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Corps publicizes policies

DEWEY LAKE — The U.S. Army Corps of engineers has set policies regarding the use of vehicles off designated roadways on Dewey Lake. Four-wheelers, three-wheelers, motorized mountain bikes, dune buggies and other "recreational vehicles" are not permitted on Corps of Engineers property at Dewey Lake. Convicted violators of this policy face penalties and forfeiture of their vehicles. Violators can face separate federal and state charges for the same incident.

The Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake will close road gates to the Downstream Recreational Area beginning Jan. 3, until April 1, at which time the Downstream Recreational Area road will reopen for public use for the 2005 recreation season. This action is necessary due to prevent vandalism and destruction of the Downstream Recreation Area's restrooms and facilities.

The Corps will be taking shelter reservations for 2005 beginning Jan. 3 at 7:30 a.m. These include the three shelters located in the Downstream Recreational Area and one shelter located in Picnic Hollow near the top of the dam. The price of a shelter is \$50 a day, which reserves it from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

When calling to reserve a shelter, have your information ready along with a pen and paper to take

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Tomorrow Showers High: 66 • Low: 46

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Toxic waste caused children's deaths, mom says

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

BRANHAM'S CREEK — Two years ago, when Kentucky West Virginia Gas excavated the front yard belonging to Nicky Hall, she was immediately reminded of several tragedies that her family endured during their time in the home.

They found 196 tons of contaminated soil which contained high levels of several dangerous substances, such as mercury, arsenic, lead and

cadmium. The source of the chemicals, Hall believes, is a gas well that the company maintained adjacent to her property since the 1940s had probably been leaking for decades.

Hall suspected that there could be a connection between the leaks and several events in her life, which included the deaths of her only two children. She decided to do some research.

Her son, Azzie Hall Jr., died two days after his birth, before she got a chance to hold him. Her daughter

was a child at the time. The family had moved to Michigan to be nearer her husband's work for several years, but returned to their Kentucky home when their daughter Roxanne was 10. Two years later she developed vision problems. A Pikeville physician diagnosed their daughter with a tumor that was pressing on her optic nerve. Surgery and three years of radiation treatments followed but Roxanne died in 1982 at age 15.

Hall was researching the effects of the dangerous substances that were

found in her yard when she recalled a significant fact. Her daughter once had a full head of hair which reached her waist. Hall was heartbroken when Roxanne decided she wanted to have it cut, but that didn't stop her from letting her daughter follow through on her wishes. She sentimentally decided to save the locks as a keepsake.

Hall took the locks of her daughter's hair she had saved and sent

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Roxanne Hall died of complications from a brain tumor in 1982.



photo by Sidney Jane Bailey

Marlow Tackett, in front of a window filled with toys to given out during his "Christmas for the Needy" program, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 19.

Tackett again preparing to share Christmas with the needy

by SIDNEY JANE BAILEY STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Every year for the past 28 years, Marlow Tackett and company have helped provide holiday treats for the underprivileged in Eastern Kentucky.

This year, "Christmas for the Needy" is scheduled for Sunday Dec. 19, at Marlow's Country Palace in Pikeville.

Tackett, having grown up in a family of 16 brothers and sisters in Pike County, said he knows what it

is like to have wants, especially in children at an early age. So for the past 20 years, he has devoted the months prior to the week before Christmas as a program for poor people. This year is no different as donations come from far and wide, including from local leaders, churches, lodges, civic groups, and private individuals. Churches in North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia also send large donations.

Tackett says he feels that the program belongs to the community

at large and it is a regional effort to provide for those who can't provide for themselves.

"Anyone that is in need for Christmas supplies is welcome," Tackett said. "And if there is any person, group or organization that has anything they want to donate, then bring it here and give it to whomever they wish."

Donations of new and used toys, new and used furniture, fruit, canned foods, candy and clothing

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Local group prefers rails over trails

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Interested residents attended a meeting Thursday evening at the Magoffin Community Center to hear about an alternative to the "Rails for Trails" program that proposes to pave over existing railroad tracks that snake through Magoffin, Johnson and Breathitt counties.

The main speaker was Steve Allen, who is retired from the railroad business and now devotes himself to opposing "Rails for Trails." He pointed out to the gathered citizens that the federally-funded program aims to pave over tracks and create trails which will devalue property and raise taxes for residents so that the trails can be kept up.

Allen was also on hand to propose that the citizens band together to stop this process by signing a petition and joining a board he is developing that will act as a nonprofit group. The group

would then nominate a new plan for the rails to be kept and used for historical tours.

The plan has been dubbed the "dinner train" by some. That is because one of the attractions for the restored line would be meals served on the train. Several other ideas for the line would include themed rides such as a "ghost train" for Halloween and a "Santa train" at Christmas.

Allen noted that a scenic railway would bring in tourism dollars and actually raise the value of land. He further noted that county judges from Magoffin, Johnson and Breathitt will be meeting with "Rails" officers on Tuesday and that time is of the essence. He said that the location of the meeting was not being announced but that they would have to get their petition in by Monday to stall "Rails."

"If this deal fails, it's yours [the rail line], not theirs, so you are still better

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New courthouse phone numbers create confusion

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The phone numbers to all personnel at the Floyd County Justice Center were changed on Tuesday, and the switch has caused quite a bit of confusion for all of the staff charged with administering justice in the county.

The old numbers were simply shut off with no message recorded to direct callers to the new exchanges.

Judge John Caudill was told that one of the reasons for the change

was that the 889 prefix was unique, but he pointed out that many local residences already have that prefix. He was informed that there must be other reasons.

The new numbers are as follows:

- District Court Clerk, 889-1672 ■ Small Claims, 889-1650 ■ Drivers License, 889-1660 ■ Family Court, Judge Paxton, 889-1676 ■ District Judge James Allen, 889-1816 ■ District Judge Eric Hall, 889-1661

- Circuit Court Clerk, 889-1658 ■ Drivers License Reinstatement, 889-1648 ■ Court Designated Worker, 889-1656 ■ Probation and Parole, 889-1694 ■ Commonwealth's Attorney, 889-1682 ■ Family Court Clerk, 889-1651 ■ Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill, 889-1653 ■ Circuit Judge John Caudill, 889-1900 ■ Pretrial Officer Ernie Kelly, 889-1670 ■ Fax, 889-1659

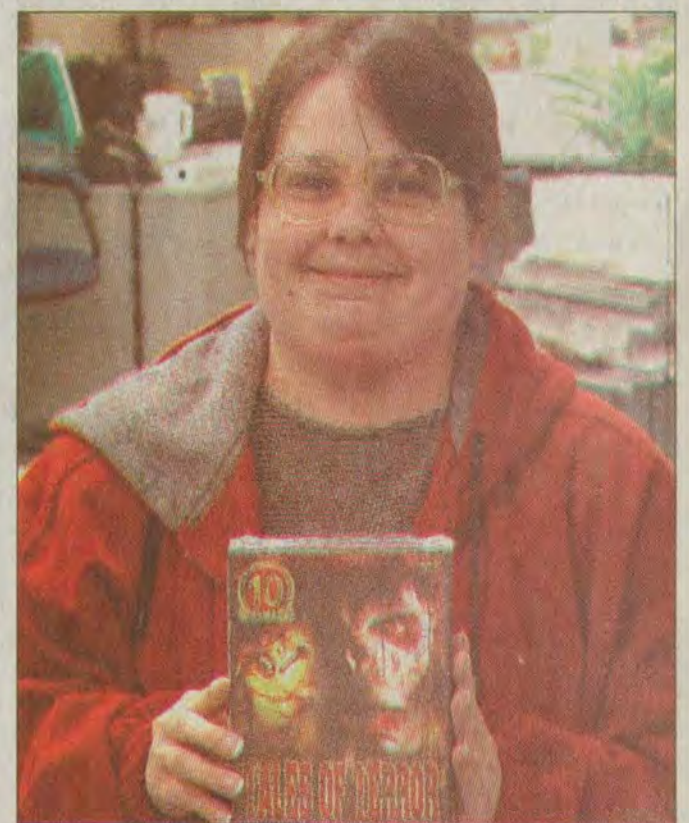


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Lisa Hinkle, of Dwale, was the prize winner in the Black Lagoon's Thanksgiving Movie Trivia Contest. Her prize was a gift pack collection of 10 horror movies on five DVDs. A new contest begins this week.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Police followed a trail of doughnuts to find a stolen Krispy Kreme delivery truck.

"It has a happy ending," Swatara Township Sgt. Robert Simmonds said. "The evidence was brought back to the police station, and the cops are eating the doughnuts."

It was 12:45 a.m. Thursday when Krispy Kreme deliveryman Tim Trostle stopped at a Swatara Township convenience store and left the engine running as he made the delivery. Someone fled with the truck, but since Trostle had left the back doors open, police were able to follow a trail of doughnuts.

The doughnut trail ended before long, but police in a nearby township found a doughnut cart near the Harrisburg city line. City police found the truck near a downtown bar.

No arrests were immediately made. The truck was returned to the company.

Although Simmonds had been joking about police taking the contents of the truck, he acknowledged seeing Krispy Kreme doughnuts in a station conference room Thursday.

"I suspect that the manager from the Krispy Kreme might have given us a little thank you for our efforts," he said.

■ **PISMO BEACH, Calif.** — He's a plastic millionaire.

Walter Cavanagh — also known as "Mr. Plastic Fantastic" — has a wallet nearly as long as a football field to carry his credit cards.

Cavanagh owns 1,497 valid credit cards (he assumes a card is valid until he hears otherwise) with a potential credit line of about \$1.7 million.

The retired real estate broker, who lives in the small San Luis Obispo County community of Shell Beach, said his collecting began with a bet more than three decades ago.

He and a friend were sitting in his apartment in 1969 and bet who could collect the most credit cards. The loser would buy dinner.

Cavanagh managed to obtain 143 cards in a year and got a rib-eye steak dinner. He also caught the plastic bug.

He has become so good at collecting the cards that he has a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, which gave him his nickname.

He also holds the title for the world's longest wallet — a 38-pound monster that is 250 feet long and can hold 800 cards.

Most of his collection is kept in bank safe deposit boxes.

His cards include antiques in paper and aluminum. A number are from long-defunct department stores, gas stations and bars. They come from as far away as Germany and Spain.

"Most cards are from such obscure places, you've never heard of them," Cavanagh said.

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — Grant Petersen tried to give officials his two cents — in the form of 8,200 cents.

Petersen withdrew \$82 worth of pennies from his bank and delivered them in a bucket to pay an \$82 fine he got for driving with a burnt-out headlight.

Court officials are apparently unamused, and have asked Petersen to offer a more "acceptable" form of payment. They say state policy allows clerks to reject unusual forms of payment, and it's going to waste county resources for someone to count all that change.

Petersen says he doesn't plan to honor that request. He says money is money, and U.S. law provides that coins are legal tender.

■ **MIAMI** — A nurse's aide who quit her job to take a cruise hit the jackpot.

Carol Baird won a \$321,694

slot machine jackpot aboard a Carnival Cruise Lines ship off the U.S. Virgin Islands early Wednesday.

Baird, 59, quit her job after realizing she had booked her cruise in violation of her company's policy prohibiting personal vacation time seven days before or after a holiday.

"When I booked the cruise, I didn't look at the calendar," Baird said Thursday.

So she decided to quit her job at a nursing home after 17 years.

Baird said she was playing the ship's MegaCash machine, featuring a fleet-wide progressive jackpot, with her husband gaming next to her. Initially she didn't realize she had struck the bonanza.

"Now I'm glad I did (quit)," she said.

Baird said she was going to get the jackpot payout in install-

ments over six years "so I don't have to work."

■ **BELLE VERNON, Pa.** — A man accused of pointing a loaded handgun at a police officer says he's only guilty of wearing tight jeans.

Sean Eldon Duvall, 36, was arrested Tuesday on charges including aggravated assault and reckless endangerment for the June 18 incident.

Southwest Regional Police Detective Sgt. James Rega said in court papers that Duvall left his car with the .38-caliber revolver hidden under papers and aimed it at him when he stopped to see if Duvall needed help.

Duvall told The Associated Press that he didn't need help; he said he was just stepping out of his car to go to a friend's house to play chess.

Duvall acknowledged he had his gun with him, but said he has a permit to carry it, which he tried to show Rega. By law, the gun must be concealed, but Duvall said he couldn't conceal it under his pants while sitting in his car because his jeans were too tight.

Duvall said that's why he left the car with the gun sandwiched among some magazines.

"The magazines were the bread and the gun was the meat," he said.

A district justice is scheduled to hear both sides of the story on Dec. 15.

■ **CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Poor Rudolph won't join in any reindeer games in North Carolina this holiday season.

State wildlife officials worried about chronic-wasting disease — the deer-family equiva-

lent of mad cow disease — have banned the transportation of deer, elk, caribou and reindeer within the state. They have also blocked the import of the animals from other states in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease to the wild deer population.

That keeps deer farmers from moving the animals to Christmas parties, hayrides and other holiday events and is costing some of them thousands of dollars.

The rules are a reaction to a fatal disease that has infected deer in at least 12 states, devastating entire herds. The state Wildlife Commission approved temporary rules two years ago designed to stop the disease from being carried into North Carolina. The rules became

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## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2004. There are 26 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Dec. 5, 1933, national prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

■ In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

■ In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

■ In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

■ In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

■ In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

■ In 1848, President James Knox Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

■ In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

■ In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

■ In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Mormon Church because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

■ In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

**Ten years ago:** Jubilant Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP House speaker in four decades

President Clinton, on a visit to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Budapest, Hungary, urged European leaders to "prevent future Bosnias."

**Five years ago:** AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle, telling CBS' "Face the Nation," "No deal is better than a bad deal." Cuban President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba within 72 hours.

**One year ago:** The two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand. A suicide bombing on a commuter train in southern Russia killed 44 people, two days before the nation's parliamentary elections. Six children were killed during an assault by U.S. forces on a compound in eastern Afghanistan. A federal judge in Utah threw out the case against two civic leaders accused of bribery in their efforts to bring the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Little Richard (Richard Penniman) is 72. Author Joan Didion is 70. Author Calvin Trillin is 69. Musician J.J. Cale is 66. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 60. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 58. Pop singer Jim Messina is 57. Actress Morgan Brittany is 53. Actor Brian Backer is 48. Country singer Ty England is 41. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 39. Country singer Gary Allan is 37. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 36. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 35. Actress Amy Acker is 28. Actor Nick Stahl is 25. Actor Frankie Muniz ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 19. Actor Ross Bagley is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "As a rule, there is no surer way to the dislike of men than to behave well where they have behaved badly." — Lew Wallace, American author (1827-1905).

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**Waste**

them out to the Great Smokies Diagnostic Laboratory to be tested. The tests, which were completed April 29, 2003, found high levels of dangerous substances which naturally occur in the body at much lower levels. Toxic elements such as antimony, arsenic, lead, cadmium, tin, nickel and mercury were all higher than normal and had reduced the acceptable range of many healthy minerals in Roxanne's body.

Hall is on a quest now to draw attention to the dumping of toxic substances. She fears that her voice will be quieted once this process reaches the legal system and wants to raise awareness for people who may be living as she did without knowing what is under their soil.

"I'm sharing my story for one reason — to cause people to realize that there is danger, sometimes even in your yard," Hall said.

Hall recalled doing a fair amount of yard work before her son was born and often coming back into the house feeling like her feet were on fire. She recalled that she and her husband were constantly sick when they lived there.

Kentucky and West Virginia Gas could not offer a person on site to discuss Hall's case, but they were able to provide The Times with someone to speak with at Equitable Gas, the parent company, at their Pittsburgh office.

David Spiegelmeier said that mercury was found at the site and was once used to measure the volume of gas that was passing through a well. He confirmed that the gas meter on the property was excavated two years ago and a hundred tons of soil was removed. He was not aware of

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other toxic substances on the site other than mercury.

