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briefs

Social Security to open new office

PRESTONSBURG — Jim Kelly, Social Security district director for the Big Sandy area, has announced that the area Social Security office in Prestonsburg will have limited service during the period of April 30 to May 5, as the office is moving to a new location.

The new office will be located on Route 321 (old US 23), just north of Prestonsburg. The building is across from the Stonecrest Golf Course (Maggie Mountain) Road.

The Social Security office in Pikeville is available to provide additional service during this period. The Pikeville office phone number is (606) 432-2177. The Pikeville number, as well as the Social Security toll-free number, is listed in local telephone directories under U.S. Government.

The Prestonsburg Social Security office will resume full service in the new location on Tuesday, May 6.

Murder suspect apprehended, arraigned

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who confessed to Florida police that he drowned his wife somewhere in Eastern Kentucky after an argument pleaded not guilty Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Marcus T. Phillips pleaded not guilty to one count of murder in connection to the suspected death of his wife, Patricia Phillips, who had been listed as missing from their home in Ohio since May 16,

2000. An arrest warrant was issued against the 36-year-old Pike County native in October 2001 by Floyd District Judge Eric Hall, according to court records. In that complaint, Kentucky State Police Detective Stewart Howard swore an affidavit alleging that Phillips murdered his wife on May 16, 2000, and then later admitted to the alleged killing.

At this time, authorities have still not recovered Patricia Phillips' body. Phillips was indicted by a Floyd

County grand jury on one count of capital murder on March 11 in connection to his wife's death.

Phillips is reported to have told police in Hollywood, Fla., that he and his wife were driving from Ohio to Pikeville to drop him off at a relative's home. On the way, he told officials they got into an argument somewhere on the Mountain Parkway and pulled off the road, when she allegedly pulled a knife



Marcus T. Phillips conferred with his attorney during his arraignment Friday morning.

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Today

 Sunny
 High: 74 • Low: 46

Tomorrow

 Mostly sunny
 High: 78 • Low: 49

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THE NEXT DRUG CRISIS



A large contingent of Eastern Kentucky police, firefighters and emergency medical workers attended a presentation concerning methamphetamine production Friday in Martin. Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain, who was the featured speaker, pulled no punches during his presentation, saying the growing epidemic of meth abuse would not miss Eastern Kentucky.

Emergency personnel trained for coming drug epidemic

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain speaks with force and conviction. Granted, not everything he told those attending a methamphetamine training seminar Friday morning at Martin was easy to digest, though.

"Some of you are sitting there and probably thinking, 'Why meth labs? This is Eastern Kentucky —

OxyContin country,'" Cain said. "But know this: If you have not experienced methamphetamine labs in Eastern Kentucky, you will. Mark my words."

Cain has dealt with busting meth labs in a county that has seen over 300 taken down in a short four and a half years. Six of those busts have taken place in just the last two weeks, and he says that before 1998, meth, more commonly referred to as crank, was rarely seen and originally

approached as a criminal littering problem, mistakenly viewed as an illegal dump site issue.

But those illegal dumps were actually abandoned or destroyed labs.

He's quick to point out, though, that although Western Kentucky and his town of Owensboro was only introduced to meth as an epidemic in the late 1990s, meth abuse goes back

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First roundup suspects have day in court

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Nineteen of the 36 Floyd Countians arrested in a drug roundup earlier this month pleaded not guilty during their arraignments in Floyd Circuit Court Friday.

Along with their accepting their pleas, Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill amended most of their bonds, as well.

Some of the suspected drug traffickers had already posted their original bonds and had since been released from custody, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Most of the suspects saw their bonds lowered due to financial reasons, such as brother and sister Darrell and Sophia Bentley, of Minnie, who were both charged in the roundup with separate

charges of first-degree trafficking in controlled substance.

When asked, both told the court that their only income was through Social Security benefits. Then, at the urging of their court-appointed attorney, Harolyn Howard, Caudill lowered both their bonds from the original \$10,000 full cash to an amended \$10,000, 10 percent or property bond.

The trend of amending most of the bonds to 10 percent or property ran consistent throughout most of the 19 suspects, Taylor said.

Others who pleaded not guilty Friday were:

- Mike Helmstetter, of Elkhorn City.
- Kenny Brown, of Langley.
- Johnny Owens, of West Garrett.
- Robert (BoBo)

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Events planned for Day of Prayer

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Citizens across Floyd County are meeting May 1 for the National Day of Prayer, as services are scheduled in three communities that plan to honor those serving across the county.

History tells us that this particular day predates the American Constitution, with the first Continental Congress calling for a day of prayer in 1775. Abraham Lincoln requested one in 1863 and Congress established a National Day of Prayer as an annual event by a joint resolution signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952. The law was amended and signed by President Reagan in 1988, designating the day for the first Thursday in May.

This year's theme, des-

ignated by the National Day of Prayer Task Force, is from Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalts a nation ... but sin is a disgrace to any people."

A prayer service will be held at the Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center at 11:30 a.m., Thursday morning, around the flagpole at the Floyd County Courthouse in Prestonsburg at noon and at the grandstand in front of the Martin Senior Citizens Center at 7 p.m.

The Floyd County Ministerial Association is requesting that all who are serving in the various communities across the county to come to the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg, to join them for a prayer breakfast. The doors will open at 6 a.m. and will serve until 10:30 a.m. The association is

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Firefighter collapses during seminar

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Maytown volunteer firefighter Darrell Bradley collapsed Friday morning while attending a seminar in Martin concerning methamphetamine production.

During the seminar, one of the several people crowded into the Martin Community Center began calling to Bradley, asking if everything was okay.

Bradley did not respond, but continued to hitch breaths with his head lowered onto his chest.

A nearby visitor to the seminar pulled at Bradley's chin and raised his head, but Bradley's eyes remained closed and he seemed barely able to produce more than a muffled choking sound.



Maytown volunteer firefighter Darrell Bradley was taken by ambulance Friday morning from a meth lab seminar being held at the Martin Community Center after collapsing. He appeared to be recovering somewhat as he was taken away.

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Odds and Ends

■ LOS ANGELES — A 23-year-old Marine who had an outstanding parking ticket but couldn't pay it because he was fighting in Iraq has been cleared of the infraction, city officials said.

Brad Gaumont, a corporal from Saco, Maine, didn't bring his checkbook with him overseas but got a notice in his mail that said his overdue fine had increased from \$45 to \$100.

"Mom, I'm in kind of a bind here," he wrote home. "Can you tell them I'll pay for the ticket when I get back to the U.S.?"

Gaumont feared that nonpayment would hurt his chances to become a police officer. On Thursday, a spokeswoman for

Mayor James Hahn's office said the ticket was forgiven and a confirmation letter is on the way.

"The Department of Transportation and the city decided that it was not handled in the manner consistent with the expectation of service," spokeswoman Angie Levine said.

■ SCOTIA, N.Y. — A 17-year-old goldfish can swim again thanks to a bunch of dog-gooding humans.

Customers at the Sky Port diner near Schenectady came up with the idea of a creating a fish sling after Dick the goldfish fell ill in November and had diffi-

culty swimming.

Patty Sherman, who owns the diner with her two sisters, Joanna Dewey and Mary Ann Parker, said Dick could barely move across the bottom of his fish tank located behind the counter.

A customer whose daughter is studying to be a veterinarian had his daughter research fish ailments. She reported back that Dick was likely suffering from swim bladder disease and prescribed a diet of cooked peas to be hand fed to Dick three times a day, Sherman said.

To remedy Dick's swimming problem, several customers devised a sling made up of fishing bobbers, drinking straws, gauze and string. When the 8-inch-long fish is placed in the

sling, he's able to swim like normal.

Sherman said customers find it relaxing to sit at the counter and watch Dick in his tank.

"Everybody's rooting for him," she said Tuesday. "He's the topic of conversation at the Sky Port."

■ TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — True or false? If lawmakers are going to make students go through a high-stakes test to graduate, legislators should take the exam, too.

A number of senators thought it was a good idea Wednesday, but ultimately they excused themselves from having to take the stomach-churning test.

Sen. Skip Campbell proposed an amendment to a mea-

sure that would have required members of the state Legislature, members of the Cabinet and secretaries of various state agencies to take the test by next year.

Unlike their constituents in Florida's schools, they wouldn't have been required to pass the test.

The proposal drew cheers from a few parents who happened to be in the gallery with their children watching the Senate. Ultimately, Campbell agreed to withdraw the amendment before the Senate could vote on it.

Defenders of the exam argued it's worth a little pressure on kids.

"Our students are passing this test and that's the beauty of

what has happened since we put accountability in education," said Sen. Evelyn Lynn.

■ PALO ALTO, Calif. — Richard Dillon is out of the doghouse.

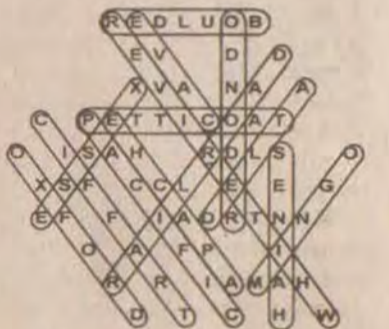
Until Thursday, the 25-year-old Menlo Park man was facing possible jail time and a hefty fine for barking at a Palo Alto police dog. Prosecutors, however, decided to drop the case.

"Even though what the suspect did here was stupid, reckless and irresponsible, I don't think it warranted criminal prosecution, or the necessary expenditure of community resources," said Jay Boyarsky, supervising deputy district attorney for Santa Clara County.

Palo Alto police cited Dillon on March 5 after he barked at one of their dogs sitting inside a patrol car. Dillon maintained he simply returned a single "friendly bark" but police said he harassed the animal by barking multiple times and raising his

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— JUNCTION



Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 27, the 117th day of 2003. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the North African city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

On this date:

■ In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.

■ In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

■ In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

■ In 1865, the steamer "Sultana" exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400

Union prisoners of war.

■ In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

■ In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

■ In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

■ In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

■ In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley, Jr., who had shot four people, including President Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

■ In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro.

Ten years ago:

After a hiatus of more than four months, Israeli and Arab delegates resumed Middle East peace talks in Washington D.C.

Five years ago:

A Pentagon panel said remains of the Vietnam veteran in the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery should be exhumed to determine whether they belonged to Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, as his family believed. (The remains were later positively identified as Blassie's.)

