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### In brief

## Federal inmate indicted

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — An inmate at the Big Sandy United States Penitentiary has been indicted on charges of assaulting a corrections officer and possessing heroin.

Donell Desean Mitchell allegedly assaulted Larry Moore, correctional officer, and Donald Newsome, correctional officer, while both were engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Mitchell is also charged with the possession of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin.

If convicted, Mitchell faces not more than eight years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on the first count, and not more than 20 years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 on the second count.

## Magisterial districts get extra money

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County's magistrates now have an additional \$150,000 each to spend in their districts, following a proposal advanced by District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens and approved by the fiscal court Friday.

Under Owens' proposal, money left over from 2006 coal severance tax

funds would be split equally among each of the four magisterial districts and spent "as each magistrate deems in the best interest for his district."

The money, estimated at \$617,000 during Friday's meeting, has remained in limbo since the 2006 session of the state legislature. During that session, lawmakers approved coal severance funds for each county, along with a list of projects for which the money was to be used. However, then-Gov. Ernie Fletcher

vetoed the project list, but not the money assigned to counties, leaving the funds dormant for the past two years.

The measure received unanimous approval.

In a related matter, magistrates held off approving paying for work related to a sewer project at Eastern until it could be determined that \$165,000 in coal severance funds to be used for the project would not be coming out of the 2006 funds that would be spent in each

district.

Big Sandy Area Development District officials who were at Friday's fiscal court meeting quickly checked their figures and, after they determined that the money would not affect the 2006 funds, the court approved payment by a 3-to-1 vote, with Magistrate Donnie Daniels voting against the measure.

Magistrate Ronnie Akers was not present at Friday's meeting.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Loretta Hyden, a frequent blood donor, said she feels comfortable at the new site for the Kentucky Blood Center. The center is now located at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Court weighs flagpole dispute

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Magistrates were placed between the Middle Creek Battlefield and an area developer Friday, and were asked to settle a dispute over flagpoles that were ordered six years ago but were never installed.

The disagreement boiled over during the county's regular fiscal court meeting, as magistrates were asked to pay several bills related to improvements at the battlefield. One of those bills, for \$6,000, concerned the flagpoles, which were ordered from Rising Sun Development.

Frank Fitzpatrick, who chairs the Middle Creek Battlefield Foundation which oversees the site, addressed the court first and told magistrates he did not authorize paying the bill.

Fitzpatrick said he ordered the flagpoles from Rising Sun in 2002, but the company never installed them. After attempting to have the poles installed for several years to no avail, Fitzpatrick said he finally decided to contract with another company.

"I waited six years for the flagpoles to be installed," Fitzpatrick said. "They were

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## Blood center finds new home

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Blood Center, located in Prestonsburg City Hall for over 20 years, now has a new home at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Richard Davis, donor recruiter, believes the move is a perfect partnership for both the Kentucky Blood Center and the hospital.

"We needed to make sure that the

people of Floyd County still had the opportunity to donate and that the hospitals had blood for their patients," Davis said. "Highlands really stepped up for us and gave us this awesome room."

The office in Prestonsburg City Hall closed at the end of last month, and Davis says that the new location will make it easier for people to donate.

"We had to close the other office for financial reasons," Davis said. "We weren't getting enough donations and

the location in city hall just wasn't very visible."

All of the blood donated to the Kentucky Blood Center stays in the state, so all of the area hospitals are supplied with blood from the center.

"On behalf of Consolidated Health Systems and Highlands Regional Medical Center, we appreciate the opportunity to partner with such a great organization as the Kentucky Blood

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## Man indicted for planning to rob Detroit drug dealer

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An alleged incident in Pery County has led to the indictment of a man on charges of interfering with commerce by threat or violence by planning to rob an alleged drug trafficker, and a conspiracy to possess and distribute OxyContin.

According to court documents, on June 4, Kevin M. Green met with a cooperating witness in Hazard and asked him to assist in the robbery of a subject listed as "J.T.," a known drug trafficker.

The cooperating witness informed investigators that Green intended to travel to J.T.'s resi-

dence in the Detroit, Mich., area, conduct surveillance on the residence, and then commit the robbery.

Green allegedly asked the cooperating witness about the probability of locating a law enforcement uniform that he could utilize while committing the robbery, and offered to pay between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to the cooperating witness depending on the amount taken during the robbery.

According to the court documents, Green told the cooperating witness about a deal from the previous year with J.T. that went bad.

Green allegedly said that he and another subject conspired to pur-

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An overturned log truck snarled traffic along Route 114 in Prestonsburg at the U.S. 23 overpass Friday morning.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ **Elsie Brown Dalton**, 91, of Prestonsburg, (formerly of Dublin, Virginia), died Sunday, July 13, at Riverview Health Care, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Thomas M. Seagle and Sons Funeral Home, in Pulaski, Virginia.

■ **Marie Gillespie Daniels**, 83, of Red Jacket, W.Va., a native of Allen, formerly of Delorme, W.Va., died Tuesday, July 15, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan, W.Va.

■ **Burnice J. Gearheart**, 83, of Ashland, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, July 13, in King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Edna Martin Gearheart. A private service was held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home-Marshall Steen Chapel in Ashland.

■ **Hargus Preston "Press" Hughes**, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ **Ivan Isaac**, 72, of Melvin, died Sunday, July 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Linda Shannon Scott**

Krum, 63, of Marshall, Michigan, a Martin native, died Sunday, July 6. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Krum. Private family services were held, under the direction of Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home.

■ **Jeffrey Dean Mitchell**, 30, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, July 16, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Floyd Paul Spradlin**, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ **Manley Jack Berry**, 87, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 10, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. He is survived by his wife, Ida Belle Fannin Berry. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **James Edward Vanhorn**, 82, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 10, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Debord Vanhorn. Funeral services were held Monday, July 14, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ **Billy James Castle Jr.**, 50, of Thealka, died Monday, July 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Benda Kay Hicks Castle. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 17,

under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Bonnie Wells Connelley**, 69, of Wittensville, died Friday, July 11, in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell. Funeral services were held Monday, July 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Ray Eugene Hensley**, 72, of Paintsville, died Friday, July 11, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Anthony "Tony" Phelps**, 46, of Staffordsville, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, July 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Bowen Phelps. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Gracie Lee Blair Ratliff**, 79, of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, July 15, in Salyersville Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Eli Ratliff Jr. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Clyde Ratliff**, 77, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, July 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Julia Howard Ratliff. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Amma Tidlow**, 95, of West Van Lear, a Floyd County

native, died Sunday, July 13, in West Van Lear. A graveside service were held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ **Mattie Cole Boyd** of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ **Madison Nevach Compton**, twin daughter of Shawn and Courtney Compton, died Friday, July 11. Arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Stuart Leon Gilhart**, 81, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jorgensen Gilhart. Funeral services were private. Arrangements, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Lester Kilgore**, 65, of Ashecamp, died Saturday, July 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Debra Kay Bentley Kilgore. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Lewis Edward "Jack Knife" Maynard**, 66, of Hatfield, died Saturday, July 12, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Patricia McClung Maynard. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Hatfield Chapel.

■ **Jordan Michael Newsome**, infant son of Willis Newsome and Crystal Roberts of Peters Branch of Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, July 15, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 17, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ **Opal Nadine Robinson**, 85, of Shelbiana, died Sunday, July 13, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ **Florine Sanders Rowe**, 87, of Daytona Beach, Fla., formerly of Pikeville and Ashland, died Sunday, June 29, in Daytona Beach. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Cardwell and Maloney Funeral Home, Port Orange, Fla.

■ **Joshua Ryan Rowe**, 15 months, the son of Brandy Jean Carroll and Joshua David Rowe of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, July 15, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Paul Sawyers**, 76, of Morristown, Tenn., formerly of Phyllis, died Monday, July 14, at Morristown-Hamblen Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ **Frederick William Stuart**, 68, of Toler, died Wednesday, July 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Linda May

Stuart. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ **JB Conley**, 73, of Garner, died Tuesday, July 1, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ **Geraldine Friar**, 68, of Pensacola, Florida, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, June 29, at the Covenant Hospice Center in Pensacola. Graveside services were held Saturday, July 12, at the Fisty Cemetery.

■ **Jerome (Jerry) Kitch**, 73, of Eustis, Florida, died Monday, June 23, of heart failure. Cremation took place and a memorial service was held Saturday, July 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ **Keisha Lynae Ritchie**, 20, of Vest, died Saturday, July 5, at the Grand Strand Regional Medical Center at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ **Beryl Edward Sizemore**, 43, of Krypton, died Friday,

July 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lynn Sizemore. Funeral services were held Monday, July 7, at the Hickory Gap Pentecostal Church.

■ **Ralph C. Stone**, 74, of Pippa Passes, died Friday, July 4, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Monday, July 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ **Maude Collins Sykes**, 85, of Pinetop, died Sunday, June 29, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ **Gracie Lee Blair Ratliff**, 79, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, July 15, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. She is survived by her husband, Eli Ratliff Jr. Funeral services were held Friday, July 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Erik Dean Scott**, 35, of Salyersville, died Saturday, July 12. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### A. June Robinson

A. June Robinson, 80, of Harold, died Friday, July 8, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born November 7, 1927, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Rebecca Samons Robinson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Walters of Harold; a grandchild and a great-grandchild; Virginia A. (William Trent) Slone, and Rebecca Taylor Slone, both of Sidney; a sister, Goldie Sellards of Oceana, West

Virginia; a special friend, Michael Horn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters: Wheeler Robinson, Katherine Crum, Helen Howell, and Effie Tackett.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 20, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

### Tony Griffith

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Andrew and Andrea

## Damron named chief at Highway District 12

PIKEVILLE — Kevin Damron, PE, of Dorton in Pike County has been appointed Highway District 12's Chief District Engineer by Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. The appointment was effective Wednesday, July 16. Highway District 12 includes the following counties: Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Pike, and Letcher.

"Mr. Damron has extensive knowledge and experience," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather in making the announcement. "We look forward to his continued leadership."

Damron earned his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Kentucky, where he was a Transportation Cabinet scholarship student. He started working full time for the Cabinet in 1986 as a design engineer in Frankfort. After earning his Master of Civil Engineering in 1990, Damron transferred to the District 12 office in Pikeville as a design engineer, a post he held until 1997, when he was appointed Transportation Engineering Branch Manager for Preconstruction, which includes design, right of way, and utilities.

Except for a brief hiatus in

2004, when he filled in as acting Chief District Engineer at District 11 in Manchester, Damron has held the leadership post in Preconstruction continuously. Among the projects his design, right of way, and utilities teams have accomplished are more than 40 state and county bridge replacements; reconstruction of KY 40, KY 979, and the US 23 Six-Lane Project; completion of US 119 in Pike County; Pine Mountain spot improvements; and more than \$1 billion of work on Appalachian Development Highway System roads in Pike and Letcher counties (US 119 and US 460). He has also been responsible for the first allocation for work on I-66 in Pike County (\$1 billion).

