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Lost Heroes

Experts converge on Texas, Louisiana to head up recovery of Columbia

By The Associated Press
NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of investigators with expertise in airline accidents, engineering and forensics converged on Texas and Louisiana to join in the painstaking job of retrieving pieces of the space shuttle Columbia from a swath of forested country turned disaster area.



AP Photo

DEADLY DEBRIS ... A piece of space shuttle debris sits on the ground outside Bronson, Texas, Saturday. Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames 200,000 feet over Texas on Saturday, killing all seven astronauts just minutes before they were to glide to a landing in Florida.

As inundated local authorities scrambled to track and guard a sprawling debris field, NASA established command posts in Lufkin, Texas, and at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana to oversee recovery and examination of the wreckage.

In Texas, about 300 people from 30 agencies, including the FBI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Transportation Safety Board and the Texas Department of Public Safety, will be dispatched to collect thousands of pieces as small as a pebble and as

big as a pickup truck. Once in hand, the wreckage will be trucked to the Louisiana base, where engineers with shuttle contractor United Space Alliance will sift through it in search of clues to what caused Columbia to break apart over Texas on Saturday morning just minutes before landing.

The intention is to try to reconstruct what is left of Columbia, and establish a sequence of how each part peeled off during its high-speed re-entry into the atmosphere.

The salvage operation alone is a formidable task, covering an area that stretches from the rolling hills of East Texas to a suburb of New Orleans, where authorities found what could be insulation from Columbia.

Louisiana state police confirmed more than a dozen chunks of debris in eight different parishes.

However, the search for wreckage has focused on Texas, where Gov. Rick Perry said 33 counties — from north of Dallas all the way to the Gulf Coast — had reported finding debris.

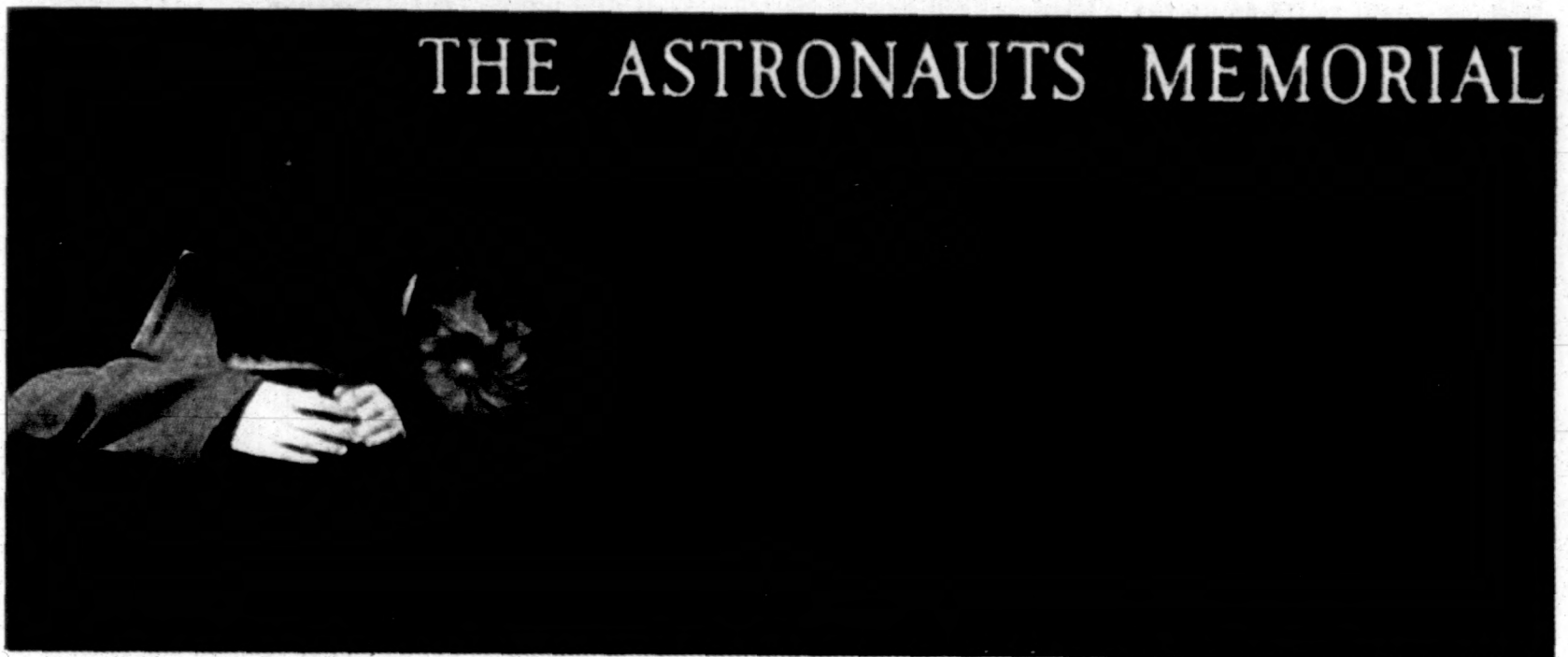
The heart of the operation is in the piney woods of East Texas, a region known for its thick forests of pines and oaks, expansive farm land and cow pastures. The area is home to four national forests, covering almost 700,000 acres, and two reservoirs that together span about 300,000 acres.

While the region is a sanctuary for hunters, boaters and anglers, its challenging terrain makes the job facing Columbia recovery teams that much more difficult.

"This is forest — dense forest," said James Kroll, director of the Emergency Geospatial Mapping Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. "There is no way to describe how many pieces there are and how spread over the landscape they are."

"Ten years from now, folks are going to be walking around the woods and finding stuff."

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THE ASTRONAUTS MEMORIAL

REMEMBERING 7 BRAVE SOULS ... Ian Andrew, left, of Toronto, embraces his son, Cameron, 8, as they pay tribute to the crew of the space shuttle Columbia at the Astronauts Memorial on the grounds of the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex, Sunday morning at Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA engineers settled into their long, joyless task of figuring out how space shuttle Columbia broke apart, saying conditions in the shuttle's final minutes point to a possible problem with its critical heat-protection tiles.

NASA says new evidence shows that the temperature on Columbia's left side shot up and the ship was buffeted by greater wind resistance before it disintegrated over Texas, killing all seven astronauts aboard. Those conditions forced its automatic pilot to quickly change course.

The combination of these events suggests that thermal tiles may have been damaged during launch by a loose piece of foam insulation from the shuttle's external fuel tank. The shuttle's exterior is covered with thousands of tiles designed to protect it from the extreme heat of re-entry.

Despite the possible clues, shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore stressed Sunday that the information was only preliminary.

"We've got some more detective work," Dittmore said. "But we're making progress inch by inch."

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe also stressed that other theories couldn't be ruled out yet.

The foam "is one item of many, many pieces of evidence we're collecting in an effort to try to determine the cause of this accident," O'Keefe said today on CBS' "The Early Show." "We're not ruling any-

thing out and that is not a favored theory at this point."

The families of Columbia's crew members said today they want their loved ones' legacy to continue.

"Although we grieve deeply, as do the families of Apollo 1 and Challenger before us, the bold exploration of space must go on. Once the root cause of this tragedy is found and corrected, the legacy of Columbia must carry on for the benefit of our children and yours," they said in a statement read by Evelyn Husband, wife of shuttle Cmdr. Rick Husband, on NBC's "Today."

While engineers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston analyzed billions of bits of electronic data radioed to Earth by Columbia on Saturday morning, state and federal officials collected bits and pieces of the shattered spacecraft over a broad swath of east Texas and Louisiana.

The debris was being catalogued and trucked to an Air Force base in Louisiana. Some human remains also have been recovered.

President Bush scheduled a meeting today with O'Keefe to get an update on the disaster.

Computer data indicates that moments before Columbia broke apart on Saturday on its way toward a landing in Florida, temperatures rose in the wheel well and on the fuselage on the left side of the shuttle. That was the same side of the craft that was hit by the fuel-tank insulation during the craft's Jan. 16 launch, NASA engineers said.

Dittmore said engineers also planned to examine 32 seconds of computer data that earlier had been



TEXAS TRAGEDY ... Space shuttle Columbia disintegrates as it hurtles across North Texas, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, on its way to Florida. Free-lance photographer Robert McCullough, 61, captured this photograph from Flower Mound, Texas.

ignored because it was considered flawed. The data came just before all communications with Columbia were lost.

NASA engineers spotted the peeling insulation on high speed cameras that recorded Columbia's launch. Dittmore said the possible effects on the tiles from the insulation were studied aggressively while the shuttle was still aloft, but engineers concluded "it did not represent a safety concern."

"As we gather more evidence, certainly the evidence may take us in another direction," he said.

NASA's best estimate is the piece of foam was up to 20 inches long, spokesman Allard Beutel said today.

Dittmore said engineering data shows a rise of 20 to 30 degrees in the left wheel well about seven minutes before the spacecraft's last radio transmission. There followed a rise of about 60 degrees over five minutes in the left side of the fuselage above the wing, he said.

The right side of the shuttle rose the normal 15 degrees over the same period, he said. All the readings came from sensors underneath the thermal tiles, on the aluminum hull of the craft.

The temperature spikes were accompanied by an increased drag, or wind resistance, that forced

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Kentucky General Assembly 2003



Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton

Budget eclipses all other issues in Frankfort

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — When legislators return to the Capitol this week, they will be facing off in a budget battle that eclipses everything else in the General Assembly's off-year session.

Against a backdrop of a \$400 million shortfall, Gov. Paul Patton plans to ask for a \$570 million tax increase but needs the votes of legislators who have signed written pledges that they will not raise taxes.

Patton says Kentucky's very future

Battle of the Budget

Look for localized coverage of happenings in Frankfort this week in the pages of the Murray Ledger & Times

is at stake and that releasing prisoners and cutting payments to nursing homes was just the beginning.

What's next? Cutbacks in an array of health and human services that include psychiatric care, spouse abuse shelters and guardians for the totally alone and disabled. Maybe a mass lay-off of teachers, if education can no

longer be spared.

It is small comfort that "other states, on average, are in worse shape than we are," Patton said. "This is Kentucky's greatest fiscal crisis in my lifetime. It is demonstrably the worst crisis we have faced."

Patton preaches that Kentucky is experiencing the financial version of a "morning after," the pain that comes with sobering up from a binge. He proposes, in effect, to make businesses give back some of the money they saved during the boom years of the '90s, when the General Assembly

rewrote tax laws to make them more favorable to corporations. It was part of a trend, as the legislature repealed or slashed taxes on pensions, inheritances, farms and automobiles, among other things.

Patton says his tax proposal would not expand government. "I'm essentially proposing that we raise enough revenue to fund the commitments we have made," he said.

"I'm going to advocate that we restore about \$500 million in tax cuts

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Two American schools close amid Gulf tensions

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The two main American schools in Kuwait have decided to close for about six weeks amid growing tensions in the Gulf, a school official said Monday in the first substantive sign of war fears among Americans here.

The American School of Kuwait and the American International School will shut their doors from Feb. 10 to March 22, said ASK owner Wael Abdul Ghafour.

"There's a lot of tension and we can't live with tension," Ghafour told The Associated Press. "It's just a precautionary action."

The schools had expected to close for parts of that period for upcoming national holidays, however school officials said the decision to extend the closure was based on political tensions. There was no specific threat against the school, its students or teachers, officials said.

The decision to close the schools — where most of the children among the estimated 8,000 American civilians living in Kuwait attend — comes amid strong new security measures by Kuwaiti officials ahead of a possible U.S.-led war against neighboring Iraq.

Though the U.S. State Department has strongly urged American private citizens to consider leaving Kuwait, there has been no mass exodus among the American community in the tiny emirate.

There have been three serious attacks on Americans since October in Kuwait. Two of the shootings, which killed one U.S. Marine and one businessman who was contracted to the U.S. military, were either carried out by Muslim extremists or blamed on them.

The shootings, the latest of which took place Jan. 21, prompted the State Department warning.



JOE CAVARETTA/AP Photo
INFORMATION ON DISASTER ... NASA Public Information Officer Kyle Herring, left, Ron Dittmore, space shuttle program manager, center, and Robert Cabana, director of shuttle flight crew operations, preside over a briefing at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, Sunday.

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MORE DEBRIS ... Wink Miller looks at a piece of debris believed to be from the space shuttle Columbia he found in the trees near Hemphill, Texas, Sunday.

Debris ...

From Front
 In Nacogdoches County alone, authorities have logged more than 1,200 confirmed debris sites. State troopers and local authorities are manning 130 spots, alongside two-lane highways, restaurants and ranches, to ensure curious scavengers don't make off with any evidence.

