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briefs

Beshear appoints homeland security director

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Governor Steve Beshear has appointed an executive of a restaurant franchise company to head the state's homeland security agency.

Beshear appointed 33-year-old Adam Edelen, who has been a prolific financial donor to Democratic candidates, as executive director to the agency on Thursday. A press release says Edelen works for Thomas & King, Inc. as a strategic planner.

Edelen was an aide to former Governor Paul Patton and has also worked as vice president of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Registry of Election Finance records show Edelen donated \$2,000 to Beshear, and at least \$1,000 each to Democrats Jack Conway and Crit Luallen during the last election cycle.

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Today



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Mother says bullying prompted suicide

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Bullying hurts, and sometimes it can even be deadly.

The parents of a 13-year-old former student of Allen Central Middle School say that they hope no other parent anywhere ever has to learn this sad fact in the way that they have had to since the death of their son, Stephen Lawrence Patton, who took his own life Nov. 28.

Stephen's mother, Sheila, a social worker, addressed members of the

Floyd County Board of Education at a meeting held Wednesday night at May Valley Elementary School. She, along with husband Lawrence and other family members, feels that responsibility for Stephen's death lies partly with the administration and staff of the school at which her son was enrolled.

"What that child had to go through," she said through tears, "no child should ever have to go through. And no one told us anything about it."

The Patton family says that children from Allen Central Middle School have

come forward since their son's death to inform them that their son had been the victim of bullying at the school.

"We've been told stories of how his lunch box would be taken from him and that once others had eaten what they wanted from it, they would toss it back to him ... He tried to keep snacks in a grocery bag in his locker. He never told us that people were taking his food," Sheila Patton said.

Though Patton acknowledges that "we're only going on what we've been told because we really don't know,"

she still feels that school authorities should have been more aware and more communicative about the alleged bullying she has been told her son endured.

"You can't miss this," she said. "You have to protect the children, you just can't miss something like this."

David Bickford, principal, said that the news of Stephen's death came as "a shock to us all."

"It was a terrible tragedy. He will be

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PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



photo by Jack Latta

Prestonsburg city employees were busy Thursday putting together gift packages for this weekend's Shop with a Cop event.

Suspect shot and killed by state trooper while in custody

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

OIL SPRINGS — A misdemeanor arrest turned deadly in a Johnson County community Tuesday evening when a suspect was shot by a Kentucky State Police Trooper.

Randy Baldwin, 46, of Oil Springs, died early Wednesday morning from a single gunshot wound to the chest.

"We can't understand what happened," said Danny Joe Blanton, Baldwin's brother-in-law. "We just don't know what to think right now."

According to KSP, Trooper Byron Hansford, 46, responded to a report of a suspicious person and found the suspect beside a guardrail near the intersection of Route 40 and Route 580, where he appeared to be intoxicated.

"Trooper Hansford placed the suspect under arrest for alcohol intoxication," said Trooper Scott Hopkins, a KSP spokesman from Post 9.

According to the Associated Press, Baldwin was not handcuffed and, because of layered clothing, his handgun was not detect-

ed. According to Hopkins, while in transit to the jail, the suspect told Trooper Hansford that he had a weapon and would kill him if he did not pull over.

In a press release, Hopkins said, "Trooper Hansford complied, and when Baldwin exited the vehicle, he began approaching Trooper Hansford with a handgun."

According to the report, Hansford ordered Baldwin to drop the weapon. When the suspect did not comply, he tried to physically disarm him.

"When Hansford was unable to disarm the suspect, as a last resort, he fired his weapon," said Hopkins.

Baldwin sustained a gunshot wound and was airlifted to Cabell Huntington Medical Center, where he was in surgery for most of the night. According to a KSP spokesman, Baldwin passed away at 5am Wednesday morning after undergoing surgery. An autopsy is pending.

Pursuant to KSP policy, Hansford has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation into the shooting.

Jury awards former manager \$725K

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER



Michael Kirk

PRESTONSBURG — A wrongful firing suit against Clayton Mobile Homes ended Monday with a Floyd County Jury awarding \$725,000 to former Luv Homes lot manager Michael Kirk.

"CMH devastated Mike," said John C. Kirk, Michael Kirk's attorney. "When it fired him, it sent out a message that Mike had done something wrong in defending his property and, fearing for his life, protect-

ing himself."

Michael Kirk, 52, shot and killed Ronald Dillion inside one of the lot homes during a burglary attempt in March 2005. One week later, Kirk was fired by CMH for "violating the company's policy which prohibited employees from having a gun on the premises," according to David Booth, of Knoxville, the company's president.

"They hung him out to dry," said Bobby Rowe, Kirk's trial counsel, "CMH expected to be

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Professor's study questions online class effectiveness

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — College online courses may not be for everyone.

That is among the early findings according to an ongoing study by Dr. John G. Shiber, a professor at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

In the study, 159 community college students who had taken at least one online course were surveyed from 2006 through 2007. The study covered 106 courses with 12 subject areas being defined.

"This is what the students thought

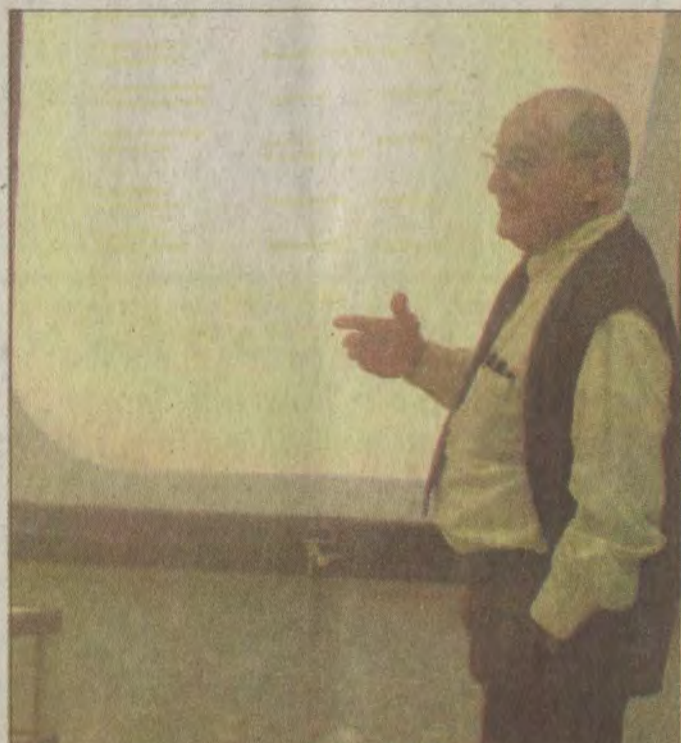
about the online courses, and the testing, as opposed to a normal classroom course," Dr. Shiber said.

The report indicates that more than half the students surveyed said convenience was the most positive aspect of the courses.

According to Dr. Shiber's findings, some subjects lend themselves well to online studies, while students in math and philosophy courses in particular, reported struggling with the material.

"Math tends to require instant responses to questions, and often the same question being asked more

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Dr. John Shiber presented his study of online courses to faculty and staff at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Thursday.

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Beshear has first full day, says secret door won't be used

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Days are numbered for an infamous secret door in the state Capitol, that was installed by the previous administration, Gov. Steve Beshear said on his first full work day as Kentucky's chief executive.

A door former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration installed in early 2004 for more than \$5,000, won't be used and, depending on cost, could be removed, Beshear said. It provided passage from the governor's first-floor suite of rooms to one often used for press conferences and allowed

officials to avoid using a public hallway to get there.

Fletcher's administration claimed the door had existed previously, but was taken out and plastered over. But Beshear said the door, which is behind a large blue curtain, projects an image of secrecy that he doesn't want for his own administration.

"It, I think, has become a symbol of a lack of access to the media and to the public on behalf of the governor," Beshear said. "And, we're going to be running an open government, a transparent government and a government where the governor is going to be accessible to the people."

After a night filled with fancy outfits and elegant balls, the Beshear administration reported for duty Wednesday, only to find some people without the necessary desks or computers usually associated with office jobs. Nevertheless, Beshear said his administration was "ready to work" and handle its business.

"Part of it's just figuring out how the phones work and where things are and getting organized," Beshear said.

Fletcher's term expired Monday night at midnight. Beshear, a Democrat, was sworn in and inauguration festivities for Kentucky's 61st governor — which included a

parade, and three balls around the Capitol grounds — filled the new executive's first full day as governor on Tuesday.

Now, Beshear's main focus shifts to crafting a state budget proposal and developing a legislative agenda for the General Assembly, which returns to Frankfort in January.

Beshear had meetings throughout the day, including an afternoon face-to-face with Senate President David Williams at the governor's office. Williams, R-Burkesville, said they talked in general terms about a number of issues facing the state.

"It was a productive conversation," Williams said.

Beshear's cabinet secretaries, his chief of staff and state police commissioner were sworn in at an afternoon

ceremony in the Kentucky Supreme Court chambers. Beshear's cabinet consists primarily of Democrats, and one position has not been filled. Beshear said he was still looking for a permanent Health and Family Services cabinet secretary.

"We've been looking for the very best people we can find to fill these cabinets and people with experience and we're not looking at their political affiliation when we're reviewing that experience and making those decisions," Beshear said.

His election last month

marked the completion of an improbable political comeback for Beshear, who exited state politics after serving as lieutenant governor more than 20 years ago.

The biggest change between then and now, Beshear joked, might be where his office is located.

"Now I'm sitting in the main chair there in the governor's office," Beshear said. "It's a great feeling obviously."

Obituaries

Thomas (Jess) Branham

Thomas (Jess) Branham, 84, of Allen, died Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 14, 1923, in Maytown, he was the son of the late Tom Branham and Sarah Bentley Branham. He was a retired coal truck driver, a welder, and a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Sammons Branham.

Other survivors include a brother, Robert Clay Branham of Willard, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Jack Branham, George Branham and Theop Branham; six sisters: Bertha Spigmen, Stella Caudill, Eddie Hinton, Kate Crisp, Opal Crisp, and Alta King.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 15, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Coleman and Richard Crisp officiating.

Burial will be in the Riley Hall Cemetery, in Allen, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Rebecca Briggs

Rebecca Briggs, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born September 25, 1923, in

Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Tommy Lafferty and Ammie Conn Briggs. She was a homemaker, and a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons: Taylor Briggs of Martin, Tommy Briggs of Prestonsburg, and Carl Ray Briggs of Sitka; three daughters: Betty Stephens of Prestonsburg, Billie Compton of Paintsville, and Eula Lawson of West Van Lear; 14 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Darrell Briggs and Jackie Briggs; a brother, Virgil Lafferty; two sisters: Maggie McGuire and Sarah DeRossett; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 15, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Patricia Ann Isaac

Patricia Ann Isaac, 42, of Indiana, formerly of Wheelwright, died at her residence.

Born November 5, 1965, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Judith Ann and the late Doy Isaac Jr. She was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Faith Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a son, Nathaniel Ray Stephens of Indiana; a daughter, Jessica Dawn Blackburn of Stanville; a brother, Linville Glen Isaac of Wheelwright; a sister, Junlina Gail Hall of Kite.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a sister, Maudie Francis Meade.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 14, at noon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Family Cemetery, in Honeycamp.

Visitation is at the church.

Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

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Heather Wireman, 22, to Keith Craft, 22, both of Prestonsburg.

Jina Mullins, 32, of Minnie, to Ellis Little Jr., 39, of Melvin.

Johanna Sutton, 43, to Brad Smith, 36, both of Hueysville. Amber Stewart, 20, to Shawn Witt, 21, both of Prestonsburg.

Londa Sammons, 40, to Wesley Lafferty, 36, both of Prestonsburg.

Tammy Ratliff, 30, of Pikeville, to Ismael Rodriguez, 26, of Louisville.

Shelly Bowling, 32, of Paintsville, to Madison Hall, 42, of Hi Hat.

Heather Tackett, 26, to Timmy Bryant, 44, both of Pikeville.

Rana Tackett, 22, to Harold Firestone II, 24, both of Beaver.

Ozella Kidd, 41, to Clayton Conn, 37, both of Harold.

