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## HAMMERING IN THE HILLS



Members of the United Churches of Durham, Conn., have made the 12-hour trip to Eastern Kentucky the last six years to construct homes as part of the LINKS program.

photo by Jack Latta

## Council still not satisfied with audit

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council tabled the most recent city audit after some council members expressed their continued displeasure with the city's professional contracts, and the manner in which the current audit was presented to them.

Councilman B.D. Nunnery said he was very disappointed in Stevens and Lawson, the firm which handled the audit. "They handed the audit to us minutes before the council and left," said Nunnery. "I had questions."

"As a matter of practice, we should be able to ask them questions," said Councilman Gorman Collins.

Councilman C.E. "Shag" Branham agreed with Collins, saying, "Don't just hand it to us and leave."

Branham also pointed out that city ordinances set a timeframe by which the audits are to be completed, and how they are to be awarded.

According to that 2004 ordinance, "The audits shall be completed by Feb. 1 immediately following the fiscal year being audited."

Also at issue was the lack of contract entered into, or approved by the council. The council stated that all services for which a license is required must be drawn up in a written contract, and presented to the council for approval.

"We need to fix this," said Branham.

According to Branham, councilmen were not notified of the 2007 audit until it was more than half completed.

According to the Kentucky Revised Statutes, "The audits shall be completed by Feb. 1 immediately following the fiscal year being audited ... The city shall enter into a written contract with the selected auditor ... Any

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## Connecticut church makes annual East Ky. work trip

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

STAMBAUGH — Summer vacation takes on a whole different meaning for members of The United Churches of Durham, Conn., who have for the last six years been making the nearly 800-mile trip to Eastern Kentucky to help construct homes.

Every year, young people and old alike are clamoring to take part in the weeklong trip to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, according to the group leader Rev. Dr. Elven Riggles Jr.

"We started with about 35 people the first year," said

Riggles. "This year we have 72."

Riggles said people from his congregations ages 10 to 83 make the trip, and most come every year.

"We have a lot of families who give up a week to come down here," Riggles said.

This year the group's projects included building two homes in Johnson County near Stambaugh, and replacing a metal roof and floor in residences in the Frasure's Creek community near McDowell.

The experience of visiting the mountains every year has been a good for their members, said Riggles.

"There's something about

taking the kids out of what they're used to," Riggles said. "Part of the experience is getting out of your own backyard."

Riggles said the members of the group look forward to the event every year. "They want to work, they don't want to stop."

Riggles said his crew can put up a house from foundation in a week.

Despite their dedication to putting up the homes, Riggles said the group takes Wednesdays off each year to visit one of the local recreation areas. In the past they had visited Jenny Wiley State

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Allyson "Ally" Elizabeth Palmisano, a four-year veteran of the LINKS projects, was killed in a car crash shortly before this year's trip to Eastern Kentucky.

## Pension plan headed for final approval

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A plan to shore up the state's financially troubled retirement system for public employees is expected to clear its final legislative hurdle on Friday.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee approved the proposal 7-0 on Thursday, clearing the way for a vote on the Republican-controlled Senate floor. That is expected to be the legislation's final stop before it goes to Gov. Steve Beshear to be signed into law.

The Democratic-controlled House approved the legislation 98-0 on Wednesday.

Beshear, a Democrat who has been urging lawmakers to pass the pension reform legislation, has tentatively scheduled a bill signing for Friday.

"This issue has had more solid bipartisan cooperation than any other," said Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield. "I think that points to how important the Senate perceives this issue."

About 435,000 people are covered by the state retirement system. Lawmakers say it faces eventual financial collapse if left ignored. The system has an unfunded liability of more than \$26 billion.

Beshear called the General

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State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, left, joined Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear Wednesday, as she hosted a farmers market on the State Capitol grounds to support locally owned farms, the Commonwealth's rural economy and the Kentucky Proud brand. During the farmers market, Gov. Steve Beshear held a ceremonial signing of House Bill 626, which establishes the "Kentucky Proud" brand as the permanent marketing program for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Pictured left to right are Sen. Turner, Rep. Brent Yonts, Executive Director Roger Thomas and First Lady Jane Beshear.

Re un misc tax funds

The Associated Press  
FRANKFORT — Kentucky Auditor Crit Luallen says a review shows more than \$500,000 missing from tax accounts in the Perry County sheriff's office in southeastern Kentucky. The audit says the deficit appears to be the result of a scheme to manipulate accounting records by an unidentified former sheriff's office employee. Luallen's office says the audits have been referred to the FBI. Luallen says former Perry County Sheriff Pat Wooton cooperated with investigators. Wooton was sheriff at the time most of the shortfalls occurred. Wooton did not immediately return a call late Wednesday afternoon seeking comment. Luallen says the audit revealed \$573,025 in missing funds dating back to the 2002 tax account. Auditors say the deficit occurred when unreported corporate tax payments were used to replace undeposited cash taken after homeowners paid their property taxes in cash at the sheriff's office.

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# Local attorney Grover Arnett endows scholarship in memory of parents

PRESTONSBURG — Salyersville attorney Grover Arnett recently endowed a \$10,000 scholarship for students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The William O. and Easter Arnett Endowed Scholarship Fund will be available for students who demonstrate the potential for achieving academic excellence, have need of financial assistance, are not receiving other financial aid, preferably reside in Magoffin County and are single parents. Students will apply for the scholarship at BSCTC and the scholarships will be awarded by the BSCTC Scholarship Committee.

Arnett, a member of the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, has had a lifelong love of learning instilled in him by the examples of his parents, William O. and Easter Arnett. He credits his parents with giving him the desire to give back to the community where he grew up.

Among his many affiliations, he serves on the Board of Trustees of the College of the Ozarks and the Kentucky Future Leadership Foundation. He served as Magoffin County Attorney from 1994 to 1999. Recently Arnett was appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to Kentucky's Worker's Compensation Nominating Commission (WCNC). He was subsequently elected chairman of the Commission in April 2008. The WCNC Nominates the administrative law judges for the Worker's Compensation System of Kentucky.

"I want to help others to achieve their goals through education," Arnett said. "I know how hard it is for some of the people in Eastern Kentucky to get an education. I grew up here and now serve this community as an attorney. I want to be part of the solution to those problems by making it a little easier financially for students to go to school."

More than 85 percent of the students attending BSCTC



Attorney Grover Arnett and George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC.

have financial need. Scholarships are awarded each year through endowments and scholarship funds set up by people like Arnett who have a desire to help students succeed.

The donor list at BSCTC is made up of men and women who know the value of education and the return on their investment in the community. They know that a person who attains a college education will be better prepared to earn a living wage for themselves and their families. They will be more likely to be employed,

pay taxes, and spend their earnings in the community they live in. The example they set for their families will make lasting impressions and their children and grandchildren will more likely follow their lead. Thus the scholarship dollar they invest will return positive results for generations to come.

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of BSCTC, said, "In these times of budget cuts and rising costs, people like Grover Arnett make a bigger impact on the future of our students than ever before.

Students who may otherwise be unable to go to college can still have that opportunity because someone like Grover cares enough to help."

Persons wishing to become a scholarship donor can contact Jean Doron at BSCTC (606-889-4899). Donations are tax deductible and can make a big difference in the life of a student, their family and the community as a whole. Donors can have the satisfaction of knowing they gave back to the community they call home.

# Obituaries

## Bobby Ray Fife

Bobby Ray Fife, 69, of Dutton Alabama, formerly of McDowell, passed away Wednesday, June 18, 2008, after a prolonged illness.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Mosley) Fife; two sons: Michael (Yvette) of Dutton, Alabama; and Robert (Kyndahl) of Henegar, Alabama; and one daughter, Carol (Chris) Robertson of Dutton, Alabama.

He has six sisters: Anna Flonta (John) of Inverness, Florida; Barbara Johnson (John) of Tavares, Florida; Mary Joseph of Section, Alabama; Lucy Harper (Bobby) Canyon of Lake, Texas; Sandi Lawson (Eddie) of Dana; and Brenda Stackhouse (Steve) of Floral

City, Florida; he has two brothers: Clyde Fife of Dana, and Randy Fife of West Liberty.

He has seven grandchildren: Jesse Fife, Amanda Fife, Samantha Robertson, Mickey Fife, Tim Smith, Casey Smith, and Sean Lebeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Nannie Fife; two brothers: Franklin and Charles Ray Fife; two sisters: Gloria Fay and Lois Jean (Fife) Stepp, all of Kentucky.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 21, at 5 p.m., at Assembly of Faith, Highway 71, in Pisgah, Alabama. Brother Waylon Miller will be officiating.

(Paid obituary)

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Jessica Grace Mosley, 26, of McDowell, to Bryan Matthew Partin, 25, of Williamsburg.  
 Kelly Denise Conley, 26, to Brad Jeremy Short, 29, both of Eastern.  
 Shonda Lynn Collins, 20, to Grant Christopher Honeycutt, 20, both of Prestonsburg.  
 Jodie Renee Shortridge, 27, of Prestonsburg, to Iroin Lawton Allen, 24, of Minnie.  
 Marsha Ann Bolen, 39, to Tracy Damron, 46, both of Prestonsburg.  
 Jennifer Edith Lafferty, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Jason Allan Osborne, 28, of Endicott.  
 Eunice Sartin, 39, to Tony Eugene Luther, 37, both of Hi Hat.

### Civil Suits Filed

Arrow Financial SER., Inc. vs. Ruth Lowe  
 Asset Acceptance LLC. vs. Jimmy D. Adams  
 Midland Funding LLC. vs. Cynthia L. Hall  
 Capital Alliance Financial vs. Michael D. Conn.  
 Capital Alliance Financial vs. Lisa Tucker  
 Capital One Bank vs. Kevin Click  
 Capital One Bank vs. Kathy S. Goble  
 Arrow Financial Ser. LLC. vs. Rose Spurlock  
 Capital One Bank vs. Jackie Mitchell  
 Midland Funding LLC. vs. Darlena S. Wright  
 AIS Services, LLC. vs. Shawn Stephens  
 Portfolio Recovery Assoc. vs. Maggie Salisbury  
 Midland Funding LLC. vs. Pattie Shortridge  
 Midland Funding LLC. vs. Joyce Caudill  
 Phillip David Elliot vs. Vella Garrett

### Small Claims Filings

P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Jimmy Hall  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Aaron Williams  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Brian Blackburn  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Kay Pugh

P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Rodney Hamilton  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Morris Adkins Jr.  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Misty Howell  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Freddy Hunt Jr.  
 P & H Hardware LLC. vs. Estill Damron  
 Carolyn Patton vs. Dennie Tackett et al  
 Marlene Neeley vs. Pamela Moore  
 Buy Here Pay Here Furniture vs. Casey Risner

### Charges Filed

Rhonda Caudill, Martin, 27, Public Intoxication of a controlled substance, alcohol intoxication.  
 Frank Conley, Prestonsburg, 34, alcohol intoxication  
 Richard Lutz, Harold, 44, assault 4th degree.  
 Santana Allen, Banner, 21, assault 4th degree.  
 Gary Butcher, Sitka, 26, assault 4th degree, terroristic threatening.  
 Gary Butcher, Sitka, 26, harassing communications.  
 Jerry L. Stanley, Prestonsburg, 27, alcohol intoxication.  
 Isaac N. Cottrell, Lexington, 21, alcohol intoxication.  
 Tony R. Boyd, Harold, 29, assault 4th degree.  
 Ronald Eugene Spurlock, Rainelle, W.Va., 29, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.  
 Renea Lynn Rogers, Pikeville, 28, harassment.  
 Sharon K. Hamilton, Craynor, 50, criminal trespassing.  
 Sunny Charles Swiney, Teaberry, 28, criminal trespassing.  
 Robin L. Johnson, Weeksburry, 51, harassment.  
 Christopher J Jarrell, Dana, 19, unlawful transaction with a minor.  
 Bradley Mullins, Bevinsville, 26, assault 4th degree.  
 Austin Clark Shepherd, Allen, 26, no tail lamps, possession of marijuana, reckless driving, use/possession of drug

paraphernalia.  
 Daniel W. Wright, Martin, 19, assault 4th degree.  
 Drema, C. Case, Banner, 36, harassment.  
 Daniel Gillespie, Harold, 18, harassing communications.  
 Amic Johnson, Prestonsburg, 29, disorderly conduct, Assault 4th degree.  
 Jessica Johnson, Pippa Passes, 26, disorderly conduct, assault 4th degree.  
 Amanda H. Lemay, Harveysburg, Oh., 28, public intoxication, controlled substance prescription not in original container, 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance.  
 Kyle M. Kretzer, Thelma, 28, alcohol intoxication.  
 Frank James Conley, Prestonsburg, 34, alcohol intoxication, criminal trespassing.  
 Trenton M. Ward, Martin, 35, assault 4th degree.  
 Angela Goble, Prestonsburg, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Vivian Tussey, Prestonsburg, 65, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Sheila L. Tussey, Blue

River, 45, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Samantha Collins, Banner, 25, theft by unlawful taking.  
 Ellina Daniels, Prestonsburg, 36, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Michelle Newsome, Teaberry, 32, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Melissa Weaver, Hueysville, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Deborah Ann Henderson, Wayland, 54, terroristic threatening.  
 Stephanie A Keens, Harold, 29, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Debbie Henderson, Hueysville, 54, Terroristic threatening.  
 Willa Vee McDaniel, Harold, 43, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Judy Craft, Wayland, intentional breach compulsory attendance.  
 Tammy Slone, Hueysville, intentional breach of compulsory attendance.  
 Jimmie Moore, David, 47, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing.  
 Heather Louise Little, Wheelwright, 27, possession of

a controlled substance (3 counts), possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 Robbie Joe Hall, Grethel, 26, public intoxication of a controlled substance.  
 Tiffany Hall, Wayland, 19, assault in the 4th degree.  
 Johnathan Joseph Howell, Prestonsburg, 26, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance prescription not in original container (6 counts).  
 Brian K. Castle, Langley, 41, wanton endangerment (7

counts), assault 2nd degree (2 counts).  
 Norman Travis Blevins, West Van Lear, 37, theft by unlawful taking (4 counts).  
 Ashleigh R. Weaver, Salyersville, 22, theft by unlawful taking (4 counts).  
 Bradley Scott Hamilton, Teaberry, 31, 1st degree possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container (3 counts), failure to wear seat belts, disregarding traffic control device.

