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briefs House passes truancy bill

Th Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill passed Friday by the Kentucky House would reduce the number of unexcused absences that public school students can have before being considered habitual truants.

Rep. Rick Nelson, D-Middlesboro, said his bill was intended to improve school attendance.

Under his bill, students who miss six days of school without valid excuses would become habitual truants. The current threshold is nine unexcused absences.

Local school boards can set policies that require truants to make up unexcused absences or impose other penalties.

The bill also would set the same truancy standards for public school students ages 18 to 21.

Rep. Jon Draud, R-Edgewood, said that provision would help school officials deal with older students who attend school irregularly.

The legislation passed 88-6 and now goes to the Senate.

Day in court ends with outburst

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The tenth day of testimony in the trial of accused murderer Dwayne Earl Bishop ended dramatically, as Bishop pointed his finger at special prosecutor David Smith and said, "You're going down for this."

The outburst is just the latest twist in a case that has been full of them since Bishop was first accused of murdering his wife, Carolyn Bishop, five years ago.

Dwayne Bishop may have chosen the moment carefully, as most of the jury was out of the courtroom at the time, but the display could prove costly, as Smith asked that the threat be read into the record. Judge John Caudill informed him that he should seek out the county attorney if he wants to report the threat.

The judge also admonished Dwayne Bishop, letting him know that if the jury overheard the remark, then it would not help his cause. Caudill then reminded the

defendant that the outcome of the case should be important to him and that he should watch his behavior.

The incident followed the day long grilling of one witness, who changed his story at the end of the day and wound up accusing the defendant of threatening to have him killed if he testified that Dwayne Bishop told him details of his wife's murder.

Ironically, the defense called

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Harlan Mackintosh began testifying for Dwayne Bishop's defense team on Friday, but recanted his testimony by the afternoon and claimed Bishop had threatened to have him killed.

photo by Tom Doty



Charlie 206 Engineers spent some of their time abroad working with children in Kosovo. Captain Thomas is seen here giving school supplies to the children.

submitted photo

Guard troops prepare to come home from Kosovo

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

KOSOVO — Reports are in, and they're good ones.

Charlie Company 206 Engineers, who were called in June by President Bush to take part in a 10-month peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, will be home soon.

Officials initially said that the troops may need to extend their stay in Kosovo, but officials with the National Guard in Prestonsburg now say otherwise.

Rosie Music, director of the National Guard's Family Readiness group, says the troops are expected to deploy on Feb. 25 from Kosovo. They will transfer to a demote station in Atterbury, Ind., where they will be debriefed for 5-to-8 days about their return home, she said.

The Engineers merged with the 1st/148th Ohio task force in Kosovo, where they stood as part of a multinational brigade centered at keeping peace in Kosovo, a province where war began between Albanian and Serbian armies in

1999.

Music said the troops have maintained good spirits throughout the mission, other than, of course, a bit of homesickness. Luckily, they were not deployed into any significant danger zones. Kosovo has become less volatile since U.S. intervention, a reason Music says there have been no problems or injuries during the length of this mission.

In addition to their regular

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Rolling Acres residents file suit over blast

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ivel residents who lost their footing in a natural gas explosion last November at the Rolling Acres Estates subdivision are laying blame.

Thirty-four residents and one house guest are suing the companies and individuals believed to be responsible for their maladies.

Ten residents who were injured during the blast are heading the suit, along with 25 others who lost property or suffered from emotional distress following the explosion.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Ricky J. Conn; his wife, Tracey Conn; Jeannie, Derrick and Alexis Newsome; James and Betty Fulks; Bryan Terry Hall; Donald and Vivian Conn; Larry and Shirley Senters; Gregory Hall; Lorene Salisbury; Shelby Stapleton; Tammy Vance; Gayle and Ernie Collins; James Goble; Cathy and Anthony Griffith; Jane E. Lemaster; Brenda and Maurice Minix; John L. Salisbury; Pamela and Jimmy Shortridge; Georgia, Patsy and Mark Smith; David T. Tackett; Lavonne Taylor; Ricky and Cathy Jacobs; and Bobby Gean Thacker filed suit in Floyd Circuit Court Wednesday.

The group, whose homes were destroyed or damaged during the Nov. 8 pipeline explosion in

Ivel, claim that the following companies are responsible for their pain and suffering: Markwest Hydrocarbon Inc.; Markwest Energy Partners; Markwest Energy GP LLC; Markwest Energy Appalachia LLC; Markwest Energy Operating Company LLC; Markwest Hydrocarbon Partners LTD; Equitable Production Company; Equitable Resources Inc.; Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company; Equitable Field Services LLC; Equitable Energy LLC; Equitable Gas Company; and Kentucky Hydrocarbon.

They allege that Tim Castle, of Markwest Hydrocarbon; Jeff Stark; Keith Hayes; Robert Cooper; and James Dillion were also responsible for the blast through their negligence.

The lawsuit, filed by Pikeville attorney William R. Johnson, claims that James Dillion, of Dropping Lick Road in Ivel, caused and concealed the leaky pipeline when he had a concrete driveway constructed on his property at Rolling Acres.

The Markwest companies, the Equitable Resources companies, and their employees failed to construct, maintain, repair and monitor the pipeline, which had been leaking over an

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Stumbo appointed to position in governor's office

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A Floyd County woman who has served with the Big Sandy Area Development District for more than a decade is stepping up into a position with Gov. Ernie Fletcher's

office. Stephanie Stumbo, former economic development director for Big Sandy ADD, took her assigned seat Monday as director of the Governor's Office of Local Development.

Stumbo spent the last 11 years at Big Sandy ADD,

where she worked continually with issues concerning community and economic development. She says her work with coal severance tax funds will be particularly vital to the new position.

"The biggest part of the new job is having a local person working who has years of

experience with coal severance tax, community and economic development," Stumbo said. "I'll be working statewide with coal severance funds and will be working to give them back locally. That's certainly dramatic. It's a great honor."

In addition to her accom-

plishments through Big Sandy ADD, Stumbo also directed a statewide welfare program and gained skills through her experience with grant writing, contract negotiations and public relations.

She has also toured nation-

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Stumbo

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# Odds and Ends

■ **MONROE, La.** — Jerry Wayne Till managed to get away from sheriff's deputies and elude them briefly — until he called them for help after he got lost in the woods.

A sheriff's deputy tried to pull over Till on Wednesday evening for speeding, but Till drove away, exceeding 100 mph at times, before eventually abandoning his vehicle and running into the woods, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deputies brought in search dogs, but couldn't locate Till until he called the sheriff's office from his cell phone asking for help because he was lost.

Deputies still couldn't find him, until a nearby resident heard Till crying for help and called the authorities.

Maj. Jay Russell said deputies believe Till was heading to his home, but got misdirected in the woods. Deputies took him into custody about a quarter mile from the house of the deputy who tried to pull him over.

Till, who was charged with aggravated flight and driving with an expired license, told deputies that he didn't pull over because he wasn't thinking straight.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — The recording industry sued Gertrude Walton, accusing her of illegally trading music over the Internet as "smittenkitten."

But the lawsuit was filed more than a month after the 83-year-old woman died in December, and her daughter

says Walton hated computers, anyway.

A group of record companies named Walton as the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet.

Walton's daughter, Robin Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years and said her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

"My mother wouldn't know how to turn on a computer," Chianumba said.

She said she faxed a copy of her mother's death certificate to record company officials several days before the lawsuit was filed, in response to a letter from the company regarding the upcoming legal filing.

"I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing," Chianumba said.

A Recording Industry Association of America spokesman said Thursday that Walton was likely not the smittenkitten it's searching for.

"Our evidence gathering and our subsequent legal actions all were initiated weeks and even months ago," said RIAA spokesman Jonathan Lamy. "We will now, of course, obviously dismiss this case."

■ **MIDDLETOWN, Ohio** — Taxes are no laughing matter.

The city's tax superintendent has been suspended without pay for a week for trying to inject some humor in the city income tax filing instructions.

The attempt at humor by Linda Stubbs was called "misguided" by city Finance Director John Lyons.

The forms — with such lines as, "If we can tax it, we will," — were sent last week to all Middletown businesses and residents who pay city income tax.

City officials didn't laugh at lines like: "Free advice: if you don't have a profit in a five-year period, you might want to consider another line of work."

Lyons said revised forms were sent out immediately at a cost to taxpayers of about \$5,500.

■ **LAS VEGAS** — Bob Whitney isn't willing to accept a B-minus. He's suing the University of Nevada, Las Vegas after losing an appeal over the grade.

Bob Whitney, 52, alleges in the lawsuit that a history professor discriminated against him because of his conservative values. He seeks at least \$10,000 for emotional duress, tuition, books and living expenses.

University officials say the complaint filed Jan. 12 in Clark County District Court has no merit.

Whitney said the grade he got in Eugene Moehring's class in spring 2004 damaged his grade-point average and made him ineligible for student loans. He claimed Moehring's fast-paced lectures prevented him from taking complete notes, and Moehring criticized his conservatism in written assignments.

Whitney accused Andrew Bell, then a graduate coordina-

tor, of refusing to change the grade and humiliating him by yelling at him in front of his wife.

Bell, now associate dean of the liberal arts college, and Moehring, who has taught at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for 28 years, declined comment on the lawsuit.

■ **MARSEILLE, France** — Most people wouldn't pay 10 cents for a dead hedgehog. The French government has shelled out over \$4 million.

On March 22, 1998, the hedgehog's carcass was lying at the end of a runway at the airport in the southern town of Marseille, attracting about 20 seagulls that were picking at it.

Soon an Air France Airbus A320 roared past and the plane's right engine sucked in the flock of hapless birds, causing the plane to skid to an emergency stop. The engine was damaged.

A court in Marseille ruled Tuesday that the French government was responsible for keeping the runways clear of such perils and that its staff at the airport should have noticed "such a large group of birds" in the path of the jet.

It ordered the government to pay \$4.2 million to Air France and five insurance companies that had paid out after the accident.

■ **PENTICTON, British Columbia** — A statue called The Baggage Handler is turning out to be a heavy load for this town.

The statue went up earlier this month showing a man's nude figure surrounded by a number of colorful suitcases meant to represent emotional baggage.

After distracted drivers narrowly avoided accidents, artist Michael Hermesh was told to bolt a metal plate in front of the statue's genitalia. Then it was removed because it drew attention to the groin area.

Now vandals have bashed away the genitalia on the 6 1/2-foot epoxy-impregnated plaster statue, broken the ankles and knocked over the 24 suitcases.

"It's like being censored for the second time," Hermesh said.

Council members said they were unaware of the nudity last year when they approved the statue as one of four temporary art works for the roundabout near the marina.

"Nudity begets controversy, and controversy is the issue here," said Mayor Dave Perry. "We don't need the controversy, we just need some public art the majority of the community can buy into."

The statue will stay up until September.

■ **BRISBANE, Australia** — D'oh! A woman has pleaded guilty to selling on eBay three nonexistent cases of Duff brand beer — the favorite of cartoon character Homer Simpson.

Tara Edith Woodford, 28, pleaded guilty Wednesday to three charges of dishonestly gaining money by false pretenses.

Prosecutor Gavin Burnett

told the court Woodford was paid a total of \$1,511 by three separate buyers after advertising the bogus beer on the auction site.

Buyers paid money into Woodford's bank account, but contacted police when they never received the beer. Woodford was placed on 18 months' probation, and was ordered to reimburse the money and undergo counseling.

Duff is the beer brand of choice for Homer Simpson and his barfly friends in the animated U.S. television series "The Simpsons." Its creators have a policy of refusing to license "The Simpsons" merchandising for products that would be detrimental to children.

■ **HASTINGS, Neb.** — Mike Johanns is out as Nebraska's governor, but his stationery will stay.

Gov. Dave Heineman said he would have his name printed at the bottom of Johanns' stationery. To do otherwise would be wasteful, Heineman said.

"That's just one small way for me to send a message to every single agency. Let's watch our pennies and if we watch our pennies together, ultimately, we can save millions," he said.

Heineman said the state also would continue handing out state maps with photos of Johanns and his wife on them.

Heineman, the former lieutenant governor, became governor Jan. 20 after Johanns began his job as U.S. agriculture secretary.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2005. There are 328 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

On this date:

■ In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

■ In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

■ In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

■ In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was declared in effect.

■ In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

■ In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in

Evansville, Ind.

■ In 1993, tennis Hall-of-Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

■ In 1998, President Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

**Ten years ago:** President Clinton unveiled his \$1.61 trillion budget for 1996, mixing mild tax relief and spending reductions. Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali, the alleged mastermind of a campaign of violence, pleaded guilty in New York to plotting urban terrorism: The space shuttle Discovery flew to within 37 feet of the Russian space station Mir in the first rendezvous of its kind in two decades.

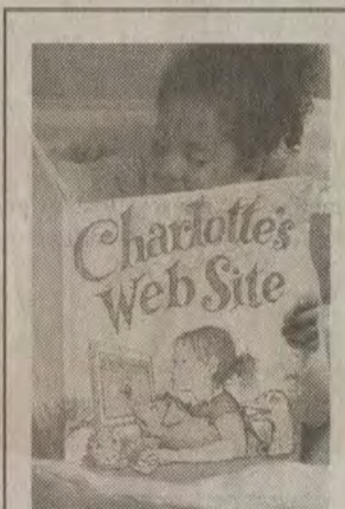
**Five years ago:** First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate. An Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 was hijacked after leaving Kabul, Afghanistan, making stops in Central Asia and Russia before arriving at Stansted airport outside London the next day. Nine people were killed when a train derailed south of Cologne, Germany. Social Democrat Tarja Halonen edged out her rival in a run-off to become Finland's first female president. The NFC defeated the AFC 51-31 in the Pro Bowl.

**One year ago:** President Bush appointed a bipartisan

commission to examine intelligence on Iraq's weapons. An explosion ripped through a Moscow subway car during rush hour, killing 41 people. Mechanic Joseph P. Smith was charged with murder after authorities in Sarasota, Fla., found the body of 11-year-old girl Carlie Brucia, whose kidnapping had been captured by a car-wash surveillance camera.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 88. Actor Patrick Macnee is 83. Actor Rip Torn is 74. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 74. Actor Mike Farrell is 66. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 65. Singer Fabian is 62. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 62. Actor Michael Tucker is 61. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 56. Singer Natalie Cole is 55. Actor Jon Walmsley is 49. Actress Kathy Najimy is 48. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 48. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 48. Actor Barry Miller is 47. Actress Megan Gallagher is 45. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 43. Country singer Richie McDonald (Lonestar) is 43. Singer Rick Astley is 39. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 36. Actor Brandon Hammond is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "Work is much more fun than fun." — Sir Noel Coward, British actor, dramatist and songwriter (1899-1973).



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## Bishop

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Harlan Mackintosh as a witness and later ruled the decision. He began by testifying that he gave a statement about Dwayne Bishop confessing to details of his wife's murder when the two were incarcerated at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center together in 2001. He said that he made the statements to the commonwealth's attorney because he wanted a "get-out-of-jail-free card."

David Smith cross-examined Mackintosh for three hours about his testimony and the previous statement made to the investigator for the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. That statement was read into the record and it indicated that Dwayne Bishop had complained about how physically taxing it was to kill Carolyn Bishop.

