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## Pike man killed in accident

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

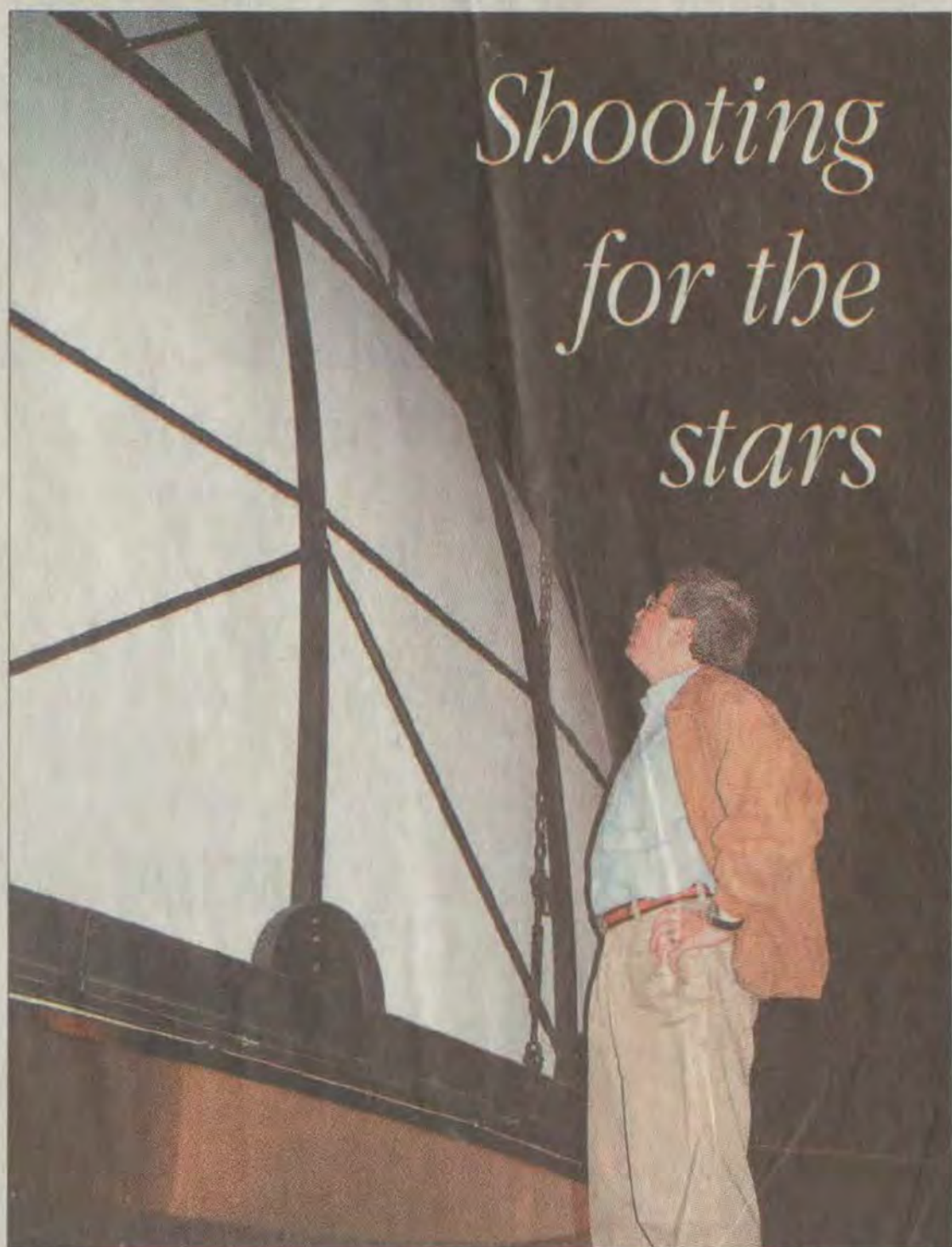
KIMPER — A Pike County man added to the mounting number of area deaths resulting from collisions with large trucks when he was killed after losing control of his vehicle and hitting a tractor-trailer along Route 632 Thursday night.

Roger D. Hunter, 33, of Grapevine was killed, according to police, while traveling west on Route 632 at Kimper late Thursday night.

Reports indicate that Hunter lost control of his 1987 Chevy S-10 pickup when he crossed the center line and collided with a 1994 Peterbilt tractor carrying an empty coal trailer belonging to John L. Coleman Trucking. The tractor-trailer was sent into a nearby creek after being struck, while Hunter's vehicle came to a final rest in the westbound lane of Route 632.

Hunter was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts and later removed to Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Jose Estrada Jr., was not injured.



## Shooting for the stars

Photos by Sheldon Compton

The long wait for the opening of the East Kentucky Science Center's planetarium will be over in January. Center director Ray Shubinski, pictured here making final inspections to the facility's suspended dome, says he may open with a Mars show.

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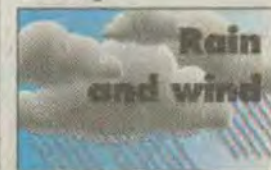
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High: 48 • Low: 29

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# Science center nearly complete

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center's planetarium is now in the final stages of being up and ready for business.

The planetarium, one of only eight like it in the state, is structurally complete with a flat dome suspended from the ceiling by 18 chains, portions of a 5.1 theater surround sound system and high-tech star projector already in place, however, the outer exhibit hall and offices are still being worked on, said center director Ray Shubinski.

"We may open with a Mars show," Shubinski said Wednesday, citing the recent community interest in the red planet. "We were supposed to open last week, but we won't be fully technical until January."

After the new year, Shubinski said that if the planetarium is not completed, the center still plans to make use of its 3,000 square foot exhibit hall by that time. In cooperation with the Louisville



The GOTO Chronos star projector will be the centerpiece of the East Kentucky Science Center's planetarium. The machine, which can take viewers to any location on Earth and show the sky at any time, was manufactured by the Japanese company GOTO.

Science Center, a show entitled, "The World We Create", will be showcased at the hall and concentrate on engineering and structure concepts, Shubinski said.

The \$4.2 million facility, of

which a third was earmarked for the 85-seat planetarium alone, is one of only eight like it across the state, and the only facility to offer not only a planetarium, but

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# Treasurer's sentencing put on hold

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Friday's scheduled sentencing for Glen Burgess, the former treasurer of the Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department who entered a guilty plea to embezzling more than \$200,000 of the department's funds this past October, has been put off until Wednesday.

Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill continued the sentencing for the 52-year-old Harold resident to give Burgess the opportunity to pay \$45,000 in restitution to the fire department, stipulating however, that on Wednesday, he would simply take the move into consideration before imposing a sentence.

"I'll only be considering this matter," Caudill told Burgess in court Friday. "I'll consider it before you are to be sentenced."

Burgess could potentially be sentenced to 20 years in prison on the seven counts of theft by unlawful taking included in his indictment.

The \$45,000 in restitution was offered prior to Friday's court hearing, but not officially accept-

ed until Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner informed the court that his office would accept the offer.

In connection with the civil case currently against Burgess, the former treasurer offered \$45,000 and annual payments of \$10,000, as well as forfeiture of his vehicles in order to pay back the more than \$300,000 he embezzled from the fire department between April 1995 and August 2001.

During that six year period of time, Burgess has admitted to writing several checks from the department's funds and depositing them in accounts for his business, East Kentucky Printing. These checks alone totaled approximately \$200,000, while roughly \$8,000 to \$10,000 more was taken through checks for smaller amounts made out to himself.

Burgess, who entered an open guilty plea in October, told Judge Caudill at that time that he was currently suffering from bipolar disorder, but contended neither his illness nor the medicine he

(See POSTPONED, page three)

# Suspended sentence given for assisting robbery

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A few weeks after completing a residential drug and alcohol treatment program, a Mousie resident was given a suspended sentence this week for her part in a 2002 convenience store robbery.

According to documents filed Friday in Floyd Circuit Court, Judge John David Caudill handed down a five-year suspended sentence to April L. Cook, 29, who

was originally indicted in May 2002 for assisting Scott Andrew Halbert, of Leburn, in "planning or committing" the robbery of the Eastern Autobahn gas station.

Records indicate that Halbert used "physical force while armed with a BB gun" to facilitate this robbery.

In return for a guilty plea in Cook's case, the first-degree robbery charge was amended to first-degree criminal facilitation of

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Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo swore in Heidi D. Hopfensperger as AppaRed's newest attorney Wednesday morning. Hopfensperger will begin her work in Hazard.

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# Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ **BUTTE, Mont.** — The wary, dreadlocked mutt that survived more than 17 years alone in a toxic pit and served as unofficial mascot of the Berkeley Pit miners has died.

Affectionately known as The Auditor, the dog died peacefully Wednesday in the dog house the miners had built for him.

"Things around here have been pretty sad, really," said Steve Walsh, vice president of Montana Resources, which owns the property. "It was a shock, with all the attention he'd been getting."

Nobody knows where the dog came from or why he lived in the barren waste dumps, leach

pads and mine roads above the rim of the huge former copper mine. The mile-wide, bowl-shaped pit holds some 30 billion gallons of water so contaminated by heavy metals that nearly 350 snow geese died when they landed on it in 1995.

The Auditor was first spotted in 1986 and soon became the unofficial mascot of the miners, who loved him for his sheer toughness. They built him a shanty of a house, made him a bed of rags and left food for him. The Auditor ate his last meal of Alpo on Wednesday morning and was found that afternoon in his bed.

Miners said they called him The Auditor because he always showed up when least expected

— except at dinner.

His thick, filthy coat, matted almost to the point of armor, hid any clue to the dog's breed and showed only his snout. Some years back, one of the miners was able to shear the dog's bangs — one of his only known instances of human contact.

Matt Vincent and Holly Peterson started a fund-raising drive last summer to erect a life-size bronze sculpture of The Auditor, who captured hearts around the world last January after a story Vincent wrote for The Montana Standard was

relayed by The Associated Press. Letters, e-mail, cash and adoption offers poured in.

The Auditor was cremated. His ashes will be buried at the Granite Mountain Memorial that overlooks Butte.

■ **BERLIN** — Fed up with garbage-strewn streets? Berlin thinks it has found a solution — trash cans that say thank you.

Starting next spring, the German capital's trash service will build electronics into a handful of the city's 20,000 street-side wastebaskets that

will allow them to speak or sing to the public, a spokesman said Thursday.

"We want to encourage people in a nice, funny way to throw their trash in the baskets and not on the street," said the official, Bernd Mueller. The talking trash cans — powered by solar cells — are meant to show that Berlin is "a modern city with high-tech services, and that it is also very cosmopolitan."

Making visitors feel at home, some of the baskets will be programmed to say "Thank you" or "Merci" instead of "Danke,"

Mueller said. The talking wastebaskets will be installed at heavily visited sites such as the Reichstag building and the central Friedrichstrasse train station.

Still, the garbage cans will be silent after dark.

"Some people might feel uncomfortable if these things said something to them at night," Mueller said.