Though local officials had too few bodies to protect every piece

discovered, they said NASA had provided a list of priorities: anything that could contain data or resembles computer circuitry, or potentially radioactive materials.

Kroll has 10 technicians fanned out across the county using remote global-positioning satellites to log the precise location of wreckage for a debris map that could aid recovery teams.

Among the items discovered so far: a car-size chunk that splashed into Toledo Bend Reservoir on the Texas-Louisiana state line, a 7- to 8-foot door-like fragment, what resembles part of a windshield and a 5- to 6-foot-long object authorities suspect could be part of the landing gear.

In San Augustine, just east of Nacogdoches, Larry Epps placed a 55-gallon barrel to protect a piece of metal that landed in his hay meadow.

"If it hit me, my wife would have

been a widow," he said of the hollow gray object that resembles a tire. He later found what appears to be a circuit board about 100 yards away from his front yard and a half dozen 2-by-2-inch metal pieces in his meadow.

Marc Masferrer, editor of *The Lufkin Daily News*, said a landowner led him to what appeared to be a seat from the shuttle in a pasture 20 miles west of Nacogdoches.

There have been more grim discoveries — human remains, including a leg, torso, thigh bone and skull. NASA confirmed the remains of some of the seven Columbia astronauts had been recovered.

Through thick woods that are home to wild hogs and bobcats, 75 volunteers and law officers carried out their hunt near Hemphill on the Louisiana line. About 40 feet into the forest, a searcher shouted, "Hold!" when he spotted a chunk of metal dangling from a limb.

Heroes ...

From Front

Columbia's automated flight control system to make rapid adjustments maintain stability. Dittmore said the corrections were the largest ever for a shuttle re-entry, but still within the craft's capability.

Lockheed, the maker of the fuel tank under scrutiny, said Sunday that NASA used an older version of the tank, which the space agency began phasing out in 2000. NASA's preflight press information had said the shuttle was using one of the newer super-lightweight fuel tanks.

Harry Wadsworth, a spokesman for Lockheed, said most shuttle launches use the "super-lightweight" tank and the older version is no longer made. Wadsworth said he did not know if there was a difference in how insulation was installed on the two types of tanks.

Wadsworth said the tank used for the Columbia mission was manufactured in November 2000 and delivered to NASA the next month. Only one more of the older tanks is left, he said.

Dittmore said the older version of the tank had been used for many years and was 6,000 to 7,000 pounds heavier than the newer version. Still, "we had no reason to doubt its capability."

Earlier Sunday, O'Keefe named a former Navy admiral to oversee an independent review of the accident, and said investigators initially would focus on whether the piece of insulation caused the damage that brought down the shuttle.

While O'Keefe stressed that the space agency was not locking into a single scenario of what caused the crash, the insulation was "one of the areas we're looking at first, early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory."

Meanwhile, searchers using horses and four-wheel-drive vehicles scoured rural areas of east Texas and western Louisiana for bits of metal, ceramic tile, computer chips and insulation from the shattered spacecraft.

State and federal officials, treating the investigation like a multi-county crime scene, were protecting the debris until it can be catalogued, carefully collected and then taken to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The effort to reconstruct what is left of Columbia into a rough outline of the shuttle will be tedious and painstaking.

When a shuttle piece was located this weekend, searchers left it in place until a precise global positioning satellite reading could be taken. Each shuttle part is numbered; NASA officials say experts hope to trace the falling path of each recovered piece.

The goal is to establish a sequence of how parts were ripped off Columbia as it disintegrated under the intense heat and pressure of the re-entry into the atmosphere.

In addition to the search on land, divers were being called in to search Toledo Bend Reservoir. Some body parts from the crew have been recovered and may be sent to a military morgue at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Budget ...

From Front

that have been implemented one way or the other while I've been governor. Get us back up to where we were. And a lot of that is going to come off the business community," he said.

Getting any budget passed will be a chore. The only reason a budget is being proposed by Patton this year is that the legislature failed to pass one during its regular session in 2002.

Legislators can do so now only if they overcome their own firewall — a "super majority" rule that was devised to specifically prevent any budget action during the legislature's 30-day, odd-year session. That means 60 of 100 votes in the House and 23 of 38 in the Senate, which the opposition Republicans will control 22-16.

Those Republicans are not convinced. They claim Patton could do more to cut government spending, especially in state payroll and in state contracting. They also question whether his most attention-getting austerity measure, the release of nearly 900 low-level felons to keep the Department of Corrections within budget, was mainly for effect.

"It appears the administration is wanting to let this problem continue to worsen in order to pressure the General Assembly into raising taxes," Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said recently.

He was not the only critic. Patton's action disgusted many prosecutors, including Hopkins County Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Massamore, who had to watch 26 felons being sprung from the jail at Madisonville in western Kentucky.

"We're telling criminals that they don't need to pay attention to the law simply because we can't manage a budget and we can't honor our commitment to the people of this state," Massamore said. "The punishment only applies if we have money."

Patton called a halt to the inmate releases last week and said he would ask the General Assembly to appropriate nearly \$12 million more for the Department of Corrections this year and next. If legislators decline, the early releases will resume, he said.

Patton denies that the inmate release was theatrical. And if deeper cuts have to be made, Kentucky will regress in several areas, including education and health care, he said.

"I'm not going to support cuts that take Kentucky back a generation," he said. If education is slashed, "it will take the whole next governor's term to get it back to where it was."

Schools already are feeling the squeeze. In Covington, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, school Superintendent Jack Moreland has had to forgo filling 30 vacancies in a teaching staff of 463. Still, the district is running \$1.1 million in the red this year. Layoffs are a possibility, Moreland said.

"What we're on right now is a downward spiral," and it probably is being repeated across the state, Moreland said. "I don't see the end of this. We just can't make it work without some increased stream of revenue."

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FRIDAY ACCIDENTS ... Two traffic accidents occurred within minutes of each other Friday afternoon in Calloway County. The first, which happened at 4:25 p.m. Friday, involved one vehicle, driven by Lloyd A. Bennett, 54, Eddyville, running into a ditch on Robertson Road, right photo. The second accident occurred at 4:34 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. 641 North and Wadesboro Road, above photo. A vehicle driven by Amanda M. Smith, 23, Benton, was attempting to cross the southbound lanes of 641 when it struck a southbound vehicle driven by Dwight D. Watson, 43, Almo. Bennett was admitted to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital and is currently in stable condition, while Smith and Watson were both treated and released at MCCH.



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Cocaine find leads to arrest

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

A Murray man was arrested this weekend after several thousand dollars worth of cocaine was found in a warehouse he operated.

Murray Police Department officers served a search warrant and an arrest warrant on Luke G. Lamb, 27,

Sunday at 1:35 a.m. at a warehouse Lamb operated at 90 Spruce St. in Murray.

During the service of the warrants and a brief investigation, approximately \$700 in cash and 12 grams of cocaine were discovered at the warehouse, a MPD release stated. The cocaine had an estimated street value of \$1,500.

Lamb was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine) and the unauthorized sale of alcoholic beverages. He was lodged in the Calloway County Jail.

MPD was assisted in serving the warrants by the Kentucky State Police.

Undercover operation nets six

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

An undercover investigation launched by the Murray Police Department Friday at 4:07 p.m. netted six arrests for various drug offenses.

According to a Murray Police Department release, nearly \$2,500 worth of crack cocaine was recovered during the operation. Marijuana and cash were also recovered during the investigation, which consisted of narcotics being delivered from Fulton, Ky., to undercover officers in Murray.

Those arrested were:
• Stacy Tribble, 32, Fulton, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine)
• Erik D. Gardner, 28, Nashville, Tenn., first-degree

trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine)

• David J. Martin, 44, Fulton, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine)

• Robert D. Alexander, 23, Fulton, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia

• Ahmed J. Pryor, 21, Fulton, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine), possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia

• Tonja M. Madding, 32, Fulton, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (crack cocaine)

Those arrested were lodged in the Calloway County Jail. The Tri-County Drug Task Force assisted with the investigation.

FireSheriff'sLog

Murray Fire Department

• Four trucks and 15 firefighters responded to a report of smoke coming from Pagliai's restaurant at 11:07 a.m. Saturday. Upon arrival, light smoke could be seen coming from the building. One of the air units of top of the restaurant was not working correctly. Electricity to the unit was shut off, and a repair service was notified.

• Four trucks and 17 firefighters responded to a report of smoke at Murray State University's Hart College Saturday at 1:33 p.m. Boiling water left unattended on a stove had caused the smoke. An exhaust fan was used to clear the smoke from the building.

Calloway County Sheriff's Office

• Paula R. Sudduth, 33, Almo, was driving west on Highway 1346 at 1:55 p.m. Saturday when she

struck a concrete bridge railing. The vehicle then spun around and came to rest on the center line headed west. Sudduth said she had swerved to avoid a rabbit in the road. She was admitted to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital and is currently listed in stable condition.

• Jeffery D. Hodges, 32, Hazel, lost control of his motorcycle while

driving east on Ky. 464 Saturday at 12:17 p.m. The motorcycle ended up in a field on its side. Hodges was cited for not having a motorcycle permit or license. He complained of back and leg pain, but refused transport to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

— Information gathered from reports, logs and citations from respective agencies

MMS 1st, CCMS 2nd in district competition

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Both local districts' middle schools swept the District Governor's Cup academic competition this weekend at Hickman County High School in Clinton.

Murray Independent School District walked away with 1st place overall and Calloway County School District came in a close second.

The competition for 6th through 8th graders featured six different categories testing math, science, social studies, language arts, general knowledge and composition.

Murray also took first place in the quick recall team competition.

"Every year, we've got kids out there doing their best," said MMS composition coach Katie Carpenter.

Winners from Murray include: Bradley Black, 2nd place math; Josh Hyatt, 4th place math; Matt Jordon, 4th place science; Jessica Darnell, 5th place science; Wesley Bolin, 1st place social studies; Daniel White, 2nd place social studies; Christopher Roberts, 4th place social studies; Matt Jordon, 5th place language arts; Bradley Black, 3rd place general knowledge; Daniel White, 4th place general knowledge; Wesley Bolin, 1st place tie composition; Cassie Naugle, 2nd place composition.

Calloway County was beaming with pride, scoring first place in four of the six categories.

"In math, we claimed three of the five places," said Melissa Lamb, academic team coach for Calloway County Middle School. "This was the first time in several years we've advanced this far. Words can't even explain how excited we were."

Lamb also said she was especially proud to see both local districts do so well. "It was exciting to have both schools from our county represented," she said.

Winners from Calloway County include: Jamie Murdock, 1st place math; Courtney Elder, 3rd place

math; David Adams, 5th place math; Kyle McAllister, 1st place science; Danielle Pritchett, 1st place language arts; Jamie Murdock, 1st place general knowledge; and Kelsey Watson, 4th place composition.

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By SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The loss of the space shuttle Columbia adds a new element to President Bush's already bulging portfolio of issues, including rallying a divided nation and world behind war with Iraq and promoting a budget facing certain challenges.

Bush juggled his schedule to make time for a meeting with NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe and to fly to a memorial service in Houston, but aides denied any link between the Columbia catastrophe and the other items on the president's agenda this week.

"The president views this as a tragedy that has touched the lives of the American people, and as a reminder of the risks of space flight," spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The president does not see it as connected to other events around the world."

Bush spoke with the leaders of Pakistan, Spain and India on Sunday, juggling condolence calls with efforts to build support for military action against Iraq.

He arranged to meet with O'Keefe on Monday, underscoring the priority the White House places on finding answers to the cause of the accident that destroyed the homebound shuttle and killed its seven crew members.

Appearing on the CBS program "The Early Show" before his meeting with Bush, O'Keefe said he would tell the president that NASA is doing everything possible "to secure the evidence" to determine what caused the accident and would "make corrections and get back to flight."

Also Monday, the White House was releasing the administration's tax and spending request for the 2004 fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1. The budget proposal offers a string of deficits for five years, with

cuts in some popular programs and growth in others.

A senior administration official, speaking Sunday night on condition of anonymity, said the new spending plan would propose increasing the space agency's funding by about 3 percent to nearly \$15.5 billion next year.

The overall budget envisions record deficits of \$307 billion this year and \$304 billion in 2004, officials said. The \$2.23 trillion budget proposal does not take into account the tens of billions of dollars it would cost to invade Iraq.

Bush planned to emphasize in a Monday afternoon event his request for \$6 billion over a decade for vaccines and treatments against biological weapons, such as anthrax and plague.

