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## Section of lights on Cats Path unreliable

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Students who stay on campus for class or studying into the night may find their walk home darker than usual along one section of the Cats Path, which was created to provide a safe, well-lit and patrolled walk across campus at night.

Rainfall most likely caused a stretch of lights a few hundred feet long on the Cats Path around Memorial Hall to go out even though they were replaced last week, said Lance Broeking, director of finances for campus services.

Broeking received a call March 31 from a UK employee about lights on the path that were not working.

A physical plant employee fixed the lights, Broeking said, but by Sunday night, the same lights were out again.

Something is tripping the breaker on the circuit, he said, and until physical plant employees discover the cause, the Cats Path around Memorial Hall may continue to be dark at night.

"It could be a million different things that are causing the problem," Broeking said.

But the most probable cause is recent rainfall, he said.

"Due to all the rain, moisture's getting into the junction box and causing the trip," Broeking said. "By the time they (physical plant employees) go out there, the water's dried up."

The Cats Path was one of the safety features added to campus after the Center for Research on Violence Against Women published its first Women's Safety Study in 2004. The study re-

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## 'Worst video ever' earns student TRL visit

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When Josh Rupp, an integrated strategic communications junior, jokingly decided to submit a video for an on-line contest, he never imagined that a few weeks later he would be on his way to New York City for an appearance on "Total Request Live."

Rupp, who entered MTV's "My Big Prom Night with Britney Snow" contest, is being flown to the Big Apple and will appear on today's airing of TRL at 3:30 p.m.

TRL is an hour-long show that started in 1998. The show lets viewers vote for the top-10 music videos of the day.

Contest participants had to submit a video telling Snow, one of the stars in the new movie "Prom Night," why she should pick them to go to the film premiere with her. Rupp described his submission as the "worst video ever."

"I don't know how I won. It's not creative at all," he said. "I just held the camera up like a MySpace picture."

Rupp is one of three finalists in the

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## Mayor promises low-income housing plan

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An agreement made yesterday evening between city officials and a community action group will not help Sarah Gordon, one of more than 100 residents of the Ingleside Mobile Home Park displaced to make way for a student housing complex.

But the commitment made by Mayor Jim Newberry may help Lexington residents in the future who, like Gordon, live in lower-income housing.

More than 1,000 people, including Gordon, packed the Consolidated Baptist Church to watch as Newberry agreed to create a legal ordinance aimed at helping low-income housing owners and renters who are displaced

because of redevelopment.

The deal was brokered by Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action, a 22-church organization based in Lexington. Each year, Build identifies two city issues to focus on.

"We are not here to place blame," said the Rev. Joseph Owens, a Build leader. "We are certainly not here to gripe. We are here tonight as citizens. We are powerful, and we have done our homework."

Last night, the group chose low-income housing and health care as its issues of interest. As part of the agreement on housing, Newberry said he would present the ordinance to Build by July 1 and to the city council by Sept. 1 of this year.

The agreement would also create

an affordable housing trust fund by July 1, 2009, for Lexington families and individuals making no more than 80 percent of Lexington families' median income, which Build cites as about \$49,000.

The Rev. Richard Gaines, another Build leader, said the displacement of Ingleside residents was a major influence on the decision to spend months preparing yesterday's agreement.

Lexington developer Neal Evans bought Ingleside Mobile Home Park, a 6.8-acre lot off Red Mile Road, for \$3.3 million in January to build an apartment complex targeting students.

The development plan calls for 168 apartments with a total of 504 bedrooms and 457 parking spaces to occupy the property the mobile homes currently sit on. Construction is

scheduled to begin in April.

Residents were forced to leave their homes for demolition and receive \$1,000 compensation, or relocate their homes and receive nothing.

While Ingleside played an important role in Build's selection of issues, discussions on protecting the rights of low-income housing owners have been ongoing for years, Gaines said.

"Even with Ingleside, they wanted to make this happen, but there were no codes," he said.

UK has no official involvement with Build or the deal brokered last night. However, Gaines said he would love for UK to start its own organization to get involved.

Negotiations between Build and

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## HIGHER DEGREES OF LEARNING



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Claudia Monge, a biology and Spanish junior, and middle school education junior Meghan Sizemore, right, take advantage of the sunny afternoon yesterday in the amphitheater behind Memorial Hall.



Mechanical engineering Ph.D. student Jinghao Liu uses his afternoon time to study in the engineering courtyard yesterday.

The sun came out in Lexington yesterday, a few days after heavy rainfall, giving students a reason to go outside and enjoy the pretty weather. According to the National Weather Service, the high yesterday was 71 degrees. The sunny streak will continue today, as the forecast calls for a high of 72 degrees.

## Kernel chooses editorial, advertising leaders for 2008-09

By Jordan Bishop  
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For three consecutive years, Brad Luttrell has shown his journalistic versatility at the Kentucky Kernel as a writer, photographer, editor and designer. Starting in Fall 2008, Luttrell will be given the opportunity to prove himself on the highest level — as editor in chief of the paper.

The Kentucky Kernel Board of Advertisers selected Luttrell as the Kernel's editor-in-chief for the 2008-09 school year yesterday, and Samantha Saracino was selected for the advertising director position.



Luttrell



Saracino

Board members lauded the candidates for their leadership skills and for their vision of the Kernel heading into the next school year.

"Both of these students are going to make great leaders," said Duane

Bonifer, president of the seven-member board who unanimously approved both selections. "They are a reflection of great mentoring by the Kernel staff and the School of Journalism and Telecommunications."

Luttrell is a journalism junior from Middlesboro, Ky., who has worked for the Kernel since his freshman year. He has held duties as a photographer, photo editor, writer, Web site designer and mixed media editor. Bonifer compared him to a "five-tool player" in baseball — someone who possesses the versatility in the newsroom to properly cover all aspects of the industry.

Luttrell's primary concern as editor

is to make the paper's Web site more user-friendly, he said. He plans to do this by making the site easier to navigate and easier for the Kernel staff to update.

"I've known since I've gone to UK that the Kernel's a great service to the community, and I feel like I could bring lots of positive changes," Luttrell said.

The Kernel's Web site will incorporate more videos, and more breaking news will be covered at the time of the incident — hopefully with incorporation of video broadcasting, he said.

"The big thing readers will notice is the diminishing line between our print and our online product," said Chris

Pooré, faculty adviser to the Kernel. "Both of these students have great ideas to increase multimedia storytelling."

Luttrell said some other changes readers may notice when the Kernel hits newstands in the fall is the paper's print layout. The paper will be physically shorter and narrower due to financial reasons, he said. But Luttrell said the same quality of stories will fill the spread, including more personable articles that readers can directly relate to.

Saracino is a journalism sophomore from Freehold, N.J. She has served as advertising manager this semester and

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## TV'S NEW DREAM MEN

There's more to prime time than McDreamy and McSteamy! Check out the latest batch of hunks heating up the small screen

By Eric Andersson

### ERIC MABIUS (*Ugly Betty*)

Why he's hot: As womanizing, formerly drug-abusing boss Daniel on the ABC comedy (back April 24), Mabiuss, 36, makes being bad look really good.

Let it snow: During the writers' strike, the Massachusetts native and his Malibu, California-based family (wife Ivy Sherman and son Maxfield, 21 months) recharged back East. "We took Max sledding for the first time and made our first snowballs," he tells us, adding that he is "in negotiations" to have more kids!

### JASON TAYLOR (*Dancing With the Stars*)

Why he's hot: Dubbed "The Mambo King" after his masterful moves with partner Edyta - Sliwinska on the ABC hit, the 6-foot-6 Miami Dolphins defensive end, 33, has proved he's as beautiful on the dance floor as he is brutal on the football field. Modestly, he tells us, "I am just focused on not tripping over myself."