Instead, lights around the opening of the basket will glow green.

■ **WHISKEY FLATS, Texas** — A man stuffed the tails of nine live rattlesnakes in his mouth, besting his record of eight.

"I have to break my own records. Heck, there's nobody else who can do it," said Jackie Bibby. "I think I could do 12 or 13, but probably no more. My mouth is only so big."

In a field behind his mobile home in Whiskey Flats, a community about 25 miles southwest of Fort Worth, Bibby banded nine snakes together by their rattles and wedged the tails into his mouth Tuesday. He leaned forward from the waist and held

## Reducing the risk of Hepatitis A through proper handling of produce

FRANKFORT - Kentucky public health officials continue to closely monitor a recent hepatitis A outbreak, which appears to be associated with eating raw or lightly cooked green onions (scallions) in at least two commercial restaurant chains located in Pennsylvania.

In light of these recent outbreaks, the Kentucky Department for Public Health's Food Safety Branch is taking this opportunity to provide consumers with some general information regarding hepatitis A and guidelines for ensuring the safety of raw produce and vegetables prepared at home or consumed in the restaurant setting.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that usually develops within six weeks of an exposure. In healthy individuals, Hepatitis A is a usually mild disease characterized by jaundice (yellow discoloration of the skin), fatigue, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, nausea, diarrhea, and fever. Those with a compromised immune system, including the elderly, young children, pregnant women, organ transplant recipients, and individuals taking medications may be at risk of experiencing more severe symptoms.

The disease is typically spread by an infected person who does not properly wash his or her hands before handling ready-to-eat foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Hepatitis A and other food borne illnesses can also be spread by fruits and vegetables that have come in contact with contaminated water or soil.

Because of the high temperatures involved, properly cooked foods are of less risk in the transmission of hepatitis A. Cooking minimizes the risk of illness by reducing or eliminating the virus or other pathogens. Contaminated foods that do not undergo cooking, or those that are lightly cooked, such as fruits and vegetables, are often at greater risk of transmitting hepatitis A.

"It's important to remember how Mother Nature designed these foods," said Anita Travis, manager of the Food Safety Branch. "These are foods that are typically grown outdoors and, in the case of produce, in the soil." Consequently, "this environment offers an ideal setting for contamination by a number of foodborne pathogens, including hepatitis A." Additionally, given the global-

ization of our food supply, long-distance transportation offers another avenue for possible product contamination, Travis said.

The Food Safety Branch offers the following suggestions for minimizing microbial contamination on fresh fruits and veg-

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 23, the 327th day of 2003. There are 38 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 23, 1945, most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter, ended.

On this date:

■ In 1765, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

■ In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H.

■ In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

■ In 1936, Life, the magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese.

■ In 1959, the musical "Fiorello!" with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, President Johnson proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President Kennedy.

■ In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

■ In 1980, some 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

■ In 1996, a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the waves off Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board.

sanctions against South Africa, and announced an initiative to spur investment in South Africa's black private sector.

Five years ago:

Whitewater figure Susan McDougal was acquitted in Santa Monica, Calif., of embezzling from conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife — a case McDougal said had been trumped up to pressure her to testify against President Clinton.

One year ago:

President Bush visited Vilnius, Lithuania, and Bucharest, Romania, where he vowed to defend hard-won freedoms behind the former Iron Curtain. Miss World organizers moved the beauty pageant from Abuja, Nigeria, to London after about 100 people died in violence triggered by a newspaper's suggestion that the Islamic prophet Muhammad would have liked the event.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Michael Gough is 86. Blues artist R.L. Burnside is 77. Broadway composer Jerry Bock is 75. Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 73. Actor Franco Nero is 62. Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas is 59. Actress Susan Anspach is 58. Actor Steve Landesberg is 58. Singer Bruce Hornsby is 49. Actor Maxwell Caulfield is 44. Actor John Henton is 43. Rock singer-musician Ken Block (Sister Hazel) is 37. Rock musician Charlie Grover is 37. Actress Salli Richardson is 36. Actor Oded Fehr is 33. Rapper Kurupt (The Dogg Pound) is 31. Actress Kelly Brook is 24. Actor Austin Majors ("NYPD Blue") is 8.

Thought for Today:

"It is better to debate an important matter without settling it than to settle it without debating it." — Anonymous.

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Issac, Laken Little Autumn Hall, MacKenzie Burke, Amy Curry, Samantha Helton, Dylan Johnson, Brett Daniels.

■ B Honor Roll: Gerel Jackson, Mikayla Little,

Thomas Mosley, Andrew Tackett, Cameron Johnson, Donovan Collett, Brandon Branham, Tyler Caldwell, Jamie Henderson, Tyler Short, Casey Ruckey, Ethan Spears, Trey Little, Morgan Hall, Dwane Day, Chris Cicchetti, Ryan Branham, Dakota Bentley, Tyler Williams, Alex Tackett, Andrew Bailey, Isaiah Tackett, Deven Newsome, Olivia Branham, Kaitlyn Hill, Ethan Johnson, Shiann Hall, Sierra Hall.

Little, Destiny Moore, Kerry Clemons, Keiven Redford, Toby Tackett, Joshua Bates, Brianna Glover, Austin Hall, Zella Johnson, Toni Keens, Diamond Griffey.

Johnson, Sadie Slone, Sara Hall, Rachel Hall, Austin Johnson, Dakota Justice, Aaliyah Sanders, Erica Tackett.

Sarah Caldwell, Annie Hall, Leigha Johnson, Jasmine Parker, Joseph Caldwell.

■ B Honor Roll: Timothy Dorton, DreShaun Sanders, Whitney Walker, Trevor Stovall, Ashley Shelton, Cheyenne Sloan, Ashley Skeens, Meshawna Ray, Randi Stovall, Allison Hall, Misty Collett, Tylan Branham, Frankie Branham.

## Fourth Grade

■ A Honor Roll: Miekeah Johnson, Austin K. Tackett, Joshua Akers, Gabrielle Bailey, Tyler Compton, Kiana Hall, Kimberly Little, Tyler Moore, Tabitha Allen, Nicholas Johnson, Allyson Tufts.

■ B Honor Roll: Latitia Carr, Ashley Castle, Autumn Davis, Brent Reed, Austin B. Tackett, Kandase Vicars, Bethany Grubbs, Kendra Hall, Tanesha Hood, Bridgett Slone, Rebecca Slone, Megan Barker, Austin Castle, Heather Hall, Faith Johnson, Keisha Johnson, Christina Jones, Breanna Moore, Christopher Tackett, Jordan Vance.

## Sixth Grade

■ A Honor Roll: Courtney Anderson, Jordan Burke, Kayla Hall, Breonna Jackson, Ethan Spears, Chassity Conn.

■ B Honor Roll: Nick Osborne, Cameron Butler, Nathan Hall, Hannah Tackett, Rhyann Thornsby, Laken Hall, Brenna Bates, Kiana Faine, Tommy Joe Hall, Derek Hatfield, Kristina Johnson, Julie Jones, Briney Little, Dougie Matthews, Ericka Moore, Jacob Tackett.

## Third Grade

■ A Honor Roll: Joshua Clemons, Diamond Hall, Tyler Little, Jerry D. Newsome, Shelly Slone, Candance Tackett, Joshua Allen, Daniele Barnett, Jacob Crager, Jimmy Helton, Breylee Holbrook, Gary Johnson, Jazmin Mardis, Tia Young, Hunter Bailey, Matthew Caudill.

■ B Honor Roll: Austin Hatfield, Jonathan Newsome, Kristen Rowe, Sydney Little, Greg Boyd, Janel Brown, Michael Collins, Kaitlan Daniels, Dylan Hall, Brady Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Blaine

## Second Grade

■ A Honor Roll: Andrea Cicchetti, Amberly Cook, Whitney Flanery, Taylor Johnson, Cameron Hall, Randi Holbrook, Joslyn Isaac, Blair Johnson, Miranda Miller, Kennady Newsome.

■ B Honor Roll: Amber Burke, A'lexis Cotton, Jarrid

# Fletcher: Keno game probably illegal

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher on Friday called on the Kentucky Lottery board to reconsider a decision last week to expand into keno, a casino game.

Fletcher said through a spokesman that the lottery's action was unconstitutional and probably violated the lottery's governing statutes.

Lottery directors voted the previous Nov. 14 to introduce a keno game that could be played over terminals in bars and restaurants, among other places.

The board took its cue from outgoing Gov. Paul Patton, who said the lottery should branch into keno to generate more money for college scholarships. Fletcher takes office Dec. 9.

Fletcher's spokesman, Wes Irvin, said the incoming governor "doesn't believe that the Kentucky lottery should be

expanded to casino games, like keno, without the consent of the people."

The lottery board "at a minimum" should have courts review keno's constitutionality, Irvin said.

The statement, issued late Friday afternoon, caught Lottery President Arch Gleason by surprise. Gleason said he would consult his board chairman, Bill Covington, and decide what to do.

Fletcher said during his campaign that he was personally opposed to expanded gambling but would not try to block a public referendum on whether to legalize more forms of gambling.

Besides the lottery, Kentucky now permits pari-mutuel wagering, including off-track betting, on horse races. It also permits "charitable gaming," such as bingo, conducted by nonprofit organizations.

## Robbery

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robbery, a class D felony.

According to the order signed Nov. 18 by Caudill, Cook's completion of court-appointed drug treatment program played a part in the consideration of her receiving a suspended sentence.

According to letter submitted to the judge by the Independence House in Corbin, Cook entered a 30-day residential treatment program in May and was promptly accepted into the 60-day program at the facility.

Halbert, who was indicted

along with Cook by the grand jury in May 2002, entered a guilty plea in October 2002, following a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office that amended charges against him from first- to second-degree robbery, a class C felony.

He was sentenced and is currently serving a five-year sentence in a Warren County jail.

Halbert's attorney filed a motion requesting shock probation earlier this year. It was denied by Caudill in June.

## Postponed

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was taking had any bearing on his decision to enter a guilty plea to all charges.

Burgess' attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, asked Caudill Friday to consider a probated sentence for the 52-year-old businessman, arguing he was not a risk to the community pending a release.

"He has no prior criminal record and his crimes were not violent," Pillersdorf said. "I don't see the point in putting someone in jail who is not violent if he's willing to pay back what he's taken. He's been fully humiliated by this debacle."

Turner argued that the bulk of Pillersdorf's reasoning pertained more to the civil penalties Burgess is facing, rather than the criminal charges to which he had already pleaded guilty.

"That \$45,000 has nothing to do with this," Turner said. "Here's a man who was in a position of trust and violated that trust and systematically stole

over \$300,000. This is not a single theft crime. To grant a probated sentence would greatly diminish the seriousness of these crimes and send a negative message to the community."

Through his decision to continue sentencing until Wednesday, Caudill has afforded for Burgess the time and opportunity to make the \$45,000 restitution payment and told the Harold resident his actions during those next four days will be taken into consideration.