Smith also used Mackintosh to get more new items of evidence into the record, which included a series of letters he wrote to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. The most damaging letter was one he wrote to them after he first testified in a hearing on the case last September.

At that hearing, Mackintosh had flip-flopped and said his stories were all lies fed to him by the prosecution. His last letter to them, dated a week after that hearing, noted that he had to lie because he feared that Dwayne Bishop would have him killed.

Smith questioned Mackintosh on that letter and was told that Mackintosh was forced to write it at the behest of prison personnel who threatened him.

Defense attorney Carolyn Howard chose to reexamine Mackintosh. Three minutes of questioning was all it took for him to ask for his own attorney, who was present for a consultation. Afterwards, he refused to answer her next question but was directed by Judge Caudill to continue. He did and retracted his story, saying it was Dwayne Bishop who threatened him. Mackintosh related that he feared Dwayne Bishop and that he had lied at the hearing out of fear for his life.

Howard, at this point, turned on her own witness and began raking him over the coals. She asked if Dwayne Bishop was now part of a huge conspiracy that included prison authorities, the commonwealth and a biker gang called the "Highwaymen." Mackintosh replied that the only person threatening him was Dwayne Bishop and that he had an inmate friend named Collins who would do the killing for him.

Smith got Mackintosh to admit, on redirect, that Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner never threatened him. He finished up quickly and the defense chose not to question Mackintosh any longer, though they reserved the right to recall him.

## Stumbo

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ally as a keynote speaker.

Officials on hand for the Schlumberger opening at the Honey Branch Industrial Park this week congratulated Stumbo for her "hard work" and "determination."

Robert M. Duncan, chairman of the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, referred to her as "the person who made the project happen."

"She came in with no economic development experience and learned quickly," he said. "She was as focused, dogged and determined as anyone I have ever worked with."

Stumbo says she'll work toward the opening of two other local development offices in addition to the central office in Frankfort.

Stumbo, who says she loves Floyd County too much to move, will be commuting on a daily basis to Frankfort.

Her appointment has not yet been made official through the governor's office.

## House panel OKs bill to eliminate junk food in schools

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislation to get rid of junk food and limit soft drinks in Kentucky schools was approved by a House committee on Thursday as health advocates renewed their quest to fill schoolhouse vending machines with healthy snacks.

Fried potato chips and candy bars would be off limits if the bill becomes law. Instead, students could munch on granola bars, reduced-fat crackers or other healthy alternatives.

Also, elementary school pupils wouldn't be allowed to sip sodas during the school day. Students in middle and

high schools could still get soft drinks, but vending machines would be stocked mainly with water, fruit juices and milk.

"We're not out to break the soft-drink companies," said Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, a lead sponsor of the bill with Rep. Tim Feeley, R-Crestwood. "There's a place for those types of things, but I don't believe they're in the school."

The bill was approved by the House Health and Welfare Committee with only one dissenting vote. Similar legislation has passed the House three times before but stalled in the Senate.

Supporters said the bill would teach a lesson about healthy choices that could

save millions in health costs for treating obesity-related problems, including juvenile diabetes.

Health advocates said childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportion.

"We don't want fat, smart kids in ... Kentucky," said Dr. Gerald Sturgeon, a Louisville pediatrician and a former president of the Kentucky Pediatric Society. "We'll take them, but we'd much rather have healthy, smart kids."

Registered dietitian Carolyn Dennis used some props to make her points while addressing the committee — including a bulging bag of sugar representing the amount of sugar consumed by someone who drinks a 20-ounce soft drink daily for a

month. She said some popular soft drinks contain 18 teaspoons of sugar per 20-ounce servings. It would take a one-hour workout on a bike to burn off the calories, she said.

Supporters said \$1 billion is spent each year in Kentucky to treat obesity-related medical problems, including \$320 million by the Medicaid program.

The bill would forbid any snack items with more than 6 grams of fat or more than 40 percent sugar in schoolhouse vending machines or cafeteria Ala-carte lines.

In middle and high schools, at least 75 percent of vending machine drinks would have to be "healthy," meaning water, fruit juices or milk.

Rep. David Floyd, R-

Bardstown, voted against the bill, saying those decisions should be left up to local school officials.

The bill's advocates said a few school districts have voluntarily limited the availability of soft drinks and junk food, but many others haven't.

"Nothing is more local control than my rights as a parent to have some control over what happens with that lunch money that I give my children when they go out the door in the morning," Dennis said.

To encourage exercise, the bill also would allow elementary schools to offer up to 30 minutes of recess that would be considered part of the instructional day.

## Troops

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duties, Charlie 206 Engineers have spent their time working with children, Music said, teaching them different subjects and distributing school supplies. They have also provided labor to improve or construct bridges for Kosovo residents.

"I am very proud of our soldiers because they have worked hard and went and done for our country," Music said. "They're serving their time in Kosovo."

The Engineers are now training their replacement brigade, she said, but the entire clan will not be coming home.

Four men with the Charlie 206 Engineers volunteered to serve in Iraq.

PV 1 Johnathan D. Rohr, of Prestonsburg; PFC Douglas D. Tackett, of Pikeville; PFC

Johnathan A. Rigsby, of Louisa; and PV 2 Robert N. Howard, of Michigan; turned in their request to serve in Iraq two weeks ago.

Music said the men are scheduled to leave for Iraq on Feb. 14, but "they've already left in one sense of the word," because they are currently training and awaiting departure from Kosovo.

The men will serve in Iraq for 18 months, she said.

The National Guard's Family Readiness group is planning a welcome home ceremony for the Charlie 206 Engineers at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory in July.

When the guardsmen return home this month, they will have a 90-day leave before retaking their post at the National Guard.

## Blast

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extended period of time, the suit alleges.

The companies and individuals targeted in the suit acted in gross negligence, malice and reckless disregard for lives and safety, Johnson alleges, because they failed to inform, educate or warn Ivel residents about the impending danger at Rolling Acres.

The group seeks punitive damages on different terms for

each family involved. They ask for reimbursement of property loss, emotional and physical pain and suffering, medical expenses, lost wages and other miscellaneous expenses necessitated by the blast.

The pipeline, which is now fully operational, carries natural gas from Eastern Kentucky wells to a processing plant in West Virginia.

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## Bill would restrict sale of cold medicine used in methamphetamine

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State officials have filed a bill that would restrict sales of cold and allergy medicine that can be used to make methamphetamine.

The bill also would strengthen a law used to prosecute meth manufacturers, create a law making it illegal to make meth in the presence of children and hold meth makers liable for the cost of cleaning up labs.

"This fits in with the governor's vision to comprehensively address the growing drug problem in this state," said Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, who announced the administration's bill Wednesday at a news conference with Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

The bill would require customers buying medicines contain pseudoephedrine, such as Sudafed, to show a government photo identification, such as a driver's license, and sign a log.

Pharmacists and other drug retailers would be required to keep such drugs behind the counter and sales would be

restricted to 9 grams per person per month, or about 300 30-milligram Sudafed pills.

Several people who said they were former meth users attended the announcement and said they support the administration's efforts.

"Anything we can do is great," said LaVonda Muncy of Paducah, who completed a drug court program and has been off the drug for four years. "It's got to stop. It ruins so many lives."

Jan Gould, a Kentucky Retail Federation official, said he thinks the bill's restriction on otherwise legal medicine goes too far.

"It restricts access to a legitimate product," he said.

Owensboro pharmacist Jeff Danhauer, who supports the bill, said his family owned store already keeps such medicine in sight of the pharmacist and limits customers to one bottle of pills at a time.

"We've got to do something to get it under control," Danhauer said. "It's hurting our society."

An analysis by The Courier-Journal of Louisville of circuit court records showed meth indictments for manufacturing and trafficking in the drug grew across Kentucky to 1,854 this fiscal year, from 336 cases in 1998-99, a 452 percent increase.

Kentucky State Police reported finding 66 children living at or around meth labs last year. Far more were removed from homes because of abuse or neglect stemming from meth-addicted parents, police said.

Administration officials said the proposed bill would address those problems by restricting medicine sales and making it a crime to make meth around children.

The bill is modeled on an Oklahoma law viewed as one of the toughest in the nation on restricting sale of products containing pseudoephedrine. Oklahoma officials have cited a significant decrease in meth lab busts since the law took effect last year.

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## Our view

### Student survey results disturbing

A recent survey of high school students paints a chilling picture of their attitudes toward some of our country's most basic liberties. A third of those surveyed, when told that the First Amendment protects the freedoms of speech, press, assembly and religion, say that cornerstone of American freedom "goes too far." Half believe the government should have the right to tell newspapers what to print and what not to print. About 1-in-6 don't believe people should have the right to express "unpopular views."

Of course, we could tell ourselves that these are the opinions of kids and should be treated as such. But they are also the opinion of kids who are on the verge of becoming adults, and it is scary to think that we are raising a generation of future adults who do not cherish the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by our Bill of Rights.

The most obvious question that comes to mind is how this generation of students came to devalue the freedom of expression, and the study draws some interesting conclusions. It points out that those students who have had some experience exercising their First Amendment rights through such venues as a school newspaper are far more likely to hold such freedoms in higher regard than those who haven't.

Unfortunately, school newspapers and school journalism classes have in recent years suffered the same fate as arts and music programs and physical education. Under mounting pressure to conform to state and federal standards to raise test scores in the "3 R's," such programs are being written off as nonessential and being cut back, if not eliminated entirely.

This is the danger we run by tying academic success merely to a mastery of the basics, without giving our children experience in a richer subjects. We equip them with the technical skills they will need for their future lives, but not the context they need for appreciation and understanding.

Clearly, this study is just one more instance of anecdotal evidence that we are not meeting all of the challenges we face in educating our citizenry. Just as an epidemic of childhood obesity has accompanied a decline in physical education, we are now seeing a disregard for the ideals which have made our nation great.

Surely, there is no more important task than ensuring that the liberties we all take for granted are not lost. Yet if we continue to produce a populace that does not value those freedoms, their eventual demise is certain.

— The Floyd County Times

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"Who cares about football? I'm here for the halftime ads and wardrobe malfunctions."

## Rich Lowry Column

### Social Security reform and black progress

Would liberals support Social Security reform if they thought of it as reparations for blacks?

The current Social Security system disadvantages blacks for reasons related to their historic mistreatment. Private accounts would go some way toward addressing this legacy of discrimination — as Democrats typically put it — but the supposed fiercest advocates of black interests are precisely the ones who will stand in the way.

There is a direct correlation between economic status and average life span. This means that blacks, who are disproportionately poor, partly for historic reasons, tend to have shorter life spans, especially black males. The average life expectancy of a black male is roughly 68.6 years. The

retirement age of Social Security is set under current law to eventually rise to 67. You do the math — this cannot be a good deal.

The current system has features that provide some protections for blacks. They disproportionately benefit from disability insurance, but that program won't be touched by reform. Also, when a worker dies, his children and/or spouse collect some benefits. The child gets benefits as long as he is under age 18 or not yet graduated from high school, although the closer to retirement age someone gets, the less likely he is to have a child under 18.

Under most reform plans, a private account will fund the same spousal benefit as in the current system, but the remaining balance will go directly to the deceased's family. In the current system, if someone dies and has no wife or children, the money he has paid in simply disappears. Under reform, the beneficiary would be able to designate who receives the assets in his account, whether

it is a niece or a church. The money stays in the community.

This is so important because even as blacks have made up ground in terms of income — their household income has increased roughly 47 percent since 1967 — they lag badly when it comes to net worth. The median net worth for black families is only \$19,000, a mere 15 percent of the same figure for white families. Blighted opportunities in the past have kept blacks from passing wealth from generation to generation.

Private Social Security accounts would help address this deficit — if Democrats don't stop them. The dirty secret is that the political appeal of the welfare state is not primarily in helping the needy, but in larding benefits on middle-class voters. This dynamic is starkly evident in a system that docks the wages of low-income minorities to subsidize the retirement of wealthy, healthy, long-lived baby boomers.

Opinion polls have shown that roughly 60 percent of blacks support the idea of private Social Security accounts. If only their political advocates could see the light. According to the ideology of black victimhood, blacks are apparently owed everything — except a better opportunity to save and own their own retirement assets.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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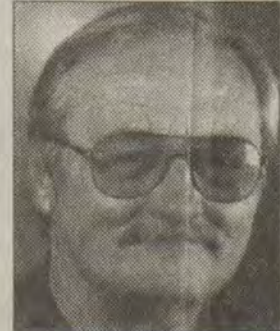
## beyond the beltway

### The inaugural sounded like more invasions coming

by DONALD KAUL

Damn me for a Euro-wuss if you like, but I found President Bush's inaugural address scary.

I got the chills when he said: "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know the United States will not



ignore your oppression or excuse your oppressors. When you stand for liberty, we will stand with you."

And again, when he said, in a ringing close to his speech: "Renewed in our strength, tested but not weary, we are ready for the greatest achievements in the history of freedom."

The first thing I thought was: "Hello Havana; goodbye Castro." It makes sense, doesn't it? A Communist tyrant 90 miles from our shores, his termite-ridden regime ready for a quick take-down. All we've lacked all these years is a good excuse to invade and liberate the people. This speech is that excuse.

Now, admittedly, the president said

specifically in his speech, "this is not primarily the task of arms." And his father was quick to say that his son didn't mean he was going to invade anyone.

"People want to read a lot into it — that this means new aggression or newly asserted military forces," said the elder Bush. "But that's not what that speech is about. It's about freedom." In other words: "Never mind."

But suppose, just suppose mind you, that our crack espionage agents found evidence that Castro was hoarding Weapons of Mass Destruction. We'd have to invade, wouldn't we? It would be our patriotic duty. And if we did invade and failed to find the weapons, we could still say: "Well, we got rid of Castro, anyway" and Mr. Bush would go up in the polls.

The speech, which was a cut above most of Mr. Bush's, bore an eerie resemblance to John F. Kennedy's inaugural speech in 1960, the one where he said:

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." And the next thing you knew we were up to our armpits in Vietnam.

That's the danger with high-sounding speeches. Occasionally politicians actually believe them.

President Bush also spoke of the "liberating tradition" of the United States but, in truth, that tradition is a mixed bag at best. We have fought for the freedom of others (World War II) and we have fought against it (the Philippine insurrection, the Indian wars). We have supported democratic forces in oppressed countries (Poland), and we have supported the oppressors (Iran). We have aided in the overthrow

of elected leaders (Guatemala) and, on occasion, engineered their assassinations (Chile).

Like pretty much every other nation in the world, we go where the money is.

That's why Condoleezza Rice, the president's choice for Secretary of State, when asked which tyrants the president was talking about, came up with only six — Iran, Belarus, North Korea, Myanmar (Burma), Zimbabwe and Cuba. No mention of China, Egypt, Pakistan, Russia or Saudi Arabia. Apparently it's not how tyrannical you are that upsets us; it's the kind of tyrant you are. Our favorite opponents are small, weak tyrants to whom we do not owe a lot of money or depend on for oil.

Franklin Roosevelt once famously replied to an aide who informed him that the leader of a South American country we were helping was an "S.O.B.," by saying "Yes, but he's our S.O.B."

That's been our policy for many decades and I don't think it's going to change much because George W. Bush gave a speech.