Humble hunk: His physique rivals a Greek statue, but the Pittsburgh native - who loves fishing and golfing in Weston, Florida, with wife Katina Taylor, 32, and their kids Isaiah, 5, Mason, 3, and Zoe, 2 - doesn't boast. "God gave me some good genes, I guess," he says. "My wife likes to tell me, 'Your body is amazing' to boost my confidence!"

### RIB HILLIS (*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*)

Why he's hot: Who doesn't like a bunky handyman? This 37-year-old San Clemente, California, actor and model tells us he was a fan of the ABC series - "but I had to stop watching because I cry."

I do, I do, I do: Hillis and firefighter wife Melissa, 32 (they have twins Dane and Hannah, 4), wed four days after their first date in 2000. "It was the craziest thing I've ever done, but it felt the most right of anything I've ever done."

### MATTHEW RHYS (*Brothers & Sisters*)

Why he's hot: The 33-year-old adds heart - and sex appeal - to gay player Kevin Walker on the ABC drama (back April 20).

Best come-on: The Welsh actor, a neophyte surfer ("I'm upright, an achievement in itself"), is straight, single - and not above stealing a cheesy pickup line: "I got this from (costar) Dave Annable: 'How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice!' Isn't it awful?"

### OMAR EPPS (*House*)

Why he's hot: After more than a decade in Hollywood, the 34-year-old landed his best role yet as egotastic, tell-it-like-it-is Dr. Eric Foreman on the Fox medical smash (returning April 28).

Bag man: In real life, though, Brooklyn's Epps is a softie who spoils wife Keisha

(they have kids K'mari, 3, and Amir, 3 months; Epps has daughter Aiyanna, 8, from a previous relationship) by splurging on purses. "She'll be looking through a magazine, like, 'Oh, this is hot,'" the aspiring screenwriter tells us, "and I'll surprise her with it."

### JOSH RADNOR (*How I Met Your Mother*)

Why he's hot: The 33-year-old had the chut zph to turn down Briney Spears' Well, his CBS sitcom character did, when the pop icon guest-starred March 24.

Simple life: No showbiz theatrics for this Columbus, Ohio, native. "I'm a bit of a hippie," he tells us. "I meditate." The single Radnor also calls himself a music dork: "I'm always scouring the blogs and making CDs for my castmates." So the ideal date is, natch, "seeing some music."

### ROBERT BUCKLEY (*Lipstick Jungle*)

Why he's hot: Claremont, California's Buckley, 26, stays buff by "enduring the gym five or six times a week," the ex-UC San Diego economics student says - a boon to his many shirtless scenes on the NBC drama. Up next: a Lifetime movie opposite Heather Locklear. Best compliment: A woman once called him a "good man": "It stuck with me," he tells us, because it reminded him of his father. So, is he single? "I'm happy."

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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Today is a 7 — You may have to just say no to an appealing but expensive offer. You can't afford to waste either time or money at this point in the game.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a 7 — Hold out for what you want, even in the face of resistance. You don't have to come up with a lot of reasons. Just do it because it's right.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)** Today is a 7 — Don't get stuck on the specifics of your vision for the future. A couple of details will need to be changed to get from here to there. Heed an older person's warning.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is a 7 — Figure out what your group needs to achieve its objective. It may seem like a horrendous amount, at first. If it really is, suggest changing goals.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 — A person who advises you to relax is steering you wrong. You don't have time to relax right now, but you can be cool. Don't let them see you sweat.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 — The more ambiguity you can get rid of, the more secure you'll feel. That's not possible in everything, but do your best. Wherever you can, make your foundation solid.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 — Harsh reality doesn't have to obliterate your dreams. Don't give up; do look for another alternative. Creativity is recommended.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Today is a 7 — You may not have really wanted a critic on your team. Make the best of it. Somebody else's ex-

perience can save you grief, even if he or she is a jerk.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 — The money keeps coming in, and that's a wonderful thing. Don't get distracted by what might have been. Do the best you can with what is.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** Today is a 7 — Your plans are somewhat inhibited by an unfortunate lack of cash. You have lots of confidence, though, and a talent for sales. You'll get by.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** Today is a 7 — All the reasons why your scheme won't work are foremost in your thoughts. This is good. It'll help you figure out which option is viable.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Today is a 7 — Your curiosity has been aroused. Find the answers to questions that have puzzled you for years. They're not all what you expected.

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# Online evaluations to be tested this semester

By Diane Dawson  
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Students in four colleges will be invited to test a new online course and instructor evaluation system this semester.

The College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Communications and Information Studies, the College of Agriculture and the College of Engineering volunteered to test the online evaluation system after the UK Office of Institutional Research explained how the system would work, said Connie Ray, vice president of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness.

The institutional research office will send e-mails to students asking them to complete the evaluations online, Ray said.

The thought process behind the online system is to become more efficient in relation to cost, time and distribution.

"Our old mainframe system is completely outdated," Ray said.

The paper evaluations are sent out to be pre-slugged, where professors' names are filled in, and then the forms are sent back to campus for students to fill out.

UK would save approximately \$5,000 each semester by eliminating this process, Ray said.

The success or failure of this system all depends on the students, she said. One con-

cern administrators have is that students will not take the time to fill out the online survey.

If students take the evaluations seriously and the online system is effective, it could take approximately two to three years before the entire campus would utilize this new method, Ray said.

The UK Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness hopes students will take the online evaluations seriously because assessments are used in decisions about promotions, tenure, as well as merit pay, said Roger Sugarman, director of Institutional Research, in a press release yesterday.

## TRL

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competition. The winner will receive a trip to Los Angeles to attend the premiere.

"I knew of Britney Snow from 'Nip/Tuck' and 'Hairspray,' but I'm a huge horror movie fan, so that's why I entered," Rupp said. "It doesn't hurt that she's gorgeous."

On TRL, the three finalists' videos will be shown, and Snow will choose the winner live.

If Rupp's video is chosen, he and his guest, political science senior Tyler Fleck, will fly to Los Angeles tomorrow and attend the premiere with Snow on Thursday.

"We're just so excited," Fleck said. "Hopefully we'll win the trip to L.A. and get to be on the red carpet."

In the case that Rupp's video is not chosen,

he and Fleck will be flown back to Lexington.

"It's really a win-win situation though," Rupp said. "The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,900, and it's a great experience."

The two admitted they are nervous about being on national TV. Rupp said people at the Student Activities Board, SAB Concert Committee, DanceBlue and Student Government have all asked for a "shout-out," and if given the chance he will try to say hello to UK.

"I don't know if I'll get to talk," he said. "But if I do, I definitely will."

Although some may give students a hard time for trying out for the "Real World" or for submitting videos for random online contests, Rupp said he is proof that the effort can pay off.

"It didn't take over seven minutes to make the video and submit it, and out of that I'm getting a free trip and being on MTV," he said. "Don't be afraid to submit stuff. You always have a chance."

## Lexington Obama office looks for student workers

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The second Barack Obama campaign headquarters in Kentucky opened yesterday in Lexington, encouraging UK students and other residents to join the Illinois senator's presidential campaign.



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"It's important to make sure people who are on the ground, particularly groups such as Students for Obama, have a place locally to plug into," said Carolyn Tandy, state director for Obama's campaign. "We don't want to just have a headquarters in Louisville; every place in Kentucky is important to us, particularly on campus."

Between now and April 21, the voter registration deadline to vote in Kentucky's May 20 primary election, Obama campaigns will be registering students to vote on campus, the Student Center acting as the hub of the campaign efforts, she said.

"Our Students for Obama chapter has been very active here in Lexington. It's probably one of the most active in the state," Tandy said. "We are just so excited to have a presence in Lexington."

