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Charges dismissed in Mayfield murder

MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) — A judge has dismissed all charges against a man who was accused in the death of a teenager and said he considered jailing a police officer who withheld evidence from the defense.

"I have never seen a case so encumbered with problems, and I hope I never see another one," said Graves County Circuit Judge John Daughaday on Wednesday.

The case against Jeremy Adams, 22, of Mayfield was dismissed without prejudice, meaning he could be reindicted.

Adams, who is white, was accused of the July 2000 slaying of Jessica Currin, 18, who was black. Due to pretrial publicity, the trial was moved to Benton in Marshall County, which has only 37 black residents out of a population of 30,125.

Daughaday said he came "pretty close" to putting Mayfield Assistant Police Chief Tim Fortner in jail after learning that Adams' attorney didn't receive 18 audio and video tapes containing police interviews until Tuesday, a week before Adams' trial was scheduled to start.

The tapes turned over to defense attorney Renae Tuck included an interview with a juvenile, who confessed to the crime but was not able to give Fortner specifics of the murder.

"It was really nothing, but they were entitled to that," Commonwealth's Attorney David Hargrove said, adding he didn't think Fortner withheld the tapes intentionally, even though he was negligent.

"It's not as sinister as it appears," Hargrove said. "But it surely looks bad."

Hargrove said he didn't have the tapes in question, either.

Daughaday said he would have dismissed the charges with prejudice if he thought Hargrove had been involved in not turning over the evidence.

Several times this week, the judge emphasized that it was Hargrove's duty to make sure the defense received all the evidence. That failure alone would have been grounds for an appeal, Daughaday said.

Daughaday expressed disbelief in court over the problems in the case. He told members of the Currin family that they were entitled to closure, but it had to be done according to the law.

"It's a real tragedy it's going to have to end like this now," he said.

Adams remains the primary suspect in Currin's death, Hargrove said. Adams also had been charged with tampering with physical evidence and abuse of a corpse. He was in jail on an unrelated drug conviction when he was indicted in Currin's death.

Currin's beaten and burned body was found by a teacher behind Mayfield Middle School on Aug. 1, 2000. Police believe her body was behind the school for more than 48 hours.

Charges in connection with the Currin murder against two other people will also be dropped. Carlos

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Battle of the Budget

Educators flock to fight for funding

By JOE BIESK
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Thousands of educators and supporters swarmed the Capitol's front lawn Wednesday, clamoring for additional state money for education.

Despite the state's grim fiscal outlook, the teachers say legislators must find more money for school programs and teachers' wages.

"What we want them to do is figure out how to pay the bills," Susan Perkins Weston, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Councils, told the crowd.

Organizers from the Kentucky Education Association claimed to have confirmed more than 21,000 participants. Armed with signs, their voices and their sheer numbers, ralliers braved the cold and did their best to get lawmakers' attention.

KEA members toted bags of school-funding promotional material for legislators. The goodies included big, inflatable crayons and postcards signed by teachers. All the bags bore a legislator's name and photo.

Jeannie Lane, who lives in Anderson County but teaches kindergarten at Collins Lane Elementary in Frankfort, drew Rep. Jack Coleman, D-Burgin, her own legislator.

Lane said she personally favors raising the "sin taxes" on cigarettes and alcohol, plus belt tightening elsewhere. "Before any single teacher loses his or her job, every department in the state ought to look at who's expendable," Lane said.

Republican Rep. Dwight Butler of Harmed said he was gratified by the crowd and that he had feared

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RALLYING THE TROOPS ... Educators Marti Newcomb-Thompson, center left, and Norah Perry, center right, of South Oldham High School, oppose budget cuts in education during a rally at the Capitol building in Frankfort, Ky. Wednesday.

House budget bill shifts funds, uses savings wherever found

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A budget bill approved by the House appropriations committee Wednesday balances without higher taxes by shifting tens of millions of dollars and using savings where they can be found.

It proposes to hold education, corrections and human services at no worse than current levels, then cut everything else in the executive branch by 2.6 percent through fiscal year 2004.

All told, the executive branch budget would shift about \$119 million that its drafters found around state government. It also would take money from some programs and put off paying the bills for others.

For example, it would take \$9.7 million from elsewhere in the Cabinet for Families and Children and direct it to child care subsidies. It also would ensure 250 additional slots for "community living" services for the mentally retarded.

"As a general strategy, there were areas of the budget we tried to

“We’re talking about a Band-Aid over a malignancy.”

— Rep. Jim Wayne
D-Louisville

have protected," said the chairman of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Rep. Harry Moberly of Richmond. "This is one of those areas."

The opening of two juvenile justice centers in Fayette and Boyd counties would be delayed, saving \$1.1 million. And a program under which prison inmates can take community college courses would be cut, saving \$6.5 million this year and next.

Ten million dollars would be transferred from the state's highway construction fund to the Kentucky State Police. In addition, \$2.5 million from unclaimed lottery winnings would be requisitioned for the state's General Fund, leaving

\$500,000 less per year for a trust fund that underwrites housing for the poor.

If enacted, the budget would codify Gov. Paul Patton's moratorium on personal service contracts — an object of criticism by Republicans, especially in the Senate.

Contracts now total about \$357 million per year. Agencies could award no more during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, and contract spending would have to be reduced by \$75 million the following year.

Moberly, the committee chairman, said the reduction will force government agencies to be choosier about their spending.

The budget also would allow state employees to be furloughed — put on unpaid leave — but not laid off. It also would require termination of 50 of state government's 170 "principal assistants," all of whom are political hires, by June 30. One hundred more nonmerit employees would have to be eliminated in

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Hospital's expansion plans have options

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Plans have been almost totally scratched for the hospital's expansion project.

The Murray Calloway County Hospital Planning Committee met Wednesday to discuss different proposals reviewed at an earlier architects meeting, which could result in a completely different design.

Hospital President/CEO Isaac Coe and Mark Thompson, vice president of professional services, explained that after discussing three different options with the architects, the best possible solution, because of convenience and finances, would be to build a new facility on the current hospital site.

Coe said the group looked at building a completely new hospital on a new site, constructing a new building on the current site, and the original proposal of renovating the current building.

At a previous Board of Commissioners meeting, Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins said an interested individual was willing to donate the land the hospital would need if it would build a new facility.

Coe said he was very flattered with the land donation on the South end of Murray, which he said was made by Howard Brandon, however it might not be feasible.

Thompson explained that construction costs of a brand new facility would be \$60 million; however

this does not include relocating facilities located next to the current site, such as the cancer center and the Medical Arts Building. He said it could cost up to \$80 million to include the relocation of the buildings to the new site.

"We should extend our gratitude to Howard Brandon for this contribution," Coe said.

Thompson also said there were some glitches in the renovation plan originally slated for the hospital. What was to cost only \$32 million in construction costs, has now increased to \$40 million.

"To be able to fix the surgery area, we would have to build three more rooms," he said.

He said the hospital would have to cut back on some of the improvement projects they intended, like the emergency room and radiology.

He also said construction was to take longer than originally planned.

"Our gut is none of that is acceptable," Thompson said.

The third option, which Thompson said was most logical, is to build a new building in the west

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Nominating group discusses MCCH board positions

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

There are three slots available on the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Commissioners. To prepare filling these slots, representatives from the city, county, Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce and hospital met Tuesday morning to discuss applicants.

Nineteen people throughout the county applied for the three positions — one for the city and two for the county — which included Thomas B. Auer, Althia Caldwell, Ronald Churchill Jr., Hollis Clark, Bill J. Crass, Thomas Ewing, Rick Harris, Rick Lampkin, Michael I. Lovins, Amos McCarty Jr., Hal Edward Nance, Jack D. Rose, Edward Shiners, Charles H. Walston, Sharon M. Wells, Joseph C. Wright, Dewey Yeatts, John Albert Youngerman and Buel E. Stalls Jr.

Before the voting began, board chairman Scott Seiber announced that Harris would be removed from the voting list. Harris is a city employee and is ineligible, according to the bylaws.

Members of the nominating committee voted nine candidates as the most qualified. Votes were totaled

and, because of a tie, 10 were given to Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins and Murray Mayor Tom Rushing to select and take back to their elected representatives for appointment.

The only candidate who is running as an incumbent on the board is Walston, an appointee of the city. Seiber explained that if Walston is voted back into the top nine, he will automatically go to the city's list of nominees because he is an incumbent of the city.

The previous year, the mayor and Judge-Executive drew names from a container for possible appointees. Seiber said he knows there is some disagreement throughout the county over people who live in the city limits being appointed to the board by the county, which made him unsure about a blind drawing.

Elkins said he felt the fairest way would be to take the entire list of candidates to the court for approval by the Fiscal Court. "I believe the elected representatives should be making those decisions," he said.

MCCH Chief of Staff Casey Hines disagreed. Hines said he felt as health care officials and representatives, they could best determine

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The following are events that are of interest to our readers:

- NOTICES**
- Murray School Superintendent Dale Reid and Murray State University Dr. King Alexander will hold a press conference Friday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m. in the Murray High School cafeteria, presenting a local impact of proposed budget cuts to education. All interested parties are invited.
 - The next meeting of the Murray-Calloway County Park Board will be Monday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce's Commerce Centre. Committee reports will deal with hiring a marketing/special events coordinator, plus Youth Sports Association and Playhouse in the Park.
 - The Community Healthcare Foundation board will meet Monday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at 1003 Poplar St. Up for discussion are matters regarding new foundation chairs and donation determinations for upcoming capital projects.

School funding lawsuit dismissal sought

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Paul Patton and legislative leaders have asked that a lawsuit over school funding be dismissed. Senate President David L. Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards said the Kentucky Constitution gives them immunity from such suits when acting in their official capacities. "In recognizing the applicability of the (Constitution) to civil actions, the courts seek to protect legislators not only from the threat of liability,

but equally important, from the burdens and distractions inherent in civil litigation," Williams, a Burkesville Republican, and Richards, a Bowling Green Democrat who is running for governor, said in a motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed this week in Franklin County Circuit Court. Williams and Richards were responding to a lawsuit brought by 16 south-central Kentucky schoolchildren and their parents. Patton said in a separate response that he should not be named in the lawsuit, that the issues raised in it should be settled by the governor and the General Assembly and not the courts, and that he denies the allegations made by the students in the lawsuit about school funding. The lawsuit against the General Assembly and Patton, filed last month, argued that the state's system of funding schools was unconstitutional. It asks the court to declare the state funding system for schools unconstitutional, to force the legislature to pass a budget with school funding that is equal among districts and adequate to provide a proper education and to monitor implementation of a new funding system. In a landmark 1985 case brought by the Council for Better Education against the state, the state Supreme Court declared the state school system unconstitutional. That decision led to the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act.

■ Educators ...