On Tuesday, he resumes a role he learned after the Sept. 11 terror attacks — that of mourner in chief.

The president and first lady Laura Bush are to fly to the Johnson Space Center near Houston for a memorial service for the seven astronauts killed Saturday.

The situation in Iraq also takes center stage this week.

Bush plans to meet with the prime minister of Poland on Wednesday, the same day Secretary of State Colin Powell goes before the U.N. Security Council to present purported evidence of prohibited Iraqi weapons programs.

A scheduled Tuesday meeting with the king of the Persian Gulf state of Bahrain was postponed indefinitely because of the trip to the shuttle memorial.

The president listened intently in church Sunday as a minister said he had heard others say the shuttle's breakup was "God's way of getting back at us" for Bush's Iraq policies.

"That's hokum. That's just garbage," said the Rev. Luis Leon, rector of St. John's Church across Lafayette Square from the White House. "What happened yesterday I think is the price that we pay for exploration, it's the price that we pay for the freedom that God has granted all of us."

After delivering an emotional televised statement Saturday on the shuttle disaster, Bush kept a public silence Sunday. But he was briefed on the tragedy throughout the day by chief of staff Andrew Card, who gathered with other officials in the White House Situation Room to monitor developments.

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State of president is good

President Bush called some journalists into the Oval Office last Monday for a "background" briefing on his State of the Union address. As one of the favored few, I was impressed by how comfortable he is with being in charge.

George W. Bush has a hide stronger than an armadillo and a vision that what he is doing and wants to do is completely and undeniably right. And yet he has a soft heart, tearing up when he talks about what his "faith-based initiative" can do to help the hopeless and the helpless.

Those qualities came through in his address to Congress and to the nation. There was his compassionate side as he again asked Congress to pass his faith-based proposal. He also called for more spending to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean. The tough ideological side came through on tax cuts, which he asked to be made permanent.

and make them look petty. In a remarkably favorable essay for the *New York Times Magazine* last Sunday, Bush critic Bill Keller wrote, "George W. Bush is what no one predicted — a powerful president with a pure conservative agenda and a gambler's instinct. By comparison, Ronald Reagan may look like a moderate." Could praise — however reluctantly given and tainted by the use of "conservative," which liberals regard as a dirty word — be higher than this?

Keller added, "There is something there, some preexisting quality, that avid Bush critics have missed." Supporters of Bush didn't miss it. They knew it was there all the time. *The Washington Post's* Tom Shales virtually threw in the "Bush is a stumbling, bumbling, syntax-mangling idiot" towel when he wrote of the president's address that it had "moments of penetrating eloquence, eloquently delivered." Eloquence has rarely modified the name George W. Bush.

There was more. Shales said Bush's line, "The liberty we prize is not America's gift to the world; it is God's gift to humanity," was "Beautiful." That's another word not usually associated with the rhetorical skills of this president.

The speech was understated and

modulated, which gave it more power. Rather than bombast, the president adopted a style of muffled strength. One doesn't have to brag about destroying the enemy, as Saddam Hussein huffs and puffs he will do, when one can actually do it.

In person and before millions of viewers, this president has a resolve not seen in years. Some of his critics are beginning to understand that. Others, such as the congressional Democratic leadership, resort to the same negativity in which they have always indulged, because it has worked for them with previous Republican presidents and Republican congressional leaders.

It's not working with this president. He knows where he wants to go and he knows how he wants to get there. That's called leadership. What more could be asked of a president?

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drug coverage to Medicare. The House and Senate had conflicting versions that never culminated in a final compromise, but allowed incumbents to tell voters that they had tried to provide the benefits. Bush has more than doubled the size of the package in his 2004 blueprint. Similarly, there was no overarching attempt to push the government back onto a path to a balanced budget, other than efforts by each party to block the other side's tax or spending priorities.

As a result, last year's deficit was \$158 billion, this year's was projected at \$199 billion by the Congressional Budget Office if Congress passes no initiatives, and there may be no return to balance anytime soon.

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Wins, losses lay groundwork for budget fight

Washington Today

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress gave President Bush most of the defense buildup he proposed last year but killed his plan for long-term tax cuts, underlining the reality that the \$2.2 trillion blueprint for 2004 he sends lawmakers next Monday will be merely a starting point.

A look at how Bush's 2003 budget fared shows that many of his priorities did well, including an economic stimulus package that cut business taxes and extended jobless benefits. And, while Congress has not finished most spending bills for this budget year — which started Oct. 1 — Bush will probably keep their cost below what many Democrats preferred and get at least what he wanted for homeland security, education and biomedical research.

But other items on Bush's election-year agenda fell short. There was no energy bill, no balancing the budget by 2005 and no tax cuts for charitable giving or workers' health care costs. And, while he blocked some new spending, he signed a 10-year farm package expected to cost \$190 billion — tens of billions more than he proposed.

Members of both parties agree that Bush has been adept at winning many of his top-tier budget priori-

ties, but disagree about the consequences.

"The president is very focused on a few things," said Peter Davis, an investment consultant and former Republican Senate aide. "He gets them done or sets the stage for getting them done later."

"Unfortunately, he's largely successful in getting his budget priorities," lamented Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee. "The tragedy is where it's leading us, deep into the swamp of deficits and debt."

Some Bush priorities from last year were approved by the Republican-led House but died in the Democratic-run Senate, like cutting the inheritance tax and opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling. This year, both chambers are controlled by Republicans and both of those items are back on the White House's agenda.

"There's a new Congress now, and hopefully they will be able to move the president's initiatives along and we'll see some successes," said Amy Call, spokeswoman for the White House budget office.

Other top items in the budget that Bush sent Congress last Feb. 4 died or were drastically transformed for other reasons.

The administration never spent political capital on his \$190 billion, 10-year plan to add prescription

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James (Jim) D. McKeel

James (Jim) D. McKeel, 60, South 11th Street, Murray, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at 4:35 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mr. McKeel had retired after 29 years of service as a psychology teacher at Floyd Junior College, Rome, Ga. He received his master's degree in psychology from Murray State University.

Born April 19, 1942, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Lloyd McKeel and Nettie Noles McKeel.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Edna Redden, Mrs. Bettye Bailey and husband, Will Edd, and Ms. Linda McKeel, all of Murray, and Mrs. Patricia Coleman, Mayfield; one brother, Bill McKeel, Murray; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Murray City Cemetery.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation will be scheduled.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Murray-Calloway County Hospice Program, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071.

Mrs. Virginia Louise Edwards

Mrs. Virginia Louise Edwards, 79, Murray, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at 8:05 a.m. at her home.

Born in Retreat, Va., she was the daughter of the late Robert Martin Hale and Carrie Lee Heldreth Hale. Two brothers also preceded in death. Mrs. Edwards was of Lutheran faith.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Edwards; one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Glassco, Murray; one sister, Mrs. Maxine Malone, Bristol, Va.; two brothers, George Hale, Westland, Mich., and Edd Hale, Taylor, Mich.; several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services will be conducted. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Marjorie N. Duncan

Mrs. Marjorie N. Duncan, 74, Hurt Drive, Murray, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at 4:25 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A retired seamstress, she was a member of Independence United Methodist Church.

Born Jan. 16, 1929, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Henry Oglesby and Margaret Giles Oglesby. Also preceding her in death were four sisters, Mary Dickman, Artie Futrell, Helen Starks and Sybil McCuiston, and two brothers, James Oglesby and Henry Oglesby Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Faye Barber and husband, John, Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Theresa Hopkins and husband, Terry, Dexter; one son, Kenny Collins and wife, Pam, and one sister, Mrs. Evelyn Butterworth and husband, Pat, all of Murray; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be Tuesday in the chapel of Churchill-Imes Family Funeral Home. The Rev. Kendrick Lewis will officiate. Burial will follow in the McDaniel Cemetery.

No visitation is scheduled.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to McDaniel Cemetery Fund, c/o Howard Coy, 204 Radio Rd., Almo, KY 42020.

Mrs. Mildred M. Drake

Mrs. Mildred M. Drake, 76, South Eighth Street, Murray, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at 5:15 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was a member of Bethel Fellowship Church, Murray, and a former member of Edgewood Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Clarence Ayers, her second husband, Leonard Drake, one grandchild, Jena Elizabeth Langley, one sister, Floy Whitehurst, and three brothers, Carl Edwards, Floyd Edwards and Albert Edwards. Born Aug. 12, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Elias Edwards and Victoria Brimm Edwards.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sheila Higgins and husband, Tom, Murray, and Mrs. Margaret Todd and husband, James, Pine Bluff, Ark.; two sons, Gordon Langley and wife, Carol, and Jimmy Langley and wife, Sharon, all of Pine Bluff, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Faye Morris, England, Ark.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Ralph Robinson Funeral Home, Pine Bluff, Ark. The Rev. Michael Height will officiate. Burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Pine Bluff.

Visitation will be at Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray after 5 p.m. today (Monday). Also visitation will be at the funeral home in Pine Bluff from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Daisy McGuire Dunn

Mrs. Daisy McGuire Dunn, 88, Murray, formerly of the Pryorsburg community in Graves County, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at 11:05 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

She was a past employee of Merit Clothing Company, Mayfield, and a retired employee of Mars Candy Company, Chicago, Ill. She was a member of Westside Baptist Church, Murray, and a member of a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Preceding her in death were two daughters, Elwanda Tynes and Dorothy Camp, and one brother, Curtis McGuire. She was the daughter of the late Richard McGuire and Imogene Maxey McGuire.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joann Jones, Murray; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pryorsburg Baptist Church. The Rev. Glynn Orr, Eury Dale Tynes and Harvey Lynn will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Richard Tynes, Harold Vaughn, Michael Vaughn, Ricky Alexander, Danny Gipson and Sam Steger. Burial will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield, from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Monday).

Ray J. Henderson

Ray J. Henderson, 56, Hardin, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at 4 a.m. at his home.

He formerly worked in construction and was a member of New Zion Baptist Church.

One sister, Geneva Louise Henderson, preceded him in death. He was the son of the late Cullie Henderson and Rosie Elkins Henderson.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carol Henderson; one son, Timothy Henderson, Hardin; one stepson, Dennis Stewart, Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Brown and Mrs. Fannie Gordon, both of Benton; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike Littrell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Union Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Monday).

Ms. Era Novene Myers

Ms. Era Novene Myers, 80, Benton, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at 2:03 a.m. at Brithaven Health Care, Benton.

She was the daughter of the late Ermon Myers and Minnie Grubbs Myers. Four brothers also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Glenda Ashton, Texas, and Mrs. Laverne Orchard, Michigan; three brothers, Clinton Myers, Benton, Eddie Myers, Michigan, and Joey Myers, Arkansas; one niece, Beverly Bolen, Benton.

Burial rites will be today (Monday) at 1 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, located north of Kirksey.

Collier Funeral Home of Benton is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation is scheduled.

Ms. Imogene Sholar

Ms. Imogene Sholar, 76, Glendale Drive, Cadiz, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at 6:40 p.m. at Trigg County Hospital, Cadiz.

A former nurse aid for Trigg County Hospital, she also worked as a sales clerk for Cadiz 5 & 10 Cent Store. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Born Oct. 15, 1926, she was the daughter of Clifton Sholar and the late Lonnie Mae Sowell Sholar.

Survivors include her father, Clifton Sholar, Cadiz; two brothers, Belmont Sholar and wife, Norma, Hopkinsville, and T.P. Sholar, Cadiz; niece, Marsha Bournn; nephew, Keith Sholar; two great-nieces, Kelsey Bournn and Courtney Bournn; one great-nephew, Jamison Sholar.

The funeral will be today (Monday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. The Rev. Gary Snyder will officiate. Music will be by Rev. Arrice and Johnnie Taylor.

Pallbearers will be Robert Allen, Wesley Wallace, Norris Futrell, James Hughes and Montie Redd. Burial will follow in the Flat Lick Cemetery in Christian County.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Ken Gray Mayfield

Ken Gray Mayfield, 36, Locust Grove Road, Murray, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at 10 a.m. at his home.

Born June 3, 1966, he was the son of Neva Mayfield and the late Jack Mayfield.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nancy Rich Mayfield; two daughters, Miss Stephanie Lynn Mayfield, Murray, and Mrs. Kristine Kay Jameson and husband, Terry Lynn, Hardin; one granddaughter, Haley Rose Jameson, Hardin; his mother, Mrs. Neva Mayfield, one brother, Keenan Mayfield and wife, Susan, and one nephew, Scott Mayfield, all of Murray.

Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cleanup at plants could be split

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy is reviewing its options on whether to continue its contract with a company that has been supervising the cleanup at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant for the past five years.

The current contract with Bechtel Jacobs Co., expires Sept. 30 and allows for renewal of one to five years. So far, DOE has not notified Bechtel Jacobs on the future of the contract, which also covers cleanup at DOE sites in Picketon, Ohio, and Oak Ridge, Tenn., according to a copyrighted report published Sunday in The Paducah Sun.

Bechtel Jacobs oversees more than \$800 million worth of cleanup annually, of which \$500 million is in Oak Ridge and \$150 million each in Paducah and Picketon.

More than 600 people are employed for subcontractors in Paducah.

DOE is considering dividing the work into two contracts, one covering Oak Ridge and the other covering Paducah and Picketon.

DOE officials in Washington and Oak Ridge would not discuss their options but released a statement through spokesman Walter Perry.

"The Department of Energy is reviewing options we have to

accomplish environmental cleanup work at the Paducah site. While looking at the best way to get the job done, we don't want to speculate on any final decision because one has not yet been determined," the statement said.

Dividing the work into two contracts would follow requests from Kentucky congressmen to remove the Paducah and Picketon sites from management by DOE's Oak Ridge Operations.

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning has said he wants a new office that would answer directly to Washington. Bunning has been concerned that needs in the Paducah and Picketon operations have often been lost in the Oak Ridge bureaucracy.

Current plans are to open an office in Lexington, which is approximately midway between the two sites.

Bechtel Jacobs has already submitted new proposals to DOE for dividing the work into two contracts, according to spokesman Greg Cook. DOE also has indicated it could seek proposals from other firms to oversee the work in Paducah and Picketon.

Two firms considering submitting proposals are Westkem, an Oak Ridge-based company that already is doing work in Paducah, and SAIC, a San Diego-based firm also involved in cleanup here.

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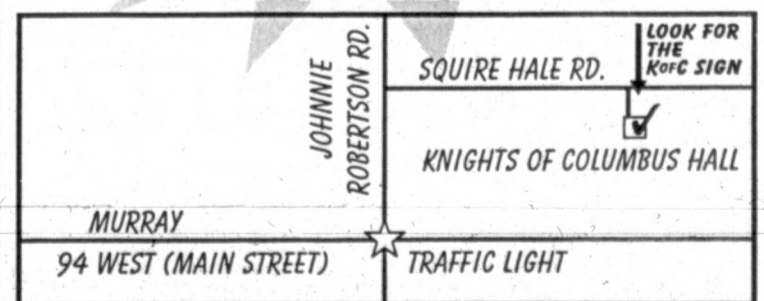
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Food Check-Out Day scheduled

Food in America is affordable. In fact, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 6, the average American will have earned enough disposable income to pay for his or her food supply for the entire year, according to the Calloway County Farm Bureau.

As a result, the Calloway County Farm Bureau is celebrating Feb. 6 as Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Day. According to the latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's (USDA's) Economic Research Service, American families and individuals currently spend, on average, just 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.

Applying the current 10 percent statistic to the calendar year, it means the average household will have earned enough disposable income - that portion of income available for spending or saving - to pay for its annual food supply in just 37 days.

"Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable," said Sharon Furches of the Calloway County Farm Bureau. "It speaks well of our nation's increasing standard of living, which would certainly be reduced without the safe, abundant and affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers."

In comparison to Food Check-Out Day, Tax Freedom Day, the day the average American had earned enough money to pay federal, state, and local taxes, was April 27 last year, according to the Tax Foundation.

"I find it amazing that people can pay for their yearly food supply nearly three months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax

burden," Furches said. "Rather than being an economic burden, food remains quite a bargain for shoppers. That's the way it should be."

Calloway County Farm Bureau President Don Overbey hopes Americans will come to understand that the high-quality, affordable food they enjoy is "a product of our successful food production and distribution system, as well as America's farmers retaining access to effective and affordable crop protection tools."

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," he said. "As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role Kentucky farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

The percent of disposable personal income spent for food has declined over the last 25 years. In 1970, Food Check-Out Day would have been 14 days later - Feb. 21. According to USDA, food is more affordable today due to a widening gap between growth in per-capita incomes and the amount of money spent for food.

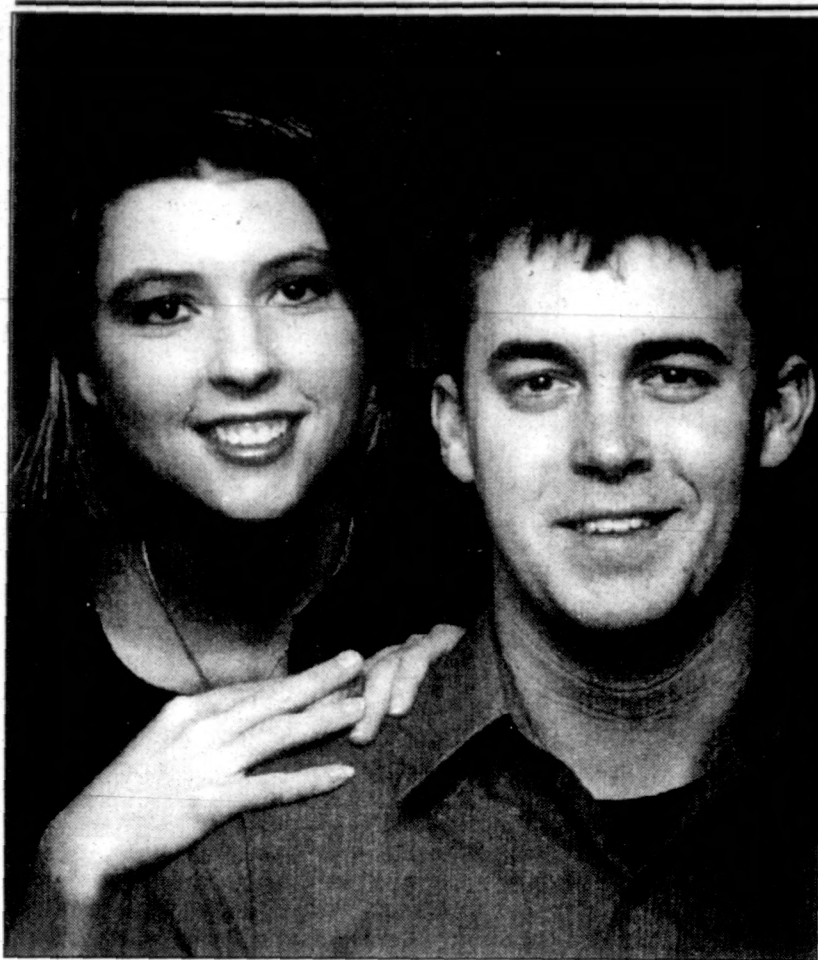
This overall decrease is made more notable by the fact that trends indicate Americans are buying more expensive convenience food items for preparation at home, as well as more food away from home.

The Agriculture Department's latest statistic, compiled for 2001, includes food and non-alcoholic beverages consumed at home and away from home.

This includes food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets, including food purchases with food stamps and vouchers for the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) program. The statistic also includes away-from-home meals and snacks purchased by families and individuals, as well as food furnished to employees.

"Food Check-Out Day tracks the amount of income needed by Americans to purchase food on an annual basis," Overbey said.

Engagement



Miles and McDaniels

Bobby Miles and Terry and Rebecca Easley of Paris, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holly Miles, to Nathan McDaniels, son of Michael McDaniels and Cindy Parker of Paducah.

Miss Miles is the granddaughter of Aline Watts and the late Jimmy Watts of Millington, Tenn., and the late Pearl Miles of Paris, Tenn.

Mr. McDaniels is the grandson of Chester and Mary Kay Owen and Regina McDaniels and the late Timmy McDaniels, all of Eddyville.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Murray State University where she is also studying toward her master's degree. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is employed by Cingular Wireless.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate Murray State University and will be attending Logan College of Chiropractic. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is employed by Westlake.

The couple will be married Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in Jamaica. A reception in their honor will be on Saturday, April 26, 2003, at 7 p.m. at Murray Country Club, Murray. All relatives and friends are invited to attend the reception.

Bridge session planned at Oaks

Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will play Bridge on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 9:15 a.m. at the club house.

Mary Alice Smith, phone 753-3487, will be hostess. Winners of Bridge play on Jan. 29 were Lou Ann Philpot, first, and Ellen Miltner, second. Melva Hatcher was hostess.

Carter Caves will host performances

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill will host special dinner theatre performances during Valentine's Day Weekend.

"A Tribute to Red Skelton" will be presented Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Kentucky actor Jennings B. Barnett will portray the legendary late comedian in a series of skits.

A dinner buffet will be served at each performance that will include carved roast beef, catfish, turkey and dressing, and baked ham. The package price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 6-12.

Special accommodation rates are \$42 for a lodge room, and a cottage starting at \$85. For more information, contact the park at (606) 286-4411.

Birth

Aimee Denise Newsome

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Edward Newsome of 1604 Highland Rd., Murray, are the parents of a daughter, Aimee Denise Newsome, born on Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at 7:58 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 10 pounds one ounce and measured 21 3/4 inches. The mother is the former Beverly Denise Baker. A brother is Nicholas Aaron Newsome.

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Special ladies' event will be held Saturday



**Jo's
Datebook**
By Jo Burkeen
Community
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The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church will have a special ladies Valentine potluck luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

"One Heart" from Heartland Worship Center will present the special program.

This event takes the place of the usual special luncheon and program usually held in February; but because of the construction of the church, it was called off this year.

Dress will be casual. The ladies request that any one planning to attend to call the church office at 753-1854 by Wednesday, Feb. 5, so seating can be arranged. A nursery will not be provided.

All ladies are invited to attend and to bring a dish to share in the potluck luncheon.

MMS Council will meet

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m. in room 104 of the main building. Agenda items include Test Appeal, 4th Grade Hallway Project, budget, Curriculum Committee report and staffing/hiring report. Angie Murdock, principal, invites all interested persons.

Murray Singles will meet

Murray S.O.S. (singles organizational society) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at Shoney's Inn, Murray. This will be dues night. This is a support group and social club for all adult singles whether widowed, divorced or never married. For information call Jackie at 1-270-247-7754 or Shirley at 753-6224.

Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and lipid profiles at Save-A-Lot, Murray, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4; and at Paris Wal-Mart from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6. For more information call 762-1348.

UMW meeting Tuesday

The United Methodist Women of First Church will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Hale Chapel of the church. Vicki Kemp, former UMW Paris District treasurer who is home on furlough from a two-year assignment in Korea where she teaches a graduate English course at a university, will speak about "Methodism in Korea." Hostesses will be members of the Friendship-Hannah Circle. All women of the church and other interested persons are invited.

Senior event at Grace

Phyllis Tucker and Carolyn Carroll will have the Family Life Center at Grace Baptist Church open each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon starting Feb. 4, for the senior adults to have fellowship, walking, playing games, etc.

Murray Bass Club will meet

Murray Bass Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at Log Cabin Restaurant. If you like fishing and are interested in joining a club, you are welcome to attend.

Memphis trip scheduled

Good Life of The Murray Bank has scheduled a trip to Memphis, Tenn., on Saturday, Feb. 15. The group will attend the musical production of "42nd Street" at the historic Orpheum Theatre. The group will leave at 7 a.m. to arrive in Memphis for lunch, and then return home immediately after the show. For information and reservations call the South office at 753-LOAN or the North office at 753-5626.

Free tax help available

Free tax help for seniors in preparing their income tax forms will be available each Friday, starting Feb. 7, at the Calloway County Public Library by AARP. Walk-in-only tax help will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Friday through April 11 for middle and low income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 or older. For more information call 753-6001.

Temple Hill Lodge will meet

Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 Free and Accepted Masons will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall, located on Highway 464, east of Almo.

Kappa meeting Tuesday

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the club house. Dr. Michael Bobo is the scheduled speaker. Hostesses will be Sheree Story, Dianne Curtis, Cathy Mathis, Marlene Newell, Belinda Woods and Margaret Yuill.

Writing portfolios available

The 1997 and 1998 graduates of Calloway County High School who would like their writing portfolios may pick them up between 9:30 a.m. and noon on school days in room 103 of the high school. These should be picked up before Feb. 12.

Project Graduation meeting tonight

Calloway County High School Project Graduation 2003 will have a meeting on tonight, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All senior parents are urged to attend.

Fire district board will meet

Calloway County Fire Protection District Board will meet tonight, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. at the No. 1 station of Calloway County Rescue Squad, East Sycamore Street, Murray.

