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Boating accidents rise on Ky. waters

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Boating accidents on Kentucky's rivers and lakes have increased significantly in the last five years, according to state figures.

There were 159 boating accidents reported in 2002 to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. That's up from 90 accidents reported in 1998.

The increase comes even though there has been no significant increase in the number of boats registered in the state.

The number of tickets issued for boating under the influence of alcohol nearly doubled from 58 in 1999 to 102 in 2002. Other alcohol intoxication citations — those issued to boat passengers — increased to 514 last year from 183 in 1998.

Nevertheless, the number of fatalities has remained steady, averaging about 15 each year, according to state figures compiled by *The Courier-Journal*.

State wildlife officials and police offered several explanations for rise in accidents. Some blame bigger, faster boats. Others think boaters don't know the rules of the waterways.

"It's not real funny when you get buzzed and the wake nearly throws you out of your boat," said Michael Jones of Murray, a regular visitor to Kentucky Lake. "I see some stupid things going on, but I blame the driver, not the boat."

But others give high marks to the safety of places like Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley.

"Trouble? None here," said Mark Stephens of Indianapolis. "I have been at other lakes out of state that were wild, and I can't imagine it any better than I saw here."

Many boaters say the waters seem to be more congested. But any

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Minit Mart gets new owner

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Murray's Minit Mart on North 12th Street was among 11 such stores whose lease rights were recently purchased by Baker Energy, a Jackson, Tenn., wholesale gasoline distributor.

Baker Energy plans to operate the stores under a new name, Traveler's Mart, but employees are expected to keep their jobs. All managers and supervisors will remain.

Five of the purchased stores are in Paducah, while the others are located in Benton, Ledbetter, Mayfield, Wingo and Princeton.

They are part of a master lease of 31 Minit Marts across the state and seven in Tennessee that Baker Energy bought last week in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago.

The acquisition is expected to add at least 300 employees to Baker Energy, which has 76 workers in Jackson and 70 in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.



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UP, UP AND AWAY! ... Murray's Gary Page, above, guides a twin-propeller model plane through its takeoff during Saturday's session of the Jim Wilson Fly-In at King Field here. The two-day event, hosted by the Murray Radio Control Modelers, attracted several model air enthusiasts from around the area in honor of Wilson, who started the event three years ago.

Blue mold killing tobacco at western Kentucky farms

FRANKLIN, Ky. (AP) — Simpson County and other western Kentucky tobacco farmers are losing much of their already-small crop to a blue mold outbreak.

The mold, which is spread by spores through the air, was identified July 29, said Jeff Watt, an agriculture extension agent for Simpson County. The wet weather and storms have helped the mold grow and spread, but Watts hopes the recent dry weather will stop the outbreak.

The biggest problem with the mold is lesions on the leaf surface.

"That's where they'll lose poundage when they get it to market," Watt said. "Blue mold is very detrimental to the leaf surface."

The mold moved through Tennessee and into eastern Kentucky, then was spotted in Robertson County, Tenn., about a month ago.

"We knew that the spores were

"Blue mold is very detrimental to the leaf surface."

— Jeff Watt
 Agriculture Extension Agent
 for Simpson County, Ky.

moving into the state," said Watt, adding that the Mammoth Cave area has been on alert for the mold for more than a month.

A fungicide spray can protect the plants, so if farmers aren't spraying in southcentral Kentucky, they need to be, Watt said.

Simpson County may lose up to 75 to 80 percent of the burley crop. In 2002, the county produced just under 1 million pounds of burley.

"It's been a bad year on tobacco," Watt said. "We need some dry, warm

weather." Allen County is also fighting the mold. Tobacco patches were heavily hit around the Fountain Run area, said Steve Osborne, agriculture extension agent for Allen County, which grew about 1.6 million pounds of burley in 2002.

"It touches generally the rest of the county as well," he said.

Logan County has two isolated cases, said Joanna Coles, Logan County agriculture extension agent. Most farmers aren't spraying the preventive fungicide, she said, because the cost is too great. The county typically grows about 1.7 million pounds of burley a year.

Gary Tilghman, Barren County agriculture extension agent, said he hasn't seen any blue mold in his county. Barren County is the largest burley producer in the region, weighing in with more than 6.3 million pounds last year.

KSP investigating attempted murder

Staff Report
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FARMINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky State Police are searching for the perpetrator of an attempted murder in Graves County early Sunday morning.

Russ Anglin, 38, Farmington, reported to state police that he heard a knock at his front door at approximately 12:41 a.m. Sunday. Anglin opened the door, and an

unknown male subject wearing all black and a skeleton mask fired one shot from a 22-caliber pistol.

Anglin was not struck by the bullet, but was injured by shattered glass from his front storm door. He refused medical transport.

The perpetrator fled the scene on foot and could not be located. An investigation into the incident by KSP Detective Shawn Ramage is continuing.

Cleaning garage uncovers WWII mortar shell

By EDWARD SHERIDAN
 Staff Writer

And you thought you had some interesting things in your garage. The Calloway County Sheriff's Office had to call in Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) of Fort Campbell Sunday to dispose of a rather unique item found in a local homeowner's garage — a circa World War II mortar shell.

Nancy Armstrong of Furches Trail called the sheriff's office at around 2 p.m. Sunday to report finding the shell as she was cleaning out some junk and trash in her garage. The item was found in a cabinet on the south wall of the garage, according to a sheriff's office report.

"She bought the property from somebody and was cleaning out the garage when she found it," said sheriff's office Chief Deputy Dennis McDaniel.

The shell was still intact and live when it was found, which is why Fort Campbell personnel were called in, McDaniel said.