Damron was selected 2000 Engineer of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers. He completed the Cabinet's Certified Public Managers program in 2002. He was one of the team members responsible for District 12 receiving the following awards:

■ 2006 ACEC Grand Conceptor Award (highest award in Kentucky) for the US 119 bridge over Raccoon Creek

■ 2006 AASHTO Award for Context Sensitive

Solutions for Pine Mountain/US 119

■ 2005 AASHTO Award for Environmental Stewardship for Pine Mountain/US 119

■ 2005 ACEC Honorable Mention for US 119 bridge at Burning Fork

■ 2005 ACEC Honorable Mention for US 119 bridge at Sidney

■ 2005 KYTC Engineering Excellence Award for KY 201 rehab in Johnson County

■ 2005 KYTC Engineering Excellence Award for the US 23 six-lane project

An accomplished public speaker, Damron has been featured at the state's annual Partnering Conference (a joint venture between the Transportation Cabinet and engineering companies) for more than a decade. He has been a presenter at numerous conferences and training academies, including Kentucky, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico.

Kevin has been married for 23 years to Darlene Adkins, his high school sweetheart and the owner of Darlene Damron Photography in Pikeville. They are the parents of two daughters, Makayla (13) and Kennedy (8).

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• Spend it on improving existing city services	██████	(9 Votes, 5%)
• Spend it on new city services	████	(4 Votes, 2%)
• Return it to the taxpayers -- it's their money	████████████████████	(117 Votes, 66%)

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- Democrat Barack Obama
- Republican John McCain
- Libertarian Bob Barr
- Independent Ralph Nadar
- None of the above

## FCT ONLINE POLL

# McConnell slams Senate foe on gas taxes

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell went on the attack Friday with a TV ad slamming his Democratic challenger on gas taxes — a combustible issue for voters fuming over record-high prices.

The ad links Democrat Bruce Lunsford to a state law that has automatically raised Kentucky's gas tax, and even shows Lunsford claiming that the taxing formula gave Kentucky "a budget that could grow."

The 30-second commercial airing across Kentucky says the automatic fuel tax increases have cost residents hundreds of millions of dollars through the years.

Lunsford campaign spokeswoman Allison Haley called the ad a "smoke screen" to divert attention from

McConnell's support for policies that "put us in this mess." She called McConnell an ally of big oil companies and said gas prices have risen \$2.50 per gallon since the senator started his fourth term nearly six years ago.

"On gas prices, McConnell isn't just part of the problem, he's helped create the problem," Haley said.

McConnell, the Senate's top-ranking Republican, lived up to his reputation as a hard-hitting political tactician by delving nearly 30 years into Lunsford's past to link him with the formula triggering the gas tax increases.

"We are educating voters about Bruce Lunsford's work to increase taxes on gasoline in this state," said McConnell campaign adviser Scott Jennings.

This month, the state tax rose 1.5 cents to 21.1 cents a gallon for gas and 18.1 cents

for diesel. Consumers also pay an extra 1.4-cent-per-gallon fee for a fund to remove abandoned underground fuel tanks.

The gas tax has increased, on average, by a little more than a penny every year since 2004.

Kentuckians are paying an average \$4.06 per gallon for regular self-serve gas, auto club AAA said Friday.

McConnell's ad says Lunsford played a key role in passing the fuel tax formula as an aide to former Gov. John Y. Brown. The gas tax goes toward the state road fund and is reset at least once a year based on the state's average wholesale price of gas. It could decrease if prices fall.

Lunsford has railed against rising gas prices, pumping gas at filling stations as part of his "On the Job" tour of Kentucky.

McConnell's ad includes a snippet showing Lunsford

smiling as he fills a vehicle's gas tank.

The ad was the first salvo in a potential slugfest between McConnell and Lunsford, a wealthy Louisville businessman. Both candidates have deep pockets to fill the airwaves.

McConnell's latest campaign-finance filing showed him with more than \$9 million in the bank. Lunsford has been a big political spender, pouring about \$14 million of his own money into two failed runs for governor.

The rivals are already sparring over energy policy.

McConnell is pushing a boost in domestic production. The measure would allow states to seek lifting of the federal offshore drilling moratorium off their coasts, 50 miles from shore.

The proposal also would provide incentives for developing plug-in electric hybrid

automobiles and lift a ban on developing oil shale in the West.

Lunsford has emphasized conservation, developing alternative energy and converting coal into fuel. He supports a gas-tax holiday to temporarily spare consumers from paying the 18.4-cent-per-gallon federal gas tax. He's also called for tapping the nation's strategic petroleum reserves and closing a loophole that he

says allowed speculation by hedge funds to inflate oil prices.

In a Senate speech this week, McConnell criticized calls for releasing some of the nation's petroleum reserves as "nibbling around the edges." McConnell belittled Democratic energy plans as the "legislative equivalent of a fly swatter when the American people are clamoring for the heavy artillery."



**Vanover-Lands**

Cynthia (Cindy) Dawn Vanover and Marcus John Lands, along with their families would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride is the daughter of Betty Isaac of Wheelwright and the late George Vanover of Auxier. She is a 1999 graduate of South Floyd High School and Morehead State University in 2005. The groom is the son of the late Barbara Lands of Hillsboro and John Lands of Olive Hill. He is a 1996 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School and Morehead State University in 2004. The wedding ceremony will be at the Wheelwright United Methodist Church in Wheelwright on July 19, at 6:30 in the evening. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the Wheelwright Community Park. The gracious tradition of an open ceremony will be observed.

## Flagpoles

never installed. I finally had to get someone else."

But attorney Craig Davis, who attended Friday's meeting on behalf of Rising Sun, said Fitzpatrick's summary of the dispute was "not true."

Davis said Rising Sun bought the poles for the project, but was then asked to donate them to the battlefield. He said that at that time, Rising Sun, which he described as a new company trying to get on its feet, was not in a position to make such a sizable donation.

"We're entitled to those funds," Davis said. "We bought [the flagpoles], we

paid for them, and we've never been paid."

Magistrates at first seemed inclined to appease both sides, proposing to pay the bill and have the poles installed at other locations in the county. The three magistrates who attended Friday's meeting — John Goble, Jackie Edford Owens and Donnie Daniels — each staked a claim to a flagpole, to be installed in their respective districts.

But Fitzpatrick objected. "They're getting in trouble, David," Fitzpatrick said to county treasurer David Layne. "You better watch them."

Layne then reminded mag-

istrates that the bills submitted were to be paid with federal funds expressly earmarked for the Middle Creek Battlefield, and using that money to install the poles elsewhere would be a violation.

Magistrates, however, said the problem could be resolved by paying the bill out of the county's general fund, instead of with federal funds.

However, magistrates decided to hold off on making any immediate decision on the dispute. Instead, the court asked both sides to submit any documents concerning the project to County Attorney Keith Bartley, so that he could deter-

mine whether or not the bill was justly owed.

A final decision concerning the flagpoles will come in a future fiscal court meeting.

## Indicted

chase a large amount of OxyContin from J.T., and that each person contributed \$20,000 to complete the purchase. The amount of \$40,000 was allegedly given to J.T., but Green and his partner didn't receive the anticipated tablets, with Green believing that J.T. took their money.

The plan allegedly included a stun-gun to be used in the robbery, and Green told the cooperating witness that he believed J.T. had millions of dollars stashed at his residence as the result of drug trafficking.

According to the court documents, Green formulated another plan to rob J.T. by accosting him in a parking

garage when he returned from Kentucky with a load of money from drug trafficking. Green eventually told the cooperating witness that he would gather more information on J.T.'s routine before they attempted the robbery.

The investigating officer on the case alleges that J.T. has been responsible for obtaining, transporting and distributing over 150,000 OxyContin tablets from Detroit to the Eastern District of Kentucky. The estimated profit for this time frame is believed to be over \$3 million.

Green also allegedly discussed other subjects that he believed to potentially have

large amounts of cash stashed at their residence, including one subject that supposedly had a secret compartment in his garage full of cash.

Green is charged with the intent to distribute OxyContin and with making the attempt to obstruct, delay and affect commerce by robbery by trying to take money from J.T. that was part of his illegal drug trafficking operation from Michigan to Kentucky.

If convicted, Green faces not more than 20 years of imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine on the first count, and not more than 20 years of imprisonment and \$1 million in fines for the second count.

## Center

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Center," said Neil Parsons, manager of properties and clinics. "Their services are very beneficial to the hospital and the community. We look forward to working with them in the future."

According to Richard Davis, this is a very important time to donate blood.

"Over 30 percent of our donations come from high schools and colleges, so it is very important to donate during the times when schools are not in."

Davis is hopeful that the center will average close to 30 donations every other week, which equals enough blood for 90 people.

"If we can get 30 people to donate, then that is 90 lives that have been saved," Davis said.

Loretta Hyden, a Prestonsburg resident and frequent donor, is impressed with the new location.

"It feels really comfortable to be at the hospital when you are donating blood," Hyden said. "I try to donate blood at least every three months, and doing it at a hospital makes perfect sense."

The Kentucky Blood Center is open every other Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

For more information on how to become a donor, and for a special drawing to win a 2009 Toyota Camry by registering to donate blood, visit [www.kybloodcenter.org](http://www.kybloodcenter.org).




**Scott-Risner**

Micha LaShay Scott and Dustin Shane Risner were united in holy matrimony in a private ceremony performed by their pastor, Eddie Dennison on June 11, 2008 at Burning Fork Community Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Risner extend an open invitation for the repeating of their vows in a public ceremony on July 26, 2008 at 2:30 PM at Burning Fork Community Church, Salyersville. Micha is the daughter of Jerry and Carol Ann Scott; maternal granddaughter of Carol Hall, of Salyersville, and Ralph and Ruth "Joann" Hall of Prestonsburg; paternal granddaughter of Billie and the late Buck Scott of Green Rock in Johnson County, KY.

Micha is also the great-granddaughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Fred McGinnis, ("Preacher" McGinnis), formerly of Prater Creek, Banner, and Ralph and Mable Hall, formerly of Prater Creek. Dustin is the son of Stan and Jerri Risner; maternal grandson of Joy "Sue" & Mike Collins of Salyersville and the late Jerry Rowe; paternal grandson of Kelly & Rosie Bailey-Risner of Puncheon Creek, Salyersville, KY.



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

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## Obama, McCain stress personal responsibility

What is the difference between pandering and leadership? Simple: When you go before a group of voters and tell them what they want to hear, that's pandering. But when you go before the same group and tell them what they need to hear, even if it isn't popular, that's leadership.

Kudos to Barack Obama and John McCain, who both showed leadership this week by using appearances before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Cincinnati to tell African-Americans some things they ought to hear.

Like this: African-Americans (and all Americans) need to assume more personal responsibility for their own lives and demand as much from themselves as they demand from government. And this: Teachers unions care primarily about protecting the interests of their members, and they team up with Democrats in Congress to kill school voucher and choice programs popular with African-American parents whose kids are trapped in failing schools.

The first message came from Obama, who has taken criticism from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the usual suspects for talking about how African-American men need to do a better job of owning up to their responsibilities as fathers. This week Obama told the NAACP that, even though he took heat for talking about responsibility, he is "not going to stop talking about it." As Obama noted, government spending only takes you so far "if we don't seize more responsibility in our own lives."