Spiegelmeier also noted that the house and shed on the property were deemed safe by an independent contractor. Three representatives of the state were also on site when soil sampling was done after the excavation, at which time there were no unsafe substances found.

Spiegelmeier said he could not speculate as to whether Hall would have been exposed to mercury while doing yard work. The 2002 survey was conducted when they first became aware of mercury through sampling. These operations were done alongside the Division of Waste Management, which was closed for the weekend by the time Equitable contacted The Times.

Hall is anxious to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience or fears that they might already be exposed to toxic elements in their soil. She can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 207, Harold, KY 41635.

**Tackett**

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are needed. For drop-off information, call (606) 432-4181.

Some of those who make the program happen besides Tackett include all members of his band, Dave Sipple, Dustin Hoover, Keith Tackett, Garland Rodgers, Joe Newsome, Jimmy Tolson, David Lee Tackett, Wendy Chanel, Eric Conn, Wayne T. Rutherford, Larry Webster, Paul Hunt Thompson, Rick Bartley, "Doctor" Don Blevins, Dale McKinney, Keith Bartley and others who quietly contribute.

**Rails**

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off," Allen said.

The audience was full of supporters who may not have embraced the historical train plan but were utterly convinced that a paved trail over the tracks would invite more trouble. The primary concerns were about how the trails would be used, with everyone agreeing that it would become a haven for all-terrain vehicles, thieves and drugs. One guest went so far as to call it a "drug trail."

Manuel Minix, a Magoffin County magistrate, sat in with the Historical Society, tentatively named "The Appalachian Railroad Preservation Association," as a member and told the crowd that he could not be sure how his county's fiscal court would vote on such a plan, but he assured the crowd that he was against the "Rails" plan.

One question mark in the plan involves who will operate the track. Since the business would incur profits, there would have to be shareholders and the nonprofit portion of the venture could not oversee it.

Allen appeared to be also be representing the interests of people who would profit from the venture. He made several references to having connections that could supply trains for the enterprise and said he knew someone who could come in and manage the project, though he did note that a manager should be picked locally.

**Park**

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down any information needed. You should have two dates you are interested in, in case one is already reserved.

To reserve a shelter or to make comment or request information call the Resource Manager at Dewey Lake at (606) 789-4521 or (606) 886-6709.

**State highway garages at Allen, Minnie announce work schedule upcoming week, Dec. 6-10**

Superintendents Bud Akers and Glen Tackett of Highway District 12 released Friday next week's work schedules for the Allen and Minnie Maintenance Garages:

**Allen Garage**  
Work all week will focus on cutting trees to improve line of sight along the following roads:

- Monday, December 6: KY 1210 around mile point 1.4
- Tuesday, December 7: KY 1210 around mile point 2.9
- Wednesday, December 8: KY 1210 around mile point 3.8
- Thursday, December 9: KY 1210 around mile point 4.0
- Friday, December 10: KY 1210 around mile point 5.1

**Minnie Garage**  
Most of the week's work will be directed toward hand-cleaning culverts and pipes:

- Monday, December 6: KY 122 between mile points 20 and 35 and KY 2030 between mile points 0 and 7
  - Tuesday, December 7: KY 122 between mile points 1 and 20 and KY 1086 between mile points 0 and 4.5
  - Wednesday, December 8: KY 979 between mile points 0 and 19 and KY 3380 between mile points 0 and 1
  - Thursday, December 9: Cross drain repair on KY 3370 at mile point 6.6
  - Friday, December 10: Litter pickup along KY 80.
- Maintenance work is scheduled on a tentative basis and is subject to change, depending on weather conditions and emergencies.

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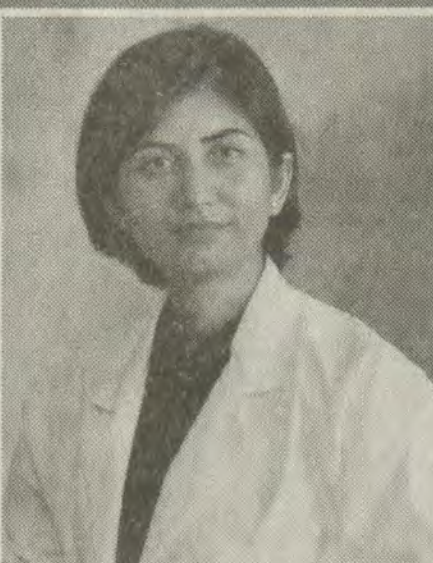
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— Felix Frankfurter

## Our view Amendment won't treat cause

On the surface, a proposal to force legislators to stay in session until they pass a budget might seem like a good idea to those frustrated by the General Assembly's ineptitude in recent years.

But in reality, such a law would only treat the symptoms — not the actual problem.

Rep. John Will Stacy, a West Liberty Democrat, has prefiled a bill that would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot requiring a biennial budget to be passed before a legislative session can adjourn. If approved next year by the General Assembly, Kentuckians would get to vote on the amendment in 2006.

Stacy and others who support such a measure clearly have good intentions. But this amendment seems to ignore the fact that legislators already have a constitutional responsibility to pass a budget.

That responsibility hasn't been enough in recent years to compel legislators to do their job, and it's unlikely that a constitutional amendment would be any more effective.

Keeping the session ongoing and legislators in Frankfort isn't going to make the situation any better — time has never really been a factor in the failure to pass a budget. At best, it will just create a "never-ending session" where legislators don't adjourn, but don't actually meet either.

The fact is that nothing is going to change until legislators finally understand that their primary responsibility is to pass a budget, and everything else comes second.

Just look at what legislators were able to accomplish last month in a special session to address insurance and benefits for teachers and other state employees. It's evidence that when political agendas are put aside, cooperation is possible.

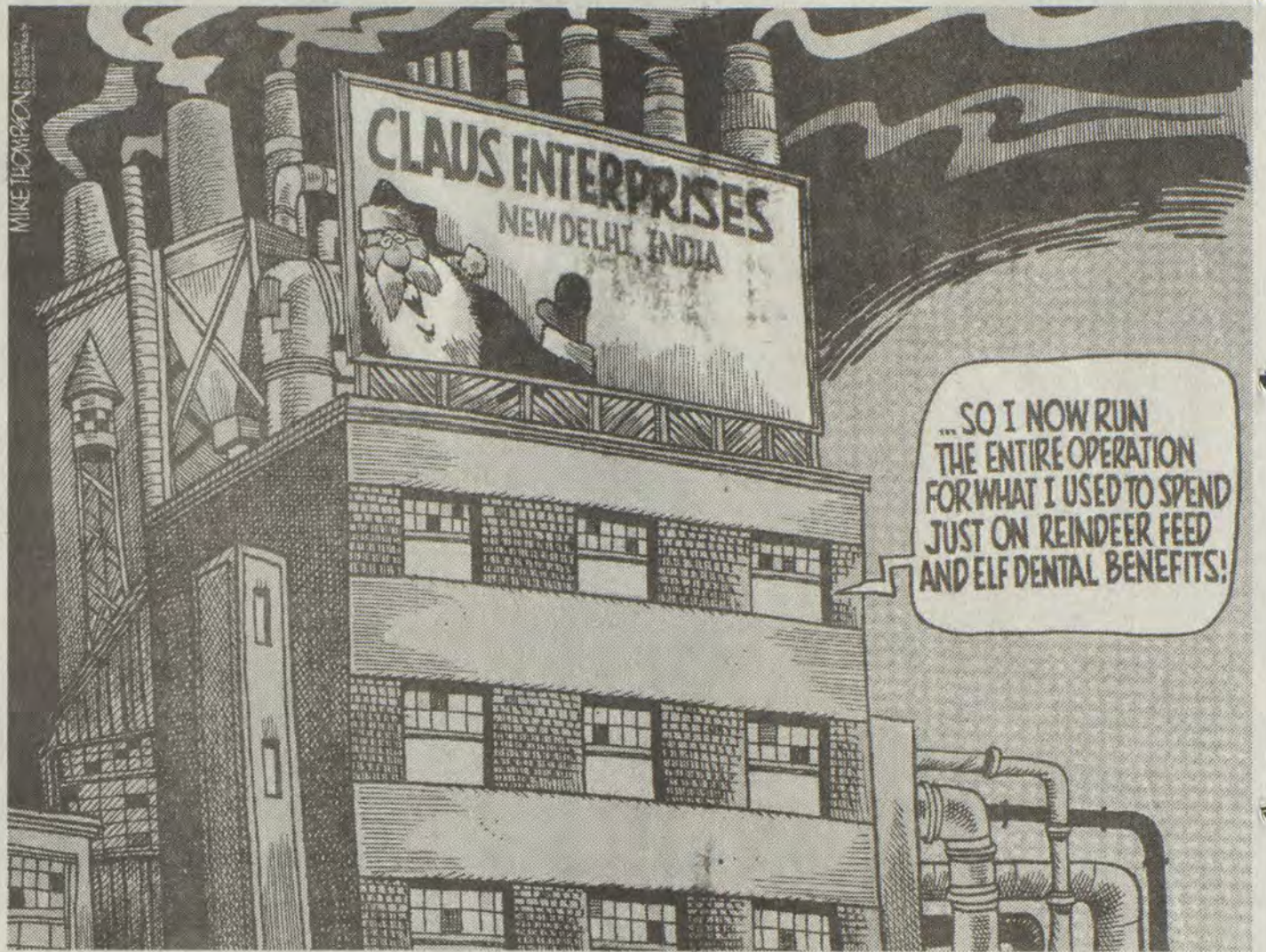
Compare that situation to how the budget debate played out earlier this year. The truth is that the House and Senate weren't that far apart in the main aspects of their budgets. But the political standoff over tax reform derailed any chance at reaching a compromise.

Senate Republican leadership was trying to score a major political victory for new Gov. Ernie Fletcher, and House Democratic leadership was scared to death to do anything that might hurt the party at the polls in the November election...

Amending the constitution is serious business, and should only be done when absolutely necessary. This is part of the reason that Kentucky limits the number of amendments that can appear on the ballot. Critical issues that would require a constitutional amendment — medical malpractice reform and expanded gambling — will be debated in coming months, and others equally important will likely arise as well.

Let's hope legislators understand they already have a responsibility to pass a budget — and focus their attention on areas where constitutional changes might actually have a positive impact.

— *Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro*



## —Rich Lowry Column

### The values election

On nearly every TV political chat-fest, journalists and Democrats are asking themselves with puzzled or plaintive expressions on their faces: "Values? What are these so-called 'values'? And how do we get some?"

President Bush's convincing victory was partly driven by moral issues. More voters (22 percent) said they cared about those issues than any other concern, including the economy, terrorism and Iraq. Those values-voters broke for Bush 80 percent to 18 percent, which did much to secure his victory. So we are due another of those periodic moments when the chattering class discovers the strange continued existence of Christians and other exotic beings inhabiting locales not in New York, Los Angeles or Washington, D.C.

In a "values" discussion on CNN recently, the Republican governor of Nebraska was queried and probed as if he

were from another planet: "Bipedal, carbon-based life forms in Nebraska are sexually dimorphic and pair off in long-term commitments called — forgive me if I mispronounce this — 'marriage'? Can you please describe, in as simple terms as possible, the concept of barbecue? Who is Brooks? And if I may follow up quickly, who is Dunn?"

It is extraordinary that liberals constantly forget about these voters, since their entire political strategy is based on them — getting around them, that is.

The liberal reliance on the courts to effect social change is entirely driven by the fact that most of the country is not keen on social liberalism. Indeed, the election's biggest loser was the Massachusetts Supreme Court. In its eagerness to slam gay marriage down the throats of Massachusetts — and, by extension, the rest of the country — it prompted a populist backlash that benefited President Bush. All 11 state constitutional amendments banning gay marriage passed.

The election suggests Democrats should make some adjustments. First,

nominate candidates who partake of the cultural sensibility of most voters. Ken Salazar, who won a Colorado Senate seat for the Democrats, is a bright spot for them this year. He has a rural background, wears cowboy hats and bolo ties, and has never been seen windsurfing.

Second, be more moderate on the social issues. Abortion-on-demand in every possible circumstance shouldn't be holy writ, and gay marriage will have to wait. Third, ground liberal positions in the deepest ethical imperatives of traditional religion. This is what Illinois senator-to-be Barack Obama did in his moving address at the Democratic Convention.

Finally, it would be a mistake to draw a straight line between the votes of those people who say moral issues were important to them and the president's positions on abortion and other hot buttons. They were probably swayed as well by his intangibles — his authenticity, his toughness, his instinctive patriotism, his disdain for elite affectation.

Those are qualities that can't be faked, and Democrats will never value them properly until they truly value — instead of misunderstand and disdain — flyover-country moral-issues voters. The philosopher Jeremy Bentham once said the best way to convince people you like them... is to actually like them.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*



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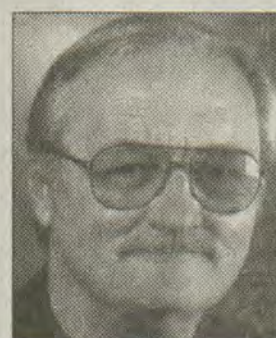
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## —beyond the beltway

### Athletes merely mimic the American way

by DONALD KAUL

A fight broke out at a professional basketball game in Detroit the other day, and from the way people reacted, you'd have thought it was the end of civilization as we know it. It wasn't.



What happened was that, during an altercation between ballplayers, a fan took it upon himself to chastise one of the Indiana players by hitting him with a cup full of liquid; some say beer, some say not.

The player he chose, unfortunately, was a young man with a well-deserved reputation as a nutcase. He immediately leaped into the stands and, joined by several teammates, began beating indiscriminately on people.

I grew up in Detroit and I'll tell you this: when someone begins beating on people there, they beat back. Almost instantly, the incident had evolved into a full-scale riot.

The Indiana team was lucky to make it off the floor alive.

Not pretty, perhaps, but at worst, merely the end of civilization as we imagine it.

We profess to yearn for a return to the good old days when people were kind and honest and the streets — not to mention our athletic arenas — were safe for decent people. It was never like that; our history is replete with examples to the contrary.

Take the Pilgrims, for example, whose Thanksgiving tradition we have just celebrated. A pious, moral, peace-loving people, right? Not really. They came here and wrested control of their space from the Pequot Indian nation, murdering and massacring until they had all but exterminated it, quoting the Bible all the way. Romans 13:2 was a favorite. Pious I'll give them; moral and peace-loving? I don't think so.

And we don't pay much attention to the "draft riots" in New York during the Civil War; at least we didn't until Martin Scorsese made a film about them a few years ago. The truth is they weren't so much draft riots as race riots. Mobs of white men attacked black people on the street, beating them to death, setting fire to whole neighborhoods; black neighborhoods, of course.

The truth is, we are a bloodthirsty, violent people. We are one of the very last countries in the Western world that still uses the death penalty and we stand virtually alone as one whose citizens believe they need to be armed to be safe. (This proposition was tested and found wanting the other day in Minnesota where a guy opened fire with his assault rifle on a group of armed hunters, killing five and wounding three.)

Do you know how many countries

we've bombed since WWII? Twenty-one. That's a lot for a peace-loving country and it doesn't even count all the clandestine mischief — assassinations and right-wing insurrections — supported by the CIA.

So the fracas in Detroit doesn't signify a change in our national character, rather, it's a confirmation of it.

Wars aside, sports in this country have a long tradition of fan-player violence. Ty Cobb, the greatest baseball player of the pre-Babe Ruth era, once charged into the stands to beat a heckler senseless. It turned out that his victim was disabled but Cobb was unrepentant and when he was suspended, his teammates went on strike to support him.

Still, that said, it is a little disquieting to see how often life imitates professional wrestling these days. There is a certain civility lacking in our public life. You not only see it on the streets and highways, you see it in Congress, where Dick Cheney, presiding officer of the U.S. Senate, recently cursed a senator with whom he disagreed.

Frankly, I think that's more distressing than a basketball player charging into the stands to clock someone. Players who habitually do that will eventually learn their lesson.