Volunteers can sign up for phone banking and precinct walks at the new campaign headquarters location, 125 E. Reynolds Rd., Suite 115.

"Sen. Obama is committed to building a strong organization in the state of Kentucky, and we want to make sure supporters have a chance to volunteer in their communities," said Obama campaign spokeswoman Shannon Gilson, "and that includes Lexington."

"Like the Louisville location that opened in March, satellite offices will soon exist throughout the city, along with additional headquarters statewide."

"We plan on opening offices everywhere from Paducah to Pikeville," Tandy said.

Additional headquarters will open later this year in Bowling Green, Northern Kentucky, Paducah and Eastern Kentucky, Tandy said.

For more information about the Obama campaign headquarters in Lexington, call (859) 971-1271.

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vealed that only 16.4 percent of women said they felt "very safe" on UK's campus.

"We learned from the women's safety study not only were there incidents of victimization on this campus, but there were women who did not feel safe on this campus," said Carol Jordan, the director of the center.

On April 28, 2006, Todd publicly unveiled the Cats Path, which was prioritized for lighting and landscape improvements, and patrols by UK police.

"We wanted to make sure that instead of just sprinkling it around campus, we wanted to focus our resources on areas that were heavily traveled by students," Broeking said.

Memorial Hall was one of the buildings along the path targeted for additional lighting, according to the 2006 report.

"You can tell by that circuit being out (behind Memorial Hall), you can see the dramatic difference and the dramatic improvements that have been caused by some of those resources," Broeking said.

When the Women's Safety Study was conducted again in 2007, women's perceptions of campus safety had improved. Those women who felt "very safe" nearly doubled from 16.4 percent



The Cats Path, shown by the black lines, runs throughout campus. The lights near Memorial Hall, marked by the star, have been malfunctioning because of rain.

ILLUSTRATION BY ED MATTHEWS STAFF

in 2004, to 31.7 percent, according to the 2007 Women's Safety Study: Report to President.

Lighting increases a feeling of safety for women and for anyone else on campus, Jordan said.

Maj. Joe Monroe, UK's interim police chief, said police conduct lighting checks about once a month. The department rarely has enough personnel to assign someone to patrol the Cats Path, Monroe said. Usually officers divert from another patrol to visit campus, he said.

A second phase of the Cats Path is in the works, Broeking said, and he is hoping it will be complete by Fall 2008.

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Lexington the last few months are only the beginning of a long process of coordinating efforts between city officials and soliciting support from public officials.

"It's going to take humongous effort to take us where we need to go," Gaines said.

About an hour after yesterday's event ended, Gordon said she was "still processing" what happened. Gordon said she is skeptical that the agreement reached last night will mean much, and if the mayor wants the mobile homes gone, "the lawyers and everyone else will get around it."

For now, Gordon said she and her family are struggling to adjust to life outside of Ingleside. Her daughter is involved in a lawsuit for compensation after being evicted from the mobile home park, and her grandchildren are trying to get used to being uprooted from their home.

"None of us wanted to move," she said. "Yeah, it's not the best place, but we were a family."

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said she plans on incorporating an aggressive approach to raise money for the paper.

"We are going to be on a little more strict regimen by trying to get more face time with our clients," Saracino said. "We want our entire staff trying to make sales, not just a handful."

Jacob Knight, the advertising director of the Kernel, said he was pleased Saracino got the job.

"She's a very, very motivated person who loves this job," Knight said. "She will make sure the sales department exceeds, and in turn, the Kernel succeeds."

Before their hiring, both candidates went through an intense interview with the Kentucky Board of Advisers, a panel of distinguished figures with ties to UK's journalism department.

"Both of the candidates see over the horizon as to where journalism is heading," Bonifer said. "They realize that the papers of 1998 and 2008 are completely different but that they still must adhere to the basic bedrock principles that a paper can't take for granted."

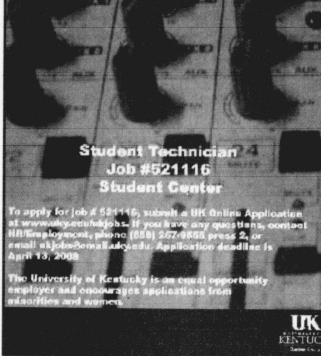
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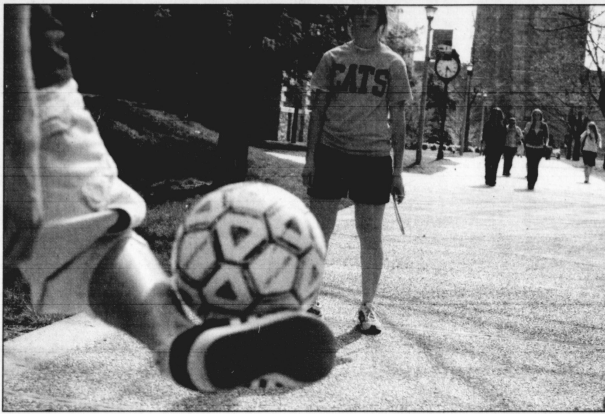
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KICKIN' IT



Architecture freshman Lauren Davis watches architecture freshman Brian Richter juggle a soccer ball yesterday afternoon outside Ponce Hall. **BRITNEY MCINTOSH | STAFF**

Mother gives blessing for daughter-in-law to seek artificial insemination

By Alan Riquelmy  
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBUS, Ga. — The widow of a Fort Benning-based soldier killed in Iraq has been given her mother-in-law's blessing to seek artificial insemination using her late husband's sperm.

Kynesha Dhanooal said she and her husband Sgt. Dayne "Darren" Dhanooal spoke often of having children and were hoping to conceive when he returned from Iraq. When a roadside bomb exploded near the vehicle the 26-year-old 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team soldier was driving March 31, that hope seemed lost. Realizing she still might conceive her husband's child using artificial insemination, however, the 28-year-old Columbus woman pushed her efforts to procuring his sperm.

Sgt. Dhanooal's mother, Monica Mary Brown, of Killeen, Texas, initially did not consent, according to court papers filed by Kynesha Dhanooal's lawyer.

That changed Saturday, when Kynesha Dhanooal received a call from Brown, said Yvonne Watkins, Kynesha's mother. That's when the families found common ground,

Watkins said.

"We've been crying together since Saturday," Watkins said. "She called to say she was OK with it. She just wants to make sure when Kynesha does this that she's included."

Sgt. Dhanooal died without a will, according to court papers filed Friday. A Muscogee County probate judge made the soldier's wife temporary administrator Wednesday of her husband's estate. Kynesha Dhanooal's lead attorney, Charles Miller, said Georgia law states his client has the authority to control her husband's remains. Prior to his death, however, Sgt. Dhanooal signed an Army-issued DD Form 93 designating Brown as the person authorized to handle his remains upon death.

As first reported on Ledger-Enquirer.com, U.S. District Court Judge Clay Land issued a temporary restraining order barring Brown, from "embalming, altering or otherwise disposing of" his remains until a medical representative for Kynesha Dhanooal could extract his sperm. The procedure was done Friday afternoon, according to Frank Myers, Kynesha's attorney in Columbus. The sample is in custody of the widow's medical representative.

Patrick Warburton engages in CBS' 'Rules of Engagement'

By Luaine Lee  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

CULVER CITY, Calif. — He may be a husband in real life, but portraying the macho spouse in "Rules of Engagement" is a broad leap for actor Patrick Warburton. It's one giant step from the super heroics of "The Tick," the TV backbiting of "Less Than Perfect," or the frustrated courtship of Elaine on "Seinfeld."



Warburton

"There's a lot of Jeff where he's blinded by testosterone," says Warburton during a break on the set of the CBS show.