Bravo. African-Americans aren't the only group in this country who think in terms of entitlements. But it's impossible to talk about how they might advance in the future without eventually zeroing in on personal responsibility. Government isn't the savior. In fact, people often need to be saved from government.

Which brings us to what McCain said to NAACP members Wednesday about the mess African-American students are in, how they got there and, most important, how they can get out. McCain noted that Democrats in Congress oppose school choice to placate the teachers unions. This includes Obama, who has dismissed the "tired rhetoric about vouchers and school choice." McCain asked, "Where does it leave families and their children who are stuck in failing schools?"

Good question. Mostly, it leaves them out of options, out of hope, and out of luck. And the shame of it is that the people who are presiding over this fiasco are the same folks insisting they have in mind the best interests of African-Americans and other low-income constituents. Nothing could be further from the truth.

When people hear that presidential candidates are speaking to a group such as the NAACP the temptation is to denigrate it as racial or ethnic pandering. But that is terribly narrow-minded. It depends on what is said. And what was said in Cincinnati was worth hearing.

— San Diego Union Tribune



"Look on the bright side . . . at least this time around I'm using ethanol."

## Rich Lowry Column

### John McCain: Let them eat honor

The price of everything, not just driving, is going up in the era of \$130-a-barrel oil, but our presidential candidates have a hopelessly thumbless grasp of pocketbook politics.

Their mutual slogan could be "Let them eat abstractions." Barack Obama famously couldn't connect with working-class voters in the primaries, offering them an airy diet of hope and change. John McCain rose on his personal honor, which is why on energy he's fumbling away the GOP's best domestic political opening in years.

For a politician whose forte has never been domestic policy, McCain has a peculiar taste for complex, verging on unworkable, regulatory schemes — from campaign-finance reform, to comprehensive immigration reform, to a cap-and-trade system limiting carbon emissions.

The attraction for McCain of these plans isn't their intricacies, but their symbolism. Campaign-finance reform demonstrated his incorruptibility; comprehensive immigration reform his belief in an America open to all comers; cap-and-trade his commitment to fight global warming.

These positions were all the more alluring in that they placed McCain in opposition to what he considered

the loose ethics, nativism and head-in-the-sand denial of global warming of his own party. They marked him as a bold reformer refusing to compromise himself: Here I stand, I can do no other.

If this is all very admirable, it's not a good fit for the public mood when rising energy prices mean that the average worker's wages are falling. For many families, this is a crisis. Besides a summer holiday from the federal gas tax that would save the average family an estimated \$30 this summer, McCain's signature energy initiative — cap-and-trade — would increase energy prices.

Live by the gesture, die by the gesture. From there, his position on energy only gets messier. He opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, another position undertaken largely for reasons of self-image — as the Teddy Roosevelt-style conservationist defending the country's big open spaces.

At a town-hall meeting in Philadelphia, McCain said he could no sooner drill in ANWR than in the Grand Canyon. This is like comparing a roadside flea market to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Five

million people a year visit the Grand Canyon, whereas 1,000 visit ANWR. Why would anyone want to go? It's a frozen wasteland during the winter and a mosquito-infested bog during the summer.

McCain calls energy independence a national-security issue, but rules out obtaining here in the U.S. more of the most efficient form of energy readily available. By his own logic, the national-security

candidate is putting aesthetic considerations — the sheer unsightliness of drilling, even though most people will never see it — over security.

The dirty secret is that, as a believer that global warming is a dangerous crisis, McCain should want gas prices to be high. Obama has been more forthright about this, saying that current prices may make for a "more efficient energy policy," although he would have preferred a more "gradual adjustment" in gas prices. In other words, slow-motion pain at the pump.

The McCain campaign tried to pounce on this, but how can you attack someone for positions you share?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

### The Rich Lowry column



## beyond the beltway

### Obama follows an erratic course

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It looks as though the reason Barack Obama is reluctant to have multiple debates with John McCain is because he's having too much fun debating himself. (OK, that was a cheap shot; so what? Some days, you pass up the cheap shot, you don't get any shot at all.)

The thing is, he has so "refined" his positions on a number of issues lately that they resemble political gummy bears, all chewy and sweet.

For example:  
■ He announced his administration (if any) would support faith-based initiatives by private religious groups, saying that the social problems facing the country are too great and complex to be solved by government action alone. Separation of church and state anyone?  
The faith-based initiative, remember, was the lure that George Bush used to get evangelical voters into his boat. Could Mr. Obama be trolling the same waters?

■ When the Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, knocked down a law that called for the execution of rapists of children, Obama spoke out against the ruling.  
Aren't real liberals supposed to be against the death penalty? Period? Cruel and inhumane punishment, the chance of murdering an innocent person, that sort of thing? Apparently Obama felt that child rape was an issue he had to come out against and he didn't care how many votes it cost

him.

■ But when the Supreme Court said that the District of Columbia's ban on handguns was unconstitutional, Obama agreed with it. He said that while he believes in the government's right to regulate handguns, he also believes in the right of individuals to own them. He didn't straddle the issue, he surrounded it.

■ He supported a bill establishing electronic surveillance rules for the government's eavesdropping program, even though it granted immunity to telecommunications companies that conducted warrantless wiretaps in the past.

He said that the bill was no prize but it was a big improvement on last year's bill. Besides, there's a war on.

■ And finally, he said he might reassess his timetable for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq after he'd gone there and talked to our military commanders. The granola liberals of the anti-war left squealed loudest at this, hearing in it the echoes of John McCain's endless-war strategy.

No, he said, he remains committed to ending the war and he reiterated his previously stated position that "we had to be as careful getting out as we were careless getting in."

This might have turned out to be a bigger deal but for the fact that Iraq's leaders, our allies, are refusing to sign a treaty with the United States unless it contains a firm commitment for the timely withdrawal of American troops. They also indicated that they didn't want any American

bases left behind either.

Excuse me, but doesn't this put the government of Iraq slightly to the left of Obama on the issue? And way, way to the left of McCain, who talks of keeping troops there forever or 100 years, whichever comes first. (Yeah, I know, he'd only keep them there if they weren't needed, but still.)

But you know what? None of that so-called flip-flopping matters much to me. I may be less than enthusiastic about some of those positions but they all seem reasonable to me, something about which we can agree to disagree.

Religious organizations have a history and an expertise in helping people in dire straits and if the government can give them a little boost it's money well spent.

I'm also against capital punishment but if you're going to kill anyone, child rapists are a good place to start. The D.C. gun law is a joke, ineffective and unenforceable. Besides, what's so wrong with a politician changing his mind? John McCain used to be against Bush's tax cuts, now he's for them. He's allowed a second opinion. For the past seven years, we have had a president who never changed his mind about anything.

How's that working out for you?

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## This Town, That World

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

All of us do our part at playing chin music. But you just try getting anybody to play second fiddle.

### IN SEMI-RETIREMENT

The dog, who (which?) hasn't been fully in our favor since he has become so resentful about having his tail walked on, that he nibbles at those so contacting the appendage, came out of retirement Tuesday and spent the day with us. Left at home these days, he doesn't take kindly to the situation. Time hangs heavy on his paws. He doesn't chew or smoke, long ago scorned television, hasn't taken up whittlin' yet, so there just isn't much to do but bark menacingly, like an old man.

### VERILY

This, which came from a church bulletin, is dedicated to all churches. It is "The Parable of the Vacationist," and it goes like this.

Now it come to pass as the summer drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the lakes, where the cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes await." Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs. Church Member, "yet three, yea, four things must we do before we go." "Three things I can think of, but not four," saith Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for the grass to be cut, the paper stopped, and the mail to be forwarded, but the fourth eludes my mind." "The fourth is like unto the first three—yet more important than all. Thou shalt dig down into thy purse, and pay thy pledge and offerings that the good name of the church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

### MODERN MIRACLE

When I took my young grandson from Lexington fishing at Dewey Lake, a few weeks ago, he took to the water like I want a grandson of mine to take. The water, the boat, the dock and all caught his fancy, and so it was that, a few days later, back in Lexington, his mother entered to find him pretending the kitchen floor was a lake, and the chairs were boats. He was dragging a chair around by a rope to tie it to the "dock" when she walked across the floor and began sweeping.

The youngster looked at his mother, the broom, then back at his mother, and said:

"I heard about Jesus doing it, but this is the first time I've ever seen anybody walking on the water."

### THE PRECEDENT

The Lincoln stories are unending. This one is told of the time when the President was being pestered with a steady flow of office-seekers. So he

(See ALLEN, page six)



The Floyd County Health Department provided an abundance of information, including fun and educational items for children, at a health fair held at the National College in Pikeville on Thursday.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

# PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

It was an almost carnival-like atmosphere at a community health fair hosted by National College in Pikeville on Thursday.

While adults walked from room to room picking up informational packets and speaking to representatives from various health organizations, children were able to enjoy face painting, games, popcorn and cotton candy.

This combination of information and fun was a surprise for Sandy Clay, a resident of Pikeville who attended the fair.

"You wouldn't expect a health fair to be fun," Clay said. "But I brought my 6-year-old son along and he is having an absolute blast. It's great that they are able to promote health and have something for the kids to do."

The Floyd County Health Department had a room at the fair with tables covered in pamphlets, and they also had items for children to enjoy.

"My son is carrying around a bag loaded with all kinds of stuff," Clay said. "I've picked up lots of things, too. I'm trying to quit smoking and get healthy, so events like this are always a good thing for people like me."

The health fair offered free health screenings for vision, skin damage, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol. Consultants for also available for smoking cessation, weight loss, personal training and healthy tanning. Medical students from the college also provided osteopathic manipulation.



Cameron Maynard, 6, of Raccoon, chose a spooky design for his face paint during a health fair hosted by National College in Pikeville on Thursday.

The Pikeville campus of National College has served the area since 1975. It offers five associate degree programs and 11 short-term diploma programs in business, computers, and health care.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Vengeance Is Mine'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A righteous farmer (actually a right wing-nut who doesn't stand for mollycoddling criminals) encounters three ruthless bank robbers in this "Death Wish" type story from the swinging 1970s.

The film opens on Adam Smith's farm, nestled in the quiet rural town of Locust Hill. It's Sunday morning and Adam is hustling his granddaughter, Lucy, into the pickup so they won't be late for church. Along the way they pass a young couple changing a flat tire and exchange pleasantries while their radio warns that a trio of armed and dangerous men were last seen in the area, piloting a green Buick, after robbing a bank and murdering two tellers.

Before you can even start a countdown for the unholy three, they show up and exchange lead, rather than pleasantries, with the young couple. They steal the new wheels but spot a series of road blocks and opt to ditch the car on a dirt road and search for a place to hole up.

Meanwhile, Smith stops off to purchase fertilizer after Sunday services and it's obviously the highlight of his day. We learn here that it's just him and Lucy now and that Mrs. Smith has passed on while Lucy's mom has gone AWOL due to generation gap issues with Dad.