But when the vice-president of the United States goes toilet-mouth in public... well, maybe it really is the end of civilization as we know it.

*Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.*



# Faith Extra

## Southern Baptist school movement grows in states

by **DUNCAN MANSFIELD**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Frustration with public education seems to be growing among the nation's Southern Baptists, with supporters of Christian schools and home schooling arguing that if God is absent from the classroom then their children should leave, too.

"What has happened is not so much that the Christians are leaving the public schools as that the public schools have left the Christians," advocate Ed Gamble said.

Gamble is executive director of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools, an Orlando, Fla.-based group that supports the more than 600 Southern Baptist schools created in the past eight years.

"As the public schools have become increasingly secular and increasingly intolerant of things Christian, people who are openly Christian have said, 'I guess they are not part of our team anymore,'" Gamble said.

The number of conservative Christian schools grew by nearly 11 percent between 1999-2000 and 2001-2002, to 5,527, according to the U.S. Department of Education's latest statistics.

At that rate, Christian schools are growing faster than private schools as a whole, and have increased their share to nearly 1 in 5 private schools in the country.

Earlier this year, a resolution proposed at the national meet-

ing of the Southern Baptist Convention — which guides the nation's largest Protestant denomination — urged parents to withdraw their children from "officially Godless" "government schools" in favor of religious education.

While the measure was rejected, interest in faith-based schools has continued to spread among Baptists at the state level, particularly in Tennessee, Missouri, Florida, South Carolina, Illinois, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, California and New England, according to Exodus Mandate, a Columbia, S.C., group that promotes private, Christian and home-school education.

A recent resolution promoting Christian schooling easily passed the Missouri Baptist Convention but was quashed in committee at the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Sevierville last month.

The Missouri resolution talked about the "inherent dangers of secular educational philosophies that now permeates America's public education system" and affirmed "the importance of systematically training ourselves and our children in the ways of authentic, biblical Christianity."

"What we are saying is that God has given us some very specific commands that we are to train our children in the ways of the Lord, not in the ways of the world," said the Rev. Roger Moran, of Troy, Mo., the resolution's author and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee.

Reagan's resolution would have promoted more "Kingdom education" schools following LifeWay's lead. Schultz said the program has reached some 150 churches since 1996.

That means teaching creationism over evolution, that life begins at conception, and that homosexuality is immoral, as is sex outside of marriage. But it is more.

"It hits everything, when you realize the reality of life is (that) life was created by God and the entire universe is his creation. Therefore, everything has meaning and reflection on his nature, whether it is math or history or science. Two plus two equals four because God created them that way," said Glen Schultz, who heads the Baptists' LifeWay curriculum program for church-based schools and home-schoolers.

The Tennessee resolution came one step short of asking Baptist parents to pull their children from public schools.

"I wanted to be positive in promoting Christian education. I didn't want the resolution to be portrayed as attacking public education," said the Rev. Larry Reagan, of Dresden, who wrote the measure.

But the Rev. Mike Boyd of Knoxville, outgoing president of the 1 million-member Tennessee Baptist Convention, worried about the divisiveness of the issue.

"It was not wise, is all I am saying," added the Rev. Grover Westover, of Whiteville, chairman of the resolutions committee.

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"We encourage our members

to pray for this ministry and we encourage the promotion of an adequate system of Christian schools," Reagan said.

Boyd agreed there were "some serious issues in the public schools" to resolve but said the focus should be on supporting the teachers working in them, including

many Baptists, and parents.

"Historically, Baptists have been pretty staunch supporters of the public school system, and they still are," said Gamble, who was not surprised to see the convention resolutions fail.

"But this is a bottom-up movement, as it is a bottom-

up denomination. This is not a movement that is being led so much by pastors as it is being led by moms and dads who are frustrated."

"And some day, I don't know how long it will be, most of the kids will be educated in Southern Baptist schools or in their homes."

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The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

**Floyd County Democratic Women's Club**  
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

**Christmas Auction**  
Saturday, December 4, at Minnie, Fire Station #3, at 6 p.m. Items to be auctioned include furniture, toys, computer equipment, appliances, hardware, gift certificates and more. Call Tina at 377-6342 or 377-9296 for more information.

**Breakfast with Santa**  
Saturday, December 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum. Pancakes and sausage. Call 789-8540 for more information.

**Holiday Memorial Service**  
To be held Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, in Paintsville. Hosted by Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. for all those who like to remember a loved one at this special holiday time. Candle lighting & refreshments.

**Prater Creek Baptist**  
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**FCCD Meeting**  
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a meeting on Dec. 14, at 10 a.m., at the District office. Office located 1/2 mile from Lancer-Watergap intersection, traveling toward Jenny Wiley

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**HRMC Community Calendar**

•Dec. 16 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Rooms A & B.

•Dec. 18 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Office Bldg., Meeting Place A & B.

**Auxier Lifetime Learning Center**

•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

•Craft/Sewing Club - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

**Free Body Recall classes**

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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**Cliffside/Prestonsburg:** 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

**David:** 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

**Martin:** 1st Thursday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

**Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

**Maytown:** 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

**Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

**Prestonsburg:** 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

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Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

**"Looking For a Support Group?"**

•**Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group** - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

•**Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

•**MS Support Group** - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

•**Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.)** - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to

anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•**Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

•**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com

**J.W. Hall Lodge 950**

**Christmas program**

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will conduct its Christmas program, on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m., at the lodge hall. Santa Claus will be present, and dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Open House**

Sunday, December 12, 6-7 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wittensville (6 mi. north of Paintsville, on Rt. 1559, across from Tom's Creek FWB Church). Featured speaker: Lisle Brown, Patriarch, Huntington, WV stake. Topic: "Eternal Families." Special music, refreshments. Community cordially invited to attend. For more info: Bonnie Howell, 297-6668, Mary Jo Kirk, 298-3180, or Sheila Burden, 789-8657.

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by BILL POOVEY  
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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — At a recent task force meeting on the epidemic of methamphetamine use in Appalachia, Gov. Phil Bredesen winced when a federal prosecutor described the illegal drug as an aphrodisiac.

Doctors and government officials don't like to talk much about it, but there is an obvious reason people get hooked on methamphetamine: sex.

Meth eventually destroys the sex drive, but for a short while it can boost sexual appetite and performance more powerfully than drugs such as cocaine, doctors say.

"Who wouldn't want to use it? You lose weight and you have great sex," Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Laymon said sarcastically at the meeting of the Tennessee task force.

For obvious reasons, government officials want to focus on the misery meth causes.

Use of the addictive drug can cause brain damage, violent behavior and hallucinations, and exposure to the potentially explosive vapors

during the manufacture of meth can cause respiratory problems, headaches and nausea. In many gay clubs in New York City and elsewhere, meth is often injected, putting users and their partners at risk for HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted diseases.

As for why the drug has such a hold on people, Dr. Mary Holley, an obstetrician who runs a Mothers Against Methamphetamine ministry in Albertville, Ala., and has interviewed men and women addicted to meth, said sex is the No. 1 reason people use it. "The effect of an IV hit of methamphetamine is the equivalent of 10 orgasms all on top of each other lasting for 30 minutes to an hour, with a feeling of arousal that lasts for another day and a half," she said.

The effect doesn't last long.

"After you have been using it about six months or so you can't have sex unless you are high," Holley said. "After you have been using it a little bit longer you can't have sex even when you're high. Nothing happens. It doesn't work."

Dr. John Standridge, an addiction specialist with the

Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services in Chattanooga, said meth and other stimulants initially "rev up the dopamine nervous system in the brain. They rev it up and burn it out."

A National Institute on Drug Abuse survey on drug use and health in 2002 found that 12.4 million Americans at least 12 years old had tried meth at least once in their lifetimes. In a measure of how serious the problem is in Appalachia, a total of 1,083 clandestine methamphetamine labs were cleaned up in Tennessee in 2003.

A meth task force appointed by Bredesen is recommending tougher penalties and expanded treatment for addicts.

Meth's reputation as a sex drug is not unique.

"All substance abuse is frequently marketed as enhancing sex life or making you more attractive or a better social companion," said John Walters, the drug czar for President Bush. He added that buying meth as an aphrodisiac is "buying under false pretenses."

"Hair falls out. Teeth fall out," Walters said. "That's not sexy."

## New state slogan could signal end of smiley-face license plates

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's new logo could mean the sun is setting on the state's smiley-face license plates.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced last week that Kentucky's new brand slogan and logo would be "Kentucky: Unbridled Spirit." The logo, which features a sleek horse, was the public's ultimate choice in a nearly monthlong competition against three other finalists, Fletcher announced.

State officials are currently "evaluating" to see whether the state can afford adding the new logo to state license plates, Fletcher said.

"It needs to be on there," Fletcher told reporters.

Currently, Kentucky's main license plate, which was unveiled in December 2002, features a smiley-faced sun rising above green hills. The plate has a tourism slogan on it that says "Kentucky: It's that Friendly," and the plate also has the state slogan, "The Bluegrass State."

It's been unpopular among residents.

During the General Assembly's session last spring, some lawmakers proposed legislation calling for additional spe-

cialty license plates, while others wanted to replace or somehow mask the smiling sun.

However, this summer the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association named Kentucky the 2003 Best License Plate Award winner.

During the announcement of Kentucky's new brand, state Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash joked about the current license plate.

"When (Fletcher) came into office, he noticed that state government was giving all kinds of messages, all kinds of signals, as it were, in statements and logos," Fiveash said. "Things like: 'We're That Friendly,' 'Education Pays,' 'Think Kentucky' and 'The state with the smiley face on the license plate.'"

The media packet released last week announcing the new brand, included two examples of how the new brand might look on a license plate. It included a disclaimer that a "new design has not been selected."

While new plates may not be in the immediate future, Fletcher said administration officials were mulling the idea to estimate how much a change might cost the state. He estimated it could cost "about \$2 million" to make the change.

"The new plates are not due for

a little while to be replaced. We're evaluating that," Fletcher said. "Of course that might cost some money ... but I do think that we obviously want to transition and get this logo out on as many things as possible, including the license plate. But we'll have to transition that as money allows us."

For now, the idea was for the state to begin using the new logo and slogan in its advertising and on signs along highways and rest stops across Kentucky. The state is also selling apparel - including hats, T-shirts and sweat shirts - emblazoned with the new image at <http://www.kentuckyunbridledspirit.com>.

State government will be using the new brand image in tourism and economic development. It will also be used on "advertising, marketing, brochures and other materials," according to a letter from the governor.

The governor said he hoped people would relate Kentucky with the spirit of an unbridled horse.

"I think it relates to the fact that we have a wonderful equine history and that it is a state, as I see it, where you can reach your full potential," Fletcher said. "And that we really do unbridle the potential of people in Kentucky and let them be free and be all they can be."

## Obituaries

### Lloyd Meade

Lloyd Meade, 84, of McDowell, died Thursday, December 2, 2004, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born April 11, 1920, in Fed, (Hi Hat), he was the son of the late Manville Meade and Eva Gibson Meade Hall; and stepson of the late Levi Hall. He was a retired coal miner, and World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Tackett Meade.

Other survivors include two sons: John L. Meade of Willard, Ohio, and Eddie Darryl Meade of McDowell; one daughter, Rita Faye Ridgway of McDowell; one stepbrother, Estill Hall of Indiana; one sister, Chloe Harish of Orlando, Florida; and two half sisters: Bonnie Dewey of San Francisco, California, and Cuba Pennington of Florence; five grandchildren: Jerry Elliott, Charles "Chuck" Meade, Brandy Little, Jessica Cline, and Stephanie Hall; eight great-grandchildren: Blaine, Cody, Briana, Chayce, Brenden, Brittney, Jordan, and Jason; and a special neighbor, James Paige.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianne Meade; one brother, Foster "Sid" Meade; a half brother, Roy Hall; and one sister, Alice Meade.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 5, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, with ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Morgan Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)



Members of the Chest Pain Unit team, from left: Robin McDonald, R.N., Sonia Dent, R.N., BSN, Ryan Spangler, CMT, Stacy Patrick, R.N., Debbie Vanover and Debbie Dillon, R.N.



Zane Darnell, M.D., medical director, KDMC Chest Pain Center

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Melissa Sue Rowland Akers, 34, of Blue River, died Tuesday, November 23, at Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ida Geneva Walters Artrip, 85, of Drift, died Wednesday, December 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Goldie Bailey, 81, of Louisville, formerly of Garrett, died Sunday, November 28, at Nazareth Home, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mae Bailey, 84, of Hippo, died Tuesday, November 30, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Owen Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Bolen, 64, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, November 24, at Mt. View Health Care, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hershel R. Collins, 80, of Flatwoods, formerly of Tram, died Saturday, November 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Opal "Tina" Kidd Collins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Don Fraley Sr., 81, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, November 24, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Brenda Kaye Nelson Greer, 44, of Allen, died Thursday, November 25, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Greer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dovie Little Hall, 92, of Bypro, died Monday, November 29, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sylvia Sellards Hall, 84, of Stanville, died Thursday, November 23, at the Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Raymond Hall, 79, of Topmost, died Wednesday, November 24, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Helen B. Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bettina L. Harris Hunt, 42, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 30, in Paintsville, the result of a homicide, at her residence at Bucks Branch. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James R. "Huey" Jacobs,

56, of Wayland, died Tuesday, November 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Helen McCormick, 87, of Lexington, formerly of Allen, died Thursday, November 25, at her daughter's residence in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, I.W. "Mac" McCormick. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Crum McKinney, 56, of Martin, died Monday, November 22, at her daughter's residence at Staffordsville. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy McKinney. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clarence Prater, 73, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jeff Slone, 79, of Martin, died Thursday, December 2 at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 5, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Rev. William Robert Spradlin Jr., 78, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, November 25, at St. Joseph Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Irene Fraley Spradlin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the

direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Hazel Alta Cantrell Cochran, 88, of Wittensville, died Wednesday, November 24. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

April Daniel, 25, of East Point, died Wednesday, November 24, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Leonard Daniel. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Frank Eugene Goble, 68, of Elna, died Thursday, November 25, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Jones Preston-Funeral Home.

Martha L. Laney, 78, of Paintsville, died Monday, November 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Chester P. "Chet" McClure, 74, of Paintsville, died Monday, November 29, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Music McClure. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 1, under the direction of Paintsville Funreal Home.

Thelma Tackett Meek, 90, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, November 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Bessie J. Spears, 89, of Paintsville, died Saturday, November 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 30, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sherwood "Chub" Spencer, 79, of Paintsville, died Monday, November 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Mae Daniels Spencer. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 2, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Ken Tackett, 68, of Stambaugh, died Saturday, November 27, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 29, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

Judy P. Maynard, 93, of Lovely, died Thursday, November 25, at Lovely. Funeral services were con-

ducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Edith Arnett Cecil, 88, of Salyersville, died Thursday, November 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 28, under the direction of Maggoffin County Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

Rosa Smith, 91, of Carrie, died Monday, November 22, at Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

William Robert Teems Jr., 79, of Salt Lick, died Monday, November 22, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Rose Jeannette Gunter Teems. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

## Odds

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permanent this summer.

■ VICTORIA, British Columbia — A 62-year-old man described by his publisher as a prison Houdini for 13 escapes from custody will have another opportunity to hone his craft.

Lorne Wayne Carlson, author of "Breakfast with the Devil: The story of a professional jailbreaker," is going back to the slammer, this time for illegal possession of a handgun. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty Monday in British Columbia Supreme Court.

Carlson was on parole in July when he was tackled by police investigating a domestic dispute

and a loaded handgun fell out of his pants.

"I deeply regret having that handgun, your honor, and I will never possess another gun in my life," he told Justice Robert Hutchison.

The judge was unmoved. "You are getting too old for a life of crime and incarceration," Hutchison said. "It's time to give it up."

Carlson, who has an extensive record for robbery and other crimes in Canada and the United States, has spent about 35 years in prison. His publisher, Insomniac Press, contends he's the prisoner with the most escapes in modern North American history.