Civil Suits Filed

Magdeline Johnson vs. Lucinda Yates

Jessica Keathley vs. James Keathley

Sharon Hamilton vs. Ishmael Hamilton

Wendy Hicks vs. Brian James Hicks

Ida Moore vs. James D. Moore

Hazel Tackett vs. Richie Tackett

Discover Bank vs. Brenda Allen

Shayne Hall vs. Tony Hall, et al

LVNV Funding vs. Joe

Burchett

Wachovia Dealer Services vs. Paul V. Conway

International Collection vs. Lester Murphy Jr.

Velocity Investments vs. Ozella Helton

Bonnie Crisp, et al vs. Grizzly Processing LLC, et al

Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Vikki D. Woodward

Small Claims Filings

Capital One Bank vs. Matthew T. Goble

Cavalry Portfolio Services vs. Randy Boyd

Dwight Brandon Prater vs. Teresa Hagans

Robin Little, et al vs. Michael Newsome, et al

Midland Funding vs. Betty Branham

Pioneer Credit vs. Nikki Jarvis

RJM Acquisitions vs. Rhonda Campbell

First Financial Credit vs. Mark Robinson

CACV of Colorado vs. Darlene Jones

Asset Acceptance vs. Deborah Shope

LVNV Funding vs. Taylor Caldwell

Capital One Bank vs. Tony Hager, et al

Capital One Bank vs. Wilma J. Hall

Capital One Bank vs. Lovena Martin

Capital One Bank vs. Ricky O'Connor

Capital One Bank vs. Nina P. Smith

Capital One Bank vs. Wilma Collins

Capital One Bank vs.

Charles Spurlock

Capital One Bank vs. Tony Goble

Capital One Bank vs. Randy McKinney

Charges Filed

Joseph Mindy, 23, of Royalton, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

Martellia Wright, 33, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place; possession controlled substance, unspecified (two counts); possession marijuana.

Robert A. Hall, 22, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.

Kelly L. Hall, 22, of Langley, possession controlled substance, unspecified; no operator's/moped license.

Paul C. Hayes, 38, of Langley, possession controlled substance, unspecified; controlled substance prescription not in original container; possession marijuana; use/possess drug paraphernalia.

James Burke, 49, of West Prestonsburg, harassment.

Nathan Blackburn, age not listed, of Martin, assault.

Michael Newsome, 43, of Melvin, assault.

Ronald B. May, 58, of Canada, illegal take/pursue/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk.

Kellie Fletcher, 37, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, public place; endangering welfare of minor.

Sonny Charles Swincy, 38, of Teaberry, alcohol intoxication, public place; giving offi-

cer false name/address; endangering welfare of minor.

Charles Steven Hall, 31, of Gamaliel, fleeing/evading police; possession controlled substance, unspecified; use/possess drug paraphernalia; controlled substance prescription not in original container; improper equipment.

Lonnie T. Jervis, 33, of Prestonsburg, theft by deception/cold checks (four counts).

Phillip Martin Jr., 42, of Hueysville, attempt theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting; fleeing/evading police (on foot); public intoxication, controlled substance; resisting arrest.

Daniel Avery, 33, of Gallion, Alabama; alcohol intoxication, public place.

Judy C. Newsome, 56, of Prestonsburg, criminal trespass; alcohol intoxication, public place.

John Shepard, 22, of Melvin, assault, domestic violence; alcohol intoxication, public place.

John Allen Boyd Jr., 28, of Betsy Layne, violation of KY EPO.

Steve Bolen, 48, of Garrett, assault.

Steve Cronos Caudill, 42, of Hi Hat, cruelty to animals.

Paula Bremer, 29, of Wheelwright, assault.

Kathleen Curry, 23, of Hi Hat, possession marijuana; use/possess drug paraphernalia.

Stephen Stanley, 21, of Bypro, unlawful transaction with minor.

Jacob Terry Coleman, 27, of Pikeville, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Brenda Jewell, 53, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; criminal

trespassing.

Kenneth Spriggs, 26, of Prestonsburg, possession controlled substance, unspecified; driving DUI on suspended license.

Jake Tackett, 22, of Harold, burglary.

Jason W. Lauzon, 28, of Vancouver, Wash., assault.

Michael Paul Newsome, 30, of Martin, disorderly conduct; burglary; alcohol intoxication, public place; fleeing/evading police; resisting arrest; possession burglary tools.

Thomas Ray Goble, 41, of Prestonsburg, assault; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; fleeing/evading police; resisting arrest; escape.

Jody Dale Puckett, 36, of Melvin, flagrant nonsupport.

Property Transfers

Tom Adams to Angela and Donovan Mullins; Potter Subdivision.

Bank of New York Trust Company to Tonya Butcher; Right Fork of Bull Creek.

April and Tracy Brooks, James and Jennifer Flowe, Anthony, Icy Lee, Karen, Kellie, Patrick, Paul Gene, Paul Gene Executor, Paula Lynn, and Shelby Jones, Kimberly Montgomery to Garnis and Trula Ditto; Hen Hook Creek.

Darren and Dawn Cline to Prudential Relocation Inc; Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Geraldine, Jody, Stacy, and Wilburn Cornette to James and Sandra Goble, Spradlin Branch Rd.

Clement and Norma Jean Hamilton to Joe and Teresa

Hamilton, Location undisclosed.

Carrie, Edward, John, Mark, Michael, Stephanie, and Talila Kidd to Edward Lee Kidd; Little Mud Creek.

Sabrina Lafferty to Kim Ellis; Crestwood Subdivision.

Miller Bros Coal LLC to Lisa Cantrell, John Heinze Jr, and Gretchen Moyer; Left Fork of Cool Water Fork of Salt Lick Creek.

Mona and Tex Mitchell to Archer and Marsha Boyd; Daniels Creek.

Jimmy and Kathy Music to Johnny and Judy Jenkins; David.

Lewis Newman to Patricia Newman; Frasures Creek.

Prudential Relocation Inc to Frederick and Michelle Lyman; Big Branch of Abbott Creek Cedar Trace Subdivision.

Tara Redford to Rodney Thornsberry; Otter Creek.

Ella and Joseph Sammons to Ella and Joseph Sammons; Goble Roberts subdivision.

Kathy and Robert Scott to Bill and Levi Hall; Keathley Spradlin Subdivision Hite.

William Setser to Donna and William Setser; Location undisclosed.

Barbara and Eddie Shepherd to Patricia Bays and Glen Johnson; Buckeye Fork of Middle Creek.

James Stumbo to Four J Development Inc; Harold.

Andy Taylor to Diana Taylor; Location undisclosed.

Bobby and Herbie Wells to April and Greg Miller; River Plains Estates.

Ada Williams to Sharon and Stanley Meryers; Otter Creek.

Janet and Larry York to Lacey and Timothy Hall; Location undisclosed.

Religious leaders call for resolution to contract dispute

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — Religious leaders from nine states are asking officials at Appalachian Regional Healthcare and striking nurses at the system's nine hospitals to resolve their contract dispute for the sake of their patients.

"The saddest outcome of this prolonged dispute is that our communities in Appalachia and the quality of our health care will suffer the greatest if this dispute is not settled soon," said the Rev. John Rausch, director of the Catholic Committee on Appalachia.

Rausch and more than 75 other leaders submitted a letter on Wednesday to ARH President and CEO Jerry Haynes and members of the Kentucky and West Virginia nurses association. The letter supports continuous bargaining, but scolds ARH for permanently replacing about 150 of the nurses on-strike.

"From a moral and ethical perspective, the permanent replacement of striking nurses at Appalachian Regional Healthcare must stop; and permanently replaced workers should be reinstated," the letter says.

The statement represents views of religious leaders from

several groups, including the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

About 650 nurses walked off the job Oct. 1. Last week, the remaining 500 rejected a contract offer in a 455-5 vote.

ARH spokeswoman Candace Elkins said company officials were going to meet with Rausch later in the day. "We look forward to the opportunity to talk with Father Rausch about the labor dispute," she said, without elaboration.

Rausch met with 15 nurses on strike from the ARH hospital in Hazard before speaking to reporters. A similar gathering was held in Charleston, W.Va., where the Rev. Dennis Sparks called on the ARH board of trustees to get involved with negotiations.

"Reaching a fair settlement quickly is not only important to the nurses, it is critical to ARH's financial viability, and the future of health care in Appalachian communities," he said in a statement.

Rausch said members of Judeo-Christian faiths were concerned because they felt the lives of patients were at

stake.

"Health care is a human right. It's not a commodity," Rausch said. "In the New Testament, there's healing, there's healing on practically every page. ... Strikes are a horrible breakdown in human cooperation."

He said that while ARH can legally replace the nurses on strike, it's morally wrong.

The nurses have been criticized for leaving their patients behind while they walk the picket line. About 150 have crossed the picket line, many of whom say they feel obligated to take care of their patients.

But those on the picket line say their main purpose for striking is the well-being of their patients. They say that staffing levels are spread too thin and mandatory overtime has become the norm.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Haynes denied the claims, saying federal and state regulators have never found that ARH's staffing levels adversely affect patient outcomes. Payroll documents offered by ARH show that nurses on average worked 2.5 hours overtime a week.


Still, several nurses complained that even if their patients' medical needs were

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Viewpoint

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on presidential candidates and religion: Had Thomas Jefferson been subject to the religious scrutiny American presidential candidates undergo now, he'd have been a nonstarter long before the Iowa caucuses. ...

Jefferson did not believe in the divinity of Christ. "To the corruptions of Christianity, I am indeed opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am a Christian, in the only sense in which he wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines, in preference to all others; ascribing to himself every human excellence, and believing he never claimed any other," Jefferson wrote in 1803.

Certainly many Americans then and now would disagree with Jefferson. But does it matter? Does learning that one of the most brilliant men ever to lead the nation wasn't a Christian in the strict sense of the definition lessen any of his contributions?

And does it matter that Mitt Romney is a Mormon? Or Mike Huckabee a Baptist preacher? Is the test merely the church a candidate attends on Sunday morning? ...

Is it possible that fealty to the Constitution, to the laws of the nation and its traditions, including religious tolerance, ought to be considered as well as proposals to end the war in Iraq, attack climate change, create a fair system of health care and shore up Social Security?

Jefferson wasn't one to press his religion on others. In 1813, he wrote: "Religion is a subject on which I have ever been most scrupulously reserved. I have considered it as a matter between every man and his Maker in which no other, and far less the public, had a right to intermeddle."

Amen.

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, on Bush's mortgage plan:

President Bush's homeowner relief plan is so narrow that it can't even be called a Band-Aid. At least not one that fits.

The voluntary program would freeze rates for some mortgage holders who next year will hit balloon payments. But those now in the throes of crisis, facing either bankruptcy or foreclosure because they can't make their payments, are not covered.

The president's plan seems geared to the wishes of the banking and investing establishment, which favors a government bailout for homeowners over a program that directs mortgage companies how to manage their rates.

Some tax relief for lower- or middle-income families in the worst straits and with limited financial options may be in order. But this is a crisis created by lenders willing to take a risk on borrowers they knew were suspect, and on borrowers who dove in too deep with money they didn't have. They didn't take the precautions obvious to anyone buying Christmas gifts, much less a \$200,000 house.

Congress must be careful to target its support to those in critical need and not pay out billions to rescue an industry and consumers responsible for their own plight. Banks must work with borrowers, as they are, to devise the best path out of this mess.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on Bush, taxes and spending:

No sooner had Congress returned from its Thanksgiving recess than President Bush was urging the lawmakers to pass an array of spending bills. Including money for the Iraq war — on his own terms. But his agenda was more than a little hypocritical.

To understand just how hypocritical, consider what happened before the Thanksgiving recess. In one breath, President Bush says he agrees with a wide majority in Congress who voted to reauthorize the popular, and effective, Head Start program. But in the next breath, Mr. Bush vetoed a spending bill that includes funds for Head Start, on the grounds that the bill would have blown a huge hole in his budget.