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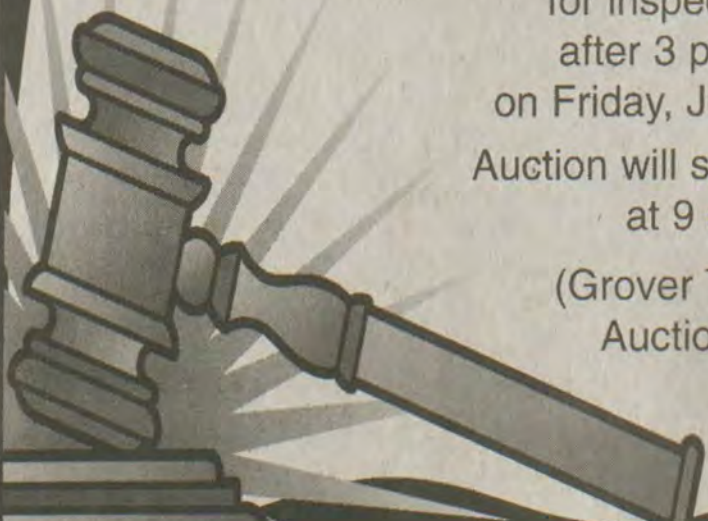
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# Viewpoint

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## — Guest View — Editorial roundup

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram, on offshore drilling:

The legendary Willie Sutton robbed banks because, as he famously explained, that's where the money was.

The United States should take a cue from the late Sutton. It needs to expand drilling for oil and natural gas in offshore waters because that's where many of the nation's biggest untapped petroleum deposits probably can be found. At a time when gasoline prices have soared to the once-unthinkable level of \$4 per gallon, the country is more vulnerable than ever in terms of its exceptionally heavy reliance on foreign oil.

President Bush urged Wednesday that Congress remove a 27-year-old moratorium on offshore drilling. ...

Democrats called the proposal a gimmick that will backfire on the Republicans. ...

Although America is still the world's third-largest oil producer, it's also the largest energy consumer and therefore imports 60 percent of its oil. It's hypocritical to devour more oil than any other nation and still expect foreign petroleum producers to drill off their coastlines so it doesn't have to be done here. ...

Bush's call for expanded drilling is just one component of what must be a broad-based energy policy. ...

Courier-Post, Cherry Hill, N.J., on offshore oil drilling:

The United States needs a forward-looking strategy to end dependence on foreign oil.

Presumptive GOP presidential nominee John McCain and President Bush have offered a shortsighted solution to the U.S. energy crunch — allow oil companies to drill for crude off both coasts and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

This approach will only keep the nation tethered to the dinosaur age. Drilling for oil won't address the fundamental problem: oil is a non-renewable resource and using it adds to pollution that is smothering the world.

U.S. Sen. McCain, R-Ariz., Bush and others argue there are no good alternatives to petroleum for energy. That's in-the-box thinking. Clearly, if this nation wants to stabilize energy supplies and prices, it must diversify its sources. That means paying more than lip service to developing biofuels to power cars, factories and farm equipment. It means Detroit must jump on the bandwagon now driven by Toyota and Honda to build flex-fuel and battery-powered cars. It means building more wind and solar generators. It means a wholesale reordering of U.S. energy strategies.

Critics claim oil alternatives will take too long to come online or prove inadequate to meet demand. Certainly, alternative-fuel development will take time, but so will drilling for oil. But the idea that America cannot innovate its way out of its energy problems just doesn't jive with history. This nation has risen time after time to meet challenges. It could do so again, if the leadership stops offering what sounds like quick fixes to counter energy prices. ...

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's decision to reject public campaign funding:

Sen. Barack Obama's decision to reject public campaign funding, which would limit him to \$84.1 million, is his first policy reversal, and it's a major one.

It's also the first time a presidential candidate, Democrat or Republican, has opted out of the public financing program. His decision threatens the continuation of the three-decades-old program unless it is significantly overhauled.

Obama's motive is clear. He's a fundraising phenom, raking in an unprecedented \$265 million for the primaries. It makes no sense for a candidate who can raise that kind of money to impose artificial restraints on himself. ...

A major flaw is the amount of public money available to the candidates, especially for the primaries, and restrictions placed on how the money can be spent. But another is the quaint notion that because of the federal law, campaign spending is pretty much restricted to reasonable limits. It isn't.

Sen. John McCain has decided to take the \$84.1 million in federal funds, but does anyone think that's all that will be spent in support of his run for the presidency? Already, the McCain campaign is creating a joint fundraising effort with the Republican National Committee, a move that permits contributions of \$28,500, more than 10 times what individuals are allowed to give. ...

... Obama has said he wants to work with Sen. Russ Feingold to rewrite the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law to make it more meaningful. Let's hope that's a promise he'll keep.



## — Guest column —

### Habeas corpus barely saved

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Once in a while the fading embers of freedom flare with defiant vigor. That happened the other day when the U.S. Supreme Court sternly informed the Bush administration that it may not hold people suspected of being terrorists indefinitely without charge and without judicial review at its prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In a too-close-for-comfort 5-4 ruling, the Court reminded the American people — indeed, the world — that arbitrary power destroys individual liberty. Where government can lock people up and throw away the key — answerable to no one at all — there liberty does not dwell. That is what the Bush administration has aspired to, but last week the Court drew a line.

In invoking the cherished principle of habeas corpus, the Court was emphatic: "Protection for the privilege of habeas corpus was one of the few safeguards of liberty specified in a Constitution that, at the outset, had no Bill of Rights.... The Framers viewed freedom from unlawful restraint as a fundamental precept of liberty, and they understood the writ of habeas corpus as a vital instrument to secure that freedom."

To be sure, the Constitution permits Congress to suspend the writ of habeas corpus "when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it." But the Court said that the Suspension Clause was

not satisfied by the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA), Section 7 of which forbade any court from considering a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for "an alien detained by the United States who has been determined by the United States [i.e., the Bush administration] to have been properly detained as an enemy combatant or is awaiting such determination." (John McCain was a key mover behind the MCA.)

If you missed this very big news story, it's probably because television was too busy covering floods, gas prices, and the death of a beloved network newsmen. With all that, the news outlets didn't have time to explain that the High Court just barely put a stop to one of history's most nefarious forms of tyranny: arbitrary and indefinite incarceration. Yes, the now-stricken Section 7 applied only to aliens. But given this administration's horrifying civil-liberties record — national-security letters, signing statements, extraordinary rendition, warrantless eavesdropping, mass data gathering, torture — could we really be confident that U.S. citizens wouldn't be next to lose habeas-corpus rights?

The Court's ruling does not mean anyone will be freed from Guantanamo. That will require separate case-by-case proceedings. All the justices said is that the government may not imprison someone without charge or trial and it may not forbid him from contesting his detention before a judge. This is what Bush et al. attempted to do. They shamelessly tried to set up a system in which kangaroo courts could brand suspects "enemy combatants," after which they might be held incommu-

nicado for the duration of an endless and ambiguous "war on terror."

That this administration would even entertain the thought of doing that demonstrates a level of cynicism and disdain for hard-fought principles of freedom that should make us shudder. The next time President Bush and his band of rogue operatives pontificate about "democracy and freedom, remember what they tried to get away with here. And say a silent thank you to Justices Kennedy, Stevens, Souter, Breyer, and Ginsburg. Then think about Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito — and the political hacks who put those men in a position to destroy a sacred principle of liberty that, if we date it from the signing of the Magna Carta on June 15, 1215, just hit its 793rd anniversary. (I thought conservatives treasured the old, tried-and-true precepts.)

Justice Kennedy's opinion is worthwhile reading for every American, since it is a timely reminder of our libertarian heritage. Besides providing a detailed history of habeas corpus, it patiently explains why this principle is critical to limiting the always dangerous power of government so that liberty might be secured. Parents may find that reading those sections of the opinion to their children is a fine way to spend part of the Fourth of July. I wouldn't count on kids' learning these lessons any other way.

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The northern end of Prestonsburg was powerless for much of the day Thursday, after power lines were brought down, reportedly by an errant bird.



**Audit**

person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500)."

According to a 2000 city ordinance, "every contract, change or amendment thereto, shall be authorized or approved by the legislative body before it is executed by the mayor."

"These laws are already on the books, we did not write them, they are statutory and we are only asking that they comply with these laws and regulations," said Branham.

Branham added that the city officials have been warned before by state auditors that by not requiring written contracts, they were not following the law.

Mayor Jerry Fannin told council members that all of the city's state funding would be held up until they approved the audit.

Council members refused to accept the audit until the auditors could appear before them and be asked questions. The motion to accept the audit was defeated 7-0, with councilman Kelly Moore abstaining from the vote.

Also during the council meeting:

■ The council took time out at the beginning of Monday's meeting to honor returning Iraq veteran Staff Sgt. Matthew Smith with a key to the city. During Smith's two tours of service in Iraq with the U.S. Army, he was reportedly awarded the medal of valor, and the medal of service.

■ Council member Donna Wells asked about improving the facilities of the equine center by adding bathrooms and showers. Wells said the center's shows are bringing in lots of tourism revenue for the city.

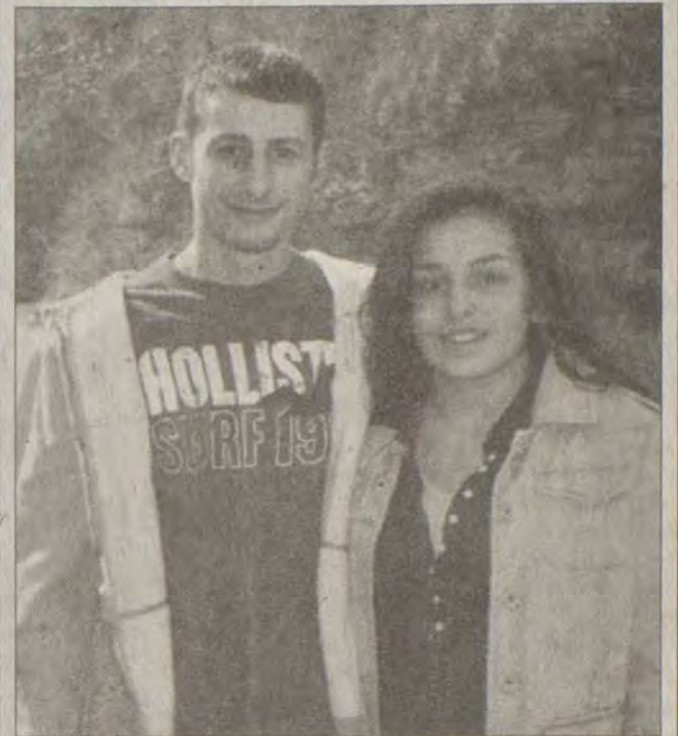
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**Congratulations  
Leanna Faye Hall**

Leanna has been selected as the 12th member of the University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars Program. She is a 2008 eighth grade graduate of Betsy Layne Middle School. She will be honored for this outstanding achievement June 7, at the Alice Lloyd College. She is the 13-year-old daughter of Richard and Fayette Hall of Dana, Kentucky.



**Tackett-Skeens Wedding**



Vanessa Skeens and Christopher Tackett would like to announce their upcoming wedding on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

**LINKS**

Resort Park and Natural Bridge. This year they visited Breaks Interstate Park.

Riggles said that his group tries to help out in other ways by eating at local owned restaurants.

"I'm not sure if it helps out the local economy, but we hit Wal-Mart every night for Gatorade and water too," Riggles said.

Riggles said his church started coming down because LINKS was working with missions. Riggles said when the mission program ended, they decided to stay with LINKS.

"Unlike Habitat for the Humanity, you can bring the whole family," Riggles said. There are no minimum age

requirements to help out."

Riggles said the members spend all year raising money to make the trip in the summer. "It costs us about \$37,000 to come down here ever year."

Riggles said the buses alone, with rental fees and gas, come to about \$2,000 apiece. This year they brought nine.

Riggles said their fundraising efforts range from obtaining corporate and business sponsorship in their hometown, to selling t-shirts and collecting cans and bottles.

This year's trip had not yet begun when tragedy struck the group and the small town of

Durham.

Allyson "Ally" Elizabeth Palmisano, 17, a four-year veteran of LINKS, died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident the Sunday before the group was scheduled to leave.

A cross was hung at the volunteer shelter where the group stays in memory of the work she had done and lives she had touched.

According to their website, the Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky (LINKS) is a nonprofit corporation which provides safe, decent and affordable housing

to low-income people.

The program includes new construction, minor home repairs including the building of ramps, making low-interest loans and homeownership counseling.

According to LINKS, the average income for families whom new homes are built is roughly \$12,600 a year, and there are currently over 300 applicants waiting for a home.

For more information on LINKS, or becoming a volunteer, you can contact their office at (606) 886-0152, or by visiting their website at [www.linkshousing.org](http://www.linkshousing.org).