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## KDFWR encourages doe harvest during upcoming blackpowder deer season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky modern gun deer hunters reported harvesting just over 89,000 whitetails after the close of the 16-day season in Zone 1 and 2 counties Sunday, Nov. 28. But biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) are looking ahead to the newly-extended December muzzle-loading season for even more good things.

"Zone 1 and 2 counties are the most densely populated with

deer in the Commonwealth," said KDFWR Big Game Program Coordinator Jonathan Day.

"But, the late muzzle-loading season may be most important in Zone 4 counties where this is the only time during the deer season that antlerless deer can be harvested with a firearm," Day continued.

"Even though we are managing herds in Zone 4 counties for growth, it is important to develop the herd size with a controlled approach.

"Hunting is the control

method we use, and we gradually increase the opportunity to take antlerless deer to avoid an explosion in the population, but at the same time, allows hunters to benefit from the increase in numbers," Day explained.

"We work for a balance between measured herd growth and providing more opportunity, and the system has worked pretty well," said Day.

"We know there is still excellent opportunity for deer hunters available, and we encourage our sportsmen and women to take advantage of

that, and help us manage the herds with additional doe harvest during this season," Day said.

The mid-December muzzle-loading season is open Dec 11-19 statewide for either sex deer. It gives hunters two full weekends, which is a great plus for those who aren't able to get time off from work during the week.

"We'd really like to see our total season harvest kick up to around 125,000 animals, and a hard push on the antlerless segment of the herd as the season winds down," said Day.

"Taking antlerless deer is what assists in herd control, and that's what we'd like for our hunters to focus on after they take a buck, or while waiting for one to show up," the biologist concluded.

The statewide archery deer season runs through January 17th, 2005. Next year's season dates will be approved by the KDFWR Commission on December 3.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) manages, regulates, enforces and promotes respon-

sible use of all fish and wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment. KDFWR, an agency of the Commerce Cabinet, has an economic impact to the state of \$4.8 billion annually. For more information on KDFWR, go online to fw.ky.gov.

Blackpowder hunting continues to be popular among area hunters. Hunters throughout Eastern Kentucky often take part in the annual blackpowder deer season.

## Lady Pirates edge P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Belfry, after falling to Knott County Central in the opening round of the Lady Hawk Tipoff Classic at Pike County Central High School, recorded its first win of the 2004-05 season Thursday night, beating Prestonsburg 60-57. The Lady Blackcats fell to Magoffin County in the opening round of the tournament, but looked to be a much-improved unit Thursday night.

Freshman guard Shaq Deskins led Belfry with 20 points.

Four different Belfry players scored in double figures.

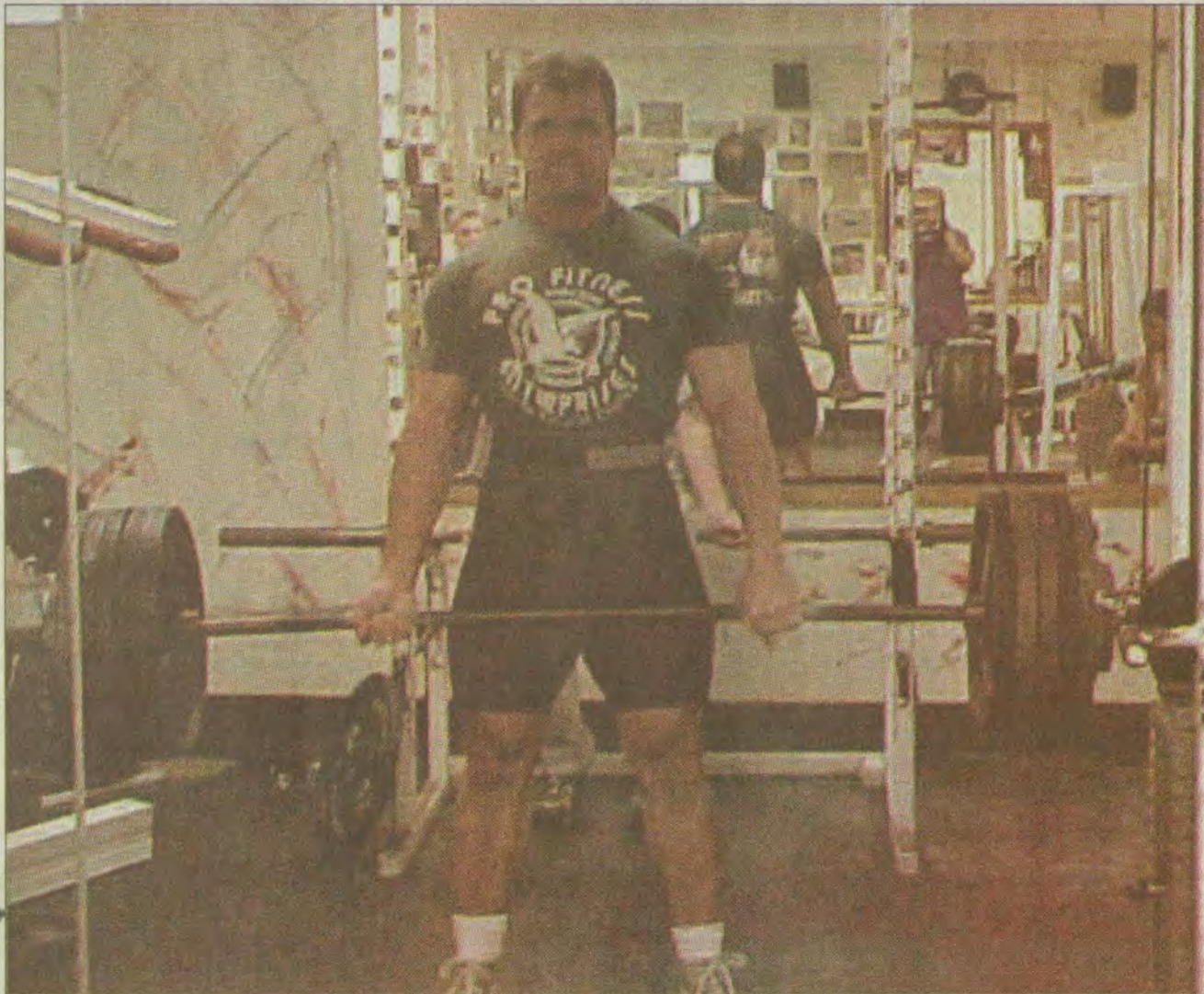
The game was close from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

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## Pro-Fitness Multisports



**RUN AND LIFT** — Pro-Fitness Multisports of Prestonsburg, over the Thanksgiving holiday, hosted the Turkey Trot. The Pro-Fitness event consisted of a 5k trail run followed by a deadlift. Below: Randy Burruss, 47, Pro-Fitness Manager, recorded a 525-pound deadlift. Burruss is the Master's record-holder.



## Fall turkey shotgun season resumes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — By the end of the first week of the Kentucky fall turkey shotgun season, hunters had already surpassed the harvest of the previous season by 1,000 birds. There is a second week of the season. The second week began Saturday and runs through Friday, giving hunters an additional opportunity to take advantage of the Bluegrass State's increasing turkey population. Early reports of reproduction indicate this spring's hatch was one of the best on record throughout the commonwealth.

The fall shotgun turkey season limit was increased to two birds of either sex for 2004. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Commission recently added a second turkey to the fall shotgun season permit, but did not increase the cost of the permit. The season was also expanded to give hunters four additional days to

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## Francis gains more gold

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Bill Francis recently added another piece of gold to his running medals collection. Francis took part in the Kentucky U. S. A. Track & Field Masters & Open Cross Country Championships. The Championships were held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on Saturday Nov. 13.

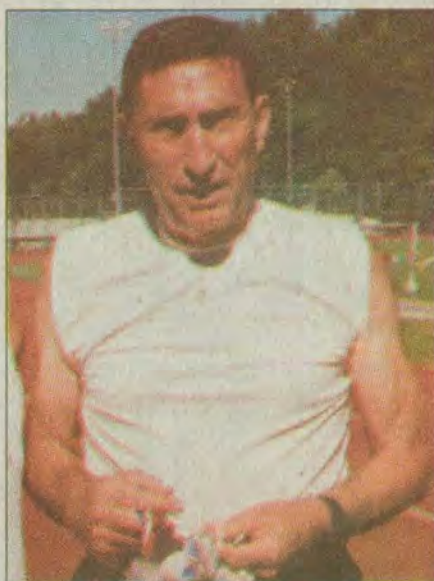
"The course was a spiral staircase course that was very difficult due to water standing in puddles and running on wet grass," said Francis. "The course followed a path that trainers use in working out horses at the Horse Park. There were deep hoof-prints in the wet and muddy areas that the runners followed making for an easy fall. I felt like I had ran the course sev-

eral times due to circling around, but going up hill each time. The course finally finished on a 400 meter downhill race to the finish line.

"Everyone was covered with mud that was slung upon the backs of their legs and backs from their shoes as they went through the mud. It was a good thing I took an extra pair of running shoes to put on after the race."

Francis, from Mousie in Knott County, won a gold medal in the 5K Open Cross Country Meet in the Masters. He will compete in the Mason/Dixon Championships in March.

The meet was held in conjunction with the High School State Track & Field Championships on the same day. All runners ran the same spiraling staircase course.



Bill Francis will compete for gold again in March. Francis continues to run and train for the March event.

## Cycling in Eastern Kentucky

by DON FIELDS

The sport of bicycling is taking off in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Recently the sport of cycling has become part of the Bluegrass State Games. Floyd County has seen a dramatic increase in the number of cyclist over the last three years, due mainly to the addition of a bicycle shop in Prestonsburg. In order to develop a community of cyclist, it is helpful to have the support and incentive that a professional bike shop can offer. There are several groups of cyclists based in Floyd County, ranging from beginner adults and children to intermediate fitness riders and multisport

racers.

On any given day, in and around

Prestonsburg, Pikeville and points in-between, you will see solo riders and small groups of cyclists on the highway. Although cyclists may appear the same from the standpoint of a driver behind the wheel of a speeding automobile, keep in mind that these riders are pedaling for their health and enjoyment and are motorists just like you. Bicycles are considered non-motorized transportation and have a right to be on the highway, just as an automobile, following traffic laws and common courtesy to others on the road. Bicycles take up very little room on the road and are easily passed by an automobile as any slow moving vehicle. As a motorist, do not

(See **CYCLING**, page two)

## Addington to crew chief for Gibbs' No. 18 team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Steve Addington has been named Bobby Labonte's crew chief on the No. 18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet for the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup season, Joe Gibbs Racing officials announced Wednesday.

Addington comes to the No. 18 Interstate Batteries car after one year as crew chief for the No. 20 Rockwell Automation Busch Series car for JGR, which was driven by Mike Bliss and finished fifth in the final Busch point standings.

"Steve brings a great deal of racing knowledge and leadership to the Interstate Batteries team," said J.D. Gibbs, president of JGR. "He did a great job (last year), and we look forward to a lot of success with him in 2005."

During the 2004 season, Addington helped Bliss to his first career Busch Series victory Oct. 15 at Charlotte and 14 top-10 finishes. Prior to working with JGR, Addington was crew chief for Jason Keller in the Busch Series, first at KEL Racing from 1990-96 and then at PPC Racing from 1999-2003.

Addington, 40, becomes only the fourth crew chief in the 13-year history of the No. 18 Interstate Batteries team. Jimmy Makar served as crew chief for Dale Jarrett (1993-94) and then Labonte (1995-2002) until being promoted to senior vice president of racing operations for JGR.

Michael "Fatback" McSwain served as crew chief for the 2003 season and 18 races of the 2004 season when Brandon Thomas took over as interim crew chief for the final 18 races of the season. Thomas will continue with JGR in the engineering department.

## LPR announces plans for dirt drag strip

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. — Morris Copley, General Manager and Promoter of Lonesome Pine Raceway, recently announced plans for the construction of a dirt drag strip. The new drag strip will be 300 feet in length and will have state of the art timing and scoring equipment.

Competition at the new facility will initially focus on ATVs and dirt bikes. However, types of dirt drag racing will be added to the program later on.

Organized ATV dirt drag racing is becoming a very popular sport and family pastime all over the country, and beginning with the 2005 season, Lonesome Pine Raceway will have one of the top ATV racing facilities to be found anywhere in the country.

Lonesome Pine Raceway is the home track of Steve Blackburn, 2004 NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion.

For more information on ATV drag racing contact the staff at Lonesome Pine Raceway by calling 276/395-5001. There is also information on this exciting sport at the ATV Drag Racing Association's web site <http://www.atvdrag.com>.



Season

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hunt, amounting to a full week in late October and a second full week in early December.

During the first segment of the season, hunters reported 3,255 turkeys taken, compared to 2,256 birds taken during the entire 2003 fall shotgun season. So far during the turkey archery season, 495 birds have been reported harvested with bow equipment. At the close of the 2003 archery turkey season, a total of 528 birds were reported, so it also appears archery hunters are finding more turkeys this year, too. The fall archery season extends into mid-January, 2005.

Those hunters who took the fall shotgun season limit of two turkeys during October are not eligible to hunt the December segment of the season. Hunters who took one, or had no luck in October, may take up to the two-bird limit during the December season. Both birds may not be taken on the same day, however.

According to harvest data posted on the KDFWR website (fw.ky.gov), at this point of the fall turkey season, of the total 3,771 turkeys taken, 2,327 have been females and 1,444 have been male birds. About 900 of the males were reported to be adult toms and the rest, called jakes, were young gobblers less than two-years old.

Hunters interested in giving fall shotgun turkey hunting a try in December need a hunting license and a fall firearm turkey permit. This permit allows the harvest of two birds. All turkeys taken in Kentucky must be reported by phone through the automated KDFWR telecheck system by midnight of the day the bird is taken. The phone call to report hunter harvest takes about five minutes

and is toll-free. The number is 1-800-245-4263. At the end of the call, hunter's receive a confirmation number which must be recorded on the back of the permit or hunting license and retained throughout the turkey hunting season as proof of complying with the check-in requirement.

The blanks on the back of permits and licenses labeled for the date, county, species and sex must be filled in by the hunter before moving the bird from where it was taken. The confirmation number given when calling to check in the bird can be written on the back of the license or permit when the call is made.

Placing a carcass tag on a harvested turkey is not required unless the bird leaves the hunter's possession prior to being processed, or given to a taxidermist for mounting. Hunter's who give their bird to anyone else for any reason must attach a self-made tag to the carcass that indicates his or her name, phone number and the telecheck confirmation number received when the bird is reported. This requirement helps assure harvested birds are property reported, and identifies to whom the harvested bird belongs.

Lastly, hunters are reminded that it is not legal to take more game than the daily or season bag limit allows, or to claim or check in game that the hunter did not take himself.

For complete information on fall turkey hunting seasons in Kentucky, or other types of hunting, pick up a copy of the 2004 Kentucky Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide wherever licenses are sold, go on-line at fw.ky.gov, or call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Edge

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The Lady Pirates clung to a close lead at the end of every quarter.

Belfry led 14-12 at the end of the opening quarter and 30-27 at halftime. The Lady Pirates, coached by Mark Gannon, led 43-39 at the end of the third quarter.

Amber Whitaker paced the Prestonsburg attack, scoring a game-high 24 points. Whitaker was eight-of-11 from the free throw line. Molly Burchett and Kelly Key each had 11 points. Meaghan Stone scored six points and Chanel Music added three. Darcey Hicks tossed in two points, rounding out the Lady Blackcat scoring.

Knott Central 82, Magoffin County 65; Knott County Central notched its second win of the season, winning in the

Lady Hawk Tipoff Classic and beating 15th Region contender Magoffin County. Knott Central senior Kasi Galloway, for the second straight game, led the Lady Patriots in scoring. Galloway scorched the nets for a game-high 37 points. She has now scored over 30 points in each of her first two games as a Lady Patriot.