There was one president who did actually conduct a foreign policy with the promotion of human rights and freedom in the forefront of his aims. That was Jimmy Carter. The freedom-loving American people kicked him out of office after one term.

I'll be satisfied if Mr. Bush just manages to promote freedom at home, something he hasn't shown any inclination to do so far.

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. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment

### Appalachian Regional Ministry moving headquarters to Kentucky

LOUISVILLE — Effective April 1, Kentucky will be the new headquarters for the Appalachian Regional Ministry and its director.

The Administrative Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board approved the move during its Jan. 27 meeting. Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM), currently headquartered in West Virginia, will be moved to Kentucky and Bill Barker, ARM director for the last four years, will join the staff of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The Appalachian Regional Ministry is a Cooperative Program ministry of the 11 Southern Baptist state conventions in the Appalachian region in partnership with the North American Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. ARM coordinates volunteers and other resources to meet physical and spiritual needs in the Appalachian mountain region.

Randy Jones, Missions Growth Team Leader for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said the relocation of the Appalachian Regional Ministry

headquarters would have a great impact on the state. "It will strengthen our KBC Connect goals by helping us start new churches," Jones said.

Jones indicated that Barker and many of Kentucky's directors of missions already had a good working relationship. He feels that these relationships will help to continue and advance the work of Kentucky Baptists in the Appalachian region.

Before serving as director of the Appalachian Regional Ministry, Barker served as a

Southern Baptist pastor for more than 20 years.

As a KBC staff member, Barker will remain the director of ARM and will be part of the State Missions Department. He will devote a minimum of 35 percent of his work time to Kentucky. His work in Kentucky will focus on the areas of new work, mobilization of volunteers, and evangelism training. Barker is also a North American Mission Board approved missionary.

Barker and his wife, Arlene, currently reside in Hurricane, W.Va.

### Among religious Americans, poll shows Catholics favored Bush over Kerry while Protestants split

by RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP RELIGION WRITER

John Kerry managed the best showing in decades for a Democratic presidential candidate among mainline Protestants, but his failure to capture a majority of Roman Catholics gave President Bush an important advantage in last November's election, according to a new survey.

Bush's showing also improved dramatically among Hispanic Protestants, 63 percent of whom supported him in 2004 — a 31 percent gain over 2000.

The postelection phone survey of 2,730 people, conducted by the University of Akron and sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, is a close study of voting behavior

and religious faith.

Among non-Hispanic Catholics, Kerry won the support of 69 percent with those with liberal or "modernist" beliefs, while 72 percent of "traditionalists" favored Bush. But importantly, 55 percent of the key swing group of "centrists" picked Bush over Kerry, who was criticized by bishops for his support of abortion rights.

The upshot: A one-time Democratic mainstay, Catholics gave Bush an overall edge of 53 percent to Kerry's 47 percent.

The mainline Protestant vote split evenly, the poll found, with a Bush decline of 10 percent from 2000 and the best showing for a Democrat since the 1960s; results before then are unclear.

Divisions between religious liberals and conservatives were

even more stark than they were four years ago.

"The American religious landscape was strongly polarized in the 2004 presidential vote and more so than in 2000," concluded the team of four political scientists, led by Akron's John C. Green.

The scholars said Bush's religious constituency included Christian traditionalists in all categories, Mormons, Hispanic Protestants and religious centrists among Catholics and mainline Protestants.

Kerry's support came from black Protestants and secular Americans, followed by "modernists" among Catholics and mainline Protestants. Jews and Latino Catholics remained loyal Democratic.

Other questions focused on

social issues like abortion and gay marriage, which were thought to be crucial when Nov. 2 exit polls showed "moral values" were more important to voters than Iraq, terrorism or the economy.

The study concluded that "social issues were quite important to the Bush vote, but a secondary factor for the electorate as a whole."

The quadrennial Akron surveys are notable for careful interviewing on respondents' precise religious affiliations and religious views and activities. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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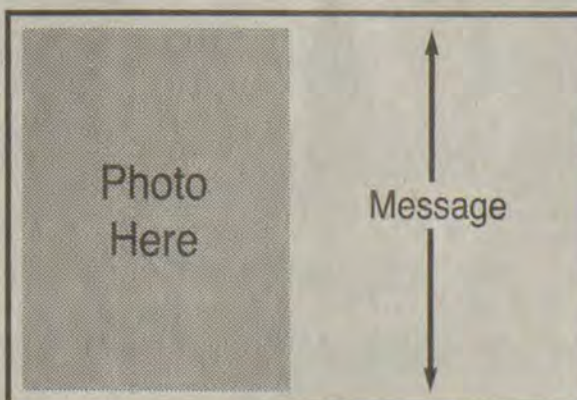
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# Community Calendar

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto:features@floyd-countytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

## John W. Hall Lodge 950 Plans sale of building

John W. Hall Lodge 950 F&AM, Martin, will be having a called meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, for the purpose of discussing the sale of its lodge building, and comments on looking for a new building.

Steve Barnette, Master

## Floyd County Unite meeting is scheduled for February 3

The next Floyd County Unite meeting will be held Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m., at the Allen First Baptist Church.

## Freedom Bible Church

Sunday, Feb. 6, Dennis Young will sing and bring message at 11 a.m. service. Church located on Lower Johns Creek. Everyone welcome!

## Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

Will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg.

## ACT Preparation Classes

Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be holding ACT Preparation Classes in mathematics and reading, Saturday February 5th, at the Prestonsburg Campus, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00. Each session will last three hours, a fee of \$25 will be charged. Fee includes ACT Prep materials. For more information contact your nearest BSCTC campus.

## Stand up for a Brighter Tomorrow

A mental health conference on the emotional well-being of children and adolescents. To be held March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Hosted by Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Services Program and IMPACT Program. Lunch will be catered by the Ramada Inn. To register, call 886-4395, or register online at [www.mtcomp.org](http://www.mtcomp.org). Registration is required to attend. Registration deadline is March 10. There is no charge for registration or lunch. Some fees may apply, but no fee will be collected from child care workers, foster parents, or education administrators CEU's.

## Emergency Preparedness for Families and Youth

Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6-8 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Service office. Presentations by American Red Cross, Project Recovery, Division of Public Safety, UK Cooperative Extension. Question-answer sessions. More info., call Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

## Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Samuel May House at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Girl Scout Cookies!

Donate a box of cookies to "Operation Cookie Drop" through the Floyd County Girl Scouts to our local National Guard Unit. Call 1-800-475-2621 to support your local Girl Scouts and soldiers.

## Big Sandy 4-H Club

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## Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on Feb. 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - \$7. This is an 8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

## Home-Based Microprocessing and Processing Workshop

Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Floyd County Extension Office. Learn about food safety, sanitation, and home canning. Registration fee required. For those interested in selling home-processed food products. Call 886-2668 for more information.

## Floyd and Pike County Master Gardener Program

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## Private Pesticide Applicators Recertification/Training

To be held Feb. 15, from 9-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the Floyd County

Extension Office. Contact Ray Tackett at 886-2668 for more information.

## D.A.V. Chap. 18

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.

## Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Now taking applications for Spring session. Classes offered are: Basic and Advanced computer; Word processing; Computer keyboard; Creative sewing; Knitting and Crocheting. Also, GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 886-0709 for more information.

## 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.

## 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

## Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

•Feb. 2 - Homemaker Leader Training, 11 a.m., Quilt History and Preservation - taught by Leslie Workman, at Floyd Co. office.

•Feb. 12 - "Hats off to Homemakers Valentine Tea" 1:30-3:30 p.m. All homemaker, and those interested in joining, invited. Fun, food, fellowship, door prizes and "Wear a Hat" contest. Please RSVP to Extension Office by Feb. 9. (886-2668)

Allen: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

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

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

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 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

•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 Hurt."

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nancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:christophercook@hotmail.com).

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Salyersville, died Tuesday, January 25, at the Saint Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Oka I. McKenzie, 83, of Kenton, Ohio, a Salyersville native, died Monday, January 31, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Alger, Ohio.

Kelly Wireman Jr., 26, died Wednesday, January 26, in Lafayette, Indiana. Services were held at Little Rachel United Baptist Church, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

Roger Lee Jude, 50, of Inez, died Tuesday, January 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janet Fletcher Jude. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lucy Maynard, 70, of Beauty, died Wednesday, January 25, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

George Wendell Stepp, 63, of Inez, died Monday, January 24, at his residence. He is survived

by his wife, Edna Chapman Stepp. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

Donald E. Bolen Jr., 48, of Ransom, died Friday, January 28. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Martha Mullins Cantrell, 77, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, February 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Adam Cantrell. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Joyce Clark, 64, of Pikeville, died Thursday, February 3, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral arrangements, are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Charles E. Ford, 69, of Zebulon, died Monday, January 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Christel Henkel Ford. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Charley Honaker, 51, of Raccoon, died Monday, January 31, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Honaker. Funeral services were held Friday, February 4, under the

direction of Community Funeral Home.

J.T. Arnold Lowe, 63, of Lower Johns Creek, died Tuesday, February 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, February 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Christopher Floyd Mullins, 59, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, January 31, at his home, following a 3-1/2-year struggle related to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Georgia. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Bernie "Bear" Dewey Ratliff, 84, of Belcher, died Wednesday, February 2, at Clark Regional Medical Center, Winchester. He is survived by his wife, Madeline Rowe Ratliff. Funeral

services were held Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mary Evelyne Thompson Rawlings, 87, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 31, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Kermit "Dinky" Smith Jr., 65, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Rasnick Starnes Smith. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 1, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Emzie "Pa" Stanley, 76, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, February 1, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Goldie Wright Stanley. Funeral

services were held Friday, February 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Bruce A. Varney, 78, of Detroit, formerly of Pinsonfork, died Monday, January 31, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

George Clayton Wolfe, 72, of McAndrews, died Wednesday, February 2, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. He is survived by his wife, Rosa W. Wolfe. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

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## Obituaries

## George Gillespie

George Gillespie, 72, of Grethel, died Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 20, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Melvin and Sadie Blevins Gillespie. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Avanel Saunders Gillespie.

Other survivors include three sons: George Gillespie Jr., Jackie Lee Gillespie, and Freel Gillespie, all of Grethel; five daughters: Josephine Hall, and Marie Hall, both of Galveston, Polly Music, and Tannie Hamilton, both of Grethel, and Zella Howell of McDowell; two step-sons: Jerry Collins of Tram, and Ronnie Collins of McDowell; a step-daughter, Joyce Beltz of Pikeville; four brothers: Ambrose Gillespie of Grethel, Bruce Gillespie, and Frank Gillespie, both of Harold, and Bud Gillespie of McDowell; two sisters: Tanie Tackett of Pike County, and Shirley Howell of Galveston; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Liza Jane Gillespie; a son, Melvin Lee Gillespie; a daughter, Maudie Jane Gillespie; a brother, John Dee Gillespie; and a sister, Linnie Howell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, at 1 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, with Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Cemetery, at Branhams Creek, in Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home where nightly services were held; and Saturday at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Roger Dean Parsons

Roger Dean Parsons, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 3, 2005, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born April 17, 1955, in Pike County, he was the son of Barbara Jones Slone of Prestonsburg; and step-father, the late Allen Slone. He was a self-employed contractor; last employed by Big Sandy D.U.I. School.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lou Gipson Parsons.

Other survivors include two sons: Nicholas Scott Parsons and Matthew Shane Parsons, both of Prestonsburg; two step-brothers: Larry Allen Slone of Morehead, and Donald E. Slone of Wabash, Indiana; two sisters: Teresa Parsons Moss of Auxier, and Anna Loray Hutchins-Ratliff of Prestonsburg; three step-sisters: Sandra Kay Slone, Debra Faye Slone, and Lisa Logan, all of Lexington; a niece, Lana Sue Goodman; a great-nephew, Jason Austin Lee Slone; and great-nieces: Katilyn Gram Slone, Makinley Grace Slone and Mariah Kate Hackworth.

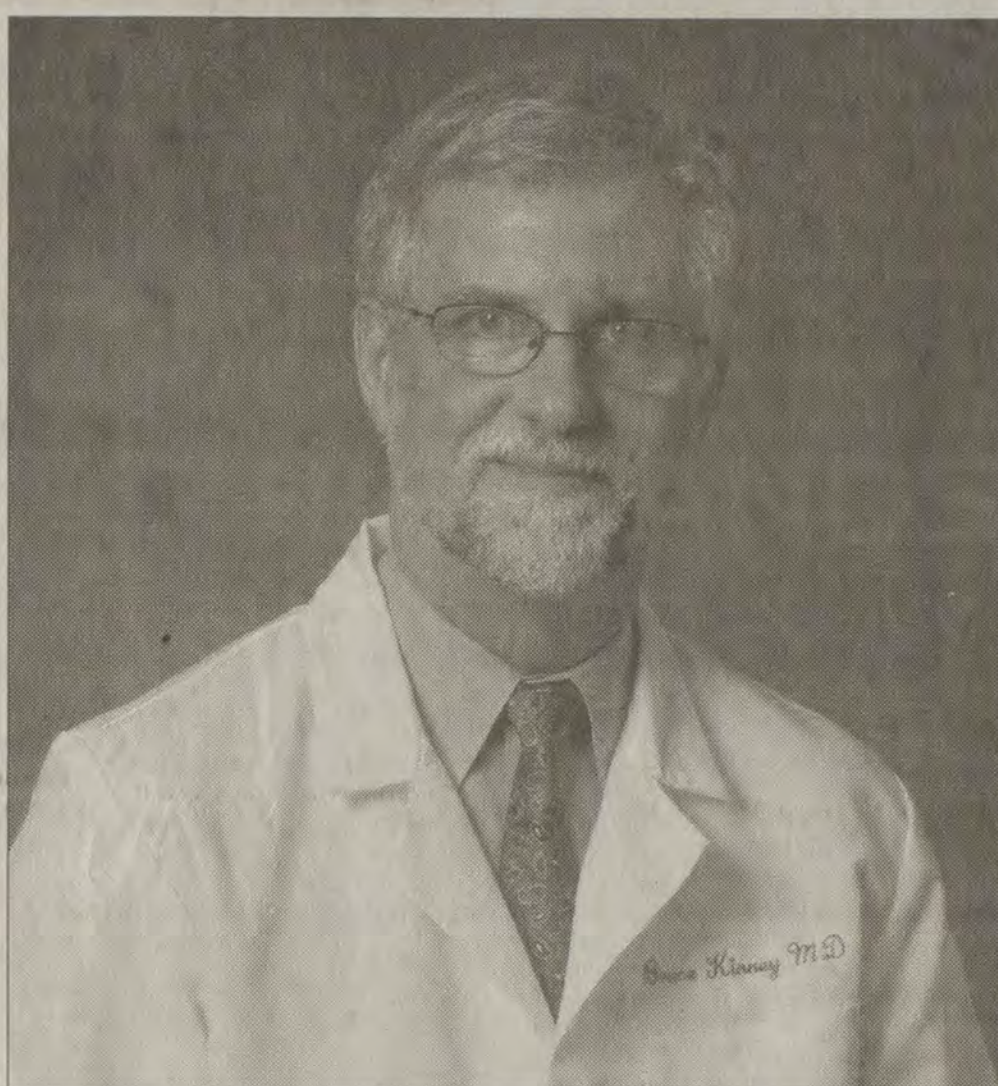
In addition to his step-father, he was preceded in death by two nephews: Toby Dean Slone, and Charles Jason Slone.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer, and Eugene Cook officiating.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Amanda Renea Caudill, 25, of Topmost, died Friday, January 28, at St. Joseph Hospital East, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Raymond Collins, 80, of Wayland, died Tuesday, February 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Randall (Dale) Conn, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 25, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ray Crisp, 81, of Allen, died Monday, January 31, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jerry Fonce Howell, 90, of Leesburg, Florida, a native of Dana, died January 27, in Leesburg, Florida. Burial was in the Howell Family Cemetery, on Prater Creek, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elsie DeLong Hyden, 91, of East Point, died Wednesday, February 2, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Polly Hunter Justice, 83, of Martin, died Saturday, January 29, at her residence at Bucks Branch. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mildred Avonelle Murray, 80, of Wayland, died Friday, February 4, at her residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 6, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery, at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joan Patton, 71, of McDowell, died Friday, January 28, at Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hazel C. Slater, 93, a Betsy Layne native, died Saturday, December 11, at the Marietta (Ohio) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Burial was in Forest Lawn Gardens, Peters Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, under the direction of McClure-Schafer-Lankford Funeral Home.