Or how's this: In one breath, Mr. Bush warned he would use his veto power to stop Congress from overspending, while in the next he fought — alas, successfully — to protect hedge fund managers and buyout partners from having to pay the same tax rate that millions of ordinary taxpayers must pay. Several of these fund managers are billionaires, others are multimillionaires. Yet the White House not only fought to keep their income tax rate at the capital gains level of 15 percent, but also, incredibly, to borrow \$51 billion to make up for the revenue lost by this preferential tax treatment. ...

At least one billionaire, Warren Buffett, recognizes the absurdity of the Bush position. He has candidly acknowledged that his tax rate is lower than that paid by the people who work for him and who aren't nearly as well off as he. The disparity has shamed him to the point of speaking out. But where is Mr. Bush's sense of fairness? Where is his sense of proportion? Where's his sense of shame?

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Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

For the most part, education in Kentucky over the past 30 years has improved.

We have a more equitable system of school funding thanks to changes made under the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, better school accountability and test scores thanks to the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (or CATS) implemented in 1999, and more college graduates than ever before. At no time in recent history have our students been better able to compete academically than they are right now.

When it comes to physical education, however, Kentucky is not making the grade.

The issue is not with the physical education teachers themselves, but with the state's reluctance to require that its elementary and middle school students spend a specific amount of time engaged in physical activity at school at a time when childhood obesity is on the rise. Instead of setting such a requirement, the state lets each individual school district set its own requirements. This is fine for districts that follow national recommendations for at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week at school, but not all districts are doing that. Moreover, not all districts are financially able to do that.

The solution is for the state and

school districts to work together on this issue so that, together, we can reduce the alarming percentage of obese children in our state.

At least two pieces of legislation has been filed for the 2008 Regular Session that would require districts to provide 30 minutes per day or 150 minutes per week of physical activity for preschoolers through eighth graders but give them options on how they do it. Districts would be able to use a combination of classroom-based physical activity, organized activities at recess or other structured physical exercise. Such options would make the requirement financially viable while helping the state reach our goal of getting our kids physically fit.

Similar legislation was considered by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2007 Regular Session but we could not reach agreement before session's end. Concerns with funding to meet enhanced physical activity requirements was one reason, while the desire of some lawmakers to give school districts the autonomy to set their own requirements for meeting state and federal standards on physical education was another. The concern some districts have with finding time for enhanced requirements in an already-busy school day was also at issue.

What is not at issue is whether Kentucky needs to improve physical activity among its youngsters. We have the third highest percentage of obese children in the country already. If we let the problem escalate, we could see the problem worsen.

We are not alone in this struggle. Recent reports indicating that national obesity rates have doubled for children ages 6 to 11 since the 1970s and more than tripled in that time for children ages 12 through 19 has led many states to pass, or at least consider, time requirements for physical education over the past two years. At least 20 states considered such legislation in both 2006 and 2007, with over 11 states enacting some requirement for physical activity in schools in recent years.

One of those states is Texas, which now requires that all students in grades K-5 have 30 minutes of daily exercise during the school day and will require the same amount of exercise during the school day for middle schoolers beginning next year. The law also requires annual fitness assessments for students in grades three through 12 starting this year. Another is Florida, where a 2007 law requires 150 minutes of physical education weekly for students in kindergarten through fifth grade and 225 minutes weekly for those in grades six through eight.

More states, including Kentucky, hope to find some common ground on the matter in 2008. As the National Conference of State Legislatures reported recently, "...legislators want to help kids start running, dancing and leaping to surmount the challenge and to learn a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity." But mostly, we just want our children to live long, happy lives that a healthy body makes possible.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A real treat for renters this week was the release of two sequels that actually out-matched earlier installments. Braving holiday shopping crowds may be the true measure of one's character, and it was worth the test this week.

■ "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" — Fans may have been split on the fifth novel in the series, but the film actually fared well with critics and audiences alike, grossing around \$280 million at the box office. This is the darkest entry yet in the series and finds young Potter at odds with the faculty at Hogwarts when he is convinced that the evil Lord Voldemort has been reborn. A secret society within the school (check the title)

sides with Potter and offers him their allegiance as the staff at the school begin to exhibit odd behaviors which indicate that Voldemort may be very close at hand and more powerful than suspected. Good stuff that gets a little dark but should please fans of the series and make converts of new audiences. Daniel Radcliffe returns as Potter and gets ample support from Ralph Fiennes ("Schindler's List").

■ "The Bourne Ultimatum" — The spy series (based on books by Robert Ludlum) comes to a thrilling conclusion in this third entry as the amnesiac Bourne pieces together his super spy identity and journeys back the U.S.A. for a showdown with his former handlers. This one has it all and gets by with good pacing, scripting and action

sequences. The handheld camera work may make you a little dizzy (as will a frenetic chase scene in Tangier) but this is solid stuff. Matt Damon is pitch perfect as Bourne and benefits from a fine cast of players, which include Albert Finney, David Strathairn and Joan Allen.

■ "Born Killers" — This low key crime drama is definitely worth your time, especially if the blockbusters are all out. It tells the tale of two boys who were raised by a dangerous psychopath who took them along when he broke into homes, which he calls "Piggy Banks," which also served as the film's original title, and plundered them as well as often killing the inhabitants. The film charts the adult years of these boys, who pursue their father's career

path until a young woman challenges them and creates a bitter triangle that threatens to tear the brothers apart. Smart stuff that paints a shocking picture of children reared by criminals. Tom Sizemore ("Heat") is riveting as the dad from hell.

■ "Undead or Alive" — As a fan of zombie flicks and westerns, I really wanted to like this low budget effort, but it would be easier to look at the north end of a south bound horse for 90 minutes than lay eyes on this dud. Weak scripting and subpar acting fill up most of the screen time, though there are some good gore effects on display. The

film does little with either genre and any chance of a cinematic blowout is arrested promptly when you spy Chris Kattan in the credits as the lead character. Kattan's hyperactive characters from Saturday Night Live were fun in small doses, but watching him prance about on screen and bulge his eyes for 90 minutes will have you praying that they settle the camera on anything else (even a horse's posterior) than his Jerry Lewis inspired antics.

Next week looks promising with the release of Rob Zombie's take on "Halloween" and a live-action look at the supermutt "Underdog."

Last-man-on-Earth saga 'I Am Legend' strikingly shot, then turns cheesy

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

So if we must watch the last man on Earth wander aimlessly, it may as well be someone who can hold our attention like the charismatic Will Smith, star of "I Am Legend."

(Vincent Price and Charlton Heston took on the role with less success in previously cheesy adaptations of the Richard Matheson sci-fi novel, 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" and 1971's "The Omega Man," respectively.)

While Smith certainly conjures both pathos and absurd laughs as Robert Neville, a military scientist whose immunity to a deadly virus leaves him stranded in Manhattan with only his trusted German shepherd for companionship, it's the visual effects in director Francis Lawrence's film that truly dazzle. CGI-enhanced images of Times Square, Washington Square Park and Tribeca, eerily silent and still and covered in weeds, provide a haunting set-up.

Then come the Infected — the ones who didn't die from the virus but rather were transformed into shrieking, flailing crazies who only come out at night. And here's where "I Am Legend" turns from a quiet meditation on the nature of humanity into a B-movie schlockfest.

It's too bad, too, because Lawrence, who previously directed Keanu Reeves in the

thriller "Constantine," is really onto something for a while. With the help of stark cinematography from Andrew Lesnie, he sucks you into this comatose version of the city that never sleeps. It's totally disconcerting, but, at the same time, engrossing — watching Neville roam about with his dog, Sam, and a hunting rifle, past Grand Central Terminal and billboards for "Wicked" and "Rent," you have absolutely no idea what's going to happen next. (Mark Protosevich's screenplay, touched up by Oscar winner Akiva Goldsman, is very different from the previous incarnations of Matheson's book.)

Military man that he is, Neville has his routine down cold, with a daily radio broadcast seeking out any other survivors and alarms to warn him when the sun's about to go down. But he's also a human being who misses the wife and little girl (Smith's 7-year-old daughter, Willow) he lost during the city's frantic evacuation a few years back. (These nighttime flashback scenes, crammed with hundreds of extras and vehicles beneath the Brooklyn Bridge, are beautifully controlled.)

He talks to his dog as if she were a friend (and come on, what dog person doesn't do that anyway?) and is polite enough to return the movies he borrows from his local video store before checking out new ones. By now, he can recite every word to "Shrek," which is amusing and surreal — one blockbuster star mimicking others. But he's also achingly lonely, talking to store mannequins as if they were real people, not unlike Tom Hanks and his beloved volleyball

Wilson in "Cast Away." For all his charm and personality, Smith doesn't quite have the emotional depth of a Hanks to pull it off completely, but he does make you sense his pain nonetheless.

Then Neville's peaceful if tenuous grasp on reality and sanity are disrupted when he realizes the Infected have begun adapting, and aren't just hiding in abandoned buildings anymore but rather banding together to destroy him. Neville keeps trying to capture them one at a time to test different cures on them in his underground lab, but with no success. And he's not the only one they want — again, if you're a dog person, this'll be agonizing to watch.

Conveniently, there's one guy who's the biggest and baddest and serves as their leader (Dash Mihok, known appropriately as Alpha Male). And conveniently, when other survivors do finally respond to Neville's daily radio calls, they happen to be a beautiful woman (Alice Braga) and her son, who are about the same age as his wife and daughter.

The three of them hunker down in Neville's fortified brownstone for one last apocalyptic battle with the baddies. Lots of explosions and rapid gunfire ensue — sound and fury signifying nothing, which is a shame, since "I Am Legend" looked as if it might have had something to say after all.

"I Am Legend," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence. Running time: 100 minutes. Two-and-a-half stars out of four.

Strike

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mct, their emotional needs were neglected. Sometimes, they said, the patients simply need to talk — and nurses were too busy to stop and lend an ear.

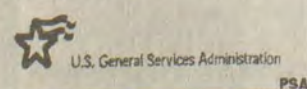
"The patients deserve so much better than what they were given," said Sherry Eversole, a recent nursing graduate who was hired by ARH in July. "I didn't have time to do for those people what they deserve."

Tammy Clemons, a 14-year nursing veteran, had similar motives for striking.

"I want to treat my patients as if they were my family. When I go home, I want to feel good about what I've done," she said.

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sued by the Dillion family and they wanted it to be all about Mike when that happened."

The shooting came on the heels of a series of burglaries and thefts at Luv Homes, where Kirk was general manager.

According to Kirk's complaint, CMH would not provide any help to him in trying to curb the frequent thefts. "They (CMH) told me that it was my problem, not theirs," Kirk testified.

In a written statement John Kirk said, "The company gave him no help whatsoever, and literally placed Mike in a situation of having to do nothing and have all those break-ins and thefts continue, or do something himself."

During the trial Kirk testified that he had called Kentucky State Police and reported that he believed "thieves were going to hit him again" that night and was told by police to call back later if he had something certain to report.

According to testimony,

Kirk was waiting inside a mobile home when he encountered Dillion breaking in. Michael Kirk said he told Dillion to "freeze" and that he had a gun. In his lawsuit, Kirk told the jury that Dillion responded that he had a gun as well and started moving toward him. However, no gun was found on Dillion's person later.

Michael Kirk was not arrested and no charges were filed. In July 2006, a grand jury concluded its investigation and determined that no indictment was warranted.

"I regret what happened," Kirk said, "I regret that Luv Homes didn't do something about all those break-ins. I regret that police were not able to catch the thief and I certainly regret that someone's life was lost."

As of press time, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs of Lexington, counsel for CMH, had not commented on whether or not they intended to appeal the decision.

Bullying

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deeply missed by the entire school and community. Our condolences go out to his family and loved ones."

Visibly shaken by the details surrounding Stephen's death given by his family Wednesday night, members of the board called for a moment of silence and a short recess in conducting business.

"You can be assured," said board chair Jeff Stumbo, "that this board will address this situation and that we will be making some comments."

Another parent, Ann Daniels, appeared at the meeting to inform that her child, a female, had also been the victim of bullying at the school.

"The kids are afraid to tell us," she said. "This is happening to other children. They get made fun of ... They aren't telling anybody and they're afraid if they hit back, they'll get in trouble."