From Front

the cold would keep many away. "It just underscores the point we already know but it needs to be heard — our teachers are underpaid," Butler said in an interview. "If anyone doesn't know it now, this will drive the point home to them." Gov. Paul Patton issued a statement in support teachers. He said since 1990, Kentucky's schools have improved despite having some of the lowest paid teachers in the nation. "I'm proud of what our teachers have accomplished since the Kentucky Education Reform Act was passed in 1990," Patton said. "Twelve years ago we asked them to do the impossible and they responded."

Following the nearly two-hour rally, the mammoth group circled the Capitol to send lawmakers a final message. "Legislators are people who count votes, and I think they're impressed by numbers," said Jon Henrikson, a former KEA presi-

dent who lives at Blackey in Letcher County. Not all the marchers were teachers. Pam Frink, mother of a first-grader at Moyer Elementary in Fort Thomas, carried a sign reading: "I'm here representing 23 teachers who are teaching my children today." The school's principal, Dan Hamilton, said the district has been delaying maintenance and scrimping on supplies to save money. Next would be personnel cuts, he said, and Fort Thomas voters will make a critical decision on March 4 in an election for a special tax levy. One man, Daniel Clemens, donned a sign that read, "Will Work for Food." The 26-year-old psychology teacher at Bullitt East High School in Mount Washington said the sign is not far from reality when considering what he pays for graduate school classes and other bills. "Young teachers with families can't make it in this state," he said. "My sign's true. I will work for food."

■ House ...

From Front

December. The committee's vote to approve the bill was unanimous, though one legislator was outspokenly unhappy about it. "We're talking about a Band-Aid over a malignancy," said Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, who had expressed a preference for a tax increase. "We know tax modernization is a must. We had a chance to start that here. ... The majority has chosen not to do that." Moberly said the budget was the best attainable under the circumstances — a short, off-year legislative session that was not designed for budget action. The legislature is only rushing toward a budget because it failed to enact one in its regular session last year. "A short session is not the time," Moberly said. Any attempt to raise taxes "has to be thoroughly explained to the people. ... We will demonstrate we have taken all the waste out of state government." The legislation is House Bill 269.

Murray man arrested in stabbing incident

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

A Murray man has been arrested for a stabbing incident that occurred in Marshall County last week. Paul Ray Erwin, 42, was arrested Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. by Kentucky State Police on a charge of second-degree assault. Erwin was lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center. KSP was informed of a stabbing incident on

Palestine Church Road in Aurora last Friday at 12:40 a.m. Upon arrival, KSP Trooper Russell Boyd spoke with the victim, 32-year-old Kenneth Myers of Aurora. Myers told Boyd he was at a party in Aurora and was stabbed in the mouth after refusing to drive a friend home. Myers was then taken to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital, where he was treated and released. The Murray Police Department assisted KSP with Erwin's arrest. An investigation is continuing by Trooper Boyd.

Possible phone scam reported

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

The Calloway County Sheriff's Office has received a report of a possible scam. The sheriff's office received one call Wednesday about the possible scam. The caller told the sheriff's office that a female caller had told them she was collecting money for a new fire house. Calloway County Fire-Rescue said the caller did not represent them, and the Murray Fire Department said they had no knowledge of the call being made. Calloway County Sheriff Larry Roberts said the call was definitely false. "As far as I know, that's the only call we've gotten on that," Roberts said. "If we get more, it'll definitely be a concern because it's a scam." Roberts urged anyone who received any similar calls to contact the sheriff's office at 753-3151. "People don't need to be getting ripped off," he said. "There's plenty of good causes out there, but some people just like to take advantage of people's generosity sometimes."

FireLog

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

• Five trucks and 15 firefighters responded to a report of a house fire at 1245 Charlie Miller Road this morning at 12:38 a.m. A spokesperson for CCFR said the fire was put out, but the house was ruled to be a total loss because of extensive fire and smoke damage. CCFR personnel returned to the scene at approximately 5:30 a.m. this morning after the fire rekindled. The spokesperson said the owners of the home, who were unidentified, escaped uninjured.

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

Chemical weapons at Kentucky depot set to be neutralized

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The 523 tons of chemical weapons being stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot will be destroyed but not incinerated, U.S. Department of Defense officials said Wednesday. Instead, the weapons will be neutralized through a chemical process. Building the necessary facilities and eliminating the chemicals is expected to take at least 12 years and cost about \$2 billion, depot spokesman Dave Easter said. "As a military force, I don't think the U.S. needs them," Easter said. The U.S. must dispose of its chemical weapons as part of an international treaty by the year

■ Hospital ...

From Front

side of the hospital. It would be three stories tall and house departments such as the emergency room, surgery, outpatient, radiology, labor/delivery and others. The project would take 24-26 months to complete and construction would cost \$32 million. "This is the first step of building a whole new facility on this site" Coe said. Construction could begin on the rest of the hospital in 10 years. He also said when most of the departments

move to the new building, there will be quite a bit of empty space. If the hospital creates any new services, or needs to expand, the space will then be available. The main problem they can already anticipate is parking. However, he said it will get rid of the confusing maze of services within the old building. "Almost everything that is part of that maze goes to the new building," Coe said. Coe stressed this design will continue to be examined before any decisions were made.

■ Murder ...

From Front

Saxton, 22, of Mayfield, had been charged with complicity, and a juvenile, had been charged with hindering prosecution and apprehension, and criminal facilitation to commit murder. The juvenile is not the same one who had confessed to the murder.

■ Positions ...

From Front

who was best qualified for the board before names are presented to the fiscal court and city council. "I believe it is up to us to choose who's most qualified and submit those names. If those are not acceptable, then we'll send more names," he said. Walston was one of the final 10 and was automatically sent to the city for consideration. The city also chose Clark and Caldwell. The county chose Shiners, Wright, Yeatts, Rose, Lovins, and Ewing.

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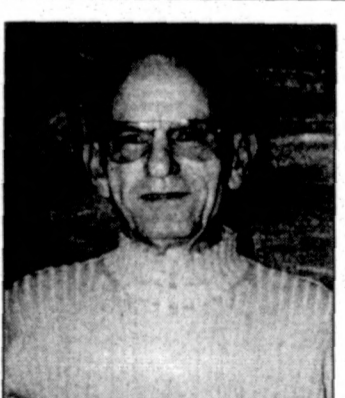
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Powell to confront critics of war with Iraq

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says he intends to ask France and Germany whether they are opposing war with Iraq in order to get President Saddam Hussein "off the hook."



Powell

The confrontations are set for Friday in New York when chief U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei report on searches that have not turned up what the Bush administration has characterized as hundreds of concealed and illicit biological and chemical weapons.

U.S. and Russian officials on

Wednesday said international missile experts this week did find that an Iraqi missile exceeds the maximum 93-mile range allowed under U.N. resolutions. U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said it was now up to Blix to recommend what to do about the violation.

In the meantime, Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld are pressing for congressional support for action against Iraq. Powell planned a third consecutive day of testimony, this time before the Senate Budget Committee. Rumsfeld was testifying at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

In addition, Turkey's foreign minister, Yasar Yakis, was holding talks in Washington on basing American troops in Turkey for use against Iraq.

And Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., asked President Bush to consider convening debtor and donor

conferences to pay for a smooth, post-Saddam transition.

In a letter to the president, Lieberman said he was "in full agreement that we must put an end to the threat that Saddam Hussein and his regime in Iraq pose to the U.S., the region and our allies."

With debate on a new U.N. resolution due next week in the 15-member Security Council, Powell told a House committee the United States was expecting support from several nations, including Spain and Italy.

Not among them, at this point, are France, Germany, Russia and China. The French, Chinese and Russians have veto power. Russian President Vladimir Putin, in France, reiterated his opposition to using force to ensure that Iraq is rid of weapons of mass destruction, and repeated a warning that Russia could use its veto in the Security Council to oppose such action.

China may be last hope for nuclear-free Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is concerned that its goal of a denuclearized North Korea may not be possible unless China uses diplomatic leverage to force a retreat by Pyongyang.

As intelligence officials told Congress that North Korea has missiles capable of reaching the western United States, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that China accounts for 80 percent of the foreign assistance North Korea receives.



AP Photo

KEEPING GUARD ... North, center, and South Korean soldiers stand at the truce village of Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone, north of Seoul, today.

Testifying before the House International Relations Committee, Powell said, "We are pressing China with this case."

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Yingfan said Wednesday: "We have to handle this. That's our respon-

sibility. But how to, and when, I think we need some consultation" among members of the U.N. Security Council.

Since North Korea's uranium-based nuclear program was first disclosed last October, China has made clear that it opposes the existence of nuclear weapons on the peninsula.

The next venue for the Korea drama is expected to be the Security Council. The International Atomic Energy Agency dispatched the issue to the council on Wednesday after declaring the North to be in violation of its commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty. That step could lead to international sanctions against the North but the Bush administration has yet to take a stand on that.

Kentucky poll: More than two-thirds support U.S. action in Iraq

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — More than two-thirds of Kentuckians surveyed in a new poll favor U.S. military action in Iraq, and three-fourths of those think the United States should attack even if Great Britain is the only major ally who supports such a war.

The number supporting military action, 69 percent, is up from September, when a similar poll showed 64 percent favoring military action.

The Courier-Journal's Bluegrass Poll questioned 804 adults Feb. 5 through

Monday. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

President Bush's approval rating slid again among Kentuckians, according to the poll. The newspaper published the results today.

Bush's approval rating was 68 percent, the poll showed. That was down from 87 percent in March 2002 and 77 percent in October 2002.

At the same time, those who feel the country is on the wrong track has increased

to 53 percent.

The poll also indicated the sluggish economy continued to concern Kentuckians, who said it ought to be a higher priority than the war on terrorism or possible action against Iraq.



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP Photo

READY TO MOVE OUT ... Army Specialist Robert Rottiers from Riverside, Calif., assigned to the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault, guides a five-ton truck down several flatbed rail cars as the division prepares to deploy overseas at Fort Campbell, Ky., Wednesday.

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'Paul Revere's Ride' (Updated)

If Henry Wadsworth Longfellow were writing today, perhaps he might update his classic poem, "Paul Revere's Ride":



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

*Listen my children and you shall hear,
Of the terrorist threats both far and near.
In the year of our Lord two thousand and three,
Comes a new threat not only by land, but by air and by sea.
The rider Tom Ridge and the*

*president, too,
Warn of coming disaster for me and for you
We'd use lanterns to hang if we just had enough
But the threats are so many we'd run out of stuff.
Now, instead of the lamps Revere said he would hang in Boston's Old North Church in April, 1775, to warn of the approaching British, we use color codes and are warned to be "alert."*

Why is this happening to America? Didn't we recently free a sizable portion of the world from the grip of communism? Are not thousands of our young men buried at Normandy and the names of others carved on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington for paying the highest price and bearing the ultimate burden in the service of other people's freedom and humanity?

Have we not transferred trillions of dollars in aid and trade to other nations, and would do so to those in the Middle East if they would live in peace with us and their neighbors?