Lawrence County 55, Ashland 43; Lady Bulldog Jenna Humphrey scored 16 points as Lawrence County beat rival Ashland in a 16th Region battle.

BOYS - Morgan County 66, Menifee County 53; Senior guard Josh Brown netted 16 points to lead Morgan County to a win over Menifee County in a 16th Region matchup.

Cycling

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be alarmed when approaching a bicycle or wheelchair-cycle that is in front of you. Simply slow down and wait for an opportunity to pass safely. The cyclist expects to be passed and will not be startled by a passing vehicle or even a courtesy honk of the horn when approaching from behind. Please don't wait until you are beside the bicycle to blow your horn as this could startle the cyclist into running off the road and injury.

There are different aspects of cycling ranging from kids on training wheels to teenagers and adults riding for fitness or racing. Pikeville is lucky to have an excellent skate/bicycle park for all to enjoy.

Prestonsburg has mountain bike trails, running and hiking trails and all of eastern Kentucky is covered with miles and miles of reclaimed strip mines and access roads to explore. In addition to off road riding, our area is blessed with scenic country roads that are safe and fun to ride. Don't forget paddling a kayak or canoe on one of our many lakes and the Levisa Cup Fun Float from Prestonsburg to Paintsville. The possibilities for outdoor fitness and recreation are endless in our mountain region.

Do you know anyone who

never owned or learned to ride a bicycle? Probably not. Often overlooked is the fact that riding as an adult is more fun than riding as a child. As a child it was your only means of transportation and freedom. As an adult it is an escape from the world of work and business because it is pure recreation and of course exercise that has no equal. Bicycling on the road was the most participated outdoor fitness activity in the US in 2003. Try riding a bicycle that is properly fitted to your body, which is the most important factor in cycling, and you may experience the joy you felt as a child when you first learned to ride a bike.

Take a look at the following schedule of events. Some are races and some are simply group rides for all to enjoy. Group rides around Dewey Lake are informal events conducted on a regular basis by local riders and new riders are very welcome. It is an excellent way to be re-introduced to cycling as the group provides the safety of numbers as well as more experienced riders to give advice and help with your bike.

A formal bicycle club is being formed by local riders and will offer support, activities and incentive for new riders and aspiring racers.

Kerry Earnhardt to drive for Ballew Motorsports

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - Craftsman Truck Series owner Billy Ballew has joined forces with driver Kerry Earnhardt and plans to use Dale Earnhardt Inc. engines in his No. 15 Chevrolet Silverado during the 2005 NCTS season.

"This one-two Earnhardt punch is just what this team needed," Ballew said. "We were able to get our first series win this past season at Las Vegas, and by adding Kerry and utilizing DEI power for our efforts next year, I feel we can contend week in and week out."



Earnhardt

"We're extremely excited about this opportunity to align ourselves with one of the strongest names and one of the

strongest organizations in motorsports."

Kerry Earnhardt, the oldest son of seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt, will be running for the first time in Craftsman Truck Series competition. The 34-year-old NASCAR Busch Series veteran has four ARCA Re/Max Series victories, as well as two top-five and five top-10 Busch Series finishes.

"I am excited about joining Billy Ballew Motorsports with Dale Earnhardt Inc. support," Earnhardt said. "Billy Ballew Motorsports has really stepped up their program. They were real strong right out of the box this past year. They have great equipment and that showed over the course of the 2004 season."

"It is obvious that the Billy Ballew Motorsports team has tremendous potential and I think I have potential as a driver, so hopefully that will be a good combination for us next year."

Ballew is looking to secure primary sponsorship for the full 2005 season. It is a task that he hopes will be aided by his addition of Earnhardt to the mix.

Gordon cancels France trip after being hospitalized

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - A severe case of the flu put four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon in the hospital for an overnight stay and forced him to cancel a trip to France for an all-star race.

Gordon became dehydrated and spent Wednesday night receiving intravenous fluids. He was released from the hospital Thursday but still was ailing, spokesman Jon Edwards said.

Edwards said Robbie Loomis, the crew chief on Gordon's No. 24 Nextel Cup car, flew to New York to fill in

for the driver at a breakfast Friday morning.

Gordon hoped to be well enough attend to the NASCAR awards ceremony Friday night.

Four-time champion Gordon had been scheduled to leave following the NASCAR function and travel with Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson to Paris to represent the United States on Saturday in the Race of Champions Nations Cup, an event matching drivers from all over the world.

Officials were undecided Thursday on a replacement for Gordon.

**HEY, KIDS!**

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We need your letters by noon on Friday, Dec. 17, so get busy and let Santa know how nice you've been this year, and what your Christmas wishes are this Christmas.

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## Coach of the Year almost retired before winning award

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
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LOUISVILLE — Russell coach Ivan McGlone almost didn't hang around this season.

After 38 years of coaching, 29 at Russell, it can get old. When he took over the job of leading the Red Devils in 1976, he even kept his home in Huntington, W.Va., because he knew how unstable a head coach's job can be.

The years all run together, he said.

"It just seems like yesterday that I started at Russell," he said. "I keep thinking that's 1976. That's one, two, three, four decades."

This season, McGlone led Russell, which finished the season 13-1, to an undefeated regular season and three playoff wins before losing to Belfry in the 2-A semifinal game.

McGlone was selected as this season's Associated Press

Coach of the Year by 24 Kentucky media members. The other finalists were Williamsburg's Jim Black, Duffer Duffy of Henderson County, Bob Schneider of Newport Central Catholic, and Kenny Turner of Madison Central.

Even if McGlone had known how well his team would do this season, coming back still would have been a tough decision.

McGlone considered retiring after he and his wife Gloria found out she had breast cancer last spring.

"I just didn't know what her situation would be like," McGlone said. "I just felt like she needed somebody through all the time."

After Gloria started getting treatments and feeling better in the summer, they decided he would coach again this season.

The Red Devils were led by running back Josh Gross, who

made the AP's all-state second team. Gross rushed for more than 2,000 yards, scored 36 touchdowns, and rewrote the school's record books, including setting a new single-game mark with 289 yards.

Kicker Daniel Meko was named to the third team and defensive lineman Casey Menshouse received honorable mention honors.

Being around the players is one of the things Ivan McGlone likes best about coaching.

"It kind of keeps you young," McGlone said. "I like being in touch with the kids. You grow old pretty quick if you're just having contact with adults all the time."

So when does he plan to retire?

"I really don't know," he said. "Usually, if I'm asked in October, I say now. I'll get this behind me for 30 days and then I'll just see."

## Kentucky grid squad hands out Team Awards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Junior safety Muhammad Abdullah, who led Kentucky's football team in interceptions the past two seasons, has been selected as the Wildcats' 2004 most valuable player, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.



Gerad Parker

Abdullah, who had three pass thefts and two fumble recoveries while starting at both free and strong safety this season, was elected for the honor in balloting of the Kentucky team members, one of two awards selected by the squad. Abdullah was second on the team in tackles with 58 stops, including three tackles for loss and a pair of quarterback sacks.

The winner of the other award based on the team's vote, the squad's Most Inspirational Player, was senior wide receiver Gerad Parker. Parker, a graduate

of Lawrence County High School, had his best season as a senior in a career that was limited to 23 total games because of numerous injuries. He accumulated 15 receptions this fall for 168 yards.

Another receiver, junior Glenn Holt, was selected as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player by the Kentucky coaching staff; junior defensive end Trey Mielsch earned the same award for the Wildcats' defense, and freshman Wesley Woodyard was picked as the top performer on special teams.

Holt was third in the Southeastern Conference in receptions per game with 49 catches for 415 yards and three touchdowns. Mielsch was credited with 34 tackles, three for losses. Woodyard, who also earned a starting role at linebacker during the second half of the season, finished with 34 total tackles and spearheaded the efforts of

Kentucky's coverage units.

Senior guard Jason Rollins was the Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman recipient for the second straight year. Senior safety Russ Throckmorton was selected for the Jerry Claiborne Award, given to the senior who best exemplifies the ideals of the school's former head coach, a commitment to academics and display of a team-oriented attitude.

Other award winners were freshman offensive tackle Aaron Miller as Most Outstanding First-Year Player and junior cornerback Karl Booker as Most Improved Player. Miller started the last 10 games of the season at left tackle and played remarkably well for a true freshman lineman. Booker moved from wide receiver to cornerback in spring practice and made rapid progress, garnering two interceptions and four pass breakups during the season.

Recognized for their work in practice as the Most Valuable Scout Team Players were redshirt freshman wide receiver Sean Murphy and freshman defensive lineman Nii Adjei Oninku.

## Toledo 35, Miami (Ohio) 27

by LARRY LAGE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Bruce Gradkowski threw three of his four touchdown passes to Lance Moore, leading Toledo to a 35-27 win over Miami (Ohio) in the Mid-American Conference championship game Thursday night.

Toledo (9-3) will return to Ford Field to face Connecticut on Dec. 27 in the Motor City Bowl. The RedHawks (8-4) will play in either the Silicon Valley Classic or the Independence Bowl.

For the fourth year in a row, a quarterback threw four TDs in the MAC title game. Ben Roethlisberger did it last year for the RedHawks, and Byron Leftwich did it for Marshall the two previous years.

Gradkowski, who left the game briefly with a hand injury, was 18-of-24 for 251 yards with four TDs and one interception. Moore had five receptions for 118 yards and caught three touchdown passes for the third time in his career.

The Rockets trailed 14-7 at halftime and rallied with three

TDs in the third quarter. Toledo went ahead 35-20 early in the fourth on Moore's third score.

Miami pulled within eight points when Josh Betts followed up a 57-yard pass to Michael Larkin with a 13-yard TD pass to Josh Williams with 4:13 left. Toledo sealed the win with two third-down conversions on the final drive.

The MAC had its championship game on a neutral field after the previous seven were hosted by one of the teams in the finals. The announced crowd was 22,138 at the home of the Detroit Lions.

Toledo's Steve Odom made six catches for 78 yards and a score. Scooter McDougle provided balance for Toledo's offense with 167 yards rushing on 35 carries.

Betts was 20-of-33 for 304 yards with three TDs and two interceptions. Larkin had nine receptions for 131 yards and a score.

After leaving the game late in the second quarter to have X-rays on his hand, Gradkowski's felt good enough to throw a 22-yard pass, on a flea-flicker play, to Moore mid-

way through the third quarter. The game-tying score came two plays after a converted fourth-and-3 and followed Betts' first interception.

Betts threw another interception on Miami's next drive and Keon Jackson returned the tipped pass 31 yards for a score, giving the Rockets a 21-14 lead.

The RedHawks answered with an 84-yard scoring drive, capped by Ryan Busing's 8-yard catch in the back of the end zone. Anthony Jordan blocked the extra point.

Toledo pulled away on its next two possessions with 28- and 29-yard scoring passes to Moore.

Both teams scored on their first drives, and Miami scored on its second. Then, the offenses didn't do much until the 27-point third quarter.

Gradkowski started his spectacular game with a perfect 33-yard pass to a Odom, who was well-covered by cornerback Darell Hunter.

The RedHawks tied it on an 11-yard TD run by Luke Clemens. They went ahead 14-7 on Betts' 3-yard pass to Michael Larkin.

## Changes, tragedy mark historic 2004 season

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The most popular driver opened the year with a win in the biggest race of them all, and the most hated driver closed the season by taking home the only trophy that really matters.

Somewhere between Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s victory at the season-opening Daytona 500 and Kurt Busch's championship-winning performance in the finale, a new era began for NASCAR.

The 2004 season was one of radical changes: First-year chairman Brian France introduced a new series sponsor and a play-off-structured points system, and he continued to push his sport to the West Coast by shifting races out of the South.

It was also a season of sadness: Rick Hendrick, one of the most powerful car owners in NASCAR, lost friends, family and employees when his company plane crashed en route to an Oct. 24 race, killing all 10 aboard.

The tragedy marred what should have been one of the most successful seasons in NASCAR history. The points race was the closest in history and wasn't decided until the last lap of Sunday's race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

But when Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson failed to give Hendrick the title, it was impossible to mask the disappointment felt across the garage.

"It put a whole different meaning on the championship for us. We wanted it for

Hendrick Motorsports," said Gordon, who finished third in the standings. "We knew how much it would mean for us to stand up on that stage in New York and honor those guys as champions, Jimmie or myself, which ever one could get it done."

"It's a disappointment no matter what, knowing that we had an opportunity to do something really special like that."

In the end, Busch beat Johnson for the title by eight points. Gordon was 16 back.

It wasn't a popular ending, with Busch, the series outcast, hoisting the first Nextel Cup trophy.

Busch doesn't really fit in with his rivals — he looks as if he should be playing with a chemistry set, not wrestling with a 3,400-pound stock car — and he has a propensity to use big words, albeit incorrectly. That's made him somewhat of a misfit throughout the garage.

But mostly, Busch isn't Junior.

The overwhelming fan favorite, Earnhardt gave his supporters hope this would be the year he would win his first championship. He won the Daytona 500 — the one race his late father truly cherished — in dominating fashion.

The next nine months didn't go as well for him:

He admitted intentionally spinning at Bristol to get a caution that would help his struggling car.

He was seriously burned when he crashed a sports car in an extracurricular event that caused him to lose ground in the points race.

He cursed in a Victory Lane interview at Talladega in October, costing him 25 points and creating an uproar over NASCAR's off-track policing.

In the end, it was all too much to overcome, and Earnhardt finished a distant fifth in the standings.

Fans were angered by that, too. Under the former points system, used for more than two decades, Junior would have finished third, behind Gordon and Johnson.

But after years of ho-hum points races, France overhauled the system and created a 10-driver, 10-race playoff. Fans hated what they considered manufactured drama, but with five drivers eligible to win the title in the season-ending race, France was thrilled.

Although some things didn't change — the guy who won the most races (Johnson, with eight victories) — still didn't win the title. But in the end, Johnson had stopped criticizing the system after a year of pointing out its faults.

"This year has been one of the better years for competing for a championship," he said. "I look at that and I think that is going to be good for the years to come. There are more positives than negatives."

"I think that in the end it will be better for everybody."

The points race was just one of the many major changes France ushered in.

He introduced Nextel as the new series sponsor after Winston ended its longtime partnership, and he settled a lawsuit seeking a second race for Texas Motor

## Hill, Griffin accept invitations to All-American Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAS VEGAS — Marshall University seniors Stan Hill and Nate Griffin have accepted invitations to play in the All-American Classic to be held on Jan. 22, 2005, at Las Vegas' Sam Boyd Stadium.

Hill, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound quarterback, threw for 2,250

yards and 17 touchdowns in 2004. His 439 yards passing on Nov. 5 at Akron set a single-game career-high for the Tupelo, Miss., native.

A Thundering Herd offensive line veteran, Griffin started in every game for head coach Bob Pruett the last two seasons. The 6-foot-6, 344-pounder was the Herd's starting left tackle this

season after playing in all 12 games at right tackle in 2003.

Before moving to Las Vegas and changing the name, the All-American Classic was played in 2002 and 2003 in St. George, Utah, and broadcast on Fox Sports Net as the "Paradise Bowl." Eighty percent of the all-stars are graduating seniors from NCAA Division I programs.

## No. 15 Mississippi St. 66, South Alabama 52

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Lawrence Roberts had 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead No. 15 Mississippi State to a 66-52 victory over South Alabama on Thursday night.

Shane Power added 16 points for the Bulldogs (6-1), who took control by opening the second half with a 16-4 run. Mississippi State shook off an eight-day layoff and won its third straight since losing to Syracuse two weeks ago.

Mario Jinter led South Alabama (2-3) with 15 points.

Roberts, a preseason All-American and last season's Southeastern Conference player of the year, scored 14 of his points in the second half. The game was a good tuneup for the Bulldogs, who play No. 21 Arizona in the Wooden Classic in Anaheim, Calif., on Sunday. South Alabama, which trailed by 16 with 6:23 remaining, got no closer than nine the rest of the way and had just

two points in the final 3:58.