One year ago:

South African entrepreneur Mark Shuttleworth arrived at the international space station for an eight-day, seven-night cruise that cost him \$20 million. A biker brawl at Harrah's Casino in Laughlin, Nev., left three bikers dead and 12 others wounded. Derek Lowe of the Boston Red Sox pitched a no-hitter against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, 10-0. Mattel toy company co-founder Ruth Handler, who created the Barbie doll, died in Los Angeles at age 85.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Jack Klugman is 81. Civil rights activist Coretta Scott King is 76. Actress Anouk Aimee is 71. Broadcast journalist Phil Jones is 66. Actress Judy Carne is 64. Opera singer Judith Blegen is 62. Rhythm and blues singer Cuba Gooding is 59. Singer Ann Peebles is 56. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 55. Rhythm and blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 54. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 54. Rock musician Ace Frehley (KISS) is 52. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 44. Actor James Le Gros is 41. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 38. Singer Mica Paris is 34. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 24.

Thought for Today:

"The trouble with our age is all signposts and no destination." — Louis Kronenberger, American author (1904-1980).

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Meth

much further than that. A 30-year-veteran of law enforcement, Cain says he was dealing with meth abuse in the 1970s. He agrees with labeling the problem a "war", and feels confident that if meth abuse has the capability to spread from the west coast states of California and Arizona, it will have no problem climbing the mountains into Eastern Kentucky. "This is a war on drugs," Cain told those in attendance. "There is no difference, in that it leaves countless victims in its wake. Meth has an absolute stranglehold on my community, and you may already see signs of it here."

Most disturbing about the progressive movement of meth abuse across the nation is that it is not a drug that attacks from the borders of our country, Cain said, but rather a drug that is manufactured in our own backyards.

"Manufacturing meth is very, very simple," said Cain. "I could take any one of you and, in short, order show you how to make it. It is very simple process, but a very dangerous and volatile procedure."

These points should speak plainly to the people of Eastern Kentucky, according to Cain, considering that meth abuse is primarily a rural problem.

Unlike the abuse of crack cocaine which swept the nation during the 1980s and was mostly a phenomenon contained within inner cities, meth labs most often spring up in small towns and target not the adult population, but teens seeking a cheap and easy high. Because the drug is so easy to make — requiring only a handful of mostly household products — the buying price for what has also been dubbed speed, crystal or crank has dropped considerably with

increased manufacturing.

Cain says that a gram of meth that could be purchased in 1985 for \$125, now sells for \$80.

"And they don't even sell it by the gram anymore," said Cain. "Now they sell it in what's called an 8-ball, or one-eighth of an ounce, and that's because there's just more of it."

Educating fellow law enforcement agencies and related fields of professionals who might find themselves in a situation to deal with the intensely dangerous task of approaching a working meth lab began as a way to help improve the safety

of his own officers, Cain said.

But today he says that everyone should know the details surrounding meth, because the problem lies in the actions of people.

"The issue is not drugs at all," Cain said. "It's people. People have taken something that has several positive qualities to improve life and made something destructive and evil."

Martin police officers spent intervals during the day-long seminar explaining that several area robberies have caused them to suspect that meth production is already gaining ground in

Eastern Kentucky.

"We've had a lot of robberies where people have stolen things like car batteries and cat litter and all the generic Sudafed they could get," one Martin officer told Cain. "I can't figure out the cat litter."

Cain, who explained that meth producers will often use the litter to filter the smells associated with making the drug, was quick to verify suspicions, saying those and other items mentioned seemed to be tell-tale

signs of meth manufacturing.

In the end, Cain stressed to those attending the seminar, who included professionals as well as concerned residents, that to continue to believe that meth is a not a problem for the common taxpayer, but a police issue, is just wrong.

"Meth is not a law enforcement problem," Cain said. "Meth is a community problem. Law enforcement is only as effective as the community it serves."

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Corrections

In an April 23 story about the sentencing of an Ashland businessman, The Associated Press reported erroneously that John B. Riggs had supplied child pornography to the former mayor of Ashland. Riggs originally was charged with possession of child pornography, but pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of knowledge of a felony, which was the mayor's possession of child pornography. The story also reported erroneously that defense attorney Michael Curtis told the judge that Riggs felt he had to supply pornographic material in order to keep contracts with a company the mayor worked for. Curtis was referring to gifts of cash and a computer, not pornography.

In an April 23 story concerning a man allegedly being held at gunpoint at the Martin Speedway gas station, the headline incorrectly referred to the alleged victim, Matthew Moore, as a clerk at the gas station. Moore is not and has not been employed at Speedway.

In an April 20 story concerning a proposal to sell an industrial site to Appalachian Wireless, the story relied on incorrect information that the land needed for a right-of-way is deeded to Marshall and Robert Davidson and Derek and Debbie Hicks. The land in question actually belongs to Marshall Davidson.

Motel theft lands couple behind bars

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police apprehended a Magoffin County couple early Wednesday morning who they say were spotted attempting to break into several vehicles in the parking lot of the Microtel Motel.

According to a report from the Prestonsburg Police Department, Lt. William Petry observed a man attempting to gain access into the vehicles. An investigation was undertaken and police said they found that items had been removed from several of the motel guests' vehicles.

Prestonsburg city officers Mike Conn and Danny Martin,

Collapse

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But Bradley couldn't have been in better hands, considering the large majority of those attending the seminar Friday morning were trained medical and law enforcement professionals.

In short time, the crowd cleared the stands and the seminar came to a halt while several EMTs, police officers and volunteer firefighters worked to carry

a limp Bradley down from the stands and place him on the gymnasium floor.

For the next 20 or so minutes, Bradley remained surrounded by those helping. Officials who responded to the tense situation said Bradley's sugar level had dropped and brought him candies from a nearby concession stand.

By the time an ambulance arrived to take Bradley to a local hospital for evaluation, he was sitting with help on the gym floor and seemed stable.

Bradley reportedly told the slew of professionals helping him that he had suffered from faint or dizzy spells in the past, but never anything as extensive as Friday's attack.

along with Petry, initiated a search of a vehicle belonging to Salyersville resident Johnathan Guess, the man police said was first noticed in the parking lot allegedly trying to break into the vehicles. The search produced the missing items, according to police, and Guess and his wife, Amanda, were both arrested.

Both Johnathan and Amanda Guess were charged with theft in connection to the investigation.

Amanda Guess was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and prescription drugs not in proper container.

After the arrests, police tacked on a charge of receiving stolen property against both Johnathan and Amanda Guess when they continued their search and reported finding a 12 gauge shotgun, a .22 rifle, two credit cards and a small dog, all items Prestonsburg police said they learned were the focus of an open investigation by the Kentucky State Police in Magoffin County.

The couple is currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on separate \$5,000 cash bonds.

Anyone with further information pertaining to the thefts should call the Prestonsburg Police at (606) 886-1010, the Kentucky State Police at (606) 433-7711 or the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at (606) 886-6171.

Murder

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on him.

Hollywood Police Department Detective Carlos Negron reported that Phillips then confessed to holding his wife down in three inches of water beside the road until she died.

Floyd County Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill set a pretrial conference for Phillips on August 6.

Prayer

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inviting all local elected officials, all EMS workers, all police officers and fire fighters, as well as those in military service to join them.

McDowell ARH and Highlands Regional Medical Center are having their own services, while patients will receive cards afterwards, which will read, "You were prayed for today". McDowell will hold a service around the flagpole and Highlands will open its chapel.

Americans across the nation are expected to celebrate the 52nd annual National Day of Prayer, as 30,000 coordinators and volunteers will organize prayer observances in all 50 states.

The Task Force website states, "The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds."

P'burg receives grant, loan for improvements

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city of Prestonsburg was approved for both a grant and a loan totaling \$1.48 million in federal funding for improvements to its water system, U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning announced Thursday.

The funds will be used to construct an additional raw water intake, replace the existing chlorine gas disinfection system and install sludge removal facilities at the water plant, Mayor Jerry Fannin said Friday.

"We're redoing the chlorine at the main plant and changing it to a safer system to get rid of the liquid chlorine to make it safe to be around," Fannin said. In the past, the city's water

plant stored liquid chlorine used as part of their water treatment in the plant, endangering workers in the building as well as the surrounding community, said Fannin.

Some of the \$1.48 million, which comes in the form of a \$740,000 grant and a loan for the same amount, will be used to upgrade the city's current fresh water intake.

Fannin said the city has been working with a fresh water intake capacity of about 6 million gallons, but will be able to greatly increase that number after completion of the project.

These improvements are touted as steps to insure an adequate water supply and better chances for health and safety for the over 6,000 existing Floyd Countians served through Prestonsburg's water plant.

Murder suspect to be returned to Pike

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

YPSILANTI, Mich. — The second man indicted in the 2001 murder of Charles "Coco" Thompson apprehended in Michigan last week will be extradited to Pike County Detention Center this week.

According to Richard Leather, of Pike County Sheriff's Department, William Lee Hopkins, also known as Bill Tackett, 36, was found in Michigan, where he had been known to travel in the past. Leather said that Terry Thompson, of Kentucky State Police, would be traveling to

Ypsilanti on Monday to pick up Hopkins.

Hopkins and Patrick J. Etherton, 20, were indicted by a Pike County grand jury on April 16, after a 17-month investigation into a Raccoon Creek store owner's death in Nov. 2001. The two were accused of shooting Thompson outside his store at approximately 7 a.m., as he was opening his store.

A third man was indicted in connection with the shooting. Raymond Lee French, 25, of Pikeville, was charged with criminal facilitation to commit first-degree robbery for allegedly intending to commit a robbery of Thompson.



William L. Hopkins

Drugs

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Owens, of West Garrett.

■ Charles Steve Goodman, of Eastern.

■ Jessica Jarrell, of East Point.

■ Jason Jarrell, of East Point.

■ Paul R. Setser, of West Prestonsburg.

■ Jesse Compton, of Prestonsburg.

■ James Dixon, of Prestonsburg.

■ Brad Hamilton, of Prestonsburg.

■ Christopher Francis, of Prestonsburg.

■ Dave Francis, of Indiana.

■ Thomas Lemaster, of Salyersville.

■ Penny Branham, of Lancer.