The Floyd school board, however, voted Nov. 26, just two days prior to the morning of Stephen Patton's death, to no longer impose disciplinary actions on those students who fight back in self-defense as a result of unprovoked attacks occurring on school grounds.

With a promise to delve deeper into the alleged problem of school bullying, Jeff

Stumbo suggested to his fellow board members the possibility of consulting an outside specialist in such matters.

"We need to inquire as to how our educators did not know," said vice-chair Carol Stumbo. "We need to involve teachers in discussions."

Board member Sherry Robinson suggested implementing a "countywide campaign against bullying."

"We had a countywide campaign on attendance," she said. "Maybe we need to focus countywide on bullying."

A 2001 study by psychologist Tonja Nansel, PhD, involving more than 15,000 US students, grades six through 10, found that 17 percent of students surveyed reported having been bullied "sometimes" or more often, with 6 percent reporting that they had both been victims and perpetrators of bullying incidents.

Victims of bullying, according to the Nansel report, tend to be cautious, sensitive, quiet, shy and withdrawn; are often anxious, insecure, unhappy, and suffering from low self-esteem; are depressed and prone to suicidal ideation; often do not have a single good friend and tend to relate better to adults than to their peers; and, if boys, tend to be physically weaker

than their peers. Additionally, they often do not want to attend school and will often fake illness in order to get out of going to school.

Stephen Patton's grandmother, Ann Shepherd, reported to the board members that her grandson was a well-behaved, quiet child who "loved everybody and never wanted to hurt anybody."

"Please," she said, "help the other children who are suffering."

"This has been such a senseless thing," said Sheila Patton. "Some things just have to change. We don't want another child to have to die."

Newly hired superintendent Henry Webb said that his office would "immediately establish a committee" to look into the matter of school bullying. "We'll see what other districts are doing, what's being done nationally and such and we will involve parents, teachers and the community. We'll address this immediately."

Other business items slated for discussion on Wednesday's agenda were tabled for discussion to the Monday, Dec. 17, meeting, to be held at McDowell Elementary School.

Online

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than once for understanding," said Dr. Shiber. "Students also reported working harder in Philosophy because they had no discussion with professors to help them understand certain concepts."

Other areas of criticism of online courses reported in the study included technical problems with the Blackboard Academic Suite, internet service providers and home computers.

Shiber's report also looks into credible testing for online courses. According to Dr. Shiber students may have others take a test for them, or copy answers directly from a book.

"The issue is learning," said Dr. Shiber. "This affects a college or university's reputation."

While the study reveals that there are problems with online

courses, the general findings indicate a positive experience, with 86 percent of those surveyed saying they would take another online course.

Shiber plans to follow-up and expand upon his study.

"For a single mother or someone who works full time, the courses are very convenient," Dr. Shiber said, "but the student must be disciplined."

The paper on online learning was presented at the 93rd annual Kentucky Academy of Science at the University of Louisville in November of this year.

Dr. Shiber, who is in his 17th year at BCSTC, has previously worked at the American University of Beirut, Purdue University, Houston, and Springfield College.

State settles with fired worker

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state has agreed to pay more than \$360,000 to settle with a Transportation Cabinet worker who helped bring a merit investigation that crippled former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

Under the settlement, the Transportation Cabinet would pay Michael Duncan, the cabinet's chief deputy inspector general, \$369,200.79 to end lawsuits related to his 2005 firing.

Duncan agreed to drop a civil case in federal court and the Transportation Cabinet will end its appeal of a Personnel Board ruling that found Duncan was wrongly fired for political reasons.

The state Personnel Board also ordered him to return to work with back pay.

He was one of several state merit employees on a so-called "hit list" of workers targeted for negative employment actions. Duncan contended he was fired in 2005 because he

supported Democrat Ben Chandler in the 2003 governor's race.

The settlement was finalized on Dec. 4.

The payment to Duncan represents \$129,200.70 in lost wages and benefits and \$240,000 to settle the suit against the cabinet, former cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert, former Deputy Secretary Jim Adams and Fletcher.

A special grand jury investigated the matter for 16 months and indicted 15 officials, including Fletcher.

Fletcher pardoned everyone in his administration but himself and later settled the charges against him in an agreement with Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

In the agreement, Fletcher and the other defendants denied any wrongdoing and assert that they acted "properly and lawfully" when they fired Duncan, who hadn't yet completed a six-month probationary period.

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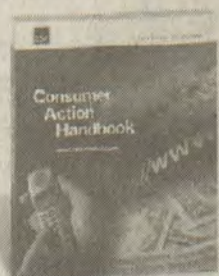
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Christmas Tummy Yummies

Makes 15 trees

Prep time: 15 minutes

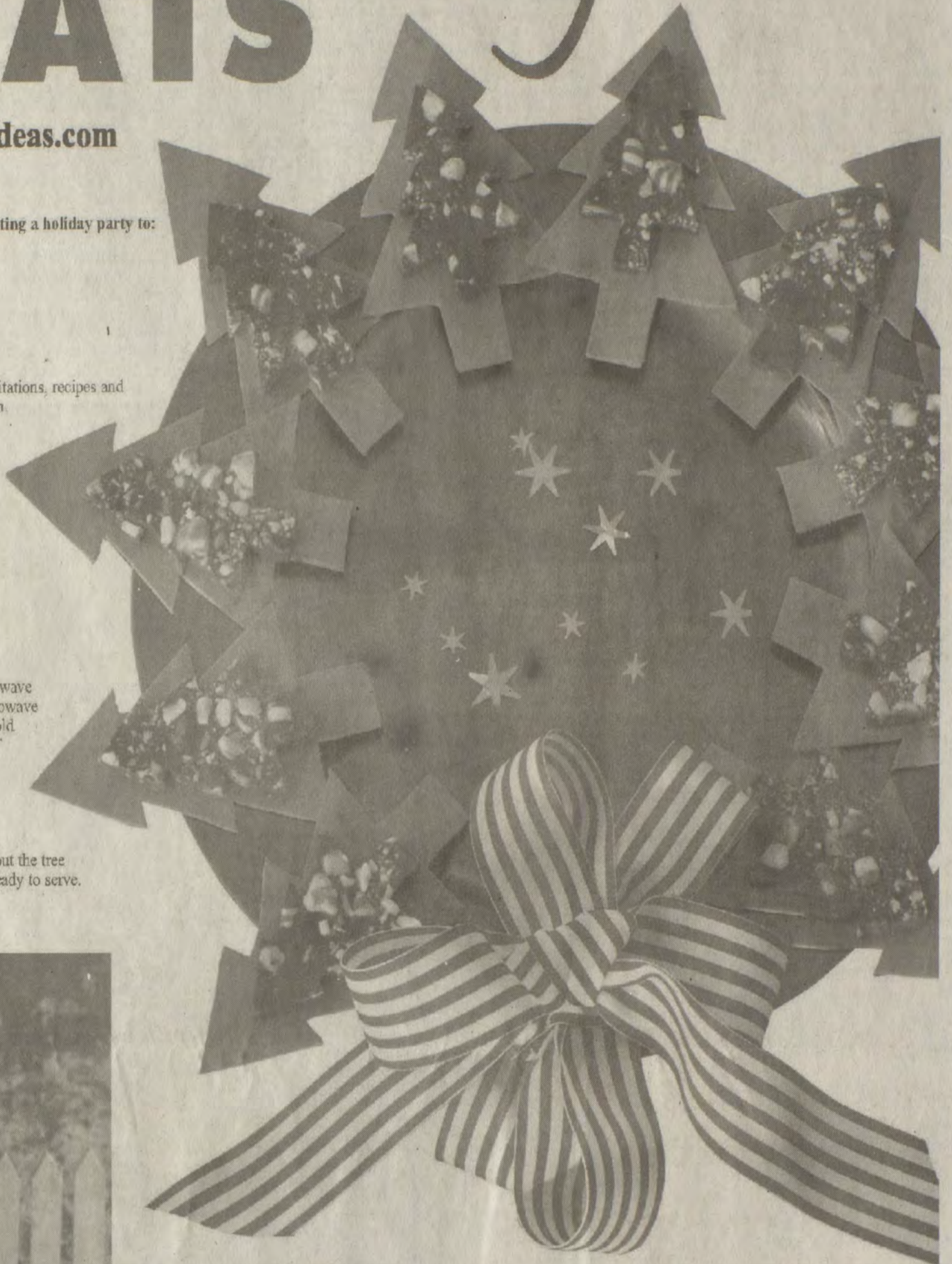
Decoration time: 15 minutes

Refrigeration time: 60 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

- 2 bags DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
- 1 1/4 cups finely crushed candy canes or peppermints
- 2 cookie sheet pans

1. Line the cookie sheet pans with foil; set aside.
2. Melt the DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate in the microwave for 1 minute, then remove and stir the chocolate. Return to microwave for another minute, or until all remaining pieces have melted. Fold in 1/4 cup of the crushed candy canes. Spread the mixture onto prepared sheet pans with a spatula or back of a spoon. Tap the pan lightly on a counter to remove any air bubbles from the chocolate.
3. Sprinkle the remaining crushed candy canes over the top of the chocolate. Refrigerate until set, approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
4. Use a warm knife or a warm tree shaped cookie cutter to press-out the tree shapes. Transfer to a wax paper lined pan and refrigerate until ready to serve. Chop the scraps and use as a topping for ice cream or cake.



Christmas Wish Pie — For this tasty holiday recipe, go to www.BrightIdeas.com.



Holly Jolly Snowmen

Makes 4 snowmen (approximately 4 servings)

Prep time: 20 minutes

Decoration time: 30 minutes

Cooking time: 5 minutes

Difficulty: Moderate

- 20 cups popped popcorn (1 cup unpopped)
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 bag M&M'S® Brand MINIS Milk Chocolate Candies
 - 4 DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
 - 4 chocolate wafer cookies
 - 1 tube white decorating frosting
1. Preheat oven to 200°F. Spread popcorn on 2 sheet pans and place in oven to keep warm.
 2. Combine sugar, corn syrup and salt in medium saucepan. Bring mixture to boil over medium heat and cook until sugar is dissolved and mixture becomes thick, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add butter and stir until melted. Remove from heat.
 3. Transfer popcorn to very large bowl and toss with sugar mixture until completely coated. Stir in M&M'S® Brand MINIS Milk Chocolate Candies, leaving a handful aside for decoration.
 4. With well-buttered hands, shape popcorn mixture into 3 different size balls: 2-inch, 3-inch and 5-inch.
 5. Stack popcorn balls in descending sizes, using a wooden skewer pressed through center as support. For variation, make some snowmen using three different size balls and others with only two different size balls.
 6. Use decorating frosting to attach M&M'S® Brand MINIS Milk Chocolate Candies for scarves, buttons and faces. To make hat, stack 1 DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate on top of 1 chocolate wafer and attach with frosting.

Holiday Ornament Dessert — For this creative holiday recipe, go to www.BrightIdeas.com.



Christmas Chocolate Drops

Makes 36 cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes

Baking time: 10 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate
- 8 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 cups chopped nuts: such as walnuts, pecans or toasted almonds

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line 2 sheet pans with foil and set aside.
2. Melt half of DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate with butter in top of double boiler until smooth. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Meanwhile, roughly chop remaining chocolates and set aside.
3. To make batter, combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt in small bowl; set aside. In large bowl, beat eggs and sugar until thick and light yellow, about 2 minutes. Stir in flour mixture and cooled chocolate and beat 1 minute. Fold in remaining chopped DOVE® Brand Miniatures Dark Chocolate.
4. Drop tablespoons of batter onto prepared cookie sheet pans about 2 inches apart. Bake approximately 10 minutes, or until just firm. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and cool 5 minutes before removing from pans.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD
First Assembly of God, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
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Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner: Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
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Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egypt on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patrick and Buddy Jones, Ministers.
First Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lucy C. Workman, minister.

CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Darron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.
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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.
Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley. Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weebury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Praler, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
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EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

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Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.
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Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
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Free Pentecostal Church, Dwall; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.
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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Akken.
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Union hits from the line in OT win over Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE - Union College scored six straight points in a 1:07 stretch of overtime to win the free-throw shooting contest that was a women's basketball game 94-91 over Pikeville College.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 27-of-41 (65.9 percent) from the charity stripe while the Lady Bears were 22-of-31 (71 percent) in a game that featured some 53 personal fouls.

Pikeville (1-10) took the lead 89-87 when freshman Whitney Compton hustled downcourt and scored on a putback with 2:26 left

in overtime. But after that, the Lady Dogs scored the next six - four free throws sophomore Ashley Lunsford split by a basket by senior Allison Fowler - to take a 93-89 lead with 1:10 left.

Pikeville pulled within two when junior Whitney Hogg sank two free throws with 1:00 left. With the score 94-91, the Lady Bears got the ball off a turnover with 12.1 seconds left, but turned it over before getting a shot off as Union held on for the win.

Union (8-4) scored eight straight in the second half, and when Lunsford sank a three with 9:53 left, the lead was 67-55.

But Pikeville then outscored its

host 20-8 over the next seven minutes, with senior Heather English accounting for nine of them, and when junior Kristal Daniels scored with 2:05 left, Pikeville had battled all the way back to lead 77-75.

Union, however, scored five straight late to take an 82-79 lead with 11 seconds left, but Pikeville ran a perfect set to free freshman Lauren Potts, who sank a three as the horn sounded to send the game to overtime.

Five Lady Bulldogs reached double figures, led by Lunsford and sophomore Carley Blankenship with 17 points each. Sophomore Brooke Smith had 16 while Fowler tossed in 13 and

junior Susanna Todd 12.

For Pikeville, junior Alice Daniel led four players in double digits with 18, thanks to 4-of-9 shooting from the arc. English had 17 and seven rebounds.

Daniels, a Betsy Layne High School graduate, followed with her first double-double of the season, scoring 15 and pulling down 13 rebounds. While it was her third time in double figures off the glass, it was her first trip in the scoring column this season. She added four blocked shots as well.

Hogg was 9-of-10 from the line to finish with 11 points and led the team with five assists and blocked three shots.



photo courtesy of Union College
KRISTAL DANIELS defended against Union College's Brooke Smith.

Notes...while on the road

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes written on my trusty atlas:

- Basketball season, at least for Div. I schools, is quickly coming unraveled in our fair Commonwealth.

Kentucky is 4-3 and thanking God for the 312th toughest schedule in the country, while Rick Pitino and Louisville is losing players faster than Dale Junior can wreck a Chevy. Good news for both of them is as long as they have each other on their respective schedule, one will

about have to get a win.

I've been very disappointed in the comments made by Billy G., who's job it was to

save us from the same fate Tubby had led us. From here, doesn't look like that'll be a problem.

On his postgame interview after Saturday's staggering performance against Indiana, Gillispie reckoned that as a senior and his team's leader, Ramel Bradley should have known better than to foul out with nearly 14 minutes left.

First of all, perhaps Billy Clyde should have slowed down the party long enough to watch a game or two from the last three seasons. Had he done that, he'd have known what the rest of us do - nothing can be left to Bradley's discretion, unless your desire is poor shot selection.

Then there's this: Is it just me or does the coach have to take some responsibility for leaving a player in the game with four fouls and 14 minutes left in the game? Not according to Gillispie's postgame remarks.

I understand he was left with some questionable players, and I had no visions of a Final Four trip in the spring. But at this early stage, I've been no more impressed with his coaching than with their talent.

And I'll just leave it with that. Meanwhile, Sam Smith's favorite team has had some unfortunate luck, again. First David Padgett suffered what was possibly a career-ending injury. That guy's a player, no doubt

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photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central senior guard Alex Hammonds (25) dribbled against Prestonsburg's Jody Tackett during Tuesday's Floyd County Conference/58th District game between the host Rebels and Blackcats.

Rebels bounce back, beat Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central hosted Prestonsburg in an intriguing Floyd County Conference/58th District boys' basketball matchup Tuesday night at storied J.E. Campbell Arena. After trailing by a basket at the conclusion of the opening quarter, Allen Central battled back and gradually pulled away from the visiting unit. The Rebels maintained control of the game's last three quarters en route to an 80-60 win.

Senior guard Aaron Crum hit five three-pointers and scored a game-high 28 points for the Rebels.

Prestonsburg shot well in the opening quarter, exiting the first period out in front 18-16.

Allen Central, however, collected itself after the initial frame. The Rebels outscored Prestonsburg 20-13 in the second quarter en route to a 36-31 halftime advantage.

Allen Central padded its lead in the third quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 23-14.

Logan Crowder added 24 points for Allen Central. Hunter Crowder followed with 10 points for the Rebels.

Senior Alex Hammonds and junior Josh Prater lent scoring to a balanced Allen Central offensive effort. Hammonds and Prater scored six points apiece.

Robbie Cole and Clinton Turner rounded out the Allen Central scoring with four and two points, respectively.

Sophomore guard Michael Burchett scored a team-high 23 points for the Blackcats. Senior guard Jordan Hall added 16 points

for Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg, which dropped to 0-2, benefitted from six points apiece from seniors Taylor Clark, Nathaniel Stephens and Josh Rodebaugh. Allen Central improved to 4-1 after posting the conference/district win.

AC 80, PRESTONSBURG 60
PRESTONSBURG (0-2) - Hall 16, Tackett 2, Clark 6, Stephens 6, Burchett 23, Rodebaugh 6, Setser 2.
ALLEN CENTRAL (4-1) - Hammonds 6, Crum 28., Prater 6, L. Crowder 24, H. Crowder 10, Turner 2, Cole 4.
Prestonsburg.....18 13 14 15-60
AC.....16 20 23 21-80

P'burg outlasts Lady Rebs

EASTERN - After being doubled up 12-6 in the opening quarter, Prestonsburg outscored host Allen Central 31-18 in the second and third periods Tuesday night en route to a 48-43 win.

Senior forward Julianne Frye hit six three-point field goals and led Prestonsburg with a game-high 20 points.

Frye and her fellow four starters accounted for all of the Lady Blackcat scoring.

Linsey Fields followed Frye in the Lady Blackcat scoring column. Fields finished with 13 points.

Hannah Fitzpatrick added six points for Prestonsburg, providing all of her scoring offense in the final period.

Rikki Hughes tossed in five points

and Brittany Collins netted our as Jack Pack-coached Prestonsburg claimed the all-important Floyd County Conference/58th District victory.

Prestonsburg prevailed, despite hitting only 10 field goals and seven-of-18 shots from the free throw line.

Sara Johnson and Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with 132 points apiece.

Allen Central also featured five scorers. Jaimie Mullins and Megan Jones followed with six points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Brandi Brown aided the Allen Central offensive effort with five points.

The Lady Rebels hit 14-of-25 free throw attempts.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior Taylor Clark (11) went up with a shot.

Lawson leads Ladycats past Magoffin County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Senior center Kaitlin Lawson produced a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds to lead visiting Betsy Layne past Magoffin County Monday night. The Ladycats outscored Magoffin County 25-14 in the second half en route to a 48-40 win.

Magoffin County started on a solid note, outscoring Betsy Layne 15-11 in the first quarter. But the Lady Hornets couldn't maintain the successful first-quarter pace.

Magoffin County had a 26-23 lead at halftime before Betsy Layne owned the third quarter to the tune of an 18-11 scoring run.

Megan Hamilton added 10 points for the Ladycats. Seven different Betsy Layne players provided scoring.

Taylor Hoyt and Lindsey Martin netted eight points apiece for Betsy Layne. Krista Flanery scored five points and Andie Meade added four in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

Faith Reynolds rounded out

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Bears ranked 24th in new poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College Bears will go into the holidays ranked 24th in the country according to the NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll.

Having only played one game during the rating period, the Bears stepped up one place to 24th in the poll released on Wednesday afternoon.

Pikeville got an 84-69 win over Brescia University on Saturday afternoon, one day after a week off for final exams. The win improved the Bears to 9-2 on the season and stretched their win streak to six straight.

Mountain State University remained atop the poll, getting 10 of the 11 first-place votes. Georgetown College, the top Mid-South Conference team in the poll, moved into sole possession of second place after being tied with Concordia (Calif.) University. The Tigers, 12-0 on the season, garnered the other first-place vote.

Oklahoma Baptist and LSU-Shreveport completed the top five Campbellsville University, with its 11-2 record, is sixth.

Georgetown, Campbellsville and Pikeville remain the only MSC teams in the poll. Lindsey Wilson College is the only other MSC team getting votes, listed among the 17 teams getting votes yet not making the Top 25.

GAME POSTPONED: Pikeville College's game Sunday afternoon against The Ohio State-Newark has been postponed. The Bears were to host the Titans at the Pikeville College Gym. Efforts are being made to reschedule the game at a later date.

Miners activate Allen, deactivate Price

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The East Kentucky Miners announced on Tuesday forward Byron Allen had been activated and added to the team's roster. In addition to Allen's activation, East Kentucky announced guard Daniel Price had been deactivated.

Allen appeared in seven games before being deactivated earlier in the season. The Northwestern State product is averaging 3.3 points and 1.7 rebounds per game for the Miners.

A Pikeville College graduate, Price played in five games before being deactivated. Price made the most of his time with the

Miners, averaging 10.8 points per game. He joined the CBA team when suspensions were dealt out to guards Bryant Northern



BYRON ALLEN

and Jason McLeish. In five games prior to the most recent roster move,

Price played 88 minutes, scoring a total of 54 points.

"Daniel Price came in and contributed right away," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He came into training camp with a great attitude, worked hard and after the initial roster took shape, got the opportunity to make a difference for our basketball team."

East Kentucky is currently 5-7. The Miners were back in action Thursday on the road in North Dakota versus the Minot Dakota Rockets.

Minot (7-2) is the frontrunner in the American Conference. Thursday's game ended too late to make this edition.



photos courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
EAST KENTUCKY GUARD Jason McLeish went up for a shot during Monday's home game versus Minot.

AP FCS All-America team announced

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Ricky Santos capped one of the most prolific college careers a quarterback has ever had with an All-America season.

The New Hampshire quarterback, along with record-breaking running back Omar Cuff of Delaware, were selected to The Associated Press FCS All-America team released Wednesday.

Santos, last season's Walter Payton Award winner as the best player in what was formerly known as Division I-AA, has led the Wildcats to the playoffs each season. He threw for 2,972 yards and 24 touchdowns this season and New Hampshire finished 7-5 after a Football Championship Subdivision playoff loss to top-ranked Northern Iowa.

Santos' 123 career touchdown passes and 13,212 yards passing ranks third in FCS history behind Alcorn State's Steve McNair and Grambling State's Bruce Eugene.

Cuff, who will lead the Blue Hens into the national championship game against Appalachian State, set an FCS record for touchdowns this season with 38. He's also run for 1,861 yards.

"I'm totally unaware of all that," Cuff said of the records Wednesday in a phone interview from Chattanooga, Tenn., where the title game will be played Friday night.

Delaware recruited Cuff as a defensive back, but during his freshman season the Blue Hens shifted him to offense, where he wanted to play all along.

"They were low at running back on the scout team," he said. "I was able to take advantage of the opportunity."

With another big game against Appalachian State, Cuff can break a few more records. He is one touchdown short of Barry Sanders' Division I record of 39 and with four TDs he can break the all-division record of 41 held set by Mount Union's Dan Ough in 2002.

Cuff's teammate, kicker Jon Striefsky, was also a first-team All-American. Striefsky leads the nation's kickers with 124 points.

Appalachian State, which is trying for a record third straight national title and began the season by beating Michigan, was represented on the All-America team by offensive lineman Kerry Brown and safety Corey Lynch.

Lynch blocked a field goal on the game's final play to preserve the victory against the

Wolverines and Brown is one of two players to repeat as an All-American. Portland State offensive lineman Brennan Carvalho was the other two-time All-American.

The rest of the first-team offensive linemen were Chad Rinehart of Northern Iowa, Mitch Erickson of South Dakota State and Demetrius Bell of Northwestern State.