At the same time our crooks spot the farm and set out to cut the phone lines. The group consists of two old school gangsters and an upstart, read trigger happy psycho, named Leroy.

The Smiths arrive home and proceed to eat dinner. The bad guys descend on the house and then this film opts to go in an entirely different direction, with Smith proving to be a pretty sly boot.

Smith answers his door toting a huge shotgun and blows a hole through one of the older gangsters that you could read the paper through. He then ties up the other two, and with the assistance of his hulking farmhand Luke, plops them down in a field rife with cow pies.

Next they get a lecture on how times have changed and it becomes clear that Smith isn't too anxious to call the cops and would prefer to rely on his own sense of justice.

This turns out to be a pretty entertaining film despite the fact that the script, and direction by John Trent, is pretty flat.

What saves it is the casting of two of Hollywood's most accomplished character actors in the leads. Ernest Borgnine stars as Smith and manages to create a full fledged character without the benefit of a well crafted screenplay. He manages to give Smith equal measures of arrogance and self-doubt which are played

(See LAGOON, page six)

## What they forgot to mention

by SANDY SOTZEN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:  
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"

I remember the day of my son's diagnosis of autism as if it were yesterday. The tone of the doctor's voice, the silence in the room, the words "lifelong disability, no cure, I'm sorry" still sting when I allow myself to reflect on that day.

But I have paused on occasions too numerous to count and think, "Someone should've mentioned that this would be part of the package"

when my child was diagnosed with autism.

Someone forgot to mention that I would listen to my child's simple utterances or attempted approximations as if he were a world leader giving the speech of a lifetime. I could never have imagined the worth of a single word despite the fact that I may never hear it again.

Someone forgot to mention that when my son was finally potty trained at age 9 there would be few people who would understand the significance of such an accomplish-

ment and even fewer with whom I could actually share it. Accomplishments of any size, their true worth known only to me, would bring quiet celebrations between my son and me.

Someone should've mentioned that autism is messy! That wallpaper's meant to be shredded, bathrooms are designed to be flooded, walls are bare in order to smear stuff on them, washable paint really isn't and that more food will actually be crushed and dropped than eaten.

I wish someone would've men-

tioned that autism is extremely expensive! Doctors, therapists, medications, supplements, conferences and sensory equipment are only the tip of the iceberg. I could not have guessed that it would be my child's disability that allowed people to cross our path in life that otherwise would not have and that such people would respond to a child in need.

Someone should have mentioned that each time your child with autism

initiates or engages in a reciprocal hug, that feeling that you had when you held them for the first time comes back time and time again.

What they forgot to mention the day my son was diagnosed with autism is that the triumphs over this disability would far outweigh the tears, that laughter would eventually ease the sense of loss and that sheer faith would allow me and millions of other parents to fall into bed exhausted each night only to get up the next day eager to discover what else they forgot to mention.



# If you want to save gas, turn the car off

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

This is a question I have always thought I knew the answer to, but now I am searching for a concrete answer, and who better to turn to? Does a vehicle use more gasoline in starting the engine than it uses in idling for say, five to 10 minutes? The reason for the question comes from "discussions" with my wife about why I leave the car running when I run into the local 7-11. With gas prices being in the headlines on a daily basis now, she says it's a waste of gas to leave the car running, while I debate that the car burns more gas during ignition. Therefore, more-frequent shutoffs equal more burned gas. Being the husband, I am told by my wife that I am always wrong. Any chance I'm right this time? — Charlie

TOM: Well, Charlie, good news: Your record is perfect. You're wrong again!

RAY: The only vehicle I know of that uses a ton of extra fuel getting started is the space shuttle.

TOM: All modern cars have computer-controlled fuel-injection systems, which meter out precisely the amount of gasoline the engine needs, and no more.

RAY: So, starting the car uses no additional gasoline. Your wife is absolutely right that if you're running

into a convenience store, you should definitely turn off the engine to save fuel.

TOM: Hybrid vehicles do this automatically. When you come to a stop at a traffic light, even for a few seconds, the engine automatically shuts down. And then, as soon as you touch the gas pedal, it starts right up seamlessly, and takes you on your way.

RAY: And pretty soon, I suspect, lots of nonhybrid cars are going to have that same "stop-start" technology, because it DOES save quite a bit of fuel.

TOM: If it makes being wrong again any easier to take, Charlie, we should tell you that there was a time when cars had horribly wasteful carburetors. In those days, there probably WAS enough fuel leaking down and percolating to have made you correct — if you were driving a '67 Buick Special.

RAY: And since you've obviously held this opinion for years, I don't see any reason for you to admit to your wife that you're wrong. Just tell her that the facts have had the audacity to change while you weren't paying attention.

**Idiot to idiot advice:  
Dump the SUV**

Dear Tom and Ray:

This will probably seem like a really stupid question, but I need pro-

fessional advice. I own a 1-year-old Jeep in perfect condition, which I purchased for my job. I was laid off from said job, and now I own a gas-guzzling, really nice-looking Jeep Grand Cherokee that is too big and too expensive for me to drive, especially since I no longer have a job. My question is, Should I trade it in for a smaller, more fuel-efficient car? I have no payments, and being unemployed limits what I could purchase. With gas prices continuing to climb, I don't really know what I should do, since I own the vehicle outright. Care to advise an idiot? — Micci

RAY: I guess this is what you might call "idiot to idiot" communication.

TOM: Or, more accurately, "idiot AND idiot to idiot communication." So consider yourself warned, Micci.

RAY: Actually, you're hardly alone. SUVs and pickup trucks were, for many people, a fashion trend during the past 10 years. And like many fashion trends, they were, at heart, exceedingly impractical.

TOM: Tell me about it. Try wearing a miniskirt like I did during the entire winter of '68!

RAY: People who didn't need pick-ups and SUVs bought them anyway, because they were seen as cool, despite the fact that they handled like crud, tended to flip over more than other vehicles, ripped countless in-seams during ingress and egress,

and drank gas like it was a dark-chocolate-caramel-mocha freddo from Peet's Coffee.

TOM: So now, here we are, with a lot of people stuck with SUVs that get 15 mpg while gas is \$4 a gallon. What to do?

RAY: I'd say dump it, Micci. You're going to take a bath on it, no question. Anytime you sell a car that's a year old, you take a huge hit from initial depreciation. Add to that the fact that you're selling a vehicle that not many people want nowadays, for the same reasons you don't want it. But there's always a price at which someone will take it.

TOM: If you don't want to sell it yourself, you can even try CarMax, if there's one in your area. They buy late-model cars at the wholesale price.

RAY: And since you own it outright, you can take the cash you get, buy a cheaper 2-, 3- or 4-year-old fuel-efficient car, and then put aside a few grand to get you through this period of unemployment.

TOM: If you had an income and

weren't in desperate straits, you could hang on to it a little longer, to see if gas prices level off and come down a bit — which they might. That might make your Jeep a little more valuable on the used-car market. But if you can't afford the gas to go out looking for a job, you need to do something now. Plus, I don't see gas prices coming down a lot.

RAY: Me, either. Combine the instability and war in the Middle East with increased demand from growing economies in China and India, and the decreasing supply of oil in the Earth, and the long-term trend for oil prices is up, rather than down.

TOM: That's why I'd say dump the Grand Cherokee now, while there are still a few other idiots out there who haven't caught on yet. Good luck, Micci!



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## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

# Is it time for your heroes to apply for Social Security?

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON  
TECHNICAL EXPERT  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that with summer, movies are always full of new, exciting blockbuster moments? A couple of hours in a darkened theater can have you at the edge of your seat and feeling like a kid again.

Now, take a closer look at some of the movie heroes flashing across the silver screen this summer. Could it be that your hero's most challenging nemesis is deciding whether it's time to retire?

Take this summer's biggest action hero, Indiana Jones. Harrison Ford — still doing his own stunts — is 66 years old. Before he trots across the globe for another adventure,

he may want to apply online for his retirement benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Another box office champ returning this year is Batman. The Dark Knight first appeared in 1939 — the same year as Superman — in Detective Comics. That makes both caped crusaders eligible for retirement benefits. Surely there must be computers in the Bat Cave and

Fortress of Solitude with access to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to file online for their benefits.

Other heroes on the screen this summer include The Incredible Hulk and Iron Man. Both are products of the 1960s, like the actors who portray them. They'll have a while to wait. But it's never too early to start planning for retirement by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners).

Even though the ladies from Sex and the City may not be ready to retire just yet, they

should be planning ahead by going to Social Security's For Women page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/women](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/women).

Of course, retirement isn't what it used to be. The average person preparing for retirement today isn't getting ready to sit on the porch and lounge away. They're ready for action.

These days, retirement is the opening of a new chapter — a sequel of sorts. So whether you're ready to complete that application for benefits or need to do some retirement planning, the place to go

is not the silver screen, but the computer screen, at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

## Lagoon

almost simultaneously when Lucy calls him on his actions in the face of his religious beliefs.

Michael J. Pollard ("Bonnie and Clyde") plays Leroy as an amoral, backstabbing whiner with an attitude problem. His porcine features and puppy dog eyes make him perfect for the role of a simpering fool who you should never turn your back on. Even the viewer will want to strangle this guy, and his nasally New Jersey accent is another minus as every vowel is spat out of his mouth so hard that you'd think it was burning his tongue.

The pair also get ample support from Hollis McClaren as Lucy. She's very good here but is best known for her wide eyed turn as a dope-smoking flower child in Louis Malle's "Atlantic City."

Add in some Sam

## Allen

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told of once reading about a certain king who, wanting to go hunting, asked the prime minister if it would rain. He was assured the weather would be good. On the way to the hunt, the royal party was met by a farmer riding a jackass, and the farmer warned the king it was going to rain.

His majesty laughed and went on, but he had barely begun hunting when a down-pour came, drenching him and his party. He went back to his palace, threw the prime minister out and called for the farmer.

"Tell me, how did you know it was going to rain?" the king asked the farmer.

"I did not know, your majesty. It's not me, it's my jackass. He puts his ears forward when it's going to rain."

The king sent the farmer away and had the jackass brought to replace the prime minister.

"It was here," Lincoln said, "that the king made a great mistake."

How so?" he was asked. Replied the Emancipator: "Ever since that day, every jackass wants an office!"

Peckinpah styled bullet ballets and just a little emoting from Borgnine and this effort becomes the perfect B-side for any Dirty Harry thriller you have on deck for tonight. All that and it can be found in bar-

gain bins for about \$2.99.

Best line: "What possible reason could you have for chaining two people on a manure pile and shooting guns at them?"  
1974, rated R.

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**To My Beautiful Daughter, Monica**

This has been the longest year of my life. Words cannot express how much I miss You. The pain in my heart of the loss of a daughter, I can't explain it. I love you with every fiber of my being. Your memory will forever be alive in my heart, mind and soul. God lent me your presence, your smile and your laughter for a while. You are missed and loved by all your family and friends. Especially me, your "Mom."