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**PRESTONSBURG  
ELEMENTARY  
SPECIAL CALLED  
SBDM MEETING**

Attention all Stakeholders (parents, students, PES staff and community) of the Prestonsburg Elementary School: There will be a special called SBDM meeting on July 1st at 6:30 p.m., at Prestonsburg Elementary School to discuss criteria for the selection process of a new principal at Prestonsburg Elementary.

Please plan on attending this meeting.

**Disaster  
worker  
returns after  
50 years**

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — A retired National Guardsman who was among those working the recovery effort following the 1958 Floyd County school bus disaster will come back to the area next week.

Robert Lee Hill, who served in the 441st Headquarters Company out of Richmond, was among those who conducted the grim search for bodies after a school bus plunged into the Big Sandy River in February 1958, killing 26 students and the bus driver.

That task proved fruitful, as Hill and a fellow guardsman discovered the body of one of the victims. He could not remember the girl's name, but said he believed she was 17 years old.

Two victims of the crash were 17-year-old females — Emogene Darby and Glenda May Cisco.

Hill said memories of the disaster have remained vivid in his mind throughout the years, and he feels compelled to revisit the area and pay his respects. He added that he would like to meet family members of the victims.

Hill can be reached on his cell phone both before and during the trip. The number is (859) 200-9287.

Hill will arrive in Prestonsburg Sunday and, he will be staying at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park until next Wednesday.

**Pension**

Assembly into a special session Monday after legislative leaders informed him they had tentatively agreed on a solvency plan for the system. To try to hold down the cost of the session, lawmakers rushed to meet a self-imposed Friday deadline for completing their work.

The Legislative Research Commission estimates the cost of a special legislation to be about \$60,000 a day — \$300,000 for the week.

Under the proposal, future state employees would have to work longer before being eligible for retirement. To retire

with full benefits, the sum of an employee's age and years of employment would have to total 87. The plan would also require new employees to contribute 1 percent of their salaries to health insurance.

The proposal would, among other things, put the state on a schedule to gradually increase its payments to the retirement system in hopes of eventually paying down the unfunded liability.

Beshcar has set up a special panel to work on other long-term proposals for the legislature to address next year. That panel is studying such issues

as whether the state should offer future employees a 401(k)-type retirement plan rather than the current set pension.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

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## FAMILY MEDICINE

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## DINNER DIVA The top 10 summer foods

by LEANNE ELY

If there is one thing I love, it's a good top ten list, especially one that involves food. And when it's a list that gets me salivating and helps me lose a few at the same time, what's not to LOVE about that?

Here then are the top ten skinny foods for summer. This is the stuff you'll want to buy, cat, keep in your pantry or fridge and make sure you return to often. Let this be your healthiest (and skinniest!) summer ever!

■ Life is a Bowl of Cherries. Cherries boast an alphabetical punch of vitamins A, C, and E as well as phytochemicals that help block the formation of breast, lung, liver, stomach and skin cancers. Add the fiber factor and the medicinal properties that help fight gout, and you can't say no to cherries!

■ Melon Mania. Cantaloupe, AKA Muskmelon, is chocked full of potassium, vitamin C and beta carotene. If that weren't enough, how about some disease fighting properties that help you control blood pressure, protect against cancer and lower your cholesterol? Cool sliced cantaloupe is a terrific way to start your day!

■ Beet It. Another colorful entry into the top skinny foods from summer is, believe it or not, BEETS. Yes, beets. Not the icky pickled kind found on salad bars that no one touches, the fresh variety. They're at their peak in summer months and both the greens and the bulb can be eaten. Yes, they can stave off cancer and are folate-rich, an essential nutrient for fighting birth defects. Grate the purple part into your salad and chop the tops, sauté in olive and garlic for a satisfying side dish.

■ Big on Basil. Who can say no to fresh basil, sliced tomatoes and fresh mozzarella drizzled with olive oil in the middle of summer? Not me! But basil is more than a fabulous summer flavor; it too, helps prevent cancerous changes in cells. Add to that the digestive benefit of helping to quell gaseous spasms (you know what I'm trying to discreetly suggest!), you have one of nature's most powerful herbs.

■ Provocative Avocados. Don't freak out-I know they have a lot of fat. But a little goes a long way and the monounsaturated fats that are in there help improve triglyceride levels and bring down cholesterol. Bring on the guacamole-I make mine with minced red onion, chopped cilantro, lime juice and a dash of chipotle salsa-viva los avocados!

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## 'Little Red' gives audiences the real scoop

### Many local faces to be seen in JWT production

PRESTONSBURG — Have you ever questioned Little Red Riding Hood's story? Or, wondered why the wolf got all the bad press in the first place? And just what role did Granny play in the setup for this tragic event?

Well, Jenny Wiley Theatre has tracked down all these characters to get to the bottom of the story.

"Little Red: Life in the Hood," opened Saturday night and is a fast-paced comedy that puts a 21st century spin on a classic fairy tale.

Little Red may appear innocent at first, but after the tabloid talk show host, Terry Tellus, begins to delve deep into the story, things may not be as they seem in the hood. Audiences will get carried away with "family friendly" humor even adults will enjoy.

"Little Red" is Jenny Wiley Theatre's Youth and Teen Company's production and several local faces will be making an appearance this year, including:

■ Cassie Callahan (Third Red's Mom) is the 13-year-old daughter of Jessica Hall of Van Lear.

■ Charity Cook (Terry Tellus) is the 10-year-old daughter of Robin Cook of Pippa Passes.

■ Allie Davis (Third Red) is the 9-year-old daughter of Betty and Barry Davis of Banner.

■ Olivia Davis (Funny Runny Shunny Bunny) is the 10-year-old daughter of Gwen and Craig Davis of Dana.

■ Maranda Finney (Squirrelley) is the 9-year-old daughter of Angela and John Finney of Hager Hill.

■ Ashley Fleming (Littlest Red's Mom) is the 14-year-old daughter of Christy Morton of Elkhorn City.

■ Deelancy Hackney (Little Kitten) is the 12-year-old daughter of Angela and Dee Hackney of Pikeville.

■ Jessica Hall (Upscale Piggy) is the 11-year-old daughter of Gwen and Jeff Hall of Prestonsburg.

■ Kelli Hall (Littlest Kitten) is the 8-year-old daughter of Jessica and Michael Hall of Van Lear.

■ Cameron Kincer (Littlest Little Red) is the 9-year-old daughter of Georgie and Keith Kincer of Neon.

■ Sahara Laforce (Environmental Pig) is the 10-year-old daughter of Cindy and Tim Laforce of Van Lear.

■ Alex Lester (Wolf Dude) is the 13-year-old son of Teresa and Ron Lester of Prestonsburg.

■ Natalie Lester (Henny Penny/Chumley Bunny) is the 6-year-old daughter of Teresa and Ron Lester of Prestonsburg.

■ Reagan Linton (Turkey Lurkey/Squirrelley) is the 11-year-old daughter of Heather Ratliff of Pikeville.

■ Madison Martin (Chicken



Cameron Kincer, one of the "Little Reds" is fitted for her Hood. She is the daughter of Georgie and Keith Kincer of Neon. "Little Red: Life in the Hood" opened last weekend at Jenny Wiley Theatre and plays throughout the 2008 season.

Little/Squirrelley) is the 11-year-old daughter of Melissa Martin of Raven.

■ Katie Ratliff (Little Kitten) is the 9-year-old daughter of Fredia Ratliff of Elkhorn City.

■ Sarah Morton (Choeholic Pig) is the 8-year-old daughter of Christy Morton of Elkhorn City.

■ Tyra Short (Sonny Honey Bunny) is the 10-year-old daughter of Katrina and Tim Short of Pinetop.

■ Skyler Slone (Stage Manager and Screeparrot) is the 15-year-old son of Kathy and Steve Slone of Hindman.

■ Seth Wallen (Wolfgang) is the 17-year-old son of Jane and Dave Wallen of Louisa.

■ Delaney Wireman (Valley Red) is the 11-year-old daughter of Kristy and Bill Wireman of Salyersville.

■ Victoria May (Valley Red's Mom) is the 14-year-old daughter of Cheryl and Frank May of Allen.

■ Tessa Adkins (Valley Red's Grandmother) is the 13-year-old daughter of Karen and Barry Adkins of Paintsville.

■ Frankie Dawahare (Granny) is the 13-year-old daughter of Theresa and Frank Dawahare of Pikeville.

■ Tanner Sammons (New Wolf) is the 13-year-old son of Alfredia and Mike Sammons of Pikeville.

Little Red will play several dates on the main stage of Jenny Wiley Theatre. For tickets or more information, call the JWT Box Office at 1-877-CALL-JWT, or visit the website at www.jwtheatre.com.

## Special treats tonight for opening of 'Oz'

Jenny Wiley Theatre is celebrating tonight's opening of "The Wizard of Oz" with a "Hannah Montana & Dorothy Night"

A full slate of events is scheduled for the night, beginning at 6 p.m., with the show opening at 8 p.m.

Events include:

■ Take the Hot Air Balloon Ride that Dorothy didn't take after all. Rides begin at 6 p.m., while and if time and weather permit. Only event ticket holders will have the opportunity to enjoy any of the rides.

■ Performances by Hannah Montana impersonator, Tyra Short

■ "Behind the Emerald City" Back Stage Tour — See how the magic happens

■ Costume Contest - Looking for best costumes for Dorothy & Friends and Hannah & Friends

■ Be a Flying Monkey (bungee cord experience)

■ Scale the Witch's Castle wall

■ Learn Hannah Montana choreography and then become Hannah back-up singers

■ Hannah makeover, involving the famous Hannah wig — \$15/makeover.

■ Dress up in your favorite

Wizard of Oz costume or Hannah Montana and her best buds

■ Balloon Pop with grand prize being a Walk-On-Role in The Wizard of Oz. (kids only)

■ Kid friendly auction including

• Tea party with Dorothy

• Actor Adoption Auction - Get a signed headshot, opportunity for dinner with the actor/actress (your treat), photo with the actor, and t-shirt with actors photo.

• The Wizard of Oz Dept 56 Dorothy & Friends Candle Crowns (4 total)

• Little Girls Pageant Dress (pink) Small

• Sightseeing Cruise for two on Belle of Louisville

• Luncheon Cruise for two on Belle of Louisville

• Two Passport Passes to the Louisville Zoo

Event tickets allow for one ride on each available ride, including inflatables, bungee, castle wall climb and hot air balloon. Tickets are \$20 for children under 18 and \$30 for adults and seniors.

The show is sponsored by Community Trust Bank and Kinzer Drilling Company.

## FLY LADY

## Permission to dream

by MARLA CILLEY

Would you like to know what keeps us from following our dreams? It is perfectionism! We give up before we ever start because we don't think we have time or all the ducks are not in a row first. That perfectionism keeps us stuck in the mire of a life that is unfulfilled.

The hopeless feeling that we have can and will be eliminated if we would just dream a little; then take those dreams and do something each day to

realize them. We are so good at day dreaming. We have all been accused of this. Let's use our day dreaming creativity to put a little joy back into our lives.

We get so caught up in our day to day activities that we forget where our passion lies. Many times we have allowed that passion to slip out of our mind's eye and we don't even know what it is any more. How do we rekindle that passion without allowing our perfectionism to take over and defeat us once again?

The first thing we need to think about is how that perfectionism manifests itself. This is in our all or nothing thinking. This is why our dreams have been pushed to the back burner. When we don't have any hope we give up before we ever get started. This is what happens in our homes and in our lives. Let's face it; we want what we want and we want it now. When now doesn't feel doable we give up. Eventually we quit thinking about it because of the pain we feel. We don't have to do this to ourselves another day.

We really can have our cake and eat it too if we will just allow ourselves the joy of dreaming. So how do we accomplish this? I am going to put it out there

in some simple babysteps.

Figure out what that dream is: Was it to write a novel, own a cabin in the woods, get a college degree, you have to sit down and allow yourself the luxury of thinking about this without throwing in the towel when it seems too hard. After all anything worth doing is worth doing wrong. I am quoting a high school math teacher of my husband's. For we perfectionists this is hard to stomach but if we will just go with it for now and not think it to death; we will begin to see how profound that statement is.

What is a dream anyway but a



(See FLY LADY, page seven)



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## Family Medicine



# Reader can't self-diagnose anorexia, needs to see doctor

**Q** I have begun to wonder if I have anorexia. I am just not interested in food. Many people think I am too thin, but I think I am just about the right size. I don't throw up after I eat. How would I know if I have anorexia?

**A** Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder that is also a psychological problem. People with anorexia are overly obsessed with losing weight and dieting. It can lead to starvation and death. People who need to be thin for their profession, like dancers and models, are at greater risk for developing anorexia nervosa. Most people with anorexia are female, and it

usually begins in adolescence but can even start in childhood. It is also more common in upper and middle socioeconomic classes. About 10 percent of all adolescent girls have this problem.

The cause is not known, but that doesn't keep us doctors from speculating and developing many theories to try to explain this complex disorder. Most of the current theories revolve around self-image problems and family dysfunction. Researchers are trying to determine if there's a genetic component to anorexia and if it might be due to a chemical imbalance in the brain.

Your question seems quite straight-

forward. You are simply asking how the disorder is diagnosed. Unfortunately, the answer is more convoluted than your question because the diagnosis is not simple.

First off, it's almost impossible to self-diagnose anorexia. This is because one of the hallmarks of this disorder is a distorted body image. You may think you are overweight or "just right" but an objective observer may correctly see you as extremely thin and emaciated. Though your friends and relatives have noticed your thinness, this is not true in many cases. This is because many people try to hide their thinness with bulky clothing or pretending to eat. Often girls and young women with anorexia are not diagnosed until they become medically ill with a complication from excessive weight loss.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, the four basic criteria for diagnosis are:

- Refusal to maintain body weight at or above 85 percent of normal weight for age and height;
- Intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat, even when underweight;
- Self-perception that is grossly distorted and weight loss that is not acknowledged; and
- For women who have started their menstrual cycle, missing at least three consecutive periods or only having periods after being given hormones.

