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briefs

Virgie gas island robbed

Times Staff Report

VIRGIE — A man wearing a black ski mask robbed a supermarket's gas station in Virgie Thursday night, state police reported Friday.

According to a report from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, a white male wearing a black ski mask, a blue long-sleeved shirt, brown work gloves, blue jeans and white shoes approached the booth of Valley IGA's gas station, which is positioned in the grocery store's parking lot.

Inside the booth, police said the cashier was talking on a celluar phone when the robber came to the window and demanded all the money in the register.

Police would not disclose the amount of money the robber left with, fleeing on foot.

The suspect is approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs between 160 to 180 pounds.

The case is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Brandon Thomas.

Anyone with information about the robbery should call KSP Post 9 in Pikeville at 433-7711.

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With several witnesses looking on, Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb dumps the contents of the jail's "last chance amnesty box" onto a table outside the deputy jailer's station Friday morning. Webb, who said it was the first time he had opened the box since putting it in a search and shower room at the jail roughly four months ago, has suspended its use until an official determination has been made concerning its legality or counter-effectiveness.

Jail places 'last chance' box on the sidelines

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — What has been dubbed a "last chance" box located within a search and shower room at the Floyd County Detention Center was opened for the first time since Floyd Jailer Roger Webb put the box in place roughly four months ago.

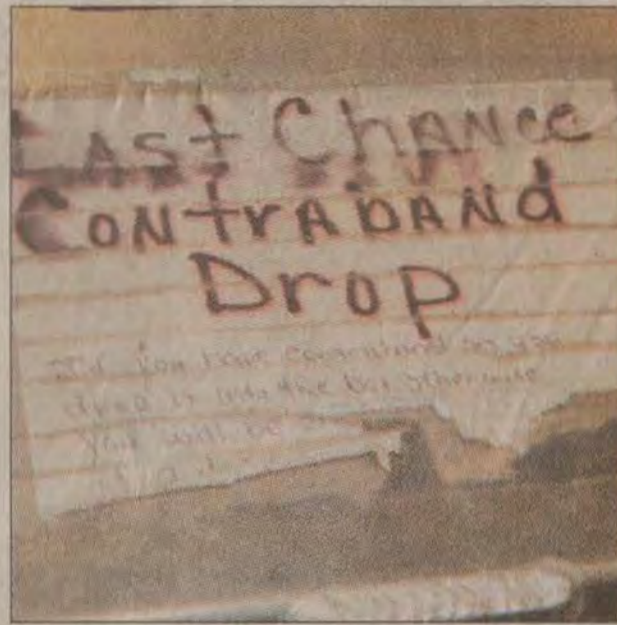
Webb had originally planned to open the box at about the six-month point, effectively clearing its contents about twice a year, but the decision to open the box early came amid controversy which began earlier this week.

Following a complaint from Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Dennis Hutchinson, who said Barry Tackett, a Pike County man he brought to the jail, made use of the box after his arrival, Webb decided to remove the box to a deputy station.

"Until this controversy ends, we're just going to keep it in plain view," Webb said Friday.

Hutchinson complained that the box allowed suspects to avoid additional charges such as possession of drug paraphernalia or possession of controlled

(See **LAST CHANCE**, page three)



This sign is taped along the top of the drop box and warns inmates to get rid of contraband before it is discovered by deputy jailers, resulting in more charges.

State sets deadline to correct jail crowding

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first state inspection of the year for the Floyd County Detention Center revealed problems in areas such as insufficient lighting and a sprinkler system overdue for a routine check.

But the facility's primary problem was little surprise to Jailer Roger Webb.

According to Jeff Burton, a jail specialist who performed the inspection in early July, the "major" problem continued to be the increasing population of the jail.

In a letter from Department of Corrections Director of Local Facilities Steve Berry, Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was given an analysis of the inspection.

"The major problem observed was overcrowding," Berry wrote. "On the day of

the inspection, 129 inmates were housed in 102 beds. It was noted that 24 inmates were sleeping on the floor."

Webb, who has struggled with the jail population and how it has adversely affected the jail budget since the beginning of the year, said only that he had anticipated such a report, allowing its result to speak for itself.

Thompson was out of town and not available for comment. Fiscal court workers said he is expected to return today.

Inspector Burton also reported that the population of the jail has continued to increase over the past nine weeks, spiking from 103 inmates for 102 beds to 130 inmates for the same number of beds in about three weeks time.

Berry says the cramped conditions place the jail in

(See **CROWDING**, page three)

Search for body turns up nothing

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MCDOWELL — The search for the remains of Donnie Mack Stumbo, the McDowell man missing since 1982, was shut down Friday morning after officials failed to discover anything in a well where witnesses told police Stumbo's body had been

dumped.

"They didn't find anything, and they shut it down," Kentucky State Police spokesperson Scott Hopkins said Friday. "As I understand, they had negative contact on anything and they went ahead and started covering the well back up last night."

(See **SEARCH**, page three)

Howard credits success to eight years of patience

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — How does a girl from Salyersville go from small dreams of being a country music star to being nominated by the Academy of Country Music for Best New Female Vocalist and Best Song of 2003?

Rebecca Lynn Howard will tell you that it's all about patience and persistence.

"I started this eight years ago," Howard said Friday. "So I guess you could say I'm an eight-year, 'overnight' success."

Howard, who performed Friday evening at the Mountain Arts Center, said it is sort of like that, considering her single, "Forgive", blasted her at "rocket speed" into

the national and even the international spotlight.

"It's been a real blessing, that song," Howard said, settling into a chair in her dressing room at the MAC Friday. "It opened the doors for me and gave me play on the radio, which is how I speak to my fans. And it's created a lot of work."

The song, co-written by Howard, was nominated for Best Song of 2003 by the Academy of Country Music. Seven of the 12 songs from that album were either written or co-written by the 23-year-old former Kentucky Opry Junior Pros standout, as well as seven of the 12 from her second album.

Now considered as much a talent with a pen as she is a microphone, Howard will continue her current touring until after Thanksgiving,

which means more time spent on her tour bus, which she says is "self-sufficient" with a bathroom, kitchen and a living room.

The lifestyle of a music star may not have been exactly what she expected when guarding her dreams back in Salyersville, but Howard, who now lives in Nashville, said it's just something one becomes accustomed to.

"I live out of suitcases and it's not what you think, but it's all what you get use to," she said. "It seems like it would be fast-paced, but it's only fast-paced once you get to the venue. All the time on the bus is just slow. You just sit around or play cards or sleep."

Dressed for comfort in a baggy

(See **HOWARD**, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Before performing Friday at the MAC in Prestonsburg, one of country music's newest talents, Salyersville-native Rebecca Lynn Howard, relaxed with one of her more lively travel companions. Howard will be on tour until after Thanksgiving.

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Odds and Ends

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Tributes to Orville and Wilbur Wright have been etched into quarters, printed on license plates and sculpted in bronze, wood and fiberglass. If you thought artists were running out of ways to pay homage to the pioneers of flight, think again.

Life-sized sculptures of the Wrights are the focal points of this year's butter sculpture display at the Ohio State Fair. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the brothers' first flight, the American Dairy Council unveiled the display Thursday.

The statues feature detailed mustaches, neckties and even facial expressions.

It took six Cincinnati-based artists 250 hours and about a ton of butter to make the sculptures, which will be displayed daily in a glass-walled showcase where the temperature is kept at 45 degrees.

"I think we're all pretty proud of it and it really fills out the showcase," said lead sculptor Bob Kling. "The Wright brothers really can't get enough praise."

The two figures stand about 6-foot-3 and each was made from about 250 pounds of butter, the equivalent of 1,000

sticks.

"In real life they were about 5-10, so we made them a little superheroic," Kling said.

■ **RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif.** — A businessman who spent \$300 on two raffle tickets won a \$1.17 million hilltop mansion with ocean views as part of a fundraiser for the city art center.

Officials pulled John Mounjian's name from a transparent tumbler at a shopping center on Tuesday, and his sister relayed the good news by cell phone.

"John! John! You won the house!" Gloria Brass shouted.

Brass said her brother was in shock and she wasn't sure if he would move in or take the alternate \$800,000 cash prize. She said 54-year-old Mounjian and his wife have two children.

The newly renovated three-bedroom, 3,250-square-foot home was held in escrow by the Palos Verdes Art Center, which hosts art classes and features the work of local artists.

The center estimates the raffle brought in about \$900,000. About 16,000 tickets were sold at \$150 apiece in California as well as 42 other states, Canada

and the Virgin Islands.

Center executive director Robert Yassin called the high-dollar fund-raiser a creative approach to pulling in dollars at a time of stretched budgets. He says he's planning a second "dream home" raffle in the seaside community about 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

■ **CAPE CORAL, Fla.** — Some residents here are crying foul after learning that utility workers mistakenly hooked up four homes to the city's treated wastewater instead of its purified drinking water.

One family used the substandard water for more than three months. Two other homes were hooked up about a month ago, and a fourth was vacant, officials said.

The wastewater comes from residential sinks and toilets. It is filtered and treated with chlorine, but that doesn't eliminate parasites that can cause gastrointestinal problems, such as vomiting and diarrhea, said Lee County Public Health Director Dr. Judith Hartner.

"Mistakes were made," City Manager Terry Stewart said Wednesday. "The best we can

do is make it right."

The wastewater is sanitized at one of the city's treatment plants before being routed back to residents' lawn irrigation system. It often is blended with fresh water from canals.

Although the lines have

been fixed, there are health concerns for the residents.

Ron Kazel, who learned Wednesday that his water had been connected to the irrigation system since June, would not comment on whether he and his wife were experiencing health

problems.

"I'm livid," Kazel said.

Since detecting the problem, the city has flushed and chlorinated the lines, and agreed to pay for any medical bills or other costs associated with the problem.

■ **ERIE, Pa.** — Everyone loses pocket change from time to time, but a northwestern Pennsylvania man lost quite a chunk — \$5,000 worth — but only for a couple of days.