Ginny Sue Spencer, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, following an automobile accident. She is survived by her husband, Darvin Spencer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas Dewey Tucker, 60, of Beaver, died Thursday, February 3, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 6, at 1 p.m., at the Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church, at Beaver. Burial will be in the Burton Family Cemetery, at Ligon, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Betty Martin Wellman, 72, a native of McDowell, died Tuesday, January 11, in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., on Friday, January 14, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Nashville, under the direction of Roesch Patton Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

Amanda Renea Caudill, 25, of Topmost, died Friday, January 28, at St. Joseph Hospital East, Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Maggie Dotson, 102, of Vest, died Thursday, January 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Paul Darrel Johnson, 64, of Amburgey, died Wednesday, January 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bertha Martin, 88, of Dema, died Sunday, January 30, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Moore Jr., 66, of Mousie, died Wednesday, January 26, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Banks Moore. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Mullins, 80, of Hindman, died Monday, January 24, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ralph Slone, 75, of Kite, died Friday, January 28, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Clara Thornberry Slone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Arthur S. "Art" Stamper, 71, of Shepherdsville, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, January 23, at Norton Audobon Hospital, Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Kay Kawaguchi Stamper. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of Himdan Funeral Services.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Emma Adkins, 89, of Paintsville, died Saturday, January 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Bula Bailey Alley, 64, of Ashland, a Paintsville native, died Thursday, January 27, at the Best Care Nursing Home in Wheelersburg, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Roy K. Alley. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, January 30, at 2 p.m., at the Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Neal Funeral Home.

Wayne B. Blair, 78, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, January 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Maxine P. Blair. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

James Rufus Booth, 76, of River, a Lawrence county native, died Friday, January 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ratliff Booth. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Kathy Stamper Bryant, 43, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, January 25, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Duane Bryant. Funeral services were held Friday, January 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Peggy Conley, 54, of Oil Springs, died Tuesday, February 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Robert Conley. Funeral services were conducted

Friday, February 4, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Effie E. Cottle, 71, of Paintsville, died Saturday, January 29, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Cottle. Funeral services were held Monday, January 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Charles Lloyd Daniels, 85, of Paintsville, died Sunday, January 30, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Betty Joyce Ramey Hazelett, 72, of Paintsville, died Saturday, January 29, at Paul B. Hall

Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Edward R. Hazelett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Eunice Dennison Hites, 70, of Van Lear, died Saturday, January 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Richard Hites. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Lora Sparks, 88, of Paintsville, died Monday, January 31, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral

Home.

Melissie VanHoose, 91, of Covington, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, January 30, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center South Hospice Unit. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Timothy Ray Allen, 39, of Salyersville, died at his home. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Montgomery. Services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Bertie Marie Allen Bailey, 79, a native of Magoffin County, died Friday, January 28, at the

UK Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Art McCoy Bailey. Services were held Monday, January 31, at the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Leona Arnett Burgett, 82, died Saturday, January 29, in Berea. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Lakes Funeral Home.

Jason Matthew Combs, 31, of Salyersville, died Saturday, January 29, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 2, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Gordon A. Humphrey, 48, of

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## Raiders end run



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**SURROUNDED** — South Floyd's Ethan Johnson found himself surrounded by the Lexington Christian defense. Lexington Christian applied a smothering-type defense that quickly grounded South Floyd. Below: South Floyd junior Mason Hall tried to get a hand in on defense.

## Defense wins championships; this one's won two

by JIMMY GOLEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The New England Patriots ended last year's Super Bowl with two subs in the secondary.

This year, they're starting the game that way. The Patriots will face the Philadelphia Eagles with a patchwork defensive backfield that features a converted receiver, an undrafted free agent and a guy who was out of football most of the year.

"We've got a lot of talented guys on our defense that are really versatile," linebacker Willie McGinest said. "I think that's what makes us so special."

It goes beyond the secondary. Most of the linebackers played on the defensive line in college.

"If you're backing up a guy, you've got to definitely be ready to step in at any time," McGinest said. "First string, second string — whatever — everybody gets reps, everybody prepares hard, everybody understands the game plan because we've been in situations in the last few years where you have two guys go down and other guys step in and play really well."

The Patriots won their second NFL title in three years last season, holding off the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl despite losing both safeties during the game — Rodney Harrison to a broken arm and Eugene Wilson to a groin injury.

This year, the problem is with the cornerbacks. Tyrone Poole was injured in Week 3, and Ty Law, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, went out four games later.

The Patriots have since subbed and shuffled and managed to finish 14-2 for the second consecutive season. In the playoffs, they shut down NFL MVP Peyton Manning and rookie

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## LCA's fast start scratches South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Just 46 seconds into Friday's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic quarterfinal game against Lexington Christian Academy, junior guard Mason Hall connected on a three-pointer, putting South Floyd ahead 3-0. After Lexington Catholic tied the game at three shortly after Hall's long-range connection, South Floyd never led a gain. Lexington Christian excelled on both ends of the floor. The Eagles led 21-7 at the end of the first quarter and cruised to an 85-50 win.

Lexington Christian came through with a balanced effort.

Fourteen Lexington Christian players

Fourteen Lexington Christian players scored. Fourteen Lexington Christian players

pulled down rebounds. Lexington Christian Coach Jason Seamands admitted that he was worried about his team's ability to rebound against South Floyd. The Eagles answered on the boards, outrebounding South Floyd 57-39.

Lexington Christian grabbed 39 defensive rebounds. Following the game, Seamands praised his team's all-out effort.

"I'm very, very pleased with the way we played," said Seamands. "I couldn't have asked for a better effort. Our running game was good and we pressed well. Our kids executed extremely well."

Two different Lexington Christian players reached double figures, another scored nine. Chris Wade led the Eagles with 12 points.

Jeremy Hobbs added 10 points and Nick Malloy flipped in nine. The Lexington Christian bench

outscored the South Floyd bench 51-28. Lexington Christian had 14 steals and eight blocks. The 11th Region champ was nine-of-23 from three-point land and ended the game shooting 49.3 percent from the floor. Wade had three of his team's nine three-pointers.

The early deficit was too much for South Floyd to try and overcome. After a first-round win over 16th Region champ Elliott County, South Floyd hit a tough skid in the quarterfinal game against Lexington Christian. In the loss, South Floyd shot just 25.4 percent from the floor.

South Floyd junior guard Ryan Johnson got whistled for two fouls early on in the first half and had to go to the bench. The Raiders struggled to find offense in each of the first two quarters.

Lexington Christian held a commanding 48-17 lead at halftime — more than enough padding to help the 11th Region team to the victory.

Early on, South Floyd Coach Barry Hall saw the game go the way of Lexington Christian.

"The game at first kinda got away from us," said the South Floyd Coach. "They're a great defensive team and they took us out of it early. I thought they did a good job on their press. We were out of the game from the get-go. They were beating us up and down the floor — we just couldn't get in a flow."

Any momentum South Floyd had from its opening round win over Elliott County was quickly dashed in the second-round game against

Lexington Christian. Lexington Christian picked up where it had left off in the second half. South Floyd, with mostly reserves in the game, ended the third quarter on a 7-0 run. However, Lexington Christian had done its damage.

The win allowed Lexington Christian to move on into the All "A" Classic Semifinals for a game against University Heights, a quarterfinal game winner over defending champion Hazard.

In the scoring department, no South Floyd player reached double figures against the stout Lexington Christian defense. Johnson led South Floyd with nine points. Ryan Little and Joe Osborne each had eight points. Mason Hall and T.J. Hall, both of whom hit a pair of three-point field goals, scored six apiece.

The dominant inside senior duo of Steven Stanley and Burnett Little was held to a combined four points and nine rebounds.

Ethan Johnson had five points and Wes Hall scored three. Kenny Parker got into the scoring column with a made free throw.

This year's trip to the All "A" Classic was the second in South Floyd High School history. The win over Elliott County was the first All "A" Classic statewide win in SFHS history. The Raiders will leave Richmond with memories of the opening round triumph.

**UP NEXT:**

South Floyd will return to 58th District play Tuesday night when it plays host to Betsy Layne. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-South Floyd game is 7:30 p.m.

(See DEFENSE, page two)

## Belfry 72, Allen Central 50

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — As of Friday morning, the 15th Region girls' basketball scene featured three teams with 14 wins. Belfry was one of those three teams. On Thursday night, Belfry hosted Allen Central. The Lady Rebels came in looking to score a victory over the host Lady Pirates. Entering play in the second quarter, Belfry led Allen Central 22-20. The Lady Rebels were fighting a close fight, but Belfry quickly pulled away. In the second and third quarters, Allen Central struggled to find offense. The host Lady Pirates held Allen Central to seven points in each of the two middle quarters and went to beat the visiting Floyd County team 70-52.

Belfry outscored Allen Central 16-7 in the second quarter and 15-7 in the third.

Ten different Belfry scored. Shae Deskins and Amanda Moon each had 12 points apiece. Brooke Stanley added 10 points.

Belfry (14-6) connected on four three-point field goals and went eight-of-11 from the free throw line.

Allen Central (5-10) got nearly half of its points from the charity stripe, hitting 24-of-34 free throw attempts. Belfry held Allen Central to just 11 made field goals.

Senior Center Becky Thomas connected

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page two)

## Bristol Motor Speedway expands with latest project

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Officials at Bristol Motor Speedway continue to build on the popularity of the "World's Fastest Half-Mile" — literally.

Construction began this week on an additional 35 suites at Bristol Motor Speedway, bringing the total number to nearly 200 as demand for luxury suites at the facility continues to increase. The suites, located on top of

the Earnhardt Terrace in Turn 2, will range in size from 16-person to 80-person capacity.

"The difference in sizes allows us to cater to the needs of various groups," said Logan McCabe, Vice President of Marketing and Sales for BMS. "One of the things we have discovered with the interest people have shown in purchasing suites for events at Bristol Motor Speedway is that it is definitely not a 'one-size-fits-all' mentality. These suites

ranging in capacity from 16-people to 80, and four sizes in between, better suit the needs of different types of groups. Identifying those needs of potential clients led us to develop a variety of non-traditional suite sizes."

The additional 1,000-plus seats raise the capacity of Bristol Motor Speedway to a little more than 158,000. Officials expect construction

(See BRISTOL, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Both the Prestonsburg High and Paintsville High football teams got a workout in Thursday evening. Prestonsburg hosted a lift between the two schools. More images from the lift appear inside today's edition.



**Defense**

of the year Ben Roethlisberger in back-to-back weeks.

Harrison and Wilson have settled in at safety, with rookie Randall Gay and Asante Samuel at the corners, backed up by wide receiver Troy Brown and Hank Poteat, a former Steelers special teamer who had gone back to get his college degree when the Patriots signed him last month. The defensive line features end Richard Seymour, an All-Pro who missed the last three games with a leg injury. McGinest plays linebacker with Ted Johnson, Mike Vrabel and Tedy Bruschi, who was added to the Pro Bowl this week.

"Guys like that, most teams would die to have," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "No one really talks about them." Instead, most of the attention has been paid to the secondary and its struggles to make it from week to week. The one constant has been Harrison.

"Rodney is the glue of our secondary," said Gay, who went from an undrafted free agent to starter because of the injuries. "He has more experience than all of us together."

Harrison passed that on to his teammates.

"Right after Ty got hurt, he

came to me and told me that I was the starter and that he expected me to play like a starter. ... He would always tell me, 'If you want to stay here, you need to listen to me,'" Gay said. "I have been listening to him and now I am starting in the Super Bowl. So it has meant a lot to me."

The secondary was New England's biggest question heading into its first playoff game, against the Indianapolis Colts and their record-setting quarterback. Manning was unable to take advantage of them, and the Patriots won 20-3.

"It's a great testament to him. He's able to really just go out there and play well regardless of who is next to him," linebacker Don Davis said of Harrison. "He's like, 'Yeah, put him there and then we're going to get it done.'"

When he joined the Patriots in 2003, Harrison brought with him a reputation as one of the dirtiest players in the league. In his second practice with New England, he clocked Brown on a route across the middle, flattened running back Kevin Faulk and had words with offensive lineman Matt Light.

But a month later, Harrison had so impressed his team-

mates that a group asked coach Bill Belichick to make him one of the defensive captains.

"He's a crazy man. That's my dog," Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said. "I love the way he plays the game. Almost every play you see him getting into it with somebody, some kind of altercation. He's always been that way."

Harrison remains one of the most-frequently fined players in the NFL, having been docked more than \$350,000 for illegal hits in his career. The letters from NFL discipline czar Gene Washington have become so routine that Harrison doesn't bother reading them; the fines are automatically deducted from his paychecks.

"I don't worry about the money. ... I'm going to keep playing the way I play," Harrison said. "Of course it pays off because they look for you and they know who you are - even though they don't vote for you (for the Pro Bowl) and you don't have many friends around the league."

"But, when you get that respect and you have guys come up to you and tell you, 'I don't like you, but I love the way you play,' that's all you ask for."