**Connie Cordial Harden**

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

## Dale Brown picked to lead Dillard

*Former Wildcat served as interim Pikeville College head coach*

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

NEW ORLEANS — Dillard University interim Athletic Director Kiki Baker Barnes announced the hiring of Dale

Brown as the school's new head men's basketball coach Wednesday.

"Dale Brown is no stranger to college basketball or the Gulf Coast region," said Barnes. "Brown brings a wealth of contacts and experiences that will help bring our program back to national prominence."

Brown comes to Dillard from Moss Point High School in Moss Point, Mississippi, where he guided the team to a district championship, a trip to the state semifinals and the best record (32-6) in the school's history. Prior to tak-

ing over the program at Moss Point, Brown served as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he was named to the Hall of Fame in September 2006. Brown also served as the interim head men's basketball coach at Pikeville College.

Brown's experience is not limited to the collegiate level. He also coached in the former World Basketball Association (WBA), currently known as the WBA Exposure League. In 2004, Brown served as associate head coach for the Southern Crescent Lightening

which won the 2004 World Basketball Association Championship. In 2005, Brown was promoted to Head Coach of another WBA team, named the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bandits, in Biloxi, Miss. He led the minor league team to a 18-11 record and overall 3rd place finish.

Brown began his collegiate career at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in 1989. During his two seasons, Brown helped the Bulldogs win back-to-back Region 23 titles, a Top 20 ranking, and an

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photo by Thomas Hendrickson  
KNOTT COUNTY NATIVE EDDIE CARRIER JR., (28) is a regular at dirt tracks in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Carrier also competes in some of the nation's largest Dirt Late Model races. Mike Jewell is also pictured.

## Seven track and field rules revised for '09 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

### INDIANAPOLIS

Beginning next track and field season, pole vaulters once again will be charged with a foul if their feet leave the ground in an attempt to clear the crossbar but are unsuccessful. However, an exception was adopted to permit the vaulter to leave the ground and return when stopping an approach.

Rule 7-5-29 was one of seven rules revised by National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee at its annual meeting June 8-10 in Indianapolis. The changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In a revision last year, vaulters were allowed to leave the ground and not have a foul charged to them provided they did not break the plane of the crossbar. This rule was revised to clarify the original intent of the committee.

The exception added to the rule provides it is not considered a foul if the competitor aborts the approach and, in stopping, plants the pole and momentum causes his/her feet to leave the ground.

"The change in 7-5-29 last year by the committee was not intended to allow a vaulter to abort a vault but rather to have the opportunity to stop and abort the approach," said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Track and Field Rules Committee. "This change clearly reflects the original intent of the committee to abort only the approach and have the opportunity to restart the approach."

Specifications for starter's pistols were addressed as Rule 3-9-2 was revised to only allow closed-barreled pistols.

"It is not appropriate to use a live weapon in an educational event," Oakes said, "and in most cases, state law prohibits firearms on school grounds and at school events."

Revisions to Rules 6-4-9c and 6-5-9c will allow competitors in throwing events to enter and exit the throwing circle without a foul providing it occurs within the time allowed for the trial and before the competitor starts his/her attempt beginning with the pause.

The change will allow competitors, for example, to leave the circle to wipe off their hands and re-enter the circle without a penalty.

A note was added to Rule 7-5-3 clarifying that visible etchings appearing on poles shall not meet the requirement of the manufacturer's pole rating appearing on the pole in a contrasting color.

Rules 7-4-11 and 7-5-18 were revised to delete the option for the event judge to place a cloth marker on the crossbar for sighting purposes during the pole vault and high jump.

"The current crossbars are of a bright, contrasting color and no longer present a sighting problem for competitors," Oakes said, "and, therefore, the use of the cloth is no longer needed for competition."

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## WILDCAT BASKETBALL



University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Billy Gillispie met members of the media Thursday. Wildcats Patrick Patterson and Jodie Meeks are healing from their respective injuries.

## UK center Patrick Patterson healing quickly

*Meeks on his way back, could play point guard*

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Patrick Patterson's precociousness doesn't appear to be limited to the basketball court.

The star Kentucky center's recovery from a stress fracture in his left ankle is well ahead of schedule, coach Billy Gillispie said Thursday. If all goes well, Patterson could return to the court next month.

"What (the doctors) are telling me is he's further than they thought," Gillispie said.

Patterson has been working out on an underwater treadmill inside the school's practice facility recently but hasn't stepped on the court since being ruled out for the season after the injury was discovered in late-February.

"It looks like everything is way ahead of normal," Gillispie said.

Patterson averaged 16.4 points and 7.7 rebounds for the Wildcats last season as Kentucky overcame a rough start to finish 18-

13 and qualify for the NCAA tournament for the 17th straight year. With the departure of seniors Ramel Bradley and Joe Crawford, Patterson could take on an even larger role as a sophomore.

"He'll be right in the middle of everything," Gillispie said. "I expect him to get every rebound and play every minute like he did last year."

Gillispie didn't rule out — jokingly of course — moving Patterson to point guard or expecting him to shoot 75 percent from the field.

If the Wildcats can stay healthy, Patterson might not have to shoot the lights out for Kentucky to remain competitive in the Southeastern Conference.

Guard Jodie Meeks, who missed most of last season with a sports hernia, should be ready when practice begins. Though regarded as the team's best shooter, there's a chance he could play some point guard as Gillispie experiments with his roster.

"I think he does have those leadership qualities and he's a fairly experienced guy, though not at that particular position," Gillispie said. "If that's what's best for the team, we'll go down that road. I

think he's a candidate to do that."

There's also a good chance incoming freshman DeAndre Liggins and junior college transfer Kevin Galloway could be academically eligible when the fall semester starts. Gillispie wouldn't comment specifically on their status, but did say that during his coaching career he's had great success with making sure his players have their grades in order.

"The ones that we have expected that they would be eligible, we're 100 percent on those guys being eligible and being able to play at the time we thought they would," Gillispie said.

The Wildcats will need as many bodies as they can get, especially early in the season against a difficult nonconference schedule. Kentucky will play North

Carolina, Louisville, Indiana and Miami (Fla.) in addition to a trip to Las Vegas as part of a tournament that will include Iowa, West Virginia and Kansas State.

"I think it's going to be very, very difficult," Gillispie said. "It's probably a little bit too difficult for our level (but) I like it the way it is. With our

inexperience we're going to be jumping into the deep water really quick, but that's OK. The tougher it is, the better I like it."

While he's been busy this summer recruiting, Gillispie has found time to meet with athletic director Mitch Barnhart and university president Lee Todd to negotiate the details of a formal contract.

Gillispie agreed to a seven-year deal when he took over after Tubby Smith left for Minnesota in April 2007 and signed a memorandum of understanding the day he was hired. Yet he and the administration haven't gotten around to finalizing the deal. A few weeks ago Gillispie decided to meet with Barnhart and Todd — minus the lawyers — to find common ground.

Gillispie wouldn't comment on the changes to the language of the contract.

Gillispie also said the school will likely not fill the equipment manager position, which has been vacant since the death of longtime manager Bill Keightley in March. While the remaining members of the equipment staff will take over the duties left by Keightley's passing, Gillispie said there is no reason to give someone else the job title held for decades by the man dubbed "Mr. Wildcat."



Jodie Meeks

## Southern Nationals: Kinzer finishes fifth at Hartwell

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HARTWELL, Ga. — Allen-based Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer started second and finished fifth Thursday night at Hartwell Speedway in Event No. 3 of the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series. Defending series champion Chris Madden won the race from the pole position. Dennis

Franklin finished second. Franklin was the runner-up to Madden in the 2007 edition of the series. Casey Roberts (3) and Frankie Beard (4) also finished in the top-five.

Results from the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series Event No. 3 of 10 at Hartwell Speedway (Hartwell, Georgia) follow.

Car Count: 22. Results: 1. (1) Chris Madden, \$3,500; 2. (7) Dennis Franklin \$2,000;

3. (3) Casey Roberts, \$1,200; 4. (5) Frankie Beard, \$800; 5. (2) Brandon Kinzer, \$600; 6. (8) Tony Knowles, \$580; 7. (4) Keith Freeman, \$570; 8. (9) Brian Booze, \$560; 9. (21) Michael Akeson, \$550; 10. (22) Tommy Gandy, \$540; 11. (20) Daniel Baggerly, \$530; 12. (13) John Henderson, \$520; 13. (15) Kip Cochran, \$510; 14. (12) Ronnie Lee Hollingsworth, \$500; 15. (11) Jason

Fitzgerald, \$495; 16. (19) Scott Jones, \$490; 17. (16) Danny Ledford, \$485; 18. (6) Shon Flanary, \$480; 19. (10) Benji Cole, \$475; 20. (17) Brent Dixon, \$470; 21. (14) Bob Robertson, \$465; 22. (18) Ethan Hunter, \$460.

Integra Shocks Fast Qualifier (\$100); Chris Madden, 16.515; Lap Leaders: Chris Madden, 1-35; Cautions: 2 (Laps 2 and 14); Red Flags: 1 (Lap 0);

PPM Racing Products Hard Charger of the Race (\$50); Michael Akeson (21st to 9th); Barry Wright Race Cars (100); Highest Finisher (\$100); Dennis Franklin; Rocket Chassis Highest Finisher (\$100); Tony Knowles; GRT Race Cars Highest Finisher (\$100); Brandon Kinzer; Delph Communications Highest Finisher (\$50); Chris Madden; Wilwood Tough Brake Award (\$50); n/a.

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## More balance between pitching, batting coming to prep softball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

### INDIANAPOLIS

Beginning in 2009, new rules will be in place to create more balance between pitching and batting in high school softball.

Three rules revisions were made by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee regarding the pitcher-batter relationship at its annual meeting June 9-11 in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The penalty for Rule 6-2-3 - a pitcher exceeding the 20-second time limit - is now a ball awarded to the batter, rescinding the previous penalty of an illegal pitch.

"The change makes a violation of the time to pitch by the pitcher consistent with a batter failing to be ready within 10 seconds after the ball has been returned to the pitcher," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Softball Rules Committee. "An illegal pitch penalty is excessive as it also awards runners one additional base."

A revision to Rule 6-1-4d changes the pitching windup requirement to a maximum of 17 clockwise revolutions. The change will benefit batters and umpires alike.

"More and more, pitchers are pushing the rule to the limit in an attempt to gain an advantage by deceiving the batter," Struckhoff said. "The change will make an illegal pitch, as it relates to the windup, easier to identify and enforcement more consistent."

The final adjustment to help create balance between offense and defense clarifies the definition of an attempted bunt. Rule 2-8-2 will be changed to state that holding the bat in the strike zone is considered an attempted bunt. In order to take a pitch, the batter must withdraw the bat backward away from the ball.

The committee also addressed the issue of ball specifications. Beginning in 2010, all softballs must have a dynamic stiffness that does not exceed 7,500 lbs/inch when tested under current proposed ASTM test methods. Rule 1-3-3 adds the dynamic stiffness requirement to complement the existing size, weight, COR, and compression standards.

Editorial changes approved by the committee:

- Rule 1-4-2 includes the allowance of one American flag (2 inches x 3 inches maximum) permitted on the glove.