What other nation rebuilds and reconciles with its enemies like the United States? Radical Islamists claim the United States oppresses Muslims around the world, but this is a clever lie to divert the attention of the oppressed from their real oppressors — political and religious dictators who wish to remain in power and have access to life's goodies, while denying the same to others in order to keep them under their control.

They add to their oppression a vision of an angry, vengeful God who needs corrupt human beings to impose his will by force and to murder anyone who can be labeled an "infidel," which is to say everyone — even Muslims who do not sub-

scribe to their doctrine of serial assassinations, terrorism and the dehumanizing of women.

Some worry of a "wider war" if we attack Iraq. We are already in that wider war. The question is, will we recognize it now, or will we be forced to realize it later after more of us are killed?

If a killer is coming after you, it's better to intercept him before he gets to your door.

This war will not be settled by diplomats or friendly persuasion. It will not be won with promises of aid. The people who hate us have been whipped into frenzy by Arab and Muslim "educators," editorial writers, cartoonists, political leaders and clergy whose venom is as poisonous to the mind and spirit as the ricin they are producing in clandestine labs to use against us.

How much more must we tolerate before we strike at the evil coming from abroad and root out the dangers among us? No more, says the Bush administration as it contemplates expansion of the USA Patriot Act to allow the government broad new powers to increase domestic intelligence-gathering and surveillance.

This may be the most difficult war we have ever fought, because the front line is less on a foreign battlefield than it is in our will.

For a few, no amount of dead Americans will be enough to warrant an all-out war abroad and resolving the problem at home. But for the vast majority, who may soon see — if there are more terrorist attacks — just how serious the threat to our way of life has become, we are going to have to rally ourselves as our ancestors did during the American Revolution.

As Longfellow described those times and the "spirit of alarm" conveyed by Paul Revere: "to every Middlesex village and farm/A cry of defiance, and not of fear."

Will the people "waken and listen to the oppressed from their real oppressors — political and religious dictators who wish to remain in power and have access to life's goodies, while denying the same to others in order to keep them under their control."

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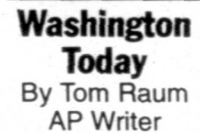
I'D RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE ANYWHERE... NOPE!
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By Mike Slocum
THE CRANFORD REGISTER

Could U.S. be wrong, critics right?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already at odds with the United Nations, the Bush administration now finds itself quarreling with NATO, the Western alliance the United States has always dominated. Snubs from France, Germany and Belgium have riled U.S. policy-makers and raised fresh questions on war preparations and goals.



Washington Today
By Tom Raum
AP Writer

The administration insists its escalating course on Iraq is the right one. But some analysts and critics suggest the United States could defeat Iraq militarily only at the expense of poisoning vital trans-Atlantic relations.

"We cannot run NATO this way, with allies plotting against allies. We must get the alliance back on the firm footing of common goals and mutual respect," Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Tuesday as NATO ambassadors in Brussels, Belgium, failed to break the deadlock.

The latest dispute involves efforts by France, Germany and

Belgium to block a request by Turkey for NATO war supplies to help deter a possible retaliatory attack from neighboring Iraq.

President Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, called it a setback for NATO and for Turkey, the only Muslim member of the 19-nation alliance, but "a setback that the president believes will be overcome."

It comes as anti-war opposition and anti-American sentiment spread throughout Europe. "Nothing today justifies war," French President Jacques Chirac asserted.

France also has threatened to block U.S. war plans on the U.N. Security Council where it holds veto power. Russia, which also holds a Security Council veto, has joined with France and Germany in calling for extending weapons inspections in Iraq and delaying war.

Ignoring the widening U.S.-European rift, the administration pressed ahead Tuesday in further building its case for war, citing a new audio tape purported to be of Osama bin Laden as evidence of links between the suspected Sept. 11 terror leader and Iraq. The voice on the tape called on Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks against Americans and defend themselves against a U.S. attack.

The NATO deadlock has dealt a heavy blow to the 53-year old

alliance and represents the sharpest trans-Atlantic feud since Egyptian President Gamal Abdel-Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal in 1956.

The Eisenhower administration, breaking with Britain and France, opposed the use of force to reopen it. Britain and France, aligned with Israel, went to war anyway. This time it is Britain and the United States pressing for the use of force in the Middle East.

"I think in the short term, the United States is in the stronger position. It can accomplish its military goals without German and French help," said Michael Mandelbaum, a foreign policy professor at Johns Hopkins University and author of the book, "The Ideas that Conquered the World."

"The downside is that the task of reconstructing Iraq once the United States has inherited responsibility for it could be long, difficult and expensive. International support at that point is indispensable," Mandelbaum said.

Many Democrats and GOP moderates, including critics of a rush to war, are finding themselves in a predicament — not wanting to appear unpatriotic if war begins and annoyed at some of the European reaction.

"The ingratitude of the governments of Belgium, France and

Germany boggles the mind. If it were not for the heroism of American soldiers during the Second World War, Hitler's Third Reich would be in its eighth decade," said Rep. Tom Lantos of California, the top Democrat on the House International Relations Committee.

At a Senate hearing Tuesday, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., told Secretary of State Colin Powell that "all this big talk, braggadocio" by the president "frightens the international community, much less some here in this country."

Powell insisted the United States was not putting its international alliances in jeopardy. "We're not breaking up the alliance," he said, noting a vast majority of NATO supports the United States on Iraq.

But Michele Flournoy, a senior adviser with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said it is "imperative that we build a stronger international coalition over the next several weeks. The downside risks of going to war without that are substantial."

Tom Raum has covered national and international affairs for The Associated Press since 1973.

Presidential hopeful list may soon grow

By WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic presidential field consists of a half-dozen candidates now, but that group could grow by at least three or four in the coming weeks — to a number veteran political observers say wouldn't be unusual for a year when there is no clear front-runner.

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich and former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun are expected to announce their decision in the next week, associates say, which would make them eligible to deliver a formal address at the Democratic National Committee meeting in Washington Feb. 20-22. Only those candidates who have announced their intentions in a public forum and made plans to form an exploratory committee are allowed to speak, Democratic officials say.

Florida Sen. Bob Graham plans to file papers launching a presidential campaign in the next two or three weeks to begin raising money, according to close associates, but he has put off a final decision on whether to seek the nomination until after he recuperates from heart surgery.

Former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart is traveling around the country delivering policy speeches as he mulls over whether to run. Delaware Sen. Joe Biden hasn't ruled out a bid although associates say he is waiting until the fall to make a decision while Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd is still considering his options. Former NATO commander

Political Notebook

Wesley Clark is reportedly keeping an eye on the race, Democratic activists say, although he carefully avoids discussing his plans in public.

"Since there's no front-runner, lots of people think 'Why not?'" said Charles Jones, a presidential scholar and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "There's nothing lost, particularly at this early stage, in trying out."

Those already in the race are former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Jones said this is a chance for potential candidates to test their appeal, which can be measured by their ability to raise money and attract talented staff, adding: "Some will peel off before the primaries."

At least two — and possibly more — of the Democrats hoping to challenge President Bush next year are planning to be in Florida to attend the AFL-CIO's winter meetings later this month, officials said Wednesday.

Dean and Gephardt will be courting labor leaders during the AFL-CIO's three-day meeting at the union-owned Diplomat Hotel and Spa in Hollywood Beach Feb. 25-27.

Lieberman is planning to visit Florida that week, but his campaign has not yet finalized details, spokesman Jano Cabrera said. Edwards is considering a trip to the meeting, but aides say final plans haven't been worked out.

The meeting offers the candidates a chance to appear in a crucial swing state and provides them with an opportunity to court the labor leaders they will need during the campaign. Lane Windham, an AFL-CIO spokeswoman, said the union does not plan to hold a forum for the candidates during the private meeting.

Gephardt, who received strong support from organized labor during his presidential bid in 1988, will address the executive council Feb. 25 in his role as former congressional leader, Windham said.

Graham is not expected to attend. Physicians have advised him not to travel until March while he recovers from heart surgery, spokesman Paul Anderson said.

Aides to Kerry, who is recovering from prostate surgery, said it is unlikely he will attend the meeting. And Sharpton's spokeswoman was not immediately available to comment.

Associated Press writer Ken Thomas in Miami contributed to this notebook.

HonorRoll

Murray High School has released the names of students making the honor roll for the first semester as follows:

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SPECIAL EVENTS...Members of Girl Scout Troop #579 in top photo pictured with Mrs. Tennessee America are, from left, front row, Katrina Olson, Christina Veach, Ania Phillips, back row, Elizabeth Brewer, Madison Schwetman, Erin Mayo, Elizabeth Dawson, and Alex Bloodworth. Troop members in bottom photo pictured at MCCH's Long Term Care Unit are, Madison Schwetman, Aneshia Gray, Ms. Dorothy, Karlee Wilson, Christina Veach and Katrina Olson. Members of Girl Scout Troop #579 of Murray have been very busy since the beginning of 2003. In addition to a successful cookie sale, the troop recently enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Tennessee America, Erin Mayo. She spoke to the girls about inner beauty and having a positive self-image. At a February meeting, the troop delivered balloons and Valentine's Day cards to the residents of Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Long Term Care unit.



Martin leaves musical legacy to Murray State

Although, Olen F. Martin died recently, he left a huge musical legacy behind. More commonly known to many as Len Foster, Martin was the former leader of the Len Foster Band, a 12 piece dance band that was formed at Murray State University in 1942 and entertained campus groups and surrounding communities with its big band music for many years.

Martin, a 1949 MSU graduate and native of Lorain, Ohio, came to Murray State with more than 25 other musically talented classmates. Martin said the reason they all came to Murray State University was due to the influence of their high school band director, Howard F. Brown.

Originally sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha and representatives of the university, the Len Foster Band performed big band music from 1942-43, prior to the war.

During this period some of the members were attending Murray State on music scholarships and part of their scholarship agreement required them to play for different events on campus. The group disbanded for the war and then regrouped in 1946 and continued playing until 1949.

The group began touring in a black 1937 Dodge limousine Martin purchased from a funeral director in Cleveland, Ohio. Years later, when the band regrouped after the war, Martin purchased a bus they painted blue and called the "Blue Wienie." These two vehicles took the group to gigs in Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Missouri and throughout Kentucky.

Each fall, Martin joined many members of the group to return to their alma mater's annual homecoming festivities for a reunion.



Olen F. Martin

Two years ago, the group began hosting a Len Foster big band performance on the MSU campus to kick off the Len Foster Music Scholarship Endowment.

Alumni and friends were able to attend a night of music, dancing and listening pleasure and make a suggested donation toward the scholarship. This was also the same year Martin was named a Golden Horseshoe recipient for his musical contributions to Murray State university.

Dr. Roger Reichmuth, former chair of MSU's department of music who has been active with the reunions, said Martin's musical contributions were many.