Burgess was taken into custody following the hearing and will be held until his sentencing. Shortly afterwards, Turner called to a group of people on hand for the hearing, of which at least one was a volunteer firefighter from Betsy Layne. Turner joined the group and retired to a back room where Burgess had been taken to presumably discuss details of payment.

## Center

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the exhibit hall and adjacent classroom for school trips and instruction.

Shubinski says that although the planetarium will certainly provide certain levels of entertainment, its foremost purpose will be educational.

"The reason for a flat dome, as opposed to a hyper dome, which tilts at various degrees, is because with this type of dome we can more perfectly recreate the sky," explained Shubinski. "If you want to see what they sky looked like on an evening in 4 B.C., all you have to do is punch in the date and there it is."

Shubinski said hyper domes, which gained popularity during the 1980s, served the public well for light shows and films, but the dome in place in Prestonsburg will enable everything from navigation classes to laser shows, making the facility more versatile.

The bulk of the money spent

on the planetarium went to the star projector, known as the Chronos, a piece of equipment developed by the Japanese company GOTO. The projector is capable of transforming the 40-foot interior of the dome with approximately 8,500 optically projected stars.

Technicians from both Japan and Virginia spent much of Wednesday adjusting the projector, which will be attended to in the event of a breakdown by on-call tech support when needed.

The projector is only the fourth such machine that has been installed in the United States, with two others in California and one in Georgia.

Shubinski said now that the pieces of what was once only an idea are coming together, he suspects locals are going to be pleasantly surprised.

"I think Prestonsburg and Floyd County are getting a lot more than they ever suspected with this."

## Risk

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etables:

■ Consumers should thoroughly scrub and rinse the outside of all produce before cutting or slicing. In the case of lettuce and other leafy produce items, the outer leaves should be discarded. Remember, particularly if the food will not be cooked, the combination of scrubbing and water under pressure will reduce the number of pathogens that might be on the product.

■ Proper hand washing remains one of the most effective tools in the prevention of food-borne illness. Food contamination by unclean hands is a common cause of foodborne illness. Persons preparing food should always thoroughly wash their hands (brisk scrubbing and rinsing for at least

20 seconds under warm water) before preparing ready-to-eat foods, including fruits and vegetables. Hands should be washed after using the restroom, after handling uncooked meat, poultry or fish; and after any other activity that contaminates the hands.

■ If stored in the refrigerator, fresh fruits and vegetables should be stored in a manner that prevents contamination from the juices of raw meat, poultry and

fish. Cleaned fruits and vegetables should not be stored with fruits and vegetables that have not been washed.

■ Produce should not be cut on the same cutting board or cutting surfaces as raw meat, poultry or fish. A separate cutting board or surface should be used for clean, rinsed fresh fruits and vegetables.

Persons who are experiencing symptoms that could be Hepatitis A should consult their health care providers or their local health department.

## Odds

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still for 10 seconds, the snakes dangling down.

For the record to be official, Bibby said, each snake has to be at least 26 or 27 inches long. Each weighs at least 1.5 pounds.

Bibby holds the world record for sitting in a bathtub with the most live snakes — 75 Western Diamondbacks, according to Guinness World Records. He planned to break that record Tuesday by sitting in a tub with

more than 81 snakes, but the snakes wouldn't cooperate and Bibby had to quit after only about 40 were dumped on him.

Bibby, 52, has performed snake stunts for television shows and other events. This time it was for the 50th anniversary of the Guinness World Records book, which is due out in September.

He said he's been bitten six times in 34 years of snake handling.

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# expression

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— Felix Frankfurter

## GuestView

### Veil of secrecy covers the First Amendment

A rapid and unprecedented growth of government secrecy is undermining the founding principles of American democracy.

Rattled by Sept. 11, the federal government has restricted the flow of information under the flag of fighting terrorism. Mushrooming secrecy and provisions of the Patriot Act now veil public issues ranging from court hearings to presidential papers to city water pipes.

Local governments also have buttoned up for no discernible reason beyond avoiding hassle or hiding mistakes. Open meeting acts, for example, are routinely skirted. Just this month, a village clerk in Oakland County, Mich., refused to release election results so the losing candidate wouldn't be humiliated.

The regrettable trend should be quickly slammed into reverse.

A democracy is based on consent of the governed. Voters can't evaluate officials without knowing what they're up to — a fundamental concept written into the First Amendment and its guarantees of a free press.

"The public's right to know has taken a major beating the last two or three years," says Lucy Dalglish, executive director of The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "We're having information requests denied on the federal and state level that have never been denied before."

"Information that scientists might have circulated in peer-reviewed journals that are technically public — but not necessarily in general circulation — are now declared off-limits. We have foreign nationals, mostly Arab Muslim men, jailed, and we don't know who they are, where they are being held or why."

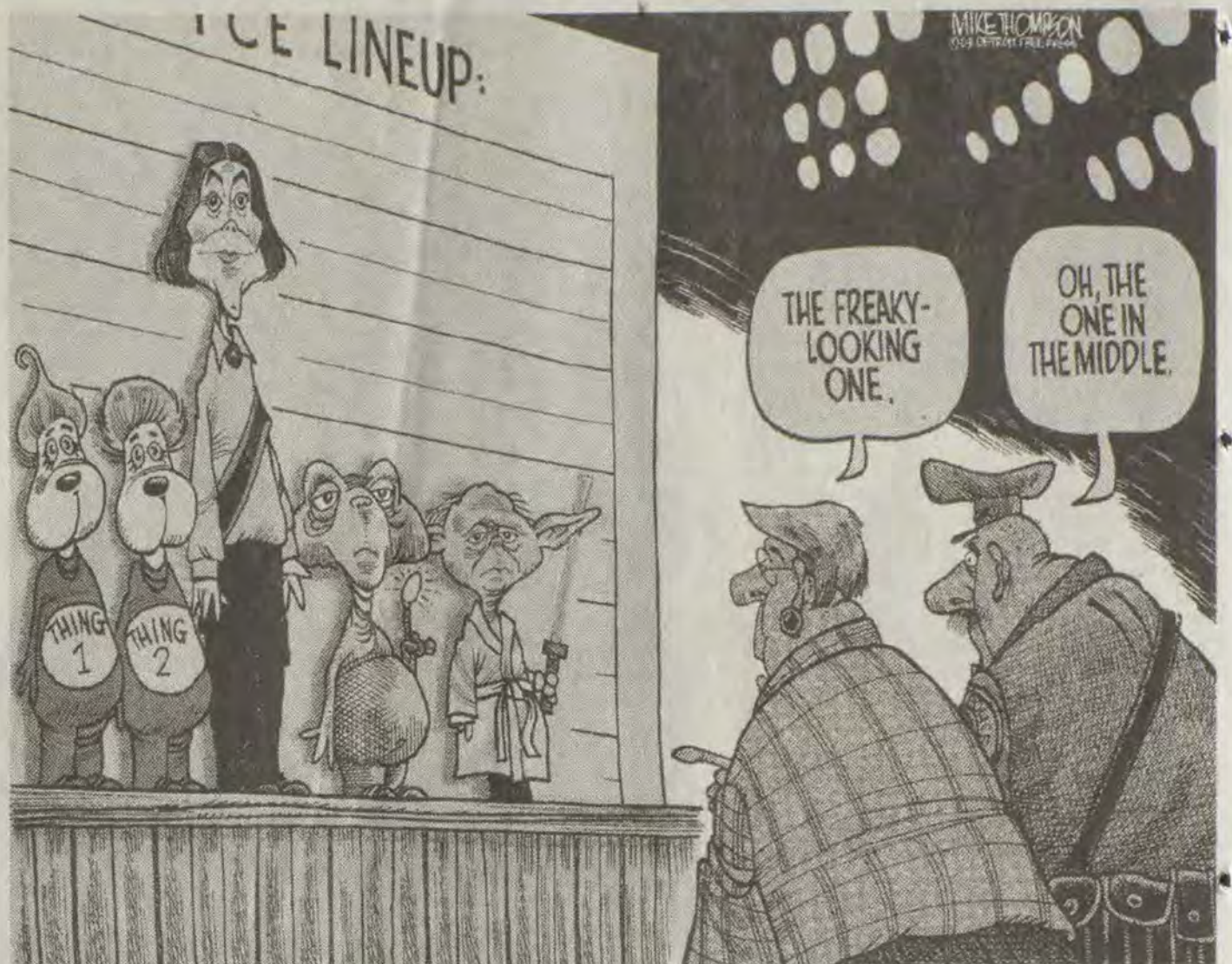
U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft diminished the 1966 Freedom of Information Act by revoking guidelines that required maximum possible disclosure of public records. His new rule encourages hiding information that used to be readily available.

Last year, for example, the Bush administration stopped releasing copies of more than 6,000 unclassified technical documents dating as far back as the 1940s, as well as new ones previously deemed to have contained no secrets. It feared the papers could be used to make illegal weapons. Some officials also favor clipping sections out of journal articles that detail certain experiments — a plan researchers say undermines the whole idea of science building on previous discoveries.

Congress, too, choked off information with new exceptions to the public's right to know.

The White House ordered federal agency Web sites scrubbed of any public information that could be used by terrorists — a sweeping notion that technically includes phone books and tourist maps. That order is primarily aimed at data on weapons, but it includes the broad category of "other information."

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### — Jim Davidson

#### A 21st century teacher applicant

A teacher in Kansas sent me something in the mail the other day titled, "A 21st Century Teacher Applicant," that contained a lot of food for thought. Apart from the reasons most of the so-called experts give, have you ever wondered why we have such a shortage of good teachers in our country? As you read this, I believe you will have some additional insights.

It begins, "Let me see if I have this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning?"

"Not only that, I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, behaviorally modify disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and T-shirt messages. I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually-transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and raise their self-esteem. I'm to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how and where to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job.

"I am to check their heads occasionally for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer advice, write let-

ters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for cultural diversity of others, and, oh yeah, always make sure that I give the girls in my class 50 percent of my attention. I'm required by my contract to be working on my own time during the summer and evenings at my own expense toward advance certification and a master's degree; and after school, I am to attend committee and faculty meetings and participate in staff development training to maintain my employment status.

"I am to be a paragon of virtue larger than life, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority. I am to pledge allegiance to supporting family values, a return to the basics, and to my current administration. I am to incorporate technology into the learning, and monitor all websites while providing a personal relationship with each student. I am to decide who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit crimes in school or who is possibly being abused, and I can be sent to jail for not mentioning these suspicions. "I am to make sure all students pass

the state- and federally-mandated testing and all classes whether or not they attend school on a regular basis or complete any of the work assigned. Plus, I am expected to make sure that all of the students with handicaps are guaranteed a free and equal education, regardless of their mental or physical handicap. I am to communicate frequently with each student's parent by letter, phone, newsletter and grade card.