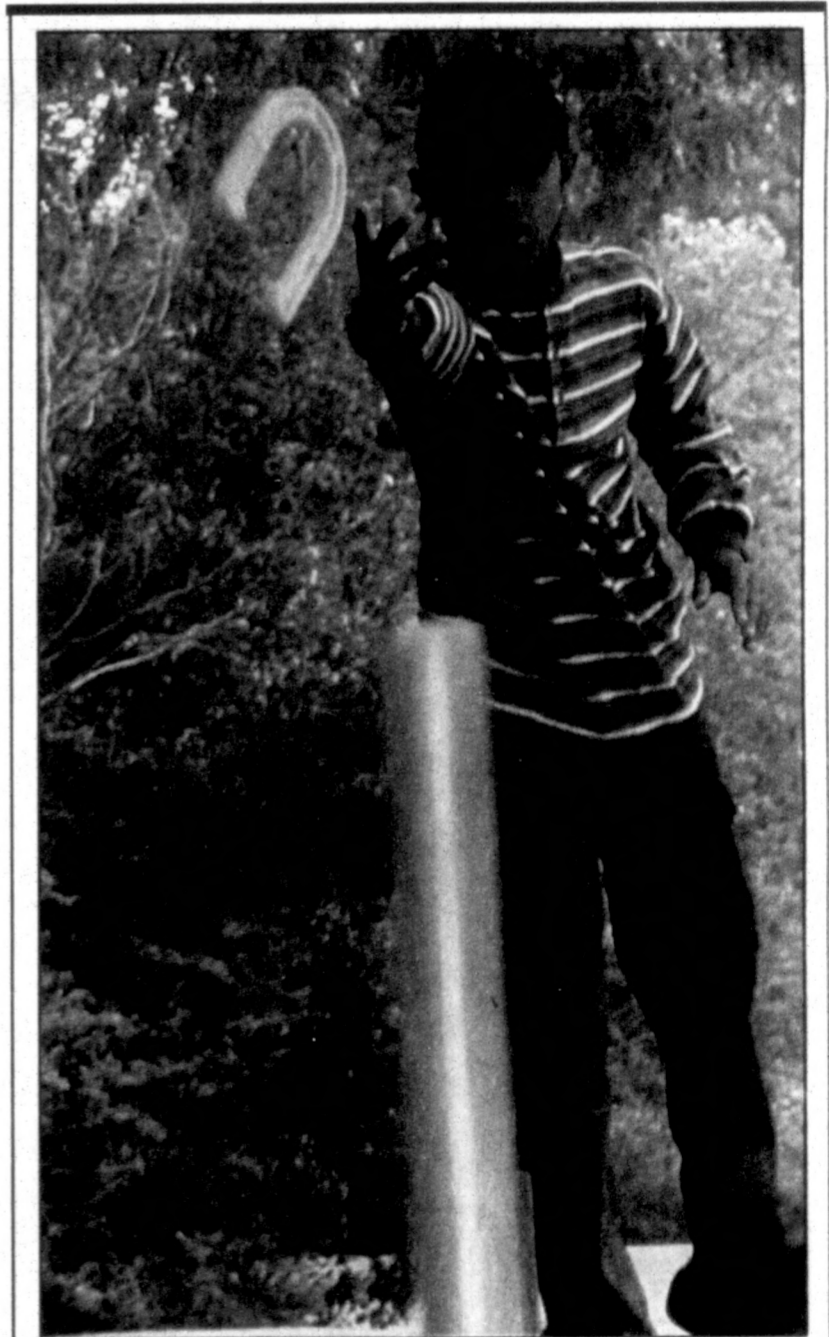
He said this is the second World War II era shell he has seen discovered in his 10 years with the sheriff's office.

"A lot of the soldiers brought back memorabilia from World War II," McDaniel said. "Things were a lot less stringent than they are now. Guys would just slip them into their duffel bags."

McDaniel said the shell was an illuminary-type mortar shell, meaning it was meant to fragment and provide light upon detonation. It did have explosive material in it, though, which is why it was detonated at the CCSO firing range.

Nearby neighbors and sheriff's office dispatch were notified prior to and after detonation of the shell. McDaniel said since it was not solely designed for explosive detonation, the noise from the blast was not as great as one might expect.

"It made a big thud," he said. "It was kind of like a big clap of thunder." McDaniel said anyone who finds similar items should contact their local law enforcement agency immediately.



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

NO HORSE—SHOE—ING AROUND ... Elizabethtown's Andrew Beasley eyes the target as he lets fly with a horse-shoe during Saturday afternoon's Douglass reunion at Chestnut Street Park. The reunion was held for the 34th year, bringing families together for an afternoon of reminiscing on old times, along with participating in a variety of activities. Beasley is the son of the former Joyce Bramley.

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From Front

effort to limit speed or power faces a largely skeptical boating constituency of fishermen, houseboat owners, pleasure-craft operators, personal-watercraft riders, yacht owners and the mannas that serve them.

Kentucky has no general speed limits on its waterways and doesn't require a boating license or attendance at boating-safety classes.

An accident on the Ohio River on June 27 focused attention on problems with one type of boat, said Lt. Mike Fields of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife water enforcement. Witnesses said a 40-foot, high-speed sport boat, commonly known as a "cigarette boat," ran over a pleasure craft half its size. The accident raised questions about whether more controls on the water were needed, but sentiment seemed against it.



AP Photo

RECOVERED WRECKAGE ... The wreckage of an aircraft that disappeared June 14 carrying Paducahans Earl Witte and Clem Anderson rests on a flatbed truck at Compton Wrecker Service in Dover, Tenn., Saturday after being recovered Friday from Short Creek Bay in Kentucky Lake. The wreckage was found about a mile from the airport.

Bodies of missing men found two months after plane crashes into lake

DOVER, Tenn. (AP) — Crews on Saturday recovered the bodies of two men whose small airplane crashed into Kentucky Lake shortly after takeoff nearly two months ago.

Pilot Earl Witte, 62, and passenger Clem Anderson, 70, were the only people aboard. Their bodies were found still in the plane, Stewart County Sheriff John Vinson said. They were taken to Nashville, Tenn., for autopsy.

The two-seat, single-propeller Citabria disappeared from radar shortly after taking off from Short Creek Field in McKinnon, Tenn., on June 14. The plane was headed to West Kentucky Air Park south of Paducah.

The discovery ends eight weeks

of unsuccessful searches.

"My mind never did let me say they're gone," Anderson's widow, Virginia, told the *Paducah Sun*. "I just kept thinking they might still be alive."

"But it's a relief to get their bodies out of the water. With time it will get better; life will be a little easier."

A nonprofit Charleston, S.C.-based search crew — the National Underwater Marine Agency — found the wreckage Friday using a side-scan radar and magnetometer, a device that detects magnetic waves emitted from metal objects. The plane was found about a mile offshore, 60 feet underwater.

Vinson said a recovery team used a crane to haul the wreckage to the

water's surface early Saturday morning.

"It was just a slow process," he said. "It started breaking apart when they brought it up. So they brought up the engine first, then the fuselage and finally the wings."

Ralph Wilbanks, who works for the marine agency, said Witte's family contacted the agency after Stewart County, Tenn., authorities gave up on the search. The agency is underwritten by best-selling author Clive Cussler.

The initial search for the plane originated out of Murray using Murray-Calloway County Airport as a base of operations. Calloway County rescue officials also aided in the early stages of the search.

Lack of headhunters' research upsets some

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — University of Tennessee officials say when they signed a \$90,000 contract with search consultant Bill Funk to find a new president, they expected him to conduct thorough background checks.