"It was Olen Foster Martin's

leadership that brought this reunion and scholarship to fruition. He was dedicated to giving his musicians a chance to get reacquainted and resurrect favorite stories and memories. It was, in effect, a way of passing the torch, and also connecting a valuable link in the history of the music department at Murray State University," he explained.

"The department of music was receptive to this idea and made a special effort to make the reunions memorable for those who came. Along the way, there was the idea of playing some of the music that the Len Foster Band played. This turned into something that was made available to the general public and as a means of raising scholarship monies.

Reichmuth said this scholarship fund will serve to perpetuate the memory of the band while helping students accomplish their college aspirations for generations to come.

Contributions can be made to Murray State University Foundation, Len Foster Alumni Band Endowment, Murray State University, DAA Center, Murray, KY 42071.

For information on endowments contact Jennie Rottinghaus, development officer, by telephone locally at 762-3406, toll-free at 1 (877) 282-0033, or by e-mail at planned.giving@murraystate.edu.



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MSU Basketball

Racers trying to get home

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

The Murray State Racers may "literally" be at home. But, figuratively speaking, they still have to travel a few more miles to get there.

Murray (12-9, 5-5 Ohio Valley Conference) can take a big step toward getting back home for the postseason with a win tonight against visiting Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers (11-12, 6-5) currently hold a half-game lead over the Racers for the all-important No. 4 seed in next month's OVC Tournament. The top four seeds in the final league standings will host a first-round game.

In the tournament's current format, MSU has never been forced to go on the road in the first round.

"This is an important one for our basketball team. It's a game we surely need to win," said Racer head coach Tevester Anderson. "No. 1, it's important for momentum and to establish position. And No. 2, (EIU) is a team you're competing with for that fourth spot."

"It's important for our program and our kids that we have a home game."


By virtue of their 80-74 victory over EIU on Jan. 16 in Charleston, Ill., Murray would hold all tiebreakers over the Panthers with a win tonight.

To do that, however, the Racers must find a way to end a string of slow starts that has resulted in a two-game losing streak.

MSU's two-game road trip through Ten-

Racers vs. Eastern Illinois

What: MSU takes on EIU for second time this season
When: Today, 7 p.m.
Where: RSEC
Records: MSU (12-9, 5-5); Eastern Illinois (11-12, 6-5)
Radio: WNBS, WRKY



nessee Tech and Austin Peay last week ended with back-to-back defeats — primarily because the Racers fell behind by huge deficits in both contests before rallying in the second half to come up just short of two victories.

While somewhat hesitant to address that problem head-on, Anderson said the Racers have used most of their practice times this week to work on offense.

"We want to address these starts, but not too much," Anderson explained. "If you address it too much, you run the risk of having your team maybe coming out too aggressive and trying too hard. But we are working on it."

According to Anderson, the MSU coaching staff is putting an emphasis on getting better shot attempts from its perimeter players — small forward Chris Shumate and shooting guard Rick Jones.

The two have been legitimate offensive threats from the outside this season, but have struggled in recent games to find open looks at the basket. Shumate and Jones combined to shoot just 6-of-20 from the floor in last Saturday's loss at rival Austin Peay.

"We are going to call more sets and plays from the bench instead of running a conti-

nunity offense, where the players react to what the defense is doing," noted Anderson.

Despite the Racers' recent struggles, Anderson continues to be committed to his starting lineup of Shumate, Jones, point guard Mark Borders, forward Cuthbert Victor and center James Singleton. However, he did not rule out changes in his bench rotation.

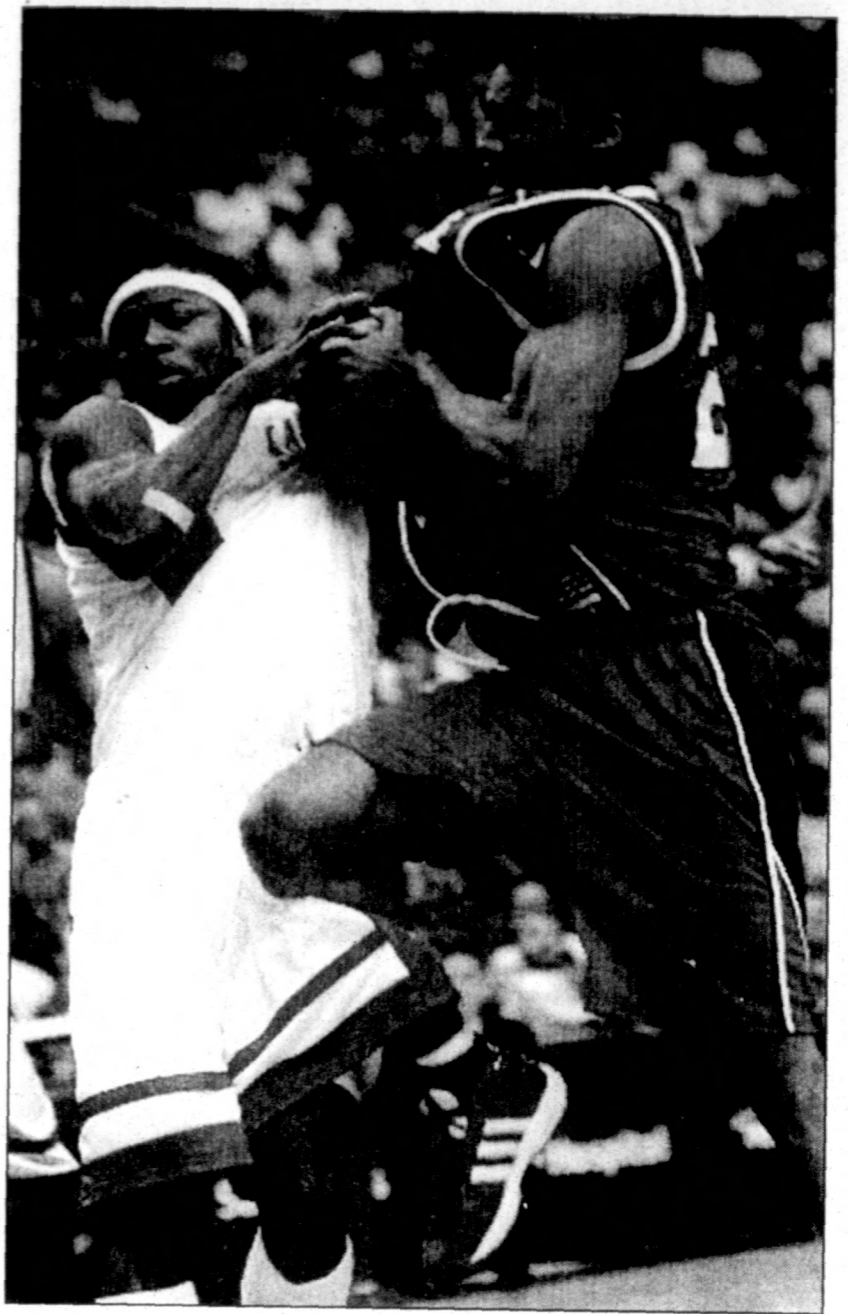
"I don't see any reason to change the lineup, but I feel like a few guys on the bench might be able to help us out a little more," he said. "We will probably try to get those guys more playing time."

While much of the attention recently has been on improving offensive production, the Racers must be at their best defensively tonight against league scoring leader Henry Domicant, who has torched opponents to the tune of 26.8 points per game — over five points better than Morehead State's Ricky Minard (21.2).

"Henry Domicant is an outstanding player," Anderson said. "He's one of the best scorers this league has ever had. He poses a big problem for everybody — not just for Murray State."

Jones drew the assignment on Domicant for the start of their January contest at Lantz Arena and used several combinations on him throughout the six-point victory. The 6-4 guard still scored 27 points, but hit only 7-of-23 attempts from the field.

"We're going to guard him by committee this time," Anderson claimed. "They're a little bit better team than they have been otherwise, but he's still their main guy."



TWO TO TANGO ... St. Louis's Marqu Perry (5) tries to wrestle the ball away tying up Louisville's Reece Gaines (22) during the second half Wednesday night. The Billikens defeated No. 2 Louisville 59-58.

Standard Bearers

Newton, 1987-88 team set tone for success

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

It's been nearly 15 years, but Steve Newton remembers arguably the single greatest moment in Murray State basketball history as if it were only yesterday.

The little-known Racers and their upstart head coach — mak-

ing their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in nearly 20 years and for only the third time in the program's history — pulled off perhaps the biggest upset of the 1988 post-season, using their No. 14 seed to knock off third-seeded and heavily-favored North Carolina State 78-75 in the tournament's opening round.

To this day, the outcome of that contest marks the only NCAA Tournament win in Murray's tradition-rich program.

"It was a special time to be at Murray State," said Newton during a telephone interview earlier this week from his home in Sarasota, Fla. "The whole scenario was something that was just beyond words. (The victory) was something that brought a tremendous amount of pride to the community and the university."

Building off the success of that defining moment, Newton went on to win three more Ohio Valley Conference championships and guided the Racers to two more NCAA Tournament appearances before leaving for the head coaching job at South Carolina.

Newton's six-year stint (1985-91) as MSU's head coach was among the most successful stretches in school history as his team totaled 116 victories against just 65 defeats.