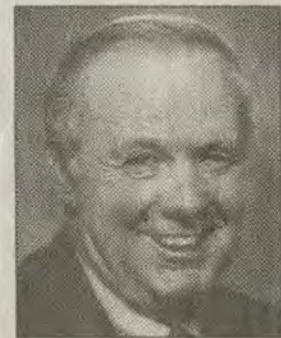
"I am to do all of this with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a 45-minute more-or-less plan time and a big smile, all on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps in many states. Is that all?"

"And you want me to do all this and expect me NOT TO PRAY?"

If you are a teacher, you may have seen this before, but if not, it should give you some insights into what many of our nation's teachers face each day they are on the job.

Since I am not a school teacher, I don't have a true understanding of what these people go through, and while this may be an over-dramatization, they do face challenges unlike most of the rest of us in our jobs and careers.

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### — beyond the beltway

#### Right-wing media wins again

by DONALD KAUL

One of the giants of the Liberal Media squared off against the Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy this month, and did what liberals do. At the first punch it fell on its knees and begged for mercy. Conservatives, being conservatives, kicked the miserable cur to the side of the road and whined about being treated unfairly.

At issue was a TV biography of Ronald and Nancy Reagan that CBS had scheduled for broadcast. Rumors suggested that it treated our former president as something less than the missing face on Mount Rushmore. This was unacceptable to the Reagan nation, so they generated a storm of protest, led by their shock troops on Right-Wing Rant Radio.

After 80,000 emails of protest had hit the fan, CBS cashed in its chips. It canceled the showing and said the film, "The Reagans," would be moved to Showtime, a pay cable channel it owns.

Naturally, the Right Wing wasn't satisfied. They want the film taken off the air entirely and, one suspects, the producers, actors, writers and director burned at the stake.

"I'm grateful that it's not going into 110 million homes as it would have on

CBS," said Michael Paranzino, who initiated a "BoycottCBS" Web site that helped move the protest along. "but it's still a smear of a great American leader on a network that'll reach 15 million homes...."

CBS officials — whose parent company, Viacom, is lobbying the Republican-controlled Congress to let media conglomerates own as many stations as they want — say the decision had nothing to do with the protest, nothing at all. Network executives simply looked at the final version and found it terribly unfair to the Gipper, so they moved it to cable TV, where unfairness reigns.

What a fiasco. There are two myths in operation here:

The first is that there is a Liberal Media. Take away National Public Radio and the editorial page of "The New York Times" and virtually every other major media outlet is either Right Wing or so afraid of offending the right that it might as well be one of them. The media political spectrum ranges from the crypto-fascists on talk radio to the Robber Baron-loving editorial page of the "Wall Street Journal" to the administration toadies of Fox News to the suck-up-to-power coverage of the major networks. And ... that's it.

So far as syndicated columnists go, the right has George Will, Charles Krauthammer, Bill Safire, Catherine Coulter, Cal Thomas and a dozen others, including the quirky Robert Novak. The left, absent "The New York Times" people, has Molly Ivins, and she's not feeling well.

So don't tell me about the liberal media and its unfairness to the poor, defenseless conservative cause. Please.

The second myth underlying the controversy is that Ronald Reagan was a great president. He was not. It would be difficult to argue that he was even a good one, but great? Give me a break.

He had his good qualities, to be sure: a contagious optimism and a courage of conviction that is depressingly rare among our politicians. It's the quality of those convictions I have a problem with. His worst sin was in convincing the American people that government is their enemy and

that they could have what they want without paying for it.

His supporters tell us his policies fueled the longest economic boom in postwar history but they fail to add that he tripled the national debt to do it and that it was left to his successors, George Bush the Good and Bill Clinton, to lay the foundation for a longer, bigger, better boom by raising taxes. That raise

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# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment: A time to give thanks

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In a few days, we will be celebrating the American holiday of Thanksgiving. All over the nation, we will be gathering with family and friends to give thanks to God for all that He has given to us. We will gather around a table of food; we will gather with hearts filled with warmth and love. It is

Thanksgiving — it is a day of giving thanks.

In my life, I have lived as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia, Africa, and as a priest I have lived as a missionary in Colombia, South America. By living in a foreign country, a person can realize all the gifts that God has given to us as a nation.

We Americans sometimes can take for granted the many gifts of

prosperity, nature and freedom that God has given to us as a country. Thanksgiving is a day set apart to remember these gifts and to give thanks to the God who generously gave us these gifts.

On Thanksgiving, we recognize that all we are and everything we have are gifts from a loving God. This Thursday, while gathered with family and friends, we give thanks for all of God's gifts,

especially the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ, our Savior and God's Son.

We give thanks, Lord God, for our homes (a roof over our heads), for there are so many in our world whose homes are made of discarded cardboard with the parent getting up in the night to stretch plastic over the rain-soaked bed of the children. Thank You, God, for our homes.

We give You thanks, Lord God, for the food that we eat each day, for there are many who will go to bed this night without food. There are many who are hungry this day. Thank You, God, for our food.

We give You thanks, O God, for the freedom that we live and experience in our nation, for there are many languishing in prisons throughout the world because they only spoke their thoughts and lived out their beliefs. Thank You, God, for our freedoms.

We give You thanks, loving God, for our family, friends and all those people who love us, for there are many sitting alone this

day in rooms with only soap operas to listen to their sighs of loneliness and of not being loved. Thank You, God, for all those people in our lives who love us and care for us.

We also give thanks for the most precious gift of all — our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Tonight, Sunday, Nov. 23, we will be gathering at the First Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. as a people to give thanks to God. We will gather from many different churches with thanks in our hearts and praise upon our lips. May we be a thanksgiving people, not only one day of the year, but every day throughout the year.

## Pastor returns to see Evangelical church thriving in Cuba

by JOHN RICE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMP CANAAN, Cuba — Paul Northrup raised his hands and shouted "Alelujah!" A congregation of more than 1,000 Cubans echoed back.

The small church that Northrup planted in central Cuba 50 years ago has grown and thrived since he left in 1959, becoming a small part of a broad movement that Cuban evangelicals have built across their socialist nation.

"They told us when we left, the work would fail," Northrup said. "There were seven churches then. Now there are 53."

Northrup, now 71, and his family came down from Southern California to join with Cuban church members for a 50th anniversary celebration this month at a borrowed Methodist center called Camp Canaan, some 170 miles east of Havana.

For hour upon hour, they sang, clapped, prayed and preached in a big brick church whose wide-open sides let

breezes cut the tropical heat.

"It makes me happy. It's kind of like our kids and grandkids," Northrup said.

Northrup came to Cuba with his wife, Vera, in 1953 as an independent preacher, carrying only "our clothes and an accordion." In Sancti Spiritus, he found a radio station that sold him time for \$6 a minute and he began to preach.

Soon he managed to establish a small church called Buenas Nuevas — "Good News."

A milkman who regularly passed by grew curious and decided to enter one day. "I didn't know that by entering, my life was going to change," said Eliseo Leon, who is now president of Buenas Nuevas.

As Northrup built the church, Fidel Castro was building a revolution against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista.

Northrup recalled seeing rebels that Batista's men had hung from streetlights. Another day, "Batista sent his planes in at night. One had a searchlight and the other planes would strafe

where they thought the rebels were."

"Not that it would have done any good against a .50-caliber (gun), but we took all the mattresses we had, piled them on a bed" and hid underneath, he said.

After toppling Batista, Castro's revolution veered toward socialism. Relations with the United States soured and the atmosphere grew uncomfortable for many Americans.

Northrup said he left because his presence could make some think of Buenas Nuevas as a U.S. church: "We felt we'd hurt them more by staying." He later went on to found Gospel Relief Missions, based in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Hundreds of other pastors, both foreign and Cuban, also left the country.

For the next 25 years, all religions struggled under an explicitly atheist government that discouraged all sorts of religious faith. Believers were barred from important jobs and were viewed with hostility by officials who oversaw just about all aspects of life.

"They were trying to make

ends meet. There were some places they lost membership," said Marcos Antonio Ramos, a Miami-based Baptist preacher and historian of Cuban Protestantism.

But the wall was starting to crack by 1984, when Castro attended a Protestant service with Jesse Jackson. The collapse of the Soviet Bloc later led the government to abandon official atheism and to openly, if warily, accept religious faith.

The arrival of Pope John Paul II in Cuba in 1997 drew attention to the island's Catholics, but many analysts estimate that attendance at Protestant churches has long exceeded that at Catholic services.

The 1990s brought what Northrup called "a great awak-

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### Davidson

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From my perspective, the reason this is true is because of the breakdown of the basic family unit in our society. As the result, our schools and our nations teachers are expected to fill in the gaps, while facing the threat of violence every day they teach. A part of the solution is to honor them and pay them more.

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cost Bush his job and Clinton his control of Congress, which, with apologies to Mark Twain, shows the difference between the American voter and a dog. A dog, if you feed him, will not bite you.

I give Ronald Reagan this much — compared to the guy we have in the White House now he looks like Thomas Jefferson, Julius Caesar and Hammurabi rolled into one. But so does Calvin Coolidge.

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

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Richard D. Ball III, 55, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Nov. 17, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Kenneth D. Combs, 45, of Hueysville, died Monday, Nov. 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Salisbury Combs. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michael Elliott, 56, of Logansport, Indiana, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Susan K. Elliott. Services with military rites were held Saturday, Nov.

22, at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, Indiana.

Loretta Gilliam, 62, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Kamanos Center Institute in Detroit. The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 7, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, under the direction of Thomas Shepherd and Sons Funeral Home.

Ernest J. Hall, 64, of Melvin, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Nov. 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Phoebe Leann Hamilton, daughter of Ronald Hamilton and Nancy Brow, both of Prestonsburg, was stillborn at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, Wednesday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Nov. 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alan Hicks, 23, of Wayland, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, following an automobile accident on Ky. State Rt. 7, in Wayland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Woodford Howard II, a native of Prestonsburg, died Nov. 16. He is survived by his wife, Lee Howard. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 20, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Alvin R. Newsome, 35, of Teaberry, died Monday, Nov. 17, following a car accident on Route 979 at Grethel. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Nov. 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bertha Stephens Ousley, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, Nov. 16. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Warren G. Risner, 81, of Bypro, died Friday, Nov. 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Pratt Risner. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Oliver (Bud) Spurlock, of Oak Hill, Ohio, a native of Printer, died Saturday, Nov. 15, at Holzer Hospital in

Gallipolis, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Edith Hamilton Spurlock. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home, Oak Hill.

Walk L. Tackett, 64, of Minnie, died Saturday, Nov. 15. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lee Weigle Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Walter (Junior) Williamson, 81, of Drift, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Rose Anna Blankenship Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Jasper Patrick, 91, of Salyersville, died Monday, Nov. 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Patty Caudill Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Elsie Pelphrey, 86, of Salyersville, died Monday, Nov. 10 at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

## Martin County

Easter Brewer, 75, of Crum, West Virginia, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, at a nursing home in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Robert Elmer Carpenter, 67, of Louisa, died Monday, Nov. 10. He is survived by his wife, Hester Carpenter. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

T.J. Fields, 64, of Inez, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Martin County Health Care Facility. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

T.J. Howell, 66, of Lovely, died Friday, Nov. 14, at Little Peter Cave, Pilgrim. He is survived by his wife, Jewell Maurine Howell. Funeral services were conducted Monday,

Nov. 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Cecil James, 65, of Lovely, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Nov. 14, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Pearl Jude, 86, of Inez, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Cleburn Mills, a native of Tomahawk, known as Clay to almost everyone, died Sunday, October 26, in Weatherford, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Tinsley Mills. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 30, at First United Methodist Church in Weatherford, Texas.