"There are guys who are amiable and fun who are blinded by testosterone. And then there are guys who are incarcerated because they're blinded by testosterone. When it comes down to the soul, Jeff has a good soul."

Warburton, too, has a good soul, though it took some pre-adolescent panic to get that way. The son of a surgeon and a former actress, he remembers, "I was tortured growing up in a very Catholic family and such an emphasis on good and evil. Part of it as a kid, (you wonder) are you going to hell or not?"

Or do you even believe in God? I remember lying awake in bed at night at the age of 12 with all kinds of ridiculous anxieties in my head.

"Their parents and the kind of upbringing my folks had,

ated because they're blinded by testosterone. When it comes down to the soul, Jeff has a good soul."

Getting it together wasn't easy. Until he was 16 he attended an all-boy college prep school. "I wasn't a great student, had to stay in the after-school reading program with Sister Helen," he sighs.

But it was in the third grade, when he experienced his first sweet taste of acting and a sense

of himself. "I played Free Speech in the school production for Thanksgiving. Being that I was almost legally blind, I guess they had very thick glasses on me by the time I was 3 years old, and I was the smallest kid in school. And the Free Speech role went pretty good for me. I had upperclassmen — I'm talking sixth and seventh graders — going, 'Hey, good job up there.' That's the first time in my life I felt a sense of accomplishment."

He escaped the prep school his junior year in high school. "I went to a very cliquy high school, Newport Harbor High School. I used to ride my 10-speed in (seven miles) from Huntington Beach. The other kids are driving Porsches. But I started feeling like more of a human being. It didn't matter, I was still terminally shy, but I

felt better about myself."

He still suffers vision problems and usually wears contact lenses and glasses.

Though he had the physique of a football player, his father forbade football in college, so Warburton became a member of the rowing team at Orange Coast College. "I used to fall asleep in class. I think that had to do with rowing crew in the morning because you'd row boats for two hours and fall asleep in class."

He considered a marine science major, but quit school after a year and a half and vowed to become an actor.

Managing \$250 a month rent and living with five other people in one of the oldest houses in downtown L.A., Warburton began to snag commercials to make ends meet. He eventually

wrote his way up to features, TV comedy and voice-overs.

Married to his wife, Cathy, for 17 years, they have four children, 15, 13, 9 and 7. While he thinks he married too young, he says the secret to making it work is "dedication, tenacity, love, compassion, understanding and kids. Children, sometimes I wonder how — especially in this industry — people can make it when they don't have kids because your kids are the most precious thing to you, or should be. They can be the glue that holds a marriage together."

Warburton, 43, may have come to terms with his strict upbringing, has not entirely escaped. "My mother does think I'm going to hell because I'm on 'Family Guy,'" he says. (He plays the paraplegic police officer, Joe Swanson.)

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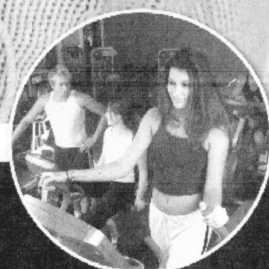
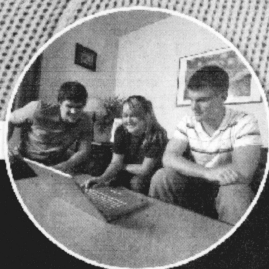
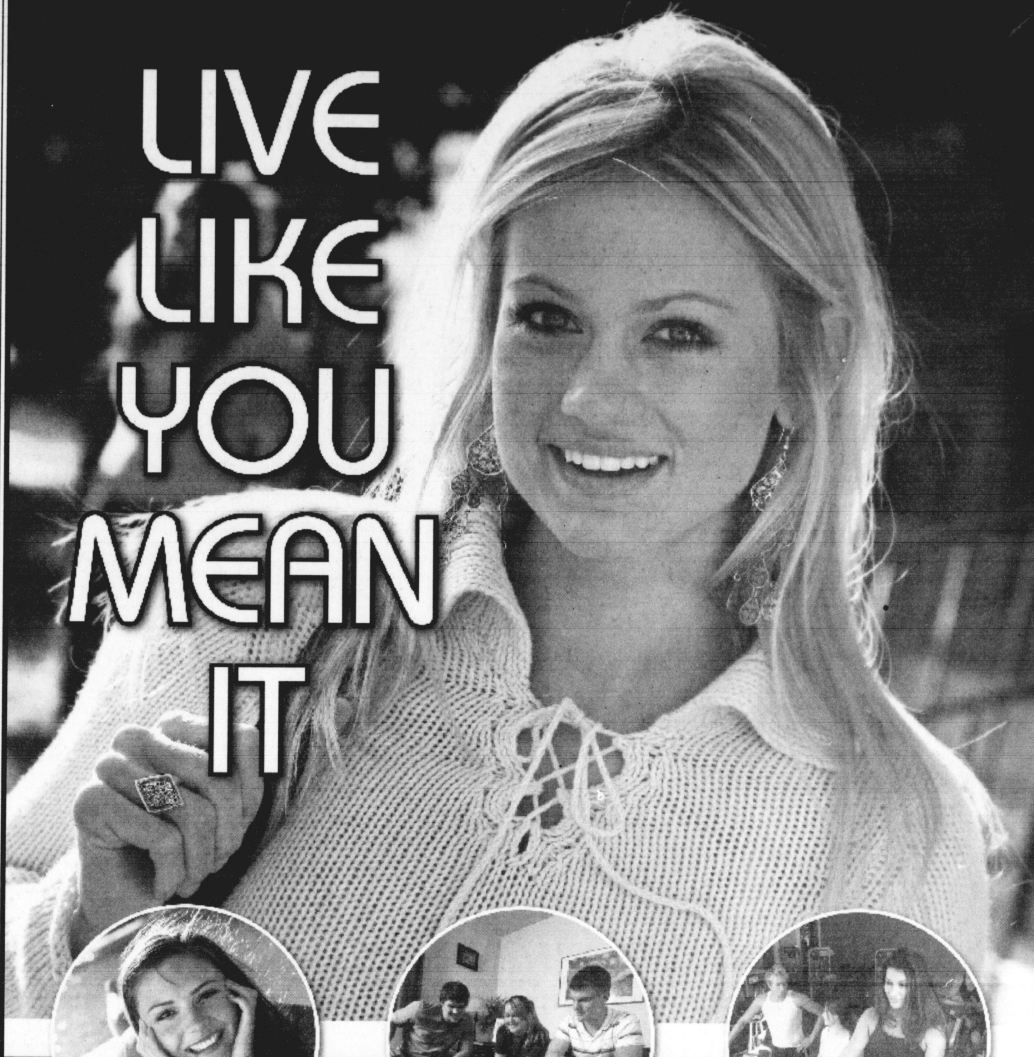
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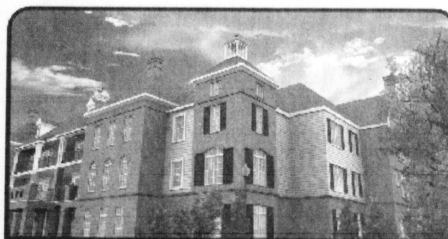


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## UK hopes spring will solve wide receiver uncertainty

By **Kenny Colston**  
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Going into spring practice, football head coach Rich Brooks was a little superstitious about his current wide receiver depth chart. Both junior Dickey Lyons Jr. and junior DeMoreo Ford had offseason surgeries on the patellar tendon, which connects the knee cap to the shin bone.

Brooks hoped that what seemed to be a thin receiving unit would flesh itself out this spring.

"DeMoreo looked quicker and faster than he's looked in over a year and a half," Brooks said on the first day of spring practice. "Hopefully, knock on wood, the procedure has had some very positive effects on their patellar tendons."