- Rule 1-7-1 states that any

Track

The final two changes concern the use of fully automatic timing (FAT). Rule 3-9-6 now allows all ties for place finishes and/or determining qualifiers for a subsequent round to be broken using timing to one one-thousandth of a second.

The addition of Rule 3-9-9 allows .32 or .22 caliber starter's pistols (closed barrel) to be used at indoor and outdoor meets using FAT.

The committee also identified six points of emphasis for next season: 1. Electronic devices, 2. Observed violation reporting procedures, 3.

Starter's pistols, 4. Equipment failure, 5. Pole vault and 6. Visible undergarments.

Track and field is the third-most popular sport among boys and the second-most popular sport among girls at the high school level with 544,180 boys and 444,181 girls participating during the 2006-07 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks second in school sponsorship for both boys and girls.

Hoops camp set for August at Sportsplex

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOFT SHELL — The Knott County Sportsplex will host the Back to School Basketball Camp on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The one-day fundamental basketball camp will feature instruction from former professional and college basketball players and coaches. Former University of Kentucky and University of Louisville players will be among the camp staff.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt, shorts and participation trophy. In addition to receiving instruction from former pro and college players, camp participants will have the opportunity to compete in various competitions. Over 200 trophies and medals will be handed out during the camp. Four four-foot Top Camper trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the camp, which is for boys and girls ages 4-16. All campers will be grouped in

their respective age groups (4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-16).

Cost of the camp is \$60 per participant. Two siblings can attend the camp for \$100. Three or more siblings in the same immediate family can attend the camp for \$40 apiece.

Lunch will be provided. Each camp will also receive Back to School coupons for area businesses valued at over \$100. Over 50 prizes — basketball and non-basketball-related — will be handed out during the post-camp awards ceremony.

Camp applications are available at the Knott County Sportsplex and at area businesses throughout Eastern Kentucky. Completed camp applications should be mailed to Back to School Basketball Camp, P.O. Box 1677, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

For more information on the Back to School Basketball Camp, email [slsports@sudenlink.net](mailto:slsports@sudenlink.net) or call 606-794-6409.

Williams goes small town for final college season

by JOHN RABY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Willie Williams has landed in small-town USA, far away from his old hang outs, for one final chance to approach the hype that followed the talented but trouble-prone linebacker out of high school.

The former Parade All-American is taking his game to Division II Glenville State in West Virginia, a place known for giving second chances to tarnished athletes.

Miami and Louisville it's not. The hilltop college is in a town of 1,500 people and in a county with only two grocery stores and four gas stations. The nearest big city, Pittsburgh, is 157 miles to the north.

"I'm using that to my advantage," Williams said. "It's best sometimes to fly under the radar. You'll get more things accomplished."

"I feel this was the perfect place for me."

Kicked off the Louisville team last September after his arrest on drug charges, Williams arrived at Glenville in January for the second semester, played spring football and is paying his own way to take two summer classes toward a degree in business administration.

He'll be a senior on scholarship in the fall and plans to graduate next year.

Coming to a place where pastures outnumber people —

mall, what mall? — might send some scurrying back to familiar surroundings. Williams is aware there isn't a lot to do here yet is determined to make the sacrifice. He hasn't been back to his hometown of Miami since arriving.

He used the word "focused" four times in describing his ambitions and rural surroundings in a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"It's kind of new to me," he said. "I'm used to the University of Miami and Louisville — the big things. But sometimes good things come in small packages. Everybody supports everybody around here to get things accomplished. That's the nice thing about it."

Williams' Glenville State connection was Jerry Seymour, a teammate at Monsignor Pace High School in Miami. Seymour is another Glenville reconstruction project.

He was an all-Mid-American Conference running back at Central Michigan in 2004, then was suspended from the team and served jail time for his involvement in a fatal beating outside a bar. Seymour was out of school for two years and transferred to Glenville for the 2007 season, when he set a school record with 1,714 rushing yards.

Williams' past still follows him.

Self-nicknamed "The Predator" in high school,

Williams was arrested 11 times before playing a down in college. He played in 10 games as a freshman at Miami but never started, transferred to West Los Angeles Community College for one season, ended up at Louisville in 2007 and played only three games.

Coach Alan Fiddler admits some surprise when he was contacted by Williams, who was convicted for marijuana possession last October in Louisville, but will avoid jail time if he stays clean.

"We just brought him in, had a heart-to-heart discussion and let him know what we expected so we were all on the same page," Fiddler said. "He's trying to turn things around and get back to where he was coming out of high school, when he was one of the top prospects in the nation."

"He's made some bad decisions. Most of Willie's troubles were when he was a minor. Hopefully he's matured."

Williams said there were no promises exchanged with Fiddler like those made — and later broken — with Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich.

"It was just like 'Willie, you know what you've got to do,'" Williams said. "I realize the mistakes I've made in the past. All I can do is change and grow from it. Coach talked to me like I was a grown man. I interpret that better than a promise or something because he came to me like it was man

to man."

Seymour said people shouldn't worry about him and Williams getting into trouble at Glenville.

"There's only two things to do — play ball and go to school," Seymour said. "We're thankful. They took a chance on us that not many other schools would have took. They're putting their image on the line for us. We're just working hard."

Welcoming players who were rejected by other colleges for past indiscretions has been well documented in West Virginia.

The poster child is Rand native Randy Moss, who lost scholarships at Notre Dame and Florida State before starting at Marshall a decade ago. There's also Ahmad Bradshaw, who was kicked off the Virginia football team and flourished at Marshall.

Now, there's Williams, who knows this is the end of the line. Behave and perform. NFL teams might be watching, and even then, they'll have reservations about his character.

Fiddler said one NFL scout recently asked him about Williams.

"They really told me to emphasize to him to dominate on the field and do things right off the field," Fiddler said.

The decision's yours, Willie.

"I have ultimate goals in my life," Williams said. "It's motivation for me."

Fall soccer registration scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration for the Fall 2008 season has been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2nd and Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. Volunteers will be at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The registration fee remains \$40 per child.

Parents may also register their children by accessing the league website at [www.kysoccer.net/ekysa](http://www.kysoccer.net/ekysa), [www.ekysoccer.org](http://www.ekysoccer.org). The registration form posted online should be printed, completed by the parent, and mailed to Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, P. O. Box 746, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Parents or guardians should include a check or money order in the amount of \$40.00 for registration fees. Floyd County Youth Soccer is not responsible for mail delivery and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

All children at least four (4) years of age as of Aug. 1, 2008 are eligible to participate in recreational soccer. Parents may be asked to provide a birth certificate or other record for verification of the child's birthdate. Players in the Under6 and Under8 divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the Under10, Under12 and Under14 divisions also play teams from surrounding counties. (In the fall, there are no Under16 or Under19 teams.) Floyd County Youth Soccer plays its games at the soccer fields located in Archer Park.

Brett Favre went on national television to try and explain something he couldn't quite explain. He's got plenty of company, because when it comes to retirement there aren't many athletes who can figure out when it's really over.

Sandy Koufax knew because his arm told him so. Jim Brown and Barry Sanders got out while still in their prime, too, for reasons that went beyond football.

But for every Koufax, Brown or Sanders there's a dozen Favres trying to hold on even as their skills fade and the inevitable aging process takes over. The great Johnny Unitas wasn't immune when he tried to stretch his career in San Diego, and Michael Jordan couldn't even make the playoffs when he ended his second retirement to play two final seasons with

the Washington Wizards. Muhammad Ali couldn't escape punches that sadly may have cost him more than his reputation, and Joe Namath couldn't escape defenders as he tried to play on creaky knees for the Los Angeles Rams.

And who can forget a 42-year-old Willie Mays stumbling and bumbling around in the outfield in the 1973 World Series for the New York Mets.

They play because they still think they can play. They play because the money is good.

A lot of them play because they just don't know how to quit.

"The easiest thing is to become an athlete," former heavyweight champion George Foreman said. "But how do you get out? The sad thing about it is so few have been successful in doing that."

Foreman ended up being one of those,

though it helped that he had a second career as a grill pitchman that made him more than he ever made in the ring. But even he retired twice and was in the gym training for yet another comeback at age 55 before his wife squashed the idea.

Favre, of course, famously threatened retirement for a few years before tearfully announcing in March that he was done after 16 seasons with the Green Bay Packers. Like many before him he almost immediately had second thoughts and said Monday in a televised interview that the Packers helped push him out the door.

"I am guilty of retiring early and there is a reason for that," Favre said.

The Packers deny that, saying they urged Favre to play and moved on only after the quarterback remained noncommittal and they had to make a decision.

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EKU announces 2008 Athletics Hall of Fame Class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University Athletics Hall of Fame will enshrine its third induction class, featuring nine distinguished individuals, during an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, September 13, in ECU's Perkins Building.

The 2008 induction class includes: Angie Cox Blevins (women's basketball); Jonelle

Csora (softball); Rose Gilmore-Skepple (track & field); John Jackson (football); Charles Mrazovich (men's basketball); Martha Mullins (administrator); Markus Thomas (football); Fred Troike (football); and Bobby Washington (men's basketball).

Saturday's activities begin with an 11:30 a.m. reception in the Perkins lobby, followed by a 12 p.m. lunch in the Perkins

quads. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. The group will also be recognized just prior to the Colonel football game against Morehead State at 6 p.m. that evening.

Tickets for the lunch and ceremony are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Colonel Club office, 859-622-2046. The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 5. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Brown

overall record of 57-16. He averaged 18.5 points per game (1989-90) and 20 points per game (90-91). His post-season accolades included First Team honors on the Junior College All-American squad, First Team All-State, and All-Region 23. Brown also finished fourth in voting for the National Junior College Player of the Year.

Brown continued his collegiate career at the University of Kentucky under legendary coach Rick Pitino. He is most widely known for being a member of the 1992 Kentucky team that lost to Duke in the NCAA Eastern Regional

Final. Sports Illustrated deemed it the greatest college basketball game of all time. ESPN included it as number 17 in their Top 100 sport moments of the past 25 years and USA Today listed it as the greatest NCAA tournament game of all time. Brown helped lead his team to the Final Four, which was held in New Orleans in 1993. Brown was named the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Newcomer of the Year in 1992. In 1993, Brown became a two-time SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

After his collegiate career, Brown endured adversity and

Bengals sign two more draft picks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals have signed two more draft picks, tight end Matt Sherry of Villanova and defensive end Angelo Craig of Cincinnati.

Sherry was a sixth-round pick, and Craig was taken in

the seventh round. The Bengals said Thursday that both signed four-year contracts.

Defensive end Jason Shirley of Fresno State, taken in the fifth round, was the first of the Bengals' 2008 picks to come to terms. He signed a four-year deal

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personal tragedy. After being released from the Sacramento Kings (for leaving training camp to attend his mother's funeral), Brown played professionally overseas. He returned to the University of Kentucky in 2001 to complete his Bachelor's Degree.

Dillard University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC). Dillard University sponsors men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball.

Following the Bengals and other NFL teams year-round in the pages of The Floyd County Times.