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Pendleton in running for Ky. ag commissioner

With growing concerns about terrorism, food safety and the economy, Sen. Joey Pendleton says it's time to help breathe new life in Kentucky's ailing agriculture industry. The life-long farmer says he can best do that as Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner.

"Farming is in my blood, and I'm proud to have been raised on our family farm," Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, said. "I learned farming from my father, who learned it from his father. Farming is very much who I am and what I'm about. That's why the family farm means so much to me and that's why I'm running for the office of Agriculture Commissioner."

Pendleton filed for office Jan. 21 at the Kentucky Secretary of State's office, and he formally launched his "Step in the Right Direction" campaign during an ethanol plant groundbreaking in Hopkinsville.

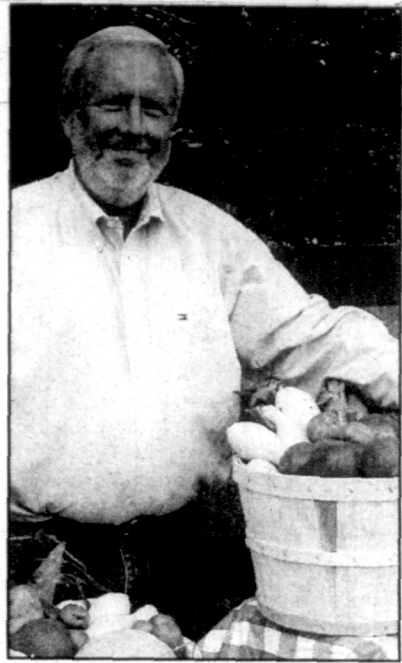
"We're making alternative fuels from corn and soybeans, we're developing our catfish industry, and we're cultivating alternative crops to tobacco," he said. "That's a step in the right direction. But as Agriculture Commissioner, my goal is to make sure 50 percent of our tobacco settlement money is put into agriculture programs, including initiatives to promote food safety."

Pendleton said the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks generated new concerns about food safety. He said as Agriculture Commissioner, he will ensure Kentucky's food undergoes strict inspection.

"As a regulatory agency, one of our biggest priorities is to know where our food is coming from and how it's handled," Pendleton said. "That's why promoting Kentucky-grown products is so important not only for the economic health of our commonwealth, but for the personal protection of our consumers."

Pendleton has already garnered statewide support in his bid to run for Agriculture Commissioner. His campaign manager is former state Sen. Joe Wright, who is a farmer from Harned, Ky.

Co-campaign managers include Jefferson County PVA Denise Harper-Angel, Jefferson County Sheriff John Aubrey, Senators



Sen. Joey Pendleton
Candidate for Kentucky
Commissioner of Agriculture

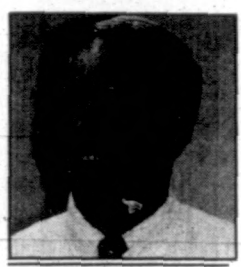
Gerald Neal and David Karem of Louisville, and Louisville labor liaison Greg Reddington. His Lexington contact is Adam Edelen, vice president of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Pendleton currently serves the 3rd Senate District, which includes Christian, Logan and Todd counties. In the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly, Pendleton co-sponsored a bill to create new agriculture markets in Kentucky. Other successful agriculture bills he sponsored in past sessions include one to re-introduce elk to eastern Kentucky, another to reduce teen smoking, and a sweeping measure to send two-thirds of Kentucky's tobacco settlement money back to local communities to help farmers.

Pendleton is the farm manager at Murray State University and has earned numerous awards for his work in agriculture, including the 4-H Alumni Award and the Gov. Ned T. Breathitt Award. He is a former chairman of the legislature's Tobacco Task Force and serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Start seeds now for spring garden

Planting time for cool season spring garden crops like broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower is from mid to late March. For collard enthusiasts it's the first of March.



Agriculture
Update
By Lloyd
Weatherly
Calloway County
Agriculture
Extension Agent

Planting for warm season tomatoes is about the middle of April. For peppers, which are a bit more cold sensitive, the date is about May 1. Naturally, there will be an abundance of both cool season and warm season transplants available at planting time for those crops that are best transplanted.

Some gardeners like to start their own seeds, care for them and watch them germinate and grow and then transplant seedlings into the garden at the proper time.

They can then follow plants to full production and realize that they are responsible for the whole process, which, hopefully, results in an abundance for the dinner table. We usually start a few new varieties from seed and purchase traditional transplants at planting time. For instance, the tomato variety, Mortgage Lifter, from Guerne's (Puts out extremely heavy yields of low-acid pink fruits) might entice

some to get the seed and try it. Or Burpee's Banarama pepper (Compact plants are loaded with extra-large and meaty 8" yellow "bananas") might tempt others to start seeds. A greenhouse is nice but not necessary for the home gardener to grow transplants. However, it is essential to be able to control temperature, light and moisture. Start collard seeds now for planting the first of March. Start broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower seeds in the next week or so for transplanting in mid March. Start tomato seeds in mid February and peppers late February.

Seeds can be started in flats, trays divided into cells, small pots or other containers that drain well. If a large undivided tray is used, a ruler or Popsicle stick will make nice furrows by sliding it across the growing medium. Typically seedlings in trays are transplanted into small containers after four to six true leaves appear on the seedlings. More seedlings can be grown in trays but it is rather tedious transplanting young seedlings into individual containers. Using divided trays or four or six pack containers avoids the transplanting stage unless seedlings are started too early or grow off too fast and become root bound. There are also trays available with compressed peat containers and a clear plastic covering. Add water to the tray and the containers will expand, ready for seeding.

Use a well-drained moist potting mix to start

seeds or a moist growing medium of peat moss and perlite. Sow seeds about one eighth of an inch deep and cover lightly with soil then mist. Enclose the seeded containers with the plastic cover or use plastic wrap and support it above the soil like a tent. Popsicle sticks will keep the wrap off the soil. Remove cover and mist when soil begins to dry.

After seedlings emerge remove the cover and move trays to a light source. Florescent grow lights are available in two or four foot lengths and provide sufficient light for seedlings to grow. Lower lights so they are an inch or two above seedlings and provide at least 12 hours of light each day.

Seedlings can also be grown on a windowsill. Because the light source (sun) moves, seedlings will tend to bend in the direction of the sun. Periodically rotate the seedlings to help them stay straight. If light is insufficient, seedlings will tend to be leggy with long stems supporting the leaves. Temperatures of 60°F - 65°F will promote sturdy seedling growth. If seeds were thickly sown, thin seedlings by snipping with scissors at the soil line.

Fertilize plants every couple of weeks beginning when the second true leaves appear. Use a liquid fertilizer such as 20-20-20 at recommended rates. If practical, gradually place seedlings outside as temperatures warm, letting them acclimate to warmer days and the cooler nights they'll face in the garden after planting.

New international marketing strategies developed for soybeans

ST. LOUIS — U.S. soybean farmers continue to export more soybeans each year, but competition for global market share grows more intense.

Lower U.S. soybean production in 2002 and decreased soybean planting projections for the next several years could also limit the ability of U.S. soybean farmers to produce record export numbers in the future. These factors led soybean checkoff farmer-leaders to develop new international marketing strategies to increase the value of U.S. soy exports and U.S. soybean farmer share of targeted export markets.

"We have just approved a new checkoff-developed International Marketing plan that includes three major strategies. The emphasis placed on each strategy will depend on the market," said United Soybean Board (USB) International Marketing Chair Criss Davis, a soybean farmer from Shullsburg, Wis. "For example, a strategy we use to grow demand and market share in a country like China may be different from the strategy used to increase exports to European countries."

According to Davis, one of the main strategies in the new plan is to build demand for U.S. soybeans in those markets where the United States can be a stronger competitor. Factors used to determine those markets include whether or not the United States is already a dominant supplier to the market, how fast the market is growing, the value of the specific market segment, the market's population and whether or not there is ample consumer income in the market to afford U.S. soy prod-

ucts.

"Another key strategy of our international marketing plan is to build a customer preference for U.S. soybeans and add value to U.S. soy exports," said Davis. "Checkoff-funded tactics we will use to implement this strategy include building stronger relationships with high-value buyers and targeted marketing efforts that focus on the value of U.S. soy and the higher level of service the United States can provide. Finally, there will be an effort to align farmer interests with the U.S. crushing and exporting sectors."

Reducing trade barriers is vital to creating global economic growth and increased demand for pork, poultry, fish and soy products. Another strategy in the new plan addresses market access or trade policy issues. Through the use of American Soybean Association (ASA) international offices, soybean checkoff farmer-leaders hope to identify market access issues and bring them to the attention of authorities.



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April 1 deadline set for crop base, yield selections per bill

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Foal deaths not expected to be such a problem this year

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The mysterious outbreak that caused equine abortions in central Kentucky two years ago is not expected to loom as large over the industry this year, although the number of abortions so far is up from 2002, a researcher said.

Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome cost the central Kentucky thoroughbred industry an estimated 20 percent to 30 percent of the foal crop in 2001 and led to the cancellation of this year's Keeneland July selected yearling sale.

"Our scouting makes it very clear the areawide outbreak of (Eastern tent caterpillars) is on the decline," University of Kentucky entomologist Daniel Potter said. "We predict (the caterpillar) population will be much lower this year than in the past three years. It's very cyclical — it goes up for five or six years, then subsides. It's down, but there's still a need to keep your guard up."

Researchers have yet to find a link between the caterpillars and the

deaths, but they remain convinced the insects are the source of the problem. The number of equine abortions reported to UK has increased to 134 in the first four weeks of the year, from 99 in the corresponding period last year.

UK officials presented their findings during a two-hour meeting organized by the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation at Fasig-Tipton's sales pavilion. The event drew 150 farm managers, veterinarians and racing industry officials.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Understand that others mean well. In fact, if you create a clearing, you find that others will express their intentions a lot easier. A boss could give you a sign of approval, be it a pay raise or promotion. Keep discussions open, even if you feel like closing down. Tonight: Talk out a problem.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Aim for what you want. Understanding others helps you move forward on a major project but also allows you more opportunity for self-expression. Right now, work from the premise that others mean well, even if their actions don't support it. Get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: With the crowds.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** How you see someone could be considerably different if you just relax and kick back. An associate goes out of his or her way to make your life more pleasing or rewarding. You might not always be sure of this person. Soon, you will be. Let it all hang out. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Someone has his or her eye on you. You might not be exactly sure which way to go in a personal matter that might be very important. Explore your options. Open up discussions. Don't even think that you have to come up with the solutions and/or ideas. Tonight: Hop on the computer.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Making that extra effort will

make a difference. Allow more sunshine in your professional and day-to-day lives. Help those around you feel more valued. Just by asking for advice or for help, you can give another person a sense of importance. Tonight: Togetherness counts.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Your efforts do make a difference, as others will let you know. Pressure builds in a new way, if you're not careful. Discussions illuminate someone's position in your life. Your ingenuity helps you get past a problem. Tonight: Reach out to a child or loved one.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Pace yourself with a co-worker. You might like to see a personal matter resolved. Go out of your way to talk to family members. Together you will build on strong feelings. Decide on a purchase that could or will change the quality of your life. Tonight: Put in overtime if you must.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** How you communicate what you need can make or break what is going on. Listen carefully to a child or loved one who expresses hesitation. Understand the basis he or she is coming from. Evaluate the situation with openness and caring. Tonight: Continue with what is going on.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Build on basics, with the knowledge that this, too, can change. Float with situations. Someone might project his or her displeasure on you, not realizing what is going on. Your ability to treat a loved one well could help ease him or her off a problem. Tonight: Say "yes" to a family member.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Reach out to a loved one. Express more of what you feel. Review a matter that is close to your heart, even if it weighs you down. You will find the right words to clear the air. Verbalize what is on your mind in a way that makes a difference. Tonight: Where your friends are.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You might answer to someone in a way that could be most confusing to him or her. Keep clarifying and making sure you have reached a place of mutual understanding. Much could change for you quickly. Resist knee-jerk reactions. Tonight: Treat a loved one.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Your ability to understand what might be happening with a personal matter could be exciting. Talk about these changes, realizing more of what you want. A family member might be unusually grim or difficult.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My physician recently prescribed an antibiotic for my sinus infection. Before I took the drug, I went to the Internet, where I learned that the medication has a long list of side effects and complications. Where does this guy come off giving me medication that is dangerous?

DEAR READER: Here we go again.

