolina 28712, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.8 mile northwest of Bonanza in Floyd and Johnson Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 18.16 surface acres, and will underlie 641.89 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 650.23 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.6 mile west of Conley Fork Road's junction with KY Route 1750, and located 0.1 mile south of an unnamed tributary of Conley Fork. The proposed operation is located on the known or last known address. Mrs. John C.C. Mayo Company

David and Linda Bowling, Renee Spaulding, Mike Taylor, Billie Merritt Heirs, John and Christine Ross, Acie and Gail Rogers, James and Larry Ramey, Eugene and Rushie Spears, Estill Blair et al., William and Betsy Baldrige, Gregory and Tina Burke, Stephanie Watson, Kermit and Joann Conley, Janet Martin, Dennis and Helen Hammonds, and Mike Conley. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** N e e l e y Investments, Inc.,

dba Tlaquepaque Mexican Restaurant, P.O. Box 1715, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Restaurant Liquor Beer, Wine by drink license(s) no later than 05-31-08. The business to be licensed will be located at 1332 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, doing business as Tlaquepaque Mexican Restaurant. The (owners); principal officers, and directors, limited partners or members are as follows: Owner: Carol J. Neeley, of P.O. Box 1715, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky, 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of the legal advertisement.

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**AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE**  
Draft Title V Permit Construction/Operating V-08-015  
Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company - Dwale Station Plant I.D. 21-071-00138

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company - Dwale of 748 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied to the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for a permit to construct and operate a natural gas compression station facility at 126 Monument Drive, Dwale, Floyd, KY 41621. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to emissions of regulated air pollutants.

An electronic copy of the Division's draft permit should shortly become available at http://www.air.ky.gov/permitting/. Official copies of the Division's draft permit and relevant supporting information are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the following locations:  
Division for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, phone (502) 573-3382;  
Division for Air Quality, Hazard Regional Office, 233 Birch Street, Suite 2, Hazard, KY 41701, phone (606) 435-6022; and the Floyd County Clerk's Office, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, phone (606) 886-3816.

The Division is soliciting comments on the draft permit and affording the opportunity for a public hearing. To be considered, any written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received within 30 days following the date of this notice. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be sent to Mr. James Morse at the above Frankfort address. Any person who requests a public hearing must state the issues to be raised at the hearing. If the Division finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting the draft permit, a hearing will be announced. All relevant comments will be considered in issuing the proposed permit. U.S. EPA has up to 45 days following issuance of the proposed permit to submit comments. The status regarding EPA's 45-day review of this project and the deadline for submitting a citizen petition will be posted at the following website address: http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Kentucky.htm shortly after the end of this 30 day comment period. Further information can be obtained by calling Mr. Ralph Gosney at (502) 573-3382.

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Enjoy the longer days and warm weather with your friends and family. Nothing gives you the taste of sunshine quite like outdoor entertaining. Giving your gathering a tropical feel doesn't have to mean expensive plane tickets, fancy hotels and crowded beaches. All it takes is a little atmosphere and delicious food and wine that puts you in an island frame of mind.

The warmer temperatures call for a menu that's light and healthy, but with a uniquely tropical flavor. Mangos, the world's most popular fruit, are a perfect ingredient to enjoy any time of year. Delicious to eat, mangos also have an exotic, luscious taste that enhances appetizers, salads, entrées, desserts and beverages. The abundance of mango varieties offers versatile flavors ranging from sweet to slightly spicy.

Start the party with a tropical twist on the classic caprese salad by layering juicy mango slices and fresh mozzarella and topping with oil, seasonings and basil. For an easy, casual entrée with a beachy feel, Baja Fish Tacos and Mango Salsa are sure to please. Perfect for easy entertaining, the Asian inspired mango and chicken lettuce wraps add a riot of delicious colors and flavor to your plate. They're easy to make and fun to eat — you don't even need a fork!

With any great dinner, you need a great wine to complement your food. Wines with bright, fruit-forward flavors pair well with a variety of food styles. To enhance your mango-inspired dishes, serve the crisp and food-friendly style of Riesling or Chardonnay selections from Mirassou Winery. Grown in Monterey County, the cooler temperature on the coast yields a longer growing season, which allows the grapes to develop deep flavors and results in intensely flavorful wines with lovely tropical fruit overtones. Mirassou Monterey County Chardonnay has crisp fruit flavors of peach and nectarine with lovely hints of tropical fruit and vanilla, while Mirassou Monterey County Riesling is delightfully crisp and refreshing, with aromas and flavors of peaches, apricots and apples.

Inspired by tropical food and crisp, fruit-forward wine — you'll agree, warm weather never tasted so good! To find out more about mango varieties, visit [www.mango.org](http://www.mango.org). To learn more about food and wine pairings, visit [www.mirassou.com](http://www.mirassou.com).



## Mango Caprese Salad

Makes 8 to 10 appetizers  
Prep time: 15 minutes

- 3 large, ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and sliced\*
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Snipped fresh basil
- Crusty toasted baguette slices

Place mango slices on platter, alternating with mozzarella slices. Drizzle with lemon juice and oil and season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with basil and serve with baguette slices.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Chardonnay

## Baja Fish Tacos With Mango Salsa

Makes 4 to 6 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 15 to 20 minutes

### Mango Salsa

- 2 large ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and chopped\*
- 1/4 cup minced red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, sliced (green tops only)
- 1 small jalapeño pepper (stem, seeds and membranes removed)

### Tacos

- 1 pound cod fillets, rinsed and patted dry
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground cumin, Mexican oregano and garlic salt
- 8 corn tortillas, warmed
- 2 cups shredded green or red cabbage
- 1/2 cup crumbled Cotija cheese (may substitute shredded Monterey Jack)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stir together all salsa ingredients in medium bowl; set aside. Place cod on 2 large sheets of parchment paper. Stir together dry seasonings in small bowl and sprinkle over cod. Bring edges of parchment paper together and fold twice. Fold ends under to enclose fish. Place packets on baking sheet and bake 15 to 18 minutes. Open packets carefully to let steam escape. Place equal amounts cod in each tortilla and top with cabbage, cheese and mango salsa.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Riesling

## Mango Chicken Lettuce Wraps

Makes 4 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Chill time: 30 minutes

- 1/2 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, chopped into small pieces
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 tablespoon minced fresh lemon grass
- 1 large ripe mango, peeled, pitted and chopped, divided\*
- 8 to 12 small butter lettuce leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion tops
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

Heat sesame oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring frequently, until lightly browned. Stir in soy sauce, vinegar, honey, ginger and lemon grass. Finely chop half mango and add to skillet. Cook 5 minutes or until sauce is very thick; let cool. Spoon chicken into lettuce leaves and top each with remaining mango, bell pepper, green onion and cilantro.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Riesling

\*Watch the video on how to cut a mango on [www.mango.org](http://www.mango.org).

## Mango 101

- Mangos are a year-round source of the naturally sweet, refreshing taste of the tropics.
- Mangos contain more than 20 different vitamins and minerals, are a good source of dietary fiber, and are an excellent source of vitamins C and A, both important antioxidant nutrients.
- To determine ripeness, squeeze the mango gently. A ripe mango should give slightly, but not be too soft.
- To ripen firm mangos, store at room temperature. They will continue to ripen and become sweeter and softer over several days.
- Once ripe, store mangos in the refrigerator for up to five days.
- Learn more about this tantalizing tropical treat at [www.mango.org](http://www.mango.org).



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