Softball

eye shield worn by a catcher must be clear.

- A note addition to Rule 3-2-1 establishes that individual state associations may permit a player to participate while wearing a different style of uniform for religious reasons.

- Rule 3-2-7 was clarified to affirm that exposed undergarments must be a solid color.

- Rule 6-2-3 clarifies that once the ball is returned to the pitcher to prepare for the next

pitch, she has 20 seconds to release the pitch.

- Rule 7-3-1 clarifies that the batter has 10 seconds to take her position in the batter's box after the ball is returned to the pitcher. The wording of the penalty for this rule was also changed to state that the pitcher bringing her hands together indicates a commitment to deliver the pitch.

- The committee also established three points of emphasis

for next season: 1. Pitching, 2. Obstruction/Interference and 3. The DP/FLEX Rule.

Softball is the fourth-most popular sport among girls at the high school level with 373,448 participants during the 2006-07 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship for girls across the nation with 14,968 participating schools.

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Prepare now for dove season

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Nothing humbles a hunter like dove season. Your shotgun's barrel grows hot as shell after shell falls to the ground. Empty boxes stack up along with empty hulls. Alas, far fewer doves meet this fate. At the end of the day, even an experienced hunter may not bag a limit.

"Doves are harder than clay targets to hit because you have varying angles and they can change directions and speeds," said Major David Casey, assistant director of Law

Enforcement for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Most people don't lead them enough."

If you'd like to improve your chances in the field this year, now is the time to start practicing. Skeet and sporting clays provide good practice for dove shooting. But an inexpensive trap thrower and a friend are all you really need to hone your skills.

"Anything that lets you practice high, fast-flying overhead targets would be good," said Casey. "You can set up a portable trap on a high bank and let somebody throw the targets

high over your head."

On the skeet and sporting clays ranges, change up the rules to provide more challenging practice. Call for targets with your gun held low rather than pre-mounted. Ask a friend to delay the target release so you don't know when the bird will be launched.

"If you miss the first two birds, add three feet to your lead," Casey recommended. "Don't shoot where the bird is — shoot where it's going to be. The vast majority of the time when people miss, they're shooting

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# Mets rally late, win 10th straight, 10-8 over Reds

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ten straight wins and a share of first place. The New York Mets don't look like a \$138 million disappointment anymore.

Right now, they're golden. David Wright's two-run homer in the ninth inning sparked New York's biggest comeback of the season Thursday night, a 10-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds that extended Mets' winning streak to 10 games and brought them a share of first place in the NL East.

Playing on the one-month anniversary of manager Willie Randolph's firing, the Mets blew three leads before coming full-circle with four runs in the ninth.

"We've been taking such a beating all year long for how we play the game and what we've done wrong and what little we've done right," closer Billy Wagner said. "I love seeing guys who told us two weeks ago how bad we stunk, and now they're going, 'Well, you're in first place.' Yeah."

They were 6 1/2 games out when they changed managers,

fearful that they were playing themselves out of contention with an underachieving offense. Their 10th straight win completed the turnaround — they're tied for first with Philadelphia, back in the top spot for the first time since April 19.

That once-balky offense made it possible.

Down to their last two outs, the Mets rallied behind Francisco Cordero (4-2), who blew a save for the fifth time in 24 chances, getting six straight hits against the closer.

Argenis Reyes singled, and Wright — an All-Star designated hitter at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night — hit a tying homer to right field that barely eluded the glove of leaping Ken Griffey Jr.

That was the spark they needed.

"My slider maybe wasn't good enough," Cordero said. "It was one of those nights. Whatever I threw to home plate was going to get hit."

Carlos Delgado had a tiebreaking single off Cordero, smacking his hands and pumping his fists as he rounded first base. Fernando Tatis doubled home another run to complete the comeback.

Those three accounted for all the Mets' runs. Delgado and Tatis had two-run homers off Red starter Johnny Cueto, and Wright had a two-run single.

It was the first time this season the Mets overcame a three-run deficit and won. It was also the first time they rallied for two runs in the ninth to pull one out.

"Winning nine in a row helps," Wright said of the comeback. "The biggest thing is you win nine in a row and you get that confidence, that ideal that you're never out of a game. That's what happened today."

It appeared that the streak — now matching Minnesota for the longest in the majors this season — was about to end when Javier Valentin hit a bases-loaded double in the seventh for an 8-6 lead. Pitching has been the foundation for the Mets' winning streak — four shutouts in the six previous games — but Johan Santana and the bullpen repeatedly failed in this one.

"It was one of those days where whatever you do doesn't go the way you want," Santana said.

The Reds scored five runs

off Santana in the fourth, piling up a single, a double, a two-run triple by Jeff Keppinger and solo homers by Adam Dunn and Edwin Encarnacion. It was Dunn's 27th homer and sixth in the last eight games.

It wasn't nearly enough against the majors' hottest team.

"That hurts big-time," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "We played so hard, but we made some mistakes."

Duaner Sanchez (4-1) escaped a scoring threat in the eighth. Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in 29 chances, wiping away the bad taste of his latest All-Star appearance. The left-hander gave up an RBI double in the eighth inning at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night, helping the American League rally for a win that gives it home-field advantage once again in the World Series.

So, the streak goes on, now one shy of the club record. The Mets have won 11 straight four times, most recently in June 1990.

"Momentum is one of those strange things," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "You can't identify it until it's

over. I guess we still have it."

Notes: Delgado's homer was his 449th, tying Jeff Bagwell for 33rd on the career list. ... The last time the Mets won 10 straight was in July 1991. ... Mets RHP Pedro Martinez will miss his scheduled start Sunday against the Reds. He got an injection Thursday to help his groin strain heal. He could start Tuesday against Philadelphia. ... RHP Mike Pelfrey will start in Martinez's place Sunday. Pelfrey hasn't allowed a run in his last 16 innings. ... The Reds put INF Jerry Hairston Jr. on the 15-day DL with a pulled hamstring and activated INF Jolbert Cabrera off the DL. Cabrera dislocated his left index finger sliding into a base on June 21. ... Encarnacion had three hits and extended his hitting streak to five games. He's 11-for-19 during the streak.

Cardinals 4, Padres 3: At St. Louis, Troy Glaus hit two homers and Rick Ankiel and Joe Mather added one apiece, helping Kyle Lohse (12-2) win his ninth straight decision. It's the best such streak for a St. Louis pitcher since Chris Carpenter won 13 straight in 2005.

Lohse pitched seven innings, allowing two runs, seven hits and two walks while striking out four.

All four homers came off San Diego's Jake Peavy (7-6), who gave up four in a game for only the second time in his seven-year career. The other time was July 9, 2003, at Arizona. Peavy gave up eight hits and struck out seven in seven innings.

Rockies 5, Pirates 3: At Denver, Chris Iannetta homered and drove in three runs, and Ubaldo Jimenez pitched seven strong innings for Colorado.

Jeff Baker was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs for the Rockies, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Brian Fuentes struck out the side in the ninth for his 15th save this season and 100th of his career.

Jimenez (5-9) struck out four and won for the fourth time in his last six decisions. He retired 11 of the last 12 batters he faced.

Paul Maholm (6-6) struck out seven in six innings for the Pirates but lost for the first time since dropping a 7-2 decision to Milwaukee on May 20.

## A's trade former UK pitcher

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics traded away their second starting pitcher this month, dealing burly right-hander Joe Blanton to the Philadelphia Phillies for three minor leaguers.

A's general manager Billy Beane swapped Blanton a week after sending Rich Harden to the Chicago Cubs — and that's with his team very much in contention in the AL West, six games behind the first-place Los Angeles Angels.

"Philadelphia was aggressive," Oakland assistant GM David Forst said. "They made it clear they needed a starting pitcher to help out and we were able to get the deal done."

The minor leaguers

involved are left-hander Josh Outman, who was in Double-A, and second baseman Adrian Cardenas and outfielder Matt Spencer, both players in Single-A.

The 27-year-old Blanton, a 14-game winner last season, was 5-12 with a 4.96 ERA in 20 starts for Oakland. He has underachieved in 2008 in his fifth big league season after being the opening day starter in March against the Boston Red Sox in Tokyo.

"We've been attempting to upgrade our rotation and we feel like we've done that," Phillies assistant general manager Mike Arbuckle said. "We think Joe is a very strong, competitive pitcher that has the mental makeup to pitch productively in a pennant race. He

involved are left-hander Josh Outman, who was in Double-A, and second baseman Adrian Cardenas and outfielder Matt Spencer, both players in Single-A.

Nomo no more: Hideo Nomo, who pitched a pair of no-hitters and led a rush of Japanese players to the major leagues, is finished.

Nomo announced his retirement, agent Don Nomura said. Once known for a deceptive delivery and a devastating forkball, the 39-year-old Nomo was released by the Kansas City Royals in late April.

Nomo's 123 wins are the most in the majors by a Japanese pitcher. He was the 1995 NL Rookie of the Year with the Los Angeles Dodgers and is one of only four pitchers to throw no-hitters in the AL and NL.

Out of the majors since

2005, he made a comeback this year and earned a spot in the Royals bullpen. But slowed by an injury late in spring training, Nomo had an 18.69 ERA in three relief appearances in which he gave up 10 hits, including three home runs, in 4 1-3 innings.

A star in Japan before he signed with the Dodgers, Nomo made an immediate impact in the majors. He led the NL in strikeouts in 1995 and went 13-6 with a 2.54 ERA.

Nomo also created a wave of "Nomo-mania" wherever he pitched. Many fans were curious to see his "tornado" windup, in which he paused with his arms overhead and then twisted his body before throwing.



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GRAYSON NATIVE JOSH MCGUIRE is a rising star in Dirt Late Model racing.

## Retirement

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The team found itself in the uncomfortable position of having to finally say no to a sure Hall of Fame player, something the Mets nearly faced in 1973 before intermediaries finally persuaded Mays to retire.

"I can't even mention the word 'retire' to him," Mets chairman Donald Grant said at the time.

Money is almost always a factor in players wanting to stay, and Favre had about \$25 million remaining on his contract with the Packers. But it goes beyond that, Foreman said, beginning with the admission that every athlete has to eventually make that his or her body is not what it was in younger years.

"When you retire you're basically saying to yourself that my body is no good anymore," he said. "That's something no one will admit to. To look in the mirror and say you can't do it anymore is so hard."

There's more, of course, including the fear of losing the sense of identity that has been with most athletes since they were playing Little League baseball or youth football. Suddenly you're without the game that has defined you, and without the camaraderie of teammates that have always been around.

And then there are the perks of being a star player, from the adoring fans to, yes, even the media.

"You don't understand how it is when you've got a guy with pen and paper turning the pages of his notebook over and over again, filling them with what you have to say. And behind him there's another one in line and then another one," Foreman said. "And then you wake up the next morning and not even your kids want to know what you have to say."

Indeed, Favre's attempted unretirement filled a lot of notebooks and ate up a lot of air time. He's suddenly hot

again, though not for anything he did on the field, and on center stage for yet another drama about whether he'll have to be dragged kicking and screaming into retirement.