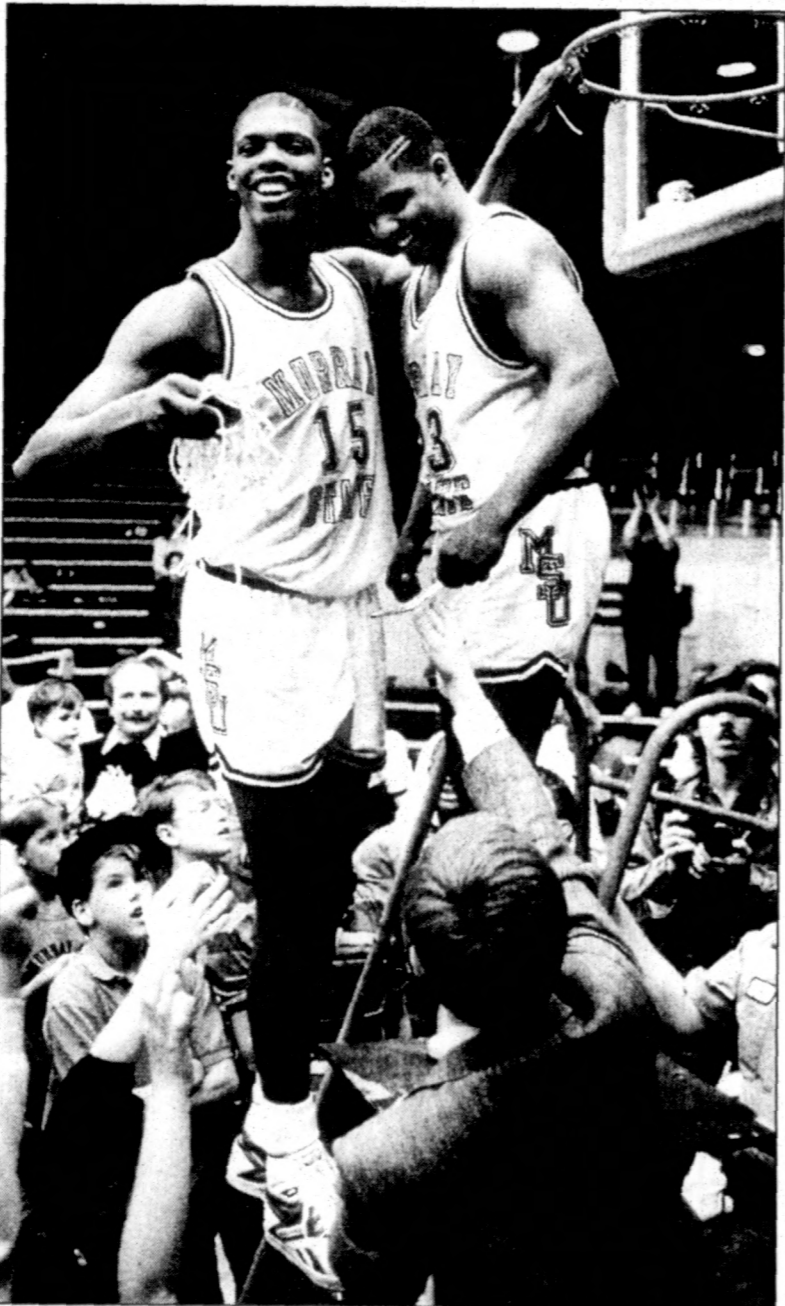


Photo Courtesy of MSU Sports Information
THE 'M&M BOYS' ... Jeff Martin (left) and Don Mann celebrate the 1987-88 Racers' Ohio Valley Conference championship by cutting down the nets following the OVC Tournament final at Racer Arena.

The 1987-88 Racer squad captured the OVC championship with a 22-9 record and served as the

Still, Newton and the '87-'88 Racers will be remembered most for the miracle victory over the Wolfpack and legendary head coach Jim Valvano.

"I think that particular experience carried the program for a long, long time," Newton explained. "It raised the bar for expectations at Murray State ... It was thrilling to help establish that run of success and to see it carry on to this day."

The head coach and most of that ground-breaking team will be back in town this weekend as part of a celebration to honor their achievements.

"I'm pretty excited about coming back to Murray," noted Newton. "I'm pleased that Murray State chose to honor that team. It's always good to go back home."

Nothing leading up to or during the start of that 1987-88 campaign pointed to the success that lay ahead for the Racers.

Just the season before, Newton and his staff suffered through the growing pains of a young ball club that posted only a 13-15 record. That sub-par mark appeared to carry over to the beginning of the following season as MSU stood at just 6-7 in mid-January.

However, the Racers began to right the ship with a Jan. 16 home victory over rival Eastern Kentucky. The win set in motion a stretch of five straight victories and 13 in 14 games to end the regular season.

Murray kept the ball rolling in the OVC Tournament, defeating the Colonels and Austin Peay at Racer Arena to claim the title and an automatic berth in the "Big Dance."

Despite the difficult start, Newton sensed that there might be something special about his third

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St. Louis shocks No. 2 Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After consecutive road losses to middle-of-the-road Conference USA teams, Saint Louis insiders feared the last-place team might cave in.

Instead, the Billikens came up with perhaps the biggest upset of the season, beating No. 2 Louisville 59-58 on Wednesday night to end the nation's longest winning streak at 17.

Marqu Perry scored five of his 25 points in the final 13 seconds, and maneuvered inside for the winning 5-footer with 3.2 seconds to go.

Saint Louis fans mobbed the court after Reece Gaines' desperation 3-point attempt banged off the backboard at the buzzer. It's the Billikens' biggest victory since they upset top-ranked Cincinnati in the first round of the 2000 Conference USA tournament.

"Coach talks to us all the time about 'We've got to get one to get us rolling,'" forward Chris Sloan said. "You can't get a bigger one than this."

Gaines had a season-high 28 points, five rebounds and three assists for the Cardinals, who have been beating their opponents by an average of 19 points.

That also was the margin of victory in the first meeting between the teams at Louisville (18-2, 8-1 Conference USA) on Jan. 11, a 73-54 victory.

"They played a terrific game and stopped a streak we had a lot of fun with," coach Rick Pitino said.

"Now it's time to try and start a new streak." Saint Louis (9-12, 3-7) stymied

Louisville, which is averaging 84 points, with a patient, clock-chewing offense. This was by far the lowest scoring total for the Cardinals, who had no other players in double figures.

Center Marvin Stone, averaging 13 points, was scoreless in 30 minutes.

"We talked about making the pace of the game uncomfortable for Louisville," coach Brad Soderberg said. "I don't know if it was uncomfortable for them, but it was comfortable for us."

Saint Louis entered the game last in C-USA's American Division, and in danger of not even making the conference tournament. The Billikens won despite 34-percent shooting, compensating by forcing 16 turnovers and holding the Cardinals to a virtual rebounding standoff (32-30 Louisville), including a whopping 14 on the offensive end.

Louisville hadn't lost since a two-point setback to Purdue on Nov. 30 in the second game of the season.

"We're not a spectacular team that overpowers anyone," Pitino said. "We've got to stay with what we do well and hope to wear people out."

Chris Sloan and Josh Fisher added 11 points apiece for Saint Louis, which despite its problems has won five of six in the series.

Sloan had one of the big plays in the waning minutes with a steal and dunk that cut the gap to 57-54 with 50.8 seconds left, and also hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half.

Gaines' 3-pointer had given Louisville a 57-50 lead with 1:58 to go. But he struggled down the stretch.

Tiger ready to go

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The condition of Tiger Woods' left knee is a lot like his relationship with Phil Mickelson — not quite 100 percent, much better than it was and strong enough to move forward.

At least he knows where he stands with Mickelson, who criticized Woods' equipment as inferior and apologized to the world's No. 1 player on Wednesday.

Woods will get a better idea of his left knee when he returns to competition today in the Buick Invitational, his first PGA Tour event since surgery Dec. 12.

A steady rain that fell on Torrey Pines washed out the pro-am Wednesday and kept Woods from getting in a final practice round before ending the longest layoff of his career.

"I would liked to have been able to play out there today and get one more round in and try to focus on some shots, because I haven't really played that many rounds," Woods said.

OVC hands out suspensions for fight

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — The Ohio Valley Conference suspended both coaches and one player for a game each for their roles in a benches-clearing brawl between Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State.

Interim commissioner Ron English reviewed tape of the Monday game in which 19 players were ejected.

"This situation did not include wild swinging, punching and kicking by multiple players," he said Wednesday. "There were a few select punches thrown, and the game officials were able to identify those

individuals involved, and took the appropriate action."

He suspended Eastern Kentucky coach Travis Ford and Tennessee State interim coach Hosea Lewis for a game for violating the league's sportsmanship rule that prohibits players from leaving the bench.

Tennessee State athletic director Teresa Phillips anticipated the suspension Tuesday by deciding to fill in for Lewis for the next game. Phillips will become the first woman to coach a men's Division I basketball team when Tennessee State visits Austin Peay today.

"We are all fortunate that no serious injuries occurred," she said.

Eastern Kentucky next plays Saturday at Morehead State.

English also suspended Josh Cooperwood of Tennessee State for one game. Cedric Bryson of Tennessee State and Champ Slaughter and Kenyatta Dix of Eastern Kentucky are suspended for one game under NCAA rules because they were ejected for fighting.

Ford already has suspended Sherard Rogers for throwing some mini-basketballs at players, and English said that was sufficient.

"We regret and apologize to our university and to our fans for lack of sideline control of our basketball team and unsportsmanlike behavior," said Jack Lengyel, Eastern Kentucky's interim athletic director.

On Monday, the trouble started with 8:13 left when Bryson and Eastern Kentucky's Shawn Fields started elbowing and bumping each other under the basket.

Officials stopped play and ejected both players for flagrant technical fouls. Videotape showed that Cooperwood put his arm around the neck of an EKV player.

Tennessee wins 70-62 at Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Tennessee needed a rare road win at Arkansas to obtain a meaningful shot at redemption against No. 4 Florida this Saturday. The Volunteers came close to blowing it, but its guards dominated play Wednesday in the second half of a 70-62 victory over Arkansas. Thayne Holden finished with 17 and freshman C.J. Watson added 15 as Tennessee (14-6, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) got its first win in Fayetteville since 1993. "Any time you win on the road in the SEC, that's still No. 1 and we've been able to do that a couple of times this year," Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson said. "Our division, overall, is amazing with how tough it can be over the next seven games. The home game against Florida is one we want really bad. Florida took it from us the first time."

Tennessee has run off a five-game winning streak since Louisville handed the Volunteers their fourth loss in six games on Jan. 25. A 13-point loss to Florida was the only loss by more than five points in that stretch. Three of those were quality losses on the road at No. 3 Kentucky, Florida, No. 20 Georgia and at home against No. 2 Louisville. The Volunteers came back to beat Georgia last week and now they have the chance to do the same against the Gators. Despite a six-minute stretch where it didn't score, Arkansas (7-13, 2-7) only trailed 28-25 at halftime and that prompted a vocal halftime speech from Peterson. "We had a 'Peterson moment' at halftime and that got us fired as a team, especially me," said senior guard Jon Higgins, whose seven points and four rebounds were all in the second half.

■ Newton, Racers ...

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Racer team.
"I felt like the chemistry was really there," he claimed. "We had high expectations going into that season because we felt like we had done a good job of recruiting and putting all the pieces of that team together. "This was a team that got along well together and was willing to play extremely hard, and they learned to make good decisions on the court. That's a combination that is hard to beat." **The 'M&M Boys'**
The unquestioned leaders of '87-'88 Racers were all-everything forward Jeff Martin and steady point guard Don Mann. Martin, a two-time OVC Player of the Year (1987-88 and 1988-89), led MSU in scoring and was second in the league in that category at 26.0 points per game. The former NBA player still ranks as MSU's all-time leading scorer with 2,484 points. Meanwhile, Mann directed the club from the point to the tune of 17.7 ppg — good enough for fifth in the conference behind Tennessee State's Anthony Mason (28.0), Martin, Eastern Kentucky's Jeff McGill (19.1) and Tennessee Tech's Earl Wise (17.7). "Don and Jeff were extreme-

TV-11 to air Racers' win over N.C. State

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times
MSU TV-11 announced plans Wednesday to air Murray State's 1988 NCAA Tournament game against North Carolina State on Friday at 10 p.m. The Murray State television station is airing the game prior to Saturday's reunion of the 1988 team during the MSU-Southeast Missouri basketball game. That team, led by Ohio Valley Conference Player of the

Year Jeff Martin, won the league championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. In the first round at Lincoln, Neb., the Racers knocked off Jim Valvano's N.C. State Wolfpack 78-75. In its next game, MSU fell to eventual national champion Kansas 61-58. Saturday's Murray State-Southeast Missouri game will tip off at 7 p.m. and will be televised live by WPSD NewsChannel 6.