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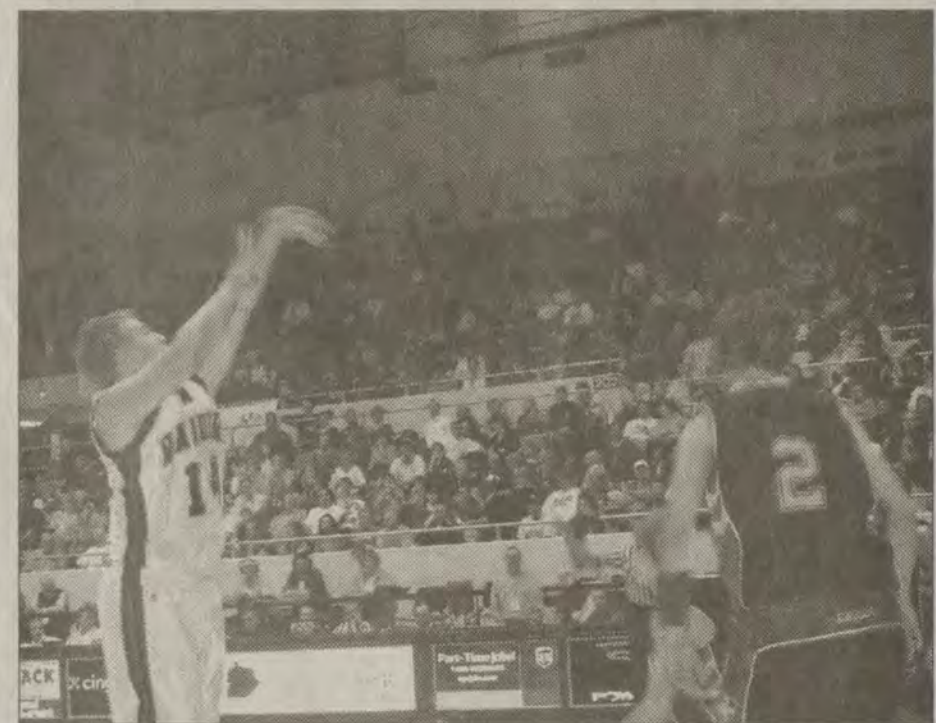
**ALL 'A' CLASSIC**



photos by Steve LeMaster  
South Floyd sophomore Ethan Johnson defended against Lexington Christian's Rich Ludka.



Steven Stanley worked in the first quarter against the Lexington Christian defense.



South Floyd junior T.J. Hall lofted a three-point attempt. Hall came in off the Raider bench and hit a pair of three-pointers.

**Bristol**

completion before the O'Reilly 200, Food City 250 and Sharpie 500 weekend Aug. 24-27.

Meanwhile, construction continues on new grandstands and suites at Bristol Dragway

in preparation for this season's O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals.

"As the popularity of our events at Bristol Motor Speedway and Bristol Dragway

continues to grow, the speedway grows with it," said speedway and dragway President and General Manger Jeff Byrd. "We're already planning on where we can go from here."

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**Allen Central**

on 12-of-15 free throw attempts and finished with a game-high 16 points. Yumekia Hunter added 13 points for the Lady Rebels. Mara Biliter had seven points for Allen Central and Lyndsey Frasure added six.

Belfry has now won its last four games. The Lady Pirates

began their most recent win streak back on Jan. 25 with a 78-76 overtime victory over defending 15th Region champ Pike County Central.

ALLEN CENTRAL (52) - Biliter 7, Hunter 13, Thomas 16, Frasure 6, Cline 3, Johnson 2, Mills 5.

BELFRY (70) - Deskins 12, Thacker 8, Church 6, Johnson 4, Chapman 6, Stanley 10, Muncy 5, Kline 4, Robinette 3, Moon 12.

Allen Central.....20 7 7 18-52  
Belfry.....22 16 15 17-70

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**Kahne unhurt in crash during windy California test**

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FONTANA, Calif. - Wednesday marked the first day of testing at California Speedway for Nextel Cup Series drivers in the 2005 season. The day was highlighted by press conferences held for Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Elliott Sadler and Jeremy Mayfield, all former winners at the superspeedway.

High winds were the topic of conversation for Wednesday's testing session as speeds neared 35 mph. Jimmie Johnson said, "It just moves your car that much. If anyone has ever driven anything that big in windy conditions, it's amazing to feel the car buffer-

ing around that much."

In testing action, Casey Kahne's tire ruptured, sending him into the wall. After being reviewed by the doctors, the 2004 Auto Club 500 pole sitter was released in good health, with the only damage coming to the backside of his car.

Drivers continued to become more acquainted with the new spoiler and gear ratios that will be implemented for the Auto Club 500 on Feb. 17, just one week after the season opening Daytona 500.

"I think we were all nervous and thought the cars were going to be very evil to drive and undriveable at times, but they haven't been that way," Johnson said.

The day also saw an excited announcement of the Fontana Race Week that will take place later this month. Kicking off the Auto Club 500 weekend will be the Fontana RaceFest, featuring displays, show cars, driver appearances and is sure to be the largest free sports-related fan event in California.

The week will also include the Monte Carlo Night on the eve of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series American Racing Wheels 200. On Saturday, a Hot Rod Cruise will accompany the NASCAR Busch Series Stater Bros. 300. The week will then be capped off with the Nextel Cup Series race on Sunday.

**NARA DirtCar Series ready for Winternationals**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Final preparations have been made for the first-ever visit by the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series to the East Bay Raceway in Gibsonton, Fla. for the 29th Annual Winternationals to be held Feb. 7-12. The week-long show for dirt late models will see a complete show ran each night with Oval Craft Time Trials, heat races, consy events and Feature races. The 1/3 mile speedway promoted by 2VHL Promotions will have for up for grabs purse, point fund and contingencies totaling over \$250,000 for the week.

An open practice session has been scheduled for today. The open practice session will

allow race teams to tune-up for the week long race fest. Pit gates will open for the practice session at 4:30 p.m. with practice slated to take place from 6-10 p.m. this evening.

The schedule of events for all six days will see the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series running a \$5000 to win main event on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, the purse raises to \$7,000 to win, with Friday seeing the winner take home \$10,000. On the final night of the Winternationals Saturday night there will be a \$12,000 to win and \$1,000 to start main event with the lights and cameras of ESPN2 rolling as the race will be taped for broadcast at a date and time to be announced on ESPN2.

**National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16**

Wednesday, March 16  
Region 3 vs. Region 12  
Region 5 vs. Region 14  
Region 10 vs. Region 6  
Region 7 vs. Region 8

Thursday, March 17  
Region 16 vs. Region 2  
Region 1 vs. Region 13  
Region 11 vs. Region 15  
Region 4 vs. Region 9

**Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet 16**

Wednesday, March 23  
Region 13 vs. Region 11  
Region 2 vs. Region 8  
Region 12 vs. Region 3  
Region 16 vs. Region 10

Thursday, March 24  
Region 9 vs. Region 1  
Region 5 vs. Region 15  
Region 4 vs. Region 7  
Region 14 vs. Region 6

**WORKOUT...**



photos by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg sophomore Tyler Layne eyed the bar prior to a bench press attempt when the Blackcats hosted Paintsville Thursday.



Paintsville sophomore Daniel Pugh, who recently won his first amateur boxing match, went up with a lift.



# Union upsets Bluefield in masterful fashion, 85-73

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE – Union College led from wire-to-wire and was rarely threatened as the Bulldogs upset visiting Bluefield (Va.) College 85-73 Tuesday in Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball action.

Bluefield (16-9 overall, 12-4 AAC) entered the game atop the league standings but now find themselves in a tie with Montreat (N.C.) College. Union (12-15 overall, 10-7 AAC) remains in fifth, yet the Bulldogs have taken inch closer to overtaking Bryan (Tenn.) College for the fourth spot.

With the help of four 3-pointers right out of the gate, Union opened up a 16-3 with 16:04 to go. Bluefield managed to cut the margin to 25-18 with 8:33 left, but the Bulldogs used a 15-6 run to open up a 40-24 cushion en route to a 42-31 halftime lead.

Aided by two 3-pointers from Chris Stunson (Richmond), Union opened up the second half on a 12-6 run in building its largest lead at 54-37 with 17:14 remaining. Bluefield fought back, and following a Jamaine Burcke put-back with 11:11 to play, the margin was down to 61-55. The Bulldogs regrouped and owned a 76-60 lead after a Joe Bramlage (Lakeside Park)

bucket with 5:20 left.

The Rams had one last rally in them as they pulled within 78-72 with 2:09 on the clock, but Union posted seven of the final eight points of the game to win 85-73.

Bramlage led Union with 22 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals. Senior Aaron Troutman (Mt. Washington) had 19 points, while Stunson and Jerrod Gibbons (Monticello) each chipped in 12. Gibbons also had a team-high six assists.

For Bluefield, Burcke's 20 points led the way, while Cedric Brown notched 16 points and 12 rebounds. Corey Wade had 14 points with Ben Smalls adding 12.

Union hit 30-of-66 shots (45.5 percent) from the floor and nailed 14-of-30 (46.7 percent) from 3-point range. Bluefield was 25-of-51 (49 percent) from the floor and two-of-10 (20 percent) from long range. The Rams didn't help themselves from the line, making just 56.8 percent (21 of 37 free throws).



Union College senior Aaron Troutman worked against the Bluefield defense.

photo courtesy of Union College

# Balanced attack paves way for 92-69 UC win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE – Thanks to a balanced-scoring attack, Union College was able to build a large second-half lead as the Lady Bulldogs netted a 92-69 Appalachian Athletic Conference victory over visiting Bluefield (Va.) College on Thursday.

Up 38-29 at the half, Union hit 17-of-33 shots (51.5 percent) in the second half, including eight-of-15 (53.3 percent) from 3-point range to cruise to the 23-point win. The Lady Bulldogs finished hitting 46 percent (29 of 63 shots) from the field and 42.9 percent (12 of 28 shots) from behind the arc.

Four Lady Bulldogs (17-8 overall, 10-7 AAC) scored in double figures with senior Kristie Miller (Hazard) leading the way with 16 points as she nailed four-of-five 3-pointers. Senior Jennifer Cornett (Richmond) hit four 3-pointers as well in netting 15 points. Sophomore Sarah Beaty (Monticello) added 14 points and eight assists, while senior Ashley Bohanan (Lafayette, Tenn.) chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds.

For Bluefield (8-12 overall,

4-12 AAC), Sherrie Nelson poured in 20 points, while Jacque Cantrell-Powell deliv-

ered 13 points and 11 rebounds. Courtney Seamon and Jaime Bennett added 10 points apiece.



Hazard native Kristie Miller drove to the basket for two points in Union College's win.

photo courtesy of Union College

# No. 7 Cumberland survives Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Sizable leads near the end of regulation and the first overtime weren't enough on Thursday night as Cumberland College knocked off Pikeville 96-92.

The Bears led by nine (68-59) with 2:02 left in regulation and by seven (79-72) with 55 seconds left in the first overtime, but the game Patriots wouldn't die, persevered and sank their free throws in the second extra period to win.

Cumberland (18-3, 4-0) took over the lead in the Mid-South Conference race with the win and No. 14 Georgetown's 58-45 upset of second-ranked Lindsey Wilson. The Raiders fell to 20-2 and 3-1 in the league.

Pikeville (18-6, 1-4) took a 41-28 to the break, and when senior Daniel Price scored on a layup with 14:14 to play the Bears lead was 14 (51-37).

But over the next five minutes, the Pats got a pair of threes from senior Brent Vernon, and when junior Patrick Cureton sank a three with 9:10 to play, it completed

a 15-3 run and pulled them back within two at 54-52.

But the Bears stepped up, and when Price hit a pair of free throws for the second straight trip at 2:02, the edge was 68-59. From there, however, Cumberland scored nine straight, with four coming from junior Jermaine Love, including the layup at :29 to tie the game at 68.

The Bears had a shot at the horn which fell short, sending the game to the first overtime.

The Bears seemed to pull away then, too, and when senior Jarell Jones converted a steal into a layup with 55 seconds left the lead was 79-72.

But seniors Patrick Deveney and Terico Smothers hit threes, and when Smothers scored inside with 24 seconds left, the game was tied at 80.

Pikeville again had a shot to win, but it bounced out to set the stage for the second extra period.

The score was tied three times in the second overtime, including at 83, but junior Corey Moore scored on a layup with 58 seconds left to give the

Pats the lead to stay.

Cumberland was 6-of-6 from the line down the stretch and got four big tosses from Vernon to seal the deal.

Each team had five players score in double figures. Price had 25 for the Bears to lead all scorers. He also grabbed eight rebounds and had five steals. Junior Chris Carroll had 16, while senior Walter Harris and junior Laneare Anderson had 15 each. Anderson added six assists and five rebounds.

Senior B.J. Townsend came off the bench with 11 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Deveney paced Cumberland with 20 markers and pulled down nine rebounds. Smothers hit for 16, while Vernon added 14.

Cureton and Love contributed 13 points apiece, with Love pulling down 11 rebounds and handing off four assists.

Pikeville was back on the court on Saturday, hosting Knoxville College in the final nonconference game of the season. Cumberland, meanwhile, was at home Saturday and playing Lindsey Wilson.

# Lady Bears surprise No. 24 Cumberland

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College turned around a 12-point deficit in the final 13 minutes to knock off 24th-ranked Cumberland College 61-52 Thursday night.

The win ended Pikeville's three-game losing streak, all against Mid-South Conference competi-

Cumberland (12-8, 1-3 MSC) stretched its lead to 43-31 with 12:55 left when senior Liz Lewis scored on a layup. But Pikeville responded with a 12-1 run to pull within one (44-43) with 7:30 remaining after two free throws by freshman Kellie Jo Moore.

The game was tied three times over the next two minutes,

including at 49 with 5:22 showing. But from there, Pikeville outscored the Lady Patriots 12-3 to pull out the win.

Pikeville (15-9, 2-3) got 13 points from sophomore Heather Dillon, while teammates Kellie Jo Moore and Amelia Cody had 10 markers each. All dominated in the post; Cody had nine rebounds, Moore five and Dillon four as the Lady Bears won that battle easily 45-25.

Sophomore guard Ashley Wireman had nine boards as well.

Cumberland was paced by junior Tenille Cann who finished with 15 points. Lewis added a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, including an impressive six off the offensive glass.

Each team got nice play from

their guards as well; Jessica Lovell had five assists and five steals for the Lady Bears, while senior Tiffany Stewart had five assists and freshman Lissi Fuller five steals for Cumberland.

Pikeville was to step out of MSC action for the final time this season on Saturday at home against Knoxville College as part of the school's Winterfest celebration, four former greats were to be added to the Hall of Fame, including assistant coach Misty Haynes Prater.

Cumberland was to do battle with Lindsey Wilson in Williamsburg on Saturday.



Kellie Moore



Jessica Lovell

# W. Kentucky 61, Middle Tennessee 56

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Courtney Lee scored 17 points to lead Western Kentucky to a 61-56 victory over Middle Tennessee on Thursday night.

The Hilltoppers (14-5, 4-3 Sun Belt Conference) shot 58 percent in the first half to take a 36-20 at the break. The Blue Raiders (13-8, 3-5) shot just 36 percent in the

opening half on their way to a third straight loss at home.

Anthony Winchester scored 15 points and Danny Rumph had 10 for Western Kentucky.

Michael Cuffee scored 16 points and had eight rebounds to lead Middle Tennessee, while Steve Thomas had 12 points and Marcus Morrison 10.

Western Kentucky maintained its double-digit lead

until Middle Tennessee scored six straight points, capped by a 3-pointer from Michael Cuffee, to pull to 49-42 with 5:14 to play.

The Blue Raiders cut the lead to 53-51 with 1:32 left on two free throws by Cuffee.

That would be as close as Middle Tennessee would get as Rumph hit a pair of free throws with 3 seconds left to seal the game.

# Tennessee St. 75, E. Kentucky 63

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Wayne Arnold scored 22 points as Tennessee State beat Eastern Kentucky 75-63 Thursday night. Eastern Kentucky (14-7, 6-4 Ohio Valley Conference) pulled

to 57-55 on a Zach Ingles' 3-pointer with 5:56 left, but Tennessee State (10-13, 5-4) countered with a 14-2 run to take a 71-57 lead by the 1:10 mark.