Every medication — yes, every drug, regardless of whether the drugs are prescription or over-the-counter — has potential side effects. However, in the overwhelming majority of cases, these complications are relatively trivial or occur in a very small proportion of users, usually less than 1 percent of patients. This is yet another example of the risk/benefit ratio. If, for example, you have a potentially serious sinus infection, and the antibiotic can cause nausea and diarrhea in extremely rare instances, the enormous benefits of therapy far outweigh the tiny risks of the drug. I often explain to patients that if they were aware of the long list of adverse reactions to aspirin and acetaminophen, these people would probably opt to take nothing. Ever. Obviously, the complications are more pronounced and more common the stronger the medication. This is a primary reason that antibiotics, for instance, are not appropriate therapy for viral infections, such as the common cold. The risks far outweigh the benefits. Thus, the decision to use (or not to use) medicine is a highly individualized matter that should be resolved in the physician's office. Rather than criticizing your doctor, you should share your concerns with him and learn about his rationale for prescribing a certain drug.

Although I am admittedly a computer technophobe, I acknowledge that the Internet can be a valuable source of information. However, it is far from being the last word and should not be accepted as gospel. The weird stuff is mixed in with the good material and is often difficult to untangle. So, don't rely on only one resource; check with your doctor or pharmacist. Information is always vital in decision-making, but you don't need to be burdened with scare tactics, hyperbole and inconsequential trivia.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine."



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy, active male of 44, who hasn't needed medical attention in more than 20 years. I like sardines and usually consume one can per day, complete with packing oils. Is there any harm in this, and are there international controls over which waters, polluted or not, can be fished by canneries?

DEAR READER: To a large degree, the answer to your first question depends on the brand of sardines: Where the fish were caught and how they were processed.

Fish is beneficial to health. This food contains protein, vitamins, calcium and omega oil. Sardines are no exception, providing they were not netted in polluted waters or canned under unsanitary conditions. Also the fish or olive oil used in the processing is not harmful to health and may be amply consumed by people with high cholesterol levels. Therefore, you'll have to read labels to make sure that the sardines are distributed by a reputable company and that the product doesn't contain inappropriate additives or ingredients.

To my knowledge, there are no regulations concerning the location of sardine fishing.



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother and have taught school for 20 years. Two months ago, I began a sabbatical out of state and took my teenage daughter with me. Prior to leaving, a good friend, "Marjorie," accepted a job transfer that required her to move out of state as well. Marjorie suggested that since her husband wasn't ready to leave town due to some personal business, he would be the perfect candidate to house-sit for me. It seemed like a good arrangement.

Within a few weeks, former neighbors started calling and telling me that Marjorie's husband was having women stay overnight at my house. I have since learned that Marjorie had asked a mutual friend to keep an eye on her husband to find out if he's cheating. Our friend refused, but confided to me that it's as plain as day the guy is cheating and everyone in town knows it.

We don't want to hurt Marjorie — nor do we want her husband to humiliate her. Should we tell Marjorie what's going on or let her find out on her own?

UNSURE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR UNSURE: Tell her what the neighbors told you. Marjorie already has suspicions, so it won't be a shock. And get her husband out of your house. The last thing you need is strangers walking through and possibly helping themselves to your possessions.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in high school. Recently I was required to make a presentation in my science class. Naturally, I wanted to look my best. That morning I selected a denim skirt and black shirt — neither of which was too short or low-cut. Black nylons and chunky-heeled black shoes completed my ensemble. I headed off to school feeling confident about my appearance.

The minute I arrived on campus, I realized I had made a severe miscalculation. It was as though I had broken some unspoken, but well-known, rule. Kids looked me up and down and stared at my legs. One astonished girl gasped, "Oh, my god! She's wearing black stockings!" Abby, I am a reasonably conservative person. I have never worn anything outrageous and would

never intentionally go to school wearing something risqué or improper. I still think the black pantyhose were appropriate for my outfit. Could you shed some light on this?

DAZED AND CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DAZED AND CONFUSED: Perhaps your classmates were surprised to see you "dressed up." If you had violated a dress code, I'm sure you would have been told about it by a teacher or the principal. From what you have described, your outfit was appropriate for the occasion.

DEAR ABBY: I have a precious 6-year-old niece on the East Coast whose father just died. I have been searching for a sympathy card designed for a child, but have found nothing. "Thinking of you" cards don't seem quite right. How best can I let this little girl know how sorry I am for her loss?

CONCERNED AUNT IN COLORADO

DEAR CONCERNED AUNT: Buy a pretty blank card and write a short note of sympathy to your niece, in lettering she can easily read. Tell her how much you love her, that you're thinking of her, and how sad you are for her loss.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago

Murray-Calloway County Parks and Recreation Department Board of Directors voted to build a new rest room facility in the Murray-Calloway County Park. The facility will be located in the northeast corner of the park near the proposed picnic pavilion.

Births reported include a boy to Lisa and Doug Colson, Jan. 27; a girl to Deborah and Marty Ivy, Jan. 28.

Amy Rachel Helm and Michael David Wilson were married Nov. 27 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

20 years ago

Lisa Gardner, Rick Wagoner, Ashley Miller and Kevin Crawford of Calloway County High School have been selected to perform in the annual All-State Chorus at the convention of Kentucky Music Educators Feb. 3-5 in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Vance will be married 50 years Feb. 8.

Births reported include a boy to David and Bonnie Burkeen, Jan. 20.

Murray State University Racers and Lady Racers won over Austin Peay Governors in basketball games. High scorers for Murray were Glen Green and Jennie Redwine.

30 years ago

Published is a picture of workmen putting up a panel on the wall beside Sheriff Clyde Steele's office in the Calloway County Courthouse, as walls are being paneled. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Hill.

Carolyn Hendon and Kennie Ray

Colson were married in a December ceremony at Memorial Baptist Church.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paul Wright, Jan. 28.

Murray High School Tigers won over Calloway County High School Lakers 74 to 65 in a basketball game. High team scorers were George Landolt for Murray and James Wells for Calloway.

40 years ago

The Murray-Calloway County Industrial Fund keeps growing with the fund now at \$152,850, according to James Johnson, executive secretary of Murray Chamber of Commerce.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Rogers, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smiley, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Rose, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Griggs, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Miller and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Boyd.

50 years ago

Immediate action was taken by persons in Calloway County concerning an application by Bob Looney of Paris, Tenn. Looney's application if passed by the Henry County, Tenn., Court would enable him to build a beer selling establishment just across the state line from Hazel.

Murray State College Thoroughbreds won 69 to 65 over Miami Hurricanes. Garrett Beshear was high scorer for Murray.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 03, the 34th day of 2003. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 03, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. (The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship "Dorchester," which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)

In 1995, the space shuttle "Discovery" blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

Five years ago: The state of Texas executed Karla Faye Tucker for the pickax killings of two people in 1983; she was the first woman executed in the United States since 1984. A U.S. military plane sliced through the cable of a ski gondola in Italy, sending the car plunging hundreds of feet, killing all 20 people inside.

One year ago: Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay backed out of testifying before Congress about the collapse of the energy giant. More than 40 people were killed in an earthquake in Turkey.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Table with columns for NORTH, WEST, SOUTH, EAST and card suits (♠, ♥, ♦, ♣).

The bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 1♦, West 2 NT.

Opening lead — five of hearts. This deal occurred near the end of the 1990 World Team Championship final between the United States and Germany in Geneva, Switzerland. It arose during a period when the Germans were making a strong comeback after having trailed by a wide margin earlier in the match.

At the first table, where Charles Coon of the United States was declarer at three notrump, West, Roland Rohowsky, led the heart five. Coon won East's queen with the ace and immediately cashed the K-Q of

diamonds, a move that later proved costly.

When East showed out on the second diamond, declarer led a club to the jack, losing to East's queen. East returned a club to the king and ace, and West exited with the jack of diamonds to dummy's ace. Coon then threw West back on lead with a diamond to the ten.

This time, Rohowsky exited with a heart, and Coon guessed correctly to play dummy's nine, forcing the king. East then returned a heart to the jack, removing dummy's last entry. As a result, Coon was unable to benefit from the lucky fall of West's queen of spades, and he finished with only two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club trick for down one.

At the other table, where North, Jochen Bitschene, wound up as declarer at three notrump, the U.S. East led the heart queen. Declarer took dummy's ace and immediately led a club to the jack and East's queen. East played the K-7 of hearts, declarer winning with the jack and leading a club to the king and ace. West then cashed his good heart and exited with the queen of spades.

The appearance of the spade queen gave Bitschene nine tricks, since he still had the diamond ace as an entry to the jack of spades. In all, he scored three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club, giving the Germans a 12-IMP pickup and a 2-IMP lead in the match.

Tomorrow: Bad luck is not always fatal.

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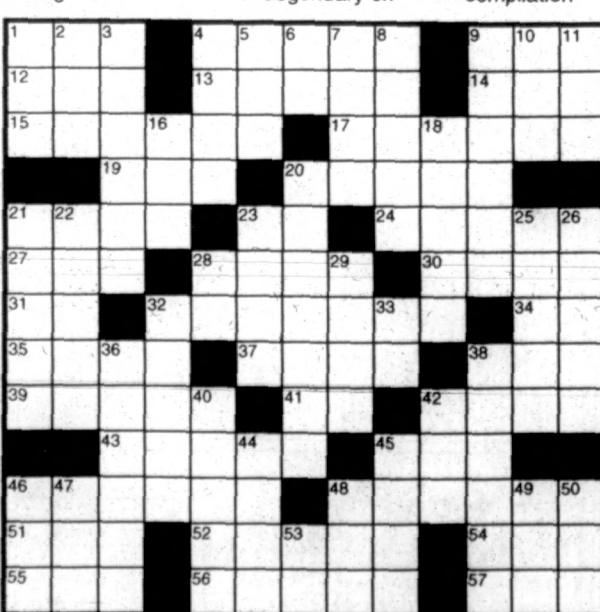
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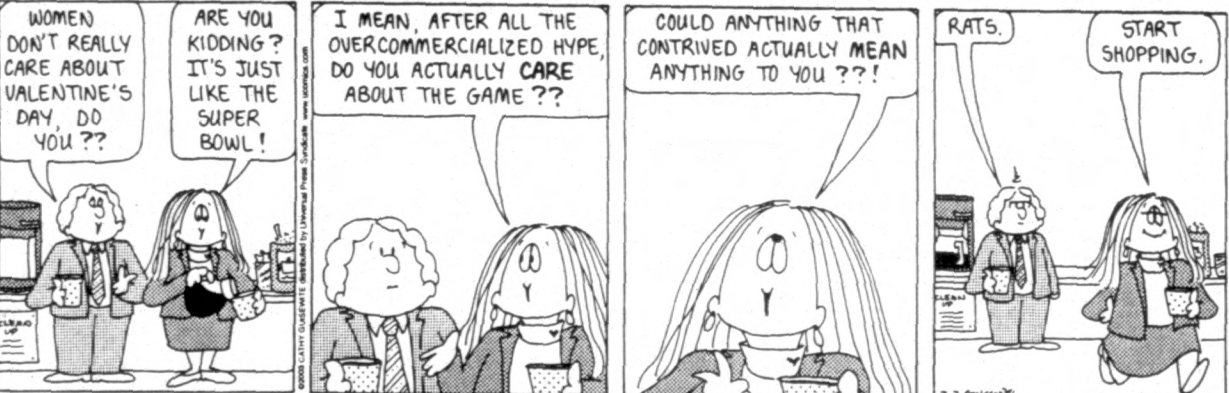


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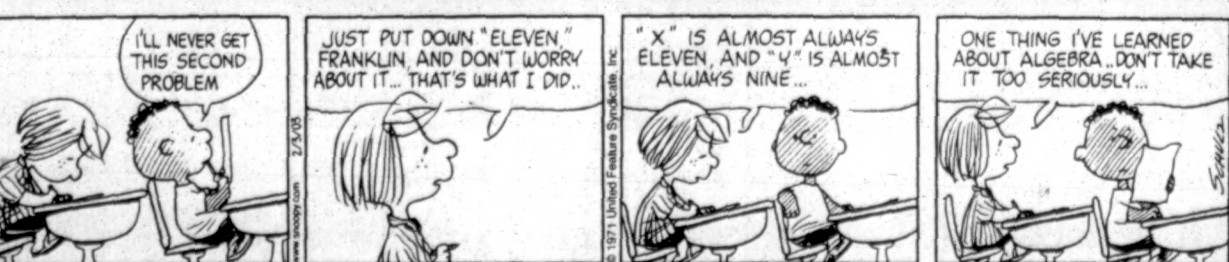
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Sports

Monday, February 3, 2003

CCHS Hoops Homecoming



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BASKETBALL COURT ... Calloway County High School will celebrate basketball homecoming Tuesday at CCHS when the Laker boys' and girls' teams take on Christian Fellowship. The court includes, front row from left, Stephanie Dambra, Nicole Erwin, Heidi van Ameringen, back row, Kayla Henson, Whitney Puckett and Felisha Prescott. The queen will be crowned prior to the boys' varsity game, which is slated to start at approximately 6 p.m.