## Johnson County

Beverly Ann Cantrell, 43, died at Pike Community Hospital in Waverly, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Frederick Harold Cantrell, of Hager Hill, died Thursday, Nov. 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Blair Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Girden Maggard Joseph, 84, died Friday, Nov. 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Naomi May Kestner, of Paintsville, died Monday, Nov. 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Bobby Lee Pack, 68, died Sunday, Nov. 16, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived

by his wife, Darlene Harris Pack. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Eric Pickle, 49, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, Nov. 15, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home of Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Chandler Salyer, 89, of Flat Gap, died Monday, Nov. 10, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ola Grim Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Price Taul, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 16, at Helmwood Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 19, under the direction of Brown Funeral Home.

Vernon R. Via, 64, died Nov. 15. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Via. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Via. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 20, under the direction of Bilely Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Joseph Ryan Dale, 26, of Hughes, Arkansas, a native of Pike County, died Saturday, Nov. 8, in Memphis, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Shelby Lynn Crum of Louisa, died Friday, Nov. 7, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Dorcas Rebecca Clark Fannin, 81, died Saturday, Nov. 15, at Paul B. Hall Regional

Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Nov. 17, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Vivian McCoy, 59, of Louisa, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, James E. McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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## Obituaries

### Nell Grace Woodworth

Nell Grace Woodworth, 90, of Mishawaka, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at her residence.

Born February 26, 1913, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late William J. Music and Hattie Chloe Stone Music.

She is survived by her husband, Ross J. Woodworth.

Other survivors include two sons, Lowell E. Robinson of East Point, and Robert Dean Robinson of Waterford, Michigan; two daughters, Rebecca Carol Dean of Hartselle, Alabama, and A. Faye Sullivan of Mishawaka, Indiana; two brothers, Dewey Earl Music of Hager Hill, and Bobby Joe Music of East Point; one sister, Gertrude Auxier of Hager Hill, 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 23, at 1 p.m., at the First Church of God, at Little Paint in East Point, with Charles Heaten officiating.

Burial will be in the Robinson Cemetery, at Little Paint, in East Point, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## View

A vague category of censorship has been put in play — "Sensitive but Unclassified." Just about any federal agency can now hold back routine data by declaring it sensitive.

For example, details on U.S. water supplies and emergency preparations may be declared as useful to terrorists. So details are kept secret even though the same information is the grist of democracy — a way for taxpayers to assess public spending and the competence of their public servants.

The Patriot Act shields "infrastructure" information reported to the federal government. A public utility gets secrecy by simply declaring an expectation of privacy on the information it reports. After that, any bureaucrat who releases the data will lose his or her job and face up to a year in prison.

This makes it easy to shield information that may have a tenuous national security angle, but that also affects public health, safety and welfare. The Patriot Act doesn't clearly distinguish between the two kinds.

Since Sept. 11, expanded power to create secret documents has been given to the Agriculture Department, Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In March, President George W. Bush delayed the automatic

declassification of millions of government documents and made it easier to reclassify papers in the name of national security.

After Sept. 11, government generally equated openness with threats. But it conceals information that runs beyond national security concerns.

Mushrooming secrecy has even united scientists, librarians, journalists, environmentalists, the AFL-CIO and others in a counter-group called open-the-government.org.

"This is not just a federal problem — it's a local problem that goes from the village hall to the state capitol to the halls of Congress to the executive branch with all its many, many tentacles," says Doug Clifton, freedom of information chairman for the American Society of Newspaper Editors and editor of the Plain Dealer in Cleveland.

"Secrecy seems to be the order of the day. And it is almost invariably fueled by the fear of exposure, the fear of embarrassment." ...

"Twenty years ago, the frontier was to make things more open," says attorney John Borger, a First Amendment expert in Minneapolis. "Now the push from private individuals and government is to make things less public. The law in and of itself may not have changed all that much, but the

pressure on it seems to be coming from a different direction."

At the national level, Americans seem willing to let the government off the information hook amid promises of greater security.

"The public is scared," Dalglish says. "If you can put a terrorism hook on it, you can justify closing anything. All you have to do is say the words 'terror' or 'terrorist' and people will allow you to close it and won't question it."

There are, of course, valid reasons for a government to have secrets. War has historically translated into less information on the home front. And privacy issues are part of the equation.

But an overall culture of secrecy — at all levels of government — is unnecessary and alarming. It empowers officials to cover up their own mistakes. And it threatens to block from the public information a democracy needs to thrive.

Required fixes are not complicated. Congress and the Bush administration must clearly distinguish between classified data of direct use to potential enemies and the rich veins of information that make America a cultural and scientific powerhouse.

They must end the idea that public information is sensitive or secret until proven otherwise. — The Detroit News

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## Cuba

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ening."

Ramos estimated that weekly Protestant church attendance has roughly tripled since 1989 to 300,000 people, with an additional 100,000 Jehovah's Witnesses, though he said the Protestant growth appears to have stalled in the last few years. He estimated Catholic attendance at about 150,000.

Northrup's decision to register his new church with the government in 1954 turned out to be fortunate: After the revolution, no new churches were recognized and unofficial churches, often operating out of houses, ran the risk of being shut down.

It's still hard to get permission to build new churches and Buenas Nuevas has about 200 home-based worship centers. They are among thousands of such home churches that Assemblies of God, Presbyterians, Methodists and other Protestants have sown across Cuba.

Among them are a few churches served by Carlos Rumbaut, of Ciego de Avila. He said he was a priest in the African-based Palo Mayumbe spiritualist religion before following his father to Christianity.

"I felt something strange" one day and went out walking aimlessly, he said. When he wandered across a church, Rumbaut said, he went in and found his father there, praying for him.

For Northrup, perhaps the best thing about the 50th anniversary ceremony was realizing he was not really needed for the church to develop.

"The work for a missionary," Northrup said, "is to plant a seed, get it growing and then move on."



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**SOUTH FLOYD**

## Webb high on Raiders' defense

by STEVE LeMASTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Webb had his team out on the hardwood and practicing in preparation for two upcoming pre-season games. Just before a practice on Thursday

HI HAT – Prior to Friday night's Raider Rumble, South Floyd High boys' head basketball coach Henry

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Proven to be a strong defensive team, South Floyd's Raiders were hard at work during a practice held Thursday evening.



photo by Steve LeMaster MCA guard Taylor Clark drove in against the Adams defense.

## Slone, Clark lead MCA past Adams

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Mountain Christian Academy took a 25-18 lead into halftime and held on to beat Adams 48-29 Thursday night in the semifinals of the Right Beaver Classic. The Falcons led 13-6 at the end of one quarter.

Landon Slone led a strong first quarter MCA effort, knocking down three three-point field goals and hitting for 11 points in the opening period.

Down 18-6 at one point in the first quarter, Adams rallied back to cut the Adams lead to an 18-14

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**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

## Border-States Shootout is Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – The Belfry High girls' basketball team and head coach Mark Gannon will host the annual Border-States Shootout Saturday. The event, which was started by former Belfry coach Cindy Halbert, pits in-state Kentucky teams against squads from West Virginia.

In all, the Border States Shootout will feature seven games.

Shelby Valley will play Tug Valley, W.Va. in the first game at 11 a.m. Host Belfry will play Woodrow Wilson, W.Va. in the second game at 12:15 p.m. South Floyd, under new head coach Tony Isaac is paired with Scott, W.Va. in the 1:30 game. Other pairings in the vent are as follows: East Ridge-Harts (W.Va.); Johnson Central-Logan (W.Va.); Phelps-Duval (W.Va.), and

(See SHOOTOUT, page two)

## – P'BURG SENIOR NICK JAMERSON –

file photos

Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson is a Mr. Football candidate. Jamerson, who also excels in the sports of basketball and track, was included in a final list of 10 candidates released by the Associated Press Thursday.



## Jamerson candidate for Mr. Football

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The honors for Prestonsburg High senior Nick Jamerson have been many. Jamerson, a starter of Prestonsburg's Class 2A State Runner-up team in 2001, is among the state's elite players. Jamerson, a receiver/defensive back, who helped the Blackcats to a state runner-up finish, two regional championships and two district titles, is one of 10

players nominated for Mr. Football.

Jamerson, who has received some attention from college football programs is still undecided on where he'll play at the next level.

Jamerson made stellar contributions in a four-year prep career which included tying a state record for punt returns for a touchdown during his junior season.

The Associated Press released the list of nominees

for Mr. Football Thursday. A vote by sportswriters and sportscasters across Kentucky will determine the winner.

Jamerson is joined by nine other nominees: Trinity quarterback Brian Brohm, Paducah Tilghman running back Joe Casey; Seneca quarterback Andy Clark, Warren Central receiver Lonnell DeWalt; Pulaski County quarterback Cole Draughn; Mason County

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**BOYS' BASKETBALL**

## Simpkins leaves void on squad

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Losing an athlete with abilities like Paintsville High senior Shane Simpkins would hurt any team in any sport. Simpkins, a three-sport star who has been performing on football fields, basketball courts and baseball diamonds since a very young age is now sidelined. Following a knee injury suffered during this year's Apple Bowl game against Johnson Central, Simpkins will most likely miss the entire 2003-04 basketball season. That leaves veteran Tiger head coach Bill Mike Runyon looking for many things, including a senior leader. The lone senior with

(See HOOPS, page two)

## Tenn. teams will visit area for Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Two teams from Tennessee – Oak Ridge and Chattanooga Christian – likely have some bags tentatively packed for a trip north in late-December. Both Volunteer State teams will visit Paintsville for the first annual Tiger Hoops Classic.

A very solid team, Oak Ridge is led by six-foot senior guard Zach Guilmire, with 10 points per game and five assists per contest, returns a talented team which some many games last season. Six-foot-two guard Sherrod Scott averaged 12 points per game and six rebounds an outing, and is the top returnee.

Juniors Aaron White (6-3) and Rick Daniel

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**ON THE AIR**

## KHSAA announces new TV deals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced Thursday that the KHSAA will be working with Clear Channel Radio in the formation of a State Football Finals Radio Network and working with Insight Communications with regard to live television coverage of the Championship game of both the Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournaments.

Rawlings Sporting Goods has signed to be title sponsor of the Football Radio Network. Clear Channel Lexington station WXRA-AM 1580 XTRA Sports will serve as the flagship. Also on board is WMJR-AM 1380 from Winchester and WHOP 1230 AM in Hopkinsville.

Games will be distributed through the Kentucky News Network.