Gerard McCord called police on Monday, reporting that burglars had taken a 30-year collection of change from his North East home, about 120 miles north of Pittsburgh.

McCord, 47, said the burglars apparently entered his house through an unlocked back door and made off with the \$5,000 in pocket change he had been saving since he was 17.

McCord, however, said he had an idea who might have made off with the two containers of coins. He said he called his suspects — whom he identified only as "kids" — and the money was returned Wednesday.

It was unclear whether the alleged thieves would face charges.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2003. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

On this date:

■ In 1914, Germany declared war on France.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

■ In 1936, the State Department urged Americans in Spain to leave because of that country's civil war.

■ In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.

■ In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed.

■ In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

■ In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the 1980 Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

■ In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

■ In 1987, the Iran-Contra congressional hearings ended, with none of the 29 witnesses tying President Reagan directly to the diversion of arms-sales profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

■ In 1994, Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice

in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's summer home in Vermont.

Ten years ago:

The Senate voted 96-3 to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The body of basketball star Michael Jordan's father, James Jordan, was found in a South Carolina creek, 11 days after he was slain; his remains weren't identified until Aug. 13.

Five years ago:

The White House played down the possibility that President Clinton would reverse previous statements and admit to a sexual relationship with former White House intern

(See HISTORY, page five)

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS—PUBLIC NOTICE CONFIDENTIALITY AND CHILD FIND

The *Floyd County School District* keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The *Floyd County School District* obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a post-secondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA. NOTE: Refer to pages 46-47.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The *Floyd County School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request seven years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The *Floyd County School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The *Floyd County School District* has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school, those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless, and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need, but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The *Floyd County School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the *Floyd County School District* find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability, and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the *Floyd County School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the *Floyd County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need, but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606.886.2354 or send the information to:

Director of Special Education
Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606.886.4522

Section 504 Coordinator
Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606.886.4522

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the *Floyd County School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Director of Pupil Personnel
Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606.886.4519

Director of Special Education
Floyd County Schools
106 North Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606.886.4522

The District office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The *Floyd County School District* provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education, or the Section 504 Coordinator for the *Floyd County School District* at the address or phone number listed above.

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Fletcher announces drug initiative, Chandler courts labor votes in West Ky.

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Heading into western Kentucky and a showdown with Ben Chandler, Republican Ernie Fletcher on Friday promised a new attack on a particular scourge of the region — the illicit trade in methamphetamine — if elected governor.

Fletcher, the 6th District Congressman, proposed an enforcement initiative showcasing his running mate, Steve Pence, a former U.S. attorney with experience prosecuting "meth" cases.

Elsewhere, Chandler courted labor votes at the annual Building and Trades Labor Luncheon in Paducah, blaming Fletcher and other national Republicans for a federal budget deficit and mounting job losses in the weak economy. Chandler, the state's attorney general, has been pounding the national economy theme for several days.

The two rivals are to go head to head Saturday at the 123rd Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County, an event that serves as a ceremonial kickoff to the general election campaign.

Fletcher said Pence would be the administration point man on drug enforcement if the slate wins in November. A key part of their proposal is to get more federal prosecution of cases involving the manufacture or trafficking of methamphetamine, regardless of quantity.

Promises of a war on drugs, even with local, state and federal authorities joining in, are nothing new. "But we must have better coordination, and I believe we need better leadership in Frankfort," Fletcher said.

Pence, who was the chief federal prosecutor for western Kentucky before becoming Fletcher's running mate for lieutenant governor, said it was his policy as U.S. attorney to take on

any meth trafficking or manufacture case. He said federal prosecution is more likely to result in jail time, even for a first-time offender.

Pence and Fletcher also promised to give local law enforcement agencies more resources for fighting drugs — redirecting money from elsewhere in state government if necessary. But Fletcher said federal grant money is available and that he and Pence would be better

able to appeal from help from Kentucky's mostly Republican congressional delegation and the Bush administration.

Methamphetamine has exploded as a drug abuse issue because it is comparatively simple and inexpensive to make. In Daviess County and Owensboro, over 90 percent of narcotics investigations involve meth, sheriff's Detective Sgt. Jim Acquisto said. Acquisto joined Fletcher at a news conference in

Owensboro.

Authorities found 84 "meth labs" in 1999, a total that increased to 300 in 2002, according to figures from Fletcher's campaign.

"Let's be real," Pence said. "Those are only the ones we are finding."

Chandler has spent most of the week in western Kentucky, an area of mounting job losses from factory closings. His ideas for the region include some major road

projects, including the proposed Interstate 66 across southern Kentucky and a complete four-laning of "Highway 68-80" — U.S. 68 and Kentucky 80 — including new bridges over Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake.

Chandler also pledged support and unspecified funding for a Purchase Area regional industrial park being designed to appeal to an auto maker or other large-scale manufacturer.

At the labor luncheon, Chandler crossed paths and shook hands with Gov. Paul Patton, though the two have been harshly critical of each other as a result of Chandler's attempt to prosecute two of Patton's closest aides.

Patton, disgraced by the scandal of an extramarital affair and an ongoing investigation into whether he misused his office, pardoned the aides, Andrew "Skipper" Martin and Danny Ross, along with a pair of former Teamsters officials.

All were indicted on charges by Chandler's office that they violated election laws during Patton's 1995 campaign.



The Dinosaur Playland Day Care Center in Prestonsburg held graduation ceremonies Friday morning for six young scholars — Elizabeth Skeans, Dustin Tussey, Brittney Rehard, Dalton Collins, Blade Stone and Mikey Taulbee. They each received a number of awards and posed patiently for even more pictures.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Appeals court sends gun case back for trial

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The family of a woman shot in the face during a prank is entitled to a trial on whether the handgun was sold negligently to the teenage shooter, the state Court of Appeals said Friday.

The three-judge panel sent the case back to Fayette County Circuit Court. The lower court

had ruled the victim, Jennifer Hicks, and her family could not press a negligence claim against the Lexington gun shop.

Scott Greer, then 18, purchased the Jennings .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol one day before shooting Hicks in July 1996.

Greer pointed the gun at Hicks' head and pulled the trigger, thinking it was unloaded, to scare her. Hicks was driving a

car at the time and Greer was a front-seat passenger. Hicks suffered a serious head injury, and Greer later pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault.

Greer bought the gun at Carol's Sporting Goods. The appeals court said evidence in the case showed that the store failed to follow its own rules against selling handguns to 18 year olds.

It was an employee for a jewelry store at the same location that sold the gun to Greer. The employee was also trained to sell firearms. The jewelry store is a defendant along with the sporting goods store.

Hicks' family claims that the gun sale was a "substantial factor" leading to the shooting. The appeals court ruled that the family can pursue a claim of common law negligence against the defendants.

Writing for the court, Judge Matthew J. Baker said Hicks' family is entitled to a jury trial on whether the sale was reasonable in light of a federal gun law and the gun shop's own rules.

The Federal Gun Control Act prohibits licensed gun dealers from selling any weapon other than a shotgun or rifle to anyone under age 21. Kentucky law does not have the same restrictions as federal law, and it is permissible to sell a firearm to someone under 21, the court noted.

Judges David Barber and Rick A. Johnson joined in the ruling.

On a separate issue, the appeals court upheld the lower court's decision that the alleged gun law violation did not give rise to a claim of negligence under Kentucky law.

Last chance

substances, adding that police could only search suspects so well before bringing them to the jail.

Webb doesn't deny that the box is a "last chance amnesty box", but sees the reasoning behind such a device as more sound than debilitating.

"There was only one purpose for the last chance amnesty box," Webb said Friday. "This purpose was to protect the staff and inmates at the detention center from drugs and weapons that might have been missed when a prisoner was searched before coming to the detention center and then missed when searched by jail staff."

Webb, a former state police officer, said certain hidden items were impossible to find without "reasonable belief" and an attending medical professional.

"This would be impossible for us, or a police officer to find because cavity searches are not performed except if there is reasonable belief that a person may have something hidden inside them."

While pointing this out, Webb made reference to 22-year-old Tonya Walters Hall, an inmate brought to the detention center on July 21 and later charged with promoting contraband when Deputy Jailer Kay Moore said she found found a pill bottle containing five Lorcet tablets stuffed in Hall's sock. Moore later reported that Hall had told her she had "smuggled" the pills inside her body.

"I felt it would be safer for them to give up the contraband rather than get it into the jail and maybe overdose on hidden drugs or hurt someone with a weapon," Webb said.

Deputy Jailer Damon Newsome said because the jail sees approximately eight inmates come and go at the jail daily, the chance that contraband could make it into the general population was high risk.

"Even big prisons can't keep it out and those people are in there for years and years and might have people visit them every once in a while," Blackburn said. "We have eight or so come and go here every day so you can imagine how hard it is for us."

Friday morning, Webb and attending deputy jailers emptied the box and logged the evidence taken — five packs of rolling papers, a small bag of what appeared to be marijuana, an empty bag, a medical syringe and five unidentified pills.

Webb said charges could certainly be brought against inmates for having marijuana, but the rest of the items dumped from the box would have to be

examined more closely. A syringe, for example, wouldn't be considered by jail employees as drug paraphernalia if the prisoner was taking insulin shots and the tablets would have to be identified.

The box, which is roughly the size of a window air-conditioner unit, is fitted with a small slit along the top. Above that on a makeshift sign are four words, written in bold, black letters: "Last Chance Contraband Box." Under that, a single sentence which reads, "If you have contraband on you drop it into the box otherwise you will be charged with it if a deputy finds it on you."

The goal of the box was to cut down on contraband, not act as a personal grab bag for employees or any other reason, Webb said.

"Most people don't understand the worries that a jailer has trying to keep contraband out of their jail," he said. "The last chance amnesty box was started with good intentions, but due to controversy and misunderstanding it has been put on hold until everything is resolved."