■ Gary Jacobs, of Garrett.

■ Sharon Jacobs, of Garrett.

All suspects who were arraigned Friday were charged with either first- or second-degree trafficking in controlled substance when arrested during the roundup, while some found additional charges such as possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia later added as a result of evidence seized during their arrests.

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expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Patton no stranger to ignoring law

No one should be surprised by the attorney general's finding that Gov. Paul Patton exceeded his constitutional authority when he vetoed a portion of a bill that was designed to offset the loss of tax breaks for Kentucky companies.

The line-item veto wasn't the first time Patton creatively interpreted the limits of gubernatorial power.

For almost a year Patton ran state government without a budget approved by the legislature. After lawmakers failed to agree on a budget in the 2002 session, the governor simply substituted his own spending plan.

In administering the budget, the governor ignored or suspended laws he did not find to his liking. For instance, a law passed a number of years ago caps state employment at 33,000. The legislature routinely suspended this law in passing a budget, but in the absence of an official budget, the cap remained in place.

However, Patton did not comply with the law by immediately laying off 4,000 state employees. He decided to ignore the cap on state employment.

While running state government without a budget, the governor ignored or suspended 140 state statutes. For all intents and purposes, Patton placed himself with few objections from legislators above the law and above the state constitution.

It's not at all surprising, then, that Patton adopted an expansive interpretation of his line-item veto authority this spring when the legislature rebuffed him on the issue of business taxes.

First, the General Assembly refused to consider the governor's proposal to sharply increase taxes on the business community. Then lawmakers approved a measure to offset the impact of a court ruling that struck down a tax break for Kentucky-based corporations.

If the court ruling stands, the state's corporations will have to pay an additional \$200 million a year in taxes, the Chamber of Commerce estimates.

The legislature quickly grasped that a massive tax increase on corporations would not be healthy for the state's lagging economy. But the governor was insistent on raising business taxes.

A special session would be pointless because top lawmakers in both parties have made it clear the legislature isn't going to raise taxes in the face of strong public opposition. So Patton's veto amounts to a gratuitous as well as unconstitutional slap at the business community.

Apparently, no detail of government is too small for Patton's attention. No task is too large either, not even running the state without a budget, ignoring its laws and breaking new ground for line-item vetoes.

Ultimately, however, Patton couldn't control the course of events that brought his administration to new lows in public esteem. And he won't be able to write the history of his administration, which, it appears increasingly likely, will come under the chapter heading "Abuse of Power."

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— Jim Davidson

Why make it easy for thieves?

The English author Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) once said, "Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it."

Are you aware that almost 5 million residential burglaries occur each year in our country? This works out to one every 15 seconds. By the time you have read this far, someone's home or apartment has been broken into and some of their most precious possessions have been stolen by thieves.

The economic impact, as well as the emotional trauma, on the American people is tremendous. Each year losses experienced by burglary victims is estimated to be \$3.1 billion and the average loss per residential burglary is \$1,441.

Several weeks ago I got a phone call from Jason Bird, an executive with the Burglary Prevention Council in Chicago, Ill. He passed along some information about their organization, which was formed back in 1995 as a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of residential burglaries. A few days later a nice press kit arrived in the mail and after reviewing it, I decided to pass along some of the pertinent information to you in the hope that it may keep you from become a burglary victim.

The reason I decided to share this is because none of us who have a home, apartment, condominium, cabin or cottage is immune from unlawful entry by those who want to respect our property more. Because of human nature, until it happens to us we are lethargic and complacent. "That's someone else's problem," we say.

Just last night when I was at church a young single lady was very distraught because a few days earlier someone had broken into her apartment. They did not take much but she just felt violated, as any of us would.

According to the Burglary Prevention Council the good news is that nine out of 10 burglaries can be prevented. In the press kit I received there was a fantastic booklet titled "Safe and Secure ... A Complete Do-It-Yourself Guide to Safeguarding Your Home Against Burglars." The index contains a listing of the various topics that are in the booklet. They are: "Introduction/Understanding The Burglar"; "Evaluating Your Home's Security" with subheadings "Your Home's Current Security Measures", "Your Home's Design" and "Your Neighborhood".

Next is "Burglar Entry Points" with subheadings "Doors, Locks and Windows", "Your Possessions", "Creating a Secure State of Mind", "If You Are Burglarized", "Protecting Your

Home", "Vacation Checklist", "Home Protection Devices", "Summary" and "10 Tips".

Because I have had the opportunity to read it, I can promise you this booklet is well done and would be a valuable resource for any person who would like to take measures to prevent a burglar from making off with their property.

The booklet "Safe and Secure" is free from the Burglary Prevention Council, but they do ask that you send \$1 to cover the cost of handling and a self-addressed stamped envelope to 221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois 60601. You may also download this booklet from their Web site at www.burglaryprevention.org.

I realize this kind of information is not very exciting, but as I have said before, it does not make a lot of sense to be motivated and work hard to buy some of those material things we all enjoy, just to have a thief come along, break into our place of residence and help himself to whatever he wants.

The good news is that with a little extra time and effort, nine of 10 burglaries can be prevented. Yes, it can happen to you. Us, too!

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



— beyond the beltway

The dangerous lesson of a successful war

by DONALD KAUL

It's been a perfectly lovely war, one with something for everyone. For the hawks, the war offered blessed victory; moreover, a fairly quick victory (as they'd predicted) with minimal American casualties (minimal, at least, for those who didn't suffer them).

For the doves, it offered chaos, as they'd predicted. Moreover, it proved that no matter how precise your bombs are and how much you try to hit military targets only, you're going to kill and maim women, children and other innocents, and not just a few.

The doves were able to point to the destruction visited upon Iraqi schools, museums, libraries and hospitals by unruly mobs as proof that our cure for Saddam might prove worse than the disease.

The hawks were able to point to the ruly mobs that surrounded American tanks shouting "thank you, thank you" as proof that we were bringing freedom

to a grateful people.

The doves could mention the almost universal expressions of rage and humiliation felt throughout the Arab world, passions that will enrich an already fertile breeding ground for terrorists.

Hawks could counter with the increased receptivity with which hostile nations like North Korea are hearing our demands for disarmament.

Doves are standing outside the White House singing "Give Peace a Chance." Hawks are inside singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Seldom has a war satisfied so many diverse expectations. I have a few — just a few — lingering questions, however:

■ Where are the weapons of mass destruction? Wasn't that what this war was supposed to be about — WMDs? Saddam had them and he was going to use them on us so we had to stage a pre-emptive attack. I know, we're still looking for them, but that raises a second question:

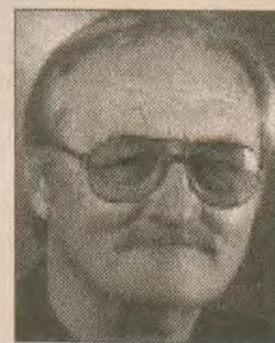
■ If Saddam did have WMDs, why didn't he use them? As Russian President Vladimir Putin, of all people, said the other day: "Nothing was found, and even at the last moment of their

struggle for survival, the Iraqi regime did not use it. They either don't have them, or they are in such condition that they could not be used. And this raises the advisability of such an action. What does this mean? What was the war for?"

■ That's my third question, what exactly what was the war for? And what was the hurry about? Wouldn't it have been better, as some suggested, to take the time to let the United Nations inspectors either find WMDs or satisfy themselves that the exercise was futile? Had we done that, it might have been possible to get reluctant countries to provide support forces that could have secured order in Iraqi cities after our attack was successful.

(The destruction of the national museum and library in Baghdad is a cultural tragedy that cannot be overestimated. Iraq stands on the site of ancient Mesopotamia, "the Cradle of Civilization," and the mindless loss of artifacts there, some of them 7,000 years old, is a grievous blow to the identity of the entire region.)

Now, after having let mobs trash the schools, hospitals, office buildings and cultural institutions of the country, we



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Judge orders Harry Potter books back onto shelves

by CARYN ROUSSEAU
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A federal judge ordered Harry Potter books back onto an Arkansas school district's library shelves Tuesday, rejecting a school

board's claim that tales of wizards and spells could harm school children.

Ruling in favor of a fourth-grader's parents, U.S. District Judge Jimm Larry Hendren ordered the Cedarville School District to put the four books in

J.K. Rowling's popular series back in general circulation.

The district's board drew wrath from national free-speech groups for its June decision to require students to obtain parental permission to check out the books. The 3-2 decision, which overruled a

unanimous decision by the district's library committee, came after a parent complained about the books.

The Harry Potter books have been assailed by some Christian groups for their themes of witchcraft. The American Library

Association says the books were the most frequently challenged of 2002, but rarely did those challenges lead to restrictions or bans.

Plaintiffs Billy and Mary Nell Counts said they feared their daughter Dakota would be stigmatized if she were identified as someone who read books the district considered "evil."

First Amendment associations and children's author Judy Blume filed a brief in support of the couple last month. They claimed the Cedarville district was committing censorship and trampling on students' right to receive information.

"Everybody is just thrilled with the decision," the plaintiffs' lawyer, Brian Meadors, said.

The school district did not immediately return calls seeking comment. In depositions, the three board members who voted for the restrictions said they felt the Harry

Potter books prompted children to disobey authority and pushed occult messages.

Scholastic, which publishes books for school markets, said its Harry Potter series teaches children about right and wrong.

"We're proud to publish the Harry Potter books," spokeswoman Judy Corman said. "We think they're about good and evil and we don't believe in censorship."

The books chronicle the fictional adventures of young, bespectacled Harry and his wizard pals at the Hogwarts magic school as they battle Harry's nemesis, the evil sorcerer Voldemort. More than 190 million copies of the novels have been printed in at least 55 languages.

The fifth book in the series, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is due June 21.

An expert says America's activity the next two years could reshape world Islam

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

In Iraq, American troops patrol the streets of Baghdad. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict shows no sign of letup. Al-Qaida terrorists remain a threat to the United States.

War and Mideast tensions are adding new importance to a long-running "struggle for the soul of Islam," according to perhaps the most highly regarded U.S. scholar on the faith. In his view, America will play a vital role in shaping Islam's future — and has an important stake in the outcome.

As historian John L. Esposito of Georgetown University sees it, there is widespread dissension in worldwide Islam over the role that the faith should play in 21st century society, involving such questions as the place of women, Islam in educa-

tion, the application of religious law, and whether and when political violence is permissible.