Some people with anorexia also vomit after eating and use laxatives, but this doesn't happen in all cases. Other symptoms of anorexia are depression, irritability, fatigue, lack of concentration, food obsession and perfectionism. Advanced anorexia leads to starvation, which can cause life-threatening heart problems, stomach problems, osteoporosis, electrolyte imbalances and anemia.

Your level of self-awareness in asking this question is to be commended. Since you have these concerns, I urge you to see your primary care physician as soon as possible and honestly discuss them with him or her.

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## New Arrivals

- HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
- May 22**  
A son, Cabhan Achilles Mullins, to Amanda Williams, of Happy
- May 23**  
A daughter, Hayden Shylan Brook Mullins, to Ashley Barrett, of Jackson  
A son, Riley Jay Dobson Collins, to Angela Sue Dobson, of Vest  
A son, Anthony Dean Osborne, to Stephanie Toth, of Paintsville
- May 24**  
A daughter, Kaydence Grace Farler, to Shonda Kay and David Farler, of Bonnyman
- May 27**  
A son, Dorman Lee Elliott Jr., to Aggie Gilliam, of Bevinsville
- May 28**  
A son, Ashton Conner Owens, to Diane and John

- Owens, of Hindman  
A daughter, Brooklyn Walters, to Mevina and Craig Walters, of Prestonsburg  
A daughter, Arionna Alissa Tackett, to Amelia Paige, of Hi Hat  
A son, Brandon Nelson Howard, to Tasha Marie Emmons, of Salyersville
- May 29**  
A daughter, Jady Brooke Fox, to Brittany Slone, of Hazard  
A son, Noah Chase Gibson, to Russell and Amanda Gibson, of Salyersville  
A daughter, April Nicole Lewis, to Angel Lewis, of Allen
- May 30**  
A son, Steven Jonah Walters, to Steven and Carla Walters, of Williamsport  
A son, Robert Adam Blake Bradford, to Amanda and Adam Bradford, of Auxier
- June 2**  
A daughter, Hollee Tessa

- Sue Gantt, to Jimmy and Christal Gantt, of Inez  
A son, Chance Brayden Martin, to Steven and LaSha Martin, of Prestonsburg  
A son, Bryson Kade Swafford, to Bryan and Natasha Swafford, of Pippa Passes  
A son, Cameron Ray Slone, to Ariel Marie Calhoun, of Prestonsburg  
A son, Shane Preston Dobbins, to Courtney and Anthony Dobbins, of Salyersville
- June 3**  
A son, Envin Jackson Harless, to Christina Dawn and Jeffrey Harless, of Inez  
A son, Darrion Anthony Scott Mattocks, to Jennifer Leigh Mattocks, of Paintsville
- June 4**  
A son, Brody Michael Preston, to Kisha Collins, of Martin  
A daughter, Sheridan Kaylisha Craft, to Claude and Shelby Craft, of Salyersville

- June 5**  
A son, Hunter Scott Stumbo, to James and Kimberly Stumbo, of McDowell  
A daughter, Lacy Marie Perry, to Jonathan and Monica Perry, of West Liberty  
A son, Weston Cole Wells, to Elizabeth Grace and Phillip Jason Wells, of David  
A son, Elijah Shane Casebolt, to Eric and April Casebolt, of Mouser  
A son, Chase Neil McKenzie, to Jessica Ann and Dustin Neil McKenzie, of Salyersville
- June 6**  
A daughter, Abigail Lynn Arms, to Jennifer Rose and Christopher Dee Arms, of Leander  
A son, Cash Wick Francis, to Heather Dawn Hughes, of Lost Creek  
A son, Charles Robert Combs, to Robert Ray and Sherri Combs, of Vicco  
A daughter, Abbigale Ryanne Handshoe, to Erica Bolen, of Hueysville

- June 8**  
A son, Jordan Dean Hunter Cornett, to Deanna and Albert Cornett, of Mollie  
A daughter, LaTrista Nicole Thacker, to Kelly Turner, of Mousie  
A daughter, Olivia Judith Fugate, to James and Jacqueline Fugate, of Vicco
- June 9**  
A son, Noah Wayne Caudill, to Evey Jent, of Letcher  
A daughter, Caitlin Wynne Carty, to Jeanetta Lee and Arlen Paul Carty, of Salyersville
- June 10**  
A daughter, Kira Shea Ratliff, to Leslic Combs, of Tutor Key
- June 11**  
A son, Braxton Alexander Wade, to Gaylena Miller, of Salyersville
- June 13**  
A daughter, Katelyn Rose

- Wright, to Angela and Douglas Wright, of Salyersville
- June 15**  
A son, Mason Tyler Anderson, to Samantha Lucas, of Phyllis
- June 16**  
A son, Zackary Logan Ratliff, to Sandra Collins, of Pikeville  
A son, Aidan Lawrence Ratliff, to Brandon and Sheena Ratliff, of Sitka
- June 17**  
A son, Bryson Scott Music, to Angella and Nathan Music, of Williamsport  
A son, Ronnie Preston Isaacs, to Amy and James Isaacs, of Drift  
A daughter, Kendyl Raelynn Arnett, to Trista Grace Hicks, of Langley  
A son, Russell Brayden Gutmans, to Marsha Lynn and Russell Gutmans, of HiHat  
A daughter, Ashley Raylynn Maynard, to Crystal Chaffin, of Lovely  
A son, Gabriel Alden Barnett, to Vanessa Barnett, of Prestonsburg

# Rental Central

**by TOM DOTY**  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Four new releases of every stripe hit the shelves this week and offered something for everyone.

■ "Spiderwick Chronicles" — The popular novel, aimed at young readers, made for a decent film that finds twin brothers teaming with their sister to solve a string of disappearances and accidents at a remote home in the country. The children soon tumble onto the estate's secret — it's a doorway to a parallel world where fantasy creatures

rule. Fun stuff, though not as flashy as the "Harry Potter" series, but that's a refreshing change.

■ "Definitely, Maybe" — A man sits down with his daughter and explains to her how he met her mother as the couple heads for a divorce in this romantic comedy that explores the emotional maturity of a male character without sacrificing the perspective of the three women he's involved with. The flashbacks are cleverly constructed so that the viewer doesn't know which of the three women is the girl's mother, though you're free to guess until the

reveal. Ryan Reynolds stars and does a fair job here.

■ "10,000 B.C." — The director of "Independence Day" returns with this prehistoric saga that follows a group of primitive men on a quest to free their women from a marauding tribe. Some tense encounters with birdlike creatures and saber-toothed cats add some spark, though this one fizzles out anyway.

■ "In Bruges" — Two London hit men are exiled to the titular location (one of the best preserved medieval cities in the world) when a job goes

horribly wrong in this crime drama that does something different. You get to know these guys as they knockabout the town and become entranced by it, all the while questioning whether they are being led to the slaughter. Good stuff that shows the other side of the criminal lifestyle, which isn't known for its retirement benefits. Colin Farrell stars and looks very happy to not be attached to a multimillion dollar franchise (for a change).

Next week look for "Vantage Point" and "Drill-bit Taylor."

### Fly Lady

desire that is unfulfilled! We can give ourselves permission to dream and why not dream big in the process. You never know where those dreams may take you unless you put up your sails and allow them to propel you into your future in the here and now. Anything worth doing is worth doing wrong. Say it again!

Once you rekindle that dream I want you to put it in front and center in your daily life so that it can pop up at random moments during the day. This

means you need a visual image that represents your dream. I have my dream as a screen saver on my computer and on my cell phone. You can put it on your refrigerator, you can blog about it, you can talk to others about your dream. Dream big!

Each day give yourself a few moments to think about this dream. Imagine yourself living the dream and don't allow your perfectionism to stop you from enjoying the process. The journey is half the joy. When we stuff

our feelings we set ourselves up for addictions. This is our perfectionism beating us up because we don't think we can. Please don't allow perfectionism to hurt you another day.

We have spent our lives being everything to everyone. Now is the time to take a few moments for yourself. This is not being selfish but a loving gesture that fills up your cup so that you have more to give. Let's put some joy back into our lives by dreaming big!

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### Diva

camole-I make mine with minced red onion, chopped cilantro, lime juice and a dash of chipotle salsa-viva los avocados!

■ Okra-at-home-a. In the South, we deep-fry it, but don't you do that if you want the health and nutrition benefits of lovely okra. Try sautéing it in a little olive oil with some garlic for a taste treat. Okra is full of glutathione, a compound that attacks cancer. Additionally, the vitamin C content is nothing to sneeze at, nor is the magnesium or fiber!

■ Onion Rings. Not the kind you're thinking. I'm talking fresh-the kind you chop, cook, sauté or eat raw in rings. Onions may help lower blood pressure, relieve congestion and reduce inflammation as well as decrease your risk of cancer. And when you add to that the fact that they are both cheap and low in calories, let's eat onions on everything. Got Tic-Tacs?

■ Pick Parsley. Yes, plain ordinary parsley makes the list. You can chop this up, keep it in the fridge and scatter it atop anything. Did you know

parsley can help relieve a urinary tract infection as well as help with PMS? Oh yes, but wait there's more. It's also full of vitamin C, folate and can help you freshen your breath (that's kinda important if you're eating lots of number 7!).

■ Pine for Pineapple. This wonderful tropical fruit is known for its digestive improvement capabilities-supplement companies even sell pineapple enzymes. It's also helpful for keeping bones strong (lots of manganese), fighting colds (tons of vitamin

C) and lowering the risk of cancer and heart disease.

■ Tons of Tomatoes. Tomatoes have been on my lists before, but I can't have a summer list of healthy, skinny foods without mentioning my favorite, the big juicy tomato (just make sure they're either homegrown, or the ones on the vine. Also, cherry and grape tomatoes are fine). Tomatoes are known for reducing the risk of cancer and preventing cataracts. The vitamin C content, A and potassium and iron, make it one big nutritional mega food that should not be

missed, especially in the summer when they are in their prime. Go back to number 4 for my very favorite summer salad!

There you go, The Top 10 Summer Foods-all ten of them naturally skinny foods, packed full of nutrients to make you healthy, wealthy and wise-enjoy!

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**Cinema 10—Held Over**  
INDIANA JONES (PG-13) Mon.-Sun. 6:45; Fri. (4:20) 6:45; Sat.-Sun. (4:20) 6:45.

THE STRANGER (R) Mon.-Sun. 9:20; Fri. 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 9:20.

Starting Tues., 7/1/08, Hancock

# Former tough-guy actor sets sights on US Senate

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Sonny Landham carved out a tough-guy reputation in a series of big-screen roles, from roughing up Sylvester Stallone to getting tossed out a window by Carl Weathers. He pulls no punches in his newest role: Libertarian challenger to a man known for political toughness, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Now 67 and living in northeastern Kentucky, the man who played Billy Bear in "48 Hours" and was killed by an alien in "Predator" admits his action-movie days are behind him. "I think I'm having wild action when I take two aspirin with my hot chocolate at night," he quipped.

The actor known for his powerful physique, booming voice and his American Indian heritage says he's serious about his longshot bid, because too many politicians are indifferent to voters' problems.

Landham refers to McConnell, a four-term Republican, as "Boss Hogg"

after the corrupt politician from "The Dukes of Hazzard" TV show. He bluntly called Democratic candidate and millionaire businessman Bruce Lunsford an "elitist."

Even President Bush is a target: "He took us into a war on lies," Landham said, claiming the actual intent was "to put 'Big Oil' back into Iraq."

To qualify for the November ballot, Landham must collect at least 5,000 valid petition signatures by Aug. 12. State Libertarian Party Chairman Ken Moellman said the petition drive began recently and he believes Landham will make it.

But the bid includes some campaign baggage that seems scripted for Hollywood, instead of socially conservative Kentucky. Early in his acting career in the 1970s, Landham bared it all in adult films.

Asked whether that could hurt him politically, Landham replied, "What can I do? That was a part of my life you cannot call back."

But he does express regrets. "If I was going to do it now

— knowing that I'm going to have four children, knowing that I was going to run for office — no, I wouldn't make that choice," he said. "But at the time I made the choice of getting a paycheck, staying alive for your big break."

Landham also served more than 2-1/2 years in federal prison after being convicted of making threatening and obscene phone calls to his ex-wife. The conviction was thrown out by a federal appeals court that found he committed no crime.

Libertarians, with their "live and let live" philosophy, look past his history.

"We look at the character of the man today, not what he did 30 years ago," Moellman said, noting the actor "asked his Maker for forgiveness, and that's all you can ask a man to do."

He said Landham lives "a better lifestyle" today, residing in Ashland with his fifth wife and three of his children.

The cast of 1987's "Predator" featured two future state governors: Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura. But the prospects of

winning office seem far more remote for Landham.

Political scientist Michael Baranowski, of Northern Kentucky University, predicted minimal impact on the Senate race, though Landham could take some votes from McConnell.

"I'm not sure which is more of a hurdle for Landham, being a former porn actor or being a Libertarian Party candidate," he said. "But if the race between McConnell and Lunsford is tight enough, the votes Landham pulls from McConnell might be critical."

McConnell campaign adviser Scott Jennings said Landham won't push the Republican incumbent off his message of how he has "delivered for the commonwealth time and again."

This isn't the first dabbling in politics for Landham, who struggled to get odd jobs after being released from prison. Now he still dabbles in acting, but Social Security checks and an acting pension are his main income.