Search

Officials with the Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floyd County Coroner's Office, State Medical Examiner's Office and

the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, as well as members of Stumbo's family spent most of Thursday digging out the well and examining evidence.

By late afternoon Thursday with rain picking up, KSP Detective Mike Goble was ready to stop the search until Friday, but the operation was scrapped by the next day.

"We already knew it was going to be one of the two," Hopkins said. "That's just the way it works sometimes."

However, because work has stopped at the site of the well, it doesn't mean investigators are planning on dropping the renewed interest in the case entirely, said Hopkins.

"We'll follow up on whatever other information Mike (Goble) has received and follow it out to its destination, wherever that leads them."

Crowding

violation of state regulations.

"The population of the jail has continued to grow steadily over the past nine weeks," Berry wrote in his July 28 letter. "The present population places the jail in violation of Kentucky Administrative Regulations relative to capacities and required space per inmate."

Considering this, the Department of Corrections plans to pull out all state inmates, for which the county receives a daily housing fee, if the overcrowded conditions aren't corrected,

according to Berry. The state has given the county until Oct. 1 to bring the jail population back to "acceptable levels" before it removes the class D felons.

Burton reports that fixing the problem, which is due in large part to local crime rates and the increasing number of county inmates, is something Webb can do little to control.

"Webb took steps to correct most of the deficiencies found," wrote Berry, "with the exception of overcrowding, as this is beyond his ability to solve."

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Howard

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sweater, jeans and a pair of flip-flops, Howard stopped to play with her dog and talk with her mom before disappearing into a side room for a quick pre-show dinner buffet.

Her single, "What a Shame" from her new album, *Laughter In Tears*, is due out in October.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

No ordinary horse tale

Only in Kentucky would the death of a horse make headlines in the state's major newspapers.

But the reports recently of the death of a Kentucky Derby winner weren't like those earlier of the death of Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew of old age and infirmity. Apparently, according to The Blood-Horse, 1986 Derby winner Ferdinand met his fate in a Japanese slaughterhouse sometime last year when he was no longer useful in the breeding barn.

In Kentucky, of course, champion thoroughbreds lead a charmed life, even after their racing days are over and they no longer produce progeny to continue their lines - and enrich their owners. Some previous owners, in fact, buy horses back when they fear they may not be treated well by their foreign buyers.

Arthur and Staci Hancock bought back their 1982 Derby winner Gato Del Sol from German owners when the horse proved not to be champion material in the breeding business. They wanted to make sure some awful fate didn't await their Derby winner.

And it appears that two other Derby winners may be facing an uncertain future. Strike the Gold, winner in 1991, and Sea Hero, '93 Derby winner, are in Turkey, and their stud careers may be nearing an end. An effort is under way to bring them back home to Kentucky when that happens.

Michael Blown, of Midway, has formed an organization aptly named "Old Friends" that wants to establish a farm home for retired thoroughbred champions where they can be cared for and appreciated by the public.

So with people like Blown and the Hancocks working on saving former champion thoroughbreds from the slaughterhouse, we can hope there won't be any more future headlines about great champions meeting untimely and ignominious ends because they no longer are useful to their owners.

— The State Journal, Frankfort



— Jim Davidson

You can't be friends with a rattlesnake!

One of my favorite events not to attend is the Annual Rattlesnake Roundup that is held in Sweetwater, Texas. I am sure there are many fine people in this West Texas community, but it's their neighbors that slither across the surrounding hillsides that I don't have any hankering for.

If you happen to like rattlesnakes, don't take what I am saying too personal, but I just have a strong feeling that you can't be friends with a rattlesnake.

During hunting season in the fall of the year, I am extremely careful in the woods to watch where I step because I would literally jump out of my skin if I stepped on or even near a rattlesnake. The bite of these venomous reptiles can be deadly or at best make you very, very sick. The best course of action when it comes to a rattlesnake is to "steer clear" and I have always tried to do that.

It's here that I would like to draw a parallel between a rattlesnake and some people because they can also do you in

if you are not extremely careful to steer clear of them. You may have heard someone say about another person, "He is as dangerous as a rattlesnake," and this is what I am talking about. While rattlesnakes are endowed by nature with a poisonous venom to render their victims helpless, some people, on the other hand, are just plain evil.

At this point, I want to make sure we are on the same page. Do you believe there are evil people in the world? If so, what constitutes an evil person and how did he or she become evil? As you think about your response, please allow me to share my own perspective. I certainly believe there are evil people in the world. They have been around since the beginning of time and they are with us today.

The people who plotted and carried out the terrorist attack on our nation back on Sept. 11, 2001, are or were evil. The same is true for Adolf Hitler, Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer and thousands, perhaps millions of other people.

Personally, I believe the truly evil people in the world are tools of Satan. If you know people or have heard about

people who hold Satanic rituals, then you know what I mean. Satan worship is alive and well right here in our country. The trees, the mountains, the rivers and all the rest of God's creation are not evil. No, Satan uses people to do his work.

Some time back a friend said to me, "Your column is really a contrast between good and evil." He was right and I make no apologies for that. If you read my column on a regular basis you know that I always encourage my readers to do what is right; to treat other people with dignity and respect, to be honest and forthright in all their dealings with others, to be a good citizen, and to have a servant's heart in taking care of the needy and less fortunate in our society.

To be sure, a person who has these qualities is not evil. He or she, whether professed or not, is a Godly, righteous person and they have a real purpose for living.

Now, to the last part of my earlier question, how does a person become evil? A person is not born evil, but rather becomes evil when the input into his subconscious mind is so negative, so violent, so perverted they lose touch

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— beyond the beltway

So the Constitution isn't quite perfect

by DONALD KAUL

Folks, either you are closing your eyes to a situation you do not wish to acknowledge or you are unaware of a grave injustice embedded in the Constitution of our great republic.

The citizens of the District of Columbia, no less worthy than other citizens, are deprived of representation in Congress — 570,000 Americans effectively disenfranchised. Only recently has the District been given even a non-voting representative in Congress, which is like sending a baseball player up to the plate without a bat.

This means that Congress can do anything it pleases with the District; like, for example, the other day when Utah Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, proposed repeal of the strict gun laws District voters had approved. "The D.C. Personal Protection Act," he called the bill he introduced. It would repeal D.C.'s ban on handguns, end registration requirements on ammunition and make carrying weapons into the workplace there easier.

It is ludicrous to imagine that Hatch would have dared suggest such a usurpation of authority if District residents enjoyed full citizenship. Almost as ludicrous as imagining that a guy

from Utah knows what's good for an Eastern city. But Hatch wanted to look good to his paymasters in the National Rifle Association and this was an easy and cheap way to do it.

There are those, mainly locals, who want to solve the problem by making the District a state, with two senators and a representative. I'm against that.

The District of Columbia isn't a state. While it has more people in it than one or two sparsely populated states, it doesn't look like a state and it doesn't feel like a state. It is a city, without farms, without suburbs, without even an Interstate to call its own. Making it a state would merely add a state bureaucracy to an already bloated, inefficient city government. Instead of three people doing the job of one, you'd have six.

No, here's what we should do: Grant the District a single, fully privileged member in the Senate and in the House, raising the membership of each by one.

This would not only give District citizens a real voice in government, it would give the Senate 101 members, making a tie vote very unlikely, and giving the vice-president, a selected rather than elected official, even less to do, always a good thing. This could be done easily with a simple constitutional amendment.

And so long as we're fooling with our founding document, we should do

something about perhaps its greatest insult to democracy — the granting of two senators to each state, regardless of population.

There are seven states — Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North and South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming — whose population earns them only one representative, yet they each have the same number of senators as California, a state of 34 million people. This, in effect, gives the voter in Montana, say, nearly 70 times the power in the Senate as that possessed by the California voter.

I know, it's the result of the New Jersey compromise at the constitutional convention and they had to do it to get the smaller states to agree to go along with the program.

But, my god, that was 225 years ago. The disparity between the big and small states has become so immense that parity in the Senate cannot be justified, particularly because the injustice is echoed, in a somewhat muted form, in the way we elect our presidents.

I say take one senator away from each of those seven states and give it to the seven largest states. That means that the Tiny Seven would have one senator (like the District of Columbia) and the Big Seven — California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas — would have three.

This would still give more clout to smaller states than they deserve, and

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To some, riding the waves off Hawaii is a spiritual experience

by MATT SEDENSKY
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HONOLULU — As the white-tipped wave melts into the ocean, the surfer's rush of adrenaline gives way other feelings. Some who ride the walls of water are making an unexpected discovery at that moment: They are finding God.

Around the world, a subculture perhaps better known for sculpted bodies and slacker mindsets is finding spirituality. Some surfers say a flawless ride puts them in touch with a higher power. Others are taking those feelings and using the ocean as a pulpit from which to preach their faith.

And, dude, they think it's awesome.

"Surfing is the most spiritual thing that you can do," said Rabbi Nachum Shifren, who lectures on the surf-soul connection. "You're out in the water, you're by yourself, you're out there in God's creation. It's like being in the womb."

Such messages of spirituality in the surf have given the search for the perfect wave new meaning.

Each week, dozens of Bible study groups made up entirely of surfers assemble around the

country. They are organizing mission trips in the Caribbean and Koster surf camps in Costa Rica. They've even seen the introduction of their own Bible, including a full-color cover with shots of big waves and profiles of surfers inside, a surf gear line called Faith Riding Co., and the Surfer's Chapel in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"Surfing has always been kind of a more spiritual" activity, said Army Chief Warrant Officer Glen Spence, a surfer in Hawaii. "It's only natural for the two to meet up."

Christian Surfers, an international organization that started in Australia more than 20 years

ago, has flourished recently in the United States. Two years ago, nine chapters served about 450 members. Today, 28 groups from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to Pensacola, Fla., to Hawaii, count about 1,400 members.

The organization tallies thousands of surfers elsewhere, too, in Japan, South Africa, Venezuela and a host of other surfing hot spots.