The Tigers led 34-25 at the half, but Eastern Kentucky pulled within four points at

15:30 before falling behind by as many as 13 in the second half.

The Colonels were led in scoring with 20 by Matt Witt, who went 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

Tennessee State's Bruce Price scored 18 points and Rod Flowers and Eric King added 13 each.

# Northern Illinois takes out Marshall men, 77-66

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DEKALB, Ill. – Northern Illinois outscored Marshall 45-36 in the second half in route to a 77-66 win over the Thundering Herd Thursday night at the Convocation Center.

Marshall falls to 3-16 overall, 0-10 in the MAC, while the Huskies improve to 8-11, 4-7 in the league.

The story of the game was NIU's slashing guards Mike McKinney and Cory Sims' ability to get to the basket and their knack of knocking down important free throws. McKinney scored 22 points (7-9 from the floor, 8-9 from free-throw line), while Sims added 17 points (5-12 from the floor, 5-7 from charity stripe). And when they were not scoring, the duo would penetrate the defense and find the Huskies' top scorer, Todd Peterson, for open three's.

Although the Herd held Peterson scoreless for the first 33 minutes of the contest, the forward came through with 11 points in the final seven minutes, with nine of those on three-

point baskets.

The Herd and Huskies played a very competitive, back-and-forth, sluggish first half, with Northern Illinois going into the halftime break with a 32-30 lead after a running, banked-in three-pointer by Sims from the top of the key to end the first half of play. The lead changed eight times in the first half and the score was tied on three other occasions. Both teams were relatively cold from the floor, with the Huskies shooting 36.4 percent from the floor and Marshall 33.3 percent from the field. Both teams also combined for 15 first half turnovers.

The second half belonged to Northern Illinois, although Marshall stayed within two possessions for the first 13 minutes of the half. NIU ran off ten consecutive points from the 6:22 mark to the 4:43 mark after Marshall had cut the Husky advantage to seven (60-53) to pull away from the Thundering Herd. The 11-point final margin would be as close as MU would get the rest of the way.

"I thought Northern Illinois

played a very good second half, and I thought that they got stronger as the game went on," said Marshall head coach Ron Jirsa. "They penetrated and got to the free throw line, and Peterson got a good rest and played well down the stretch. You've got to give them credit for a good game plan and a good second half."

"In the second half, we didn't play very well," said senior guard A.W. Hamilton (Georgetown). "We gave up 45 points in the second half, and you can't do that and win a game. We played pretty good defense in the first half, and had a little let down in the second half."

Mark Patton (Barboursville, W.Va.) led Marshall with 17 points, with Tre Whitted closing out the Herd's double-digit scorers with 10 points. David Anderson led Marshall on the boards with nine rebounds.

Marshall continues its road swing with a game at Ball State on Sunday afternoon. Tip-off time is 2 p.m. The game can be seen live on the Thundering Herd/ISP Television Network.

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# Cohen selected to coach for USA Baseball

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Kentucky head baseball coach John Cohen has been named to the USA Baseball National Team staff, it was announced Thursday by USA Baseball.

Cohen will join Dave Van Horn of Arkansas and Rob Walton of Oral Roberts as assistant coaches on the 2005 National Team that will represent the United States this summer internationally. The trio joins Steve Smith of Baylor, who was named head coach of the team in January.

"It's an honor and a privilege to coach on the national team," said Cohen. "It is a very selective group that ever gets this kind of chance and it's something I don't take lightly. I think it's a great opportunity not only for myself, but also for the University of Kentucky."

Cohen is entering his second season at the helm of the Wildcats. He is well known as one of the top hitting instructors in the nation and has proven that in every stop of his coaching career. A year ago, Kentucky's run production improved nearly two runs per game from 2003.

As the hitting coach at Florida for two seasons,

Cohen's offenses led the Southeastern Conference both years and was the nation's best in 2002. He spent four years at Northwestern (La.) State prior to that, where he won two Southland Conference championships and was named the Southland Coach of the Year in those seasons.

Van Horn is entering his third season as the head coach at his alma mater. In 2004, he led the Razorbacks to the SEC Championship and a berth in the College World Series. Walton led Oral Roberts to the nation's best winning percentage and a top 20 ranking while earning Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year honors. This will be the first USA Baseball experience for all three assistant coaches.

"USA Baseball is very fortunate to have each one of these outstanding coaches dedicate their summer to our program," said Eric Campbell, USA Baseball General Manager of National Teams.

In June, USA Baseball will invite 36 of the nation's top freshman and sophomore collegiate players to the USA Baseball National Team Trials in Raleigh. After the team is selected, Smith will guide Team USA through their third summer of play at

Durham Bulls Athletic Park in July following the 34th Annual USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series in Japan, and a five-game Friendship Series vs. Chinese Taipei in Taiwan. The entire 2005 USA Baseball National Team game schedule will be announced at a later date.

USA Baseball is the National Governing Body of amateur baseball in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee. The organization selects and trains the USA Baseball Olympic Team, the USA Baseball National Team (Collegiate), the USA Baseball Junior National Team (18-under), and the USA Baseball Youth National Team (16-under) which participate in various international competitions each year. The USA Baseball headquarters are based in Durham, North Carolina with future training facilities in Cary, North Carolina.

Before joining Team USA, Cohen will lead Kentucky through the 2005 campaign, which begins on Feb. 18 against Appalachian State at Charleston, S.C. The Wildcats are a young team with 19 newcomers. However, that group was hailed as one of the top 25 recruiting classes in the nation.

# Lady Dores down Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The Betsy Layne Ladycats found the road to be rough Thursday night. Betsy Layne, playing on the road at Perry County Central, entered play following a 70-26 win over Piarist last week (Jan. 29). The Ladycats, after Perry Central jumped out to a 17-13 lead in the opening quarter, struggled for offense in both the second and third quarters. The host Lady Commodores held Betsy Layne to six points in the second quarter and five points in the third quarter en route to a 50-39 win.

Senior forward Britta Maggard made the biggest impact for host Perry County Central. Maggard scored 20 points, pulled down 15 rebounds and had six steals in Thursday night's win.

Betsy Layne (13-7) battled back to outscore Perry Central 15-12 in the fourth quarter. But the scoring spurt came too late.

Two other Perry Central players joined Maggard in double figures. Kristen Madden added 12 points and Heather Sturdivant netted 10. Homestanding Perry Central, the five-time defending 14th Region champion, took a 28-19

lead into halftime. For Betsy Layne, Kristal Daniels and Candice Meade each had 10 points. No other Ladycat reached double figures.

Perry Central (17-4) is riding a three-game winning streak.

BETSY LAYNE (13-7) — Daniels 10, Smith 2, Akers 4, Tackett 4, Meade 10, Spurlock 2, Lawson 7.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL (17-4) — Sturdivant 11, Maggard 20, Madden 12, Baker 3, Smith 2, Feltner 2. Betsy Layne.....13 6 5 15-39 Perry Co. Central.....17 11 10 12-50



photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats scored an all-important 58th District win Thursday night over the host Piarist School Lady Knights.

# Lady Blackcats pound Piarist

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — A 58th District win, as well, a 58th District win. On Thursday night, Prestonsburg visited Piarist. The visiting Lady Blackcats won easily, beating Piarist 64-32.

In an effort that saw Prestonsburg double up Piarist, Amber Whitaker led the Lady Blackcats in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Meaghan Slone had 13 points and Molly Burchett added 12.

Prestonsburg got out to an early lead, and in a dominating

performance, never trailed.

The Lady Blackcats (10-10) led 24-6 at the end of the first quarter and 33-13 at halftime. The convincing win allowed Prestonsburg head coach Jack Pack to play several players and see different playing combinations work together.

In the second half, Prestonsburg picked right back up where it had left off in the first half, outscoring Piarist (1-12) 23-7.

Defensively, Prestonsburg held Piarist to seven points or less in each of the first three

quarters. Sophomore Alyssa Reed led Piarist with 11 points. Stephanie Williams and Bethany Tackett each had seven points.

PRESTONSBURG (64) — Burchett 12, Slone 13, Whitaker 21, Key 6, Hicks 6, Collins 1, Keathley 3, Hughes 2.

PIARIST (32) — Williams 7, Tackett 7, Reed 11, Denison 2, Fitzpatrick 2, Warrick 3. Prestonsburg.....24 9 23 8-6 Piarist.....6 7 12-32

# Louisville, FAU ink one-year deal

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville has announced a one-year contract to play former Cardinal head coach Howard Schnellenberger and the Florida Atlantic Owls in football next season at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

The one-year agreement begins with the Owls coming to Louisville for a non-conference game on October 1, the first meeting ever between these two programs.

Florida Atlantic finished 9-3 last season, including wins over Hawaii and North Texas. The Owls are 20-6 over the last two years under Schnellenberger, who served as head coach of the Cardinals from 1985-94. Schnellenberger guided the Owls to an 11-3 and an appearance in the I-AA semifinals in 2003.

In 10 seasons as head coach of the Cardinals, Schnellenberger amassed a 54-56-1 record, but will be most remembered for the Cardinals' 34-7 win over Alabama in the 1991 Fiesta Bowl. Schnellenberger directed the Cardinals to five winning seasons, including a 10-1-1 mark in 1990.

The Cardinals, 11-1 last year, finished No. 6 in the Associated Press Poll and appeared in their seventh straight bowl game, a 44-40 win over Boise State in the Liberty Bowl. Louisville returns 12 starters from a year ago, including seven starters on an offense that ranked first in

the country in scoring and total offense.

"I think it's great deal that Florida Atlantic and coach Schnellenberger will be coming to Louisville next season," said head coach Bobby Petrino.

"FAU is a team on the rise and I have great respect for what coach Schnellenberger has done

for that program. Howard laid a solid foundation for the football program here at the University of Louisville. I know our fans will be excited to see coach Schnellenberger walking the sidelines again in Louisville."

A complete schedule with dates and times will likely be released in mid-February.

## UofL: Football signings by Louisville

— The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Players signing a national letter of intent Wednesday to play for Louisville, with their position, height, weight, high school and hometown:

- Michael Adams, de, 6-3, 230, Pelham (Ala.) HS
- Lamar Alston, db, 6-0, 180, Paducah (Ky.) Tilghman HS
- Zach Anderson, de, 6-4, 270, East Mississippi C.C., Scooba, Miss.
- Marcel Benson, ol, 6-6, 321, San Diego (Calif.) Mesa College
- Steven Black, wr, 6-3, 204, Vestavia Hills (Ala.) HS
- Careg Bonner, te, 6-4, 230, Huntsville (Ala.) HS
- Blake Boyd, de, 6-3, 235, Madisonville-North Hopkins HS, Madisonville, Ky.
- Josh Byrom, ol, 6-5, 250, Montour, Pa., McKees Rocks, Pa.
- Mike Donoghue, ol, 6-3, 296, Covington (Ky.) Catholic HS
- Stephen Garr, db, 6-1, 190,

- Louisville (Ky.) Male HS
- Maurice Grinter, rb, 6-2, 220, Louisville (Ky.) Fairdale HS
- Trent Guy, wr, 5-9, 165, West Charlotte (N.C.) HS
- Nate Harris, lb/ss, 6-1, 220, Dodge City C.C., Miami, Fla.
- Earl Heyman, dt, 6-3, 265, Louisville (Ky.) Ballard HS
- Jonathan Holston, de, 6-6, 230, Rickards HS, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Craig James, wr, 5-10, 160, Robert E. Lee HS, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Scott Long, wr, 6-2, 205, South Brunswick HS, Southport, N.C.
- Darius Mann, db, 5-11, 190, Bosco Prep, Ramsey, N.J.
- Travis Norton, db, 6-0, 180, Lincoln HS, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Richard Raglin, db, 6-2, 205, Southside HS, Atlanta, Ga.
- Brian Roche, 6-4, 285, Bosco Prep, Ramsey, N.J.
- E.K. Sawyerr, db, 6-0, 175, Godby HS, Tallahassee, Fla.
- L.D. Scott, dt, 6-2, 260, Auburn (Ala.) HS, Auburn, Ala.
- JaJuan Spillman, wr/db, 6-0, 165, Louisville (Ky.) Pleasure Ridge Park HS
- Lee Sweeney, qb, 6-3, 226, Friendship Christian HS, Lebanon, Tenn.

# Lady Bulldogs edge Paintsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Playing on the road Thursday night, visiting Lawrence County recorded a 48-47 win over Paintsville in a matchup between two teams who'll become 57th District rivals next season. Following a new realignment, Lawrence County will join the 57th District during the 2005-06 season.

Lawrence County had to hit from the free throw line to seal the win over Paintsville.

Lawrence County senior Amber Jude, with four seconds remaining, hit the second of two free throws to give Lawrence County the victory.

Senior Jenny Humphrey led Lawrence County (9-9) with a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Bree Frazier reached double figures with 10 points.

Jude finished with seven

points. Chelsea Jarrell paced Paintsville with 19 points. Kendra Carroll, a Lawrence County native, added 15.

After leading by three points at the end of the first quarter, Paintsville trailed by one at halftime. Lawrence County outscored the host Lady Tigers 15-11.

BOYS: June Buchanan 67, Whitesburg 61: Four different June Buchanan players reached double figures in the victory over Whitesburg.

Sophomore Ryan Conley led June Buchanan with 20 points. Senior Kyle Hall added 18 points and freshman Clark Stepp flipped in 15. Six-foot-six eighth-grader Garrison Collins netted 10.

June Buchanan held Whitesburg to single digits in each of the first two quarters.

Cam Wright led Whitesburg

with 10 points.

Jenkins 68, Fleming-Neon 61: In a Letcher County battle, Jenkins, in overtime, edged Fleming-Neon.

Jenkins took over in the overtime period.

Nate Thompson paced Jenkins with 19 points. Jarod Bentley and Chris Puckett each had 18 points.

Senior Dustin Belcher, a Fleming-Neon forward, made good on a layup with three seconds left to regulation to force the game into an extra session.

Belcher led Neon with a game-high 23 points. Tyler Little followed with 13 points.

Letcher 70, Cordia 63: Upstart Letcher continues to play good basketball. On Thursday night, Letcher got a game-high 29 points from junior forward Alex Williams and 17 more from senior Kori Breeding in a seven-point win over Cordia.

# Pruett to start from pole in Daytona

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — To describe Scott Pruett as an all-around racer would be a bit of an understatement.

His resume includes three Trans-Am championships, victories in the CART series and the all-star IROC series, a runner-up finish on the road course at Watkins Glen in a NASCAR Nextel Cup race and a slew of sports car feats.

Pruett added to that last category Thursday, winning the pole for the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway for the second straight year. The 44-year-old racer did it despite managing just one fast lap on the busy track.

"You're dealing with close to 30 prototypes out there this year. That's nearly double last year and you have to find an open space to run in," Pruett said. "It's a new element and good for the sport to have so many prototypes, but it means you're trying to find that one lap where you can really lay one down."

Pruett, co-champion of the prototype series in 2004 with Italy's Max Papis, did just that, with time running out in the qualifying session. He turned a fast lap of 1 minute, 46.928 seconds moments before the checkered flag.

Pruett averaged 119.856 mph on the 3.56-mile road course that uses about three-fourths of the 2 1/2-mile NASCAR oval and also winds through the infield of the famed Daytona track.