"We are thrilled with the fact that a foot-

(See DEALS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

A familiar face to Allen Central and 15th Region basketball fans was found on the hardwood Thursday evening. Former Runnin' Rebel star Jeremy Hall (right) assisted head coach Johnnie Martin (left) with practice. Allen Central will host its annual panorama on Wednesday night.



# Kentucky can become a winner in women's b'ball

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Southeastern Conference women's basketball is not for the timid, and despite her 5-3 frame, Mickie DeMoss is anything but timid. DeMoss, the new head coach at Kentucky, exudes a confidence borne of being a part of six NCAA championships during an 18-year run as an assistant coach at Tennessee. She knows building a winner at

Kentucky — a place where women's hoops never really have taken root — won't be easy. But she's confident it can be done. "Expectations are high, and I'm certainly not used to losing, and neither is my staff," DeMoss said. "It does not scare me. I would rather people have expectations than not care about what we're doing. We're here to compete and win." The university invested in an advertising campaign to put DeMoss, who was hired in

April to replace Bernadette Mattox, front and center. DeMoss' image can be seen on billboards all over Lexington and on television ads, which make a play on her name: "DeMand. DeSire. DeMoss." Interest seems to be rising in the program. As of Wednesday, two days before the season opener against IUPUI-Fort Wayne, Kentucky had sold 1,609 season tickets, compared to 140 all of last season. Players use terms like "championship attitude" and

"total package" when describing the 48-year old Louisiana native. Those are the same type of things you'll hear from those who knew DeMoss during her playing days. DeMoss tried out for Louisiana Tech's first women's basketball team in 1974 and started at point guard for the Lady Techsters for three seasons, leading them to a 54-28 record and laying the foundation for what became a pow-

erhouse program. Many at Tennessee have given her credit for doing the same thing there, after Tennessee coach Pat Summitt hired DeMoss away from Auburn in 1985. One season later, the Lady Vols won their first NCAA title. Through the years, DeMoss had chances to go elsewhere, but she opted to stay at Tennessee, where she was com-

fortable. She'd been a head coach once, at Florida from 1979 to 1983, and the experience wasn't pleasant. But she had worked with Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart at Tennessee and believed he was serious when he told her he wanted to raise the profile of women's basketball at Kentucky.

Barnhart even gave up his office in Memorial Coliseum to DeMoss, so that the women's basketball office would match that of Kentucky's ultra-successful men's program.

"She is doing the things necessary for us to make progress right out of the chute, in terms of recruiting and raising the intensity level in the program with the players we've got now," Barnhart said. "We didn't get in this thing overnight. It will take time to be a presence in the conference and compete for championships. What we want and what everyone at Kentucky wants is to make progress toward the goal."

Doing that will be a challenge in the SEC, home not only to Tennessee but to Georgia, Louisiana State and Auburn — all in this week's top 25 — as well as programs like Vanderbilt, Arkansas and Mississippi State, which have enjoyed success in recent years.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Louisville adds Miami to football schedule in 2004, 2006

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville announced a scheduling deal Wednesday that will pit the Cardinals against one of the top teams in college football twice in the next three seasons. The Cardinals have agreed to a two-game deal with Miami, athletics director Tom Jurich and head coach Bobby Petrino announced. "We want to continue to play good people," Jurich said. "We've said that ever since we got here and at least got the program respectable, we would play anybody. As long as they came here, we'd go there." The Cardinals will travel to Miami next year, and tentatively play the Hurricanes on Oct. 9. In 2006, the 'Canes will make the trip to play in Papa John's Cardinal

Stadium. Miami has won five national championships, the last in 2001. The Hurricanes were national runners-up last season and are currently ranked 14th. Playing the Hurricanes will mean exposure for Louisville in recruit-rich Florida. This season, Louisville carried 27 players from that state, including cornerback William Gay and running back Kolby Smith, both from Tallahassee. Gay and Smith cheered against Louisville when the Cardinals and Florida State matched up last season, Petrino said. But they also knew about Louisville when Petrino came recruiting. "It truly does put you in a position to be able to recruit those top athletes," Petrino said. "It's unbelievable how much it can help." The Cardinals have never beat-

en the Hurricanes in nine tries. The closest they came was a 13-13 tie in 1950. Louisville has beaten one of the state's other big-name teams, defeating then-No. 4 Florida State 26-20 in October 2002. Jurich learned then that beating a good team isn't necessarily a plus when trying to make a schedule, because good teams don't want to get beaten. "It didn't help," Jurich said of the effect that victory had on negotiations with Miami. "That was probably the toughest thing that ever happened to our program. It's crazy to say that. It was not only the best day in our program but certainly the worst." Louisville remains in Conference USA next season but joins the Big East Conference in 2005. Miami is departing the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference. Also on next year's non-conference schedule for Louisville are North Carolina and intrastate rival Kentucky.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central Middle guard Alex Hammonds (10) dribbled out of trouble as teammates Jan Hicks (30) and Josh Prater (32) awaited his next move.

### Allen Central moves into Right Beaver Classic title game

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN — In only two games played in the 2003 Right Beaver Classic the Allen Central Rebel Middle School has piled up 125 points and look to be a strong contender to take home the hardware. On Thursday night it was the first half play of Corey Webb that helped the Runnin' Rebs build a big lead and run away for a win. Allen Central sprinted out to a 31-3 lead and never looked back. Webb poured in all 15 of his points in the first quarter for the Rebels. The Rebs got to use all of their players on this night and several reserves took advantage of the extra minutes. Robbie Cole and Johnathan Shepherd both finished with 10 points on the night. Jan Hicks scored 10 of his 12 points in the deciding first quarter for the winners and Alex Hammonds dished out seven assists and finished with four steals. Allen Central led 40-15 at the half and 56-22 after three quarters of play. John Burchett came off the Rebel bench to add seven points and both Josh Prater and Brett Shepherd ended the game with four points. Ron Barnett pitched in three points and Alex Hammonds

added two for the winners. Allen Central advanced to Friday's finals to take on MCA. Results to appear in Wednesday's edition.

## Classic

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Mullholland (6-4) will lead inside. White netted 12 points a game last season and Mullholland pushed in six points. Oak Ridge is coached by Ricky Norris. Chattanooga Christian is another capable team coming out of Tennessee to participate in the event. Chattanooga Christian is coached by Eddie Salter.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### UK men's basketball tickets on sale for games in Cincy, Louisville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tickets to the University of Kentucky's Dec. 1 men's basketball game in Cincinnati against Marshall and Dec. 31 game in Louisville against Austin Peay are now on sale and can be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased online at ukathletics.com by clicking the Tickets link at the top of the page or via phone at 859-257-1818 or 800-928-CATS. Tickets to the Marshall game at US Bank Arena are \$30. Tickets for the Austin Peay game at Freedom Hall are \$25 and can also be purchased through TicketMaster (800/487-1212). Unused student tickets for two of Kentucky's first three regular-

season games at Rupp Nov. 28 vs. Tennessee Tech and Dec. 23 vs. Eastern Kentucky - are also on sale to the public. The upper-level seats are \$22 apiece. **Shootout** Continued from p1 Pikeville-Tolsia. The game against Tolsia will be the second and final matchup of the pre-season for Halbert, in her first season leading the Lady Panthers. Both Pikeville and South Floyd played in the Knott County Central Lady Patriots Panorama yesterday. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association webpage is now updated with both the boys' and girls' basketball schedules. For more information, go online to www.khsaa.org.

## Hoops

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experience returning from last season's team is forward Peyton Conley, a starter for some of last season. Eighth-graders Blake Bundy and J.D. VanHoose will each play on the Paintsville High boys' varsity team. Freshman Daniel Pugh is a starter in the Tiger backcourt following a grid season under center for the Tigers. Junior Steven Jones, who saw minutes in off the bench last season is another returnee along with sophomore Kevin Williams. Both Jones and Williams are from Floyd County. Each attended Allen Elementary. Paintsville will open its season at home on Tuesday, Dec. 2 against Pike County Central. The first month of the season will see Paintsville travel to Gatlinburg-Pitman High School in Tennessee to play in the Smoky Mountain Classic. In addition, the Tiger boys' basketball team will host the first annual Tiger Hoops Classic beginning Dec. 26.

## Football

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quarterback Dustin Grutza; Owensboro Catholic running back Craig Lanham; Corbin running back/linebacker Jarrod Lawson, and Hazard quarterback Steven Sizemore. **The AP also released the candidates for coach of the year:** Shawn Berner of Fort Campbell; David Buchanan of Mason County; Brett Burnett of Elizabethtown; Philip Haywood of Belfry; Mike Lawson of Owensboro Catholic; Lonnie Oldham of Seneca; Bob Schneider of Newport Central Catholic; Chuck Smith of Boyle County; Perry Thomas of Paducah Tilghman, and Kenny Turner of Madison Central.

### Mr. Football Winners:

- 2002 Michael Bush, Male, QB
- 2001 Jeff Duggins, Boyle Co., QB
- 2000 Montrell Jones, Male, WR
- 1999 Travis Atwell, Hancock Co., QB
- 1998 Jared Lorenzen, Highlands, QB
- 1997 Dennis Johnson, Harrodsburg DL
- 1996 Derek Homer, Fort Knox RB
- 1995 Tim Couch, Leslie Co., QB
- 1994 Shaun Alexander, Boone Co., RB
- 1993 Jeremy Simpson, Lincoln Co., RB
- 1992 Billy Jack Haskins, Paducah Tilghman, QB
- 1991 Scott Russell, Evarts, RB
- 1990 Damon Hood Warren Cent., RB
- 1989 Pookie Jones, Calloway Co., QB
- 1988 Jeff Brohm, Trinity, QB
- 1987 Kurt Barber, Tilghman, LB
- 1986 Frank Jacobs, Newport Central Catholic, TE

## H.S. BASKETBALL

### Blackcats making transition from gridiron to hardwood

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Several key ingredients from this season's Prestonsburg High Blackcat basketball team have just recently joined the squad after a lengthy football campaign. Nicholas Jamerson, Trevor Compton, Joe Blackburn, Jesse Chaffin and John Mark Stephens have all just started the basketball season in the past week. Michael Morrison also has just started practice for Jackie Crisp's team after suffering a shoulder injury during the football season. Prestonsburg enters the season off last year's region semifinals appearance and the young Blackcats hope to make

a run at a 15th Region title. Prestonsburg will look to make a quick transition from football to basketball, but in most cases it takes a few weeks to get into basketball mode for the players just finishing up football season. Add Nathan Lafferty, Sean Leslie and



Joe Blackburn

Michael Stephens to the mix and the Blackcats will be a force to reckon with this season. Prestonsburg lost a key component to last year's team when Kris Bentley transferred to Shelby Valley, but Crisp doesn't think that is a reason to shove aside his team's shot at a good season. Prestonsburg will take on Hazard in a pre-season panorama on Wednesday and later open the year on the road at Boyd County on Dec. 2.