In all of these groups, the mission is to minister to other surfers, gently preach their message, and get them to join a local church.

"For a lot of surfers, the whole concept of church is off-

putting," said the Rev. Bill White of the Surfer's Chapel, where services are held on Saturday nights to avoid interference with morning waves.

Surfers are sometimes skeptical of organized religion, he said, but can be swayed by a community of faith solely comprised of fellow wave riders. "Nobody thinks anything of an Armenian church or a Hispanic church or a Samoan church," White said. "I feel that surfers identify with surfing as much as any ethnic group identifies with their ethnicity."

In 2002, Christian Surfers chapters in the United States recorded 1,071 conversions — surfers who accepted Christ for the first time as a result of their efforts. Nearly 400 fallen-away Christians across the country returned to their faith last year as a result of the organization's efforts, Christian Surfers said.

Among them is Jake Gomez. A year ago, Gomez used drugs and considered himself an atheist, a surfing bad boy. He got involved in a surf club and when he was invited by other members to join their Bible study, he decided to try it.

"I wouldn't have met the people who helped me change my life without this," the 18-year-old said before competing in a Christian Surfers amateur surf contest. "We're out here to

bring the word of God to the people without preaching."

"Surfing has grown up a lot over the years," said Wayne Ryan, who runs a Christian surfing group in Sydney, Australia. "The beautiful thing is that over the years we've seen thousands of kids' lives change."

Formal ministries to surfers began in the '70s in Australia, where such efforts are still

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Church members and Christian Appalachian Project staffers turned out to celebrate a home dedication with Wanda Webb.

Home dedication focuses on Christian values

EAST POINT — To celebrate a new home with old friends, Wanda Webb, 70, of East Point, was the honored recipient of a new house during a dedication.

The Christian Appalachian Project hosted the event, which saw over 30 attendees, most of whom were fellow members of the Little Paint Church of God.

The celebration's purpose was twofold: to welcome Webb to her new home and to openly invite her to continue to include love and Christ as a cornerstone for a peaceful, loving home.

But maintaining a Christian lifestyle and home is no stranger to Webb, said CAP officials.

"When you think of the ideal Christian, Mrs. Webb comes to mind," said CAP housing technician Delinda Huff. "Countless times through the home building process she has said to me, 'If you find someone else who needs the home more, give it to them!'"

Apparently no other recipient was more in need. Unfortunately for Webb, the only means of heat in the house was outdated as the home itself. A huge coal stove sat in the corner, with poorly insulated windows that produced heavy

drafts during winter. To repair such an old home would be even more costly than to build a new one.

"The condition of her old home was bad," said CAP housing manager Mike Wiley. "The roof was leaking, the windows and doors were not energy efficient. The home was not safe to live in."

Thanks to funding provided by the Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky Inc. (LINKS) and the Kentucky Housing Corporation, as well as physical labor from CAP crew leader Mike Powers and CAP volunteers Laura Wick and Heather Rhodes, the two-bedroom, one-bath home went from raw materials to reality in little more than five months.

Now Webb can enjoy a level of comfort in the golden years she never could in her former home. She will also utilize a minimum monthly payment plan payable to the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

"My husband and I have always loved the land," she said. "But we never got around to improving our home or buying a doublewide like we wanted. This new home is just unbelievable."

History

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Monica Lewinsky when he testified before a grand jury.

One year ago:

Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian declared in a speech that Taiwan was "not someone else's province" but rather an independent country separate from China. Chen's comments sparked an uproar both in China and at home, prompting him to back away from his pointed rhetoric.

Today's Birthdays:

Author P.D. James is 83. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 82. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanaires) is 79. Singer Tony Bennett is 77. Actor Alex Cord is 72. Actor Martin Sheen is 63. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 62.

Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 62. Movie director John Landis is 53. Actress JoMarie Payton is 53. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 52. Actor John C. McGinley is 44. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 42. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 40. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 40. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 37. Hip-hop artist Spin (Salt-N-Pepa) is 32. Actress Brigid Conley Walsh is 31. Singer Holly Arnstein (Dream) is 18.

Thought for Today:

"We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full." — Marcel Proust, French author (1871-1922).

ence others to walk the same path. While not my favorite subject, in these times I just felt that it was important to share this with you. We always need to help others when we can, but just remember; you can't be friends with a rattlesnake!

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Beyond

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less to the biggest, but it would redress the imbalance a little. That's my plan.

If President Bush is really interested in bringing democracy to the world, he should start at home.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

NOTIFICATION OF FERPA RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and "eligible students" (students over 18 years of age or students who are attending a post-secondary institution) certain rights with respect to the students educational records. They are:

1) The right to inspect and review a student's educational records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

2) The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy or other rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District shall notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school "official" is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District shall disclose education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll; or to other entities authorized by law.

4) The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U.S. Armed Forces and its service academics, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Unless the parent or eligible student requests in writing that the District not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters upon their request.

5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

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U.S. Department of Education
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Mary Emma Jean Reed Bevins, 63, of Banner, died Thursday, July 24, in the King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, and Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckly, W. Va.

Rexford Conn, 70, of Arkansas Creek, Martin, died Wednesday, July 30, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lena Davis, 99, of Dema, died Thursday, July 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital,

Martin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Arthur Deskins, 74, of Stanville, died Thursday, July 24, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Stratton Deskins. Funeral services were

conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Eda Fields, 79, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, July 29, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Harry Lawson, 59, of Printer, died Sunday, July 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Greer Lawson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jerry Price, 48, of Lexington, died after a valiant struggle against cancer. He is survived by his wife, Theresae Price. Interment was Friday, July 25, at the Lexington Cemetery, Kerr Brothers was in charge of arrangements.

Knott County

Nellie Sexton Amburgey, 82, of Mallie, died Wednesday, July 23, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lena Davis, 99, of Dema, died Thursday, July 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Shiloh A. Fields, 98, of Medina, Ohio, native of Hindman, died Thursday, July 24. A memorial service was conducted Sunday, July 27, under the direction of Waite and Son Funeral Homes.

Vinson Francis, 78, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Knott County, died Friday, July 18, at Harper Grace Hospital, Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Oshia Ritchie Francis. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Wednesday, July 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Burnette Hall, 71, of Pinetop, native of Litt Carr, died Wednesday, July 23, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kennell Slone Jr., 56, of Amburgey, died Tuesday, July 22, at home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Carolyn Slone. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Hollie VanHoose, 88, of Tutor Key, died Tuesday, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Daniel VanHoose. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Court rules high schools are a place of public accommodation

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — High schools are a place of public accommodation where discrimination is prohibited under Kentucky's civil rights law, the state Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

In the same ruling, a three-judge panel said that local school boards are not protected under the U.S. Constitution's Eleventh Amendment, which gives states immunity from many kinds of lawsuits.

The decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed by a student expelled from Henry Clay High School in Lexington after a physical altercation with a teacher in December 2000. The student, identified as K.M., and his mother sued the Fayette County public school system, among others.

The student claimed that his expulsion by the school board was racially motivated and violated the state's civil rights law.

The appeals court overruled a 2002 ruling by Fayette County Circuit Court Judge Sheila Isaac that dismissed the student's claims.

Writing for the court, Judge Matthew J. Baker said a high school meets the definition of a

place of public accommodation, noting the civil rights law should be interpreted broadly to achieve its goals.

Among the standards is whether a place supplies goods or services to the public and is supported by government funds.

That the high school is supported by government funding is without dispute, Baker said. "Additionally, we think the high school can be said to supply education 'services to the general public,' thereby satisfying" another requirement, he wrote.

The court also said that the school board also meets the standards to be considered a place of public accommodation.

The panel also ruled that the lower court erred by deciding that the school board had immunity from legal action under the Eleventh Amendment.

The student claimed that his expulsion was arbitrary. He claimed he had statistics and other evidence proving his expulsion was discriminatory and racially motivated.

In sending the case back to the lower court, the appeals court said it was premature to rule on that matter. It noted that the student had not had a chance to try to prove his point in court, and the school board a chance to refute it.

However, Baker wrote that "compelling evidence exists" showing that the student did assault a teacher. The court said that expulsion was an appropriate remedy in such circumstances.

Chief Judge Tom Emberton and Judge Joseph Huddleston concurred in the result but did not endorse the opinion.

Tentative tax projections paint 'grim outlook'

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A tentative projection of state revenue collections paints a "very grim outlook" for the current fiscal year, acting state budget director Mary Lassiter said Friday.

The numbers, pored over by a revenue forecasting team, offered a range of projections in which state General Fund revenues would fall either fraction-

ally above or below last year's collections.

The Consensus Forecasting Group, a panel of economists and academics whose job is to set the official state revenue forecast, will review the numbers again later this month.

While the projections foresee more robust state tax collections in coming years, Lassiter said the latest numbers for the current fiscal year, which began July 1, were sobering.

"Even on a planning basis, the range of numbers discussed today are disappointing and point to a very grim outlook" for the current fiscal year, she said.

Asked if the projections could lead to deeper state spending cuts, Lassiter said, "It's premature to say," but added "it's a possibility."

The Revenue Cabinet is still compiling revenue collections for July, the first month of the fiscal year. But Lassiter said collections from state sales and individual income taxes — which together account for about three-fourths of General Fund revenues — have been "disappointing."

The forecasting group looked at two sets of projected numbers for the current and coming fiscal years.

The most pessimistic numbers projected a 0.2 percent

drop in General Fund receipts for this fiscal year, compared to a year ago. The more optimistic numbers projected a 0.5 percent increase in total collections.

A sluggish economy continues to be a drag on tax collections, according to Lassiter and several economists on the panel.

Another complicating factor is that the state raked in tens of millions in one-time money the last fiscal year, partly from a tax amnesty program — money not accessible in the current fiscal year, they said.

The numbers for the next biennium were decidedly more optimistic. Growth projections ranged from 3.1 percent to 4.5 percent in fiscal 2005 and from 4.4 percent to 5.3 percent the next year.