He flirted with running for governor as a Republican in 2003, left the GOP and

promised an independent run. He ultimately stayed out and backed Republican Ernie Fletcher, who won.

Landham is as blunt on issues as he is skewering rivals. He equates abortion with murder. He supports scrapping the North American Free Trade Agreement. As for political correctness, he said, "PC is BS. Say what you

mean, mean what you say." Moellman said such unscripted frankness will grab voter attention.

"Sonny is very upfront," he said. "You ask Sonny a question, he'll tell you the answer. He isn't going to pull any punches, which is why I know this race is going to be a lot of fun."

## American Idol to hold auditions in Kentucky

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — City officials in Louisville say the show American Idol will hold two auditions here.

The first will be held July 18-21 at Freedom Hall. The second will be at Churchill Downs from Sept. 4-8.

A spokesman for Mayor

Jerry Abramson told The Courier-Journal that auditions for the show are expected to attract thousands to the city and bring it national exposure.

Spokesman Chris Poynter says the city lobbied for the show and said one episode draws a larger audience than the Kentucky Derby.

## State attorney general's identity stolen

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway — who this month announced a special unit on cybercrime — has found himself the victim of identity theft.

When Conway tried to buy some music on iTunes, the company wouldn't accept

his credit card, saying the billing zip code didn't match their records.

The state's top legal officer says someone had stolen his credit card number and charged thousands of dollars worth of computers, Vonage phone service and postal service charges.

He said the thieves changed his billing address.

He isn't responsible for the charges because he reported them quickly.

The cybercrime unit he created and federal authorities are investigating the incident.

Conway says it's a tough crime to stop because the electronic information moves so quickly.

## Massey settles shareholder lawsuit

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Massey Energy's management has agreed to increase oversight of the coal company's environmental and safety compliance to settle a shareholder lawsuit.

Among other things, a board committee will monitor safety violations and

accidents and scrutinize environmental problems under a deal approved by a West Virginia judge Wednesday. Richmond, Virginia-based Massey further agreed to appoint vice presidents for safety and environmental practices.

The settlement ends a shareholder suit brought on Massey's behalf by the Manville Personal Injury Trust against

CEO Don Blankenship and board members.

Trust attorney Andrew MacQueen says the deal requires many changes.

Defense lawyer Ronald Rolfe says the agreement isn't an admission of wrongdoing.

Massey operates mines in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky.

## Conley-Short to wed

Kelly Denise Conley and Brad Jeremy Short are pleased to announce their upcoming marriage. The wedding will take place on June 28, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the Allen First Baptist Church.

Kelly is the daughter of Roger and Linda Conley of Hueysville. She is a graduate of Allen Central High School and Morehead State University, in which she holds a bachelor degree in Child Development. She is the owner of KIDDIE-LAND Daycare Center, located at Eastern.

Brad is the son of Glenna Short of Pippa Passes and the late Gleason Short. Brad is a graduate of Knott County Central and Morehead State University, in which he holds a degree in Education. He is employed at Allen Central Middle School.

Kelly and Brad look forward to sharing this special day with their family and friends. Upon returning from their honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, they will reside at Eastern.



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## EK Miners fan Hoopz set to star in new VH1 show

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Nikki Alexander, AKA Hoopz, was a star basketball player at Woodhaven High School in Brownstone, Mich., where she graduated. A professional model and television personality, Hoopz became the celebrity supporter of the East Kentucky Miners throughout the 2007-08 season, during the team's debut campaign. The Michigan native was a regular at Miners games inside the East Kentucky Expo Center, cheering on friend James "Boo" Jackson

and the rest of the East Kentucky professional basketball team. A former Flavor of Love winner, Hoopz is now in another show. Hoopz is one of the 17 contestants in the VH1 reality show I Love Money, which features returning contestants from past VH1 reality shows such as Flavor of Love, I Love New York, and Rock of Love with Bret Michaels. The contestants compete in physical and mental challenges en route to a grand prize of \$250,000.

Hoopz was an immediate fan favorite at Miners home games. Miners Coach Kevin

Keathley had an opportunity to first meet Hoopz during the summer of 2007 in a workout featuring Jackson.

"I'm really excited about this upcoming show starring Hoopz," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "She is very much a part of the East Kentucky Miners basketball family. It's no different than if she was one of my players — I'm going to cheer her on in whatever she does."

Hoopz was a fixture around East Kentucky Miners practices during the preseason and season. She didn't hesitate when the opportunity

came to jump in and participate with the men's professional basketball team.

"Hoopz came to a lot of our practices during the season," Keathley confided. "There were even times when I had the players running the arena stairs and Hoopz joined in and ran with them. She was sore after running with the guys. Hoopz made a very positive impact on our team last season. She was one of our biggest fans and always cheered us on win or lose."

In 2006, Hoopz was cast as



HOOPZ talked with East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley prior to the start of a Miners game this past season.

(See HOOPZ, page two)

## Reds look to find consistency

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Here's a question I've been asked more than once this week: What in the world is happening with the Reds?

That, friends, is a terrific question. But the answer doesn't lie in the 14-1 drubbing the team suffered on Tuesday night in their first game north of the border since the Nationals were the Expos and played in Montreal and not D.C.

The Reds have been bad on the road all season. That they won the first two games of this trip, in Yankee Stadium no less, is more of a quirk than any 14-1 drubbing at the hands of the worst offensive team in the game.

The problem was the last homestand, a nine-game set that saw the Redlegs pull in only two wins while losing to St. Louis, and Boston, and Los Angeles.

It is painfully evident that this team needs a massive shakeup, both in the on-field talent and the coaching staff. Junior Griffey has all but stopped hitting, the Toronto general manager hurt Adam Dunn's feelings and he's fallen back into one of his funks, and now, on Wednesday, Dusty Baker has sunk to starting former catcher Javier Valentin at (ital) third base. (ital)

I say "former" catcher because it's become painfully clear that as long as Paul Bako and David Ross are healthy, Valentin is only getting as close to catching as he stands in the batter's box. You'll notice I said nothing about Bako and Ross being productive, because neither could out-hit a nine-year-old playing 12-year-old Little League right now.

This team is embarrassing. Only Brandon Phillips is hitting at all, and why anybody's pitching to him at this point is absolutely beyond me. The only other guys hitting even a little are rookies Joey Votto and Jay Bruce, and neither is lighting it up as they did earlier in the season.

And of course, we haven't even broached the subject of the pitching staff. Burger advertiser Bronson Arroyo is having much more success pitching his favorite frozen meat product than baseballs these days. And after allowing 10 runs on 11 hits in one-plus on Tuesday, he seemed only moderately concerned when he said he'd already put it behind him.

That would be more acceptable if it was like one of Tom Seaver's poor outings. They didn't come that often, but when they did, boy were they something. The difference is in all his other starts Tom Terrific was

(See REDS, page two)

## PASS AND CATCH

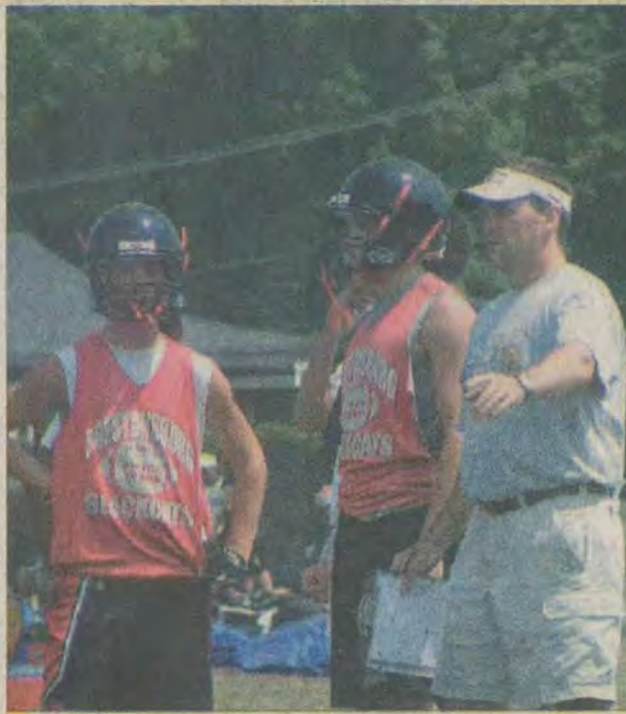


photos by Steve LeMaster

THE PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS continue to gear up for the 2008 season. Prestonsburg competed in a 7-on-7 passing tournament held at the University of Kentucky Saturday. Veteran head coach John DeRossett guides the Prestonsburg football team.

### PRESTONSBURG FOOTBALL 2008 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 5 Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 12 at Bath County, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 19 at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 11 at Beechwood, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 17 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 25 at Cooper, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 31 at Shelby Valley, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 7 Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.



## MSU alumnus named men's hoops assistant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Joel VanMeter, a 2000 graduate of Morehead State University, has been named a men's assistant basketball coach at his alma mater.

VanMeter has been a men's assistant basketball coach at Ohio Valley Conference member Jacksonville State for the past five seasons. Prior to joining the JSU staff, VanMeter served as an assistant coach at Chipola (Fla.) Junior College, Iowa Central Community College and St. Catharine (Ky.) College.

"Joel is a great fit for our program," said Eagle

Basketball Coach Donnie Tyndall. "First of all, he is a very good basketball coach and recruiter. In addition to that, he is an MSU graduate and has a great deal of pride in our University. We have been very good friends for 15 years now, and I have watched him grow into a top-notch Division I assistant coach.

"Joel has worked in our league the past five years under Mike LaPlante, who is a very, very good basketball coach, and he was Coach LaPlante's top assistant. We are pleased to add Joel and his wife Katy to our basketball family."

During his three years

at Chipola, eight of that school's players signed with NCAA Division I schools. The 2002-03 Chipola team advanced to the state semifinals and finished with a 23-9 record. Iowa Central was 23-9 in 2000-01 during one of VanMeter's two years on the staff and had four players continue their careers at four-year institutions. During his one year at St. Catharine, that school won the Region VII championship and earned its first-ever berth in the junior college national tournament.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of the Morehead State basketball family," VanMeter said.

"Donnie Tyndall and I met when I was a freshman at MSU, and he has had a tremendous impact on my coaching career. Not only are we close friends, but he has been a great mentor to me during my career.

"Being in the OVC in recent years, I have seen first-hand how Coach Tyndall and his staff have changed the culture of this program in the league and across the Southeast. I truly appreciate the opportunity he has given me to return to my alma mater."

VanMeter is a 32-year old native of Eminence. His wife, the former Katy Skinner, is from Oxford, Ala.

## Combs captures 201 Speedway win

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Letcher County driver Chris Combs went out in front on lap 8 and crossed the finish line in front of the rest of the Late Model feature field Saturday night at historic 201 Speedway. Combs beat fellow Late Model driver Rod Evans, who settled for second-place after leading laps 1-7.

Evans and D.J. Wells each turned a fast-qualifying lap time of 14.33-seconds.

Corey McKenzie (Modified), Tim Mason (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Shawn Ousley also claimed feature race victories.

A breakdown of the latest 201 Speedway racenight follows.

Late Model Qualifying: R1—Rod Evans, 14.33; 1J—D.J. Wells, 14.33; 47—Chris Combs, 14.54.

First Late Model Heat: R1—Rod Evans; 47—Chris Combs; 17—Steve Stollings; 99—David Powers; 25—Albert Butcher; S3—Bart Simpson; 57—Brittany McKinney.

Second Late Model Heat: 11—D.J. Wells; 81—Brandon Fouts; 17—Shannon Thomsberry; 12D—Daniel Williams; 24H—Michael

(See COMBS, page three)

## Woodson among 3 draft picks Giants sign before camp

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Quarterback Andre Woodson and linebackers Bryan Kehl and Jonathan Goff were signed by the New York Giants on Tuesday, leaving the Super Bowl champions with only three draft picks to sign before the opening of training camp next month.

Safety Kenny Phillips, cornerback Terrell Thomas and receiver Mario Manningham, the Giants' top three draft picks, remain unsigned.

A sixth-round pick, Woodson started 39 games at Kentucky, completing 791 of 1,278 passes for 9,360 yards, 79 touchdowns and 25 interceptions. His 9,360 passing yards rank second in Kentucky history, topped only by Jared Lorenzen's 10,354 yards from 2000-03.

Lorenzen was waived by the Giants on Monday.

Kehl, of Brigham Young, was a fourth-round draft pick. The outside linebacker played in 48 games with 26 starts and finished his career with 205 tackles and seven sacks.

Goff, a middle linebacker from Vanderbilt, was a fifth-round pick. He played in 46 games and finished his career with 307 tackles, 15 1/2 tackles for loss, 61/2 sacks, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

## Preview: NASCAR Sprint Cup race

by BRIAN KACHARABA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Race: Lenox Industrial Tools 301  
Site: Loudon, N.H.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 3 p.m.); Sunday, race (TNT, 12:30 p.m.).

Track: New Hampshire International Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles, 12 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 318 miles, 301 laps.

Last race: Kyle Busch snapped a two-week slump by racing to his first Cup win on a road course. Busch, who had a poor qualifying run

and started 30th at Infineon Raceway, steadily moved through the field and grabbed the lead away from defending race winner Juan Pablo Montoya on an early restart before hanging on for his series-best fifth victory of the season.

Fast facts: Busch has 11 wins overall this season spanning all three of NASCAR's top series. It also was his second road course victory of 2008 — he won the Nationwide Series race in Mexico City in April. This event begins the "Race for the Chase", the 10-race stretch that precedes the Chase for the Championship.