The Jaguars — who entered making nearly half of their field-goal attempts — were held to 33 percent (20-of-59) shooting for the game and just 27 percent in the second half.

Mississippi State improved to 9-0 all-time against South Alabama, and 39-3 in non-conference home games under coach Rick Stansbury.

The Bulldogs started slowly for the second straight game, falling behind by six early in the first half — just as they did against Missouri-Kansas City.

But Mississippi State scored 14 straight points over a span of 6 minutes, 11 seconds to take a 22-14 lead.

Mississippi State transfer Stephen Cowherd's basket gave South Alabama its final lead at 29-28 with 1:07 in the half. Ontario Harper's layup 8 seconds later gave the Bulldogs the lead for good.

Mississippi State led 33-29 at halftime.

Speedway by shaking up the schedule.

France gave Texas a spring race by closing North Carolina Speedway, then continued to shift to the West by adding a second race in Phoenix.

France also lifted the liquor advertising ban, opening the door for companies like Crown Royal, whose logo will be displayed on Busch's car beginning next year.

He approved the green-white-checked flag finish after fans nearly rioted at Talladega in April because Gordon was awarded the win for being in front of Earnhardt when a caution came out with three laps to go.

When the fans littered the track with beer cans and other debris, France knew he had to allow racing to the finish.

But he also allowed a petty battle to brew through the summer over a bottle of PowerAde atop winners' cars. It was a conflicting sponsorship agreement between several drivers and NASCAR, and when the Gatorade-linked drivers refused to be photographed with the Coca-Cola associated blue

PowerAde bottle, a battle of wills broke out.

Johnson, Gordon, Ryan Newman and Matt Kenseth won 12 of the first 22 races and all knocked the bottle off their cars. NASCAR told them to stop, then fined Johnson when he covered the bottle instead.

Gordon caused a flap a week later for never even driving to Victory Lane after his win in Indianapolis, a perceived intentional avoidance of the PowerAde bottle.

By September, the oversized bottle seemed to shrink and wasn't so noticeable anymore in Victory Lane.

The changing of the guard also began, with Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace announcing that 2005 will be their final seasons, and Terry Labonte scaling back to 10 races next year.

It's the first of an expected wave of retirement, with 40-somethings Ricky Rudd, Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Kyle Petty also nearing the end.

But right behind them is a wave of youngsters, led by rookie of the year Kasey Kahne, who finished second five times this season.

## H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

### BOYS

Anderson Co. 70, Washington Co. 47  
Barren Co. 77, Metcalfe Co. 41  
Beth Haven 54, Lou. Brown 48  
Central Hardin 72, Nelson Co. 64  
Clinton Co. 75, Russell Co. 61  
Cordia 62, Buckhorn 54  
Deming 72, Heritage 60  
Everts 71, Grace Christian, Tenn. 50  
Franklin-Simpson 61, Greenwood 42  
Gallatin Co. 68, Henry Co. 54  
Jenkins 58, Fleming-Neon 48  
Lone Oak 72, Christian Co. 61  
Lou. Butler 61, Lou. Iroquois 55  
Lou. Southern 48, Bullitt Central 45  
Madison Southern 75, Whitley Co. 58  
Morgan Co. 66, Menifee Co. 53  
Muhlenberg S. 56, Todd Co. Cent. 52  
North Oldham 64, Lou. Waggener 59  
Whitesburg 52, Coeburn, Va. 46

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Barren Co. 67, Metcalfe Co. 36  
Bath Co. 61, Riverside Christian 24  
Belfry 60, Prestonsburg 57  
Bell Co. 60, Everts 28  
Beth Haven 74, Lou. Brown 17  
Bethlehem 62, LaRue Co. 51  
Bourbon Co. 40, Nicholas Co. 38  
Calvary Christ. 52, Bishop Brossart 45  
Cumberland 56, Lynn Camp 45  
Davies Co. 55, Owensboro 47  
East Carter 65, Fleming Co. 43  
Evansville Mem., Ind. 67, Henderson Co. 65  
Fleming Co. 55, East Carter 43  
Franklin-Simpson 60, Bowling Green 53  
Harlan 67, Letcher 16  
Harrison Co. 91, East Jessamine 38  
Johnson Central 47, East Ridge 31  
Knott Central 82, Magoffin Co. 65  
Lawrence Co. 55, Paul Blazer 43  
Leslie Co. 69, Sheldon Clark 58  
Lex. Christian 36, Lex. Paul Dunbar 33  
Lex. Henry Clay 60, Paris 54  
Lex. Lafayette 54, Anderson Co. 44  
Lex. Sayre 79, Ky. Sci. for the Deaf 16  
Lex. Tates Creek 66, Frankfort 20  
Lou. Butler 69, Lou. Iroquois 60  
Lou. Moore 57, Lou. Fairdale 56  
Lyon Co. 57, Dawson Springs 55  
McLean Co. 51, Whitesville Trinity 41  
Metcalfe Co. 67, Barren Co. 36  
Oneida Baptist 42, Red Bird 38  
Reidland 59, Crittenden Co. 36  
Scott 44, Villa Madonna 24  
Scott Co. 102, West Jessamine 48  
Trimble Co. 44, Owen Co. 37  
West Carter 82, Raceland 33  
Whitley Co. 47, Jackson Co. 34  
Williamsburg 51, Barbourville 39  
Wolfe Co. 84, Buckhorn 33



# Johnson, Bengals pose challenge for Ravens defense

by DAVID GINSBURG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — There was a time when the Baltimore Ravens would have scoffed at the challenge of keeping Cincinnati Bengals running back Rudi Johnson under 100 yards.

The Ravens allowed only two players to reach the century mark last season, and fully expected to continue the trend this year. Before facing Kansas City Chiefs star Priest Holmes in early October, Baltimore line-backer Ray Lewis declared, "We know how good he is, but we just don't let running backs get 100 yards against us."

Holmes ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns in a 27-24 victory.

Now, after permitting Curtis Martin and Corey Dillon to top 100 yards in two of the last three weeks, the Ravens on Sunday face the daunting task of stopping Johnson, who last week shredded Cleveland for 202 yards and two scores in a wild 58-48 victory.

"He's a tough, hard runner," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said. "I admire the way he keeps pointing at you and I know they want to establish that. It helps (quarterback) Carson Palmer when they have that aspect of it going."

The Bengals, under former Billick assistant Marvin Lewis, have built an offense that is quite similar to the Ravens'. Baltimore usually depends on

the punishing runs of Jamal Lewis to take pressure off second-year quarterback Kyle Boller, and the Bengals rely on the 220-pound Johnson to ease the responsibilities of Palmer, also in his second season.

Jamal Lewis will miss a second straight game with an ankle injury, making it even more important for the Ravens (7-4) to keep Johnson in check. If Johnson gets rolling, the Bengals (5-6) will be able to control the clock and put the heat on a struggling Baltimore offense that could muster only 124 yards last week in a 24-3 loss to New England.

"He has great balance," Marvin Lewis said of Johnson. "He has the ability to make the

first tackler miss, which has enabled him to get into the secondary and make it a hard tackle. He has a low center of gravity; he can get his pads underneath people and pick up extra yards."

Johnson has flourished since taking over for Dillon, who left the Bengals to become the Patriots' featured back. Dillon has run for 1,121 yards, including 123 last week against the Ravens, and Johnson has amassed 1,049 yards on the ground.

"I'm happy, he's happy, so it's kind of worked out for both of us," Johnson said. "He's my boy. I played with him for three years and I'm happy to see he's doing good."

Johnson accounted for 98 of the Bengals' 109 yards rushing

earlier this season in a 23-9 home loss to Baltimore, and there's no reason to believe he won't be a factor Sunday.

"If he gets 101 yards, we'll take it; if he gets 130, we'll take it against the Baltimore defense year-in and year-out," Bengals offensive tackle Willie Anderson said.

But Cincinnati won't depend solely on Johnson for yardage. Palmer went 22-for-29 for 251 yards and three touchdowns last week in directing a balanced attack against the Browns.

"That was the best you can get. We ran successfully and we threw the ball successfully," said wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who scored two touchdowns last week.

Houshmandzadeh, who had a career-high 116 yards on seven catches in the first game against the Ravens, should be a big part of the offensive scheme this time, too.

Asked if he considered Cincinnati a running or a passing team, Johnson replied, "We're both. We're trying to do the best we can to balance it out. Block the people up front, let me grind the clock out and then take us out deep with Chad (Johnson) and T.J."

It's a homecoming of sorts for Marvin Lewis, Baltimore's former defensive coordinator, who would like nothing better than to dump the Ravens and get back into the wild-card chase.

"This is personal," he said. "This is a big game, and we need to win a big game."

## Bogar to lead Legends

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Houston Astros announced this past week that Tim Bogar will be the manager of the Lexington Legends in 2005. Bogar succeeds Ivan DeJesus and becomes the fourth manager in Legends history.

"I'm thrilled about the opportunity to manage in Lexington", Bogar said. "As a manager, you want to move up and I look forward to giving the Lexington fans an exciting brand of baseball to enjoy."

Last season as the manager for Greeneville (TN) of the Appalachian League, Bogar led the Astros to a 41-26 record and the 2004 Appalachian League Championship. 2005 will be

Bogar's 2nd in professional baseball.

"We have heard nothing but good things about Tim from our friends in Greeneville," said



Legends President and CEO, Alan Stein. "To lead a team to a league title in your first season as a professional manager is pretty remarkable", Stein added. Bogar will be joined on the

staff by Pitching Coach, Charley Taylor and Hitting Coach, Rodney Linares. 2005 will mark Taylor's fifth season in Lexington. Taylor started the 2004 campaign in Lexington before being reassigned to New Orleans in July.

"Charley is a terrific coach so I know our pitching staff is in very good hands and Rodney Linares is another in a long line of quality hitting instructors coming up through the Astros system", Stein said.

Linares is a familiar name in the Astros system. His father, Julio, has been with Houston for 31 years. 2005 will be Rodney Linares' first full season as a coach in the Astros Farm System after five seasons as a scout and a hitting instructor in the Dominican Republic.

## Cincinnati Bengals acquire DT Shaun Smith on waivers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Defensive tackle Shaun Smith was acquired on waivers Thursday by the Cincinnati Bengals, his fourth team this year.

Smith, a first-year player from South Carolina, was on the Dallas practice squad last

year and opened training camp this season with the Cowboys. He was claimed on waivers Sept. 1 by Arizona, was waived five days later and was signed to New Orleans' practice squad before being promoted to the Saints' 53-man roster and playing in five games.

The Bengals also placed

rookie defensive tackle Matthias Askew of Michigan State on the reserve/injured list, and signed defensive end Derrick Crawford to the practice squad. Crawford, from Texas A&M-Commerce, originally signed with the Bengals as a college free agent in April and played in three pre-season games.

## Bats announce coaching staff for 2005 season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Rick Sweet, 52, has been named manager of the Louisville Bats for the 2005 season. It will mark Sweet's first season in the Reds organization and his 17th overall season as a minor league manager. Sweet replaces Rick Burleson, who will return as manager at Rookie Billings.

Sweet spent last season managing the Erie SeaWolves, Double-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. He led the SeaWolves to an 80-62 record, good for second place in the Eastern League Southern Division and their first playoff appearance since 2001. Sweet enters 2005 as one of 12 active managers to record 1,000 career wins.

"This is a great opportunity to get back as a Triple-A manager," said Sweet. "I am extremely excited to be working in the Reds organization next season. Louisville has a great reputation as a terrific baseball city and I've heard the stadium is one of the finest in all of baseball."

Mack Jenkins returns as the team's pitching coach for the 2005 season. It marks the 16th season Jenkins has spent as a pitching coach in the Reds system and the fourth straight with Louisville. Jenkins, 40, pitched professionally for Sarasota in 1986, Billings in 1987 and Greensboro and Cedar Rapids in 1988.

Adrian "Smokey" Garrett rejoins the Louisville staff as hitting coach for 2005. It will be Garrett's third season in the

Reds organization. Garrett played 19 years of professional baseball (1961-79), including parts of eight seasons in the majors with Atlanta, Chicago-NL, Oakland and California.

Newcomer Rodney McCray will also serve as a coach on the Louisville staff for 2005. McCray enters his sixth season in the Reds organization, his first with Louisville. McCray has been a roving instructor for the Reds over the past five seasons, working as outfield/baserunning coordinator.

Louisville's head trainer for 2005 has not yet been determined. Steve Baumann, the Bats trainer during the 2004 season, has taken a position with the Cincinnati Reds.

## Horsemen entering new league

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen indoor football team recently announced that it will be joining 11 teams spanning from South Dakota to Alabama who have come together to form United Indoor Football, an indoor football league played in small to mid-size markets throughout the United States.

"This new league afforded us the opportunity to maintain our established rivalries and meet our business objectives," said, Van Florence, President of the Horsemen.

United Indoor Football boasts three former league champions and five former conference champions. These 12 teams are considered some of the strongest indoor football teams in the country. Most of the teams in the UIF have at least four years of previous operating experience and have a proven track record of success both on and off the field.

The owners and operators firmly believe, "We're not working to be the biggest; we're work-

ing to be the best. You will see over the coming months and years, a professionally-run league that will benefit not only our owners, but also our loyal fans, corporate sponsors, and you in the media. The teams of the UIF are committed to provide the highest quality of family-affordable entertainment while still competing at the highest level of indoor football in the world."

The teams will compete in three four-team divisions with the regular season beginning March 17, 2005. Teams will play a 15-game schedule to be concluded in mid-July with playoffs to follow.

For more information on United Indoor Football or any of its member teams, please log on to the official league website at [www.unitedindoorfootball.com](http://www.unitedindoorfootball.com) or call the league office toll free at 1-888-433-4UIF(4843). Or call the

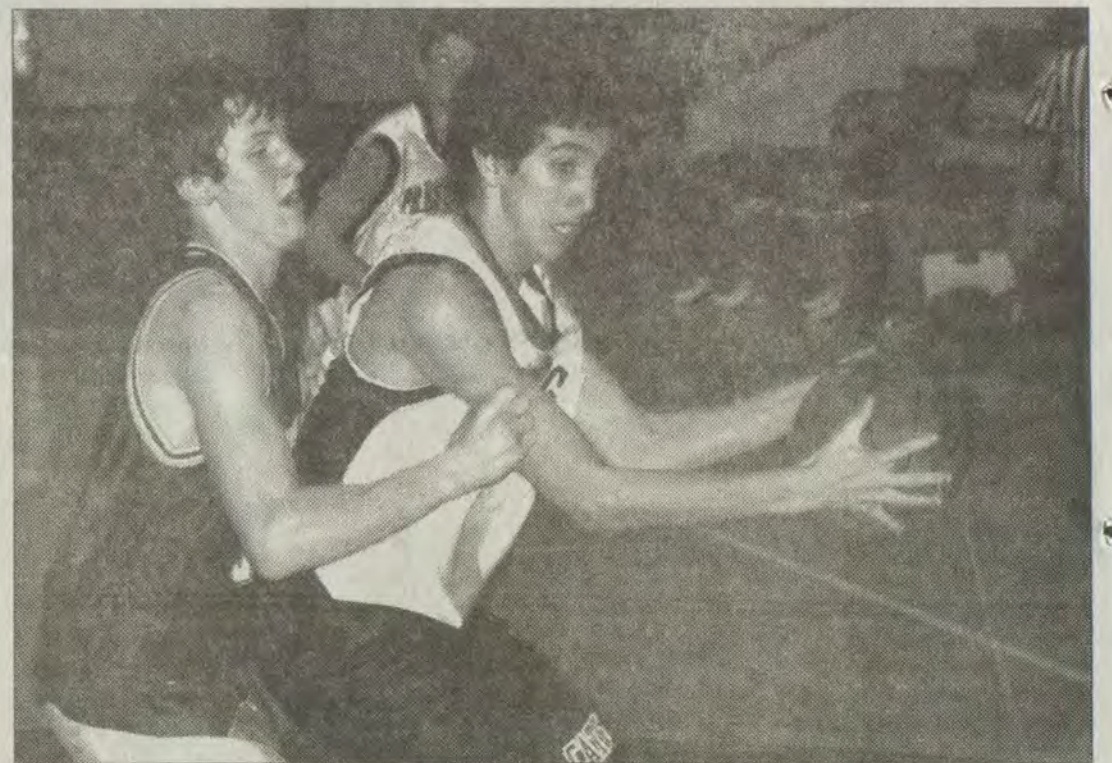
Horsemen office at 859/422-PASS or visit [www.lexingtonhorsemen.com](http://www.lexingtonhorsemen.com). Season tickets for the 2005 season are now available, and fans can order tickets by calling 859/422-PASS.