## MCA

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advantage in the second frame. However, Slone was there to answer the Blackcat run, knocking down a short jumper in the paint to extend the MCA lead out to a 20-14 advantage. Taylor Clark aided the Adams scoring effort with 11 points. Clark hit two three-pointers. Jordan Chaffins scored five. Clinton Turner and Michael Burchett each had four pieces for the Falcons. Burchett hit a three-point field goal in the third quarter and scored all four of his points in that same period after coming in off the bench. Byron Hall rounded out the

scoring for MCA with two points. James Michael Lafferty reached double figures for the Blackcats with 14 points. Bobby Hughes tossed in nine for Adams and Jody Tackett flipped in eight. Nathaniel Stephens and Jordan Hall each had four points in the setback for the Blackcats. Tackett was the only player to connect on a three-point field goal for Adams. The win advanced MCA to the championship game of the tournament against host Allen Central Middle.

## Deals

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ball radio network will become a reality thanks to the folks at Rawlings Sporting Goods and Clear Channel," DeVries said. We have had a very successful basketball radio network for six years and hope to get football to that level. We hope to continue to add stations and continue the growth of our State Football Finals." The Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament as well as the final game of the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament will air throughout the state thanks to a partnership with Insight Communications. Systems across the state that have agreed to carry the telecasts include Insight Systems (Lexington, Louisville, Northern Ky., Bowling Green); Access Cable (Casey, Green Harlan, McCreary and Whitley Counties); Adelpia Communications (Paris, Georgetown, Millersburg, Carlyle, Mt. Sterling, North Middletown, Morehead,

Richmond, Versailles); Big Sandy Cable TV; Charter Communications (Madisonville, Beaver Dam, Murray and Mayfield); Comcast-Kentucky (Elizabethtown/Hardin County, Taylor County, Greenville, Muhlenberg County, Drakesboro, South Carrollton, Powderly, Leitchfield, Clarkson, Paducah); Irvine Community TV; McKee Television Enterprises; Mediacom; Perfect TV; TV Service; Charter Communications (Somerset). "We are excited about the opportunity for exposure and higher visibility for both our boys' and girls' championship games," said DeVries. "We intend to use the telecasts to market not only the events, but the overall Association and its programs." In addition, Insight of Louisville will air on a tape-delayed basis the 2004 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet set for Tuesday, March 16 in Lexington.



# Moran signs new agreement

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DRESDEN, Ohio — Donnie Moran, "The Dirt Ripper", who during 2003 drove the QPI Tools/Eddie's Sunoco/Mastersbilt Race Cars/Carrera Shocks/Malcuit Racing Engines No. 99 Chevrolet Monte Carlo on the Xtreme Dirt Car Series tour has announced a new sponsorship agreement that will find the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Famer, also known as the "Million Dollar Man", running SMS Racing Engines exclusively during 2004. Robert Vinson's SMS Racing Engines is based in Childersburg, Ala. In other news Moran also announced he will be fielding Mastersbilt Race Cars next year.

"We're going to start out next year with some new motors and also the guy who is

doing the carburetors for those new engines is Shannon from Rapture Carburetors," revealed Moran.

"SMS is out of Alabama and they built some ARCA engines and have just recently entered the dirt field. We went over to the track testing and we have turned some really good lap times so I'm pretty pumped."

"I think I'll have a great season."

SMS Racing Engines is located at 108 8th Avenue Southwest, Childersburg, Ala. 35044 and can be reached by telephone at 256/378-8767.

"I'm looking forward to this arrangement," stated Vinson. "We've been doing some dirt stuff for about five years and do different development work for some teams. We also did some dirt stuff on a local level and now we want to take our dirt

program to a national level and we feel Donnie Moran is the guy who can get the job done and give us a lot of input."

As for Moran's chassis if choice for '04, he has made a commitment to Mastersbilt Race Cars.

"I'm going to run Mastersbilt next year," confirmed Moran. "I've been over to the track testing and we learned a few things on that car and I know what (Dan) Schlieper did, and I know at this point in time I won the (ELDORA) MILLION in the Rayburn, but right now the Mastersbilt seems to be better for me. I'm pretty excited about it."

"We did some testing and I found out what I wanted to know and I'm exited about coming out of the box next year on 'kill'. We took a little time off and went on the Mastersbilt cruise and with all the Mastersbilt people and Keith (Masters) and I worked out some things for next year and I'm really excited about that. So we're all looking forward to it and ready to rock 'n roll for

next year!"

Moran will also find himself busy come spring with a whole new schedule for his Donnie Moran Driving School which has brought novice as well as experienced drivers to Ohio to attend his courses.

"We're going to have a new driving school flyer out probably the week of the PRI Show with all the new dates for next year, so it will be full-go for the school next year," commented Moran. "We'll start the first or second week of April. I'll have the schedule put together real soon. I've already talked to a bunch of people who are coming. I even had a guy call from Wisconsin already who is coming down for it."

Interested parties will find the schedule on Moran's website soon or they can contact Moran through his website at: [www.donniemoran.com](http://www.donniemoran.com)

As for the 2004 season and his racing plans, Moran, like most traveling racers, hasn't been able to confirm anything

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photo by Steve LaMaster

South Floyd sophomore Ryan Johnson is expected to carry a big load in the Raider backcourt.



CORRECTION: An recent article in inadvertently identified South Floyd senior Lady Raider Brandy Anderson (right). Anderson is a senior girls' basketball player for South Floyd High School.

## AUTO RACING

# McMurray rounds out 21-car Bud Shootout field

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In the final Bud Pole Qualifying session of the season last weekend at the New Homestead Miami Speedway, Jamie McMurray earned first career Bud Pole and qualified for the 2004 Budweiser Shootout on Saturday night, Feb. 7 at historic Daytona International Speedway.

McMurray, driver of the No. 42 Havoline Dodge, turned a record lap of 181.111 mph, 29.816 seconds on the new state-of-the-art 20-degree, variable banking at Homestead Miami Speedway. He's the 21st and final driver to qualify for the Budweiser Shootout, a no-holds barred All-Star race that serves as the kickoff to the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series season.

McMurray, who earned Winston Cup Raybestos Rookie of the Year honors, is excited about having an extra race on his schedule during Speedweeks 2004.

"Typically the guys in the Budweiser Shootout are the guys who race well all week, so it's going to be nice to get to race with those guys before the (Gatorade) 125's," McMurray said.

Drivers that have secured spots by winning poles this season include McMurray, Jeff Green, Dave Blaney, Bobby

Labonte, Ryan Newman, Elliott Sadler, Jeremy Mayfield, Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte, Steve Park, Jimmie Johnson, Boris Said, Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick and Mike Skinner.

Past winners already in the field are Dale Earnhardt Jr., Mark Martin, Rusty Wallace, Ken Schrader, Bill Elliott and Dale Jarrett.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# 44-year-old lineman missed cut for NAIA playoffs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Tenn. — Joey Williams, the 44-year-old who played college football at Lambuth this season alongside his son, did not make the travel roster for the NAIA playoffs.

Lambuth (9-2) travels to North Dakota to play Dickinson State (10-0) in the first round Saturday.

The NAIA allows only a 52-man travel roster, and Williams — a third-string guard — did not make the cut, according to Peggy Mileham, administrative assistant to the Lambuth athletic director.

But because there was extra room on the team's plane, Williams was able to purchase a ticket. He will be on the sideline during the game and will help the coaches, according to his wife, Susan Williams.

Williams may have been the oldest player in college football this season when the former 340-pound couch potato trimmed down to 290 pounds and survived fall practice to play with his son, Kyle.

Lambuth coach Vic Wallace already has offered a job to Williams for next season as a volunteer coach for the offensive line.

## COMMENTARY

# New UK men's season begins

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Guess what? The high school football playoffs continued this past Friday night.

Know what else? The Kentucky Wildcats basketball team stole the night by opening their 2003-04 basketball season on the same night.

Watch this! Next Friday night the football state playoffs will enter round four and the Kentucky Wildcats will play game two of their schedule, once again getting the audience.

Meanwhile, Gerald Fitch, the two guard for Kentucky, says this year should be even better for Kentucky basketball than last season. Come on.

Gerald! Twenty-six consecutive victories. A clean sweep of the SEC including the tournament. Finish the season as the nations number one team. Gerald, you are telling us this team can top that? Gerald did you not miss Keith Bogans, Marquis Estill and Jules Camara in practice this season? Did you know they are no longer on the team but gone?

The Cats will be a strong team but I do not agree with Fitch's assessment of this year's team. They will fall short under the basket in spite of having two 7-footer's under there. They are untested freshmen and it will be a project for both of them. But I look for a top ten rating somewhere this season.

REDS NEWS — I like to keep up with the Cincinnati Reds even during the winter months. They are not in the news a lot like a New York team or San Francisco. But they have added three more bright

prospects to their 40-man roster. One of those three was a third baseman, Edwin Encarnacion. He had 11 home runs in minor league ball last season to go with his .294 batting average and 65 runs batted in.

Even though he, and the

(See BEGINS, page four)

## AUTO RACING

# 2003 Rookie class doesn't live up to its billing

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — By recent standards, Jamie McMurray doesn't have much to brag about.

Sure, he won the Rookie of the Year title, but he did it without a single trip to Victory Lane. After four straight years of stellar rookie classes, the 2003 version never lived up to the hype.

This class had to follow Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth, Kevin Harvick and Ryan Newman. All four won races their first seasons en route to the rookie title, and all but Kenseth finished in the top 10 in points at the end of their inaugural year.

Although McMurray beat Greg Biffle for rookie honors this year, his overall numbers fell short of the standards set before him. He had one pole — in last weekend's season finale — five top fives, 13 top 10s and ended up 13th in the point standings.

"I think our season has been OK," McMurray said. "We definitely wanted to win a race before the season was over. We put ourselves in position to win, and that's all you can do. When it's your day, it's your day."

There were very few stellar days for the 2003 rookie class.

Only McMurray and Casey Mears, his Chip Ganassi Racing teammate, qualified for all 36 races. Biffle was the only member to win a race when he caught a break with fuel strategy at Daytona in July.

Larry Foyt failed to qualify for several races and missed a handful of others with injury. Tony Raines didn't have the sponsorship to compete regularly the entire season, and Jack Sprague didn't make it to the end of the year.

It was very different from years past, when Stewart set a rookie record with three victories in 1999, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kenseth battled in 2000 and Harvick won two events in 2001.

Then there was last season, when Newman and Jimmie

Johnson duelled to the end. They combined for four victories, not including Newman's \$1 million win in the all-star race, finished fifth and sixth in the point standings and combined for 43 top 10 finishes and 2,043 miles led.

Newman ended up with the rookie title in a finish that the award sponsor admitted was difficult giving to just one of them.

With the pressure now on rookies to race more like savvy veterans and compete for victories every week, it's easy to call this class a disappointment.

"You're never going to make everybody happy," McMurray said. "Nobody is going to win without a front-line car and a front-line team. All the cars that win are the best race cars, that's for sure. Nobody gets in an average car and wins in Winston Cup. It's too hard."