But during the first Saturday practice this spring, Ford went down with an injury to that same patellar tendon, possibly sidelining the receiver for much of the season. With Lyons being the only returning veteran receiver who saw major action, the injury to Ford further complicates building the receiving unit from a mysterious set of fresh faces at the wideout position.

Despite the unknowns, Brooks said this year's lack of depth is not the

worst he has experienced at UK. "Nothing is as bad as it was several years ago," Brooks said. "We have more players and more depth, but we also have a lot of work to do."

With wide receivers Keenan Burton, Steve Johnson and tight end Jacob Tamme moving on after graduation, there is a huge offensive void for the Cats to fill when the season begins. Lyons is expected to shoulder much of the load, but UK is looking for increased production from freshmen Kyrus Lanxter and Anthony Mosley. Sophomore E.J. Adams has also moved from cornerback to wide receiver this spring.

During UK's first spring scrimmage Saturday, Adams caught four passes for 167 yards and a touchdown, including a 62-yard catch. But even after putting up high numbers, Brooks said Adams is still far from polished.

"He's a mess," Brooks said. "He has great ability... but he has to learn to practice harder."

If there is a hidden gem in the bunch, it is Lanxter, Brooks said. Having a number of more experienced players limited Lanxter's playing time, Brooks said. He added that he expects a breakout season from the freshman.

"This is his year," Brooks said.

"This is his time. I think he can line up and play all three receiver spots. He's got the knowledge to do that; he's got the ability to do that."

For Lyons, the situation surrounding this year's receiving corps is not much different from two years ago, when Lyons emerged as a hidden gem among a group that many thought had only one real threat in Burton.

"Two years ago no one gave me a chance," Lyons said. "Look now, it's the same for all these guys, they have to step up. It doesn't matter how good one person is."

Lanxter said the one thing this group has going for them is that they get much better than last year's group. Every weekend, Lyons, Mosley and Lanxter hang out together, Lanxter said. And while faces may be new, the playbook has remained relatively the same for the freshman.

"Same system," Lanxter said. "All we have to do is make plays."

Making plays is what offensive coordinator Joker Phillips said would be key for a "really talented group" looking to make an impact offensively this year.

"We need to get production," Phillips said. "Kyrus, Mosley and E.J. have talent. Now we have to see how they do on Saturdays."



With the departure of seniors Keenan Burton, Steve Johnson and Jacob Tamme, junior Dickey Lyons Jr., shown with the football, is expected to carry the load at the wide receiver position in 2008.

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## Cardinals' season is following similar path of UK's '07 campaign

By **Matthew George**  
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The similarities that can be drawn comparing this year's Louisville baseball team to UK's 2007 club are striking.

The previous Cardinal team notched a school-record 47 wins, climbed as high as No. 6 in the national rankings and advanced to the 2007 College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

The 2006 Cats won a school-record 44 games, climbed as high as No. 4 in the polls and hosted the program's first NCAA regional.

At the end of last season, U of L lost a number of key veterans. Shortstop Boomer Whiting, hard-hitting Isaiah Howes and slugger Logan Johnson highlight a nucleus of 10 seniors who graduated after the Omaha run.

After its record-breaking 2006 season, UK bid farewell to centerpieces in first baseman Ryan Strieby, second baseman John Shelby and third baseman Michael Bertram.



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Junior center fielder Collin Cowgill hit four home runs last week and was named the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's National Player of the Week.

Picked to finish second in the conference in the 2008 preseason coaches poll, the Cards have sputtered to a 16-12 mark (4-5 Big East Conference) and are currently sixth in the conference.

Picked to finish fourth in the Eastern Division by the coaches

in 2007, the Cats won just 13 league games and failed to make the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

With so much in common, today's contest against U of L, who beat the Cats 8-1 in Louisville last season, is reminiscent of a matchup between

this year's No. 9 Cats (25-5, 7-5 SEC) and the UK team from a season ago, UK head coach John Cohen said.

The Cards make the trip to Lexington after a rough week. U of L dropped two of three to St. Johns over the weekend, and lost 10-5 at Western Kentucky last Tuesday.

"They've had kind of a tough week," Cohen said, "but then again, when Kentucky's playing Louisville, that stuff really all goes out the window. It's a lot of fun for the kids to play this one."

But Cohen said when it comes to baseball, where non-conference foes meet in the middle of the week, the rivalry game does not carry the same weight as a Cats-Cards matchup night in basketball or football.

"The nature of it is so different," Cohen said. "As an example, none of our three best starters will pitch against them. And that's what's different from football and basketball. You're going to get the very best play-

ers all the time in football and basketball. That doesn't necessarily happen in baseball."

Cohen said that winning or losing is more vital to a team during a weekend series than during a midweek game, especially from an RPI standpoint because UK's SEC opponents are all so highly ranked. But he said the U of L game is still important to him and the team.

"You want to win every time you go out there, and you want to compete as hard as you can, and our kids will and they'll have fun doing it," he said. "Hopefully we can get some folks to come out and watch, and it will be a good game."

In 20 plate appearances, Cowgill reached base safely 16 times. Two of Cowgill's four home runs came against Western Kentucky on Wednesday to help notch Cohen's 300th career win.

"When that's happening for Collin, you know he's seeing it well," Cohen said. "He's making good decisions, and yeah, he's in a groove right now, he's playing well."

On the season, Cowgill is batting .407, with 10 doubles, two triples, 12 home runs, 38 RBIs, 24 walks and 14 steals. He is the second player to be tabbed National Player of the Week. Senior right fielder Sawyer Carroll received the honor earlier this year after homering in four consecutive games.

### Cowgill named National Player of the Week

This week was a big one for center fielder Collin Cowgill, both statistically and emotionally. The junior hit four home runs, batting .696 in four games while driving in seven runs and scoring nine times en route to being named National Player of

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# From tragedy, Jackie Speier closes in on election triumph

By Peter Hecht  
McClintchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Twenty-nine years ago, Jackie Speier fell short in a bid for Congress as a young, underfunded candidate with a harrowing story and five fresh bullet wounds.

Today, the former state lawmaker is expected to dominate a five-candidate field in a special election to fill the San Francisco Bay Area's 12th Congressional District seat of the late Rep. Tom Lantos.

If Speier wins more than 50 percent of the vote, she will complete a poignant journey to Congress that began in 1978 as she was clinging to life on an airport tarmac in Guyana.

Speier, then a 28-year-old congressional lawyer, was riddled by gunfire that killed her boss, Rep. Leo Ryan. She overcame the trauma of the Jonestown mass murder-suicide, orchestrated by tyrannical cult leader Jim Jones, that left 900 people dead.

She ran for Congress in memory of Ryan but finished third in a 12-candidate 1979 special election field. Yet she said recently, "It was therapy. I didn't want to be a victim the rest of my life."

Now Speier is running for Congress on her own record — as a longtime Sacramento lawmaker who championed protections for consumers and victims of violence. Competing in a redrawn district that heavily overlaps Ryan's former 11th District, Speier said she feels "a synergy" to a political life coming "full circle."

Speier, whose story and legislative record have made her one of the Bay Area's best-known political figures, is running against a field of comparable unknowns.

The one other Democratic candidate, physician and health care advocate Michelle McMurry, is founder of a biomedical science and social policy think tank. Green Party candidate Barry Hermanson is a past co-chair of the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition.

In a district where voter registration is 51 percent Democratic to 20 percent Republican, the two GOP hopefuls are former California Public Utilities Commission member Greg Conlon and Mike Maloney, an anti-Iraq war candidate and disciple of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul.