Shumaker UT trustees say the packet Funk provided on John Shumaker lacked vital information that could have affected their decision to hire him in May 2002.

Shumaker resigned last week amid allegations of improper spending and ethical lapses.

UT trustees say there was no mention in Funk's background check of the Kentucky marriage license that Shumaker applied for in 1995 to help a Chinese woman obtain a U.S. visa. Marriage licenses are public records in most states, including Kentucky.

Shumaker was president of the University of Louisville until he took the job in Tennessee.

UT trustees also say they were not briefed about furor surrounding the University of Louisville Foundation, a secretive, nonprofit entity set up to accept private donations from individuals and businesses on behalf of the school.

The trustees say Funk and his search firm failed to mention that Shumaker and the Louisville foundation were involved in a legal battle with *The Courier-Journal* newspaper, which sued to open records to the public.

Depositions in Shumaker's divorce trial also revealed that he accepted a \$10,000 cash gift from a company that had gotten a contract with the Connecticut university he headed before his tenure at Louisville. And Shumaker's ex-wife, Lucy Shumaker, alleged that during the UT search he got questions before an interview with trustees, giving him an unfair

advantage.

Sen. Tim Burchett, R-Knoxville, and House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, D-Covington, both of whom are UT alumni, suggested the state try to recover money paid to Funk. UT spent more than \$116,000 during the search process.

"All of this information is something that any decent private investigator could have found out," Burchett told the Knoxville News Sentinel. "I think the trustees acted on the best information they had, and clearly they wouldn't have made this decision if all this had been revealed to them."

Naifeh said "the headhunters ... in my opinion, they either did a very poor job or there was some information withheld from the board. I have had interns and legislative assistants that have done opposition research and did a better job than those folks have done."

Trustee Andrea Loughry said she asked UT attorneys to review the background check performed by Funk's company, Korn/Ferry International.

The information about Louisville controversies could have made a difference in the search process, said trustee Susan Richardson Williams. "Certainly, if that information had been provided to us, I would have asked questions about it," she said. "I would have wanted answers about it."

Funk told *The Tennessean* that Korn/Ferry ran financial and court checks on all finalists for the UT presidency, as well as Lexis/Nexis database searches for news stories.

TownCrier

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

NOTICES

• The Calloway County Board of Education will meet in regular session Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Day Treatment Center on College Fard Road. Items on the agenda include tax collection fees for school taxes and school facilities use by the Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association.

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Kentucky State Police

• Keyshia D. Chadwick, 16, Murray, was driving west on Ky. 1890 Saturday at 11:23 p.m. when a deer crossed into the path of her 1994 Ford Probe. Chadwick applied the brakes and swerved to avoid striking the deer, causing the vehicle to leave the road and strike a tree head-on. Chadwick and a passenger, Kayla Chambers, 16, Farmington, were transported to the Jackson Purchase Medical Center, where they were both treated and released for minor injuries.

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

Marshall authorities warn of possible 'sweepstakes' scam

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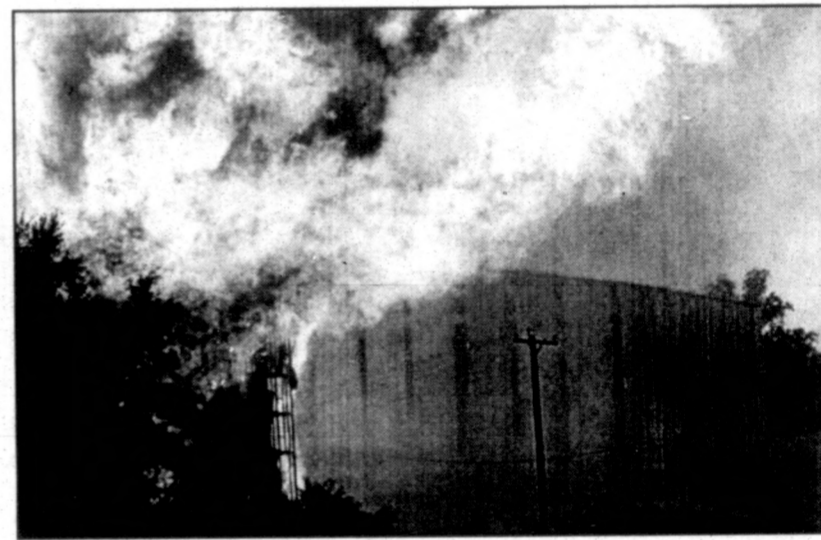
BENTON, Ky. — The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is warning area residents to be on guard against a hoax "sweepstakes winner" letter that is being circulated.

The letter is from a El Gordo Sweepstake Lottery Company S.A., with a Madrid, Spain, address. It tells the recipient that they have been awarded \$615,810 of a \$5,368,770 pool of money that is being shared among 11 international winners.

The letter states that all partici-

pants in the sweepstakes were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from 25,000 names from Europe and North America. An attached form asks for the recipient's bank name and account number, as well as other personal information.

A dispatcher with the Calloway County Sheriff's Office said this morning that no one had reported a similar incident in Calloway County. Anyone who receives such a letter is encouraged to contact local law enforcement authorities.



AP File Photo

MORE FIRE FALLOUT ... A whiskey warehouse at a Jim Beam facility burns Monday, Aug. 4, in Bardstown, Ky. The fire sent flames more than 100 feet in the air. The flaming wooden structure collapsed into a pile of debris and continued burning, two hours after the fire was reported.

Kentucky officials say whiskey warehouse fire caused dead fish in creek

WEST POINT, Ky. (AP) — Nearly all of the fish in a creek near a whiskey warehouse have died since fire destroyed the building and spilled its contents last week, and state officials have cited owner Jim Beam.

Lightning set the warehouse on fire on Aug. 4, and more than 800,000 gallons of burning bourbon flowed into a retaining pond and then into the creek.

State officials were investigating whether a larger fish kill downstream in the Salt River also is attributable to bourbon in the water.

Water-quality test results from the Salt River won't be ready for several days, said Joseph Schmidt, a

scientist with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection.

Jim Beam will be asked to reimburse the state for money spent responding to the fire and cleaning up the affected waterways. Those costs have yet to be calculated, Schmidt said.

In 2000, a fire destroyed a seven-story Wild Turkey warehouse, causing a spill into the Kentucky River that killed hundreds of thousands of fish along 66 miles of waterway. Wild Turkey paid \$256,000 to the state.

More than 95 percent of the world's bourbon is produced in Kentucky.