The more upbeat numbers reflect a general feeling that the economy is poised to rebound, said Lawrence Lynch, a Transylvania University econo-

mist. Projections for the current fiscal year are still downbeat "because we're at the turning point, and even if the U.S. economy does turn around, we'll probably lag behind a little," he said.

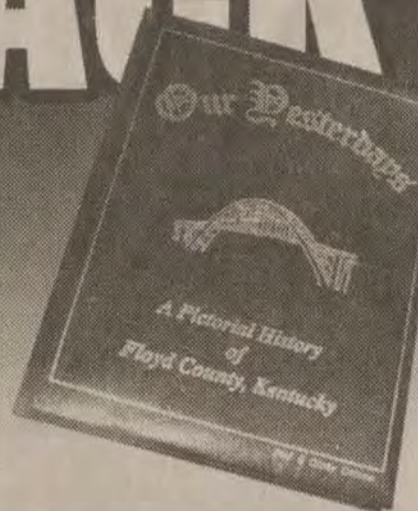
Merl Hackbart, a University of Kentucky professor of finance, said the national job market could remain sluggish in coming months, hampering individual income tax receipts in Kentucky.

Lassiter said the healthy growth rates projected for coming years would be offset by a "structural imbalance" in the budget, meaning that the pattern of spending continues to run ahead of recurring revenues. Lassiter said the imbalance will "pose large challenges" for lawmakers in coming years.

In October, the group is to make the official revenue forecast on which decisions about the next state budget will be based.

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strongest. By 1987, Christian Surfers had arrived stateside, slowly generating a following in beachfront communities.

The idea is for a surfer to hear about faith from someone they can believe — another surfer.

"We see surfing as a subculture," said Chandler Brownlee, a Baptist minister who heads Christian Surfers from his St. Augustine Beach, Fla., home. "We want to be a bridge from the beach to the church."

Others are less emphatic about using surfing as a means for evangelization, instead emphasizing the sport's natural spirituality.

"It's kind of a yin yang kind of thing," said Shifren, who has authored "Surfing Rabbi" and is hosting what's billed as the world's only Kosher surf camp in Costa Rica next month.

"In order to find true happiness and true contentment, you have to work," he said referring to the exhausting paddling that surfing requires and one's spiritual journey.

"You connect to purity when you surf," added Alon Maor, a Jewish surfer who prays before surfing each morning in Hawaii. "You feel God's energy."

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H.S. VOLLEYBALL

South Floyd volleyball to host invitational

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – The South Floyd High School volleyball team will host an invitational tournament during the upcoming season. The tournament will take place in September. Two teams host South Floyd play in the event are Fleming-Neon and East Ridge. The first game of the season for South Floyd will take place just over one week from now at home against East Ridge. Keith Smallwood returns as head coach. Smallwood was able to get the invitational tournament together for the Lady Raiders.

The schedule for the South Floyd volleyball team follows.

Aug. 11 Knott County Central, 6 p.m.; Aug. 14 at Magoffin County, 6 p.m.; Aug. 19 Johnson Central, 6 p.m.; Aug. 21 at Prestonsburg 6 p.m.; Aug. 25 Paintsville, 6 p.m.; Aug. 26 Magoffin County, 6 p.m.; Aug. 28 Pikeville, 7 p.m.; Sept. 1 at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m. Sept. 4

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UPDATE

VanHoose set to embark on career in education

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – A Mr. Basketball will be teaching in a classroom at Paintsville High School this fall. Marshall



Vanhoose

University graduate J.R. Vanhoose, Kentucky Mr. Basketball 1998, will teach on a full-time basis this fall at his high school alma mater,

Paintsville. He will teach social studies at Paintsville High.

After graduating from Marshall, VanHoose tested the professional basketball waters in the National Basketball Developmental League. After not making a cut with North

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PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Webb moves on to Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Former Johnson Central defensive lineman Paul Webb has a new home.

Webb, who signed with the University of Kentucky out of high school and enrolled at the Southeastern Conference school as a freshman last January, then after spring practice decided UK wasn't for him, has turned to Pikeville College. In the spring, UK coaches had Webb lined up at defensive end. Coming out of high school, Webb was the first UK signee in the class of 2002.

"We feel like we got a good in Webb," said new Pikeville

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A's fall in USSSA World Series

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NICHOLASVILLE – The run for an area summer baseball team which includes players from Paintsville High School was slowed down late in the week.

The Ashland Athletics, who came

into the USSSA World Series with a record of 52-9, dropped a game in the championship round with a 6-5 loss to the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Reds Thursday. For the A's, it was a big setback, but not a season-ending defeat.

Paintsville High students Shane Simpkins, Charlie Collett and Josh

LeMaster all play for the A's. Martin County native Rick Simpkins is an assistant coach.

The A's fell behind 6-0 after an inning of play, but slowly built momentum throughout the game, but came no closer as they fell short on their comeback effort, scoring only once in the top

of seventh inning.

Leading the comeback for the Athletics was Dustin Shaffer, who went 2-for-4, and Brad Caudill, who also went 2-for-4.

The Grand Rapids Reds are the top-

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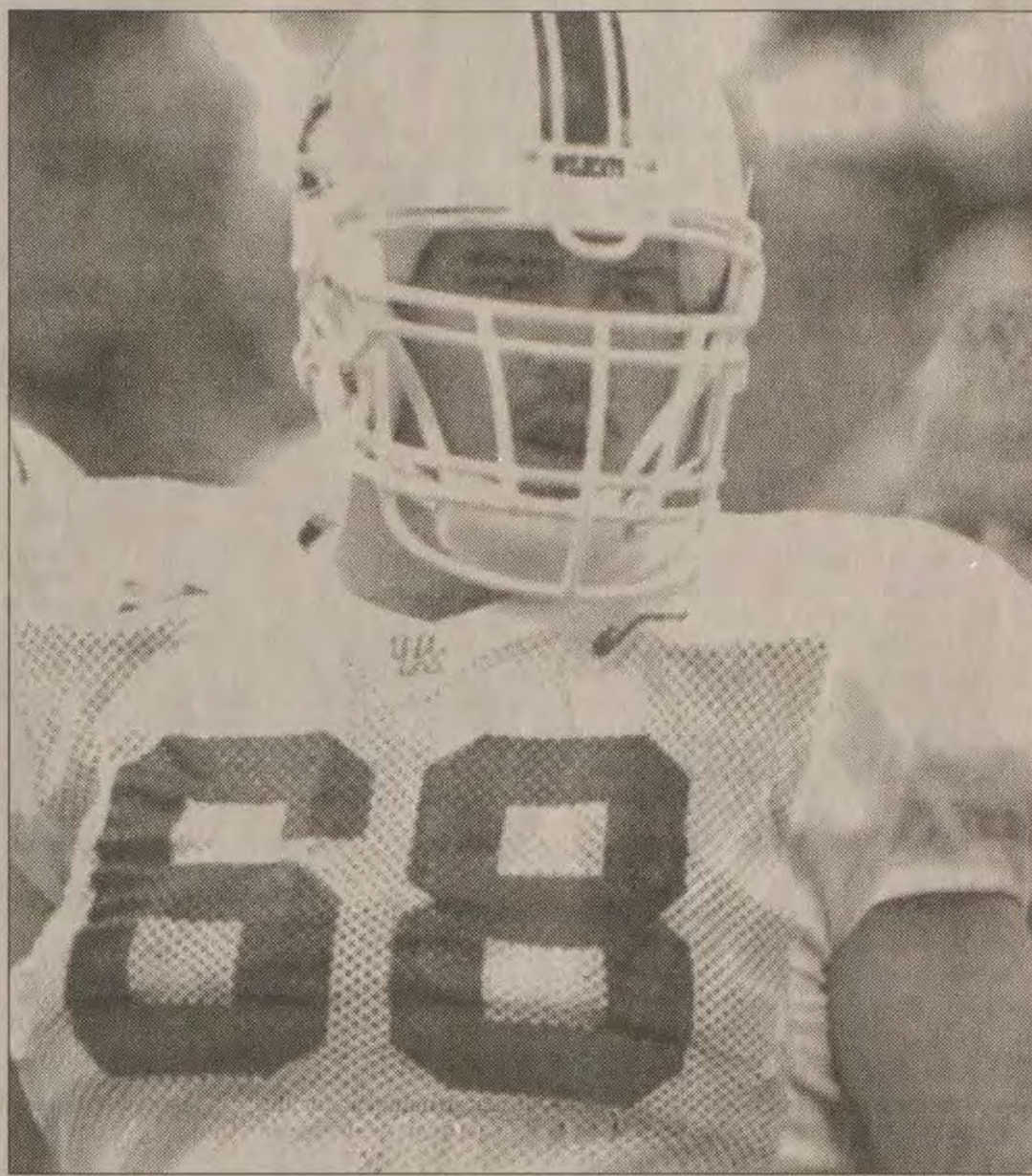


photo by Victoria Graff/The Cats' Pause

Martin native and Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Caudill makes the move to defensive end in his senior season.

YOUTH SOCCER



Floyd County to host soccer signups

PRESTONSBURG – Floyd County will hold soccer registrations during the upcoming week. The 2003 fall season will see Floyd County soccer players play on a new home field in Allen.

The league's spring season wrapped up earlier this year. Some Floyd County players also took part in a recent Major League Soccer camp held in Johnson County.

Soccer registration for Floyd players will be held at Dairy Queen in Prestonsburg on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The registration fee will be the same as last season, \$40.

YMCA NEWS

YMCA offering soccer, flag football signups

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – The Pikeville Area Family YMCA is currently holding registration for fall youth soccer and flag football. Signups, ongoing, continue this week. The fall youth soccer league is for both boys and girls ages 3-17. For more information on the signups, call Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

Memberships to the Pikeville Area Family YMCA are currently available. Memberships are as follows – Family Memberships: First Year \$392.69, Renewal \$342.69; Adult Membership: First Year \$277.88, Renewal \$247.88; Single Parent Membership: First Year \$303.87, Renewal \$273.87; Senior Couple Membership: First Year

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Caudill eager for 'amazing things'

by DARRELL BIRD
THE CATS' PAUSE

Jeremy Caudill arrived at Kentucky during the heyday of coach Hal Mumme's Air Raid offense.