The great historic split in Islam, dating from the faith's first century, divides the dominant Sunnis (85 percent of the 1.2 billion Muslims) and the Shia branch, a minority worldwide though the majority in Iraq and Iran.

But to Esposito, the more important struggle involves three broad sectors within both Sunnism and Shiism that now dominate the landscape:

—The "ulama," the collective Sunni term for Muslim jurists and scholars (Shiism uses ayatollah and other titles). In a faith without a world leader like the pope, and no central organization, the entrenched leadership classes have traditionally directed Islam and control most mosques and seminaries. In modern times, many are state

employees and they generally favor the religious and political status quo.

—The "activists," often called "Islamists," a group of generally lay reformers who want to increase their religion's influence in society through nonviolent methods. Often, but not always, this includes formation of Islamic governments and imposition of Muslim religious law (Sharia).

—"Extremists" in the Osama bin Laden mode, the radical wing of Islamists, which Esposito distinguishes sharply from the other activists. They enforce their strict version of Islam by using violence and terror against Muslims and non-Muslims who oppose them. Though they style themselves as traditionalists, Esposito says they are "hijacking" the faith and their tactics have never been acceptable to mainstream Islam.

Esposito sees dim prospects for a fourth group, the Muslim "modernists" who favor secularization.

His viewpoint is worth not-

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say we're going to rebuild it, with help from a United Nations we hold in contempt and with leaders who have not been in Iraq for decades. Lots of luck.

Of course, none of this makes any difference. Victory on the battlefield trumps all arguments.

A poll taken recently indicates that 73 percent of Americans

now approve of President Bush's job performance (as compared to 59 percent before the war) and 57 percent think the war was worthwhile even if we never find weapons of mass destruction. Which means that all the president has to do to take this country to war is to claim that his target either has WMDs or is harboring

terrorists or was behind the 9/11 attacks. He doesn't have to prove it, merely claim it.

Nor does it make any difference what his domestic agenda is or how the economy is doing. So long as he's waging war successfully, he is politically invulnerable. That is a dangerous lesson for an administration to learn, particularly one as bellicose as this one.

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. For more information, email vze1wc4z@verizon.net.

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fist in a threatening manner. Dillon subsequently was charged with a rarely used misdemeanor that makes it a crime to willfully and maliciously interfere with a police officer's duty by teasing and agitating the officer's dog.

Outside the Palo Alto courthouse Thursday, a relieved Dillon said he had no hard feelings. "But I really didn't think I should face a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for barking at his dog," he said.

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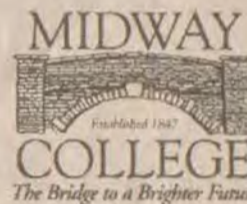
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Mae Burke, 96, of Rogersville, Tennessee, formerly of Dorton, died Tuesday, April 22, at Wellmont Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, Rogersville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Molly Casey, 70, of Phelps, died Monday, April 21, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Frank Casey. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son

In Loving Memory of Walter Nelson

December 18, 2002

This is your first birthday in Heaven, dad. You are missed so much down here, but we know you're up there singing with the Angels, and we will be singing

together again.
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Sis,
Albert & Kids

Funeral Home.

Mitchell Keith "Jay" Chapman II, 22, of Kimber, died Friday, April 18, at McVeigh, the result of injuries sustained in a four-wheeler accident. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Darnell Collins Crum, 38, of Printer, died Wednesday, April 23, in Martin, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Luther Eugene Miller, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Goble Miller. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elvia Newsome Scott, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 19, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Diane Lynn Dingus Spurlock, 45, of Allen, died Monday, April 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Don Keith Spurlock. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ethel Allen Wyatt, 88, died Thursday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of

Burke Funeral Home.

Knott County

Lydia Anderson, 66, of Kite, died Friday, April 18, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Lee Anderson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kenneth Slone, 35, of Hindman, died Saturday, April 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Earl Adkins, 91, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 20, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Virginia Kathleen Akers, 83, of Sidney, formerly of Huddy, died Monday, April 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Lester Bentley, 75, of Rockhouse, died Thursday, April 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Gracie Cantrell Bentley. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Aileen Bentley, 72, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 22, at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, Taylor, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Mae Burke, 96, of Rogersville, Tennessee, formerly of Dorton, died Tuesday, April 22, at Wellmont Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, Rogersville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Terry Dean Childers, 51, of Virgie, died Tuesday, April 22, at St. Joseph Hospital East, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Childers. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

George Walker Coley, 91, of Pinsonfork, died Friday, April 18, at the home of his daughter, Rebecca Meril Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Scott Lee Cornett, 34, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 21, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Geanna Lee Cox, 57, of Detroit, formerly of Hellier, died Friday, April 18, at Hellier. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Bonnie Lois Hall, 74, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Willis Justice, 83, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 17, at Pikeville Methodist Church. He is

survived by his wife, Dorthy Justice. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lula Mae Justus, 75, of Majestic, died Monday, April 21, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Woodrow "Woody" Owens, 41, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, April 21, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anderson Owens. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lakie R. Potter, 96, of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 23. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m., at the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Hiers Funeral Home.

Myrtle J. Ray, 87, of Dorton, died Saturday, April 12, at the home of her daughter, Emma Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 15, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Kenneth Daniel Rose, infant son of Rodney and Amanda Sargent Rose, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Carol Gillman-Ross, 53, of Wellston, Ohio, died Saturday, April 19, at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Roy Ross. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home.

Lloyd Kermit Sloan, 74, of Mouthcard, died Wednesday, April 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ramey Sloan. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m., in the Mountain View Church of Christ, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jewell Tackett, 66, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Milton Thacker, 64, of Raccoon, died Sunday, April 20, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Bevins Thacker. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Kathie Darlene Johnson Thacker, 44, of Virgie, died Tuesday, April 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 22, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Eugene Varney Sr., 59, of Stone, died Friday, April 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Janet Adkins Varney. Funeral services were

conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Lawrence County

Verlin Bryant, 76, a Lawrence County native, died Thursday, April 17. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

George J. Derifield, 87, of Clifford, died Thursday, April 17, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn Sammons Derifield. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Billy (Bill) H. King, 65, of London, Ohio, a native of Louisa, died Friday, April 18, in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Deaun Kirk King. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Skillman-McDonald Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg.

Luster "Catfish" Senters Sr., 79, of Ashland, native of Louisa, died Monday, April 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Fern Hope Walters Senters. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 24, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Pansy See Walker, 92, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 17, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Martin County

Phillip Harless, 25, of Inez, died Thursday, April 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kelly Harless. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Tina Horn Rutherford, 65, of Warfield, died Friday, April 18. She is survived by her husband, Cleatus Rutherford. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Peggy Smith, 49, of Inez, died Sunday, April 20, at Central Baptist

Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Donald Ray Smith. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Charlie D. Collins, 80, of Paintsville, died Friday, April 18, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Amanda Spencer Collins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Oma Jayne Kennard, 89, of Paintsville, died Sunday, April 13, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

William Spears, 86, of Boons Camp, died Thursday, April 17, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Icie Mae Spears. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 20, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Louise Arnett, 76, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 21. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Glenmore Collinsworth, 86, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 18, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Nannie Dingus Collinsworth. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 21, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Carlie M. Thomas Howard, 91, of South Shore, formerly of Magoffin County, died Monday, April 21, at Heartland of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Gladys Barnett Nickels, 73, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, April 22, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Luberta Hall Tackett

Luberta Hall Tackett, 57, of Beaver, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Born November 18, 1945, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Dewey and Ella Mae Bentley Hall. She was a homemaker, and attended Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of McDowell.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil Tackett Sr. of Beaver.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Jr. and Margie Tackett of Beaver; a daughter and son-in-law, Helena and Oley Hall Jr., of Beaver; three brothers, Dewey Hall Jr. of Flemingsburg, Virbil Hall of McDowell, and Willie D. Hall of Beaver; three sisters, Clara Hamilton of Teaberry, June Helen Newhouse of River Rouge, Michigan; and Edith Marie Hamilton of Galveston; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Lewis, Austin Hall, Joan Conley, and Isabella Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Eugene Hall, Carl Edward Hall, Billy J. Hall and an infant brother; two sisters, Shirley Mae Caudill, and an infant sister.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery (Tackett Fork) at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Andy Kiser Jr.

Andy Kiser Jr., 77, of Beaver, died Wednesday, April 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born February 4, 1926, in Teaberry, he was the son of the late Andy and Hulda Hamilton Kiser. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church at McDowell.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Tackett Kiser.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Daylio and Patty Kiser of Howe, Indiana, Andy Jay and Cathy Kiser of Bronson, Michigan, and Zachary Kiser of Teaberry; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Jeff Brown of Beaver; two brothers, Leonard Kiser of Bypro and Vernon Kiser of Mongo, Indiana; three sisters, Alma Doris Newsome of Beaver, Alpha Blankenship of Hudson, Indiana; and Arizona Blankenship of LaGrange, Indiana; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Troy Kiser, Arlie Kiser, Cecil Kiser and Palmer Kiser.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church at McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Kiser Family Cemetery at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was Friday, April 25, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, at the funeral home in Martin, with nightly services; and on Sunday at the church.

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Mr. Elwood Six, The Executor of the Estate of Eva Six vs. Dr. Tausif Sayied; Highlands Regional Medical Center, a/k/a Consolidated Health Systems, Inc.; and Other Unknown Defendants.

The nature of this action is a malpractice suit for personal injury to Eva Six, which occurred on April 13, 2002.

If you are an unknown defendant in this action, you are hereby warned and notified that you have thirty days from and after April 16, 2003, in which to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the Complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiff. This may be a matter for which you may want to consult an attorney at law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by James C. Meade, of 40 Mason St., Staffordsville, KY 41256. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Vito's. The nature of the business will be Lounge. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than May 15, 2003, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for May 15, 2003, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

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FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

INVITATION TO RE-BID

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The Housing Authority of Martin, Kentucky, will receive sealed bids for the CFP Modernization - Sidewalk Replacements and New Parking Area, at Grigsby Heights, at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, May 2, 2003, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained upon request from Browne Group Architects, 1351 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43212, together with a deposit in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to: Browne Group Architects, for one set of documents.