But Mears had the same equipment as McMurray, yet could never equal his teammate's success. He didn't score a single top 10 finish and ended up 35th in the point standings.

"It was a tough season for us," Mears said. "I jumped into Winston Cup racing a little too soon, so it's been a really long year and it's been really frustrating at times."

So much so that there were whispers midway through the summer that Mears would be replaced by the results-driven Ganassi. Instead, the car owner began entering Mears in every race he could from ARCA to the Busch Series to slowly bring him along.

It seemed to be working at the end of the season, when Mears was qualifying strong and showing progress in Winston Cup events.

"When you first start the season, things probably feel like they're moving way too fast around you," Mears said. "Things are happening before you even grab a hold of them and see them."

"But I felt like I caught up as the season came to an end. I felt more comfortable in the seat and I felt like I learned a lot."

In the end, the entire class probably felt that way.

namment will benefit the Williamson Athletic Hall of Fame.

Entry fee is \$50. There will be two divisions: 12 and under and 10 and under.

Cutoff birth dates are Sept. 1.

For more information please contact Greg Smith at 304/235-1875; Okey Smith at 304/235-2694; or Rick Griffey at 304/235-3953.

Seeking teams  
Vinson Middle School in West Virginia is seeking two teams to complete its girls' holiday basketball tournament, which is scheduled for December 11 and 13. If interested, contact head coach Bob Wiles at 304/638-2477.

## DeMoss

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If anyone can relate to the challenge DeMoss faces, it's Oklahoma coach Sheri Coale. In 1996, Coale took over a program near the bottom of the Big 12 — a conference comparable in talent to the SEC — and by 2002 had the Sooners in the national championship game.

"There is nothing easy about it. There's lots of trying to reinvent the wheel sometimes," Coale said. "The most important thing we did is we stayed focused on what we knew would eventually get us there. You're worried about so many things than wins and losses in your program that first year. It's that focus on the fun and the details that over time reap the rewards. I think Mickie will get it done there."

Coale is not the only believer. "I feel that it was time for Mickie. She wanted to be a head coach. I totally supported that," Summitt said. "I know she will be successful at Kentucky. I know she has some building to do, but obviously, she just got five commitments, so she's on the right path to success."



# Bengals travel to site of worst moments

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The playoffs are a possibility, the fans are back and the home-field advantage has kicked in. The last thing the Cincinnati Bengals want to do right now is hit the road.

It's the last place where they still turn into the Bungles.

By winning their last four home games, the Bengals (5-5)

have moved into a first-place tie with Baltimore atop the AFC North. They've overcome a lot of bad habits to move into contention, and have to break one big one to stay there.

Their next three games are on the road, a place where they almost never win.

"You couldn't have picked a worse time to go on the road," cornerback Artrell Hawkins said. "It's not been a good road

team, and these next three games aren't going to be easy. By no means do we have it made."

The three-week jaunt starts this weekend in San Diego, the site of the first road loss in franchise history. The 1968 Bengals played their inaugural game at San Diego and lost 29-13.

They've never mastered the long trip. Cincinnati is 6-25 overall in California, including 4-9 in San Diego. The Bengals have played two games out West this season and lost both — in Oakland and Arizona.

"The flight, the time change, we're playing at a different time — there's just a lot of change," Hawkins said. "Then there's the humidity. It's just a whole different world out there. Guys hate going out there — I know I do."

California isn't the only place that gives them bad karma. They don't travel well, period.

The Bengals haven't won more than two road games in a season since 1995. In the last eight years, they've gone 12-48 on the road, with three of those wins over first-year expansion

teams. They're 1-3 on the road this season. The only victory was in Cleveland, which means that the Bengals have yet to win outside the state of Ohio this year.

It's a huge hurdle for all of those high hopes. The next two weeks bring trips to Pittsburgh and Baltimore for a pair of division games that could well determine their season.

"We're 1-3 on the road, and we know the reasons we're 1-3," receiver Chad Johnson said. "We're going to correct those, go out on the West Coast and

show people we're for real."

First-year coach Marvin Lewis has tried to help his team by flying out a day earlier. Instead of leaving the day before a West Coast game, he has them leave on Friday, giving the players more time to get acclimated.

Also, he's trying to convince them that playing far away from home is no big deal.

"It's just an away football game," Lewis said Wednesday. "Just go play."

During their four-game winning streak at home, the Bengals finally broke their habit of self-

destructing in the fourth quarter. The challenge in the next three weeks is to take that same mindset on the road.

In a 23-20 loss in Oakland and a 17-14 loss in Arizona this season, the Bengals failed to take advantage of opportunities to pull it out in the closing minutes.

"These next three games will be the telling point of our season," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "If we go lay an egg in the next three games, it will be totally embarrassing. I don't think it will happen."

## AUTO RACING

### Yeley to drive 2-3 Nextel Cup races for Gibbs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs Racing has USAC standout J.J. Yeley to a multi-year contract.

Beginning with the 2004 racing season, Yeley will run an ABC schedule, consisting of seven to eight ARCA races, 10-12 NASCAR Busch Series races and two to three NASCAR Nextel Cup Series races.

MBNA, the world's largest independent credit card issuer and longtime JGR supporter, will back Yeley's effort as an associate sponsor.

A primary sponsor has yet to be secured.

A native of Phoenix, the 27-year-old Yeley comes to JGR with an impressive list of credentials that could become even more impressive in the coming days.

Yeley is on track to match Tony Stewart's record of earning USAC's Triple Crown — winning the Sprint, Midget and Silver Crown championships in a single season.

Yeley has already wrapped up the Sprint and Silver Crown titles, and with only two races

remaining — Nov. 22 at Tucson (Ariz.) Raceway Park and Nov. 27 at Irwindale (Calif.) Speedway — he leads the Midget standings by 121 points over nearest pursuer Tracy Hines.

## OUTDOORS

### Applications are now being accepted for WHIP

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a USDA Natural

Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program that provides landowners an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat on their land. Landowners can receive up to 75% cost-share assistance for eligible WHIP practices on land they own or control.

In Kentucky, the primary focus of WHIP for 2004 is to restore or create native grass stands that improve wildlife habitat. Planting native grasses, shrubs, and wildlife-friendly introduced grasses are eligible practices.

Other practices that are eligible for cost-share assistance include filter strips; forest stand improvement; field borders; tree plantings; riparian buffers; wildlife watering holes; and fencing to exclude livestock from streams, woodland, wetlands, and wildlife lands. Since WHIP is competitive, an environmental evaluation and ranking process is used to determine which applications provide the most habitat benefits. These applications are most likely to receive funding.

To apply for WHIP, contact your local USDA Service Center's district conservationist or your local biologist with the Kentucky Department of

Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). To find out who your local KDFWR biologist is, call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern. Landowners may apply for WHIP funding at any time. Applications must be received by January 9, 2004 for consideration under the 2004 program. Applications

will still be accepted after that date, but will be held until the next evaluation period.

The KDFWR manages, regulates, enforces and promotes responsible use of all fish and wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment.

### Tickets available for UK-UT game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Unclaimed tickets from the UK student allotment are now available to the general public for the Tennessee at Kentucky football game on Nov. 29.

Tickets cost \$29 for sideline seats and \$22 for end zone tickets. The Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets also may be ordered over the phone by

calling 800-928-CATS or via the Internet at ukathletics.com by clicking the Tickets link at the top of the page.

The Volunteers and Wildcats will kick off on Nov. 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium.

The game is the final regular-season game for University of Kentucky senior Jeremy Caudill. The graduate of Prestonsburg High School has started since his freshman season back in 2000.



Jeremy Caudill

## Webb

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evening, the Raiders had their pictures taken as part of picture day. Can one look at a team and tell if it is going to play well defensively? A head coach and his staff sure can. South Floyd head coach Henry Webb witnessed the current edition of his team play a lot since last summer. Here in the pre-season, Webb gave his team high marks in the defensive category.

"This is the best team defensively that we've had here since 2000," said Webb.

South Floyd will feature three seniors in its starting lineup, two of whom — Adam Tackett, fresh off a high school football season, and Jack Stone — that started last season as juniors. A third senior starter, Brian Meade, came in off the bench for the Raiders last season and helped lead on many occasions.

Junior Steven Stanley will start in the middle for the Raiders. Sophomore Ryan Johnson will help replace the

load in the Raider backcourt left by current Pikeville College Bear Michael Hall.

The early contributors in off the Raider bench will include Erin Vance, Burnette Little, Scott Devin Hall and sophomore sharpshooter Mason Hall.

## Basketball legs

After a stellar high school football season, Adam Tackett is now getting his varsity basketball legs back. Wes Hall is another player who'll play varsity hoops for South Floyd following a successful grid season.

## Catch the Raiders

If you're a fan of the South Floyd Raiders and missed Friday night's Raider Rumble, or just want to see the Raiders again in the pre-season, you can. South Floyd will play Pikeville in Allen Central's panorama Wednesday night and will then host its own pre-season event on Saturday at Raider Arena.

### Pikeville Y schedules tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville Family YMCA has scheduled a youth holiday basketball tournament for Dec. 12-14. There will be nine-and-under and 12-and-under divisions. Trophies will be presented to the top three teams in each division, with the players on the winner and runner-up teams in each also receiving individual trophies.

For more information, contact Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

## New

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until the schedules come out, but he is staying busy preparing cars, motors, hiring crew and attaining sponsors.

"Tim Marshall will be back with me on the crew and I might be looking to hire somebody else. I'm working on doing interviews right now, too. So if anyone is looking for a crew job they can contact me."

In other news, Donnie Moran Racing also has three Malcuit Racing Engines and a CJ Rayburn Race Car for sale. Interested parties can contact Moran at 740.754.2299.

On a personal note, two of Donnie and Brenda Moran's four sons, Devin and Tristin, will start racing Quarter Midgets this com-

ing weekend in Columbus, OH for a winter indoor series. The Moran's also have a daughter.

Donnie Moran will make his 2004 racing season debut in February 2004 at East Bay Raceway near Gibsonton, Fla. for the "Winternationals".

For additional information on Donnie Moran and Donnie Moran racing visit his website at: www.donniemoran.com.

## Begins

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other two, are on the roster does not mean they will be there when the season opens. They were placed there for protection in the Rules 5 draft that comes the middle of December.

The search for a new field manager for the Reds is promised to be resolved by Thanksgiving, according to new reports. The Reds have narrowed their choices down to four and Dave Miley is one of those final candidates. Says here, send the other three home, Miley is in and will come back as the field boss for the Reds. He deserves it and the Reds are not going anywhere next season either so it really does not matter.

Rose will be the next real Reds manager if he ever gets reinstated.

That, of course, is just my opinion.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

## LITTLE LEAGUE

### Little League softball Senior League series moves to Delaware

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Next year's Senior League World Series for Little League softball will be held Aug. 15-20 at the Lower Sussex Little League Complex in Roxanna, Del., league officials said.

"We're pleased that Sussex County will open its arms to welcome girls from around the

world in friendly competition," Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive of Little League Baseball Inc., said Wednesday.

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