Georgia Southern's Jayson Foster, a Payton Award finalist this season, joined Cuff and Santos in the backfield. The 5-foot-9, 164-pound Foster is second in the nation in touchdowns (24) and yards rushing per game (167.6).

The other Payton Award finalists were the second- and third-team quarterbacks. San Diego's Josh Johnson was picked to the second team and Northern Iowa's Eric Sanders made the third team.

The receivers were Terrell Hudgins of Elon, who leads the nation in yards receiving with 1,474, and Cal Poly's Ramses Barden, who has 1,467 yards and is averaging 26 yard per catch.

Blake Martin from Sam Houston State was the first-team tight end.

Hampton's Jeremy Gilchrist, who has returned three punts for touchdowns this season, was the all-purpose player.

Joining Lynch in the secondary was James Madison's Tony LeZotte, a second-team pick last season, along with Bobbie Williams from Bethune-Cookman and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie from Tennessee State.

The linebackers were Bobby Daly from Montana State, Brian Bradford from Towson and Brannon Carter from Northern Iowa, who was Gateway, Conference defensive player of the year.

The defensive line was comprised of four players who were honored with player of the year awards by their conferences.

Montana's Kroy Biermann, who has 15 sacks, won Big Sky honors for topdefensive player. Brian Johnston of Gardner-Webb was the Big South's top defensive player. Eric Bakhtiari of San Diego, who leads the nation with 20 sacks, was the Pioneer League's defensive player of the year. Bryan Smith of McNeese State was the Southland Conference player of the year.

Texas State's Chris MacDonald was the All-American punter after leading the nation with a 46-yard average.

Ladycats

the Betsy Layne scoring with two points.

In a defensive fourth quarter, Betsy Layne outscored Magoffin County 7-3.

The Ladycats improved to 3-2. Ashley Hall scored a game-high 18 points for homestanding Magoffin County. Breanna Adams was Magoffin County's second-leading scorer with 12 points.

Following the loss, Magoffin County slipped to 2-2.

Bobcats rout Riverside Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne won a second straight game Monday night, defeating visiting Riverside Christian 93-39.

The victory was Betsy Layne's third in four games.

The Bobcats outscored Riverside Christian 28-11 in the opening quarter on their way to the convincing win.

Sam Keathley led Betsy Layne with 15 points. Jerrod Newman added 11 points for the Bobcats.

Fifteen different Betsy Layne players scored in the lopsided victory.

Betsy Layne carried a 49-19 lead into halftime.

Jason Napier led Riverside Christian with 19 points. David Poppy added 13 points for the Rams.

Riverside Christian is a member

BL 48, MAGOFFIN CO. 40
BETSY LAYNE (3-2) —
Lawson 11, Hamilton 10, Hott 8,
Martin 8, Flanery 5, Meade 4,
Reynolds 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (2-2) —
A. Hall 18, Adams 12, Prater 4,
Powers 3, Minix 2, Marshall 1.
BL.....11 12 18 7-48
Magoffin Co...15 11 11 3-40

of the Three Rivers Conference.

Betsy Layne scored 22 points in each of the last two quarters.

Phelps defeated the Bobcats 59-46 Tuesday night. The Bobcats were playing at Piarist Thursday night. The Betsy Layne-Piarist game ended too late to make this edition.

BETSY LAYNE 93,
RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN 39
RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN (0-3) —
Gross 2, Napier 19, Poppy 13,
Robinson 3, Daniels 2.

BETSY LAYNE (3-3) — Case 7,
Lafferty 4, Keathley 15, Head 7,
Tibbs 4, R. Tackett 2, Maldonado 2,
Kidd 9, Newman 11, McKay 1, J.
Tackett 8, Adkins 7, Stumbo 2, B.
Tackett 7, C. Adkins 7.

R. Christ.....11 8 12 8-39
BL.....28 21 22 22-93

Valley holds off Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Host Shelby Valley built an early lead and defeated Prestonsburg 54-43 Wednesday night in a 15th Region girls' basketball matchup.

Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg 15-8 in the opening quarter and went on to tote a 31-18 lead into halftime.

Each team's five starters provided all of the scoring.

Kayla Cantrell and Sally Roberts led Shelby Valley with 14 points apiece. Laura Perkins joined her teammates in double figures scoring, finishing with 12 points.

Amanda Sawyers and Kayla Smallwood rounded out the Shelby Valley scoring with eight and six points, respectively.

Shelby Valley is under the

guidance of first-year head coach Rodney Rowe.

Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 15 points. Brittany Collins collected 11 points and Julianne Frye added 10 for the visiting team. Hannah Fitzpatrick (6) and Rikki Hughes (1) also provided scoring for the Lady Blackcats.

Shelby Valley led 47-33 at the end of the varsity game's third quarter. The Lady Wildcats ended last season with a loss to Belfry in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. Belfry went on to finish as the 15th Region runner-up.

Shelby Valley won the junior varsity game 55-32 behind a game-high 13 points from Sarah Wright.

For the Prestonsburg JV team, Katy Petry scored 12 points and Kristian Waugh added 11.

Louisville forward Character suspended for curfew violation

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville forward Derrick Character has been suspended from the No. 22 Cardinals indefinitely for a curfew violation, coach Rick Pitino said Monday.

Character, who will move out of the dormitory where he lives with the rest of the basketball team, has had a series of run-ins with Pitino since the sophomore arrived last season. He was sent home to New Jersey briefly almost a year ago.

Pitino said he wasn't sure when Character would return. "It's going to be a while."

The team, and not Pitino, decided on the suspension, the coach said.

Pitino wanted to suspend him before last weekend's loss to Dayton, he said, but gave in to players' requests to play him Saturday. Character is second on the team in scoring this season with 13.4 points per game and also averages 7.4 rebounds, but his playing time has been cut short by foul troubles. Character had at least four fouls in six of the Cardinals' seven games.

The Cardinals' front line was already depleted by injuries to center David Padgett and forward Juan Palacios, both seniors. Both dressed for Saturday's game but did not play in the 70-65 loss. Padgett was one of the players who pushed for Character to play, Pitino said.

In order to play, Character signed a contract Saturday, which included a curfew — "the easiest thing on the contract," Pitino said.

Character broke curfew the same night.

"The sad thing about it all is he knows how much the team went to bat for him," Pitino said. "And he also knows how much he's needed, already being short-handed."

Now without Character, the Cardinals lack a significant offensive presence in the low post. Senior center Terrance Farley is a solid defender and one of the best shot blockers on the team but has a career average of 1.8 points per game.

Sophomore Earl Clark leads the team in scoring (14.1) and rebounds (11.9) and will likely play some center, and 6-foot-6-inch Terrence Williams will play at power forward, Pitino said.

"We've got to get guys now learning new positions, go through as if it's October 15th again," Pitino said.

Though Pitino knows the bind not having Character puts on the Cardinals, Character is still his player, the coach said.

"If I made a mistake in recruiting him, it's my mistake, but he's still my player," Pitino said. "I'm going to stick by him 100 percent, all the way, until his time is up. ... You stick by people, but you do the right thing from your principles."

Louisville's next game is Saturday against Purdue in Indianapolis. Both teams are 5-2.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Aaron Crum,
ACHS Boys' Basketball

Kaitlin Lawson,
BLHS Girls' Basketball

Notes

about that. Now the thinking is he could be back as early as this season, but either way, it's a setback.

Then last week, the unfortunately named Derrick Character reared his ugly head. This is a guy who needs to be gone. Begging to play, the guy agreed to sign a contract promising to keep his curfew agreement. That very night, he broke it.

I was never crazy about Pitino while he was in Lexington, and still hold to my opinion that after the Unforgettables, he forgot about in-state talent. But he deserves a better fate than the one he's been dealt in Louisville.

— Kelly Wells was a proud husband a couple of weeks ago. On the day the Pikeville College team he coaches finished up play in the Roy N. Baker Classic in McKenzie, Tenn., his wife Shawne was down the road in Memphis running in the inaugural St. Jude Memphis Marathon and Half Marathon on Dec. 7 benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Kelly said there was no way at this point he

could do it, but he was very proud of Shawne for finishing the course. For the record, she completed the 13 miles in a time of 2:01:53.

— If all worked out properly, by the time you read this I'll be in Florida preparing for a trip with the Lady Bears. I plan to do a "Dear Diary" on the Pikeville College Web site, a link which will be found at www.pc.edu <http://www.pc.edu/>. Please stop by and check it out. With the crew I'm traveling with, it should be an entertaining read.

— If I was going to be in town this weekend, I'd be at the Expo Center for the Farm Bureau Classic. A lot of work has gone into this to bring in some quality teams, and I'd about guarantee it will be a good time.

— How quickly can Michael Vick go away? Please?

— On a news segment on ESPN Radio Wednesday afternoon, the announcer referenced an "astonishing lack of ethics" when talking about Bobby Petrino leaving Atlanta for Arkansas.

Eagles active in community service projects

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Coach Donnie Tyndall, his staff and his Morehead State University men's basketball team have been active in community service projects during recent weeks.

During November, Eagle players visited McBrayer, Clearfield, Rodburn and Olive Hill elementary schools to visit classrooms and read to students.

Tyndall and members of the MSU squad also "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army at the Morehead Wal-Mart store.

"I believe that it is very important for my staff and our team to give back to the community," Tyndall said. "And, what better time of year to help raise money for charitable organizations than the Christmas season. We are all very fortunate to have the opportunities that we have and hope that we can make others

feel special during the holidays."

The Eagle men's basketball team was honored at last spring's Annual Athletics Honors Banquet with a Certificate of Appreciation for their community service work.

In October, the Basketball Eagles and other MSU student-athletes played host to youngsters from throughout the community and region with their annual "Trick-or-Treat With the Eagles."



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NATHANIEL STEPHENS (55) is back on the hardwood for Prestonsburg following a stellar senior football season. photo by Jamie Howell

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THROUGH MY EYES

Golf, anyone?

This time of year, it's easy to allow ourselves to hold little personal pity party's and let our minds run rampant with thoughts of how "everyone else" is having a merrier holiday than we are. Television commercials repeat images of happy families and kanoodling couples opening gifts of diamond rings, expensive colognes, the latest in electronic technological devices...

It's easy, when your pocketbook and bank accounts are heading toward the negative, to keep your mind on the positive.

But, as a friend of mine remarked to me just a few weeks back, no matter how dire your current situation may seem, it isn't too awfully hard to look around and see someone in an even worse



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

(See EYES, page seven)

DINNER DIVA

Eat, drink and be merry

by LEANNE ELY

Last week, I sent up a warning flag on the dangers of getting a "jelly belly" this time of year. And while this may seem contradictory, I also want to encourage you (within reason and moderation!) to ENJOY these holidays and the celebratory spreads that come with them!