Complete details of this Invitation to Bid may be obtained by contacting Mr. Bruce Coleman, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority of Martin at (606) 285-3681, or Browne Group Architects at (614) 486-7145.

Bruce Coleman, Executive Director

Knott judge-executive, three others charged with vote buying

The Associated Press

LONDON — A federal grand jury charged Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome and two other men with conspiring to buy votes in the 1998 primary election.

Newsome, 52, and Willard Smith, 54, both of Hindman, and Keith Pigman, 45, of Garner, were charged Thursday with one count of conspiracy to pay voters to cast absentee ballots in the primary election in which Newsome was running for judge-executive.

Newsome, a Democrat, is the only office holder who has been charged in the case.

Newsome, the first Kentucky elected official in at least five years to be indicted on vote-buying charges, also is charged in two counts with paying and aiding the paying of between \$50 and \$100 to two voters in

the primary.

Smith is charged with four counts of paying voters. Pigman is charged with two counts of paying voters and aiding the paying of voters.

Newsome, who was re-elected last year to a second term, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The grand jury in London returned a separate indictment Thursday charging Newton J. Johnson, 33, of Brinkley, with four counts of vote-buying, one count of lying to the FBI, and two counts of attempting to obstruct justice.

Johnson asked two voters he had paid to lie to the grand jury, the indictment said.

The charges did not say whom Johnson was supporting.

Reached by phone, Pigman said he wasn't aware of the indictment.

"I have no idea what's going

on," he said. "I'm amazed."

A Newton J. Johnson of Brinkley also said he had heard nothing about the indictment.

Smith couldn't be reached for comment.

The May 1998 primary election in Knott County drew widespread notoriety in 1999 after six county residents were charged in a federal indictment with conspiring to buy votes of students at Alice Lloyd College, a small private college in Pippa Passes.

It also attracted the interest of federal and state investigators because of the unusually high number of absentee ballots.

Later, state and federal authorities descended on Knott County amid allegations of election fraud. Five of the six people charged with conspiring to buy the college students' votes were convicted or pleaded guilty to federal charges.

So far this year, federal prosecutors have taken aim at alleged vote-buying, a practice that Greg Van Tatenhove, U.S. Attorney for Kentucky's Eastern District, said jeopardizes democracy. "Representative government is diminished when the worth of honest ballots is diluted by ballots bought by those who seek to corrupt the election process."

In March, a federal grand jury in Lexington charged nine people with conspiring to buy votes under the guise of paying people to transport voters to the polls in lawyer John Doug Hays' unsuccessful race last year for Pike County district judge. Hays, his wife, Brenda Hays, and lawyer and coal operator Ross Harris are among those facing charges.

All nine have pleaded innocent.

Last month in Knott County, six men were indicted on federal charges that they paid people to vote in the 1998 primary elec-

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Brandon Conley, pictured with University of Kentucky President Lee T. Todd Jr., was recognized for his achievements at the UK vs. Auburn basketball game in January.

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Public has until May 23 on approved Environmental Statement

PIKEVILLE — Dan L. Hall, PE, PLS, chief district engineer for Kentucky Highway District 12, headquartered in Pikeville, announced Tuesday that citizens have until May 23 to register their comments on the Federal Environmental Impact Statement for the portion of Interstate 66 which will run through Pike County into Mingo County, W.Va.

On March 20, the Federal Highway Administration approved the final Environmental Impact Statement for the construction of I-66 between US 23 south of Pikeville, Pike County, Kentucky, and the King Coal Highway in Mingo County, West Virginia.

This Environmental Impact Statement can be examined at the Highway District 12 office, 109 Loraine Street, Pikeville, Kentucky; at the Pikeville Public Library; and at the Williamson, West Virginia, Public Library. The document can also be reviewed at the Federal Highway Administration's Frankfort, Kentucky, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Frankfort headquarters, and the West Virginia Division of Highways offices in Charleston.

Hall explained that when the May 23 comment period has expired, the Federal Highway Administration will prepare a Record of Decision for the project. This will provide responses to any comments received and will record the action of approval

for the location of I-66 in Pike and Mingo counties.

Notification of the Federal Highway Administration's approval of the Record of Decision will be published in local newspapers and in a newspaper of statewide circulation.

Following approval of the Record of Decision, Hall said, "The I-66 Appalachian Corridor project can be advanced into the final highway design phase, followed by right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and on into the construction phase."

Osborne hosts district academic competition

On Saturday, March 1, W.D. Osborne Elementary hosted the District 104 Governor's Cup competition. Four local schools, including Osborne, Prestonsburg Elementary, Allen Elementary and Mountain Christian Academy, participated in the academic competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust and administered by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition.

The Governor's Cup featured eight events, including the quick recall event, which was the only event open to the public.

The academic team at Osborne placed third in the district quick recall match.

Nicholas Osborn, a fifth-grade

student in Dale Pack's homeroom, came in fifth place in the math competition and went on to attend the regional competition.

Haley Sword, another fifth-grade student in Pack's homeroom, placed third in composition.

Other students on the Osborne academic team are Brenna Bates, Hannah Tackett, Jacob Tackett, Ethan Spears, Kyle Bailey, Sarah Caldwell, Annie Hall, Leigha Johnson, Mitch Johnson, Dreshaun Sanders, Whitney Walker, Joshua Akers, Kiana Hall, Miceah Johnson, Christian Jones, Nicholas Johnson, Kimberly Little and Gabrielle Bailey.

Teresa Evans is coach of the academic team.

Islam

ing.

The 62-year-old Roman Catholic founded Georgetown's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding in 1993, which — along with the center at Hartford Seminary, a Protestant-founded school — are considered the primary U.S. think tanks in Islamic studies and Muslim-Christian relations.

Almost uniquely, Esposito is "considered an authority by both non-Muslims and Muslims," says Muqtedar Khan, a Muslim political scientist at Michigan's Adrian College. Islamic teachers even "give his books to new converts because they have much more clarity than Muslim books," Khan says.

Those works include standard reference works Esposito edited, including the new "Oxford Dictionary of Islam," and popular titles such as "Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam" and "What Everyone Needs to Know about Islam," both published last year by Oxford.

As Esposito's writings portray, Islam has always been heavily political. The Prophet Muhammad was a head of state, after all. As for war, there has been much debate over the centuries about the Quran's so-called "sword verses" and the conditions for combat against non-Muslims.

Terrorism, too, dates back to Islam's first generation when the Kharijite party assassinated Ali, the paragon of Shiism entombed in Iraq. Enemy troops then killed his son, Hussein, whose martyrdom was commemorated in this week's Iraq pilgrimage.

Though mainstream Muslims traditionally rejected terror, there's hot debate over whether Palestinian suicide bombers are terrorists or martyrs. And Esposito says violent extremists are an influential Muslim minority that will continue to bedevil the United States.

Esposito thinks the prospects for these extremists, along with the nonviolent activists and ulama, depend greatly on what the United States accomplishes the next two years in resolving the Palestine-Israel conflict and creating a stable, democratic Iraq.

Without progress on both fronts, he predicts, the "broad-based anti-Americanism" across the world will persist, aiding the violent extremists.

Obviously, neither problem will be easy to solve.

The Israelis' and Palestinians' turbulent relationship over decades is at a low point, and competing religious claims to Jerusalem appear intractable.

Democracy also is "a formidable challenge" for Islam, says

UCLA's Khaled Abou El Fadl in the leadoff essay for a symposium in the current Boston Review, which includes Esposito and Khan.

Abou El Fadl argues that democracy expresses such values in the Quran as justice, mercy, individual rights and humanity's God-given diversity.

But the ulama views God as totally sovereign, and themselves as the interpreters of God's will. The ulama "will always stand as an instrument of authoritarianism and an obstacle to democracy," he says.

Khan agrees that traditional thinking "makes states accountable to God alone" and encourages authoritarianism, and if the ulama maintains its monopoly on interpretation "there can be no Islamic democracy."

Esposito thinks that unlike the ulama and extremists, the Islamic activists show potential interest in democracy and will be "the group to watch" when Muslim countries allow "reasonably open elections."

But he says regimes resulting from authentic democracy may be more heavily Islamic, and less to Washington's liking — a prospect raised by developments in Iraq this week, where Shites expressed their newfound freedom by condemning the United States along with Saddam Hussein.

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Police say security will duplicate last year's added precautions

by LORI BURLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A new police chief expressed his excitement for his first Kentucky Derby on Friday, while adding that security will be increased in the wake of the war against Iraq.

"I think we're ready," said Robert White, chief of the newly merged Louisville Metro Police Department, during an afternoon news conference. "It's obviously my first Derby and I'm extreme-

ly excited."

Officials said security measures that will be taken the week before and during the 129th Kentucky Derby will be nearly identical to last year's security plans, which were heightened after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Some of last year's added precautions included barricades at each gate of Churchill Downs, limiting items that people can bring into the track on Derby weekend and an increase in

numbers of patrolling officers.

One difference this year, is an increase in the number of federal agencies that will assist Louisville police on Derby weekend.

Maj. Michael Dossett with Louisville police said several more agencies were made available to the department since the development of the Homeland Security Office after Sept. 11.

Dossett would not name the 18 federal agencies assisting, nor would he estimate how many law enforcement officials would be present at Churchill Downs for Derby weekend, which annually attracts hundreds of thousands of people from around the world.

"We don't release staffing or specific agencies for safety precautions," Dossett said.

But in events before the Run for the Roses — which includes the Pegasus Parade and the balloon and steamboat races —

anywhere from 50 to 500 officers will patrol the events.

Last year, as Derby goers entered the track they were scanned with metal detectors and bags were hand-searched. This year, an X-ray machines will be added to each gate to search large bags. Officials said the added security task would ensure attendees a quick search.

"We don't want long lines on a hot day," said John Asher, spokesman for Churchill Downs.

Asher also reinforced that the track has banned certain items from being brought in, specifically coolers, bottles and backpacks. These changes were enforced last year. However, residents were able to buy these items at stores set up inside the track.

More than 300 officers will patrol the West Broadway Vendor Fair — a street fair that has traditionally included thousands of local residents cruising on West Broadway on Derby Eve and Derby evenings. The annual street event has sometimes caused headaches for police because of lewd behavior and traffic problems.