However, Newton and his players were not among the doubters. "Our team was a very confident group," he recalled. "We had played and beaten some quality opponents, and I really felt like we would be very competitive against an ACC or SEC opponent on a neutral court. So I really did believe we could win." The head coach proved prophetic as the Racers got 23 points from Martin and 16 more from Mann to claim the thrilling three-point victory. Murray's Cinderella story would end two days later, though, as Kansas and star Danny Manning narrowly defeated the Racers 61-58. It was the closest game the Jayhawks would have on their way to the national championship. "(KU head coach) Larry Brown and I were good friends, so we had a great respect for Kansas," Newton stated. "It was the kind of game you would hope for — a chance to upset a quality team on a neutral court. "Once we lost that game, we became great fans of Kansas for the rest of the tournament ... To this day, I still have fans come up to me, and they want to talk about how we almost beat the national champions. It was just thrilling to be a part of that."

ly important to our basketball team," said Newton. "Don was an extremely successful high school player who a lot of schools felt wasn't big enough to play at the college level. He gave us that point guard who had the ability to score as well as penetrate and pitch. "Jeff was a sleeper. We were very fortunate to get him ... He was one of those gifted shooters who rarely ever had a bad night." But Martin and Mann were not the only key cogs in the

Racers' machine. Center Carl Sias — who came to Murray in 1987 after a two-year stint in the U.S. Army — contributed 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per contest while forward Chris Ogden tallied 7.8 ppg and was ninth in the OVC in rebounding (6.8 rpg). **Doing the improbable**
The Racers were given little — if any — chance to defeat an N.C. State squad that featured scrappy point guard Chris Corchiani and future NBA players Charles Shackleford and Vinny Del Negro.

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Qualifying races crucial for some

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Rusty Wallace needs to find some speed, Jimmy Spencer wants some luck, and rookie Larry Foyt is looking for a near-miracle. There's a lot to lose and not that much to gain today in the twin 125-mile qualifying races. Great runs get a driver a good starting spot in Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500. A poor race in the qualifying event could get a car sent home. "We know we have to stay out of trouble and have a strong race to make the 500," Foyt said. "We're going to need some luck on our side. Luckily I start behind Jeff Gordon, so I hope he can just pull me along." A victory in one of the two races gets the winner a spot in the second row for the start of the 500. In the 43 years the quali-

fiers have been run, only seven times has a driver won his qualifying race and then gone on to take the 500. The late Dale Earnhardt was the last to do it in 1998. But drivers will still go all out today — and hope to keep their cars intact. "We're going to go and try to win the race," Kevin Harvick said. "I think that's what we have to do. I think that's the only way to approach it." In Daytona's unique qualifying format, Jeff Green and Dale Earnhardt Jr. secured the front row starting spots in the 43-car lineup for the 500-miler by turning in the fastest speeds Monday in time trials. Positions 3-30 will go to the top 14 finishers in the two qualifying races, excepting Green and Earnhardt.

The 31st through 36th spots will be filled by the fastest drivers from Monday's qualifying session who don't make it in the 125, with the remaining places going to the highest-finishing teams in last year's car-owner points that are not already in the Daytona 500 field. "It can be intense," said Ricky Rudd, getting ready to race in his 26th consecutive Daytona 500 and an equal number of qualifying races. "There are a lot of guys here where that race is the only race they're thinking about. They're not even thinking about the Daytona 500. "If they don't do well in the 125s, they won't have a Daytona 500. Other guys, like us, we're pretty good in points and, with our qualifying speed, the race has a little different meaning to us."

Correction

A Murray State Thoroughbreds baseball player was misidentified in a photo in Wednesday's edition of the *Ledger & Times*. The MSU pitcher was Craig Kraus, not Kyle Perry.



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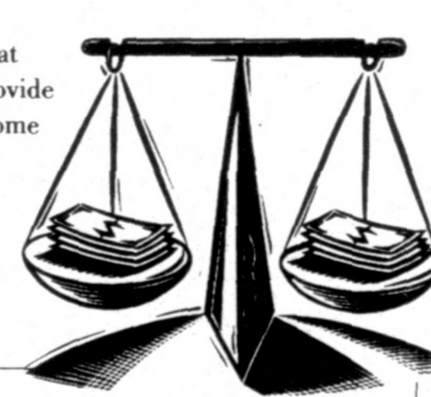
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Big Time Big Band

Guess who's coming to Murray? If we said Glenn Miller, would that ring a bell? The legacy continues as the Glenn Miller Orchestra rolls into Murray this Sunday Feb. 16, for a 3:30 p.m. concert at Lovett Auditorium. This is the last regular season public Performance of the Murray Civic Music Associations' season.

Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$20, Seniors \$18 and Children \$10.

The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all the dance band-leaders back in the Swing era of the 1930s and '40s. A matchless string of hit records,

the constant impact of radio broadcasts, and the drawing power at theatres, hotels, and dance pavilions built and sustained the momentum of popularity.

Glenn disbanded his musical organization in 1942, at the height of its popularity, volunteered for the Army and then organized and led the famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. It went to Europe to entertain servicemen, and then, on December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single-engine plane from England to precede his band to France, never to be seen again. The army declared him officially dead a year

later.

Because of popular demand, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1956 under the direction of drummer Ray McKinley, who had become the unofficial leader of the Army Air Force Band after Glenn's disappearance. Since then, other leaders have followed Ray including clarinetists Buddy DeFranco and Peanuts Hucko, trumpeter & jazz educator Dick Lowenthal, drummer Clem DeRosa, trombonists Buddy Morrow, Jimmy Henderson and Larry O'Brien, and tenor saxophonist Dick Gerhart.

The 19-member band continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements finding new fans and rekindling excitement in those who are familiar with the group. Additionally, they are also playing more modern selections in the big-band style, carefully selecting only those newer tunes that lend themselves naturally to the Miller style and sound, carefully selected pieces that will stay around for a while.

The entire repertoire, which now exceeds 1,700 compositions, keeps the band popular with both young and old.

Most of the band's shows are sell-outs. It



has proven staying power, and its popularity has never seemed to wane. Indeed, the Glenn Miller Orchestra today is still the most sought after big-band in the world just as it was in Glenn's day.

Orten's art future 'vibrant'

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Tai Orten has always known she wanted to be an artist. From the time she was in the 6th grade, she had a passion for drawing and art.

As a freshman at Murray State, Orten has already had opportunities for her art to be seen. She recently concluded a display at the Calloway County Public Library and currently has art on display at 15th and Olive.

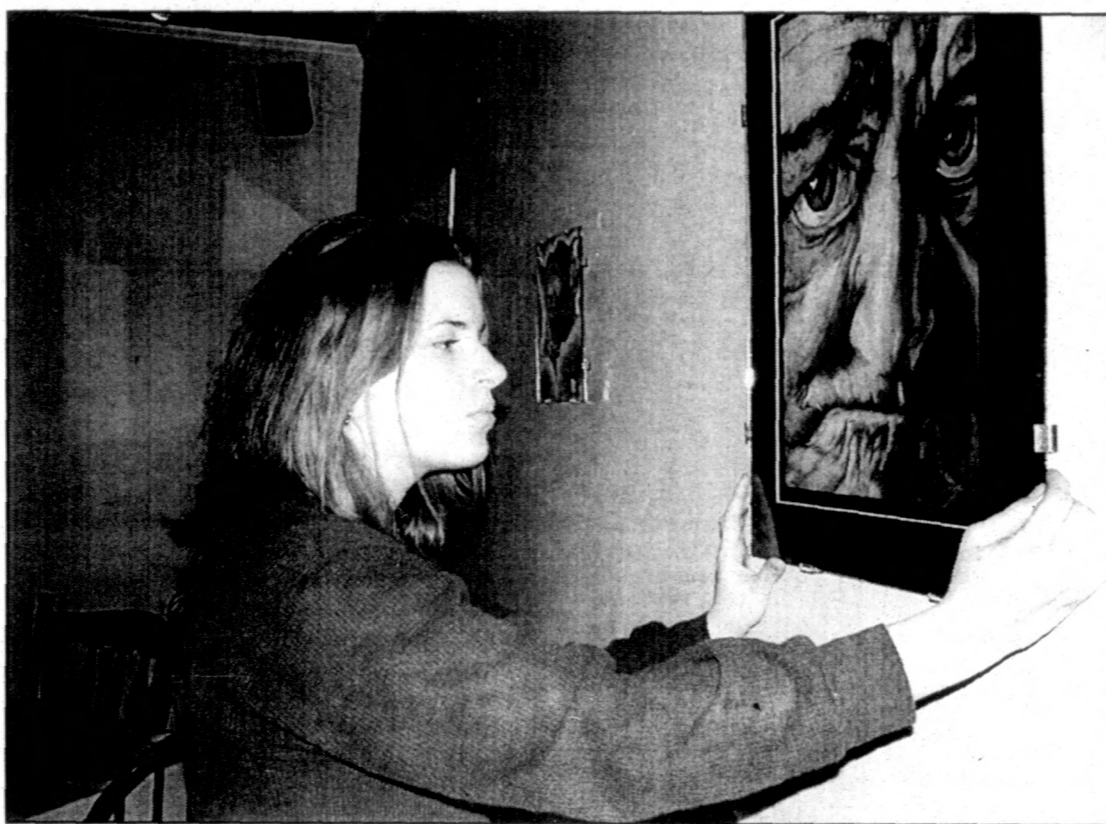
A graduate of Calloway County High School, Orten said her parents have had a lot of influence in her work.

"I've always had a very supportive family," she said. "My mom's very musically inclined and my dad's more of a leather craftsman."

She said even her brother, who is 12 years old, is a sculptor.

Her display at 15th and Olive, which is a mixed collection of all her work, shows depictions of many areas she feels have affected her life. She said themes range from alcoholism to war.

"I focus a lot on human faces," Orten said. She said she feels through each piece she has learned more about art. One of her most complimented pieces is one she titled "The Tie that Binds," which combines different images of people at worship. She said she got the idea from dif-



A LITTLE TO THE LEFT ... Artist Tai Orten straightens one of her pieces titled "Grandpa Williams" at 15th and Olive.

ferent images she saw in *National Geographic*.

"It took forever to do," she said. "It has a lot of faces in it. A lot of times I'll see things like in magazines and I'll work with those."

She said she has received praise for her work but getting items to sell is very difficult, especially when parting with them is not exactly what you want to do.

"You put all this energy into it and you become connected to it," she said.

Her favorite medium is colored pencil, but she

wants to branch out into other areas.

"I plan on doing everything I can," Orten said. "I'd really like to try something with metals or glass."

Orten is already looking toward keeping art in her future. She said she is thinking about going into education, especially since the current economy and impending war will have a major effect on the art world.