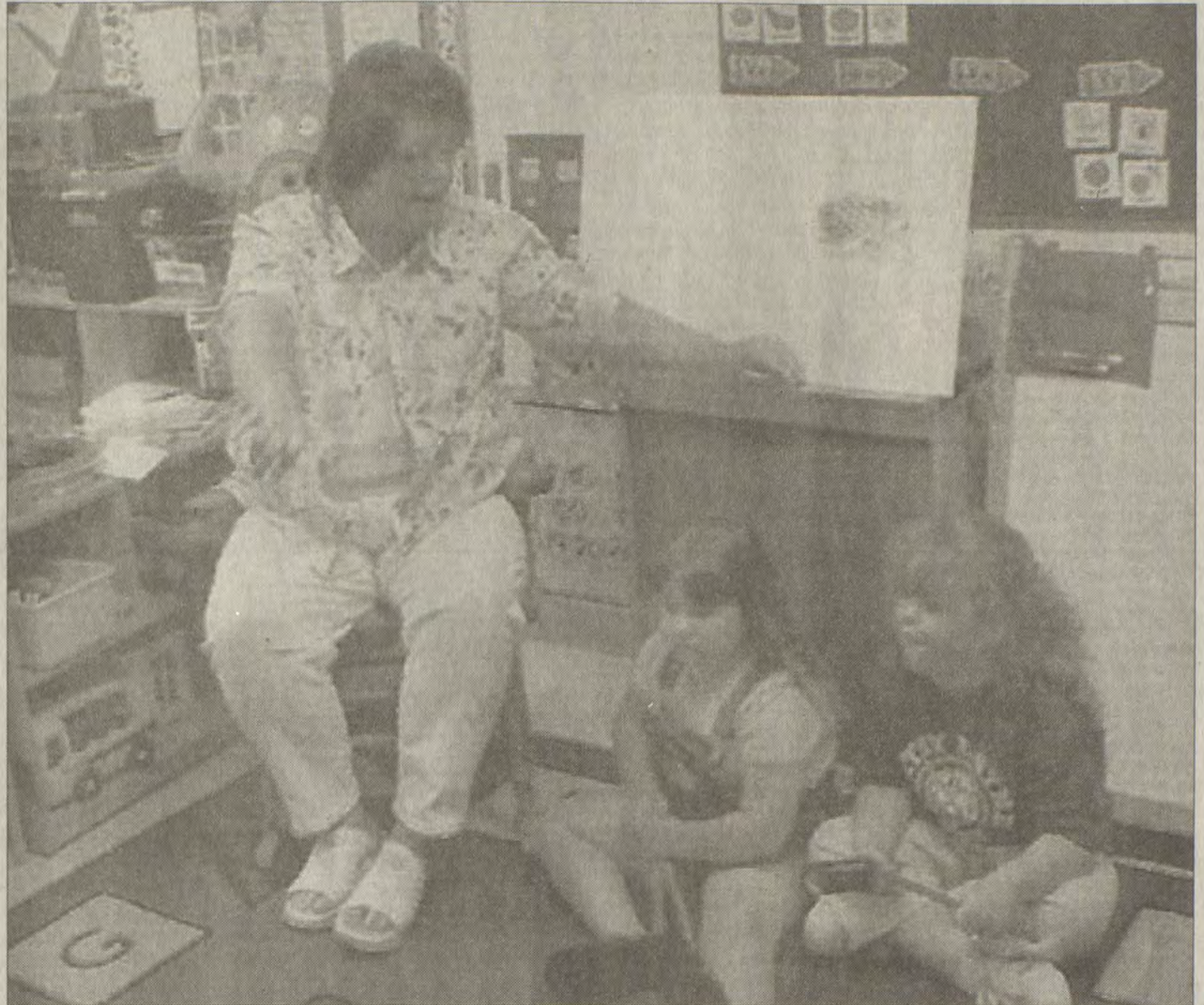
Leanne Ely

That doesn't mean you have to strap on the feedbag and eat like it's your last meal, however!

This column, "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" is a classic that bears repeating. Please enjoy it and the festive recipe appearing at the end of the column.

A long time ago, when my daughter was about 6 or 7, I took her to a children's birthday party. It was pretty typical - games, lots of junky food, birthday cake and ice cream. I couldn't even tell you the name of the child the party was for or anything about it except I remember this one poor little kid

(See DIVA, page seven)



Cynthia says that the hardest part of enduring her illness has been having to give up her work as a Pre-School/Head Start teacher.

Hoping for a special Christmas gift Local woman in need of new kidney

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

'Tis the season for giving and one Prestonsburg woman is hoping that she will be granted a very special gift this holiday season - that of a new kidney.

Cynthia Allen, 47, of Prestonsburg, has spent the greater part of her life giving - in the field of education - and she is hoping now that some of the generous spirit she worked so hard to instill in her young students will somehow find its way back to her.

"I know that I touched a lot of lives," she said, "and I'm hoping that maybe somewhere out there, there will be someone who will remember me that may be able to help me out."

Cynthia, who has been diabetic for most of her life, has known for the past several years that she would soon be in need of a new kidney. Stricken with cancer six years ago, surgery performed to help rid her body of damaged organs left her with a portion of her pancreas removed, as well as her spleen, adrenal gland, and one of her kidneys.

"My one kidney has managed to work pretty well," she said, "but now, my diabetes is affecting it and I have to undergo dialysis. I'm going to have to have a new kidney, there's no doubt about that."

Working since the age of 16, Cynthia loved the work she did as a Pre-school/Head Start teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary School, but was forced to quit as her health deteriorated to the point that she could no longer be an effective teacher. "I remember this one time," she said, "when one of my students asked me to read to her. I told her, 'honey, I



Cynthia Allen, of Prestonsburg, is hoping for a very special Christmas gift this holiday season - a new kidney.

can't see good enough anymore to read to you. I'm sorry.' Seeing my eyes well up with tears, that sweet little thing just looked up at me, patted me on the arm and said, 'that's okay, Miss Allen, I'll just read to you.'

"I miss being in the classroom so much," she said. "That was my darkest hour of my illness, realizing that I had to leave."

Cynthia, who attends Allen Baptist Church with

husband Chris and their teenage son, Cole, says that it's her religious beliefs that help her to maintain a positive mindset. "God has a plan for me, I know that," she said, "or I wouldn't be here at all."

Along with coping with her diabetes, cancer, and learning to give up smoking, Cynthia also underwent gastric bypass surgery this past summer. "I've lost 70 pounds," she said, "but I still have to lose a little more to get myself in good enough shape for the transplant surgery. It's not been easy, but I feel really positive."

Cynthia says that she is already on the list to receive an organ donation at the University of Kentucky Hospital Transplant Center and that receiving a new kidney will lengthen her life "by at least ten years."

"I have a strong desire to be here for my family," she said. "I think that desire is what pushes me forward. Wanting to be with my loved ones and believing that God has a plan. That's what keeps me going."

And in the meantime, that new kidney is at the top of her Christmas wish list.

Editor's Note: Cynthia may be contacted through Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times. Those who wish to learn more about becoming organ donors may call (866) 474-6544 for information. A donor's one remaining kidney will grow until it is able to do the work of two kidneys. Living donors have a normal life span and have no restrictions on their lifestyle and activities as a result of donation. All costs for organ donation are generally covered 100 percent by the recipient's Medicare or private insurance.

FLY LADY

Put out your hot spots!

by MARLA CILLEY

Do you feel like the whole world is crashing in on top of you? Believe it or not, it happens to all of us from time to time, especially during the holiday season.

When we get busy, we feel that we don't have time to do even the simplest of routines. So what do we do? We let our HOT SPOTS take over our homes! Yes, that is all it is! You come in the door tired and ready to drop your load wherever you can put it, then you

crash! No, wait! First, you have to throw something together for supper and do I mean throw! Because when you are finished, your kitchen looks like a bomb went off and you feel like you should just get out of the way! By this time, you are so overwhelmed that you just want to hide so you go to bed without doing even the smallest of a before-bed routine. What seems like all of a sudden, your home has exploded in your face and soon, your husband is pitching one of his usual fits about it!

Ugly words are exchanged and you

end up feeling terrible!

Here is the secret to stopping this explosion before it starts: When you hear yourself saying that you don't have time or you don't have the energy to do something, stop dead in your tracks and set a timer for 5, 10, or even 15 minutes and do a quick pick-up and put-away. That is all it takes to make you not feel so overwhelmed. Our Hot Spots attack more than our home. They hurt us inside by causing us to feel bad because we can't keep up, as well as the trick they do to zap our energy! Now, I want you to pay close attention! You can "start over" anytime! You are never behind! Do you hear me?

That stinking thinking of, "I don't have enough time" is for the birds! It is what got your home in the shape it was in to begin with! It is simply our perfectionism rearing its ugly head one more time! You can stop the downward spiral by replacing those terrible words, "I don't have time!" with "I can do just 5 minutes!"

This is a huge attitude adjustment for most of us. It takes time and worst of all we don't even realize we are doing it. Now that it has been brought to your attention, you will hear yourself say those words. When you do, turn them around and just set your

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Family Medicine

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Q I just started with a new family doctor (I moved), and he says I have osteoarthritis in my knees. My former doctor said I had degenerative joint disease. Who is right? Should I see a specialist? Both doctors have recommended the same treatment, however. Can you tell me what I have?

A Both of your doctors are probably right. Degenerative joint disease (DJD) and osteoarthritis (OA) are actually just different names for the same disease. Regardless of what name you use, it is the most common type of arthritis, and its incidence increases as we get older. Over 80 percent of people over 65 have OA to some degree.

Although it can develop in any joint, large weight-bearing joints like the knees and hips are especially vulnerable as are the hands and spine.

Now, before I go further, I think a quick anatomy lesson about joints is in order. A joint is the place where two bones come together. Usually, at these junctions each bone is covered with a slippery substance called cartilage, which serves as kind of a "joint cushion." This cartilage is bathed in a special lubricant known as synovial fluid. OA results when due to hard use and/or the aging process, the cartilage wears away, spurs grow on the ends of the bones, and the body tries to compensate by producing extra synovial fluid. Together, these

Reader probably doesn't need specialist for osteoarthritis

processes can lead to pain, swelling and loss of motion in the joint.

While OA may run in families, it is not a systemic condition like some other forms of arthritis, so only the joints are affected. The symptoms of OA can vary from mild, intermittent joint pain, to severe debilitating pain. The symptoms can be constant or intermittent, and many patients are pain-free for years.

When the knees are affected by OA, the condition can be made worse by obesity and overuse. Many people who have OA in the knees have some congenital deformity in this joint, which gets worse as the disease progresses. This form of arthritis is the leading reason people have knee replacement surgery in the United States.

The diagnosis of OA is commonly made with an X-ray. It can show deterioration of the cartilage and narrowing of the joint space. Also, if there is fluid accumulation, the doc-

tor can drain the fluid and send it to the lab. That analysis can exclude other causes of joint swelling such as gout.

The treatment of OA is aimed at lessening joint pain and reducing inflammation while maintaining joint function. Patients need to avoid activities that make the pain worse. Exercise is helpful in maintaining joint function provided it is not done to excess or to the point that it aggravates the pain. Using anti-inflammatory medications like non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), can give great pain relief as well as help to decrease inflammation in the joint. Common NSAIDs include aspirin and ibuprofen. Sometimes, steroid injections into the joint can be helpful, but this cannot be done too frequently. If you are overweight, weight loss can help OA pain in the lower extremities.

As I said, it sounds like both of your physicians are correct.

Therefore, there's probably no need to see a specialist. This is usually not necessary unless the diagnosis is in question or more aggressive treatment, like surgery, is needed.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

- Dec. 19 - YSC regular Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.
- Those students interested in learning about fun ways to exercise and about good nutrition are invited to sign up for "Get Moving AMS." Call 886-1297 for more info. Program will be conducted by the Floyd County Extension Office.
- Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
- A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.
- The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

- Dec. 15 - Winter Ball.
- Dec. 17 - Semester exams, 1st, 3rd, and 5th.
- Dec. 17 - Board meeting, McDowell Elementary.
- Dec. 19 - Semester exams, 2nd, 4th, and 6th.
- Dec. 19 - Last day of school before Christmas break!
- Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

- Dec. 14 - Holiday celebration.
- Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.
- Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
- The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

- Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Baptist Learning Center

- Now accepting applications for new students. Toddler I class thru Pre-K class. Located in the First Baptist Church, S. Front Ave., downtown Prestonsburg. Call 886-8681.

Betsy Layne Elementary

- Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
- The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.
- Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

- The center is in need of gently

used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

- Dec. 15 - Free coat giveaway at Garrett First Baptist Church, 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.
- Dec. 17 - Nutrition program.
- Dec. 17 - Christmas play, grades K-2, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Christmas play, grades 3-5, 6 p.m.
- Special Announcement: May Valley Elem. has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School by the Commissioner of Education. Only 5 schools in the state have received nominations!
- May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.
- Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

- Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.
- Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and

Family Resource Center

- The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
- After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
- Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
- SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.
- Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
- The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
- All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

*Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

- The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.
- The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

- Dec. 17 - Polar Express Day.
- Dec. 17 - Circuit Riders vs. Allen, 6 p.m.; home game.
- Dec. 19 - Christmas play, "Christmas Around the World," 10 a.m., followed by dismissal at noon for Christmas break.
- Dec. 20 - Circuit Riders vs. Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.; away game.
- Dec. 27 - Circuit Riders vs. Adams, 6 p.m.; home game.
- Jan. 3 - Classes resume.
- WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-

8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

*Program will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 4. All centers will re-open on Jan. 7.