ATV flips, kills teenage driver

VICCO, Ky. (AP) — An all-terrain vehicle accident claimed the life of Santana Marie Trent, 17, of Vicco, according to the Fayette County coroner's office.

Trent died early Sunday from head injuries suffered in the accident at 8:45 p.m. EDT Saturday.

Trent apparently lost control of the ATV on Montgomery Creek Road and overturned into a creek in Perry County, the coroner's office said. She was flown to the University of Kentucky Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 12:28 a.m. Sunday.

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Lutheran leaders hope to dodge controversy

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathering this week for their biennial meeting hope to dodge the controversy over homosexuality that dominated an Episcopal assembly.

More than 1,000 ELCA leaders are expected to shape the church's mission and governance for the next 10 years.

The Lutheran agenda also calls for updates on a homosexuality study and a statement on human sexuality, but leaders hope to chart a course around anything contentious.

"Now, I'm not painting a picture of an assembly that will be absent of controversy," said new Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson. "I tell people, 'If you think that a healthy church is a church without controversy, you obviously don't read the New Testament. To be followers of Jesus is always to be experiencing a certain amount of tension and challenges.'"

The Lutheran assembly follows the Episcopal General Convention in Minnesota, which last week recognized same-sex blessings and approved the election of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop.

The 5 million-member ELCA does not have a definitive position prohibiting blessings of same-sex unions, but an advisory statement in 1993 said bishops do not approve of such a ceremony as an official rite.

The ELCA welcomes gay and lesbian members; its ministers can be openly gay or lesbian if they are celibate.

Ky. getting money for building improvements

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's cities and counties will divide \$10.5 million in federal money for road improvement and restoration projects.

Much of the money, announced recently by Gov. Paul Patton, will go toward streetscape improvements. In northern Kentucky, for instance, Eminence will get money to repair sidewalks, curbs, underground utilities, lighting and landscaping.

But some of the largest packages — \$300,000 each — also will go to restoration and renovation of buildings. Money will go to preserve the Griffith Tavern in Harrison County. Magoffin County will get \$300,000 to restore Salyersville National Bank.

The historic U.S. Marine Hospital in Louisville will receive \$200,000.

The three-story building that once treated ill and injured boatmen on the Ohio River now stands vacant. It recently was listed as one of America's 11 Most Endangered Properties of 2003 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The federal money's a small part of the project, which could cost as much as \$9 million, according to Louisville's historic preservation officer, Joanne Weeter. She said several ideas for the hospital's use are being considered, including turning it into a visitors' center featuring Louisville's maritime history.



GROUND ATTACK ... A Union soldier re-enactor loads his musket on the battlefield, Sunday in Gettysburg, Pa., during a re-enactment commemorating the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

African leaders gather for resignation of Liberia's warlord president Taylor

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press Writer

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — President Charles Taylor shook hands with his designated successor today as his long-promised resignation ceremony started in the war-battered capital, attended by West African leaders pushing for his departure.

Rebels besieging the capital threatened to resume fighting if the former warlord — blamed for 14 years of bloodshed in Liberia and indicted for war crimes in Sierra Leone — doesn't leave the country immediately after the handover.

Wearing a white safari suit and holding his trademark staff, Taylor arrived hours late for the ceremony at his Executive Mansion, heavily guarded by Nigerian and South African forces.

Vice President Moses Blah waited for him with Liberian and regional officials in a velvet-draped room, without electricity, like the rest of the capital. Steel blinds guarded windows against assassination attempts, like a 1996 try on Taylor's life in the same building that killed two aides.

Blah and Taylor stood to attention in front of gilded thrones for the national anthem.

Outside, Monrovia's beleaguered people cheered the Nigerian peacekeepers — part of a vanguard peace force meant to build to 3,250 West African soldiers — but reserved celebrations over the former warlord's resignation until it was official.

"I can hardly believe it. He has brought too much suffering on the Liberian people," said Henry Phillips, 38, a former security official. "His absence is better than his presence."

Many of the undisciplined, often-drugged Taylor fighters who had previously patrolled the area appeared to have slipped away into the city with their weapons.

Taylor had pledged to hand over power at one minute before noon, but was delayed at the airport where he welcomed South African President Thabo Mbeki, Ghanaian President John Kufuor, Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano and Togolese Prime Minister Koffi Sama.

Rebels have rejected Taylor's choice of successor — a longtime ally and comrade in arms — and demanded that a neutral candidate be chosen to preside over a transition government until elections can be held.

On Monday, pickup trucks full of armed rebels raced toward the front as insurgents threatened to resume fighting if Taylor stays in the country after turning over power.

"Unless Taylor leaves the country by one minute past 12 noon, I shall attack," rebel Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdulla Seyeah Sheriff said from Monrovia's rebel-held island port area. "If Taylor leaves the country, there'll be peace."

Taylor has accepted an offer of asylum in Nigeria but has also hedged on when he will go. Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo was not attending the resignation, but his aides said Taylor was expected in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, as early as Monday.

Two months of intermittent rebel sieges have left over 1,000 civilians dead in Monrovia, as government and insurgent forces fought over the city of 1.3 million. The war left Taylor controlling little but downtown, referred to derisively by rebels as Taylor's "Federal Republic of Central Monrovia."

Under pressure to resign from the United States and West African leaders, Taylor remained defiant in a Sunday farewell address to the nation — declaring himself "the sacrificial lamb" to end what he said was a U.S.-backed rebel war against his besieged regime.

He called the uprising an

"American war" and suggested it was motivated by U.S. eagerness for Liberia's gold, diamonds and other reserves.

"They can call off their dogs now," Taylor said of Washington's alleged support of the rebel Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, or LURD. "We can have peace."

U.S. Ambassador John Blaney dismissed the charge as he waited for Taylor's resignation ceremony to begin. "We haven't supported LURD," he said.

Taylor launched Liberia's 14 years of near-constant conflict with a 1989-96 insurgency. Aid agencies estimate virtually all of Liberia's roughly 3 million people have been chased from their home by war, at one time or another.

Taylor was elected president in 1997 on threats of plunging the country into renewed bloodshed.

Bombs explode near Baghdad's British office

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — British troops restored badly needed electricity to parts of Basra and supervised distribution of gasoline today after two days of protests over fuel and power shortages. In northern Iraq, a U.S. soldier was killed and two others wounded in a bomb attack.

The soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division came under attack with a homemade bomb in front of the police station they were guarding in Baqouba, 45 miles north of Baghdad, late Sunday, Maj. Mark Solomons said.

The death brought to 57 the number of U.S. troops killed in action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

In Basra, a British patrol returned fire after it came under attack late Sunday, wounding two assailants. British military spokesman Capt. Hisham Halawi told The Associated Press. Two others escaped and were being pursued, he said. There were no British casualties.