That was just a bit slower than the 1:45.783 (121.154)

Pruett ran while winning the Daytona pole last year in the debut of the No. 01 Chip Ganassi Racing Lexus. He went on to finish 10th in the race.

"Quite frankly, I think this is the toughest race in the world to win," said Pruett, who will co-drive with Luis Diaz of Mexico and Australian-born Ryan Briscoe. "I know Chip has brought three very strong teams here to try to add this race to all the accomplishments he has in racing. It would be great to win it again."

Asked about sharing the cockpit for the race that begins at noon Saturday with a pair of Daytona rookies, Pruett said he isn't worried.

"You have to have patience, and I think both Ryan and Luis understand that," Pruett said. "Although Ryan hasn't run endurance races in the past, he'll do fine based on his experience, intelligence and drive. Luis knows these cars after a solid season last year in the prototypes. I'm confident in his ability and our potential as a team."

"It's hard to give them advice, though. I guess you just don't know this race until you've raced it."

Pruett, part of the winning team here in 1994 and a five-time class champion at Daytona, barely beat a Pontiac Riley driven by Max Angelelli of Italy for this latest pole. The veteran endurance racer, who will share the cockpit with Wayne Taylor and Emmanuel Collard, turned a lap of 1:46.945 (119.837).

"Before qualifying, I was very sure I would win the pole," Angelelli said with a shrug.

"Scott just had a little better lap at the end. But it's a very long race and anything can happen."

Last season, overall, the Ganassi team won 11 poles in 12 events and finished the season with seven in a row.

Papis, now co-driving t Pontiac Riley with German's Jorg Bergmeister and Olive Gavin of England, was third a 1:47.260 (119.590), followed by the other two Ganassi entries. Stefan Johansson, who will share a Lexus Riley with NASCAR's Jamie McMurray and Cort Wagner, was fourth a 1:47.260 (119.485), while New Zealander Scott Dixon was next at 1:47.480 (119.241) in the Lexus Riley he will co-drive with fellow IRL star Darren Manning of England and NASCAR's Casey Mears.

NASCAR will be well represented in the race, with former champions Tony Stewart, Bobby Labonte and Terry Labonte and last year's Nextel Cup runner-up Jimmie Johnson all part of teams that qualified in the top 10.

Reigning Champ Car World Series champion Sebastien Bourdais of France, who will co-drive with 80-year-old actor-racer Paul Newman, former Champ Car champion Cristiano da Matta of Brazil and car owner Michael Brockman, qualified a Ford Crawford prototype 13th on Thursday.

Kurt Busch, the Nextel Cup champion, wasn't even at the track Thursday, but the Ford Multimatic prototype he'll share with fellow NASCAR stars Matt Kenseth and Greg Biffle was qualified 16th by Canadian sports car ace Scott Maxwell.



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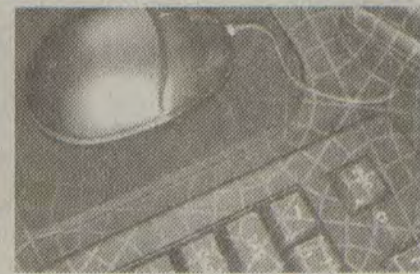
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## This Town, That World

*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.*

One bunch of holler-guys that suddenly got hushed up, were those frogs that were as badly fooled by the weather, as the Weather Bureau.

### THIS WAS NEEDED

Speaking of the Weather Bureau, we are plumb excited about this new satellite our side has got into orbit to send back to us, weather data. If ever a country needed such a gadget in operation, it is the United States.



Norman Allen

We are reminded that for all the advances in science we have made for all our dabbling in meteorology, scouting with balloons and scanning the skies with radar, nobody knew of the approach of that destructive tornado which struck St. Louis a few days ago—or if they knew it was coming, they kept the matter strictly to themselves.

Since Peruna, Cardui, Barker's Liniment and those other boons to mankind have stopped sending us almanacs, we have fallen into the habit of watching television and reading the newspapers to learn what the next day's weather will be. And we do not learn thereby. At least half the time these predictions are beset with gremlins or something, and wind up as accurate as my guesses as to the winner of an election, or when the bass will strike, I could take my raincoat when they predict fair weather, and vice versa, and be fairly well right after getting the latest on what the weather is going to be, but this seems hardly to be the way to do it.

Let's hope this multi-million dollar satellite will beep long enough to get the weather boys on the beam. You know, it may conclude its broadcast by yelling, "Do you read me?"

I tell you, I have a slight case of rheumatiz that is a better weather prophet than what the "informed" sources seem to be. And now I know that when I parted with that corn, I lost my best contact with the weather.

Lone-range weather prediction for July 4: Hot and sultry.

### SOMEWHERE AROUND 50

The newspapers tell us Edward

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Winter mornings dawned bright, cold and clear in the eastern Kentucky hills in 1947 when one of the author's daily chores included rising early to begin a fire to warm his family's home.

photo by Bonnie S. Howell

## Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by Ralph Hall

### ~ Chapter 10 ~ 1947

My daddy called out to me on a cold February morning, some years back, at about five a.m., "Ralph! It's time to get up and build a fire in the fireplace!" I remember saying to myself in a low voice, "If it's not build a fire, it's go to the well, or feed the animals, or hoe the garden, or something!" That Daddy, he could always find something for me to do. So, I got up in my long johns, grabbed some paper and wood to get the fire going, and it wasn't long before the place was warm.

After, I had to build a fire in the cook stove so Mother could make us all something to eat. It seemed like to me that all Mother and I ever did around the place was work. After I had built the fires, it was time to wash up. So, I went to the water bucket where I found that the top of the water had frozen in the bucket. I took the dipper, knocked a hole in the ice, poured some water in the wash pan and washed my hands and face in that wonderful ice cold water! I never had any pimples when I was a boy - I guess that cold water kept my pores so closed up that none could ever make their way to the outside.

After breakfast, Daddy went off to work in the mining camp at Weeksburg. Daddy worked on the "Gin Gang" (maintenance crew). I went off to school in the same camp. A bunch of us kids from Melvin walked to school. It was about a two mile journey up the railroad tracks. Although this particular day at school was like all the other days - filled with work and fun - it turned out to be one day in my life that

I will always remember. For that afternoon, when I opened the gate into my front yard, I heard music and singing coming from inside our house. I knew it wasn't my uncles and aunts, although they could all sing and play music. No, this time, the music was different.

I dropped my books right there in the yard and rushed into the house as fast as I could run. When Mother saw me, she had this big smile on her face. She said, "There it is, Ralph. In the corner of the bedroom." It was a floor model Philco radio with seventy-eight RPM record in it. I thought that radio was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen! The sound of that music was so sweet to my ears.

That radio brought a lot of joy into our house. We would all listen to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday night. We also listened to the Amos and Andy Show and to The Singing Miner, a local singer who sang on WLSI, in Pikeville. I was so glad that Daddy had gone to work for Coppers Coal Company because now Mother and I could buy things at the company store. Things like this wonderful radio. Yes, 1947 was a great year. My little brother, Waco, was born on June 2nd of that year, and we got the radio.

Although Waco was born with birth defects and the whole world that us Halls lived in changed, Waco was still a joy to be around. He lived for 46 years. Most of the time, Waco had to sit in a chair because he couldn't walk. But he was a barrel of fun to be around. He couldn't talk very well, either, but most of the family could understand him.

Anytime Waco would see me coming into the house, he would start clapping his hands and say, "Ralph!" He knew that when I showed up, it would be fun time! I don't know if Waco thought I was crazy or what, the way I joked and cut up with him, but it does-

n't matter because it was always a fun time for the two of us. Waco loved every little bit of the fun and jokes. He would say, "Mommy, look Ralph!" I could always make almost anyone laugh because I was a showman who always believed that "the show must go on." I could make up stories on about any subject. Some people, I guess, may have called them lies, but to me they were just made-up stories. They were not meant to cause any harm, just something to laugh at.

I had another brother, too. He was born on Dec. 2, 1941. The same day the United States got into the Second World War. His name was Isidor. I remember the day he was born like it was yesterday. My grandmother sent me and Mutt out to play. We were playing on the front porch of the house making a lot of noise so Grandma ("Big Mommy") came out and said, "Boys! Don't make so much noise!" Sometime later that day, we heard a baby crying and we wondered where the crying was coming from. Grandma came out again. This time she said, "Boys, come on in and see your little brother!" Mutt and I just had the hardest time trying to figure out how we had gotten a little brother, but there he was, in the bed with Mother. Well, Isidor only lived for eight weeks and then he was gone. They told me and Mutt that he went to live with Jesus.

Lots of things happened in Melvin in 1947. They black-topped the highway up through the village and, somehow, me and Mutt managed to get some of the tar on our bare feet. When we got home and Mother saw the tar, she said, "I can't believe you two! You all get into everything!"

A gravel road had gone through Melvin for as long as I could remember, but now we had a brand-new blacktop road. What a great place to

(See BETSY, page six)

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'Dead End'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Here is the perfect post-holiday horror movie. A family of four, plus the daughter's latest boyfriend, are en route to a family gathering on Christmas Eve but their shortcut takes them off the interstate and on a highway to hell in this overlooked film which did well on the festival circuit.

The trip gets off to a poor start with everyone bickering and the occasional whimper of, "Are we there yet?" but things get even worse. Everyone falls asleep at one point and even dad, who's behind the wheel, eventually succumbs to a nap but is awakened when his car veers into the path of another vehicle which stomps on the horn like it owes him money.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

Within minutes of that near-disaster, dad pulls over when he thinks that he sees a woman in a white dress traipsing through the woods. Turns out he was right as a petrified woman clutching a bundled baby staggers into the car in a state of shock. They decide to drive her back to a cabin they spotted and call for help, but the daughter, Marian, decides to use this opportunity to get out and wait for them to come back so she can sneak a cigarette.

Here is where the film really takes off and even defies expectations when the daughter turns out to be safe but those going back to the cabin run into some trouble. While the family investigates the cabin the boyfriend, Brad, opts to stay in the car and comfort the woman they picked up. She unwraps her bundle and Brad screams. The next time he's seen, it is in the back window of a hearse as it rips past Marian, who is thus interrupted practicing a breakup speech she had planned for Brad.

The family reunites and trails the car but can't catch up to it. Once again they stop when they spot the woman in white and this time it's the son who gets killed. Daughter Marian figures out that every time they stop the car someone dies so they elect to keep moving.

The trauma of the evening begins to take its toll on everyone and soon they are baring their souls and divulging family secrets, which add a level of drama to the proceedings and actually begins to paint a three-dimensional portrait of the characters.

The road trip progresses with signs

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## Daddy's little girl

by KIPPI BRANNON

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COUNTRY SOUL"

When I heard the song "Daddy's Little Girl," every line in the lyrics related to me. Daddy was a very big influence in my life. Besides teaching me a good work ethic, he also influenced me musically — he taught me how to play the guitar. In spite of our closeness throughout my childhood and in our relationship today, Daddy never really showed a lot of physical affection toward me. As a former Marine, showing emotion and hugging was never something that came easy to him. He always demonstrated his love by working hard, giving me encouragement to

be a good person and providing for me.

All that changed the night of June 12, 1997. I was scheduled to do a Father's Day show on TNN's "Primetime Country," and the producers wanted my father to be with me as part of the program. They had asked me to sing the song "Daddy's Little Girl" and then do the normal interview portion with Gary Chapman and my dad. The interview segment was going to be a piece of cake. I thought, because I love to talk! However, the performance portion was creating real anxiety for me — not only because it would be my first time singing the song in front of my father, but 16 years had passed since the last time he and I had hugged

or said, "I love you."

So the big moment finally arrived. With just 30 seconds until I had to perform, I stepped from behind the curtain and onto the stage. There, in the front row of the auditorium, sat my dad.

As the piano introduction started, I could tell Daddy was fighting back tears. I felt the professional thing to do was to be tough and try to rise above the emotion I was feeling, but there was no way! The more I sang, the more sensitive I became.

Overwhelmed, I heard my voice start cracking while uncontrollable sobs accompanied each line. As I got ready to sing the last verse, I saw that Daddy had tears streaming down his face. I just lost it! I walked into the audience to share Daddy's embrace as I sang the ending of the song.

All those years without an "I love you" or a hug were all redeemed for us that night right there on national TV as millions of viewers shared that priceless moment.





## Jim Davidson

# Are you living on 'Someday I'll ...'

When it comes to getting things done, to say that some people have a "knack" for it and some don't would be the understatement of the century. For example, when it comes to getting things done in the office, my wife, Viola, is one of these people. She has slowed down a little now because of her Parkinson's, but she is one of these people that you can ask to do something and before you turn around twice, it's done. It's disgusting!



On the other hand, I get things done but I have to think it through, line it out and then go step one, two and three until it's done. Either way, to be successful in life and not just the small routine tasks that come along, is

a matter of the goals we set for ourselves and the priorities we establish to get them accomplished.

I believe you will agree, the key to success is to first determine what we want and then stay with it until it's done. Unfortunately, most people never set any goals for themselves and just wander around, living day to day, waiting for that paycheck to keep their bills paid. I think this may be where the statement originated, "why is there so much of the month left at the end of the money?"

Here is a good analogy that I believe will help you see what I am saying. During a time of war, people in the Navy have a con-

stant fear that a torpedo will hit the ship they are on. To see one of those things coming through the water and know that it is going to hit the ship and explode has to be a scary feeling.

Just recently I learned that for a torpedo to hit the mark, it must be launched close enough to it's intended target to get some feedback. A torpedo has a Doppler radar guidance system and it goes "Ping, ping, ping," and so long as a ship is within range it can make the necessary corrections to hit the target, regardless of what maneuvers the ship makes to throw it off course. But if the torpedo is launched too far out, it can't get feedback and it just wanders helplessly around in the ocean and eventually self-destructs.

In a sense, this is what happens to people as well. That's why we need a target or goal to shoot for and we need to keep it close enough in, so we can see it

and therefore get the necessary feedback to succeed.

Now this is a personal thing and it may or may not apply to you. Unfortunately, far too many people live on "Someday I'll ..." They say, someday I'll get a round to it. Incidentally, someone gave me one of those a while back. It was a little round piece of wood and had the words printed on it, "Round Tuit." You have probably seen them.

Be that as it may, if we constantly take the attitude that someday I'll do this or I will do that, whatever it may be, the chances are good that we will never get around to it. Like that torpedo that is launched too far out to get feedback, we will just wander around aimlessly and eventually die. Our address may be "# 1 - Someday I'll."

If we are to succeed, we must have positive self-discipline. Dr. Dennis Waitley, author and seminar leader, has compiled a terrific list of six action steps that will help any person to become more successful.

No. 1. Set short-range goals that build toward your long-range purpose. Once you have a five- to 10-year game plan in mind, break your goals down into yearly and quarterly goals, which is the length of a season.

No. 2. Establish a reward or ceremony as an incentive for achieving your goals. Have something specific to celebrate upon the completion of each of your goals. It may be a trip, a family outing or a personal item. Make sure you celebrate.

No. 3. Get group reinforcement and expert feedback. Don't share your goals with negative or cynical people. Share your goals with people who really care about you and who want to help you. Remember that misery loves company. Some people would just as soon that you stay in the same rut along with them.