Next race: Sprint Cup 400, July 5, Daytona Beach, Fla.



photo by Amanda Webb

DRIVER OF THE WEEK: Last week, Bobby Wilson led all drivers at Thunder Ridge with 10 wins in three days. Wilson finished strong Saturday, winning the last three races of the day. He is pictured winning the Open Trot with 5-year old mare R Grits, trained by James Refern.

Eddie Blair provides harness racing coverage for The Times.

Reds

wearing teams out, but Arroyo is only wearing out the patience of the paying customers.

Wednesday provided so-called ace Aaron Harang the opportunity to get off the schneide when Roy Halladay had a rare bad outing. The anemic Reds offense provided Harang with five runs in the first three innings, but he gave all but one back in the bottom of the third and the game was tied by the time he left.

Harang was the victim of a total lack of run support early in the season, but of late has just been bad. He's not been Arroyo bad, but bad enough.

The Reds have reason for hope in the three youngsters who complete their rotation. Edinson Volquez has been the best pitcher in baseball to this point in the season. Read that carefully: Notice I didn't label him the best pitcher, but he clearly has been the best to this point on a miserable team.

While Johnny Cueto has been up and down, I saw enough of Tom Glavine and John Smoltz as rookies to cut him some slack. I like what I've seen from him and hope he'll soon be more consistent, because he has an armful of talent.

Daryl Thompson was impressive in his debut on Saturday. Yes, he was in jams every inning, but he was able to pitch out of them and that's all that matters. When he gets able to not get in those

predicaments in the first place, he'll really be something. He's so young, though, that it's hard to believe he'll be consistently solid at this point.

The problem is on many nights this team is only six players deep, and half of them only play once every five days. Closer Coco Cordero should be omitted from this discussion, because he's been effective in his rare save opportunities.

Makes you wonder how long management will continue to evaluate this team and its coaching staff. I've been critical enough of Dusty Baker already, but his chief lieutenants - namely hitting coach Brook Jacoby and pitching coach Dick Pole - have to be skating on thin ice as we reach the midpoint of this season.

It'll be interesting what happens with this team over the next month.

Clearly changes are in order. Less than two weeks have past since owner Bob Castellini said he wanted to be patient because he thought this team could be a winner as it is.

That ship has sailed. Something needs to change with this club, and the sooner the better.

I'm hopeful someday soon I'll be asked that question again - What in the world is happening with the Reds - and I'll be able to answer, "They've finally turned it around."

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Gordon searches for car comfort during Kentucky test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA - Four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Jeff Gordon turned his first test laps at Kentucky Speedway today attempting to create the elusive balance between speed and comfort in his No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet.

Gordon will enter Sunday's race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway sixth in the Sprint Cup standings after picking up three spots with his third-place effort at Infineon Raceway June 22. The run marked his seventh top-five and eighth top-10 finish this season.

Crew Chief Steve Letarte described the Sonoma, Calif., experience in which the No. 24 started fifth and struggled at the outset as a microcosm of the team's season through 16 of 36 races.

"It definitely wasn't the car we wanted at the start of the race, but the guys dug down deep and made good adjustments," Letarte said. "Jeff drove a really smart race and we ended up getting a good finish out of it."

"That seems to be a lot of our year this year. Hopefully, we can learn some stuff here and get our cars faster come the rest of the year."

Despite having three of its four drivers among the top six in the current Sprint Cup Series standings - team newcomer Dale Earnhardt, Jr., ranks third while defending series champion Jimmie

Johnson occupies fifth - the Hendrick Motorsports teams have publicly stated they feel they are behind in the development of the current series car design.

Letarte was asked to estimate how close he thinks his team is to producing the results that had the No. 24 leading the series standings by 171 points after taking four wins, 10 top-five and 14 top-10 finishes in the opening 16 races of 2007.

"I think our teammates

but I think we have way more than that to gain. Hopefully, we'll get the advantage we had last year," he said.

Although Gordon has reeled off four top-five finishes in the past six races, Letarte claims the No. 24 team has more work to do to fulfill its 2008 potential.

"I think I'm happy with everything except our cars," Letarte added. "We have a great pit crew, strong guys. We just can't seem to get the cars comfortable and fast at the

second-place finishes last season and has earned three wins, 12 top-five and 15 top-10 finishes through 26 career starts.

Even though his driver ranks firmly in the top 12 in the current standings with a 149-point cushion over current 12th-place championship contender Matt Kenseth with 10 races remaining before the start of this year's Chase for the Sprint Cup, Letarte will not rest easy until his team safely qualifies for the season-ending 10-race shootout.

"I won't feel comfortable until we leave Richmond. We learned that in 2005 (when Gordon slipped from 10th to 12th in the series standings with a 21st-place showing at California Speedway Sept. 4 and did not qualify for the Chase for the Sprint Cup). Never feel comfortable, never give up.

"I'm happier than I'd be if we were 13th and I'm happier than we were last week when we gained some spots. When it comes down to it, we've got to have better cars. It doesn't matter if we make the Chase or not. As competitive as we are on the track right now, it won't make a difference in the final 10," Letarte said.

Gillett Evernham Motorsports driver Elliott Sadler and Dale Earnhardt, Inc., driver Regan Smith also turned test laps this afternoon.

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NASCAR veteran Jeff Gordon tested at Kentucky Speedway earlier in the week.

have done a better job catching up. We're still struggling getting the balance we really need. I think we're a lot further off than 75 or 80 percent. I think we're not even halfway there. I hold us in higher regard. I expect to have a higher potential. We may be 30 to 40 percent off our opponents,

same time. It's hit or miss, one or the other. I think we need to be on track more, work more and see if we can get some comfort in the cars."

Expect Gordon to exploit any newfound car comfort during the upcoming event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway where he took two

BMS to celebrate Independence Day with racing, fireworks; Pro Challenge race slated

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Bristol Motor Speedway's popular Saturday Spectacular will return to action July 5 with plenty of racing action at the World's Fastest Half-Mile. The East Tennessee track will also host a fireworks finale to celebrate our nation's birthday.

The night will feature the Thompson Metal 150 UARASTARS Late Model race, a 20-lap Pro Challenge event and a Charger Series 25-lap race. The final race of the evening, the trailer race, will see cars speeding around the high banks

of Bristol with trailers in tow.

In addition to the racing action, Bristol Motor Speedway will team up with Celebrate Bristol's Independence Day event for an incredible fireworks show. The fireworks will explode high over "The World's Fastest Half-Mile" to synchronized music by WQUT-FM 101.5, Tri-Cities Classic Rock.

The Charger Division makes its second appearance at Bristol in a 25-lap feature utilizing retired NASCAR Cup and Nationwide Series cars, Hooters Pro Cup cars and late model cars, only now they

compete with a little less power and a spec engine.

Pro Challenge cars will compete in a 30-lap feature, and a trailer race will provide entertainment for all ages. It's another "last-car running with all of its parts" test for these heavy-metal cars, and the most important part is the boat or camper attached to the car.

A stunt jump through a fireball completes the on-track action before fireworks fill the sky above the Speedway.

General admission tickets are available for \$15 for adults. Children 12 and under will be admitted free with a ticketed

adult. A pit pass also is available for \$35. No one under the age of 15 will be admitted into the pits.

Gates will open July 5 at 6 p.m. with action slated to begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the BMS ticket office at 423-989-6900.

Steve Blackburn at LPR: Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn will return to the track Saturday at Lonesome Pine Raceway in a Late Model division race. Blackburn is a former LPR and NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion.

NHRA

Summit Racing Equipment Nationals Site: Norwalk, Ohio

Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, qualifying, 12:10 p.m. (ESPN2, 10 p.m., tape); Sunday, eliminations, 11 a.m. (ESPN2, 7 p.m., tape).

Track: Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park.

Last event: A day after Funny Car driver Scott Kalitta was killed in an accident, five-time world champion Tony Schumacher raced to his first Top Fuel win in 12 tries at the Lucas Oil SuperNationals. The event was overshadowed by the death of Kalitta, who died from multiple injuries after his car went out of control in the fourth round of qualifying. Tim Wilkerson, Greg Anderson and Chip Ellis also won in their divisions.

Last year: Mike Ashley won the Funny Car competition during the inaugural Summit Racing Equipment Nationals at Norwalk, Ohio, after getting disqualified in each of the previous two events. Schumacher took Top Fuel, Dave Connolly claimed his second Pro Stock win of the season Andrew Hines picked up his second Pro Stock Motorcycle victory in his last three outings.

Fast facts: The Kalitta Motorsports team will compete this weekend. ... Since starting in 1955, there have been nine deaths at NHRA national events, four in Top Fuel, three in Funny Car and two in Pro Stock. ... Schumacher has five wins in 11 starts this season and 46 career victories, six behind Joe Amato (52) for most Top Fuel wins ever. ... Wilkerson has three wins in his last seven starts. He beat rookie Mike Neff in each of his last two final appearances.

Next event: Mopar Mile-High Nationals, July 13, Denver On the Net: <http://www.nhra.com>

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BLACKCAT FOOTBALL 2008



PRESTONSBURG COACH JOHN DEROSSETT instructed his team Saturday in the University of Kentucky's annual 7-on-7 passing tournament.

Hoopz

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one of the contestants and became the eventually winner of the VH1 reality show Flavor of Love season 1. The show pits 20 ladies for rapper Flavor Flav's love as they live together in a California mansion for almost two months. Hoopz was chosen by Flav over Tiffany Pollard, also known as New York, who was eventually given her own reality show. In the reunion special, however, barely a month after the airing of the finale, Hoopz revealed that she and Flav were no longer together.

After the show, Hoopz con-

tinued to pursue a career in modeling, having appeared in several calendars and magazines. She is affiliated with three different modeling agencies and has appeared in a couple of music videos - Will Smith's "Party Starter" and Lil' Keke's "Chunk Up The Deuce."

Hoopz further developed a strong worldwide fanbase in Eastern Kentucky. She ranks as one of the top reality show stars of all-time.

"I had the opportunity to speak briefly to Hoopz while she was filming the show and

I believe she's going to do really well in this type of competition," Keathley added. "I encourage all of Eastern Kentucky to support Hoopz just like she supported the Miners and hopefully she can walk away with the 250,000 dollar prize."

I Love Money is set to premiere on VH1 at 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 13. Craig J. Jackson will host the 12-episode series.

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# EXTRA EFFORT: Bruce, Griffey lead Reds past Jays in 10 innings

## Rookie, veteran push Cincinnati past Toronto

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Jay Bruce figured bunting for a base hit might shake him out of a slump. Six innings later, a fly ball worked much better. Bruce drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 602nd home run and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 on Wednesday night. The victory helped the Reds forget about a 14-1 defeat Tuesday. "We were able to get the run when we needed it," Griffey said. "That's important."

Reds manager Dusty Baker chided Bruce for trying to bunt with one on and one out in the fourth. Bruce grounded into a fielder's choice on the play. "I shouldn't have been bunting in that situation," Bruce said. "I understand that."

There was no need for the rookie to bunt in the 10th. Toronto reliever Brian Wolfe (0-2) began the inning by walking Norris Hopper and Paul Janish, and both runners advanced when David Ross sacrificed. Left-hander Jesse Carlson came on to face the left-handed hitting Bruce, who hung in against the tough southpaw to loft a fly ball to left that easily produced a run. "He came back and won the game for us," Baker said. "That was big."

Bruce is 4-for-20 in his past five games and the RBI was just his second during that span. "If they have me bunt and it's the best way to help the team, then I'm fine with that, or it's a fly ball or anything," Bruce said. "It doesn't matter. Just win, that's the main thing."

Jared Burton (4-1) worked two scoreless innings for the victory and Francisco Cordero closed it out for his 15th save as the Reds won for just the third time in 10 games. Toronto dropped to 2-3 under new manager Cito Gaston. The Blue Jays are 6-15 in June and 3-7 in extra-inning games. "We had a lot of opportunities to win that game," Gaston said. "You don't like to lose ballgames like that. That's a tough loss for us."

Griffey opened the scoring with a two-run homer in the first, his ninth of the season. The Reds added three more in the third against Toronto right-hander Roy Halladay. Adam Dunn and Brandon Phillips each had RBI singles and Joey Votto drove in a run with a fielder's choice, making it 5-0. Reds starter Aaron Harang allowed a pair of two-run homers in the bottom of the inning, allowing Toronto to cut the gap to one. Adam Lind followed Gregg Zaun's single with a drive to left, and Joe Inglett drove in Marco Scutaro with a shot to right. Toronto chased Harang and tied it 5-all in the sixth. The right-hander left one out after walking Lyle Overbay, and reliever Bill Bray was yanked after he walked Lind. David Weathers came on to face Scutaro, who singled to left. Dunn made a strong throw to the plate, but the ball skipped over Ross' mitt as Overbay slid in safely. Harang, who came in having won just one of his previous eight starts, allowed five runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. "It was a battle all night," Harang said. "They were fouling off pitches that were pretty good. They made

me work."

Halladay struck out the first two batters in the seventh, but left after loading the bases by walking Griffey, giving up a double to Votto, and walking Jeff Keppinger. Scott Downs came on and ended the threat by fanning Hopper, who pinch hit for Corey Patterson. Halladay allowed five runs and nine hits. He walked four and struck out seven. Downs worked 1 1-3 innings, extending his career-high scoreless innings streak to 24. Alex Rios, Vernon Wells and Matt Stairs singled on three consecutive pitches from Weathers to load the bases in the seventh, but the Reds escaped just as quickly. Scott Rolen popped out on the first pitch and Overbay took just one pitch before swinging at a changeup and grounding into a 1-2-3 double play. "Not the easiest one to get out of," Weathers said. "The changeup has been a big pitch for me all year."