Basra had been one of the quietest cities in the country. But on the second day of protests Sunday, an Iraqi protester and a Nepalese security guard were shot dead.

The protester was killed after an angry crowd tried to block four four-wheel drive vehicles crossing the main bridge leading to the airport and the British military headquarters. It was not clear who shot the demonstrator.

The dead guard worked for Global Security, a private company hired to provide security and other services for coalition bases throughout the country. The guard was bringing mail from Kuwait to United Nations staff in Basra. He was shot by an unknown assailant as a two-car convoy neared an intersection in the center of the city, coalition spokesman Iain Pickard said.

British troops patrolling the area gave away their own fuel to calm the demonstrators, coalition

spokesman Charles Heatly said from Baghdad.

Over the weekend, about 1,000 protesters blocked roads with rows of burning tires and threw rocks at vehicles and British troops, who suffered only minor injuries, Halawi said.

"The town is calm this morning. People have had power since last night, and petrol is getting at petrol stations," he said.

In Baghdad, Heatly said coalition forces were taking steps to alleviate the power and fuel crisis in Basra. The coalition also brought in two new gas turbine generators to try to patch up the antiquated electricity system, and British soldiers were supervising distribution at gas stations to make sure people were not charged exorbitant black-market prices.

Late Sunday, two bombs exploded about 60-70 yards from the British office in central Baghdad, witnesses said. There was no visible damage to the office, but a Syrian national who was part of a convoy of trucks taking supplies to the office was injured, according to the witnesses.

There was no indication whether the British office was the target. U.S. troops removed the truck in which the Syrian was injured within the hour of the explosion.

A team of FBI investigators, meanwhile, searched the bombed Jordanian Embassy, where a car bomb on Aug. 7 killed 19 people.

The attack rattled Baghdad residents who feared it signaled a rise of terror tactics in the already violent Iraqi capital. L. Paul Bremer, the top civilian administrator in Iraq, said the al-Qaida-linked Ansar al-Islam group was at the top of his list of suspected terrorist organizations operating in the country.

U.S. military officials have blamed almost daily attacks on Saddam loyalists and Iraqis angered by a foreign occupation. There is growing concern that foreign fighters may join the conflict.



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Fletcher, Chandler don't stray far

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — They periodically announce specific initiatives — education, for example, or economic development — but Ernie Fletcher and Ben Chandler never stray far from basic themes.

It is known as "staying on message." Regardless of the topic or the occasion, each will find a way to interject — and keep repeating — the phrase he wants listeners to remember.

Republican Fletcher will tell his audience, whatever the audience, that it's time for a change, time to "clean up the mess in Frankfort" after 32 uninterrupted years of Democratic administrations.

Democrat Chandler will find a reason to lash the Bush administration and Republicans generally for a weak economy and job losses. He thereby creates his own entree for criticizing Fletcher's votes for tax cuts at a time of federal budget deficits.

An example: The two candidates shared a stage last week in Mount Sterling at the annual meeting of an important business group, the Kentucky Industrial Development Council. Each was asked in a public forum what changes, if any, were needed in the delivery of economic development services and programs.

Replied Fletcher: "The most important thing we need is to

change the leadership at the very top." Key point to convey: Change is good.

Chandler said Kentucky is "bleeding jobs," thanks to "the Fletcher-Bush administration." Key point to convey: The Bush administration is fiscally irresponsible, and Fletcher abetted it.

Each candidate can fairly easily anticipate the other, and rebuttals sometimes precede assertions.

Speaking first at Mount Sterling, Fletcher tried to deflate Chandler's predictable criticism of himself and Bush. "I know some people whine and pout about the national economy," he said.

His running mate, Steve Pence, took the same approach in an appearance with Chandler on Thursday in Shelbyville. Pence said a state's administration has to be held accountable for the state's economy.

"It is fundamentally wrong for us to blame our problems on someone on the outside that's not been here," he said.

Meanwhile, Chandler, the attorney general, does not dispute the notion of there being a "mess" in Frankfort. But he finds it necessary to differentiate between himself and the tainted Gov. Paul Patton, whom his office is investigating. Chandler also protests insinuations that he is part of the mess.

"There isn't any question in my mind that we do have some difficulties in Frankfort," Chandler told the Chamber of Commerce in Shelbyville. "But those difficulties are limited to Paul Patton, and they're not running against Paul Patton."

Charles Wolfe is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.



Bush faces many obstacles on Iran, North Korea

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's use of discredited intelligence on Iraqi weapons may complicate America's ability to deal with more tangible nuclear dangers across the Middle East and in Asia.

The recent nuclear activity by North Korea and Iran and the broader issue of keeping mass-killing weapons away from terrorists loom as the biggest foreign policy challenges after the Iraq war.

Yet administration critics suggest President Bush's hand is weakened by credibility issues over assertions before the war about Iraq's nuclear and other weapons capabilities.

"What happens now when we need to rally the world about the weapons programs in North Korea and Iraq? How likely are they to believe the detail of what we present to them?" asks Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The administration is pinning its hopes on diplomacy as the way to contain Iranian and North Korean nuclear ambitions. The United States also is looking toward the same international weapons inspection apparatus that it spurned in Iraq.

The issue is not only whether the two remaining nations in Bush's "axis of evil" are building atomic bombs, but also how their neighbors would react.

For instance, North Korea's testing of a nuclear device might persuade Japan to quickly go nuclear itself, arms-control experts suggest. A nuclear Japan, in turn, might force China to increase its arsenal. That could put pressure on Taiwan to seek such weapons.

A nuclear Iran, meanwhile, could make it harder to establish pro-American governments in neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tehran's possession of the bomb could trigger an arms race between Iran and Israel. Israel might feel compelled to try to take out an Iranian nuclear plant — as it did an Iraqi facility in 1981.

Israel has never confirmed being a nuclear power, but it is widely believed to have as many as 100 to 200 such weapons.

Then there are nuclear club members India and Pakistan.

"India has dozens of nuclear weapons and is actively pursuing a long-range missile program to enable them to target not simply Pakistan but also China," said John Pike, a military analyst with GlobalSecurity.org, a consulting group based in Arlington, Va.

"Pakistan's nuclear program and missile program has basically been developed in close concert with

Iran and North Korea. You might even think of it as one program doing business at three locations," he added.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, said Pakistan and India "are on a hair trigger that is even finer and shorter than the one that existed between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War."

"Yet there has been very little attention focused by U.S. policymakers or the international community on a systematic, comprehensive approach to reducing risks in that region," Kimball said.

Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf, is an important ally in the U.S.-led fight against terrorism. That makes it harder for the administration to press its accusations that Pakistan helped North Korea's nuclear-arms program in return for missile parts.

Bush, vacationing this month in Texas, is hoping that diplomacy and pressure from neighboring powers will help defuse the nuclear threats in both Iran and North Korea.

The best course on Iran is "to convince others to join us in a clear declaration that the development of a nuclear weapon is not in their interests," Bush said.

As to North Korea, Bush hopes its agreement to meet for six-nation talks on its nuclear programs will lead to the country's renunciation of nuclear weaponry.

"We are making progress," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said late last

week. "It's a tough regime to deal with. ... But we're fairly sanguine that if you're going to get this done, it's going to have to be in coordination with other states."

But uncertainties abound.

North Korea last week balked at the makeup of the U.S. delegation to the six-nation talks. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami pledged not to give up a nuclear program he insisted was designed to produce electrical energy, not atomic bombs.

Whereas the first nuclear powers were major players on the world stage — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — the emerging nuclear powers are poorer, generally less stable governments.

That fact, and the chance that nuclear materials could wind up in the hands of terrorist groups, worries arms-control experts and administration officials.

Washington's hope is "that somehow diplomatically we can work our way through this issue," Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recently told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"The notion or the thought" that nuclear material "could be proliferated to other countries could change our security environment in a not-so-nice a way," Myers said.

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Washington Today
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From an Arkansas swamp, half a continent is measured

By KELLY P. KISSEL
Associated Press Writer

BLACKTON, Ark. (AP) — To some, western civilization in the United States started in the middle of an Arkansas swamp — the reference point from which lands west of the Mississippi River were first measured.

After Thomas Jefferson bought Louisiana and Lewis and Clark explored it, the nation's land office sent a lesser-known but just as important duo — Robbins and Brown — into southern Arkansas to begin surveying the 830,000-square-mile purchase.

Their first measurements established land grants for soldiers from the War of 1812. Eventually, plots throughout the Louisiana Purchase could be traced to a pair of gum trees between the Arkansas and St. Francis rivers.

"Without that, settlers moving west would have no assurance that they could occupy land and buy it," said S. Charles Bolton, a history professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Few soldiers accepted their military bounties — and their land was later seized by the state for taxes due — but the survey's importance is that the West came to be settled in a relatively orderly fashion, as

Jefferson had desired. In New England, groups of people moved in after receiving land grants from legislatures. And in the South, settlers occupied land before later-arriving survey crews took note of their property.

"Here, the settlement of the American West began," proclaims a sign at the Louisiana Purchase Historic State Park, built around a concrete marker atop the site where survey teams led by Prospect K. Robbins and Joseph C. Brown met Nov. 10, 1815.

"It's hard to believe how they had to walk through a swamp, keep a chain tight, fend off cottonmouths and then accomplish what they did," said Josh Epperson, an interpreter for the Arkansas State Parks system.

Surveys break down land into a grid so each property can be identified by how far it is from a starting point. The federal land office had already determined that Louisiana lands would be measured from a spot between the Arkansas and St. Francis rivers, but needed surveyors to establish that point.

Robbins worked north from the mouth of the Arkansas and Brown worked West from the mouth of the St. Francis. They met in a cypress and tupelo gum swamp

and marked a pair of gum trees to establish their base line and meridian.

From here, in general, the rest of the new American frontier was laid out in six-mile squares known as townships and ranges. Through surveys, every piece of property can be identified by how far it is from a known starting point.

America's first meridian helped define land in Ohio; the Arkansas site marks the first meridian established west of the Mississippi River and covers land as far north as Canada and as far west as the Montana-North Dakota line. Later meridians were established farther west as settlement progressed — except for Texas, whose land distribution varied under its multiple governments.

Each township and range is further divided into squares one mile on each side and, from there, property can be easily cut up into 160-acre tracts. The terms "the north 40" and "40 acres and a mule" are directly tied to how tracts were developed.

Records of Robbins and Brown's initial surveys, and those from other teams that helped fill in the gaps, are kept at the state land commissioner's office in Little Rock. Inside 268 metal cabinet drawers are descriptions of everything the surveyors found on their lines — trees, swamps,

rivers and, at least once, "an amplitude of briars and mosquitoes."

Because the land was available for settlement immediately, surveyors were required to note whether the land was suitable for farming, and much of it was. Just off the swamp, farmland rich with cotton, rice and soybeans stretches in all directions today.

But many didn't take advantage of the land and lost it when the Arkansas Territory began taxing it in the 1820s.

"If the tax wasn't paid, the land would be forfeited to the (territory) and then could be sold for back taxes," Bolton said. "If you were in New Hampshire or in Georgia, you probably had no idea this was going on."

Records from Independence County showed that, in 1825, the sheriff sold 169 160-acre tracts to satisfy tax liens of \$3.20 each — \$2.40 to the state and 80 cents to the county. The state in turn sold the land to others.

Robbins and Brown's initial point remained relatively obscure until new survey crews revisited the site in 1921 to settle a boundary dispute between two of the three counties that meet here. After the surveyors found the original witness trees, the Daughters of the American Revolution pur-

chased it and made plans for a monument.

"There had been a couple rumors, proven false, that when they brought the monument down here they just dropped the monument and said 'This is the spot,'" said Wayne McPhink, curator of exhibits at the Delta Cultural Center in Helena.

But with something as historical as the starting point of the Louisiana Purchase surveys, it is desired to know for sure that the monument was placed in the right spot.

Mickey Warwick, a surveying instructor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, said students plan to conduct additional research this winter, after the leaves are off most of the trees.

As the survey spread from Arkansas, crews encountered previous land grants made by Spain. When necessary, boards of land commissioners settled disputes, but in Arkansas there were few to resolve because, until 1815, the region was mostly home to hunters and trappers and a few Indians. "I'd be willing to bet that Congress decided to give veterans land in Arkansas because it figured no one else was here and it wouldn't infringe on anyone else's rights," Bolton said. "Arkansas was essentially defined as a place at an uncomfortable distance from both St. Louis and New Orleans."

Deaths

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Michael R. Kuenzel

Michael R. Kuenzel, 62, Charlie Miller Road, Almo, died suddenly Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at 4 p.m. at his home.

Before retiring he was the owner/operator of "Basic Asphalt," an asphalt company based out of Arnold, Mo.