The winner today — or June 3 if Speier is forced into a runoff — will serve the remainder of Lantos' term. She's also



Jackie Speier, who is running for Congress, meets with members of the Asian press at a restaurant in the Chinatown section of San Francisco on Thursday.

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on the ballot June 3 to serve a full two-year term that would begin next year.

Speier drew criticism for openly contemplating a run for Lantos' seat before the 79-year-old House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman announced his retirement in January. But Lantos endorsed her soon afterward. The 27-year congressman died of cancer in February.

Speier said she still looks back on her '79 run for Congress "as a pivotal moment in my life" — one that "taught me that a lot of people supported me, and I had a lot to contribute."

She went on to get elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and then to an 18-year career in the state Assembly and Senate.

From the time she traveled to Guyana with Ryan to investigate reports that Jones' Peoples Temple was effectively holding hundreds of followers hostage in the jungle, "she developed an incredible passion for her work," said San Mateo Supervisor Adrienne Tissier, a longtime friend.

"She has carried on the passion that he (Ryan) had for his district — that people come first," Tissier said. "Jackie is very tenacious."

Speier has faced tragedy more than once. In 1994, her then-husband, physician Steven Sierra, died in a car accident. At the time, Speier was pregnant with her second child, daughter Stephanie.

"She lost her house because her husband had let his life insurance go," Tissier said. "But

she was strong and determined. She had children to take care of."

In 2001, Speier married investment consultant Barry Dennis. Her oldest son, Jackson, is now a sophomore at Stanford University. Stephanie is class president at her middle school. Speier's election will likely mean a presidential superdelegate vote for New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who previously had been backed by Lantos. "I have endorsed Hillary," Speier said.

She is running for Congress on pledges to draw down the U.S. troop presence in Iraq, pass a national health care plan and protect homeowners from predatory lenders. Meanwhile, she is touting her statehouse career, in which she passed laws to recover delinquent child support, increase penalties for domestic violence and bar lending institutions from selling personal financial data.

Speier ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2006 — an attempt seen as a step toward eventually running for governor. Now, she hopes today's vote will take her to Congress — and full circle — for the duration of her political career.

"I realized the power to change things in the legislative branch. I think this is where I'll be as long as the voters want me," Speier said. "I'm absolutely convinced there was a plan. There was a reason I didn't win (the lieutenant governor's election). This is what I was supposed to do."

# North Korea's outbursts may signal coming concessions, experts say

By Tim Johnson  
McClintchy Newspapers

BEIJING — North Korea's huffing and puffing has grown louder in recent weeks, and in the strange world of Pyongyang diplomacy that might be a good sign.

The bigger the fit, the more it's possible that a concession is near, experts said. In recent days, North Korea has fired short-range missiles into the sea, threatened to reduce South Korea to "ashes" and railed that Washington is lying about Pyongyang's alleged transfers of nuclear technology to Syria.

Today, U.S. nuclear envoy Christopher Hill will meet his North Korean counterpart, Kim Kye-gwan, in Singapore for the latest talks on dismantling Pyongyang's nuclear-weapons program. North Korea has delayed delivering a declaration of all its nuclear activities, defying a December deadline and dimming prospects for the talks.

Experts said it was a common tactic for North Korea to increase the bluster, even escalating tensions into full-blown crises, just before making concessions in talks.

"One past pattern in North Korean negotiating behavior has involved an increase in public rhetoric or criticism of other parties as a way of masking a concession to internal audiences," said Scott Snyder, a senior associate at the Asia Foundation, which works to promote law and good governance in the region.

The current squabble between Washington and Pyongyang is over North Korea's declaration of its nuclear activities. Washington demands a thorough declaration that accounts for programs involving highly enriched uranium. Pyongyang says it submitted a complete list to Washington last November.

Hill and Kim came close to a deal at a meeting last month in Geneva, but North Korea "changed its mind at the last minute," South Korea's quasi-official Yonhap news agency reported Sunday.

"We are really running out of time," Hill said last week in Seoul.

Observers in Seoul said the scheduling of the Singapore meeting signaled that the two sides

might have quietly made progress.

North Korea tested a nuclear device in October 2006, adding urgency to six-nation nuclear talks led by China and including the Koreans, Russia, Japan and the United States. Hill and Kim are meeting under the umbrella of the talks.

A big question is whether North Korea will acknowledge shipping nuclear technology to Syria. Israeli jet fighters bombed a Syrian facility last September where North Korea is alleged to have been assisting.

The Israeli Haaretz.com Web site said yesterday that Washington and Jerusalem have agreed to reveal details of North Korea's proliferation to Syria as a pressure tactic on Pyongyang.

The new meetings come as relations between North Korea and South Korea remain in a tailspin since the inauguration in Seoul on Feb. 25 of President Lee Myung-bak. Lee is moving to end a decade-old "sunshine policy" of appeasing North Korea with food and economic aid.

North Korea has lashed out at Lee as a "traitor" and a U.S. "sycophant." Pyongyang sent jet fighters close to the border nearly a dozen times late last month, and expelled 11 South Korean managers from a joint industrial zone.

The Bush administration is eager to carry off a major foreign-policy victory in its final months even as the North Korea talks appear to be losing momentum.

Some scholars think that North Korean negotiators are playing for time as Beijing turns its attention toward domestic matters and Washington enters an election year.

They like to play until the eleventh hour. They feel the closer they come to next November, the more eager Chris Hill and the administration will be to cut a deal," said Ralph A. Cossa, the head of the Honolulu-based Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies, a research center.

A scholar in Beijing said China's "main focus is on how to make the Olympic Games successful" when they unfold in August in the capital.

"Of course, the six-party talks are an important issue on the foreign policy agenda. But it's not the top priority," said In Limbo, a North Korea watcher at the China Institute of International Studies.

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### KERNEL EDITORIAL

## New sorority can improve Greek, campus diversity

Sororities have always been based in the principles of sisterhood, but it's refreshing to see an addition to UK's Greek community that will be taking such values to another level.

Delta Phi Mu is a Latina-based multicultural sorority founded in Purdue University in 1991. A UK chapter was formed in February and is progressing toward becoming an official UK organization.

This institution breaks away from traditional worlds of sororities and fraternities where the members are either primarily black or white. The Greek community at UK has claimed to be progressing toward a more diverse future and

has cited initiatives, but the addition of Delta Phi Mu is a positive and definitive step forward in achieving diversity on campus.

It's an organization that doesn't see diversity of backgrounds as a bonus but as a priority.

"I think all of us are hoping that since it is multicultural, and not black or white, which seems to be the tradition, we can bridge the gap between them," said Jourdan Coyle, a founding member and history junior, in the Kernel yesterday. "It will

bring people together that may not know what another person's culture is like."

Such a group on UK's campus is a step forward for the university in general. Purdue has had this presence since 1991, and other universities have had Greek multicultural organizations on campus for sometime.

"I'm excited to have a multicultural group on campus... There are several

other large universities that have a multicultural sorority based on their campus," said Susan West, dean of students, in the article. UK's Greek community is not terribly exclusive, and the gains it has made are valuable. But with that said, it's still a very segregated portion of the population, and change can be slow at traditional institutions. Delta Phi Mu has the potential to be one of the most proactive efforts in creating an inclusive environment not only in the Greek community but also on campus as a whole.

Delta Phi Mu will be holding informational meetings in the coming months for students interested in joining. It will begin recruiting once it is approved by UK. More information is available at the UK chapter's Web site ([www.ukdeltaphimu.org](http://www.ukdeltaphimu.org)).

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## We can't afford FDA lapse on pharmaceutical safety

The following editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday.

The Food and Drug Administration should be embarrassed by its lack of attention to the ingredients in prescription drugs.