Unfortunately, Caudill played defense, a necessary evil in

Mumme's mind as he once proclaimed that if the defense couldn't stop an opponent it should simply let them score so his offense could go back on the attack.

In a testimony to justice, Caudill will exit Kentucky under the leadership of new head coach Rich Brooks and defensive coordinator Mike

Archer, both former NFL coaches who are deadly serious about defense.

"It would be nice to be here when defense has been made a priority around here," Caudill said. "In the past, the offense was never a ques-

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SEC FOOTBALL

Auburn is media favorite to win SEC

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Auburn is picked to beat defending champion Georgia for the Southeastern Conference championship this season.

The Tigers will win their first SEC title since 1989, according to voting by

league media at the SEC Media Days on Thursday.

Auburn received 45 votes to win the league championship game, followed by the Bulldogs (12) and Tennessee (10).

Georgia was picked to edge the Volunteers in the Eastern Division,

while Auburn was picked to beat out LSU.

Alabama isn't eligible for the title because of NCAA probation.

Predicted order of finish with first-place votes in parentheses and total

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Timing of game suits Petrino, not Brooks

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIMPSONVILLE — Louisville coach Bobby Petrino and Kentucky coach Rich Brooks acknowledge that the biggest game of their respective first seasons is the opener between their teams.

The Cardinals and Wildcats meet at Commonwealth Stadium on Aug. 31 in the 10th renewal of their rivalry that was revived in

the early 1990s. The game has become each team's traditional opener and will draw a national television audience for the second straight year.

Petrino likes the added pressure and where the game falls on the schedule; Brooks doesn't.

"I'd rather have a game or two under my belt," Brooks said at a joint news conference on Thursday. "The start of the season

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TAKING ON TENNESSEE: Prince Albert Stables had 20 horses in competition last week in Morristown, Tenn. More on the show appears inside this edition.

Yankees get Boone and White, trade Ventura

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox escalated their arms race with a flurry of trades Thursday while the San Francisco Giants made the biggest deal of the day, getting Baltimore ace Sidney Ponson.

The AL East-leading Yankees became the latest team to raid the payroll-slashing Cincinnati Reds, acquiring All-Star third baseman Aaron Boone and reliever Gabe White. New York also traded away

third baseman Robin Ventura while the Red Sox added yet another pitcher, obtaining Jeff Suppan from Pittsburgh. AL Central-leading Kansas City got Tampa Bay's best reliever, Al Levine, for cash.

In all, there were six trades before baseball's 4 p.m. EDT deadline for deals without waivers. From now on, it becomes more tricky to make trades before the Aug. 31 deadline to be eligible for postseason play.

The Giants made a bold move, giving up pitcher Damian

Moss, righty prospect Kurt Ainsworth and minor league lefty Ryan Hannaman for Ponson.

Ponson was 14-6 with a 3.77 ERA for Baltimore this season. He was one victory behind AL wins leader Roy Halladay of Toronto.

Ponson goes from a team struggling to reach .500 to a club with a 12-game lead in the NL West.

"Hopefully, I'll be in the World Series with them this year," Ponson said.

Ponson turned down a \$15 million, three-year contract extension from the Orioles on July 19 and the sides had continued to talk without reaching an agreement. He is eligible for free agency this winter.

"It wasn't a surprise I was getting traded," Ponson said. "The Giants are a really good baseball team. I'm looking forward to meeting these guys, and I'm going to do everything in my power to help my new team win it all."

The Giants had inquired about Montreal pitcher Javier Vazquez before landing Ponson.

The Yankees made a pair of trades with the Reds. They got Boone, whose father was fired three days earlier as Cincinnati's manager, for prized left-hander Brandon Claussen and cash.

Boone expects to join the Yankees for their game Friday night at Oakland. There had been rumors he might get traded to Seattle — where brother Bret plays — or the Dodgers.

"The fact that it's the

Yankees is awesome," he said.

Boone, 30, was hitting .273 with 18 home runs and a team-high 65 RBIs this season. He also led the Reds with 15 stolen bases.

After getting Boone, the Yankees turned around and sent Ventura to Los Angeles for outfielder Bubba Crosby and right-handed pitcher Scott Proctor.

New York also got White for a player to be named. He was 3-0 with 3.93 ERA in 34 relief appearances, and has been on the disabled list since June 25 because of a strained left groin.

Cincinnati fired manager Bob Boone and general manager Jim Bowden on Monday. Since then, the Reds traded closer Scott Williamson to Boston and productive outfielder Jose Guillen to Oakland.

"They've had a change of direction," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "All of baseball reacted to that. When the Reds' situation changed, it created a whole new market."

While the first-place Yankees have recently added relievers Armando Benitez, Jesse Orsoco and White, the Red Sox have traded for pitchers Byung-Hyun Kim, Scott Sauerbeck, Williamson and Suppan.

In a reworking of a July 22 trade, Pittsburgh sent Suppan, right-hander Brandon Lyon and minor league pitcher Anatascio Martinez to Boston for infield prospect Freddy Sanchez, minor league left-hander Mike Gonzalez and cash.

Suppan spent most of his career in the AL before signing with Pittsburgh, going 48-57 with the Red Sox and Royals. He is 10-7 with a 3.57 ERA this season, with three complete games and two shutouts during his current five-game winning streak.

"When I left (Pittsburgh), I told him I'd probably see him in a few weeks," Sauerbeck said. "Now it's true."

Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi said it seemed only teams with money were able to make trades.

"It sounds like it's a repeat of the '50s where the Yankees used to go to the Kansas City A's and take their players and give them money so they could survive," Ricciardi said.

The Dodgers are desperate to score runs and hope Ventura can help. He turned 36 in July and was batting .251 with nine home runs and 42 RBIs.

Dodgers manager Jim Tracy plans to use Ventura more at first base because Fred McGriff is out with a knee injury.

Ventura has not played first base this season, and has not started at the position since Sept. 2, 1996, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"He's a Gold Glove-caliber infielder whose offensive production should add a boost to our lineup," Dodgers general

manager Dan Evans said.

Levine, 35, was 3-5 with a 2.90 ERA in 36 games with the last-place Devil Rays.

"It's exciting. That's what you play for," the right-hander said. "I'm happy to go, but I'm leaving a good group of guys. I'm very surprised."

Seattle reliever Jeff Nelson was disappointed his AL West-leading Mariners didn't make a deal.

"It's difficult year after year here to watch this team never make moves to better themselves," he said. "It's a shame the front office didn't take that extra step to maybe get further in the playoffs."

"I've never seen an impact player come to this team nor have they ever seemed to go out and try to get one," he said.

OUTDOORS

Kentucky Afield offers call-in segment

Kentucky's outdoors are rich in wildlife — not only in terms of the deer, pheasant, and bass that attract the attention of hunters and anglers, but also the countless other species that add to the beauty and diversity of the state's national environment.

Airing Saturday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. on KET1, Kentucky Afield "Simmer Call-IN 2003" offers viewers a chance to ask questions and get answers about Kentucky's many non-game animals, from elk and otters to snakes and bats.

Hosted by Tim Farmer, the program focuses on wildlife

habitat, conservation issues and wildlife management. A panel of experts from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources joins Farmer to answer viewers' questions during the live, one-hour show.

Kentucky Afield "Summer Call-In 2003" is produced by KET and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Produced and directed by Carl Babcock, the program is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET's four digital channels by visiting the KET website at www.ket.org.

OUTDOORS

Jurich: No timeline on conference decision

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich said he has no timeline for a decision on whether the Cardinals will leave Conference USA and join the Big East.

"It's going to be a slow, deliberate process everybody's going to be very conservative with," Jurich said Thursday. Miami and Virginia Tech left.

the Big East to join the Atlantic Coast Conference on June 30, setting off speculation that Louisville was a leading candidate to join the depleted league.

The Big East needs to add at least two teams in order to maintain its conference status and secure its membership in the Bowl Championship Series.

Jurich acknowledged that Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese has talked with

Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky, but said no decisions have been made regarding Louisville.

"There have not been a lot of organized discussions," Jurich said. "This is a decision that the Big East and their presidents will make."

"If we do receive an invitation, fine. If we don't, then we'll look at better options. And Conference USA will be one of those."

Conference USA is a BCS outsider, a distinction that frustrates Jurich. The Cardinals have reached a bowl game the past five seasons, but miss out on millions that trickle down to lesser teams in BCS-eligible leagues.

"We don't have any BCS money. We don't get checks at the end of the year worth \$9.5 million," he said.

Jurich said the appeal of joining a BCS league goes beyond money.

"The BCS is very important when it comes down to recruiting," he said. "When you're sitting across the table from a kid and one school says, 'We're in the BCS' — whether they have a chance at a national championship or not — they're living off their affiliations."

"When our coaches are in that room, I want them to have an equal opportunity to get those kids. That's what we're looking for."

Signups

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\$277.88, Renewal \$247.88; College Student First: Year \$151.09, Renewal \$131.09; Youth: First Year \$94.96, Renewal \$84.96.

The Pikeville YMCA current-

ly offers a variety of programs in addition to soccer and flag football. The YMCA also offers child care and outdoor activities as well as Chinese karate, basketball, gymnastics and aerobics.

Webb

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College head coach Jerry Mynatt. "He felt like it was just a better situation for him."

Webb began turning heads in high school as early as his freshman season when he became a starter on the Johnson Central offensive line. Webb's most productive prep season was his junior campaign, 2000, a season in which the Golden Eagles went 10-0 in the regular campaign and won a district

championship. He made 79 tackles that season. It was also Bill Musick's final season at the helm of the Johnson Central grid program.