Born Nov. 6, 1940, in St. Louis, Mo., he was the son of the late Ralph Kuenzel and Rosemary Spicack Kuenzel.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Linda Inman Kuenzel; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Schueler, Hardin, and Mrs. Shelly Perez, St. Charles, Mo.; two sons, Anthony Kuenzel and wife, Michaelene, Union, Mo., and Michael David Kuenzel and wife, Crystal, Bourbon, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Patricia Kramper and husband, Ted, St. Louis, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Stephanie and Lauren List, Paris, Tenn., Jenna and Michael Kuenzel, Bourbon, Mo., Dalton and Rider Kuenzel, Union, Mo., and Cheyenne Schueler, Hardin.

The body was cremated. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements, but no visitation or service is planned.

Paul McManus

Paul McManus, 74, St. Rt. 348E, Symsonia, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003, at 5:45 a.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

An industrial worker, he was of Baptist faith and an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Two brothers, Garland McManus and Estel McManus, both preceded him in death. He was the son of the late Lois McManus and Trill Cox McManus.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Anna Holt McManus; two daughters, Mrs. Patti Brown, Mayfield, and Mrs. Paula Alexander, Symsonia; one son, Roger McManus, Symsonia; two brothers, Victor McManus, Symsonia, and Charles McManus, Murray; four grandchildren.

The funeral will be today (Monday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Rick Miller and the Rev. Headley Thweatt will officiate. Burial will follow in the Clarks River Cemetery. Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mrs. Julia Lee Brumlow

Mrs. Julie Lee Brumlow, 87, Paducah, died Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, at 9:25 p.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

A member of Lone Oak United Methodist Church, she was a former employee of Claussner Hosiery Mill, Paducah.

Her husband, James Leo Brumlow, and 10 sisters and brothers all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late John Lee Norsworthy and Ellen Gordon Norsworthy.

Survivors include two sons, Marvin Fondaw, Paducah, and John Fondaw, Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Perry Norsworthy, Gilbertsville; three grandchildren, Kris Ann Buss, Murray, Jeffrey Fondaw, Fort Worth, Texas, and Keith Fondaw, Martinsville, Ind.; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. The Rev. Rick Dye will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Troy McLeod

The funeral for Troy McLeod was Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home. The Rev. Richard Dobbs and the Rev. Edgar Paschall officiated. Burial was in the Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Mr. McLeod, 55, Benton, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at 3:44 p.m. at Marshall County Hospital, Benton.

He was a member of Oaks Church of God and Hardin-Berkley Lodge #567 of Free and Accepted Masons.

Two sisters, Louise Wood and Sue Cooper, and two brothers, George McLeod and Bobby McLeod, all preceded him in death. He was the son of the late Claud McLeod and Lena Henson McLeod.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Reid McLeod; two daughters, Mrs. Amy Barrett and Mrs. Bailey Barrett, both of Calvert City; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Stewart and Mrs. Velda Street, both of Benton; five brothers, Louis McLeod, Earl McLeod, Jimmy McLeod and Wayne McLeod, all of Benton, and Jack McLeod, Murray.

William M. Zentner

William M. Zentner, 79, Kenwood Drive, Murray, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, at 9:25 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

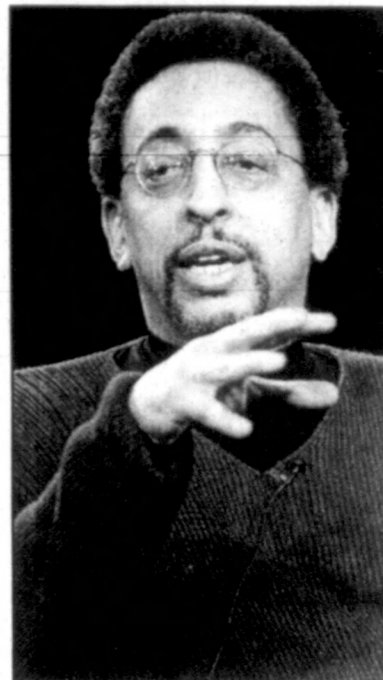
He had been a Shriner for over 30 years.

Born April 26, 1924, he was the son of the late William and Hattie Zentner. Four sisters also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Erma Zentner; one son, Michael Zentner and wife, Cheryl, Felton, Calif.; one grandson, Kristopher Zentner, Seattle, Wash.; one granddaughter, Karina Karabensch, Santa Cruz, Calif. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Churchill-Imes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



McManus



Gregory Hines, greatest tap dancer of his generation, dead at 57
LOS ANGELES (AP) — As soon as he could walk and talk, Gregory Hines said, he knew he could dance. His dazzling feet kicked off a career that stretched from gigs in New York clubs when he was five to Tony Award glory on Broadway and Hollywood stardom. Hines, considered the greatest tap dancer of his generation, died of cancer Saturday in Los Angeles at age 57. "I don't remember not dancing," Hines said in a 2001 interview with The Associated Press. "When I realized I was alive and these were my parents, and I could walk and talk, I could dance." With his elegant tap style that evoked Fred Astaire and Sammy Davis Jr., Hines became internationally known as a young age as part of a jazz tap duo with his brother, Maurice. Hines and his brother performed together in the musical revue "Eubie!" in 1978, in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies" and on film in 1984's "The Cotton Club." His role in "The Cotton Club" led to more offers from Hollywood. He starred with Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1985's "Cold War" and with Billy Crystal in 1986's "Running Scared" and he appeared with Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett in 1995's "Waiting to Exhale," among other movies. He won a 1992 Tony Award for the musical "Jelly's Last Jam." "He was the last of a kind of immaculate performer — a singer, dancer, actor and a personality," said George C. Wolfe, who directed "Jelly." "He knew how to command." "His dancing came from something very real," said Bernadette Peters, who appeared with Hines as co-hosts of the 2002 Tony Awards show. "It came out of his instincts, his impulses and his amazing creativity. His whole heart and soul went into everything he did." Gregory Oliver Hines was born on Feb. 14, 1946, in New York City. He has said his mother urged him and his older brother toward tap dancing because she wanted them to have a way out of the ghetto. When he was a toddler, his brother was already taking tap lessons and would come home and teach him steps. They began performing together when Gregory Hines was 5, and they performed at the Apollo Theater in Harlem for two weeks when he was 6. In 1954, they were cast in the Broadway musical "The Girl in Pink Tights," starring French ballerina Jeanmaire. Davis was one of young Gregory Hines' inspirations, as were the Nicholas Brothers and Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Hines drew on Robinson's style for some of his work in "Jelly's Last Jam." Hines was engaged to Negrita Jayde and, in addition to his father and brother, is survived by his daughter Daria, son Zach, grandson Lucian and stepdaughter Jessica Koslow.