Notes: Cincinnati 3B Edwin Encarnacion (back spasms) missed his second straight game and will need "a couple more days" to recover, Baker said. ... INF Jerry Hairston (left thumb) was on his way to being activated Thursday. Hairston broke his thumb June 9 and the

Reds have lost nine of 14 since.

### Mets claim Andy Phillips

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Mets claimed infielder Andy Phillips off waivers from Cincinnati on Wednesday, four days after the Reds designated him for assignment. After Wednesday night's 8-2 win over Seattle, the Mets optioned catcher Robinson Cancel to Triple-A New Orleans to make room for Phillips on the 25-man roster. Phillips will join the team Friday for a two-stadium doubleheader against the Yankees. Phillips was drafted by the Yankees in 1999 and spent parts of the 2004-07 seasons in New York. He signed a minor league contract with the Reds in January after refusing to accept a similar deal with the Yankees in December and opting for free agency. Phillips was called up from the minors by the Reds on May 28. He made two starts at third base for Cincinnati and was batting .143 (3-for-21) with four RBIs. He was hitless in his past 10 at-bats when the Reds cut him Sunday.

# Twins, Royals keep rolling against NL foes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minnesota and Kansas City keep beating up on National League opponents, one reason the Cleveland Indians are in a strange spot: last place. The Houston Astros keep slipping in the standings, too, and now they've apparently started fighting among themselves. Before the Astros took on Texas, pitcher Shawn Chacon was suspended indefinitely by the team Wednesday after he reportedly grabbed general manager Ed Wade by the neck and threw him to the ground. Chacon, upset after being demoted to the bullpen last weekend, was disciplined by the club for insubordination. He was quoted in a story posted on the Houston Chronicle's Web site as saying he got into a confrontation with Wade before the game. "He is suspended pending final resolution of whatever move we end up making with him," Wade said, declining to provide additional details. Barry Zito had a much smoother night, ending his long interleague losing streak by pitching the San Francisco Giants to a 4-1 victory at Cleveland. That loss by the struggling Indians, combined with Kansas City's 4-2 win over visiting Colorado, dropped Cleveland into last place this deep in a season for the first time since the AL Central was formed in 1994. The Indians hadn't been last this late in a

year since they were in seventh place in the AL East on June 25, 1993. As for the Royals, they got a career-best eight innings from Luke Hochevar (5-5) to sweep the Rockies and win their fifth straight. Kansas City improved baseball's best interleague record to 12-3 by winning for the 10th time in 11 games, all against NL teams. The Twins, second in the AL Central, beat 350-game winner Greg Maddux 9-3 in San Diego for their eighth consecutive victory — all against NL foes as well. Maddux's winless streak reached nine starts, the second-longest drought of his brilliant career. "Beating Maddux is pretty exciting for us," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. In other interleague games, it was: Boston 5, Arizona 0; the New York Yankees 10, Pittsburgh 0; Detroit 8, St. Louis 7; Cincinnati 6, Toronto 5 in 10 innings; the New York Mets 8, Seattle 2; Tampa Bay 15, Florida 3; Washington 5, the Los Angeles Angels 4; Texas 3, Houston 2; the Chicago Cubs 7, Baltimore 4; Philadelphia 4, Oakland 0; and the Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Chicago White Sox 0. In the only National League game, Atlanta beat Milwaukee 4-2. Zito (3-11) allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings, striking out four without a walk in his best start of the year. He bounced back from one of the shortest outings of his career

last Wednesday when he lasted only two innings in a 7-2 loss to Detroit. "I looked at my record and stats and figured things couldn't get any worse," Zito said. "So then why not just go out, trust my stuff and don't worry?" The left-hander came in 0-6 with a 9.32 ERA in interleague play since signing a \$126 million, seven-year contract with the Giants before last season. He had gone 0-8 since his previous interleague win, June 16, 2006, against the Los Angeles Dodgers with Oakland. "I was just letting it fly and trusting myself, which is the hardest thing to do in baseball," Zito said. "I definitely feel like I'm back."

Brian Wilson got his NL-leading 21st save in 23 chances. Yankees 10, Pirates 0: At Pittsburgh, Joga Chamberlain (2-2) dominated for 6 2-3 innings in his first major league win as a starter. Derek Jeter went 3-for-3 and scored three runs, Bobby Abreu had a three-run homer among his three hits and Robinson Cano added a solo shot as the Yankees won their ninth in 12 games. Red Sox 5, Diamondbacks 0: At Boston, in a matchup for the aged, 41-year-old knuckleballer Tim Lincecum (5-5) outpitched 44-year-old Randy Johnson (4-6), who has lost his past five starts. Jonathan Papelbon earned his 23rd save. Cubs 7, Orioles 4: At Chicago, Geovany Soto drove

in three runs, Jim Edmonds homered and the Cubs jumped on spot starter Matt Albers (3-3) early. Jay Payton hit a pair of two-run homers off Chicago starter Ted Lilly (8-5), but Albers left in the first inning with discomfort in his right shoulder. Kerry Wood struck out the side for his 20th save in 24 chances. Tigers 8, Cardinals 7: At Detroit, Gary Sheffield's RBI single in the ninth ended a game that included a rain delay of nearly 2 1/2 hours. Sheffield, who came off the disabled list Tuesday, and Carlos Guillen each had four hits for the Tigers. Rick Ankiel hit two homers and drove in three runs for St. Louis. Rangers 3, Astros 2: At Houston, Max Ramirez got his first two major league hits, and the second one was a two-run homer off Roy Oswalt (6-8). Miguel Tejada grounded out with the bases loaded to end it, giving C.J. Wilson his 16th save. The Rangers played without both Milton Bradley (strained left quadriceps) and Josh Hamilton (knee inflammation) for the first time this season, but still managed to beat the fifth-place Astros (36-42). Braves 4, Brewers 2: At Atlanta, Kelly Johnson drove in three runs to back Jorge Campillo (3-2), and the banged-up Braves avoided a three-game sweep. Mike Gonzalez got his second save since coming off the disabled list.



Above: A Master Black Belt Honor Guard was held for 2nd Degree Black Belt Jenna Craft at her prom. Pictured are Master Michael Gambill, Master Thomas Gabavics, Grandmaster Len Kirschbaum and Jenna Craft. Pictured below are Black Belts from the Family Academy of Martial Arts and the Secretary General and the Grand Master of the OTF. Front: Tanner Keathley, Kendra Gambill and Elizabeth Vaughn. Middle: Master Michael Gambill, Kenni Gambill, Jenna Craft, Zac Key. Back: John Vaughn, Master Thomas Gabavics and Grandmaster Len Kirschbaum.



## SPORTS CALENDAR

**East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps:** The East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, conducted by East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, will be held at Central Elementary School (July 21-23) and Sheldon Clark High School (July 31-Aug. 2). Each of the three-day camps will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The preregistration fee for an individual East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp is \$65 per participant. Two siblings in the same immediate family who preregister can attend a single camp for \$100. Each additional sibling in the same immediate family will be able to attend a single camp for \$35 through preregistration. The registration fee for the day of each camp is \$75 per camper. Registration for each camp will be held from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of the event. Each East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participant will receive a T-shirt, participation medal and certificate of completion. The camps will also include giveaways and the chance to win various prizes and awards, including basketball merchandise and trophies. Lunch will be provided from noon-1 p.m. every day at each camp. Camp applications are available throughout Eastern Kentucky counties and at the East Kentucky Miners office (located at 237 2nd Street Suite 5, Pikeville) and several area businesses. Applications are also available online at [www.ekminers.com](http://www.ekminers.com). Checks for the camp should be made payable to Coach Kevin Keathley. For more information on the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, call 606-437-9715 or 606-794-6409.

Additional information on the camps is also available via email at [coachkeathley@yahoo.com](mailto:coachkeathley@yahoo.com), [coachkeathley@ckminers.com](mailto:coachkeathley@ckminers.com) or [stevemaster@suddenlink.net](mailto:stevemaster@suddenlink.net).

**Focus High School Football Combine:** The Focus High School Football Combine will be held Saturday, July 26. The combine will be comprised of the 40-Yard Dash, 20-Yard Shuttle Run, Bench Press (Repetitions of 185 pounds), Vertical Jump and Broad Jump. Preregistration for the combine is still open. The combine is open to incoming high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Results and video from the Focus High School Football Combine will be distributed to every NCAA, NAIA and junior college gridiron program in the nation. Each combine participant will receive an event T-shirt, hat and copy of their individual and overall results. A post-combine meal will also be provided. An awards program will honor combine participants who excel. Position and class awards will be based on individual performance. Preregistration for the combine is \$50. Onsite registration will get underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. Registration on the day of the combine is \$60. Checks and money orders for the combine should be made payable to Steve LeMaster. For more information on the Focus High School Football Combine, including hotel discounts for out-of-town participants who will have to stay overnight, call 606-794-6409 or email [footballcombine@suddenlink.net](mailto:footballcombine@suddenlink.net).

# Former Wildcat Prince selected to US Olympic Team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky Wildcat Tayshaun Prince has been named to the United States Olympic basketball team which will play in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China later this summer. A member of the Detroit Pistons, whom he helped lead to the 2004 NBA Championship, Prince played at UK from 1999-2002 leading the Cats to two SEC championships (2000 and '01) and an Elite Eight appearance (1999). He earned All-America honors in the 2001 and 2002 seasons and was the 23rd overall pick in the 2002 NBA Draft by the Pistons. He currently ranks

eighth on Kentucky's all-time scoring list (1,775 points) and third on UK's all-time three-pointers made (204) list. "I'm honored to be selected to the national team that will represent the United States at the 2008 Olympics," said Prince. "I take pride in being given the opportunity to represent my country, and I strongly believe that with the team that has been assembled, the United States will be represented well." Prince will become the first UK men's basketball player to play in the Summer Games since Adrian Smith participated in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Italy. Former Wildcat Sam Bowie was named to the 1980 team; however the

United States missed the '80 games in Moscow because of an international boycott. Prince joins 11 other players to comprise the team, including: Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets); Carlos Boozer (Utah Jazz); Chris Bosh (Toronto Raptors); Kobe Bryant (Los Angeles Lakers); Dwight Howard (Orlando Magic); Lebron James (Cleveland Cavaliers); Jason Kidd (Dallas Mavericks); Chris Paul (New Orleans Hornets); Michael Redd (Milwaukee Bucks); Dwyane Wade (Miami Heat); and Deron Williams (Utah Jazz). Team USA will open its training on June 28 in Las Vegas, Nev. The team will resume its training in Las

Vegas on July 21 and will train daily July 21-24. The United States will then travel to China to train and play four additional games in the USA Basketball International Challenge that will see the U.S. play two games in Macao, China, (July 31 and Aug. 1) and two more games in Shanghai, China (Aug. 3 and Aug. 5). The U.S. is scheduled to arrive in Beijing on Aug. 6, where preliminary round play of the 2008 Olympics takes place Aug. 10-18. The men's Olympic quarterfinals action takes place Aug. 20, semifinals play is slated for Aug. 22, and the Olympic men's gold and bronze medal games will be held Aug. 24.

## Combs

P. Howard; 35—Greg Anderson. Late Model Feature: 47—Chris Combs; R1 Rod Evans; 12D—Daniel Williams; 11 DJ. Wells; 99—David Powers; 17—Shannon Thornsberry; 25—Albert Butcher; S3—Bart Simpson; 57—Brittany McKinney; 17—Steve Stollings. Open Wheel Modified qualifying: 911—Jason Hall, 15.49; 00—Chris Prater 15.68; 20—Jason Perry, 15.79. First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 911—Jason Hall; 20—Jason Perry; 21—Jimmy Barnett; J17—Jimmy Arnett; 3—Jim Lemaster; 41—Stanley Haddix; 46—Dennis Deboard; 84—Walt Mayabb; 30—William Hensley;

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat: 33—Corey McKenzie; 00—Chris Prater; 175—Brian Salisbury; 35—Jeremy Hayes; 28M—Kevin Mayabb; B17—Brandon Johnson; 22—Bobby Tackett; 44 Ryan Jarrell. Open Wheel Modified Feature: 33—Corey McKenzie; 911—Jason Hall; 20—Jason Perry; 00—Chris Prater; J17—Jimmy Arnett; 3—Jim Lemaster; 175—Brian Salisbury; 28M—Kevin Mayabb; 41—Stanley Haddix; B17—Brandon Johnson; 21—Jimmy Barnett; 46—Dennis Deboard; 44—Ryan Jarrell; 30—William Hensley. First Mr. Metal Bomber Heat:

A85—Allen Turner; 77—Harley Hall; 20—Bo Howard; B70—Jason Blair; P12—Dean Pennington; 23—Bryston Guthrie; 73—Charlie Mullett; R17—Don Risner. Second Mr. Metal Bomber Heat: 45—Tim Mason; J17—J.J. Terry; 37H—Greg Hensley; 3—Shannon Richmond; J11—James Butcher; L41—Larry Whisman. Mr Metal Bomber Feature: 45—Tim Mason; A85—Allen Turner; 3—Shannon Richmond; 3D—Darren Damron; 37H—Greg Hensley; R17—Don Risner; P12—Dean Pennington; 77—Harley Hall; 73—Charlie Mullett; J17—J.J. Terry; L41—Larry Whisman; 20—Bo Howard; B70—Jason Blair; J11—James

Butcher. First Four Cylinder Heat: 18S—Shawn Ousley; 37—Alan Osborne; 68—Nathan Messer; A17—Alan Salisbury; 9—Ethan Conley; J78—(Driver name unavailable). Second Four Cylinder Heat: 18K—DI Henson; D6—Darin Rogers; 30—Estill Lawson; L13—Henry Lawson. Four Cylinder Feature: 18S—Shawn Ousley; D6—Darin Rogers; 18K DI Henson; 30—Estill Lawson; A17—Alan Salisbury; 9—Ethan Conley; L13 Henry Lawson; 17X—Shawn Shelton; 68—Nathan Messer; 37—Alan Osborne; J78—(Driver name unavailable).