No. 4. Do high priority work first. The reason most people spend their time doing low priority work is that it is easier to do. Set your priorities on a

"must do now, should do soon & would like to do when possible" basis. Plan your week the week before and plan your day the day before.

No. 5. Concentrate your time and energy on the 20 percent of your activities, contacts and concepts that have proven most productive in the past. Remember the 80-20 rule, that 80 percent of the production volume comes from 20 percent of the producers.

No. 6. Be patient. Whenever you make a change in your life or circumstances, anticipate a temporary drop in productivity and efficiency. It takes time for change to be assimilated. As familiarity and confidence rebuild, the performance will improve again to a new level. This sure beats "# 1 - Someday I'll."

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## Betsy

ride a scooter! The road up Henpen Hollow, where Grandma lived, wasn't really a road at all, most of the way, you had to drive right up through the creekbed. Them old cars back then would go over rocks and through the water. If we walked, we only had to go through it in certain places, but cars had to go right up the creek bed if they went up Henpen. Daddy bought this old 1939 Plymouth with a rumble seat in it. The seat was in the trunk of the car! We would go to Grandma's house with me and Mutt riding in the rumble seat as the old car bounced up and down on the rocks in the creek. We'd say, "Keep her going, Daddy!" Sometimes, the big rocks would cause the car to turn over on its side just enough that it would have to be rocked to get it back upright so we could go on to Grandma's house.

We had so much fun riding in that old car! Daddy would drive us to the company store in Weeksbury and give us some "script" (good as money at the store) to buy ice cream or candy. Script was a replacement for real money that could be used to buy anything they sold in the coal camp. Daddy did all kinds of work in the coal camp - he worked on the company houses repairing broken water lines and gas lines, that sort of thing. He and the rest of the maintenance crew did just about anything that needed to be done, that's why they were called the "Gin Gang" because they were always "ginnin' around."

It was a fall day in 1947, late in the afternoon and just about dark when Daddy came riding into the yard on this old horse. That horse looked like it had died last winter, or on the last day of spring! Mother said, "Harold, where in the world did you get that old horse?" I could see right away that Daddy was drunk as he climbed down from the horse and said, "Goldie, this here horse is 'Old Maude.'"

Mother replied, "Okay, so it's Old Maude, but where on earth did she come from?"

Daddy said, "Now wait just a minute there, Goldie. I traded that old 120 acre farm over in Knott County to this fine horse, this here bag of dried apples, and a pint of moonshine."

Mother cried out, "How in the world could you have done such a thing!"

Daddy said, "Now, Goldie, you wouldn't live over there, anyway."

("Oh, well!", I thought to myself.)

Well, now we had us an old horse to feed, so we fattened her up some and used her for a riding horse and a plow horse. Old Maude was okay,

after all, she did give us a ride now and then.

At about this same time in our lives, Daddy bought this hand block machine to make blocks with. You could only make one block at a time with it. He sold the blocks to the mining company and to anyone who needed blocks. Daddy didn't have time to make blocks, so he hired my Uncle L.A. to make them. Uncle L.A. could make about 120 blocks a day. I loved L.A. He was a fine person, one of my mother's brothers. I walked to school every day with my Uncle Virgil and Aunt Bulah. They were two and three years older than me, with Virgil being the older. I always looked up to Virgil. If anyone ever bothered me, I would say, "I'll get my Uncle Virgil on you." I called Aunt Bulah, "Aunt Boots." I thought Aunt Boots was so beautiful because she looked just like Grandma.

Me and L.A. became real close friends making those concrete blocks for Daddy. Well, many a day after making blocks, we would throw a sack on the back of Old Maude and off to Grandma's house we would ride. I will never forget this one trip to Grandma's house as we rode on the back of Old Maude. We passed by my Uncle Johnny's house. Uncle Johnny was the one who owned the village mill. I loved him a lot. He was a big man with a good nature about him. When we passed his house and came to the foot of the hill at Beech Bottom (and, by the way, have you ever eaten any beech nuts?), there was a creek that we had to go down through before we climbed the hill that would take us up into Beech Bottom. Well, for some reason, Old Maude decided it had been enough of a trip and bucked up her hind legs on me and old L.A. Old L.A. ended up in the creek, on his face, while I was holding on to him, not daring to let go.

Well, Old Maude didn't live much longer after that. She became sick and the village vet said she had to be done away with. My Uncle Arie was older than L.A. and he was the one that had to do away with her, meaning that he had to shoot her. I think it bothered him all the rest of his life, but it was the humane thing to do. We couldn't just let her starve to death and she had gotten to the point that she had just quit eating.

There is one more story I want to share with you before we leave the good old year of 1947: I was going to school one day and me and my cousin Otis decided we would play "hookey." So, we took off from school right after lunch. We headed down the railroad

tracks for Melvin. We had no real plan, just wanted to play hookey and not go back to school. Just wanted to see how it would feel, I guess. So, on down the tracks we went. We made it to the side tracks and some coal cars (we called them coal "gons") were parked on the side tracks. So, me and Otis climbed into one of those coal cars to hide out until school turned out that afternoon.

Otis had some cigarettes and we both lit us up one. We thought we were playing hookey and smoking and no one could do one dang thing about it. But, to our surprise, someone in the neighborhood saw smoke coming up from out of the coal gon and reported it to the principal, Mr. Campbell.

Well, it wasn't long until we heard someone say, "Come out of that coal gon, Otis and Ralph!" It was Mr. Campbell himself, all dressed up in a three-piece suit. He said, "I've caught you boys, now!" When he got us back to school, he blistered our back sides. Then he said, "That will teach you not to skip school again." Then he told us to back to class until school went out for the day. He also told us "to stay out of trouble." On the way back to our classroom, we stopped in the bathroom to see each other's blisters.

"Well," Otis said, "Ralph, you have a picture of a quarter and a dime on your butt."

I reached into my back pocket and, sure enough, I had thirty-five cents in my pocket!

We never forgot that day, and, we never played hookey again all the rest of our days in grade school!

1947? How could I ever forget it? L.A., Old Maude, Little Waco, Mr. Campbell, the Philco radio and the print of that thirty-five cents on my behind. Life is so wonderful, and 1947 was a very good year.

## This Town

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R. Murrow will take a year's leave of absence, beginning July 1. "For more than 20 years," Murrow wrote his boss, "I have contended that, if he can, and if his employer would permit it, any reporter or analyst should take a year off somewhere around the age of 50 to do a little contemplating and a lot of leisurely traveling and reading and listening, and keep silent for a spell."

I am, as has been rather generally suspected, no Morrow, but he and I are in agreement on at least this point.

## Lagoon

popping up marking a town called Marcott which they never seem to reach. Things get more strange as Mom wigs out and begins spotting long dead friends and relatives along the road. When she spots her son, she totally flips and leaps from the vehicle at 60 miles per hour. Dad and daughter struggle on but it soon becomes clear that spirits are walking the earth on this road and they are not the ghosts of Christmas past, present or future.

To give away any details of what is really going on would be criminal, but suffice to say this film goes off into Twilight Zone territory and features a conclusion that sharp viewers will spot a mile away. The fun, however, is in getting there.

This film works because of sharp writing and good performances. The story is an old one but the filmmakers do a good job of building suspense and eventually come up with simple answers for all of the bizarre on-screen events.

What really helps is a game cast that makes the most of the confined setting (almost the whole film takes place in the family car). Ray Wise ("Twin Peaks") is fine as the determined dad who won't relinquish the wheel even after he passes out while clutching it. Lin Shaye is perfect as a demure wife who reveals a more wild side before giving in to dementia. Alexandra Holden, however, steals the show as the daughter who eventually has to take control and guide events after her father loses his grip. She is a real find and anchors the film.

The filmmakers are at the top of their game and will probably be around for awhile. They hail from France, like the Coneheads, and often insert bizarre touches into the film. One of my favorites was a scene where the son runs off into the woods and tacks a playmate poster to a tree, while everyone else in the film is concerned about getting help for the mysterious woman they stopped to help. They even throw

a last wink at the audience following the end credits by thanking everyone who stayed around to read them.

Best line: "Was your entire school gay or just the baseball team?" or "Your brother was burned alive. How could he talk?"

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# Basic computer maintenance

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Contrary to popular belief, computers are relatively easy to maintain. Everyone, whether they are a computer techie or a regular computer user, should possess the ability to perform general maintenance. General maintenance includes performing tasks such as Scandisk, Defrag and other various programs. These programs should be used often and preferably on a set schedule. Follow these simple steps not only for a faster and more reliable computer, but also for a much safer and enjoyable ride at the same time.

1) Scandisk — This program is on every version of Windows and can be a key utility when maintaining a computer. This handy program, by default, will run upon improper shutdowns (improper shutdown is anytime the computer loses power without going through the correct shutdown process, which is typically "Start" then "Shut Down" then "Shut Down" again) and it, as the name suggests, scans the hard drive in your computer for any errors the improper shutdown might have caused. If it is able, it will fix the problem automatically. Even though you have the choice of running it or not, it is recommended that you always allow the computer to run this program. Exiting out of the scandisk program without letting it finish puts your computer at risk and may also slow it down dramatically!

2) Defragmentation — This is a nifty little program that is equally important to a healthy and happy computer and is also included with your version of Windows. To understand this program it is helpful to have some knowledge of the saving and deleting process. When you save something it is written onto a storage device called your hard drive. But, what you may not know is that when you delete something it isn't completely deleted from your computer. Think of it like a card catalog in your library, when a new book comes into the library a reference card is created so that the user can locate the book on the shelves. If the card was removed (deleted) from the card catalog files, the book would still remain on the shelf until it was physically replaced. When you delete something, it is like erasing the reference card (record) from where the file was located.

Therefore, when you delete something from your computer, it isn't really gone. Deleting information just removes the record of where it is located, not the actual file. In turn, the computer cannot acknowledge the file and will not see where the file is located. The information will remain on the hard drive until it is overwritten with new information.

This brings me back to "Defrag." When something is written on top of something else, sometimes it leaves bits and pieces, or fragments of data, of what was there before. This is called fragmentation. Running Defrag will "remove" the fragments and rearrange the content of the hard drive into a more efficient system. To maintain your computer's efficiency you should run the defragmentation program at least

once every month.

3) Virus Protection — Along with the previous two utilities, any good maintenance routine should also include a reliable anti-virus program. These may be purchased at almost anywhere and include programs like "Norton Anti-Virus" and "McAfee Virus-scan." Although these are typically some of the better software packages, you may also download free anti-virus software off the internet. These include programs like "AVG Free Version" and "Anti-vir." In my opinion, the best software isn't free but if you're in a pinch, any software is better than nothing. Regardless of what program you choose, you should have it scan your system once a week and check the program's web site for updated virus definition downloads at least once every one to two weeks.

4) Firewall — Also, you should get a reliable firewall program to protect your computer from unwanted access while on the internet. Popular programs include "Norton Personal Firewall" and "McAfee Personal Firewall." Again, there are some exceptional free alternatives to this issue. These are programs like "Pretty Good Firewall" and "ZoneAlarm." These programs should be enabled anytime you are connected to the Internet and check the program's web site for updates frequently.

5) Spyware Blocker — It is a proven fact that after 4 minutes of a computer with inefficient protection being online, it is infected with spyware. This, up until recently, was only a pest. Spyware can not only rob your computer of its speed and hard drive space, but it can also steal your credit card information or even record every keystroke you press and when you did it. Now even though it is not required, it is recommended that you have some form of spyware blocker. I recommend "McAfee AntiSpyware." Like the firewall, it must be enabled anytime you are on the Internet and must be updated whenever possible.

When combined with one another, these programs work together to keep your computer in tip-top shape. These programs are very useful and extremely important to not only your computer's well being, but also your confidentiality while on the net. Although these programs are very good at what they do, they are not perfect. Things will get past them on occasion. But, when used correctly, they will dramatically reduce the infections you get and increase speed and productivity of your computer.

Until next time, happy computing!

This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the I.T. club. To send us your questions, please email or call us at the following address.

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(2) The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of KY 1086 and KY 7, at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37°25'50". The longitude is 82°46'00".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$40,900. Approximately 100 percent of the original

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(5) Written comments, objections,

and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 14, 2005.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., March 15, 2005, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 14, 2005.

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# Kearse leads Philly defense

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PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Jevon Kearse is stronger than most linemen, faster than some running backs and so quick off his first step that he's been known to slip around blockers untouched.

In this league, where jaw-dropping athleticism is never more than a locker away, Kearse stands out so much that his nickname is "The Freak."

On defense, Kearse has almost equaled the impact Terrell Owens had on the offense in both players' first season with the Philadelphia Eagles. A disruptive force on the field, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush and solidified one of the best defenses in the NFL.

Now comes Philadelphia's biggest challenge: Stopping Tom Brady and the New England

Patriots in the Super Bowl.

"All across the line, they've got the O-line, tight ends, receivers, quarterback, running back. They have all the goods," Kearse said Wednesday. "In a situation like that, you have no choice but to go in and give them all you have."

Kearse already played in one Super Bowl, a gut-wrenching loss to St. Louis in his rookie season with Tennessee. He spent part of this week giving his teammates advice on handling the pressures of playing in the big game.

"Me and Dorsey (Levens) had to remind everybody that this trip is only fun when you win," Kearse said.

Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarterbacks and the offensive line.

Philadelphia finished second

in the league with 47 sacks, including 7 1/2 from Kearse, who didn't play the last two games because the Eagles had already clinched the No. 1 seed in the NFC.

"Even when he wasn't getting sacks, he was getting double-teamed and freed other players to make plays," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "His energy level was contagious and everybody feeds off that."

A first-round pick in 1999, Kearse spent five years with the Titans, establishing himself as one of the NFL's premier sack artists. He signed a \$66 million, eight-year contract with the Eagles on the first day of the free agency period last March, hoping to get another chance at winning a championship.

"This is what every player wants," Kearse said. "I know how much this team has been through the last four years, knocking on the door but not

getting in. This year, we want to get through the door, run through the house and out the back door. Now that we're here, we have to cash in."

Kearse and the rest of Philly's defense were overshadowed by Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens and a high-powered offense. But, no team was tougher to score against when the games mattered. The Eagles gave up the fewest points (222) in the first 15 games, before the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

Johnson, who has a knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans to stop the Patriots.

Some of the best quarterbacks in the league had a tough time against the Eagles this season.

Brett Favre had his worst game in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the play-offs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game.

If Brady has time to throw, he's going against a secondary that includes All-Pro free safety Brian Dawkins, Pro Bowl strong safety Michael Lewis, All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Philadelphia's most consistent defensive back.

Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss in Week 2. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor.

"Brown looks as good as the other guys, Dawkins is one of the best safeties in the league, if not the best, and Lewis is one of

the best strong safeties we've faced all year," Brady said.

Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he became a starter midway through the season. Trotter, who began the year playing special teams, was so dominant he earned his third trip to the Pro Bowl after making just seven starts.

Trotter, along with defensive tackles Corey Simon, Darwin Walker, Hollis Thomas and Sam Rayburn, are the key to stopping New England's Corey Dillon, who ran for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with those guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls in the last three years. "They have play-makers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball over. They are very explosive on defense and you usually don't hear that."