Cities that will participate in the UIF and divisional alignment are as follows:

North Division — Rapid City, S.D.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Sioux City, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.

Midwest Division — Peoria, Ill.; Dayton, Ohio; Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Wheeling, W.Va.

South Division — Evansville, Ind.; Tupelo, Miss.; Huntsville, Ala.; Lexington, Ky



photos by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg High School hosted Sheldon Clark High School Thursday night in a junior varsity boys' basketball game.



Matt Johnson recorded a 700-pound deadlift, recently at Pro-Fitness, just six months after having surgery for a torn bicep. The recent Turkey Trot event featured both accomplished runners and lifters.



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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.

Only 15 days 'till Christmas, and here's a sobering afterthought: Only 30 days till the 10th of the month thereafter.

### HIS EPITAPH

"Uncle" Bob Burke, who died last Sunday, liked to express his thoughts in verse. Two Thursdays ago, Thanksgiving Day, he handed me a "little poem," and it serves now as a fitting epitaph. One stanza reads:



Norman Allen

Dear God, please bless every child of thine  
 From early morn till late at night,  
 Please keep them in thy tender care

Until the morning light,  
 Men, such as he, leave to all who know them, a rich legacy of pure, unalloyed faith.

### BE SMART—STAY HOME!

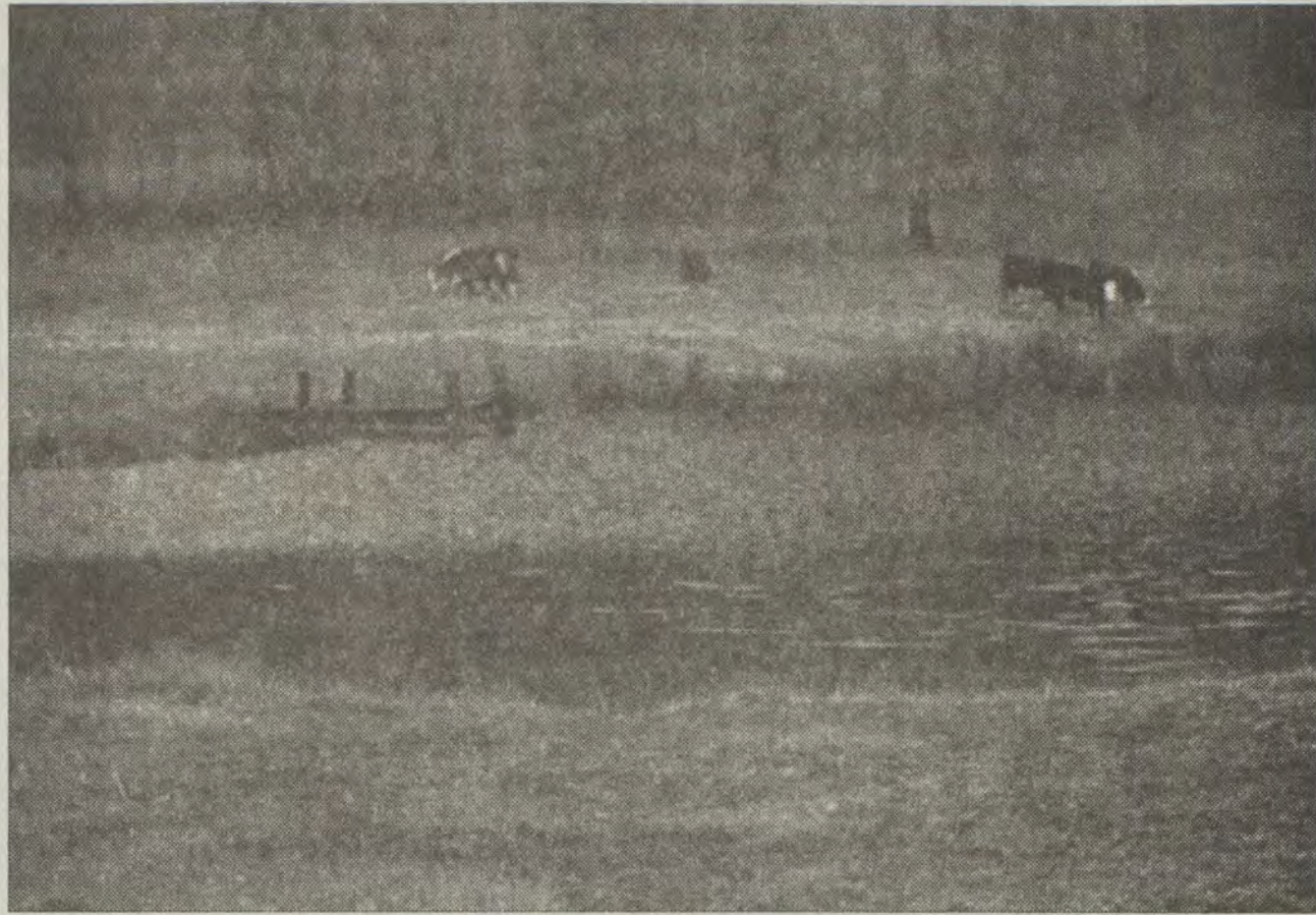
Thinking about lighting out for the city to do your Christmas shopping? You'll be sorry, like as not, if you do.

It's not merely the long drive there, the time and the wear, and tear on tires and car and the cost of gasoline, etcetera, after you get there—unless you carry an assortment of rabbit's feet and four-leaf clovers—you'll drive and drive, and look and look, before you find a place to park the old buggy while you're shopping.

Shop at home first. There's not a Floyd County town we know of that has such a parking problem. Martin has a municipal parking area in addition to street parking. Prestonsburg has two large municipal parking lots, plus numerous private lots for free "customers" parking.

Stay home where there's room, lots of room. Besides, those dollars you spend in the city not only have wings—they've already taken off and are headed in the other direction. They'll not be back in Floyd to pay wages, taxes, buy clothing and food, and do those other things that keep things going hereabouts.

It says here: Adolescence is that age, when you think you'll live forever; middle-age is when you begin to wonder how you've lasted this long.



Floyd Countian, Ralph Hall, of Hi Hat, is currently working on a book of remembrances of days past. Fond memories of tending fields and livestock on his family's small farm as a young boy are the focus of his writings.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

## As I remember

### Chapter 1 of "Why Daddy Sold Old Besty," a book in progress

By Ralph Hall, of Hi Hat

As I look back, I see the village of my youth. My mind goes back to the days I played in the creek behind my house and the hills I climbed as a child. Hillside covered with daisies and fruit trees in bloom. The days of summer were long and hot. There were many things for a boy to do. Fishing, swimming, walking the fields and more. The days of youth end all too soon, taking childhood with them.

The village hasn't changed a lot. There are a few more houses than there were forty years ago, the train station and theater are now gone, and the place that I am now sitting as I write once housed a large grocery store - today it is the site of the village post office, located at Melvin.

Days past spent with my family were wonderful. My father was a fine man. I worshipped the very ground he walked upon. My mother was one of the best women that ever lived on God's green earth. My love for her is deeper than the deep blue sea. To me, she is still a pearl of great price.

I had two brothers, Roger and Waco. My brother Roger, who we always called by the nickname of "Mutt," was my very best friend. He was my little brother and I would have lain down my life for him.

My two sisters, Jean and Wilma, were also loved deeply by me. I remember the nights of summer when we would all sit in the porch swing and sing along with the radio to the hit songs of our day.

My grandmother also lived in the village and many days of my childhood were spent at her house. She lived on a small hillside farm where she raised nearly everything her family had to eat. I worked the fields with my grandmother, alongside my aunts and uncles. We would hoe corn and beans from sunrise to sundown. It is my belief that every young person today should get a taste of this type of life.

When it was time for lunch, we would see the younger children coming up the hill carrying buckets filled with our lunch. And what a lunch it would be! Soup beans, fried potatoes, greens, onions, and all the fresh, cold milk you could drink. While we were eating, Grandma would tell stories of the days when she was a child. These stories were good to hear. I used to wish that they would never end.

No food was ever left over for the children to carry back home. When you work hard like we did, you have to eat a lot to have enough energy to do the hard, physical work. Sometimes, the hillsides would be full of rocks. In these cases, we would have to carry dirt to place around the corn plants. We were always careful to grow enough corn to feed the livestock, as well as our family, throughout the winter months.

Taking the corn to the mill was a job that came later, and one that I looked forward to. My uncle owned the mill. He loved me a lot and he liked to kid me. I would carry the corn to his mill in a large feed sack. My family never had to pay any money to have our corn ground because my uncle would keep a portion of the corn for himself. The rest he would grind into cornmeal for my family. I can still that good old cornbread that my mother used to make from this freshly ground meal.

When we would come in from the

fields at night, we had lots of fun. My uncles and aunts would play music and sing. We had worlds of good fun. I was the oldest grandson and they all spoiled me, as though I were a prized toy. They would sometimes get into tussles over who would get to play with me. If there was ever a child who was loved, it was me.

Summertime days spent at Grandma's house are forever in my mind. I loved every moment of those days. I even look back in fondness at the time my Uncle James, Mutt and me got in trouble for playing in a new house that my Uncle Sylvian was building.

Grandma had told us to not be around that house, that there were too many things lying around with which we could get hurt. Well, you know how boys are - we had to try ourselves. We tried to handwalk the rafters of the uncompleted house. Now, I could climb almost any tree, but once I got up one, I was afraid to come down. I had a fear of heights that would paralyze me once I got up.

So, once I got myself up into those rafters, I was afraid to come back down. Uncle James and Mutt always helped me get out of trees, but this time, we all got nervous. We could hear Grandma coming. "You boys are going to get it now," we could hear her say. "I've got a switch and you're going to get a whipping."

Uncle James and Mutt ran fast away, leaving only me hanging there in the rafters.

Grandma looked at me and said, "Get down, Ralph, and take your whipping."

"Grandma," I said, "You know I can't get down unless you help me." I was holding onto those rafters with

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### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'In the Shadow of Kilimanjaro'

by TOM DOTY  
 STAFF WRITER

Ninety thousand killer baboons descend on an African village in this 1980s gorefest, which is a lot more fun than sitting through "Out of Africa."

The odd thing here is that this film is actually based on a true story. An attack like the ones depicted here actually happened in Kenya during a drought in 1984. Any viewer who checks this one out will be spared the documentary details, as this film is only interested in exploiting that one attack for all of the shock value that they can get out of it.

The film opens with the drought in full swing. A small village is reporting that several children have gone missing. Game warden Jack (played by Timothy Bottoms) is convinced that thirsty baboons are the culprits. The rest of the cast eventually catches on as the attacks build in frequency and intensity. This is bad news for a mine owner who will lose money if an evacuation is ordered. He's only got 47 days left on his lease and decides to pull in some political favors and keep the attacks under wraps.

The baboons eventually swarm into a 90,000 strong army and become bold enough to launch an all-out attack. Meanwhile, the village locals barricade themselves inside a hotel while the mad monkeys lay siege. What follows is one long night and a lot of prayers for rain.

Ridiculous as this all sounds, it actually shapes up as a decent fright-fest though it has plenty of hurdles to clear, not the least of which is how to make the baboons scary to audiences that have been force fed the notion that monkeys are cute, cuddly and often the comic relief in most motion pictures.

The director manages to create some tense moments by stealing from some horror classics. An attack on a mine worker, who is struggling with a spare tire, recalls the Hitchcock classic "The Birds." While the guy fiddles with a jack, we see an army of baboons amass on a nearby hill (a great special effect that was accomplished before CGI put most animals out of business). Viewers are also treated to a bit cribbed from "Jaws," as the game warden must contend with a corrupt bureaucracy that values profit over human lives.

The attack sequences are pretty graphic, with great special effects, and the final sequence where the locals try to secure the hotel is straight out of "Night of the Living Dead."

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## The sisters I never had

by AMANDA CUDA

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEENAGE SOUL ON LOVE & FRIENDSHIP"

When I was in junior high school, the singer Sinead O'Connor released an album called "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got." If that's true, she's the only person who doesn't. Everyone longs for what he or she lacks. The overweight imagine how perfect their lives would be if they could just lose whatever number of pounds. The bone-thin fantasize about how they would look if they could only grow breasts. The short want to be tall. The tall want to shrink out of sight. The single want a mate. The attached want independence. And, of course, all only children want a sibling.

Except me.

The only child of two wonderfully supportive, happily married parents, I drank in the attention. I got all the hugs and kisses. At holidays and birthdays, every dime went to my presents. When I needed my father's help with math, I didn't have to wait in line behind a crew of other perplexed kids.

I was first. I was only. And, being a fairly bright girl, I knew a good thing when I saw it. Why would I want some other kid to screw it up?

All my girlfriends with sisters were always complaining about some misdeed their sib had done - ignoring them, tagging along too much, borrowing clothes without asking, etc., etc.

Who needs it? I thought. I never want to have a sister.

Or so I thought. Ever the spoiled child, I went

to a private high school, an all-girls school. I know it makes a lot of people cringe, but to me, it was paradise. I had been an outcast in junior high, but here I found several girls to whom I related in ways I never thought possible. They didn't roll their eyes when I said something stupid. They forgave me when I lost my temper. They didn't think I was a loser because I liked school too much. They were more than friends. They were family. I truly felt they were the sisters I never had. And the school encouraged this view.

Every freshman was matched with a senior who would be her "big sister." Your big sister's friends, if they liked

you, called themselves your "surrogate" big sister. Their little sisters then became your sisters by connection. Before I knew it, I went from being an only child to the member of a huge family, adopting sisters left and right.

Around that time, my friend Marjke (my friend since age 5, and still my best), with whom I had been feuding for a few years, became my buddy again. She has a sister and two brothers and, as will happen, wasn't really thrilled with them all the time. She would tell me all her problems with school, her family and any-



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# Jim Davidson

## The benefits of a Reading Recovery program

This past week we had a guest in our home that is a former superintendent of schools in a nearby district. During the course of our visit, we talked about education and the importance of reading. This former superintendent said, "If children cannot read, it does not make any difference what subjects you attempt to teach them."

Since reading is so important to a child's future, and they are the future of our nation, I have been talking about this important topic for the past several months. Back in October of this past year I had the opportunity to observe first hand the benefits of a Reading Recovery program and I wanted to share this with you.



newspaper in Waynesboro, Penn., made the decision to sell my book "Learning, Earning & Giving Back" to support their after-school reading program, they invited me to fly to Waynesboro and speak to a community wide meeting. The meeting was held at the Otterbein Ministry Center and although we did not have as many people turn out as we had hoped, we sold a good number of books and I had

the opportunity to meet many of my faithful readers, especially the Willett's, who I had corresponded with a number of times over the years.

One of the highlights of my trip was meeting Ruth Pflager,

founder and chairman of TV Tune-In USA, and to have dinner with her board members the night before my presentation. These are wonderful people and they served as my host while I was there. The following morning one of the board members drove me out to Hooverville Elementary School, where I was to observe a Reading Recovery program. When I arrived I was met by the principal, Rita Sterner-Hine, who took me to the room of Ann Dedona, Reading Recovery and teacher leader for all the Waynesboro Public Schools. I have been hundreds of school districts over the years and I can tell you that this is a very good one.