The latest evidence is the 19 deaths and hundreds of allergic reactions reported by Americans using a bad batch of the drug thinner heparin. Some ingredients were contaminated, and the FDA admitted violating its own rules by not inspecting the Chinese factory where they were made.

This at the same time the FDA stubbornly refuses to allow cheaper prescription drugs to be imported. What hypocrisy.

The heparin disaster screams out for truth in labeling on the origin of ingredients in prescription drugs.

Americans may think most of their prescription drugs are manufactured here, but they are not. The latest estimates are that 80 percent of active ingredients in drugs sold here are imported. China and India combine to make just under half of them.

China's recent track record on

safety should be a major concern for the FDA and for American drug companies, which ultimately are responsible for the safety of their products.

The FDA generally makes its factory inspections before a drug is approved. After that, the foreign manufacturer is rarely inspected. But in the case involving heparin, the FDA inspected the wrong facility with a similar name. The FDA still does not have an office in China to conduct inspections.

The blame for this shoddy work is shared by Congress, which has not given

the agency enough money to do the job properly. It should authorize an additional \$400 million every year for inspections.

Lawmakers also should require full disclosure of the origin of ingredients in prescription drugs sold in the United States. Then buyers can beware, and pharmaceutical companies will have a greater incentive to ensure quality.

The FDA should be ensuring safety — but at a minimum, we have a right to know where those drugs are made and what ingredients they contain.

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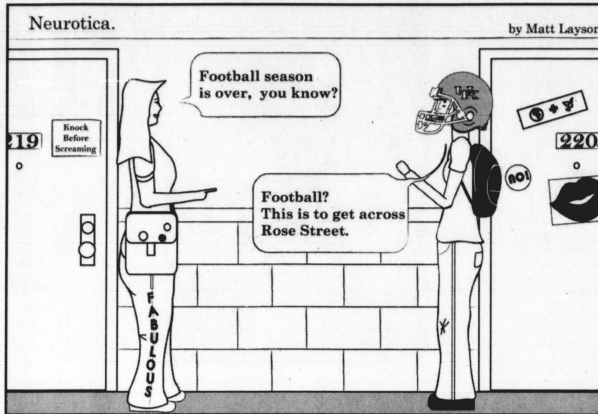
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MATT LAYSON, Kernel cartoonist

## Marriage's fulfillment, happiness can't be replaced by cohabitation

A few weeks back, I wrote an article asserting that a dating relationship without marriage as a goal is pointless. This was too strong of a claim, and I should qualify that statement now by explaining that relationships planned to be temporary are fine, so long as both parties, in order to avoid unnecessary grief, establish that that's the way it's going to be.

This time around, though, I'd like to focus in on marriage itself — what it is and why it's important and good. A friend and I were having coffee last week and he said that he never wants to get married. I had no problem with that until he continued to explain that he didn't think it was necessary for anyone. He said that besides tax benefits, there was no real difference between two married people and two people cohabitating with a promise to never leave each other.

Some people in the latter case (not all, mind you, but a likely majority) like having the chance to opt out in the future and perhaps avoid marriage so this chance will be a little easier for them. Many agree, but regard the opportunity to leave as a good thing. But who wants to join and separate with different partners for the rest of their lives?

Heartbreak sucks, and it's not much of a stretch to see that eventually, an enduring commitment is best for a couple.

Realistically speaking, you just can't take people at their word all the time.

The pro-ball player who promises to play for a team but refuses to sign the contract won't fly. The couple who swear that they'll care for and raise a child but don't care to officially adopt don't cut it. And your signature always goes on your Starbucks receipt to prove that you agree to the cost of your beverage. Formal contracts are often essential for validation, commitment and trust.

Like I said, people think a little more about legal decisions, about whether they'll still want them in 10 years. In 50 years. And I understand that people change, that there are necessary and justifiable divorces. But if marriages were treated with more honor and entered into with more foresight, far fewer would be bad and broken.

Besides, marriage is more than a legal contract, more than a piece of paper. It's a covenant so strong that it makes you and another person one flesh (Mark 10:8). Of course this is a metaphor, but it emphasizes the depth of unity that occurs, a bond that those with any religion or lack thereof should recognize.

Even if your commitment doesn't involve God, it involves the person for whom you have an unconditional love (if you take your vows seriously). Some would even say it involves others because you're making a public commitment — it's a promise made not only to your spouse, but to the rest of the world.

It is with a solid and sacred foundation such as this that we can build a pleasant and functional society. Strong marriages lead to strong fami-

lies, which lead to strong communities, cities and so forth. It's hardly a stretch to see that what happens in the home resonates throughout the whole of a nation, and the more good mar-

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riages we have, the more prosperous the individual, and the nation, will be.

One thing I don't take back from my previous article is my emphasis on commitment over emotion. Some get bored when the passion isn't high, when the butterflies in the stomach fly away, or when conflicts arise. What I continue to stress, though, is that this is all right.

Ideally, you date and marry because of who a person is, not because of how that person makes you feel. True love requires a loyalty present regardless of what emotions are occurring, and it's OK to not be absolutely crazy about someone all the time. As the vows imply, there will be better and there will be worse, but a wisely chosen marriage will be worth the ups and downs.

Unlike a permanent (or not-so-permanent) shack-up, a good marriage will produce more happiness, contentment and fulfillment than any other bond on earth.

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## Current, upcoming SG presidents working to ensure smooth transition

Happy Tuesday! Hope everyone is doing well and starting to prepare for finals. They will be here in a heartbeat, so don't fall behind.

I want to start things off by thanking Mr. Wildcat, Bill Keightley, for everything. A friend of mine is a manager for UK's men's basketball team, and I learned over the past couple years everything Mr. Keightley meant to the people who knew him. We should all try each and every day to live up to the standard he set. I wish his family and friends all the comfort in the world, and I know Mr. Wildcat is smiling down at us from above.

Last week's event with Chelsea Clinton was fun. So great to see so many civically engaged students in the Cats Den. We hope that we can bring the candidates to campus before the presidential election. Another Student Government Association success, love it.

We will have one last bang with SGA sponsoring a forum with the candidates for the city council's third district seat a week from today. They will be on campus at 5 p.m.; the room is still to be announced, so look for the Kernel's preview article next week. This will be so important for UK students to show up, and we have got to voice our opinion!

As the transition continues with the SG President-elect Tyler Montell's camp, I want to remind all students to fill out executive applications if you are interested in being a part of SGA next year. Tyler has started the right way by opening his arms to the campus, so don't leave the man hanging. Come in the office and grab one.

I am excited about passing the torch, hopefully without any protesters, and I promise Tyler and his running mate Grant Mills will be set by the time I clean out the drawers. We hope to have one more president's roundtable before the end of the year, during which Tyler and I will be there. It will be a great way to start the new school year.

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SGA recently teamed up with the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center on a new campaign that simply uses recognizable names on campus and e-mails.

Each week, we are sending quotes from a campus leader that will help spread the word about our goal of a

violence-free campus. This week's quote is from Provost Kumble Subbaswamy. "Violence and abuse are completely antithetical to the very mission of the university." Join us in this surge of energy as we make UK the safest college campus.

Well, with the state budget set to cut funding for higher education by 6 percent, I am sorry for all of you who are going to have to pay more for the same schooling next year. I will continue to fight for you with the Board of Trustees to reduce the rise in tuition as much as possible. I just wish the legislators could help us a little bit more. We did good work to get the cuts down from the proposed 15 percent, but we still need more help. Keep your eyes peeled.

The final board meeting will be at 1 p.m. April 22, two weeks from now. If tuition and fees are on the agenda, I hope you will make it a point to come visit. I will keep you posted.

Opening weekend at Keeneland was unreal! I am just glad the ATMs were not working.

Time to get to work, so put this paper down and start paying attention in class. Have a great couple of weeks, folks.