"There is acceptable behavior and unacceptable behavior," said Dossett, noting that unacceptable behavior would be taken care of appropriately not only in the west area of Louisville, but also at Churchill Downs on Friday and Saturday.



Pikeville College is planning a series of jazz concerts this week, with events scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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A celebration of jazz at Pikeville College

PIKEVILLE — The community is invited to join Pikeville College for a celebration of jazz April 28, 29, and May 1.

The Shelby Valley High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Rob Scheeler, will be featured Monday, April 28. A

jazz combo from Pikeville College will also be performing and directed by Alan Robinson, instructor of music and director of contemporary music and jazz studies at the College.

On Tuesday, April 29, Pikeville College's Fusion Ensemble, also directed by Robinson, will perform electric jazz and contemporary selections, including "Spirit of the West," by the Yellow Jackets, "Leave Ozone Alone," by Frank Gamble, and "Catching the Sun," by Spyro Gyra.

The jazz celebration concludes on Thursday, May 1, with the Pikeville College "10:30 Jazz Combo," under the direction of Jay Flippin.

All concerts are free and will be held in Booth Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5271.

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tion. Five of the six also are charged with lying to the FBI about alleged vote-buying.

The six are charged in five federal indictments returned by a federal grand jury in London. Indicted were Ronnie Neal Slone, 55, and Brady Warren Slone, 57, both of Pippa Passes; Phillip Slone, 53, and Jimmy Calhoun, 33, both of Hindman; Patrick Wayne Madden, 45, of Littcarr; and Jimmy Lee Conley, 33, of Lackey.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Scott Devin Allen has pitched a bulk of the innings for the South Floyd baseball team this season.

BLHS pair has tryout

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Two seniors from the 15th Region Champion Betsy Layne Ladycats have will go through a tryout session with the UVA-Wise women's basketball program. Natasha Stratton, Betsy Layne's leading scorer during the past season, and Tiffany Meade, one of Eastern Kentucky's top point guards, each will show their skills in

front of Lady Cavalier coaches on Sunday, May 4. Stratton attended an open gym session at Alice Lloyd College earlier in the spring. Alice Lloyd is still a possibility for the versatile Stratton, who has also drawn some attention from college softball coaches as well. Stratton and Meade helped lead Betsy Layne to a first round win in this year's Girls' Sweet 16. Both have shown great interest in playing at the next level.



Meade



Stratton

H.S. SOFTBALL

Betsy Layne 10, Sheldon Clark 9

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne survived an eight-run third inning to notch a come-from-behind 10-9 win over Sheldon Clark Thursday night in girls' fast-pitch softball action.

Betsy Layne struck for the first score in the bottom of the second inning when Tasha Rice and Kaitlin Lawson each reached base and scored.



Robinette

Trailing 2-0, Sheldon Clark scored eight runs in the third inning and one more in the third. Betsy Layne got two of the runs back in the third inning when Amanda Robinette and Kim Clark scored.

Robinette reached base on a walk while

Clark got on following a single.

Robinette would contribute later in the game as well, scoring in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. Robinette blasted a home run in the third inning. Rice also reached base (single) and scored in the fifth.

Tackett and Lawson also scored in the final

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MCA CHEERLEADERS

MCA BANQUET



Left: Mountain Christian Academy athletes were recognized during a banquet held Thursday night at the school's gym. Pictured on the left is the school's volleyball team.

Bottom: The MCA boys' basketball team captured its first-ever county championship during the 2002-03 season. The MCA boys' team was coached by former Prestonsburg High School coach Jeff Riley.



BASKETBALL

Bobcats set date for banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne boys' basketball coach Brent Rose has announced the date for his team's annual banquet. The Betsy Layne boys' program, 15th Region Class A runner-up, will have its banquet on Wednesday, May 7 at Reno's in Prestonsburg. The banquet will get underway at 6 p.m.

Betsy Layne will return an accomplished, experienced team to the 15th Region in the 2003-04 season. Betsy Layne has already committed to take part in the 2004 WYMT Mountain Classic Basketball Tournament. Many have already mentioned Betsy Layne as a strong contender in both the 58th District and the 15th Region in the upcoming season.

AUTO RACING

Stewart handling role of champion just fine

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Nine races into the season, and Tony Stewart has lost his infamous temper only once.

Angry after Elliott Sadler cut Stewart's tire as Sadler bumped his way past him two weeks ago at Martinsville, Stewart retaliated by slamming into Sadler's bumper.

Pretty tame by Stewart's standards.

Known as much for his surly demeanor as his electrifying driving style, Stewart may have finally found the remedy for his hard-to-control temper: Winning the Winston Cup championship.

"We've had a lot of things happen to the car this year and he doesn't seem to get nearly as uptight and rattled by it," car

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Kentucky football coach emphasizes hard work, preparation

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks says a lot of teams already have penciled in a 'W' beside Kentucky's name on their 2003 schedules.

The way Brooks sees it, most teams figure the Wildcats will fade during the fourth quarters of games, as they have in the past.

"That will change," Brooks said. "They can put that 'W' there, but then they're going to have to go out and earn it."



Caudill

To make the other teams do that, the new coach is putting an emphasis on getting the Wildcats in top shape before the season even starts.

"There is no excuse to be outconditioned," Brooks said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm not going to say we're going to win every game in the fourth quarter, but it won't be for lack of conditioning."

That, in a nutshell, is Brooks' coaching philosophy. No one will outwork the 61-

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HONORS

Michael, Noe named Western Athletes of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - Western Kentucky University has recognized Jason Michael and Sara Noe as its 2003 Athletes of the Year. Both had outstanding senior seasons, earning several individual honors while leading their respective teams to postseason success.



Jason Michael

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UK BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Caravan will come to JW Lodge in June

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Big Blue Caravan will be in Prestonsburg at Jenny Wiley State Park on June 18. University of Kentucky AD Mitch Barnhart, men's basketball coach Tubby Smith and head football coach Rich Brooks and other members of UK's coaching staffs will make a stop in Prestonsburg

for a golf outing and dinner. This is the only Eastern Kentucky stop on the tour.

Center Shagari Alleyne has committed to play men's basketball for the University of Kentucky and Smith. Alleyne (pronounced Ah-lean) is listed at 7-foot-2, but reports have him standing in as tall as 7-foot-4. Hailing

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NASCAR tests carbon monoxide reduction device

by MIKE HARRIS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — NASCAR is testing a device designed to reduce or eliminate dangerous carbon monoxide fumes being inhaled by drivers.

Gary Nelson, NASCAR's managing director of competition, called it a "catalyst system," and said Tuesday that it was used two weeks ago in Martinsville, Virginia, by Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart during practice and the race.

Stewart was sickened by carbon monoxide fumes during a race last fall at Martinsville Speedway, and the Joe Gibbs Racing team volunteered to be the first to test the new system.

"We have a system we have been developing in our laboratory and thought it was time to try

it at the track," Nelson said.

Stewart was supposed to try the device only in practice, but chose to use it in the race as well.

"I felt better than I probably had after any of the Martinsville races I remember," Stewart said. "I still did have a headache after the race was over, which is typical of a Martinsville race, but not nearly as severe as it was in the past."

Stewart said he told Nelson he would like to try the device again in the fall race at Martinsville "to be certain it wasn't just a good day. But I'm somewhat encouraged the filter did its job."

Gibbs is enthusiastic about the development of the device.

"Our biggest problem last year was when Tony got a pretty heavy dose and didn't feel very good," Gibbs said. "They gave

him a test and it wasn't to a level where he needed to go to a decompression chamber. But it was fairly substantial."

It is on the tracks under a

mile (1.6 kilometer) in length where the carbon monoxide problem is the most severe

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Caravan

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from the Bronx and playing for perennial national power Rice High School, Alleyne was in Louisville this weekend for the Derby Classic. With the departure of bigmen Marquis Estill and Jules Camara, the New York native will have the opportunity to play right away.

Alleyne is the tallest player to commit to Kentucky.

The UK men's basketball team held its annual post-season awards banquet on April 18 at the Keene Barn at Keeneland in Lexington. Smith reformatted

the typical awards ceremony to honor what is being called, "Team Supreme."

Smith and his staff decided not to present the traditional individual awards, but honor the players for their extraordinary effort as a unit. Each player was presented with a plaque commemorating all of the 2003 squad's achievements - including a 32-4 Elite Eight finish, an undefeated conference season (19-0), a final No. 1 Associated Press ranking and a Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament sweep.

Each player was presented with a wooden plaque featuring the 2003 team photo, 100-year logo and the achievements of the year.

One special award was handed out to Keith Bogans as the Outstanding Senior. Bogans, who closed his career as the No. 4 all-time leading scorer in school history, was recognized for his dedication, drive and leadership throughout his career and especially during the team's tremendous 26-game win streak.

The program also bestowed the second annual Bill Keightley Award, honoring an individual for their dedication and loyalty to Kentucky basketball. This year's recipient, Van Florence, is invaluable to the team and the Kentucky program. Florence, the head of UK's Committee of 101, which ushers all home events, currently runs the UK Basketball Museum and single-handedly kept the museum

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Blake Dean of the Marlins ran to second base during a recent Minnie Pee Wee League game.

Coach

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year-old Brooks, say those who have worked with him.

"He is a guy who has great energy and enthusiasm, not only for life, but for college football," said his boss, Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart. "He is committed to getting it done."

That's a trait that apparently hasn't changed during Brooks' coaching career, through stops long and short in college and the NFL.

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti, who worked as Brooks' offensive coordinator with the Ducks for six years before replacing Brooks, tells the story about a new assistant who had just moved from sunny Southern California. Soon after he was hired, he showed up for work on a rainy day and commented that the weather might keep the team from practicing.

"What he didn't know is there was no way we were not going to practice that day,"

Bellotti said. "Rich isn't going to say, 'Wait a couple of years and we'll be good.' He wants to win today. I'm sure he is gearing up now to get things done."

Kentucky's players certainly have noticed a change since Brooks' hiring on Dec. 30. Senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill said Brooks has emphasized conditioning.

"He let us know we would be an in-shape football team," Caudill said. "At the end of practice, we do our conditioning. That's something we didn't do before. At the end is when we're tired, and (the coaches) start pushing us."

But Caudill said players get the point.

