

# Viewpoint

### Kim's Comments

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## Lawyers making laws for lawyers, just great

In Saturday's Lexington Herald-Leader, there was a story about the state senate passing a bill to allow judges and prosecutors to carry concealed guns in courtrooms.

The measure hasn't passed as law yet, because it has to go before the house of representatives now to be fully approved.

Senate Bill 114 would allow judges, commonwealth's attorneys, county attorneys and their assistants to be able to protect themselves from the supposed threats that could be present in their job capacities.

The law would allow them to carry concealed guns almost anywhere, not just in the courtroom.

In other words, lawyers, who make up most of the percentage of the state's legislative body, would be creating the law for, guess who, their lawyers.

How convenient. Looks like prosecution law is the only profession that matters anymore. Surely, there are no other working people who are ever threatened!

Hey, legislators, don't allow anyone but attorneys to protect themselves, OK?

Don't get your suit out of sorts worrying about how much abuse or threatening is involved in other professions.

Critics of the bill say it is a knee-jerk reaction to the fatal shooting of prosecutor Fred Capps in Cumberland County last year.

Uh... Excuse me, YES! Do we live in such a fishbowl? Oh, the state and Capps had such friends in the senate. Hey, if one of my friends got wrongfully killed, do you think legislators would give my bill a second look? I doubt it. I don't know enough Latin terminology to be in the brotherhood.

I wish each and every one of you legislators who are for the bill could be sentenced to working as a nurse - getting kicked, smacked, spit on and cursed by the very people you are trying to help.

Oh, yes, and I wish their working conditions and salaries on you, too.

Legislators, don't worry about school teachers, either, who put up with the threat of potential life-threatening carting guns to school.

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Bill Clinton National Forest



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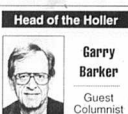
# Spring is in the air!

There are some surefire signs of spring all around me. Mulch, mostly, to be perfectly honest. Thick and sticky, marking every barnyard and haylot entrance, slung by heavy tractor tires, as they spin in and out with huge round tires of hay on the forks.

Some farmers have already been out in the fields plowing. I now don't have to drive all the way to work and all the way home, responsible, as the days are getting longer and even a still warmer.

Others are still litter cold and blustery. Sometimes, like the "March Madness," of the annual high school and college basketball playoff season.

The mighty Wildcats of UK are unfairly excluded from the national rankings despite wins over North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and Notre Dame, plus a 1 point loss to Michigan State, and if not again that country kids can still play basketball.



Head of the Holler  
Garry Barker  
Guest Columnist

It feels good. Good enough to get me through what's left of winter's cold, snow, and wind.

The other sure sign that spring is close is the approach of "March Madness," of the annual high school and college basketball playoff season.

The amazing Kentucky County girls team, ranked in the top 5 nationally, is the biggest story, win or lose. Coming down off Big Hill from McKee to soundly thrash the state's powers, the Jackson County girls are proof again that country kids can still play basketball.

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second half to every game they'll be invincible.

The boys "Sweet Sixteen" Louisville, as is usual these days, is dead in the water, and even the Cincinnati Bearcats aren't growing much.

UK's reputation will surely earn them an NCAA bid, barring a late season collapse, or they could earn a bid by winning the SEC tournament.

Enough, they do. Later on we can watch, as the mid-summer madness, when the football Wildcats, who, as one radio announcer put it, finally shed themselves of the "curse of the Mummies."

I retired a few years ago from full court running and firing up jump shots, so these days I don't get as excited watching, but this time of year my hands still titch for the feel of the leather roundball and the sounds of string music.

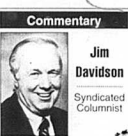
How sweet it is.

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# Davidson: How to raise a crook

While it should go without saying, most of us parents love our children and we want the very best futures for them and want them to become productive, responsible, law abiding citizens. However, apparently a lot of parents do not realize that life's own attitudes and behavior contribute to the real possibility of one or more of their children winding up in prison.

Along these lines I want to share something titled HOW TO RAISE A CROOK, printed some time ago in The Presbyterian Journal. I hope it



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you are a parent or someone who is in a position to influence the values, morals, and character of young people, you may benefit from it. If

you'll think about it, much of what we learn comes from the experience of others and it can be for bad or for good.

HOW TO RAISE A CROOK

1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants, this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him - it will encourage him to pick up "cute" phrases that will blow the roof off his head later.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid the use of the word "wreck." He may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and that he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up anything he leaves lying around: books, shoes, clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing the responsibility onto others.
6. Let his road any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be careful of the overwear and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of children, then they won't be too shocked when the home is broken up.
8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you have had them?
9. Satisfy his every need for food, drink and comfort. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
10. Take his part against the neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all

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