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# Faith and Family



## Faithful in pews might not be voters in November

by PHILIP ELLIOTT  
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COLUMBUS, Ohio — If Christian conservatives stay on the sidelines during the fall campaign, presidential hopeful John McCain probably stays in the Senate.

Christian conservatives provided much of the on-the-ground, door-to-door activity for President Bush's 2004 reelection in Ohio and in other swing states. Without them, the less-organized and lower-profile McCain campaign is likely to struggle to replicate Bush's success. And so far, there's been scant sign that the Republican nominee-in-waiting is making inroads among these fervent believers.

"I don't know that McCain's campaign realizes they cannot win without evangelicals," said David Domke, a professor of communication at the University of Washington who studies religion and politics. "What you see with McCain is just a real struggle to find his footing with evangelicals."

Family groups in Ohio outlined their doubts about the Arizona senator in a meeting with McCain's advisers last weekend. They're concerned about his record on abortion rights and on campaign finance laws that they believe limited their ability to criticize candidates who are pro-choice on abortion.

"There's certainly a little reservation about Mr. McCain. I think the VP choice is going to be important," said Chris Long, president of the Ohio Christian Alliance. "If they choose a conservative for the VP, that will help his campaign. It would go a long way of sending a positive message to evangelicals."

Marlys Popma, McCain's director of evangelical outreach, was one of two aides who met with the forum and reminded them of McCain's record supporting school choice while opposing abortion rights and Internet pornogra-

phy. She said the campaign understands the interest in the vice presidential nominee, but she noted that McCain "is the one who is going to be nominating judges. He's going to be the one who is signing or not signing bills."

"John McCain is their guy," Popma said. "John McCain's record is what will bring individuals to him. I think there are some people out there who do not know John McCain's record."

McCain's senior aides try to downplay the fissure with this part of the GOP's base. They say their internal polling data suggests McCain has the support of three-quarters of white evangelicals in swing states, slightly less than Bush finished with. They also stress that McCain is against abortion rights, even if it's not the centerpiece of his campaign.

McCain, who identifies himself as Episcopalian and attended Baptist services last weekend, has done himself no favors. He appeared ignorant of high-profile figures, especially as he sought — and then was forced to reject — the support from Ohio's Rod Parsley and Texas' John Hagee after their controversial sermons brought the candidate unwanted criticism.

"That was one of the most ill-advised faith and values adventures this campaign," said Jacques Berlinerblau, a religious scholar at Georgetown University who studies faith and the U.S. presidential campaign.

It gave religious conservatives yet another reason not to like McCain, even though he has sought a truce this time after calling televangelists Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell "agents of intolerance" during his first presidential run.

"It's hard to believe he's really changed, from his absolute disregard and disdain for the traditional guard of the religious right," Domke said.

Republican Ken Blackwell, Ohio's former secretary of

state, coordinated Bush's campaign in the state and built a strong ground game from Christian conservatives. He said he appreciates McCain's bluntness but doesn't think it's helping him with the base.

"He has never identified with the evangelical and Christian movement and therefore he can, at times, misread or misinterpret certain activities in the political field of play or certain comments that are offered," said Blackwell, now at the Family Research Council, a conservative think tank. "I personally would like for John to get to the point of comfort with some of our issues and policy positions, through understanding and genuine acceptance."

High-emotion ballot initiatives banning gay marriage in 11 states helped drive conservatives to the polls in 2004. Ohio's ban helped give Bush a win by energizing the party's base in a state that every successful Republican presidential candidate has won. But only two states proposed such bans this year: Florida, a swing state, and California, which has been an easy win for Democrats in recent years.

One of the more influential figures among Christian conservatives, James Dobson, told listeners to his popular Focus on the Family radio program this week that Obama's religious views are problematic. Yet Dobson continued to vent about McCain, who has not been a vocal supporter of Arizona's state ban on gay marriage.

"This is a year when we have a lot of frustration with both political parties," Dobson said Tuesday.

Domke's research suggests Obama could lose big among older evangelicals, particularly elite faith-based activists, who take their cues from Dobson.

Bob Heckman, who leads McCain's outreach to conservatives, said voters will see clear differences — and McCain's values better dovetail

with their views than do Obama's, he added.

"Part of our job is to remind them they're down to a binary choice," Heckman said.

But Dobson has not backed off his statement that he could not in good conscience vote for McCain and has suggested he might not cast a presidential ballot.

"A lot of evangelicals would rather take a defeat than to vote for a candidate they don't trust," Domke said. "A Republican defeat, particularly McCain's defeat, would help their movement."

Although the Arizona Republican's advisers privately worry about rejection by the religious right, McCain's cam-

paign lacks the faith-based savvy of Bush's campaigns. McCain skipped the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, a gathering that Bush addressed by video in 2004. Unlike Bush, whose campaign also threw a private reception at that meeting, McCain didn't even bother sending aides.

Meanwhile, Obama's campaign is aggressively reaching out to evangelicals.

The Illinois senator dispatched former 9/11 Commission member Tim Roemer to meet with fellow Roman Catholics. He sent Brian McLaren, one of the country's most influential pastors, to meet with fellow evangelicals. And aides have con-

ducted more than 200 "American Values Forums," soon to be followed up with house parties and town hall-style meetings aimed at young Catholics and young evangelicals.

Obama's strategy isn't aimed at outpolling McCain among evangelicals.

"Obama knows he can't win (among evangelicals)," said Berlinerblau, who wrote "Thumpin' It: The Use and Abuse of the Bible in Today's Presidential Politics."

"If he can get up for 21 to 30 percent, he's gold," Berlinerblau said. "And that's exactly what he's doing. He's going to fissure off this progressive evangelical voter."

## World-renowned prayer minister's new book offers insight into the spiritual realm of angels

LEXINGTON — "On the Glory Road with God and His Angels" offers wisdom via the angelic and spiritual visions of author Mary Margaret Brown, full-time minister and presidential Standing in the Gap Ministry.

"Aunt Mary," as she is known by the many churches and individuals that she mentors, receives specific words from God regarding angels that, over the years, have become the basis for "On the Glory Road with God and His Angels." This autobiographical yet wide-reaching work maintains several important truths for Christians and non-Christians alike regarding the role of angels in communicating God's truths, revealing his character, and facilitating miracles.

The revelations in "On the Glory Road with God and His Angels" is a book unlike any other in that its author claims she has seen more angels than anyone alive in heavenly visions. Book signings will be held locally in Lexington at

Joseph Beth Bookstore.

"On the Glory Road with God and His Angels" is available for sale online at Amazon.com, Book Surge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

Mary Margaret Brown holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky. She taught and counseled extensively before

going into full-time Christian ministry. President of Standing in the Gap Ministry, she speaks weekly on radio and television programs and travels around the world promoting the work of God. An earlier edition of "On the Glory Road with God and His Angels" has reached more than 35 countries and 60 ministries. The author lives in Lexington.

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Out of the mouths of babes

This week's column must begin with a big Thank You to Mrs. Blanche Dempsey, of Lincolnton, Ga. Mrs. Dempsey, formerly of Wheelwright, has been such a blessing sending notes and letters concerning this column, and after receiving one just last week I want her to know what a blessing it is to hear from her.

I so appreciate the time many of you take to share your comments and want you to know it touches my heart deeply.

And to Mrs. Barbara Davis I want to extend a special thank you as well. It means the world to me when I hear from someone who has enjoyed or been encouraged or touched by something that has appeared in this space.

It has often been said laughter is the best medicine, and with that said, may you get a chuckle at these little stories from Sunday school teachers shared below.

#### LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

#### GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She

asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

#### DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

#### HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

#### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task — but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he

stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

#### BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious 6-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

#### TIME TO PRAY

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

"Yes, sir," the boy replied. "And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked.

"No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime."

#### SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

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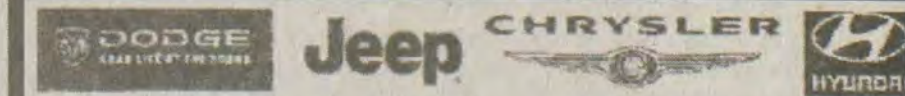
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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0177, Amendment 5**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles North of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 126.57 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 39.42 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area making a total area of 1544.72 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 miles North from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7 and located on Molly Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the David USGS 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Amett Heirs, Marie Whitaker, Dewey Shepherd Heirs, Rose Marie Collins, and Astor Clay Collins, et al. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie land owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Amett Heirs, Astor Clay Collins, et al, Rose Marie Collins, Tonie Wireman Heirs, Marie Whitaker, Nancy Whitaker, S a n d y Shepherd/Marie Whitaker/Ruth Shepherd, Jerry Shepherd, Gobel & Berthy Shepherd, and Dewey Shepherd Heirs. The operation will use the area and contour methods of

surface mining and highwall/thin seam miner method of auger mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

**INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0358**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.25 mile south of Hite, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 235.70 acres of surface, and will underlie 279.60 acres, and the total area within

the permit boundary will be 352.15 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.8 miles southwest from KY 122 junction with KY 2030, and located in the vicinity of Osborn Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Elk Horn Coal Company, Gregory and Christy Ison, Delbert Jr., and Terri Ison, John C. and Regina Ison, and Matt and Pamela Lane. The

operation will underlie land owned by Elk Horn Coal Company. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 066-08**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARTIN, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008, Through JUNE 30, 2009**

Estimating revenues and resources and Appropriating funds for the operation of City Government.

The annual budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, is hereby adopted as attached:

Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council;

This Ordinance shall be of effect on July 1, 2008.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

1st Reading May 27, 2008  
2nd Reading June 24, 2008  
Advertised May 30, 2008  
June 27, 2008

Now therefore be it ordained by the City of Martin:

Thomasine Robinson, Mayor, City of Martin

**CITY OF MARTIN 2008-2009 BUDGET**

**INCOME**

Alcohol Beverage License	\$ 1,800.00
Alcohol Beverage Tax	36,000.00
Bank Franchise	26,000.00
Business License	3,500.00
Community Center	
Housing Authority	100,300.00
Rent	6,500.00
Other	2,600.00
County Fee	1,200.00
Fire Department	40,000.00
Franchise Tax	4,500.00
Insurance Tax	160,000.00
Interest, Income	200.00
LGEA	10,000.00
Municipal Aid	15,000.00
Occupation Tax	215,000.00
Other Income	3,000.00
Police Department	
Housing Authority	9,600.00
KLEFPF	13,000.00
Other	2,000.00
Property Taxes	43,000.00
Property Delinquent Tax	8,000.00
Red, White & Blue	8,000.00
Reimbursement	
(Payroll Liability, Health Ins. & IRA)	75,000.00
Unloading Permits	1,800.00
Vehicle Tax	2,000.00
Savings Account	5,000.00

**TOTAL INCOME \$793,000.00**

**EXPENSES**

Community Center	
Repairs	\$ 9,000.00
Supplies	7,000.00
Utilities	10,200.00
Fire Department	
Operating Supplies	18,000.00
Payroll	7,000.00
Truck	22,000.00
General Fund	
Advertisement	2,000.00
Bank Loan (Ins.)	37,000.00
Bereavement	900.00
Contract Labor	16,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00
Electric	23,000.00
Entertainment	400.00
Fuel	9,000.00
Insurance (Worker's Comp, etc.)	20,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	9,000.00
Other	1,000.00
Phone	2,600.00
Repairs	2,500.00
Supplies	8,200.00
Trash	6,000.00
Water	500.00
Health Insurance	44,000.00
Payroll	385,000.00
Maintenance	
Auto	2,000.00
Repairs/Supplies	3,300.00
MRA	7,000.00
LGEA	10,000.00
Police	
Fuel	30,000.00
Rent	2,100.00
Repairs	3,000.00
Supplies	7,500.00
Postage & Delivery	1,200.00
Public Services (Payroll, Liability, Health Ins. & IRA)	62,500.00
Recreation	
City	4,000.00
Parks	5,000.00
Christmas	2,000.00
4th of July	4,500.00
Red, White & Blue	7,000.00
Savings Account	1,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$793,000.00**

**Water Budget 2008-2009**

**Collections \$185,100.00**

**EXPENSES**

Advertisement	200.00
Bond Payments	17,000.00
Dues	100.00
Fuel	2,500.00
Lease	200.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Insurance	8,000.00
Rental	400.00
Repairs	1,000.00
Samples	1,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Training	200.00
Water Purchases	120,500.00
Salaries	31,000.00

**Total Expenses \$185,100.00**

**Sewer Budget 2008-2009**

**Collections \$183,000.00**

**Expenses**

Advertisement	\$ 200.00
Auto	800.00
Bond Payments	67,000.00
Chemicals	6,000.00
Contract Services	5,000.00
Dues	200.00
Electric	25,000.00
Fuel	7,100.00
Garbage	3,200.00
Pager	200.00
Insurance	12,500.00
Rental	1,500.00
Repairs	7,200.00
Samples	3,500.00
Supplies	3,100.00
Telephone	2,500.00
Training	500.00
Water	12,000.00
Salaries	25,500.00

**Total Expenses \$183,000.00**

**JUST ANNOUNCED...**

**Ends  
June 30**



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- New 08 GMC Sierra 1500s & 2500s
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- New 08 Pontiac G6's
- New 08 Pontiac Torrent's
- New 08 GMC Envoy's
- New 08 Pontiac Solstice



**Payment Examples:**

AMOUNT	PAYMENT
\$15,000	\$209
\$25,000	\$348
\$35,000	\$487



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