The conditioning, he said, "emphasizes the fourth-quarter thing. We want to be a team that is fighting to the very last second."

Fourth quarters were struggles for Kentucky in two seasons under previous coach Guy Morriss, who departed for Baylor.

In 2001, the Wildcats blew fourth-quarter leads and lost to LSU, Mississippi State and Tennessee. In 2002, Kentucky lost third-quarter leads to Florida and South Carolina and fell to LSU again on a 75-yard Hail Mary pass on the game's final play.

Brooks knows a thing or two about conditioning from his playing days. The son of a gold miner in the Sierra Nevada mountains of northern California, Brooks played both ways in high school and at Oregon State.

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Stewart

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owner Joe Gibbs said. "He's much more relaxed."

Stewart had his share of blowups on his way to winning his first title last season. He punched a photographer, was accused of shoving a fan and an emergency worker, and sought help for controlling his temper.

As he closed in on the title, his critics openly questioned if he could handle the demands of being a champion.

So far, so good.

Stewart has seemingly mellowed a bit this year and appears to be relishing his reign as champion.

"I've enjoyed it," he said. "There has not been anything unpleasant about it by any means. There have not been any added demands like everybody speculated. It's just been business as usual for us."

His first real test came at the annual awards ceremony in New York last December, after he wrapped up his title. The festivities last an entire week for the champion, who is whisked all over the city in a flurry of appearances, appointments and interviews.

Stewart's disdain for those extras — he's never wavered in his desire to focus only on the racing responsibilities — had even his steadfast supporters wondering how he'd handle it.

But he sailed through everything with a smile on his face and declarations of enjoyment.

"We were all concerned about going to New York ... if you picked something that Tony might not be good at, that might be it," Gibbs said. "I think he enjoyed the week and just rolled through the thing. We all saw a

maturing process. He was not frustrated by it.

"Tony normally just wants to race a car. But since then, he's taken to heart that he's the champion and he wants to represent the sport in the right way."

He's been rolling through his reign ever since, skipping over every speedbump that's blocked his way.

Stewart opened the year with a seventh-place finish in the Daytona 500, his best showing. It put him in the top 10 in the point standings, where's he's remained every week despite a string of mediocre finishes and some hiccups with his No. 20 Chevrolet.

When his car failed inspection at Texas, and NASCAR took the unprecedented step of confiscating it, Stewart kept quiet and went to work on salvaging the weekend.

Forced into a backup car for the first time in his career, he worked with his crew to get the Monte Carlo ready for the race. He was even a contender at times, but the engine later blew and he wound up 34th, his worst finish of the season.

Bad breaks and bad luck would normally send Stewart stomping back to his motorhome with a scowl on his face and most of his supporters too scared to speak to him.

Now he seems to just shrug, able to handle the disappointments that come with a 36-race schedule.

Still looking for his first victory of the year, he heads into California this weekend seventh in the points with a smile on his face and few worries.

He credits winning the

championship for taking away all the pressure he felt he was under to be a winner.

"We're not sitting here answering the question, 'Can you win a championship?' That's a pretty big question in our series," he said. "It just seemed like once we won the championship last year, it was like a weight was lifted off our shoulders — like I dumped a 3,000-pound weight off my back."

So the only goal left for the 31-year-old Indiana native is winning the Indianapolis 500. But even that has been pushed to the backburner.

Stewart is skipping the event for the second consecutive year, citing his desire to focus all his time and energy on his NASCAR team and chasing another title.

"Knowing how he feels about that race, his saying 'No' says a lot," Gibbs said. "It says a lot about his priorities now. He knows how much dedication you've got to give to Winston Cup."

To Stewart, it's one concession he can make for the team that stood behind him in his first four seasons and never stopped supporting him, even during his lows last year.

"Between the guys on the crew and myself, we've really enjoyed our racing this year. That's something we'd started to lose in the past," he said. "As much as we all loved the sport, we were losing the passion behind why we love it so much."

"We needed to get that back, and, luckily, winning the championship did that for us."

Softball

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inning to help edge the visiting Lady Cards. Tackett reached base on a single and Lawson on a walk.

Allen Central 13, Perry Central 6

Visiting Allen Central jumped out to a 2-1 first-inning lead, but it was the third inning that propelled the Lady Rebels. With senior hurler Tiffany Turner doing the work on the mound, Allen Central came to bat in the top half of the third inning and eight runs. Turner,

Terri Mullins, Amber Scott, Jessica Isaac, Megan Harris, Jenni Spurlock, Jackie Martin and Tabatha Caudill all scored in the third inning en route to a 13-6 win.

Scott and Kristie Howard got the scoring started in the opening inning for the Lady Rebels as both players reached base and scored.

Perry Central scored two runs in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth. The Lady Commodores went quietly for the most part in the seventh.

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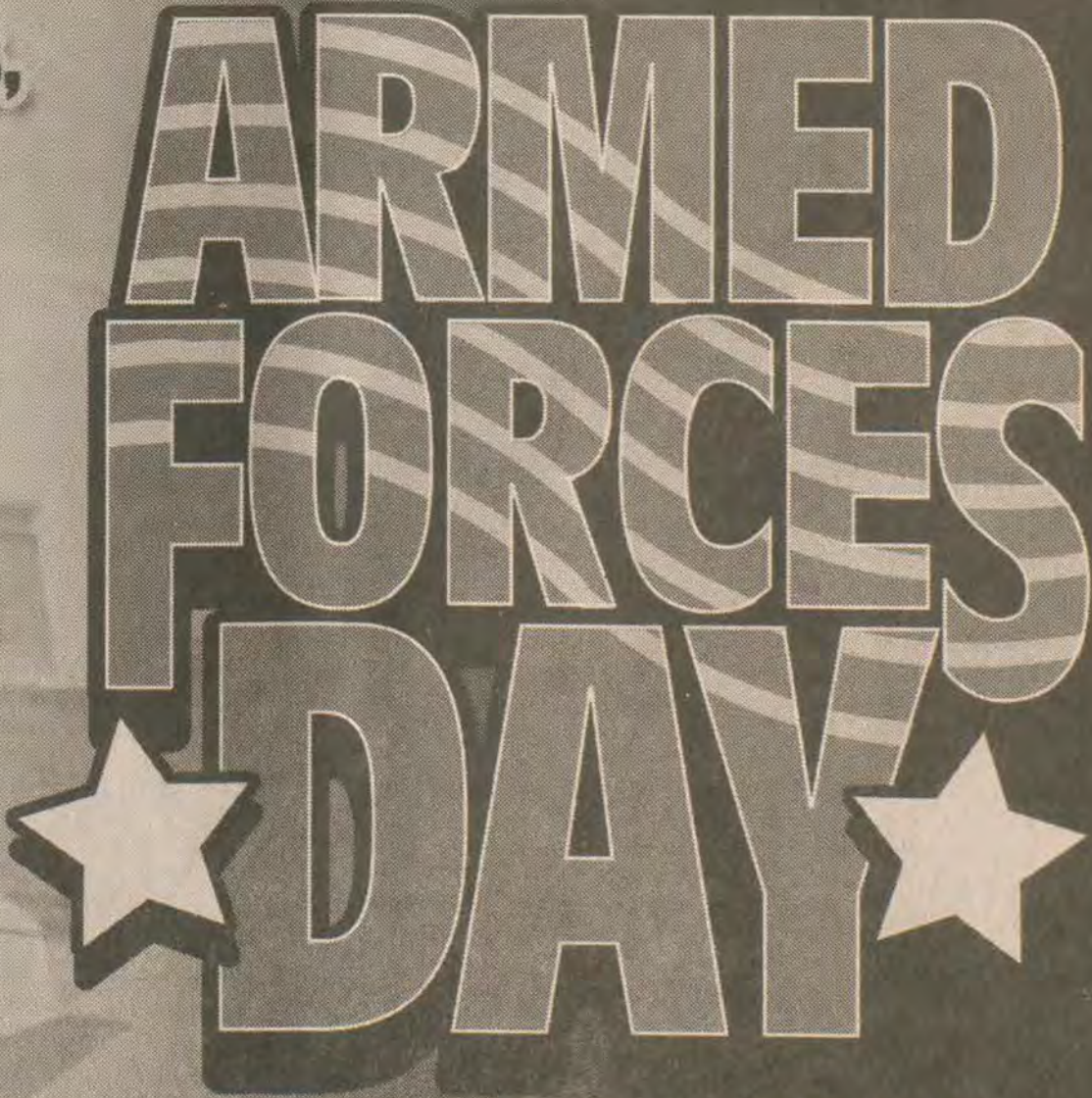
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Coach Barry Hall and the South Floyd baseball team will return to action, weather permitting, at home in Drift on Monday against rival Prestonsburg.

SPORTS CALENDAR

If you have information for The Floyd County Times Sports Calendar, mail 263 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 or fax it to 886-8506. Items may also be sent via email it to sports@floydcountytimes.com.

June 17 - Bowling Green; June 18 - Prestonsburg.

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Basketball • Camps

The annual Panther Basketball Camp will be held the week of June 2-6. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for boys and girls ages 6-10 and 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 11-14. The fee for each camper is \$50. Preregistration is recommended. To register or for more information contact Coach Dave Thomas or Coach Bart Williams at 432-0-185.

Boating • Boat passes

Fishtrap Lake's ranger staff is issuing 2003 boat launch passes Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passes are \$30 and are good for one year. For more information on passes and daily information on Fishtrap Lake, call 437-9426. If you need to talk to the ranger staff, call 437-7496.

H.S. BASEBALL

Tigers beat South Floyd, 14-2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Wednesday's trip to Paintsville was not the best road trip for the South Floyd baseball team. The host Tigers dominated South Floyd in a 14-2 win.

Senior hurler Ryan Jarrell picked up the win for the host Tigers in three innings of work, allowing two runs on three hits while walking two and striking out six. Bryan Fairchild came in to relieve Jarrell, striking out two and walking one.

Paintsville held an 11-1 lead at the end of the second inning.

South Floyd added another run in the top of the third inning and the Tigers added three runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Raiders failed to score in the top of the fifth inning and Paintsville came away with the win. Michael Hall scored both runs for the Raiders. The win improved Paintsville's record to 5-0. The Tigers were scheduled to be back in action this weekend in the City Between the Lakes Tournament. South Floyd returns to action in the upcoming week.