As a senior for the Golden Eagles in 2001, Webb made 52 tackles and was named to the All-South team by PrepStar magazine. He also played in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game in addition to a couple other all-star events.

USSSA

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ranked team in the USSSA World Series.

With the loss the A's fell into the loser's bracket and will play the Carolina Copperheads, the ninth-ranked team in the nation from Charlotte, N.C., Friday night at 6. Results were unavailable at press time.

Hounds finish runner-up

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Huntington Hounds 16-under baseball team is national runner-up.

The Hounds, with eight Kentuckians on the 15-player roster, batted .330 as a team and scored 301 runs in 40 games this year.

Brothers Justin Blanton and

Adam Blanton are both members of the team. Lawrence County second-baseman Steve Blevins is another member of the team.

In all, the team's roster included 15 players representing three states and seven different high schools.

Most of the Hounds' schedule consisted of six tournaments, including five away from their home field in Wayne, W.Va. The Hounds won two of three games at the East Cobb Fourth of July Tournament in Atlanta and finished 5-2 at the Freedom Classic in Indianapolis. In addition to their busy schedule, team players and coaches attended major-league games in Atlanta, Baltimore and Detroit.

SEC

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points:

EASTERN DIVISION:

- Georgia (42) 124
- Tennessee (30) 138
- Florida (6) 207
- South Carolina 349
- Kentucky, 356
- Vanderbilt, 464

WESTERN DIVISION:

- Auburn (60) 105
- LSU (13) 162
- Arkansas (2) 278
- Alabama (1) 303
- Mississippi (2) 332
- Mississippi St., 458

SEC Champion: Auburn (45), Georgia (12), Tennessee (10), LSU (6), Mississippi (2), Florida (2), Arkansas (1).

Timing

here is a little bit different than most of the places I've been, where you're playing an archrival right out of the barrel."

Brooks coached Oregon from 1977-94 — 18 seasons worth of memories from the Ducks' spirited clashes with Oregon State.

The emphasis players place on in-state rivalry games is what scares him about this opener.

"Whichever team loses, it's going to impact your whole season and the direction it's going to go," Brooks said. "When you put that much importance on the first game, if you don't win it, it's hard to recapture your players' attitudes and say, 'Hey, we can still make this thing work.'"

"It's something that takes on a life of its own," Brooks said. "It's a much larger game than any other game you're going to play."

In recent years, the game has been an accurate harbinger of each team's season.

In 2000, Louisville won 40-34 in overtime and springboarded to a 9-3 record and its first Conference USA title. Kentucky went 2-9.

The next year, the Cardinals won 36-10 in Lexington and finished 11-2. Kentucky again went 2-9.

Last season, Louisville came into the game heavily favored and nationally ranked, but lost 22-17. The Cardinals finished a disappointing 7-6, while the Wildcats went a surprising 7-5.

Petrino hopes his players can consider the Kentucky game separately from the rest of the season.

"You have two seasons. You have that first game, which is a rivalry. And then, win or lose, put it behind you and move on," he said.

Like Brooks, Petrino understands in-state rivalries. He was a Louisville assistant in 1998, when Kentucky routed the Cardinals 68-34. Last season, he was an assistant at Auburn and witnessed the intensity of the Tigers' series with Alabama.

The Auburn-Alabama series will always have more tradition, but Petrino said the stature of the

Louisville-Kentucky rivalry will continue to grow.

"I believe that at any school you're at, that your rivalry game is the biggest in the country. That's how everybody takes it," Petrino said. "To the players, to the coaches, to the universities, it's all relative."

Brooks and Petrino both said the main challenge preparing for this game is figuring out what the other team is going to do. Both coaches have virtually all-new staffs from last season's teams.

"At this point, all we can look at is where they have been and what they have done when they've been there," Brooks said. "Nobody's for sure what the other one is going to do. I'm sure it will be a game full of surprises."

Education

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Charleston, VanHoose opted to focus on his studies. He is happy with his current position.

"I'm in a special teaching program at Morehead State," said VanHoose. "I'll be teaching full-time and going back to get my Master's in teaching within two years."

VanHoose was a three-time all-state selection and Sweet 16 MVP. In 1996, he helped lead the Tigers to a state title. In his high school career, VanHoose scored 3,105 points in high school, 18th best on the state's all-time list.

The former Tiger ended his collegiate career as the fifth all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,803 points and the second all-time leading rebounder with

1088 rebounds.

He also finished in the all-time top ten in blocks, field goals, field goal attempts, free throws made, and games played. His rebounding total also ranks fifth all-time in Mid-American Conference history. Recorded 54 double-doubles in his four-year career. He was a four-year starter who started 108 of 113 games at Marshall.

As a senior, he averaged 15.0 points and 10.6 rebounds while starting all 30 games. He finished second in the conference in rebounding, and ranked 12th nationally.

VanHoose is also likely to assist Paintsville boys' basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon is some capacity in the near future.

Volleyball

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Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.; Sept. 8 Allen Central, 6 p.m.; Sept. 9 at Paintsville 6 p.m.; Sept. 11 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.; Sept. 15 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.; Sept. 18 at Fleming-Neon, 6 p.m.; Sept. 20 Fleming-Neon, 11 a.m. (South

Floyd Invitational); Sept. 20 East Ridge (South Floyd Invitational); Sept. 22 Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.; Sept. 25 at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.; Sept. 29 Knott County Central, 6 p.m.; Oct. 2 Fleming-Neon, 6 p.m.

Gibbs offers Stewart contract extension

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Car owner Joe Gibbs has offered Tony Stewart a long-term contract extension, but said Tuesday he's not sure the Winston Cup champion will accept the deal.

Joe Gibbs

"Obviously I don't have the answer," Gibbs said. "The most important thing for drivers is to

have a place where they think they can win races.

"Our number one job as a race team is to make sure we're in the forefront of what's going on and that any driver would think he has a chance to win in our stuff."

The 32-year-old Stewart, a former IRL champion, has been with Joe Gibbs Racing since 1999. He has 16 victories and won his first NASCAR title last season.

His contract expires at the end

of 2004, but because Gibbs likes to re-sign drivers before their deals expire, Stewart's future has been widely debated the past few weeks.

He said Tuesday he received the extension from Gibbs, but has not had time to look it over.

"It's not been a real pressing issue because I still have another year on my contract after this

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KENTUCKY

UK mascot named to Capitol One All-America Mascot Team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

McLEAN, Va. - Capital One today announced Scratch of the University of Kentucky was selected to the second annual Capital One All-America Mascot Team. Scratch joins 11 other B.M.O.C.s (that's "Big Mascots on Campus") whose fur, feathers and scales will be featured in an upcoming national television advertising campaign showcasing their competition for the Capital One National Mascot of the Year title.

The 2003 Capital One All-America Mascot Team: Albert - University of Florida; Aubie - Auburn University; Big Red - Western Kentucky University; Brutus Buckeye - Ohio State University; Chip - University of Colorado

Cocky - University of South Carolina; Hairy Dawg - University of Georgia; Harry the Husky - University of Washington; Monte - University of Montana; Scratch - University of Kentucky

Smokey - University of Tennessee; YoUDee - University of Delaware.

"Last year, college mascots flocked to join the All-America mascot team, and this year the contest for the 12 coveted spots was even more ferocious," said Pam Girardo, mascot spokesperson at Capital One. "We look forward to watching the finalists go beak-to-beak and snout-to-snout to claim the Capital One National Mascot of the Year title beginning in September. May the best mascot win!"

Being named an All-American comes with its fair share of perks - the recognition, the photo shoots, a national television advertising campaign, the parties, adoring fans, bragging rights and the cash (each member of the mascot team receives \$5,000 for its school's mascot

program). Capital One started the All-America Mascot and National Mascot of the Year contests last year to pay homage to the top college mascots in the country. Mascots traditionally have been the Rodney Dangerfields of the sports world.

"Capital One is all about challenging the status quo," said Girardo. "While most people glorify the star quarterback or lineman, Capital One wants to recognize the unsung hero of college football - the mascot. They embody the true spirit of college football and it's time they had their day in the sun."

This year's pack of characters was chosen from Division IA and IAA athletic programs with college football teams. Nomination kits, which were mailed to the Division IA & IAA athletic departments in March, were due back on June 6, 2003. A panel of judges, including original Phillie Phanatic David Raymond; mascot guru and historian, Dr. Roy Yarbrough; and representatives from ESPN and Capital One, selected and notified the 12

finalists in June. Judging criteria included interaction with fans, sportsmanship and community service.

The selection of the team sets the stage for a fierce battle for the coveted Capital One National Mascot of the Year title beginning in early September. Fans across the country will be able to vote for their favorite mascot of the 12 through real-time, online polling at www.capitalonebowl.com. The winner will be selected based on the judges' ranking (50 percent) and the on-line voting results (50 percent). The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced during the Capital One Bowl on January 1, 2004, and will receive an additional \$5,000 (for a total of \$10,000) for its school's mascot program.

"We are extremely proud of Scratch's recognition as a member of the Capital One All-America Mascot Team," UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "We look forward to supporting his campaign for the title of Capital One National Mascot of the Year starting in September."

MARSHALL

Pruett, Marshall come to terms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON — Marshall University and football coach Bob Pruett have orally agreed to a one-time \$250,000 enhancement of the coach's seven-year contract.

Athletic Director Bob Marcum

also said he plans to negotiate a new contract with Pruett that will enhance potential incentives.

"Our intent from the get-go, last season, was to take Coach Pruett off the market (as a Division I head coaching candidate for hire)," Marcum told the Charleston Daily Mail for a story in Wednesday's editions. "We wanted to get to where we wouldn't have to keep answering the question, 'Will coach Pruett move?'"

"We're stepping up and making the statement we want him here. We started in that direction, talking in December, and now we've reached the point where it's going to be done. We don't have it on paper yet, but there's a comfort level now, and everyone is in agreement."