There are signs, though, that this drama may be getting a bit old around the edges, too. An unscientific newspaper poll found less than half the fans in Green Bay want Favre back as their starting quarterback, and a rally in his support in Milwaukee on Monday drew only about 30 people.

Foreman, who became the oldest heavyweight champion when he knocked out Michael Moorer at age 45 in 1994, had the same kind of trouble retiring for the second time after losing to Shannon Briggs in 1997. He hatched plans to fight Larry Holmes in a battle of old heavyweights in a fight that never happened, and was in the ring training for another comeback four years ago before his wife put her foot down.

Foreman said he cried on a few occasions after retiring because he missed the big stage so much. It took time, he said, to finally accept the fact that that part of his life was over.

He's made himself rich beyond belief selling grills and is now involved with a restaurant franchise. He's happy at home watching his children play sports, and he's proud of the tomatoes he carefully cares for in his garden outside Houston.

Still, there's something missing that he can never replace.

"I've been successful with a lot of business things, but if I told you that took the place of boxing I'd be lying," he said. "The thrill of a crowd roaring for you after just winning a boxing match, nothing touches that. It has to be the same for a guy dancing in the end zone or throwing touchdown passes. "You can't touch that with a billion-dollar paycheck."

## Anheuser-Busch to keep sports marketing strong

by EMILY FREDRIX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Sports world, this Bud's still for you.

Anheuser-Busch executives told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday that the beer maker will maintain its high level of sports marketing and sponsorship under new owner InBev. In fact, they said, spending could increase.

"There's nothing at all for those of us that are at the pulse of all this to suggest that our sports are cutting back at all," said Tony Ponturo, vice president of global media and sports marketing for Anheuser-Busch.

Sports marketing accounts for two-thirds of Anheuser-Busch's overall marketing, but InBev's reputation as a cost-cutter had raised speculation that the huge budget could get the ax, leaving many a drinker to wonder "Whassup?"

InBev SA, the maker of brands such as Stella Artois and Beck's, solidified its \$52 billion takeover of the St. Louis-based brewer earlier this week. The company has said it has plans to make Budweiser and Bud Light into worldwide icons like Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

Carlos Brito, chief executive of the Belgian brewer, has said he knows that his new company's ability to reach consumers through sports is one of the rea-

sons it's such an attractive brand, and added that there wouldn't be cuts.

Ponturo and Dave Peacock, vice president for marketing, emphasized that Thursday and said spending could in fact go up. Of course, Anheuser-Busch had initially resisted the takeover, so now the company could be trying to show it can play ball with the new owners.

The beer maker will still maintain sponsorships, they said, adding that it's inking new deals and extending contracts even just this week. On Tuesday, one day after the deal was official, Ponturo said the company renewed a multi-year deal with the National Basketball Association. And on Thursday, Anheuser-Busch said it has extended its exclusive malt beverage sponsorship with the U.S. Olympic Committee through 2012. The brewer's sponsorship of the USOC goes back two decades.

Ratings for events like this week's Major League Baseball's All-Star game are up, especially with men age 21 to 34, Ponturo said. So they're not going to change what works.

"The beer consumer totally surrounds himself with sports. It's emotional, there's a connection. It's local. It's passionate," he said.

Anheuser-Busch's reach

into the sports world is massive. It's the official international beer sponsor of the upcoming Olympics and is sponsoring 25 country's teams. The company also has deals with teams for the National Football League, Major League Baseball, professional golf, and the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, among others.

To many, Anheuser-Busch and its Budweiser and Bud Light brands are synonymous with sports. That's because the image has been built heavily on marketing.

Think Super Bowl and images of Clydesdale horses and chants of "I love you, man" fill your head.

Ponturo declined to say exactly how much the company spends on marketing, but industry estimates are that Anheuser spent \$378 million in the U.S. on marketing last year. That's far above the nation's second and third-largest brewers, Miller Brewing Co. and Molson Coors Brewing Co., which began their own joint venture in the U.S., MillerCoors LLC, this month.

InBev bought Anheuser-Busch knowing full well its heavy reliance on sports marketing and the company is not going to change what works, Peacock said.

"They're not going to walk away from it and sports are so

important for reaching consumers with us, and we're going to maintain the relationships and sponsorships that we have that work," he said.

People expect Anheuser-Busch to have catchy, sporty ads and they're able to do that since they're such a strong presence in the marketplace, said John Sweeney, director of sports communication at the University of North Carolina's School of Journalism. Since everyone knows Budweiser and Bud Light, they don't need to spend time talking about the brands in their ads.

"They're having a conversation with customers, so it's like yeah, they drop some nice things about Budweiser in, but in the meantime it's fun, it's interesting," he said.

Putting the ads on during sports events makes sense, he said, because men drink beer and men watch sports.

"We don't congregate in huge numbers in many places, so sports is where we all gather and that makes it a very efficient place to buy media for the male target, which of course is your target beer drinker," he said.

Other brewers know it. Sweeney said if Anheuser-Busch ends up pulling back, other brewers could swoop in to take those slots.

## Dove

behind."

The speed of the shells you choose can affect your success. Select a higher velocity shell, usually with No. 7 1/2 or 8 size shot. The faster shot will reduce the distance necessary to lead your target, eliminating some guess work and likely putting more birds in your bag.

"You'll shoot better with a faster shell because you're not shooting behind the bird," said Casey. "But you can fix that by leading them. Better shells aren't that big of a deal."

Lastly, make sure your gun fits. A quick jump-shot on a dove is a lot harder to make if you're struggling to get your gun in position. Check your gun's stock length and make sure it is neither too long nor too short. For a quick stock-length check to get you close, bend your arm into a right angle and place your stock sideways in the crook of

your elbow. With the stock lying along the inside of your forearm, extend your index finger and line it up with the trigger. The trigger should hit right at the first joint of your finger. If this joint extends beyond the trigger, you may need a longer stock. If it falls short, you may need a shorter stock. Minor stock-length problems can be fixed with a thinner or thicker butt pad, but you may need to take your gun to a gunsmith for major fixes.

Also check the stock height to make sure your eye sees straight down the barrel when you shoulder the gun. You should see nothing but the gun's sight bead when you look down the barrel. If you can't see the sight bead with your cheek seated firmly on the stock, the comb, or top of the stock, may be too low. You can build the comb up inexpensively, using layers of closed-cell foam and two-sided tape.

With a better gun fit and some good old-fashioned practice, solid hits on those speedy and elusive opening-day targets will more likely be the norm than the exception.

Kentucky's dove season traditionally opens September 1. Be sure to check the 2008 Kentucky Dove Hunting Guide, available in mid-August, for confirmed season dates. The guide will be available wherever hunting licenses are sold and on the department's website at fw.ky.gov.

Author Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter.

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PRESTONSBURG — The Focus High School Football Combine will be held on Saturday, July 26 at Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School. 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.

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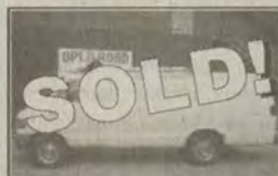
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# Dining With the

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Pair cinematic classics with Italian food and wine for a night to remember

FAMILY FEATURES

**W**ant to create a memorable evening? Bring the glitz and glamour of the silver screen into your own home by hosting an elegant, Italian-themed dinner-and-a-movie party, complete with great food, fine wines and a stirring film.

Start with a favorite classic Italian film and use that as a springboard for the rest of your night. Add in thoughtfully chosen food, wine and décor for the full red-carpet treatment.

The recipes featured here are simple, but sophisticated. Grilled Polenta With Triple Mushroom Sauce features crisp, seared polenta wedges with a zesty tomato-mushroom topping. (And, best of all, it can be made ahead and finished on the grill at the last minute for an easy appetizer or side dish.) Tuscan Chicken With Garlic and Capers takes thinly-pounded chicken breasts, tosses them lightly in flour and seasonings and lightly sautés them. A savory sauce of white wine, garlic, capers, anchovies and a premium prepared pasta sauce, such as Classico, comes together quickly on the stovetop.

**Want to guarantee an award-winning performance at your motion picture soiree?**

Follow these simple planning tips:

- **Pick a mood movie:** Italian classics run the gamut from thrilling to romantic to comedic to dramatic. "Roman Holiday," "The Big Night," "Moonstruck," "Cinema Paradiso" and "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" are just a few options.
- **Invite friends and family:** Nothing says Italian like a big family meal. Fill the house with your favorite people and use the movie as a springboard for lively conversation.
- **Select favorite recipes to complement the movie:** Pick a family favorite, or try a recipe you've always wanted to make. With so many choices of delicious Italian foods, you can't go wrong.
- **Offer wine:** Italians wouldn't think of having a meal without a glass of wine. Consider having at least one red and one white wine available to guests. Here are some food-friendly wine choices:
  - Castello di Gabbiano Pinot Grigio
  - Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico
  - Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico Riserva
  - Castello di Gabbiano Alleanza

With a little planning and preparation, you'll only have one thing left to do on movie night: Sit back, relax and let the accolades roll in. But, be prepared. Your guests will likely ask for an encore.

## Host an Outdoor Movie Screening

Make your entire evening an alfresco experience by watching your Italian movie outside. Set a television up on the deck or rent a projection screen for the back yard so you can dine with the stars — under the stars!

If you want to go even more casual, set up a projector and hang a sheet up between trees or from a fence. Set out blankets or tablecloths on the lawn and enjoy an Italian dinner picnic style.

### Tuscan Chicken With Garlic and Capers

Makes 4 servings

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded to 1/2 inch thick
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- All-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup Gabbiano di Castello or other dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 2 anchovy fillets, finely chopped, optional
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Classico di Napoli Tomato and Basil Pasta Sauce
- Chopped fresh parsley, basil or oregano

Season chicken with salt and pepper and lightly toss in flour.

In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden and no longer pink inside, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove chicken and set aside.

Add garlic and onion to saucepan. Cook until softened, about 6 to 7 minutes. Stir in wine, and cook until wine is nearly evaporated. Add capers, anchovy fillets, if using, and pasta sauce. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes. Return chicken to saucepan and heat through.

Top chicken with sauce and parsley or other herbs. Serve over mashed potatoes, steamed rice or cooked pasta, if desired.

**Variation:** Stir a few minced olives into sauce for an additional layer of flavor.

### Grilled Polenta With Triple Mushroom Sauce

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup butter, divided
- 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Classico di Toscana Triple Mushroom Sauce

In medium saucepan, bring water and salt to a boil. Gradually stir in cornmeal and half the butter. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 20 minutes. Mixture will become quite thick. Stir in remaining butter and cheese. Pour cooked polenta evenly into 8-inch square baking dish, lined with parchment paper. Cool completely, then chill until firm. Slice into 12 wedges.

Place polenta wedges on greased grill over medium heat. Cook on both sides, until heated through, about 3 to 4 minutes. (The polenta wedges can be heated in a skillet instead of a grill, if desired.)

In the meantime, in large saucepan, heat pasta sauce. Serve polenta with sauce over top.

For more inspired Italian dishes, visit [www.classico.com](http://www.classico.com).