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## Bush pushes for passage of Colombian free-trade deal

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WASHINGTON — Setting up an election-year showdown with Democrats, President Bush yesterday sent Congress a controversial free-trade pact with Colombia, forcing an up-or-down vote within 90 legislative days.

The move came in an already combustible political environment regarding free trade, with a top campaign official of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, who opposes the trade deal, resigning after it was revealed that he'd met with Colombian diplomats to explore ways to promote the agreement.

With most Democratic lawmakers, as well as presidential candidates Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama, opposing the deal, Bush took a high-stakes gamble that could be one of his last major initiatives to go before Congress.

Bush cast the deal as a winner for the U.S. economy and necessary to promote U.S. national interest in the hemisphere, where Colombia faces a "hostile and anti-American regime" in Venezuela, which is ruled by populist President Hugo Chavez.

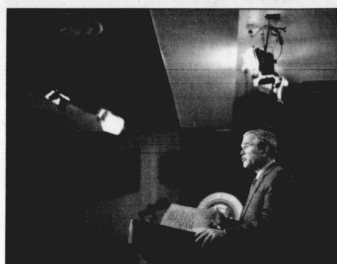
U.S. organized labor and some groups in Colombia have argued against the agreement, saying too many murders of union activists go unpunished in the country.

U.S. and Colombian officials don't have a certain head count on the vote. Rep. Wally Herger, a senior California Republican on the crucial House Ways and Means Committee, said the pact has overwhelming Republican backing, and he said he was hopeful that advocates could get enough Democrats to support it.

Bush said the administration has held more than 400 consultations with lawmakers in an effort to reach a deal that would ensure passage for a trade pact signed 16 months ago.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe was making efforts to stop the attacks against union members and had succeeded in making the country more secure as it battled guerrilla groups, Bush said.

By acting at this critical moment, we can show the watching world that America



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President George W. Bush makes remarks on the Colombia Free Trade Agreement yesterday in Washington, D.C.

will honor its commitments," Bush said. "We can provide a powerful rebuke to dictators and demagogues in our backyard. We can expand U.S. exports and export-related jobs. We can show millions across the hemisphere that democracy and free enterprise lead to a better life.

Most tariffs on U.S. exports would be cut to zero after the agreement goes into effect. Colombia, South America's second most-populous nation, already enjoys duty-free access to the U.S. market, thanks to a special arrangement that's renewed periodically.

The controversial nature of the Colombia deal was underscored by the resignation this weekend of Mark Penn as the Clinton campaign's chief strategist. Penn, in his capacity as CEO and president of public relations firm Burson-Marsteller, met last week with Colombian Ambassador Carolina Barco to explore ways to promote the free-trade agreement.

On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., criticized Bush's decision to push the Colombia pact.

"By sending up the Colombia FTA (free-trade agreement) legislation under circumstances that maximize the chances it will fail, he will be adding one more mistake to his legacy and one more mess for the next president to clean up," Reid said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Ways and Means Chairman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said that "under present

circumstances, we cannot support" the agreement.

The Colombian trade deal also has divided Latin America among nations that embrace free trade with the United States — including Mexico, Peru, Chile and most of Central America — with those like Venezuela that say free trade produces more poverty.

"The most important geopolitical mistake the United States could do today is not ratifying that treaty," Mexico's ambassador to the United States, Arturo Sarukhan, said at an event Friday.

Bush administration officials left open the possibility of a negotiated settlement to avoid a photo-finish vote that accompanies contentious trade deals. In his remarks yesterday, Bush hinted he was open to dialogue on legislation that would provide more generous assistance to workers hurt by free trade, as Democrats want.

In May 2007, the Bush administration and the Democratic congressional leadership struck a deal to include more labor and environmental provisions in trade texts. That cleared the way to pass a pact with Peru. But Democrats argued that Colombia needed to do more on human rights.

Business groups rallied yesterday in support of the Colombian pact. Tom Donohue, the head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said a rejection "will do nothing to provide opportunities to working Americans on factory floors or Colombians rescuing their nation from drug violence."

## Iraq hearings expected to generate sound and fury but not much change

By David Lightman  
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McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Army Gen. David Petraeus' congressional testimony this week is likely to generate plenty of sound, fury and analysis in Washington, but not much change in America's policy in Iraq.

The Democrats who control the Senate and the House of Representatives may threaten to put restrictions on the next round of war funding. Some may try to impose timetables for withdrawal.

They'll probably quiz Petraeus on his opinions about those strategies when the U.S. commander in Iraq testifies before two Senate committees today and appears before House panels tomorrow.

But Democrats' efforts to dramatically change policy this year are unlikely to go far, for several reasons.

■ The American public isn't sure of the exit strategy it wants. Polls show that while the war is overwhelmingly unpopular, there's still no consensus on how to end it.

■ The general election that will choose the next president and control of the Congress is only seven months away.

Democrats figure it's probably worth waiting. Buoyed by polls, party leaders see a profitable election ahead, a year when they could even win the magic 60 Senate seats needed to cut off a Senate filibuster.

■ U.S. policy in Iraq is now more closely identified with Petraeus than it is with President Bush, his administration or the Republican Party, a perception that the White House has promoted by nourishing reports that the president relies more on the general for promoting advice about Iraq than he does on

Petraeus' superiors. ■ Although his strategy of sending more U.S. troops to Iraq has suffered some recent setbacks, Petraeus remains a popular figure whose popularity was buoyed in part by a liberal group's attack on his name as "General Betray Us."

A new Pew Research Center poll, taken March 24-29, however, found that most people were unfamiliar with the general. Among those who were, however, 27 percent viewed him favorably compared with 18 percent unfavorably, which suggests that if he comes across as reasonable in this week's hearings, it may be hard for some politicians to oppose him.

"He can clarify the policy he supports, and show that, at least in the commander's eyes, he does not see a prolonged combat role," said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at Washington's center-left Brookings Institution. ■ It's not in most politicians' political interests to switch sides now, given the mixed progress Petraeus is expected to report.

Calling for change risks charges of opportunism. New York Sen. Hillary Clinton is still dogged by many antiwar activists — not to mention rival Illinois Sen. Barack Obama — for her 2002 vote to give President Bush broad authority to wage war. ■ "Right now everyone is sort of in an endgame," said John Fortier, research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, "so you're going to keep seeing a reiteration of the reasons people are for or against the war."

Democrats "can talk about it a lot, and they've done that, and I think they think that is beneficial to them," Minority Whip Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said of the war and the troop surge. "But the only thing that's really changed, I believe, is that the

facts on the ground have gotten better."

For that reason, Kyl said, and because the economy is becoming a more salient issue in the upcoming presidential elections, Democrats may invest less energy in debating how to get troops out and more in shifting war dollars to domestic priorities.

"I really resent it," Kyl said, offering the Republicans' rhetorical response: "In a sense, it's a blackmail using our troops and their requirements as a hostage."

Democrats don't see it that way, and with their leadership's blessing, many are angling to use the Pentagon's request for \$102.5 billion in supplemental war funding as leverage to squeeze out more billions in funding for domestic priorities. Everything from economic stimulus plans and welfare spending to local projects may be on the table.

House and Senate debates over supplemental funding could begin next month. Regularly budgeted war funding for the remainder of the fiscal year could run out sometime over the summer. But lawmakers expect that sufficient supplemental funds will be approved before continuing operations are put at risk.

Even so, expect plenty of debate about priorities. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a senior Senate Armed Services Committee member, said that Americans "are right to question why we continue to write a blank check to the Iraqi government instead of focusing more of our budget on American families struggling with the high cost of gas, groceries and a slumping economy."

Added House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.: "To have a new direction in America, we need a new direction in Iraq."

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