ONLINE

JD Racing launches website

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — JD Racing has launched a new website online at www.jdracing.net. The website features the latest news on dirt track racing at Thunder Ridge Raceway.

Late Models will be added to the Thunder Ridge regular show lineup on Saturday and will be after a \$1,500 to win feature event each and every week during the racing season. The Mid Atlantic Championship Series

that will roll into Thunder Ridge one week later on Saturday, May 10.

For more information about the dirt track racing at Thunder Ridge please call 606/436-5870 after 6 p.m. or on race day call 606-886-RACE or email jamie24@foothills.net or therealjuice@hotmail.com or check the East Kentucky Racing Online Message Board at http://eastkyracing.proboards9.com and click on the Thunder Ridge Raceway forum for all the latest information.

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Michael, WKU's senior quarterback, ran up 2,303 yards of total offense last fall, leading the Hilltopper football team to the NCAA Division I-AA national championship. The Louisa native capped off his career by throwing for a personal-best 185 yards and a touchdown in the Hilltoppers' 34-14 win over McNeese State in the national championship game. He ended the year ranked second on the Hilltopper season record list with a 157.11 efficiency rating after completing 100 passes for 1,661 yards, the most by a WKU quarterback since 1987. Even with his success on the field, Michael did not miss a beat in the classroom, graduating from the Hill in December with a degree in civil engineering technology. He was named to the I-AA Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team and earned second-team Verizon Academic All-District IV honors.

Michael came to Western from Army.

Noe, the lone senior on the 2002 Sun Belt Conference champion Lady Topper volleyball team, ended her career as the most decorated setter in the history of the program. The three-year starter ended her playing career as WKU's all-time leader in assists with 5,172, and broke the season record with 1,814 assists in the fall. The Louisville native averaged 13.48 assists per game in her senior campaign, the tenth best mark in the nation. She earned Sun Belt Conference Player-of-the-Year honors after leading the Lady Toppers to a perfect 14-0 conference mark and a third straight East Division title.

Noe was then named the Sun Belt Tournament's Most Outstanding Player as she helped guide Western to its first tournament championship and first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Also a standout in the classroom, Noe was selected to the Verizon Academic All-District IV second team.

Caravan

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doors open when he took over the center deep in debt.

Smith and Keightley presented the award, which is named for UK's longtime equipment manager, to an emotional Florence.

The evening wouldn't have been complete without honoring the man who made the remarkable season so possible. After inviting UK President Lee Todd to speak to the team to close the evening, Smith was surprised with a plaque commemorating his sweep of the National Coach of the Year awards this year.

Blevins named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll

Former University of Kentucky basketball player J.P. Blevins was named to the 2003 Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Academic Honor Roll.

The award is based on 2001-02 grades and includes 26 student-athletes from the leagues 12 schools. Blevins graduated from UK in May, 2002 with a degree in communications. He's currently living and working in the Lexington area.

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Georgia now far from Kinzer's mind

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The state of Georgia is likely not on the mind of Brandon Kinzer.

Kinzer spent April 18-19 racing in Georgia, but fell short of the type of finish he'd hoped for in the beginning.

Kinzer Motorsports spent Friday, April 18 in Hartwell, Ga. at the Hartwell Speedway. Though the event was unsanctioned, Southern All-Star (SAS) rules were observed for the \$3,000-to-win, 40-lap feature. By qualifying 11th, Kinzer was locked into that position to start the evening's feature. Despite a valiant effort to push for the front, the No. 18 finished the 40 laps in 20th.

Device

because of the close proximity of the cars during a race.

"We wanted to see if the results we had in the laboratory could be repeated in the car," Nelson said. "This is obviously a big milestone in our study, which is being done by a doctor, one of our engineers and myself."

Nelson, who heads up NASCAR's new research and development facility in Concord, North Carolina, said the device that Stewart described as a filter "is a catalyst that sits on the floor in the car next to the driver. The system sends (clean) air to the driver's helmet."

Nelson said the new system runs on "the same theory" as catalytic converters used in street cars to diminish pollutants

in the exhaust, "but this is a low-temperature catalyst."

NASCAR has been working since last fall on systems to filter the air a driver breathes during a race, a project that drew increased focus after Rick Mast announced in January he was retiring because years of exposure to toxic fumes had given him acute and chronic carbon monoxide poisoning.

The effects of carbon monoxide are cumulative, building in a driver's body each time he or she is exposed to it. Since last year, some drivers have been undergoing heavy oxygen treatments after races to decrease the effects of breathing carbon monoxide.

Nelson said NASCAR is being conservative in its approach, doing a thorough

study. He said the new system, if it's eventually recommended to the NASCAR teams, is just one part of a three-part plan for keeping drivers from becoming sick.

"The first thing is to look to the car itself to see there are no exhaust leaks and the car is properly sealed against fumes coming in," Nelson said. "Second, the driver must be hydrated and ready to compete."

"Third, the catalyst system can help to see the driver uses air as fresh as possible."

He said the next step is for drivers to run it in practice.

"We don't want them to use it in the race, yet," Nelson said. "It is a developmental item and, if we keep getting a positive response, we would recommend it be used."

Centre, Alice Lloyd split doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Centre won the first game Wednesday, April 16 and took the second to extra innings before falling to Alice Lloyd to split the doubleheader.

Centre (10-19) won the opener 7-5 and lost the second game 5-4 in eight innings.

The Colonels led 7-2 going into the bottom half of the seventh inning in the first game, but starter Joe Mitchell gave up three runs and had a runner on second. Matt Durham came in and got the final two outs.

In the second game, Centre tied the game 4-4 with a run in the top of the seventh inning, but lost when Alice Lloyd scored in the bottom of the eighth.

Playing well at the right time

Alice Lloyd is gaining some

much needed momentum as the regular season winds down and the postseason approaches. On Thursday the Eagles beat rival UVa.-Wise 7-6. The second game of the scheduled double dip was rained out. Rain also canceled the first game of the series with Brevard on Friday. Saturday Brevard came to Pippa Passes expecting a sweep of the double header and left with a split. ALC lost the first game 6-2. The game could have went either way, and if it was not for some miscues by the Eagles defense it might have went the home teams way. In game two, the Eagles rode the clutch left arm of senior Doug Clark. He pitched a complete game giving up four runs over seven innings to improve his record to an even 3-3. Clark also hit his fourth home run of the season as the Eagles took a 6-4 victory. The

fans were dazzled by several defensive gems by K.W. Sexton on third base, Ben Monroe gunning a runner at the plate from right field, and a great play to end the game by second baseman Derrick Whitaker and Byron Hall (South Floyd) on first base.

ALC is now 21-25 on the season with a 6-16 conference record, KW Sexton.

Grayson, now has eight home runs on the season with two games to go. He is one

away from his own single season school record of nine. He also owns the record

for home runs in career which is now up to 25. Seniors Sexton, Bryan Smith,

Michael Marcum, Doug Clark, Ben Monroe, and Brad Jarnagin played their last home games Wednesday against Montreat College.

AAU BASKETBALL

Knott Co. AAU girls making moves

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — The Knott County 12-and-under AAU girls' basketball team recently beat Dorton and the Southeast All-Stars in the same week, but lost to the more experienced 16-and-under Southeast Shooters.

Knott County topped Dorton 52-042. The girls from Knott County outscored Dorton 17-8 in the fourth quarter, allowing them to pull away. Heather Sturdivant dropped in a game-high 29 points to pace Knott County.

Lyndsay Gibson scored 10 in the win and Megan Mosley chipped in eight. Jasmine King chipped in a free throw and Kendra Thomas netted four.

Another productive fourth period helped Knott County to a 43-21 victory over the Southeast All-Stars.

Mosley flipped in 19 and Sturdivant guided in 15 in the 22-point triumph. Gibson chipped in five, while teammates Megan Rose and Thomas

added two apiece.

The Southeast Shooters edged Knott County 45-43.

Sturdivant scored 20 for Knott County and Mosley finished with 15. Gibson had eight.

East Ky. Lightning

The East Kentucky Lightning boys' 12-and-under basketball team won the Basketball Congress International state championship tournament in Louisville recently. The team also won the Kentucky Basketball Academy Holiday Classic in Lexington as well as the BCI state sixth-grade championship in Louisville, and finished in second place in the East Tennessee Shootout and third in the Morehead Invitational on its way to an overall record of 32-3. Team members include Tate Cox, Elisha Justice, Houston McAnallen, Cody Mitchell, Matt Clevenger, Tyler Newsome, Taylor Newsome and Ashley Hatfield. The team was coached by Greg Newsome and Robert Newsome.

Coach

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Brooks' coaching career began at Oregon State in 1963, working under his college coach, Tommy Prothro.

Brooks had three coaching stints at his alma mater, two in the NFL — with the Los Angeles Rams and the San Francisco 49ers — and two at UCLA before taking the head job at Oregon in 1977. At first, he ran into opposition at Oregon, having played for the Ducks' archrival. A 14-3-1 record against Oregon State eventually silenced those critics.

Like he is being asked to do at Kentucky, Brooks was charged at Oregon with taking a perennially downtrodden program to greater heights. It took time, but Oregon became a consistent winner. Oregon posted consecutive winning seasons in 1979 and 1980 for the first time in 16 years. The Ducks cracked the AP rankings in 1987, for the first time in 17 years. In 1989, they beat Tulsa in the Independence Bowl, Oregon's first bowl win in 26 years.

In 1994, Oregon won the Pacific-10 Conference title and played in the Rose Bowl, their fourth bowl game in Brooks' final six years at the helm. He

went on to spend two years as the head coach of the NFL's St. Louis Rams and four years as the defensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons, during which time the Falcons played in their only Super Bowl. He spent the last two seasons out of coaching.

Brooks said building a consistent winning program at Kentucky shouldn't be as difficult as it was at Oregon.

"We never had an administration (at Oregon) that took care of what they needed to do on the facility end and do the things they told me they would do when I was hired," Brooks said. "It took a new athletic director to finally lead the charge on facilities, and immediately, things turned around for us, because we were able to attract a better-quality recruit."

He said he already has a better situation at Kentucky.

"There are very few things on the surface that need to be changed," he said. "The facilities are outstanding. The commitment is here administratively. The fan support is unbelievable, that they can fill this stadium with the records they've had."

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