GET OUT OF LINE



Now you don't have to wait in line for government services and information because now the government is officially online at FirstGov.gov. In an instant, you can print out tax and Social Security forms you used to wait in line for. You'll also find passport and student aid applications and more. FirstGov.gov. Lose the wait.

FirstGov.gov
The official web portal
of the Federal Government

For government information by phone, call 1-800-FED-INFO (that's 1-800-333-4636).
A public service message from the U.S. General Services Administration.



Happy Birthday, Jaxson!

Jaxson Dwight Williams will celebrate his second birthday on December 15, 2007, at home with family and friends. Jaxson is the son of Kimberly and Scott Williams, of Allen. He is the grandson of Larry Mosley and Audrey Stanley, and Kathy Collins and Tex Williams, all of Prestonsburg.

Diva

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who was just miserable. Her mom, doing her best to do the right thing, wouldn't let this child eat the hot dogs, chips or any of the other junk food. She gave her a whole-wheat muffin while the other kids snarfed down gobs of cake and ice cream. I joked with the other mothers about how I'd be trying to get my daughter off the ceiling with a spatula later on from all the sugar she was taking in! But curiosity got the best of me as I watched this mom argue with her child and watch her like a hawk during the entire party - being a nutritionist, I was convinced she had some sort of serious allergy. Turns out this mom had never let her child eat anything other than organic, wholesome foods and there were no exceptions - ever. She was horrified to find out I was a nutritionist and even more horrified when she spied my child inhaling her third hot dog. "How can you let her eat like that?" she asked. I said, "She doesn't. Just for today. Today is special, it's a birthday party and we do things differently on holidays and birthdays." She didn't understand, but I'm hoping you will. It's important to eat healthy and it's important to be balanced about it, too. And my idea of healthy eating is doing it right 90 percent of the time. The rest of the time, eat what fits: if you go to a ball game, eat a hotdog; if you go to an Easter brunch, eat the ooey gooey buttery coffeeecake and forget about it! Life is too short to always say no. (Obviously, the key here is moderation with a modicum of self control! And, obviously, can't do this at all if you're dealing with a severe allergy, physical restriction or religious restrictions.) There are parts of life that are filled with celebrations and there are celebratory foods that go with it. Eat those foods with relish and don't even look at the nutrition info. Then start over the next day eating healthy again. And when you look back, enjoy the memory of the people that went along with all that good food because that's what it's all about.

Here's a fabulous holiday dessert that I make every year for Christmas. It's in my book, "Saving Dinner for the Holidays."

Easy Trifle

Serves 6, plus

My British father was quite the cook and often made a traditional trifle that I absolutely abhorred. The whole mess floated in too much sherry and custard. I didn't like it because it was so soggy and boozy. So I came up with my own version, which not only preserved the integrity of the pound cake, but also gave those who didn't want the sherry on it, options. Trust me, this is easy, fabulous, and you are going to love it!

2 Sarah Lee frozen pound cakes, thawed and sliced

1 small jar raspberry preserves (I prefer the seedless)

1 pint of fresh raspberries (or whatever other kind of berry you can find fresh or skip)

1 pint whipped cream (whipped—NOT Cool Whip and not the stuff in a can)

1 recipe Crème Anglais (recipe is below)

1 pitcher of cream sherry (optional)

In a footed trifle bowl (or use a salad bowl with straight sides), you are going to layer everything, starting with pound cake slices spread with a generous spoonful of raspberry preserves. Place the first layer on the bottom with jam side up.

Then a layer of whipped cream, then some berries, then more pound cake smeared with raspberry jam. Do it again. End with whipped cream on top. Garnish with any remaining berries.

Serve with Crème Anglais on the side in a pitcher.

Crème Anglais (Make this anytime. It will hold up for a few days in the fridge with no problem.)

This is easy to make, but you must follow the directions exactly. You don't want the half and half boiling! It will break and you will have scrambled eggs floating in your sauce - not good! For those in the UK and Australia, half and half is half cream and half milk.

1 cup half-and-half cream
1/2 cup white sugar, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla, plus another 1/2 teaspoon
4 egg yolks
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

In a saucepan over medium heat, combine half-and-half, 1/4 cup of the sugar and vanilla.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and remaining 1/4 cup sugar until smooth.

When cream mixture starts to just to a boil, remove it from the heat. Whisk a small amount of hot cream into the egg yolk mixture, then pour egg yolk mixture into remaining hot cream and whisk together until smooth.

Return it to the heat and cook over medium heat stirring until mixture coats the back of a metal spoon and is slightly thickened. Remove from heat and stir in butter. To keep it from getting a skin on top, put plastic wrap directly on the surface. Stir in the last 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla just before putting the plastic wrap on.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

one.

As for me, I am eternally grateful for bright children, loving family members, and friends who don't allow life's storms to blow them so far away that they can't stand at the ready to throw me that life preserver when I most need it.

One of those dear friends, Bonnie Howell, shared this with me earlier this week. I thought it was worthy of passing along:

The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 cups of Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee:

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some items placed on his desk in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled

into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. Again, they agreed that it was.

Next, the professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

He asked his class once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents of both cups into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions. If everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full."

"The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your car."

"The sand is everything else - the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes

for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are truly important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with your grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal."

"Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked."

"The coffee just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

Though neither my friend Bonnie nor I drink coffee, we still manage to share and to let one another know that we care. Thanks, Bonnie, for sending this along to remind me to keep track of the golf balls.

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timer and do just a little.

I can hear you now! "BUT! I really DON'T have the time!" and "She doesn't understand!" Well, I am here to tell you that I used to think the same way as this and I have learned to change my negative thoughts into positive

ones and you can, too! It all starts with the realization of what you are doing to YOURSELF with those negative words. It is a form of WHINING! And you know by now that I don't allow whining! I want for you what I have: PEACE! This peace came for

letting go of negative thoughts and replacing them with positive actions. Even a little will go a long way toward helping you find this peace!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her

free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections*, published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Hurry!
Hurry!

The Floyd County Times
will be publishing Letters to Santa
in our annual
Season's Greeting Section
on Friday, December 21st, 2007.

Letters will be accepted until
Noon, Monday, December 17th, 2007.

SEND LETTERS TO:
"Letters to Santa"
The Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

or drop your letter off at
The Floyd County Times
263 S. Central Ave., Prestonsburg.

All letters need to be legible, have your
full name, age, and address.

to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

FOR SALE
Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FARM FOR SALE
Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

RENTALS

2br 1 bath house for rent at Martin. Lg yard \$350.mth. \$350 deposit. Call 789-3724 or 791-9331.

APARTMENT

1 Br Apt for rent. Hardwood floors, all new appliances furnished. Like new. Utilities included \$525 mth, \$250 deposit. NO PETS. Located between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Call 606-791-6016.

Large Unicourt Apt for rent located at Stanville on US 23. 2br, 2 bath walk in closet. 1yr Lease. No pets. Please call 606-478-8100.

2br duplex for rent. Central heat and air. In excellent condition. 3 miles north of prestonsburg. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

3br apt for rent. 2 baths, parking for trucks. Will rent to contractors. Mt Parkway 6 miles from Prestonsburg.

Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath w/d hookup 2 car garage \$575 per month plus utilities plus deposit. Call : 606-522-4122 or 606-477-2783

1Br furnished apartment located 3 miles from Prestonsburg. Call 358-9483 after 6:00 pm or 794-9484.

Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus referenes and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

2 Br 1/12 bath town house. NO PETS. In city limits. Call 886-8991.

QuikSilver
Townhouse coming available Dec 1st. 3 Br 2 baths hardwood floors. No pets & no smokers. \$850 mth. Call 285-9639 or 226 1925.

Houses

House For Rent - 3 BR, at Allen, Ky. \$800.00 per month + security deposit. Call 794-0249

For rent: 2 br House at Martin. Available immediately. Call 791-8560 or 478-8139 after 7pm. \$500 month & \$500. deposit.

3- Br house for rent .With attached garage on 1 acre flat lot, furnished kitchen, utility room, dinning room, living room w / fireplace two full baths. located on left fork Little Paint, off Rt 1100 off U.S. 23 four lane,

near Highlands regional Hospital. References required and possible back-ground check if desired. Prefer no pets - deposit of one months rent. \$550. monthly. Call 886-6626.

Mobile Homes

3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck.. Located at 315 Adams Cemetery Road. Call 791-8617 or 791-4471. \$450 per month.

2 Br Mobile Home for rent. W / dryer hookup. Minutes from Prestonsburg. \$375. month plus deposit. No pets Don't Ask. call 889-0036.

LOTS FOR RENT
New mobile park lots, Allen Dwale area, Floyd County. Restrictions apply. Paved Streets, lighted area, parking pads.All sizes call 606-377-2357.

Small furnished mobile home for rent. Just off Mt Parkway on old 114. Call 886-8724.

Nice 2 Br mobile home for rent in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207

LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal LLC, 433 Daniels Creek Road, P.O. Box 990, Allen, KY 41601, has applied for Phase 1 Bond Release on Permit Number 836-0319, which was last issued on 4/17/07. The application covers an area of approximately 639.97 acres, located 1 mile southeast of Weeksburg in Pike and Floyd Counties.

2. The permit area is approximately 1 mile southeast from Kentucky Route 466's junction with Caleb Fork County Road, and is located on Pine Fork of Caleb Fork, in Floyd County, and Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork, in Pike County. The latitude is 37 degrees 19 minutes 09 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 41 minutes

01 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-0319 are surety bonds for:

- Increment No. 1, \$59,700.00
- Increment No. 2, \$536,800.00
- Increment No. 3, \$96,700.00
- Increment No. 4, \$289,100.00
- Increment No. 5, \$297,700.00
- Increment No. 6, \$443,100.00
- Increment No. 7, \$544,700.00 and \$76,000.00
- Increment No. 8, \$52,500.00

Approximately 60% of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in April 2005. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by January 22, 2008.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m./p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Pikeville Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing on informal conference is received by January 22, 2008.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5507 Amendment

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation,

located 1.3 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 105 acres, making a total of 2204.90 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from Morgan Fork's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile south of Simpson Branch. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Jamie Ray & Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott, Charles & Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayheart, and Russell Shelton.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m./p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Pikeville Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing on informal conference is received by January 22, 2008.

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FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



PES student chosen to craft card

Each year at Prestonsburg Elementary one student is chosen by a school committee to draw a picture for the school Christmas card. This year, McKinzie Spears was chosen. McKenzie is a 5th grade student. She is the daughter of Rebecca McKinzie Spears, of Prestonsburg, and Donnie Spears, also of Prestonsburg. McKinzie was able to capture the magic of Christmas with her drawing of an anxious elf awaiting directions from Santa who was busy carefully checking his list.



ACMS essay winners

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest provides 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. The 2007-2008 theme was "Why Am I an American Patriot?" Awards are given at the local, district, and state levels. Two Allen Central Middle Schools students captured 1st and 2nd place at the local level. Ms. Amber Shepherd, a 7th grader, was the 1st place winner, receiving \$250 dollars. Ms. Caitlin Kidd, a 7th grader, was the 2nd place winner, receiving \$125 dollars. Amber Shepherd has also won an additional \$ 500 for winning the district level. Amber's entry will now move on to state level competition. Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins is the 7th grade West wing Language Arts teacher.



Jr. Miss Red, White & Blue title winner Lauralee Johnson with escort Tyler Moore.



Kiana Hall was escorted by Jordan Burke in the Teen Miss Red, White & Blue Pageant.

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Miss Kiana Shanice Hall represented SFMS in the 8th grade category for the title of Teen Miss Red, White and Blue. Kiana is the daughter of Jeanice Allen and Jerry Allen, of Wheelwright, and the late Victor Hall. Miss Hall was escorted by Jordan Burke, the son of Lisa and Greg Burke. Congratulations ladies!

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