Marcum said the one-time lump sum payment will be made with private funds to be raised by the Marshall University Foundation Inc.

Pruett said he orally agreed to a \$250,000 payment.

Pruett, a 60-year-old Beckley native and Marshall graduate, is entering his eighth season as head coach of the Thundering Herd. His record at Marshall is 80-13.

His current contract runs through the 2009-2010 school year.

Marcum said Pruett's current financial package is about \$300,000 annually, which includes a \$140,000 base salary plus extra money from television and radio, speaking engagements and incentives based on game attendance and promotions.

Pruett's incentive bonuses for the 2002 season included \$5,000 for coaching the Herd to the Mid-American Conference championship and \$12,000 for an appearance in the GMAC Bowl.

Caudill

tion. There

have been some prolific scoring offenses here in the past. But the defense has been lackluster at times. If we could have one of those strong SEC defenses, that would be great."

After Mumme's departure, UK made solid strides under defensive coordinator John Goodner. Caudill now hopes to ratchet the improvement a notch or two under Archer.

"It's a different set and there's a lot to learn, but if you can learn it, you can play it and make some amazing things happen," Caudill said. "Mix a defense like this with the attitude that we're going to carry over from last year, and I think you're going to see some impressive things on the defensive side Miller of the ball."

Kentucky won seven games last year with Goodner's eight-man front, featuring four down linemen, two linebackers and two outside safeties who were primarily run-stoppers. But a dramatic change is coming with the switch to Archer's 3-4 set, which represents only three down linemen and four linebackers, two inside and two outside.

"The big advantage of three down linemen instead of four is being able to blitz from either side or even the middle and the offense never knows where it's going to come from," Caudill said. "If there are five guys up there but you're only sending four on the blitz, then it's a guessing game for the offense as to which players are going. If you guess right as a defense, then you can go at the quarterback untouched. That causes a lot of problems for an offense."

The change in sets also means a dramatic adjustment for Caudill, who must switch from playing in the middle of the line as defensive tackle to being on the outside as defensive end.

"Last year, I was an inside guy who was taking up double teams and eating up blockers and pounding the run," Caudill said. "Now, I'm one of

the guys on the edge who'll be facing a lot of single blocks. I'll be able to get after the passer a little more but at the same time have run responsibilities."

Masterminding the change is Archer, former linebackers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We're getting this stuff from a coach who was in the NFL and he's going to throw a lot of things at some teams that they've never seen before," Caudill said.

Of course, Archer has had to adjust from working with veteran professionals to college athletes who are being asked to learn a third defensive scheme in four years.

"He's shown a lot of patience," Caudill said of Archer. "He's demanding perfection, which helps because it causes guys to learn a little bit faster. But he's been a good teaching coach. He's helping us to understand the defense."

And to apply it come the fall as Kentucky eyes a bowl game that was denied by NCAA probation despite a

seven-win season.

"We want to get enough wins so that we start the tradition of going to a bowl game every year," Caudill said. "It's really important for those of us who have been here through all of the changes."

This story appears in the 2003 Kentucky Football Yearbook. It is reprinted in The Times with permission from The Cats' Pause.

LITTLE LEAGUE

P'burg Little League to elect officers

Prestonsburg Little League will meet to elect officers on Sunday, August 10 at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Rescue Squad. For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

INDOOR FOOTBALL

Franklin out as coach of Horsemen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Lexington Sports Ventures, LLC announced late in the week that the Lexington Horsemen and head coach/general manager Tony Franklin have been unable to agree to contract terms for the 2004 season. Franklin will remain under contract with the team through October 31 of this year, when the existing contract expires.

The Horsemen just completed their inaugural season in the NFL, compiling a record of nine wins and six losses, losing to the Ohio Valley Greyhounds

in the first round of the playoffs. Franklin, a native of western Kentucky, came to the Horsemen after a successful run as offensive coordinator for the University of Kentucky.

In the team's inaugural season, Lawrence County High School head coach Garry McPeck served as an assistant coach under Franklin.

Horsemen officials have begun an immediate search for a new head coach.

For more information, please contact the Lexington Horsemen office at 859/422-7277.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Football: Media Days

Prestonsburg High will hold its football media day on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Paintsville has set its annual picture day for Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at Walter J. Brugh Field.

Junior league signups

Prestonsburg Junior Football is currently conducting pre-registration at the office of Blake R. Burchett MD, 535 North Lake in Prestonsburg.

Players in grades third through eighth are may participate in the tackle-football league.

The first workout is scheduled for August 4 at 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 per player.

Hunting: Hunter education class

A hunter education class will be held August 2 from 9 a.m. to competition at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club. For more information, go online to www.deweylakefishandgame.org. The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club holds its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The road is located at the end of Stratton Branch Road.

Cheerleading

Forms for Pikeville High School cheerleaders may be picked up on Thursday, Aug. 7 at Pikeville High School. Forms should be completed as much as possible before the physical. Athlete must be accompanied by a parent.

Volleyball

Volleyball practice and tryouts are ongoing at Pikeville High School. For more information, call 606/432-0185.

Golf: Trooper Island Golf tourney

The annual Kentucky State Police Post 9 Golf Tournament, benefitting Trooper Island, is scheduled for a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on August 7 at Raven Rock Golf Course in Jenkins. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and costs \$60 per person. For more information, contact Trooper Scott Hopkins at 606/433-7711 or via the Internet at James.Hopkins@mail.state.ky.us.

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Is Your Child Ready For School?

State law requires all students to have certain records on file at school.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

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3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE-dated December, 1999).
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These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.
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6th Grade

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Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

For further information, contact
Jennifer C. Martin,
District Health Coordinator/School Nurse
located at central office, 886-2354, ext. 518.

Manning, Dansby headline preseason All-SEC team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Mississippi's Eli Manning was picked as the Southeastern Conference's top passer while Auburn linebacker Karlos Dansby was the top vote-getter for the preseason All-SEC team. Manning received 59 votes for All-SEC to outdistance last year's first-teamer, David Greene of Georgia, in balloting by leaguewide media on Thursday.

There were no unanimous picks among the 78 voters, but Dansby was only one vote shy.

Georgia defensive end David Pollack received 75 votes, followed by Kentucky return specialist Derek Abney (73) and Arkansas offensive lineman Shawn Andrews (69).

Alabama led all teams with five first-team picks while LSU had four.

Here are the first- and second-team preseason All-SEC units with total votes in parentheses:

FIRST-TEAM

OFFENSE:

- TE—Ben Watson, Georgia (65)
- OL—Shawn Andrews, Arkansas (69)
- OL—Wesley Britt, Alabama (53)
- OL—Justin Smiley, Alabama (44)
- OL—Antonio Hall, Kentucky (33)
- C—Ben Wilkeron, LSU (47)
- QB—Eli Manning, Mississippi (59)
- WR—Michael Clayton, LSU (67)
- WR—Fred Gipson, Georgia (58)
- RB—Carnell Williams, Auburn (68)
- RB—Shaud Williams, Alabama (34)
- PK—Billy Bennett, Georgia (64)
- RS—Derek Abney, Kentucky (73)

DEFENSE:

- DL—David Pollack, Georgia

- (75) DL—Antwan Odom, Alabama (48)
- DL—Chad Lavalais, LSU (35)
- LB—Karlos Dansby, Auburn (77)
- LB—Dontarrious Thomas, Auburn (67)
- LB—Tony Bua, Arkansas (45)
- LB—Brooks Daniels, Alabama (38)
- DB—Corey Webster, LSU (59)
- DB—Rashad Baker, Tennessee (51)
- DB—Keiwan Ratliff, Florida (50)
- DB—Guss Scott, Florida (31)
- P—Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee (52)

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE:

- TE—Ben Troupe, Florida (12)
 - OL—Stephen Peterman, LSU (30)
 - OL—Michael Munoz, Tennessee (23)
 - OL—Travelle Wharton, South Carolina (19)
 - OL—Shannon Snell, Florida (13)
 - C—Scott Wells, Tennessee (20)
 - QB—David Greene, Georgia (14)
 - WR—Chris Collins, Mississippi (19)
 - WR—Carlos Perez, Florida (5)
 - RB—Ronnie Brown, Auburn (23)
 - RB—Cedric Houston, Tennessee (28)
 - PK—Brent Smith, Mississippi St. (10)
 - RS—Damien Gary, Georgia; Kwane Doster, Vanderbilt (2)
- #### DEFENSE:
- DL—DeMarco McNeil, Auburn (28)
 - DL—Jesse Mitchell, Mississippi (19)
 - DL—Vincent Burns, Kentucky (12)
 - LB—Freddie Roach, Alabama (23)

Stewart

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year," Stewart said. "So, for some reason, everybody else is putting a bigger press on that than I have so far."

However, there's been rampant speculation that Stewart is considering an offer from Chip Ganassi Racing. Stewart has repeatedly denied he has had any talks with Ganassi, who has fielded an IRL car for him in the Indianapolis 500.

Ganassi fields Dodges, and its believed that the manufacturer and Target, a top Ganassi sponsor, are willing to contribute to buy out Stewart's remaining year with Gibbs.

But John Fernandez, director of Dodge Motorsports Operations, denied the automaker was part of any deal.

"Actually we've got a great lineup of drivers that we're working with today," Fernandez said. "I

don't know if Tony is under contract with Joe Gibbs right now, so we're not pursuing Tony at this point in time."

Tony Stewart Gibbs, meanwhile, has already locked up Bobby Labonte, Stewart's teammate, to a long-term deal and is close to announcing extensions for Greg Zipadelli and Home Depot, Stewart's crew chief and sponsor.

Zipadelli hopes Stewart doesn't leave Gibbs.

"When you have somebody who is as talented as that, of course you want him signed up to know he's on your side and in your camp for the next four, five, or six years or whatever the contract may be," Zipadelli said. "This is a great place and we've given him a great deal. We can only hope and pray that he makes a decision to stay with us."

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