"The demand for art and the people in the trade will go down," she said.

Valentine 'Pops' Concert tomorrow at Murray State

Mezzo-soprano, Kay Gardner and pianist, Marie Taylor will perform a Valentine "Pops" Concert Friday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Hall of the Price Doyle Fine Arts Building at Murray State University. Assisting them on this concert will be tenor, Randall Black and soprano, Sonya Gabrielle Baker.

Dr. Baker joined the Dept. of Music in the fall of 2002 where she teaches Applied Voice and Diction. She comes to MSU from James Madison University in Virginia where she was Head of the Vocal Area. Dr. Baker has been heard in concert both nationally and internationally, including appearances in Sardinia, Italy, the Troy Music Hall in New York, Haverford College in Pennsylvania and Syracuse University in New York. Baker was also invited to visit China as a soloist in performances of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 and other choral works. Her degrees are from Yale, Indiana, and Florida State. Dr. Baker is also a recipient of numerous academic and vocal awards and grants.

Randall F. Black is professor of music at MSU where he teaches voice and foreign language diction. He holds degrees from Southern Illinois University and Indiana. Dr. Black is known throughout the region for his performances with orchestras and opera companies. He has also performed in London and Prague.

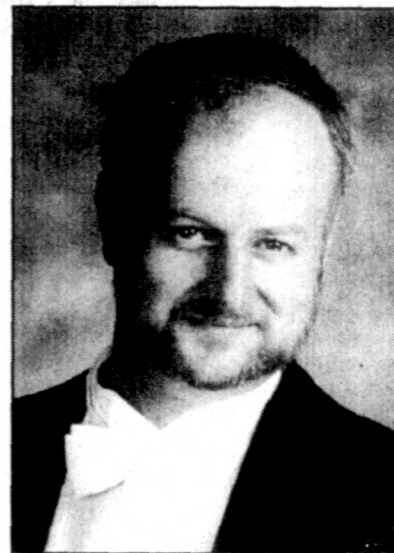
For a number of years, he has held a leadership position with the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He and Marie Taylor produced a compact disc of the works of Kentucky composer, Joseph Baber. They also performed together in Carnegie Hall in 1991.

Taylor, retired Prof. Of Music, served as Keyboard Unit Coordinator at MSU until 2000. She continues to be an active adjudicator and chamber music performer throughout the area.

Bates came to MSU in 1978 and has been a highly respected studio professor and performer. Her degrees are from Union University and the University of Georgia with additional studies in opera theatre at



Dr. Sonya Gabrielle Baker



Dr. Randall Black

the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and the Barga, Italy Opera Festival. She and Marie Taylor also attended the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Her responsibilities at MSU include applied voice, vocal repertoire and pedagogy.

Bates and Taylor are pleased to present this musical Valentine of 1940's and 50's favorites. The public is cordially invited to attend. Students will be admitted free of charge with a suggested donation of \$5 for adults. All proceeds will go to the Dept. of Music Student Scholarship Fund.

MSU faculty members' artwork currently on display

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Currently showing at the Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild is a joint exhibition of printmaking by MSU faculty members Nicole Hand and Jim Bryant.

Hand is originally from Belmont, New York. She came to Murray State University in 1999 to teach printmaking after completing her MFA at the University of Miami.

When asked about the influences of her current drawings and prints, Nicole says, "Generations of women pass down ideas, beliefs, and skills to future generations. The beliefs that were passed down to me were based on a traditional domestic structure. These gender roles influenced my perception of society leaving me with a sense of security and confinement."

Bryant was born in Indianapolis where he studied printmaking and painting at the Herron School of Art. After teaching art at Eastern New Mexico University for five years, he moved to Murray in 2001 to direct the university art gallery and teach Web Design.

About his current prints he says, "I have found that place has a profound effect on the images that I create. My home is in transition, from an extreme desert climate to a near tropical one. My art is going through

a similarly dramatic transition.

"This current series of prints uses common objects as symbols representing the people and places of my recent homes and travels. I use simple color and shallow space in order to focus on composition and the meaning of the objects."

They will be exhibiting their work through March 8. The Guild will host a reception for Nicole and Jim Saturday evening, March 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.



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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Amanda Conley, a University of Kentucky vocal performance student from Murray, performed in a Feb. 12 concert with the UK Women's Choir in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Women's Choir also performed at Riverside Church in New York City. The concerts were part of the activities of the American Choral Directors National Convention. Lori Hetzel, UK associate director of choral activities, conducts the 110-member UK Women's Choir.

The choir's performances consisted of a chant by medieval composer Hildegard of Bingen, a new piece commissioned for the Women's Choir and oboe professor Nancy Clauter by contemporary composer Paul Basler, a Mendelssohn part song, two Venezuelan folk songs featuring percussion and professor of voice Noemi Lugo, and a rousing gospel finale.

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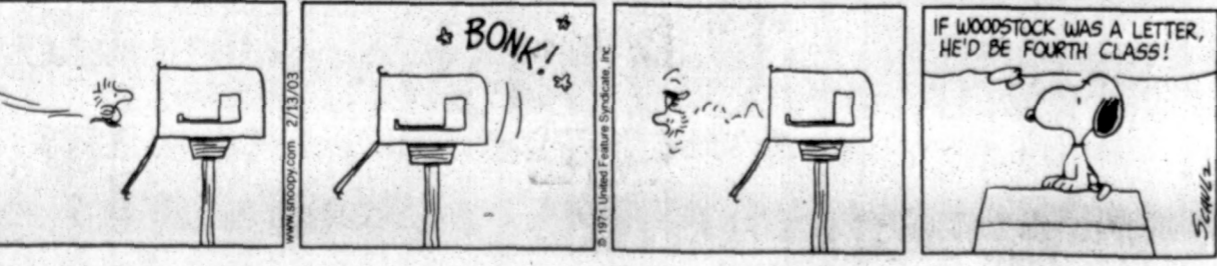
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DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with the advice you gave to "Afraid to Speak Up in Philly," the woman who resented her husband's mother sitting in the front seat of the car...

When we had this situation in our family, I always insisted my mother-in-law have the front seat next to her son for several reasons:

- (1) It's a matter of respect.
(2) It gives her a chance to be near her child and maybe give him an affectionate pat during conversation.
(3) And don't forget that age often brings with it impaired hearing...

These are precious times for her to be with her son. "Afraid to Speak Up" will have him all to herself when his mother is gone.

ANN IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR ANN: You are not the only reader who wrote to tell me my answer stank. I received hundreds. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my mother was alive and we were in the car with my brother, his wife always sat in the back seat while Mother sat up front.

BUB IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I had a heartfelt reaction to the woman who complained about her mother-in-law sitting next to her son during the road trip.

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the wife competing with her mother-in-law for seating in the car was wrong! Are these people rednecks with no manners?

If that husband is any kind of gentleman, he will not allow his mother to get into the car without opening and holding her door for her - like any gentleman does.

LOVE IS ALWAYS THE ANSWER

er-in-law to hop in the back. Shame on you! I'm a real man, and a real man is also a gentleman.

C.S.K., RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR C.S.K.: Mea culpa! I don't know how I missed that.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the wife who resents sitting in the back. If the wife can drive, she should ask her husband to sit in the back and see how he likes it.

SMILING IN THE BACK SEAT

DEAR ABBY: I sense there are other factors at work in that woman's relationship with her mother-in-law than "sitting in the back seat."

BEEN THERE IN HAWAII

DEAR BEEN THERE AND DEAR READERS: So there you have it. I would flagellate with a wet noodle, but I left it in the back seat.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago Published is a picture of "Nurse Goodbody," portrayed by Murray-Calloway County Hospital Administrator Stuart Poston...

Births reported include a girl to Kimberly and William Wilson, Feb. 7, and a boy to Donna and John Gream, Feb. 8.

20 years ago John Twomey spoke about "Investment and Financial Preparation for the Senior Years" at a meeting of the Murray Branch of American Association of University Women.

Published is a picture of Ronnie Green, Garrie Green and Jerry Bibb with their limit of quail taken while on a recent hunt in Calloway County.

30 years ago Arlie Scott, associate professor of agriculture at Murray State University, has been named as recipient of the L.P. Gas Award...

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers won over Benton Indians and Murray Tigers lost to North Marshall Jets.

scorers were James Wells for Calloway, Steve Puteet for Benton, Glenn Jackson for Murray, and Phelps for North Marshall.

Dub Polly, Bill Price, Fred Herndon and A.B. Crass are serving as officers of the Murray Bass Club.

40 years ago The drive to raise \$15,000 for a new school building for mentally retarded children will get underway Feb. 26...

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Outland, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks...

50 years ago Pvt. James H. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cole of Murray, is serving with the 1st Cavalry Division of the United States Army in Japan.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. C.A. McClure, Feb. 6; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Norman Coursey...

In a high school basketball game, Murray Tigers won over Benton Indians. High team scorers were Joe Pat Phillips for Murray and Gene Clark for Benton.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

A Mind-Reading Problem

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K Q 10 3 2, ♥Q J 9 8, ♦8, ♣A 7 2. WEST: ♠A 6 4, ♥K 7 3 2, ♦Q, ♣Q 10 8 6 5. SOUTH: ♠J 9 8 7 5, ♥10 6 4, ♦A 10, ♣J 9 4.

The bidding: West North East South Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♦ Pass 5 ♣ Pass 6 ♦ Opening lead - four of spades.

Insanity is surely a liability at the bridge table, though it must be acknowledged that a crazy bid or play will occasionally score a resounding success.

Consider this deal where West, apparently suffering from delusions of grandeur, chose a low spade as his opening lead.

jack from dummy. But this precise holding was extremely unlikely, and West's underlead of the ace should therefore be regarded at the very least as overly imaginative.

In the actual case, declarer was greatly helped by the lead. When dummy's queen of spades held the first trick, South was able to discard a heart from his hand...

Declarer then led the eight of trumps from dummy. After East produced the ten, South had to solve the problem of whether East had the Q-10 or A-10 of trumps.

South found the winning play without much difficulty. He put up the king, caught West's singleton queen and so made the slam.

Declarer's reasoning was simple enough. South concluded that although West might have been slightly off his rocker to have underled the ace of spades at trick one, he could hardly have been crazy enough to have done so with two aces in his hand.

CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS: 1 Young wolf, 4 Carry off, 8 Cushiony, 12 Jacques' pal, 13 More than bad, 14 Corduroy rib, 15 Minimum -, 17 Annapolis grad, 18 Eventful periods, 19 Guardian's charge, 21 Keeps on going, 22 Tendons, 25 Lancelot's title, 26 PC owner, 27 Ship, 30 Loud noise, 31 Hard to climb, 33 Ad - (wing it), 35 Dairy purchase, 37 Make bread, 38 Oahu welcome, 39 Pressed, 41 Not spelled out, 44 Wheels for the fields, 45 Lively contemporary, 46 Yves' vacation time, 47 Barnyard females, 51 Prong, 52 Large volume, 54 DDE's party, 55 Byron's works, 56 Basilica part, 57 Eggs, in biology, 1 Harsh cry, 2 Actress, Thurman, 3 Humongous, 4 Tao - Ching, 5 States firmly, 6 Gentle, 7 Overhead trains, 8 Attests, 9 Dinghy's need

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 10 Tasteless, 11 Harper of "Tender Mercies", 16 Pitcher in a basin, 20 "..., shucks!", 21 Speech problem, 22 Periscope site, 23 "Do as --!", 24 "Nautilus" captain, 25 Visit, 27 Old soldier, 28 Zest for life, 29 Be fond of, 31 Tallow source, 32 Part of TNT, 34 Bunk, 36 Coasts along, 37 Nonsense, 39 News squibs, 40 Camper, maybe, 41 Dorothy's dog, 42 Enthusiastic, 43 Film, 44 Standing on, 46 SFO info, 48 Vanity, 49 Dec. neighbor, 50 Workout center, 53 MIT grad, maybe

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2003. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh.

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

Five years ago: Dr. David Satcher was sworn in as surgeon general during an Oval Office ceremony. The United Auto Workers reached a tentative contract agreement with Caterpillar Inc.

One year ago: John Walker Lindh pleaded innocent in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations.

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Committee reviews proposal aimed at lower medical malpractice costs

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A House committee Wednesday took up legislation to create a state-run medical malpractice insurance business aimed at offering relief for physicians facing runaway insurance costs.

The proposal seeks to replicate the state's entry into the workers' compensation business nearly a decade ago.

The malpractice insurance business would be operated by the same board now overseeing the workers' compensation business.

The bill ran into some resistance during a hearing before the House Banking and Insurance Committee. The panel took no vote but was

expected to review the measure again Thursday. The measure is sponsored by Reps. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, and Rob Wilkey, D-Franklin.

The bill would create the Kentucky Physicians' Medical Malpractice Insurance Company. Skeptics worried that an expansion into the costly medical malpractice business might harm the workers' comp business.

"Make no mistake about it, it's not a sure thing," said Nunn, who is running for governor. "We've got to take some chances in state government to correct this crisis."

Rising malpractice insurance costs have forced some doctors to leave high-risk specialties or leave for states where rates are

lower. Another key feature of the bill would require that any medical malpractice case go to mediation to try to ferret out frivolous claims. Agreements reached in mediation would be legally binding.

It also would require plaintiffs to file sworn statements by medical experts stating that they reviewed the cases and that they had merit. Without the statement, defendants could move to dismiss suits.

Those features were incorporated from a bill introduced by Sen. Jerry Rhoads, a Madisonville Democrat.

Nunn said doctors face the same dilemma encountered a decade ago by employers — rising insurance costs and few choices among insur-

ers. At that time, the General Assembly created the Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance Authority to offer workers' comp insurance. Nunn said that KEMI has been a success, and now covers about 19,000 policyholders.

Nunn's bill would expand KEMI into the medical malpractice business.

The KEMI board would be expanded by three members to a total of 10. Two members would be physicians and at least one would have expertise in medical malpractice insurance. The malpractice insurance business would start no sooner than Dec. 1.

Nunn said the workers' comp and malpractice businesses would

be kept separate. But the malpractice insurance business would draw upon the existing structure at KEMI, he said. Also, the board could choose to dip into KEMI's \$45 million in reserves to give a loan to the medical malpractice business to help cover startup costs.

Rep. Steve Riggs, D-Louisville, expressed reservations about such a transfer, saying it ultimately could effect KEMI's workers' comp rates. "What will we say to employers who are buying workers' comp, and taking their premium money to start an insurance company like this," Riggs said.

Riggs also wondered why the state would want to get into the medical malpractice business when some private insurance companies

have reported losing hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Why do we want to take a financially sound KEMI and put it in the business of selling medical malpractice," Riggs said.

Another measure that sought to tackle the malpractice insurance situation stalled this week in the Senate. That proposal was a constitutional amendment that would have given future legislatures the power to, among other things, limit noneconomic damages in malpractice cases. The amendment also could have let lawmakers require alternative dispute resolution before a malpractice suit could be filed.

(The Nunn-Wilkey legislation is House Bill 8.)

Louisville man suing Bowling Green, alleging police brutality

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A Louisville man who claims a police officer used excessive force to arrest him last year has filed a \$2 million federal lawsuit against the city of Bowling Green.

Mark Jeffery alleges in a suit filed Monday that he sustained severe physical injuries while being arrested in Bowling Green and required extensive medical treatment. Jeffery also claims police deprived him of his constitutional rights.

Police stopped Jeffery on suspicion of driving under the influence after seeing his vehicle speeding and weaving on Feb. 10, 2002, according to a report. Jeffery's vehicle ran through a red light and reached speeds of 70 mph, the police report said.

Jeffery alleges that although he posed no physical threat and was unarmed, Officer Kevin Renfro ordered a police dog to attack him. Jeffery claims he still suffers physical, emotional and mental pain as a

result. A police report said Renfro released the dog during a foot chase that ensued when Jeffery ran from his vehicle, which rolled backward toward the police unit after being abandoned in an alleyway. Renfro took control of the dog once it caught up to Jeffery, the report said. Jeffery was charged with fleeing and evading, first-degree wanton endangerment, reckless driving, refusal of chemical test, DUI, and DUI with a suspended license.

Grand jury hears from witnesses

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A federal grand jury Wednesday heard from witnesses with links to the Transportation Cabinet's troubled program for "disadvantaged" business owners.

The grand jury session apparently was part of a state-federal investigation of allegations by Tina Conner of official favors and retaliation in Gov. Paul Patton's administration.

Conner and Patton carried on a two-year affair, which the governor has acknowledged. Conner claims Patton used the powers of his office to help and later hurt her businesses, which Patton has denied.

Witnesses included Norris Beckley, former executive director of the Transportation Cabinet's Office of Minority Affairs, WHAS-TV of Louisville reported.

Beckley has said he felt pressure — from Transportation Secretary James Codell and indirectly from the governor's office — to have a company co-owned by Conner certified as a "disadvantaged business enterprise." That designation gave it an edge in competing for work as a highway subcontractor. Beckley told the grand jury as much, the station said.

Also appearing Wednesday were Denis Fleming, Patton's general counsel; Ron Derricks, who worked in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program for 18 years but was fired in February;



Conner

Kevin Flanery, who was Codell's deputy secretary but later became secretary of finance and has since left state government; Codell's secretary; and three employees in the

department, according to the station.

Derricks has said there was "a little bit more than subtle pressure applied" to get the Conner company, ST Construction, certified.

Patton has said he called Codell on Conner's behalf but did not ask Codell to approve her application. He said he told Codell only that he understood Conner had applied and that he believed she was a legitimate businesswoman.

Murray writer awarded fellowship

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Constance Alexander, award-winning columnist, playwright and independent radio producer from Murray, recently received an artist fellowship in fiction from the Kentucky Arts Council. Alexander is one of only seven fiction writers tapped for this honor.

Arts Council fellowships to individual artists are designed to recognize creative excellence in practicing, professional Kentucky artists. The fellowship program supports the advancement and continuation of the

artist's career through monetary awards.

Alexander's grant request was to secure financial support to help her complete a novel, "Thirty-One Fat Ladies on a Bus." Set in 1956, the plot revolves around an unlikely friendship between two girls who are facing losses due to topics that were not discussed in polite conversation in the 1950s — cancer and divorce.

Alexander has been the recipient of a number of grants and awards for her plays and non-fiction writings. Kentucky Foundation for Women,

the Kaiser Foundation, Kentucky Arts Council, the Ragdale Foundation, Mary Anderson Center for the Arts and the Newspaper Association of America have supported various projects.

A native of New Jersey, Alexander has lived in Murray since 1988. She is married to Roy Davis, artist and custom coffin maker.

For additional information, contact Constance Alexander at (270) 753-9379 or cacalexander@hotmail.com. Her Web site is www.constancealexander.com.

Horoscopes

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 14, 2003:

You are a force unto yourself this year. You seem to be able to steer clear of outside events and make clean and clear decisions. As a result, you could experience a spectacular year if you're open to creating just that. Work needs to be a high priority. Examine the quality of your day-to-day life. Make changes where you deem necessary. If you are single, you will walk into a major relationship in the next six to seven months. You might decide that this person is "it." If you're attached, work more as a team, and your bond will grow as a result. Let your sweetie dominate more often. LEO challenges you.

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)

Take care of personal matters; be ready to take charge of your personal life. You're up for changes, and you deserve them. Invite favorite people to join you as you decide to let your hair down. Let the good times roll. You've held back long enough. Tonight: Let it happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Realize more of what you want by acting on it. You cannot sit on your duff and expect things to come to you. Much changes quickly. Confusion surrounds your family and professional life. Instead of looking at a choice, see how to make both options possible. Tonight: Do something ultimately relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Deal with funds with a strong hand, not taking anything for granted. Realize more of what you desire by putting your best foot forward. Stabilize your finances with a strong hand. Reach out for others. Talks prove unusually lively and directed. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You're personality plus. Use your unique charm to clear out a problem and find strong answers. If you put your best foot forward, you might be amazed by what will happen. Deal with an emotionally possessive situation directly. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You might want to discuss what is on your mind with a loved one or a dear friend. Getting a perspective from someone else helps you make up your mind. Take your time, and don't respond to someone else's schedule. Claim your power. Tonight: Now the world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Meetings and conversations help you make the right decisions at the right time. Be proactive in the daytime, when the Moon beams success on you. Move during this period, putting nothing on the back burner. Stay on top of changes right now. Tonight: Vanish. Go for mystery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be ready to take a risk or go in a new direction. You find that a boss might have pushed you way beyond your limit. Understand what is possible here. A meeting later in the day could be most instrumental. Go for what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Gain a perspective by pulling

back. Think in terms of gain. You might want to discuss a positive change in the near future. By pulling together different forces and different people, you hit the bull's-eye — if not immediately, quite quickly. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You discover that there are many ways to get to the same place. Work with an associate, and you'll get the kind of results you desire. Don't do anything halfway. Talk and think past the immediate. You might not be sure which way to go. Tonight: Try a weekend escape.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Realize what it is you want and desire from others, then ask. By not holding back, you ultimately gain. Don't hem and haw; just aim for more of what you want. Schedule a one-on-one meeting for later in the day. Eliminate mixed messages. Tonight: Go along with another's request.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Clear out work, but count on the fact that it could take the whole day. If you think you can split from work early, think again. Laughter makes a big difference in how you handle a difficult situation. Relax and don't allow tension to ruin your mood. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your perspective could change considerably. Plug in your creativity and allow others to give you more feedback. Brainstorm and try someone else's idea. Once you clear a trail, please don't reverse your path. Complete this project. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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