If you are not familiar with the Reading Recovery program, here is some information that will give you some insights. Reading Recovery is a highly effective short-term intervention of one-on-one tutoring for low-

achieving first-graders. The intervention is most effective when it is available to all students who need it and is used as a supplement to good classroom teaching.

In Reading Recovery, individual students receive a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. As soon as students can read within the average range of their class and demonstrate that they can continue to achieve, their lessons are discontinued and new students begin individual instruction.

New Zealand educator and researcher Dr. Marie M. Clay developed Reading Recovery. Dr. Clay conducted observational research in the mid-1960s that enabled her to design ways to detect children's early reading difficulties. In the mid-1970s, she developed Reading Recovery procedures with teachers and tested the program in New Zealand. Reading Recovery has spread to Australia, the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

More than 1 million first graders have been served in the United States since Reading Recovery was introduced here in 1984.

Here are the ten most frequently asked questions about Reading Recovery:

- 1. Is Reading Recovery a classroom program?
- 2. Why does Reading Recovery serve only the lowest-achieving children?
- 3. Does Reading Recovery drop children who are likely to fail?
- 4. Does Reading Recovery raise the average achievement level of the class?
- 5. What is the role of phonics in Reading Recovery?
- 6. Does Reading Recovery change the school system?
- 7. Is Reading Recovery aligned with any specific reading or classroom approach?
- 8. What is the cost of Reading Recovery?
- 9. What is the Reading Recovery research base?
- 10. Is Reading Recovery a private business?

The answer to the last question, "Is Reading Recovery a private business?" is no. Reading Recovery is a not-for-profit intervention that involves collaboration among schools, districts and universities. In the United States, the name Reading Recovery has been a trademark of the Ohio State University since December 1990, when action was taken to identify sites that meet the standards and guidelines for Reading Recovery. Use of the trademark is granted annually royalty-free to sites that meet quality standards.

My only purpose for sharing this with you is to make you aware of another resource that has proven effective in teaching slow learners how to read. If you would like more information, visit their website at [www.readingrecovery.org](http://www.readingrecovery.org).

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## Good Dressing requires a skillet of good Southern Cornbread

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Forget the bag of dry crumbs. "To make really good cornbread dressing requires a skillet of good crusty cornbread," explained Linda Carman, Martha White Southern baking expert. "Bake a skillet of cornbread whenever you have a little spare time. Freeze it and it'll be ready when you are." Savory Sausage and Apricot Cornbread Dressing is the latest delicious variation of this popular dish from the Martha White Kitchen. For more great recipes visit the Martha White web site at [www.marthawhite.com](http://www.marthawhite.com).

### Savory Sausage and Apricot Cornbread Dressing

- Cornbread
- 1 egg
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 1/4 cup oil
- 2 cups Martha White® Self-Rising Corn Meal Mix
- Dressing
- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 4 cups crumbled biscuits or dry bread cubes
- 1 1/4 cups coarsely chopped dried apricots
- 1 cup raisins or sweetened dried cranberries
- 2 teaspoons dried sage leaves

1/2 teaspoon pepper  
2 (14.5-oz.) cans ready-to-serve chicken broth

Heat oven to 450°F. Grease 9-inch cast iron skillet or 9-inch square pan; place in oven to heat. Beat egg in large bowl. Add all remaining cornbread ingredients; mix well. (Batter should be creamy and pourable. If batter is too thick, add more milk). Pour batter into hot skillet.

Bake at 450°F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish or pan. In large skillet, cook sausage, onions and celery over medium-high heat until sausage is browned and vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Crumble cornbread to make 6 cups; place in large bowl. Add sausage mixture and all remaining dressing ingredients; mix well, stirring gently so cornbread does not crumble completely. Spoon into greased baking dish. Bake at 375°F. for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. 12 servings.

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both hands and wouldn't let go.

Grandma began to switch me real good as I hung there suspended in space between heaven and earth. Then, she helped me down and we both cried as we walked away toward home. Not even the pet groundhog following me could cheer me up. My heart had been broken. For the very first time in my life, my grandmother had switched me.

I don't think Grandma ever got over it, either. For I am sure that she loved me more than any other person on earth. I had the rickets until I was four years old and this caused Grandma to love and spoil me even more.

There was another time I can remember when I climbed a mulberry tree. While I was in the tree, my dog began barking and taking some kind of a fit. I think he might have gotten bit by a copperhead snake. Uncle James and Mutt started to run away from the dog, climbing up into the tree branches with me. I remember how I laughed at them. I was already safe, way up in the tree - no dog could bite me.

Well, after a time, the old dog took off down the hill for home. Uncle James and Mutt jumped

down and headed home, also, leaving me stranded there in the old mulberry tree. I started to cry. "Come back," I pleaded. "Help me get down!"

They just kept walking straight away and on down the hill. I stayed up in that tree until almost dark not knowing what else to do.

At about dark, I said to myself, "I know what I will do. I will jump down from here." And so I jumped. I hit the ground on a roll, and roll I did - right into a blackberry patch! I got up from the ground and discovered that I had scratches and bruises from head to toe. I headed down the hill, limping, to make my way home before dark.

That night as I lay on my good old feather bed that my grandma had made, I prayed: "God, please help me to learn how to get down from trees." Then, I went off to sleep, thinking about what a wonderful world I lived in and how lucky I was to live on my creek and to have all the wondrous hills around me be a part of my life. I looked out the window at the stars - there were more than I could count. I fell asleep to the song of the katydids and a chorus of frogs, in a world in which all I knew was the joy of living.

# Click and Clack Talk Cars

## Gift ideas for gearheads

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

It's getting to be that time of year again — time to wonder what to get my male relatives for Christmas. I'm sure I'm not the only female who is confronted with this dilemma every year. When I ask them what they want, they either say, "Nothing," or they specify some obscure, expensive, unpronounceable electronic engine accessory or other gadget. A couple of these guys are like you — interested in cars and car talk but also intelligent and fairly civilized — so I thought you could provide some good ideas for holiday gifts that I can actually locate AND afford to buy (i.e., \$25-\$200). Thanks! — Diana

RAY: Hmm. I don't think plasma TVs have come down that far yet.

T O M :

Several ideas come to mind, Diana. One is an inexpensive scan tool. A scan tool is what you plug into the car's computer, and it gives you all kinds of fascinating diagnostic information.

RAY: Well, it'll be fascinating to those guys, anyway.

TOM: All cars built from 1996 on use a standard computer diagnostics system called OBD II. You can find several inexpensive OBD II scan tools on the market in the \$150-\$200 range. Best of all, since this is a diagnostic tool, it will provide your loved ones with wonderful excuses to then go out and buy even more expensive equipment with which to fix these newly diagnosed problems!

RAY: Another idea is a rechargeable remote jump-starter. I've got one of these, and it works great. It's smaller than a car battery, and it's fully encased in hard plastic. It has positive and negative battery cables attached to it, and you use it to jump-start your car when nobody else is around. You charge it up from a home outlet or from your cigarette lighter (BEFORE the battery dies!) and then toss it in the trunk.

TOM: So, when you come out of Rocco's Adult Beverage and Exotic Female Dancer Den at 1 in the morning and find that you left your lights on, you won't have to call your wife for a jump-start (and a dope slap). These jumper packs will run you anywhere from \$50 to \$100, depending on how powerful the battery is. But even the basic ones will work pretty well, unless the battery is stone cold dead.

RAY: In the same price range, you can get someone a personal air pump and a can of tire sealant. Next time he has a flat tire, instead of waiting for a tow truck or changing the tire himself while semis whiz by, he can pull out his air pump, toss in the sealant and fill the tire back up in five or 10 minutes. Most of these air pumps plug into the cigarette lighter or run off rechargeable batteries. And as an added bonus, he can use it to fill up his basketball, soccer ball or inflatable Geraldo Rivera punching bag.

TOM: And if you're a real cheap-skate, there are always Car Talk gifts,

like our CD collections of funny car songs, or our advice collections, like "Why You Should Never Listen to Your Father When It Comes to Cars." That stuff is cheap (as well it should be)! And it's at [www.shamelesscommerce.com](http://www.shamelesscommerce.com), or 1-888-CAR-JUNK. Really.

## Don't risk driving on a bad tire

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2000 Honda Civic that is making a thunking noise. It is slow — think ... think ... think — when I start from a stop, but then it picks up speed as the car does. It has gotten worse over the past month or two. I commute about 45 miles each way to work daily via interstate. Is it hurting the car to delay the repair? What is the matter? (Struts, wheel bearing or what?) Am I taking my life in my hands when I drive it? I am waiting till payday to take it in for repair. How much is it likely to cost

(I'm a poor single mom)? Do I have to take it to a dealer, or can a regular mechanic help? Thanks! — Marylynn

TOM: Sounds like you have a grapefruit stuck in your tire. Have you been driving by any citrus farms?

RAY: Actually, I think it's a bad tire, Marylynn. And yes, you are taking your life in your hands — especially on the highway.

TOM: While it could be something more serious (so you DO want a mechanic to check it out), these are classic symptoms of a bad tire. One of your tires is probably suffering from the heartbreak of tread separation. It could blow at any minute. And if it blows while you're going 65 mph, it's going to be very exciting.

RAY: So I wouldn't wait until payday. This is what credit cards are for, Marylynn. This is something that has to be fixed now. Any decent mechanic or tire store can handle this for you. You don't have to go to the dealer.

TOM: Once the diagnosis is confirmed, we recommend that you replace at least two tires together so the tires that share an axle have matching tread, and behave the same way in terms of handling and stopping. Otherwise, you can get unpredictable handling, especially in wet weather or in emergency maneuvers. But if you're really strapped for cash, replace the bad one now with your credit card, and then go back on payday and get another one. You might even need all four by now if these are your original tires, so be prepared.

RAY: But you have to do it, Marylynn. You say you're a single mom — that means your kids can't afford to lose another parent!

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## Lagoon

There are a few minuses here, too, but thankfully they don't outweigh the pluses. The hero, game warden Jack, as played by Bottoms, is pretty dull. He mumbles a lot and often stands around so stiffly that he threatens to become a part of the scenery. One gets the impression that he charges more for emoting and was underpaid. His character is saddled with a wife who shows up in the midst of the crisis to divorce him and one can hardly blame her.

The other drawback here is that no one is particularly heroic. You get several scenes of people spotting the monkey army and taking off like a jack rabbit without giving their friends the courtesy of a "Look out behind you."

All in all, 'tis is a fun time-waster with a decidedly unique premise. The best line comes in a scene where they enact a plan to appease the baboon army by shooting a few of them so the rest will feast on them and not the pop-

ulace (not a bad plan). The leader of the group announces that they should concentrate their fire on the leaders (apparently simians need structure, too). One hunter begs the question, "How do we tell the monkey leaders from the monkey followers?" 1986, rated R.

## Contest Update

The winner of our November trivia contest is Lisa Hinkle, of Dwale. The correct answer was 1976's "The Food of the Gods."

We also received correct answers from Jessica Osborne, of Allen; Dianna Price, of Blue River; Alice Howard, of Staffordsville; Frank Price, also of Blue River; and Crystal Crace, of Allen.

The Lagoon is happy to announce that our trivia contests have been going well so we are doing it again for December. Just go to [www.floydcountytimes.com](http://www.floydcountytimes.com) to play.

## Soup

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thing else that was bothering her. Then she would turn to me and say, "You're like the big sister I never had." Every time she said it, I was flattered. I loved the idea of being so close to someone that she considered you family. I still love it. Marjke is still like my sister. And her sister, Gretchen, also is like my sister. And my friends from high school who I keep in touch with are like my sisters.

After all those years of childhood denying I wanted siblings, I went out and selected my own. And no, I

don't always get along with them. We fight. We lose touch from time to time. We disappoint each other.

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## AUTOMOTIVE

### 130-Cars

For Sale 1993 Ford Crown Victoria. 138,000 miles. \$1,200. call 606-874-0467

### HICKS AUTO SALE

404 DAVID ROAD 01 Chevy Blazer LT 4 door 34,000 miles REDUCED \$9,500, 1998 Town and Country Chrysler all wheel drive loaded \$6,000 1998 Camry LE black loaded 95,000 miles \$6,200 1996 ED Explorier moon roof loaded, \$6,500 call Hicks Auto Sales at 606-886-2842 after hours 886-3451

For sale 1991 Toyota Corolla needs work \$800 firm call 606-886-8339 after 5 pm.

1986 Elcamino Must See 285-3144

For Sale 95 Grand Am automatic, A/C good condition 874-1398 after 6pm

### 150-Miscellaneous

Will trade 4 wheel drive pick-up for a 4 wheel drive 4 wheeler call 606-874-2703

### 160-Motorcycles

For Sale 1988 Gold Wing Trike 1,500 Miles Maroon in color, loaded call 606-358-2000 asking \$19,995

1995 Honda CVR 900RR Cobra and Yoshi pipes-slip on with 2 matching helmets. Runs great call 606-226-1577 or 606-889-9283

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

### 180-Trucks

For Sale 1 utility Truck with boom 1 record pick-up with lift on back, new brakes in excellent condition and 1 1998 Toyota Tacoma runs good and 1 1992 Ford F 150 loaded with extras call 606-874-9529

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### 210-Job Listings

### SEARS HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS

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### 220-Help Wanted

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Medical Position On call RN Full and part time Pro-rated benefits Covering Johnson, Magoffin, Floyd and Martin Counties Call 606-789-3841 Hospice of Big Sandy Inc. 1520 Ky Hwy 1428 Hager Hill, Ky, 41222

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Help Wanted Retail in Management Needed experienced Manager for Dollar Store must have Retail Management experience send resume to Dollar Mart 270 Dog Patch Center, London, Ky. 40741 c/o Attn Bruce

For Sale Reg. Tiny male Chihuahua Puppy Shots, parents 8 weeks. 325.00 886-2087

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### 550-Land & Lots

Land for Sale Located at Eastern Ky next to ACHS football field 3 Lots Estate of the late Jack and May Ratliff 606-422-9034 ask for Becky

For Sale 9 acres more or less on Samson fork at Dana, Ky. call 440-967-4088

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### REAL ESTATE

#### 530-Homes

FOR SALE IN PRESTONSBURG 2 BR Move in condition on Central Ave 81,000.00 788-1461

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### 570-Mobile Homes

14x60 trailer for sale, 17,000 or someone to take over payments 223.00 per month 877-0767 or 432-3979

Clayton House Trailer 14x80 with 2 1/2 car garage with approximately 1/4 acre land RT 680 McDowell call 502-905-4095 for more information

1992 14x80 Cremson Mobile Home 3 BD 2 Bath 886-0525

For Sale 3 bed room 2 full bath, Double wide, 3 years old for more information call 606-889-0937 or 606-889-9654

### RENTALS

#### 610-Apartments

Two bedroom duplex with garage 550.00 per month 500.00 deposit 1 year lease required located at Lancer KY call 886-8781 between 6pm and 9pm

### Adult Education Teacher Opening

Job Description: Teach (part-time) students age 16 and up basic education, reading, math, GED prep., college prep, parenting, job skills, etc., at various locations throughout Floyd County. Requirements: 4-year College Degree. Teacher Certification and experience preferred. Send cover letter, resumé, and references to The David School, PO box 1, David, KY 41616. Qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.

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First Month's Rent FREE with Pd. Security Deposit through 12/25/04 Park Place Apartments in Prestonsburg, Disabled, Elderly, Handicapped & Available for immediate occupancy. Rent 1 bed room/\$309; 2 bed room/\$345 call 606-886-0039

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### 620-Office Space

For Lease Finished Office Space for lease in prime location near BSCTC, (PCC) and the new Food City -- 2100 -- sq. ft. Ground floor location with up to five private offices, conference room, kitchen, bath, parking lot call Today 606-424-2690 or 226-2266

### 630-Homes

2 Story House for rent 5 bed room bath with kitchen and dining room utility room on left Beaver at Hunter for more information call 606-285-0229

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