Lady Lakers' streak snapped

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times
 GREENVILLE, Ky. — A horrid shooting night at Muhlenberg North's First Bank Classic Saturday brought an end to the Calloway County Lady Lakers' seven-game winning streak.

Muhlenberg South (8-10) made just 5-of-21 free throws in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Suns held on to a 49-47 win after containing CCHS (12-6) to six third-quarter points in rallying from an 11-point halftime deficit.

The Lady Lakers managed to make just 4-of-22 3-pointers and 9-of-20 foul shots despite enjoy-

Muhlenberg South 49 LADY LAKERS 47

Calloway County 13 31 37 47
 Muhlenberg South 8 20 36 49
Calloway County (47) — Prescott 12, Dial 11, Fox 7, Morris 4, Taylor 3, White 3, Loveless 2, Ross 2, Williams 2, Radke 1, FG: 17-61, 3-point FG: 4-22 (Fox 2, Prescott, White), FT: 9-20, Rebounds: 30, Record: 12-6.
Muhlenberg South (49) — Rhodes 12, Webster 8, Drake 7, Joyce 6, Thompson 6, Carver 5, Morris 5, FG: 13-31, 3-point FG: 1-4 (Thompson), FT: 22-48, Rebounds: 19, Record: 8-10.

ket in the second half," said Calloway head coach Scott Sivills, whose team led 31-20 at intermission. "We had good looks, but it was just one of those nights where we didn't shoot well."

The Lady Suns — 17-of-31 from the floor and 22-of-48 from the foul line — used a 16-6 third-period run to pull within one point of the Lady Lakers, who went 17-of-61 from the field.

"We also had some foul trouble that hurt us, but they kept us in the game," said Sivills, alluding to Muhlenberg South's struggles from the charity stripe. "We

just didn't block out on those free throws.

"We were out of our environment, and we didn't match their intensity level in the third quarter. They were a scrappy, physical team."

Felisha Prescott led CCHS with 12 points, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer to end the third quarter, while Shameka Dial added 11 for the Lady Lakers.

Calloway will visit Hopkinsville today at 8 p.m. before hosting Fourth District foe Christian Fellowship for Homecoming Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Jeffrey Gymnasium.

Racers ...

From Page 12

The Skyhawks closed to within eight (45-37) as Okechi Egbe drilled a 3-pointer to open the second half, but the Racers quickly extinguished any thoughts of a UTM comeback with back-to-back layups from point guard Mark Borders and Victor.

The recent play of Borders has also given Murray a much-needed spark. The 6-1 sophomore, who took over the starting point guard position following a dis-

appointing home loss to Morehead State on Jan. 23, has provided the Racers with steady ball-handling and good passing skills.

Despite scoring just seven points on 2-of-5 shooting, Borders tallied seven assists while committing just one turnover in 24 minutes of action.

"My job is to distribute the ball and get shots for my shooters," Borders claimed. "It's a role that I've had since high school and AAU ball. Coach (Anderson) gave me the chance to be a leader, and I'm taking advantage of that."

"Mark Borders has the ability to settle our team down and get our guys in the right place on the court," Anderson explained. "Early in the year, (the coaching staff) thought Borders would be

our point guard at mid-season."

The Racers' biggest lead of the night came at the 3:07 mark as Chris Shumate converted a Bullock turnover into two points on the other end with a dunk. Murray forced the Skyhawks into 15 turnovers on the night.

The 6-1 Bullock — who led UTM in scoring at 16.8 points per game entering Saturday's action — scored 18 points on 5-of-11 shooting from the floor. However, the junior guard scored all but three of his points in the first half.

Forward Joey Walker was Martin's only other double-digit scorer, knocking down 5-of-13 attempts for 13 points.

"Murray did a good job of breaking our offense down in the second half," Campbell said. "We

should have done a better job of getting Earl more looks at the basket."

The Racers' depth showed in the second half as 10 MSU players recorded at least one point. Shumate led the way with 19 on 9-of-13 shooting while Victor and Singleton followed. Junior guard Rick Jones added 12, including a 3-of-6 effort from behind the 3-point arc.

Murray now enters a crucial two-game road swing through Tennessee Tech (Thursday) and Austin Peay (Saturday) that will likely determine its chances of a regular-season OVC championship.

"It's very important that we play well this coming week," Anderson said. "If we have any chance of winning the championship, we must win both of these games."

CCHS cruises 74-50

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times
 METROPOLIS, Ill. — Mitchell McClure's return to the Calloway County lineup was an overwhelming success for all the Lakers Saturday.

McClure, a returning All-Purchase Team selection, scored seven points on two 3-pointers off the bench as CCHS (8-10) defeated Johnston City (Ill.) 74-50 at the Massac County Shootout.

The senior guard had averaged 19 points in the Lakers' first three games before suffering a broken foot during a December practice.

LAKERS 74 Johnston City (Ill.) 50

Calloway County 22 39 55 74
 Johnston City 11 24 35 50
Calloway County (74) — Adams 15, Bynum 15, Futrell 11, Walker 10, McClure 7, Barrow 6, Anderson 2, Crouch 2, R. Jones 2, Welter 2, White 2, N. Jones, Murdock, Wyatt, FG: 28-45, 3-point FG: 4-12 (McClure 2, Futrell, Adams), FT: 11-15, Record: 8-10.
Johnston City (50) — Dean 14, Francescon 10, Baker 9, Hunter 7, Ray 5, Baker 2, Roberts 2, Lamó, Mason, Mayfield, Newman, FG: 16-39, 3-point FG: 1 (Francescon), FT: 17-26.

Terry Adams and Jimmy Bynum scored 15 points apiece, Chase Futrell had 11 and Logan Walker

added 10 for Calloway, which placed 11 of its 14 players in the scoreboard.

The Lakers made 28-of-45 field goals, including 4-of-12 3-pointers, and 11-of-15 free throws in storming out to a 22-11 edge after one quarter of play. The lead grew to 15 by halftime and 20 through three periods of play.

Johnston City sank 16-of-39 baskets and 17-of-26 foul shots.

CCHS will next play Tuesday when it hosts Fourth District foe Christian Fellowship for Homecoming at 6 p.m. at Jeffrey Gymnasium.

Tennis teams shut out

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times
 MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The Murray State women's tennis team opened its spring schedule with a 7-0 loss to 23rd-ranked Kentucky Saturday.

Kentucky (3-2) won all three doubles matches. Melissa Spencer and Jaclyn Leeper fell to Jill Buckley and Nathalie Roels 8-4, while Cheryl Graham and Annette Steen lost to Leigh Bradwell and Shannon Stafford 8-2 and Jamie Lee and Tami McQueen fell to Danielle Petrisko and Shannon Stough 8-1.

In singles play, Spencer lost to No. 48 Roels 6-3, 6-2 while Leeper fell to Stafford 6-2, 6-1. Graham lost to Buckley 6-1, 6-2, while Steen fell to Bradwell 6-1, 6-0 and McQueen lost to Petrisko 6-0, 6-0. Lee fell to Stough 8-0.

Men's Tennis

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Murray State was shut out 7-0 at No. 13 Tennessee Saturday morning, but the Racers (0-3) made it interesting for the Volunteers.

At No. 4 singles, MSU's Richem Mourad went three sets with Mark Henderson before falling 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

At No. 1 doubles, Adam Maskill and Masimba Muskwé forced a tie-breaking game against Henderson and Simon Rea before ceding the match 9-8 in the eight-game pro set, falling 7-1 in the tie-breaking game.

Also in doubles, Thiago Gondim and Mourad fell to Mark Dietrich and Wade Orr 8-3 while Zakaria Bahri and Craig Jacobs lost to Rawl Martin and Vinnie Perna 8-1.

In singles play, Maskill fell to No. 56 Dietrich 6-2, 7-6 while Bahri lost to No. 27 Rea 6-4, 6-3. Muskwé fell to Orr 6-2, 7-5, while Jacobs lost to Perna 6-2, 6-1. Tennessee won the sixth singles match by default.

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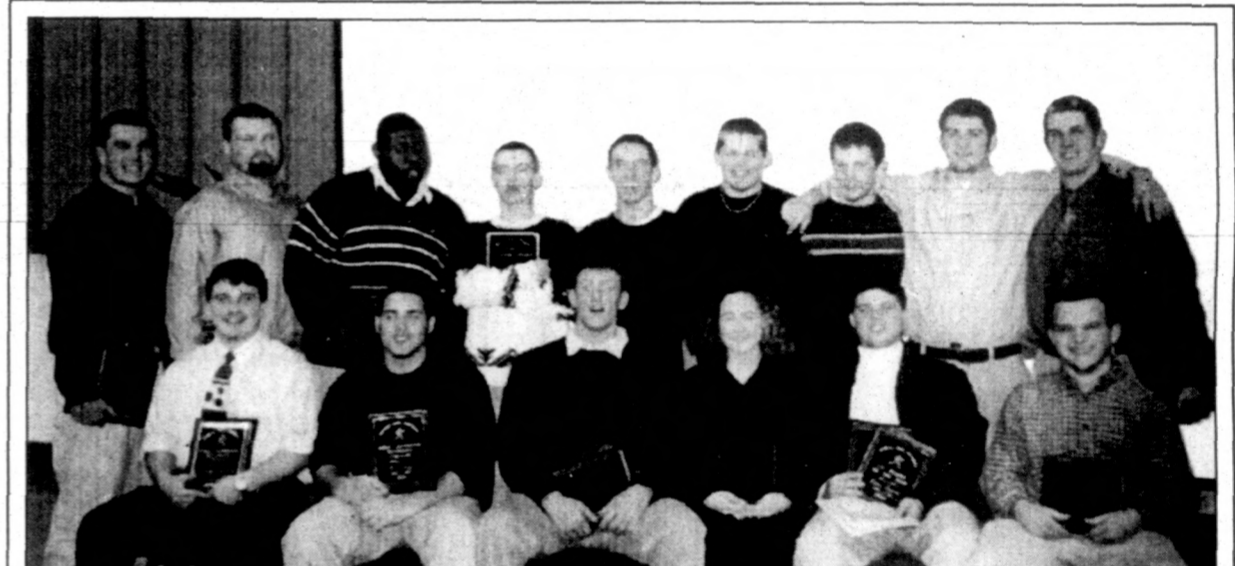
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TIGERS, TIGERS, BURNING BRIGHT ... Members of the Murray High School football team honored during the team's recent awards banquet are (front row, from left) Anthony Schneider, most improved defensive lineman; C.J. Ray, most improved defensive lineman; Nathan Williams, best offensive back, best defensive back, best receiver, best offensive player, most improved offensive back; Shae Burgess, best trainer; Kent Erwin, best junior-varsity, best scout team; Justin Baurer, senior award; (back row) Lorne Stanfa, best defensive player, best offensive back; Grant Burton, senior award; Dominique Hudspeth, most improved offensive lineman; Kenny Quiram, senior award; Seth Darnell, most improved defensive back; Alex Boles, most improved offensive back; Brandon Thurmond, most tackles; Blake Rayburn, best special teams player; and Chase Lambert, senior academic excellence award, best defensive lineman, best defensive player. Not pictured is Jon Bellew, senior award.

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Racers use strengths to overpower UTM

Dominant frontcourt keys MSU

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Learning to lean on its strong points has been the focus of the Murray State basketball team for the past few weeks.

The Racers (12-7, 5-3 OVC) took that to heart again on Saturday, using their frontcourt and depth to overpower visiting Tennessee-Martin 89-70 in a key Ohio Valley Conference tilt at the Regional Special Events Center.

"You've got to play to your strengths, and that is our inside play and our bench," said MSU head coach Jevester Anderson.

Murray dominated the smaller Skyhawks (11-10, 4-5) in the paint — outscoring UTM 48-16 down low while winning the rebounding battle by an easy 45-27 count.

Senior center James Singleton notched another double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds while Cuthbert Victor dropped in 18

RACERS 89
Tennessee-Martin 70
Tennessee-Martin (11-10, 4-5 OVC)
Egbe 2-4 1-3 6, Walker 5-13 2-2 13, Bullock 5-11 3-3 18, Kelly 3-11 2-2 9, Roos 1-1 0-0 2, Asceric 2-3 2-3 7, Ferrell 1-1 2-2 4, Hill 2-3 4-4 8, Howe 1-5 0-0 3, Harris 0-0 0-1 0, Howell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-52 16-20 70.
Murray State (12-7, 5-3 OVC)
Victor 8-12 2-4 18, Shumate 9-13 0-0 19, Singleton 6-13 3-3 15, Borders 2-5 3-5 7, Jones 4-7 1-2 12, Paschel 1-3 1-2 3, Akin 0-0 0-0 0, Henderson 0-1 1-2 1, Hornig 3-8 1-5 7, Haworth 1-1 0-0 2, Whelchel 2-3 0-0 5, Bedeau 0-0 0-0 0, Roncevic 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-68 12-23 89.
Halftime — MSU 43, UTM 34. 3-point goals — UTM 10-20 (Egbe 1-1, Walker 1-1, Bullock 5-10, Kelly 1-5, Asceric 1-1, Howe 1-2). MSU 5-15 (Victor 0-1, Shumate 1-4, Singleton 0-2, Borders 0-1, Jones 3-6, Whelchel 1-1). Fouled out — Egbe. Rebounds — UTM 27 (Walker, Howe 4), MSU 45 (Singleton 12). Assists — UTM 11 (Roos 4), MSU 18 (Borders 7). Total fouls — UTM 21, MSU 18. A — 04,993.

points on 8-of-12 shooting and pulled down nine boards.

"I thought Murray State was a much better team than we were (Saturday)," noted Martin head coach Bret Campbell.

"From a rebounding standpoint, we had no answers. They're just a bigger and stronger team than we are ... I really thought they played with more intensity and effort than we did."

The Racers' lead reached as much as 13 points in the first half as Antione Whelchel nailed a 3-pointer to make the score 28-15 with 7:39 left until the halftime break.

But the Skyhawks refused to fold, using a pair of treys from Earl Bullock and a basket by John Roos to close to within seven (35-28) with just over four minutes remaining.

The MSU advantage stood at 43-34 at the intermission despite the Racers' 56 percent shooting (18-of-32) from the floor.

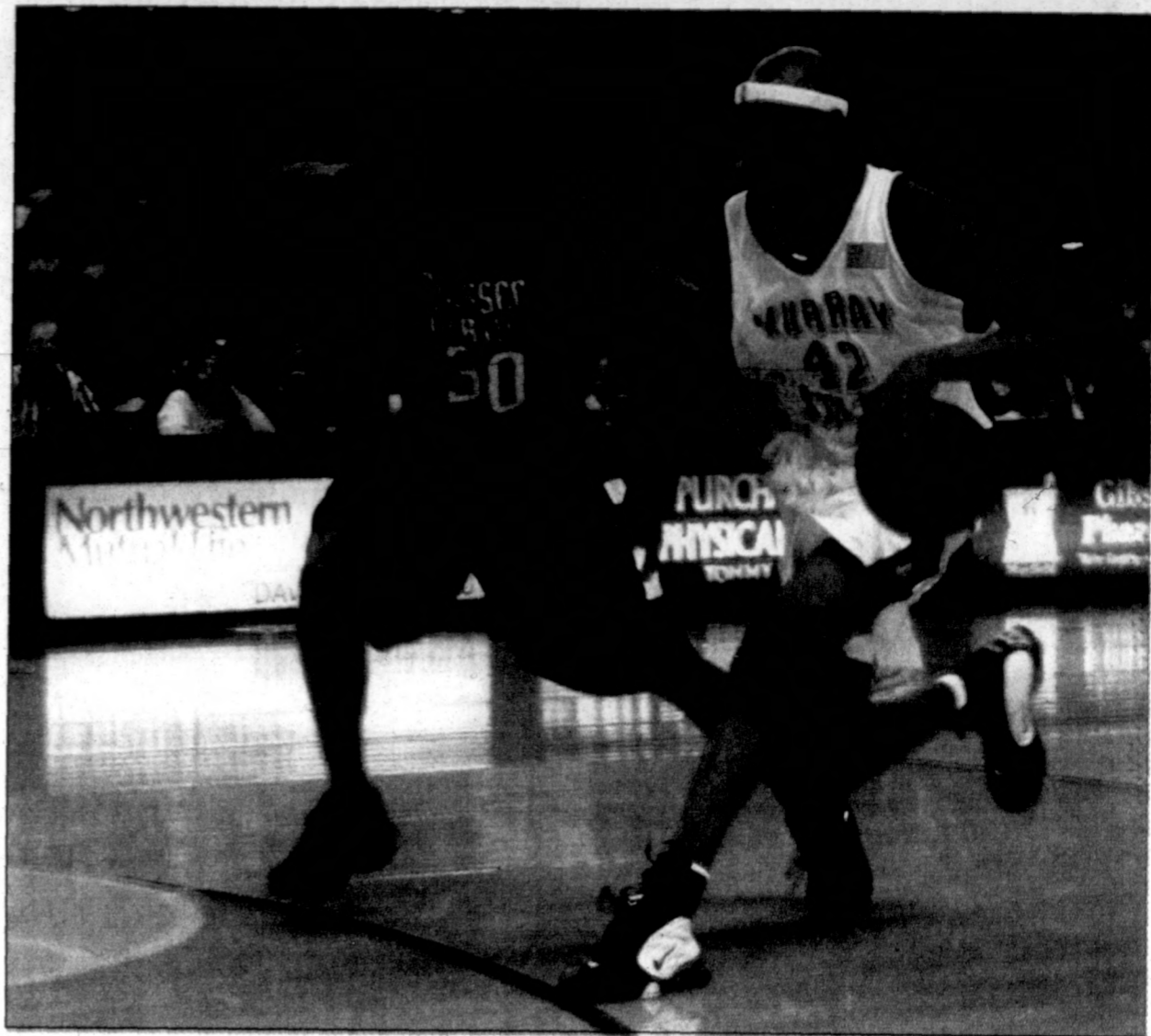
UTM kept itself close by exposing a Murray weakness — perimeter defense.

The Skyhawks hit 6-of-13 attempts from beyond the 3-point stripe in the opening 20 minutes and were 10-of-20 from long range for the contest.

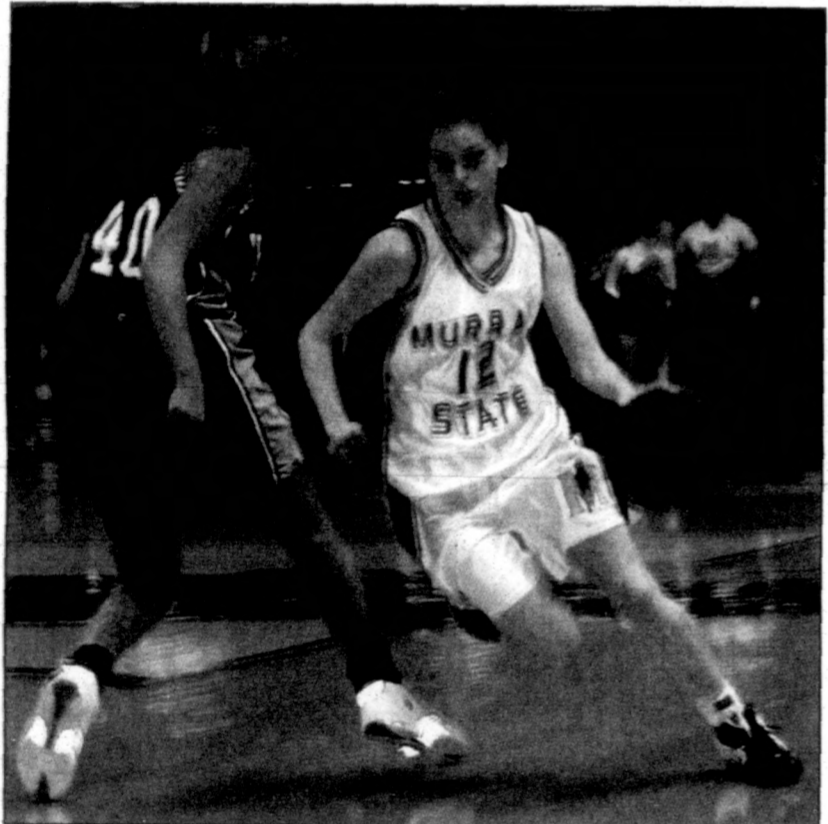
"They shoot the ball extremely well, but I thought our guys played good defense overall," said Anderson, noting that Martin made just 39 percent of its shots in the first half and was only 22-of-52 for the game.

"Anytime you can hold a team like Tennessee-Martin to 42 percent shooting, you've got to feel pretty good."

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HEADING TO THE POST ... Murray State's James Singleton tries to drive by Tennessee-Martin's Joey Walker on his way to the basket during Saturday's 89-70 victory over the Skyhawks. Singleton scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season as the Racers dominated in the paint.



MAKING HER WAY ... Murray State's Lindsay Cornn (12) drives past Tennessee-Martin's Randi Morgan (40) during the Lady Racers' loss to the Skyhawks Saturday at RSEC.

Lady Racers fall to UT-Martin 78-63

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

A first half with nearly as many turnovers as shot attempts proved fatal for the Murray State Lady Racers, who lost to Tennessee-Martin 78-63 Saturday at the Regional Special Events Center.

MSU (5-13, 1-6 Ohio Valley Conference) made just 8-of-19 field goals in the first 20 minutes of play while watching the Lady Skyhawks (8-12, 5-4) turn 15 Lady Racer turnovers into 20 first-half points.

UT-Martin led 41-29 at intermission, committing just four turnovers while sinking 19-of-38 shots before the break.

Beth Schnakenberg led Murray with 23 points and eight rebounds, hitting 6-of-15 shots — including 2-of-6 3-pointers — and 9-of-11 free throws, while Lori Trumblee added 14 points and 13 rebounds off the

bench.

Fellow reserve Megan Fuqua scored nine points in eight minutes, sinking all three of her attempts from behind the 3-point line in the losing effort.

The Lady Racers finished with 22 turnovers and a 35.2-percent shooting performance on the afternoon, connecting on 6-of-16 3-pointers and 19-of-26 foul shots.

Julie Young paced the Lady Skyhawks with 18 points and six rebounds, hitting 8-of-12 shots, while Amy Watson had 13 points, six rebounds and six assists and Randi Morgan poured in 13 points off the Martin pine.

The visitors made 47.1 percent of both their field goals and their attempts from long range while converting 6-of-9 free throws.

Williams gets MVP; AFC romps 45-20 in Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Ricky Williams nearly collided with Rich Gannon while taking the handoff. Then Ricky ran right — and full-back Lorenzo Neal ran left.

It should have been a disaster of a play, but Williams just lowered his head and bulldozed over two defenders into the end zone.

The AFC simply couldn't be stopped in yet another Pro Bowl — not by the NFC, and not even by themselves.

Williams ran for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the

MVP award as the AFC beat the NFC 45-20 on Sunday for their sixth win in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Williams' multifaceted performance was the highlight of a dominant afternoon for the AFC, which got three 100-yard games from its quarterbacks and six interceptions from its defense as the NFL wrapped up its season with another high-scoring all-star game.

"It seems every time we're over here, we do pretty well," said Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez, who had five catches.

Benched James cheers, appeal seems likely

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James posed for pictures with cheerleaders, and then became one himself.

The high school superstar missed the first game of his career Sunday, forced to sit on the bench and root for his teammates after being ruled ineligible for accepting free clothing.

Without James, expected to be the top selection in this year's NBA draft, Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary survived its closest game this season, edging Canton McKinley 63-62.

James' high school career came to an apparent end following a ruling Friday by the Ohio High School Athletic Association that he violat-

ed amateur bylaws by accepting two "throw-back" jerseys worth \$845 from a clothing store.

But James might only be off the court temporarily. Today, he'll likely appeal the OHSAA's decision. School athletic director Grant Innocenzi expects James' attorney, Fred Nance, to seek a temporary restraining order.



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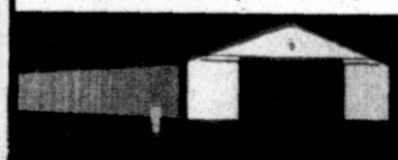
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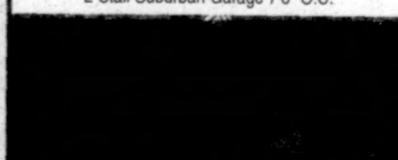
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