Alaska police force clashes with village officials over guns

HOOPER BAY, Alaska (AP) — When this town's seven police officers go on patrol, they never reach for their guns. That's because Hooper Bay is the only known municipality in the United States whose police officers are forbidden to carry firearms.

Town leaders say they fear guns will just make the village more dangerous, even in the hands of cops. Police say town leaders are being unreasonable and insist guns can make the town safer.

"Unpredictable, unexpected things don't happen here often, but they do happen," said Police Chief James Hoelscher, 27, who has lived in Hooper Bay since he was 13. "A little Yupik Eskimo village is not immune to what can happen in Anchorage or Los Angeles or anywhere else."

Village leaders are unconvinced. Elmer Simon, tribal government administrator,

said he would support properly trained officers using guns — but only in emergency situations. Otherwise, he said, they should keep them locked up.

"A lot of young people wouldn't hesitate — especially if they're under the influence of alcohol — to grab a handgun from the officers and use it against them," Simon said. "Not that we're against handguns. But accidents do happen."

Hooper Bay is an Eskimo village of 1,100 on the windblown Bering Sea coast, about 515 miles west of Anchorage. It is among the last communities in Alaska without running water or a sewage system.

The village has existed for more than a century, incorporating as a city in 1966. It has steadily grown in recent years despite high unemployment and few job opportunities. Commercial

fishing and subsistence fishing and hunting are the primary means of support. Well over a third of the population is unemployed and receiving public assistance.

And no one can remember a time when police carried guns.

Both The Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police said they were unaware of any other organized municipality in the nation whose officers don't carry guns.

"We're not a big enough village to justify carrying guns," said City Administrator Raphael Murran.

The chief said there's good reason for his officers to carry firearms. In fact, he keeps his own gun locked up at the station and, policy or not, he has taken it on a few potentially risky calls.

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Community

Monday, August 11, 2003

Senior Citizens plan shuffleboard events

Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray, will offer two special events over the regular activities of the center, according to Teri Cobb, activities director.

An indoor Shuffleboard Tournament will be Tuesday, Aug. 26, beginning at 12:30 p.m. for those 60 and older. An Indoor Shuffleboard League is also being formed with league play being the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

If you interested in participating in the tournament, playing in the league or need more information, call the center at 753-0929. August will be used as practice sessions and official league play will begin Sept. 4.



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Keen
Community Editor

THEOS meeting canceled Tuesday

THEOS (They Help Each Other Spiritually), a bereavement group for those who have lost their spouses, will not meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. The meeting has been canceled out of respect to Opal Howard, longtime leader of the group, whose son, Dr. Russell Howard, died Aug. 6. For information call Lilly Steele at 753-2875 or Karen Isaacs at 753-2411.

Dexter town meeting canceled

The Dexter town meeting, usually held on the second Tuesday of the month has been canceled for August. The next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Dexter Community Center.

East Council meeting Tuesday

East Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the school. The meeting is open to the public.

Parkinson's group will meet

Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at noon at the Weaks Community Center. For more information all Dixie Hopkins at 753-6001.

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer glaucoma screenings, blood pressure and pulse checks on Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. at Kroger of Murray. For information call 762-1348.

Al-Anon meeting Tuesday

Al-Anon will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. Persons are asked to note the change in meeting place.

Fall baseball sign-ups Tuesday

There will be a fall baseball instructional league for players who will be eligible for Pinto (7-8 year olds) and Mustang (9-10 year olds) leagues next spring. Sign-ups for this fall league will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Trophy Case.

Eastern Star Chapter will meet

Murray Star Chapter No. 433 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Highway 121 North at Robertson Road North, Murray.

Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (S.O.S.) will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. This is a group for all singles whether divorced, widowed or never married. For more information call Jackie at 1-270-247-7754 or Shirley at 753-6224.

Alzheimer's group will hear caregiver

Jim Keys, caregiver, will speak about "Current Caregiver and Advocate Issues" at the meeting of the Alzheimer's Disease Education/Support Group on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Free sitter service is provided during the meeting by Shared Care Adult Day Care Program; but contact Shared Care at 753-0576 or MCC Home Care at 762-1537 by Monday at 4 p.m. for this service. For more information call Cindy Ragsdale, licensed social worker, at 762-1108.

Ladies 'Garden Party' planned

All ladies are invited to a "Garden Party" on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Hardin Baptist Church. Lunch will be served in the back courtyard of the church at 11:30 a.m. Following the meal, an inspirational message titled "Silver Boxes" will be delivered by a visiting guest speaker, Ruth Ella Girvin. To aid in the food preparation for the luncheon, please call 437-4868 by Wednesday, Aug. 13, if you wish to attend the luncheon.



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POKER RUN... Thanks to 211 riders on 148 motor bikes and 33 businesses and organizations, more than \$3,693 was raised for Calloway County CASA through the Freedom Fest Poker Run. The event was coordinated by Marvin Weatherford, George Ligon, Don Maupin, Donnie Paschall and numerous other community volunteers.

Legal services to seniors offered Aug. 14

A representative from the Paducah Office of Kentucky Legal Aid, will be present at the Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center, located in Murray, Kentucky, to provide legal services for senior citizens needing assistance if a prior appointment has been made. The next scheduled date

is Aug. 14, at 8:30 a.m. No fees will be charged to individuals aged 60 and over in accordance with the Title III grant regulations. Services are provided on a somewhat limited basis in civil (non-criminal) law and public benefit cases for qualifying individuals and cases. If you would like to consult with a legal representative,

you will need to call and make an appointment with the director of the senior citizens center by noon the day before we are scheduled to be there. If no appointments are made, then a legal representative will not be available. Kentucky does not certify legal specialties.



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CHILD CARE EVENT... Murray-Calloway County Hospital Child Care Center had a special ceremony at the Murray City Park, planned by their teachers, Jennifer Fuqua and Vernise Wilson. Pictured, from left, front row, Casey Bouley, Shelby Moss, Breanna Patterson, Drew Pitman, Cade Rudolph, Tyler Sirls, River Warren and Karlie Paschall; back row, Ben Boyd, Grant Ray, Josh Conner, Savanna Grogan, Stefan Harris, Issiah Tucker, Aaron Rister and Zachary Rogers, along with teachers, Jennifer Fuqua and Venise Wilson. Not pictured are Beau Maness and Cyrus Nabavi.

Chemistry major presents research

On April 1, the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) welcomed 88 undergraduate student researchers from across the nation to Capitol Hill. They displayed 68 posters summarizing their research to members of Congress, federal agency officials and invited guests at a reception in the Rayburn House Office Building.

Among the students was Adam R. Farley, a senior chemistry major at Murray State University and

native of Metropolis, Ill. Farley presented his poster, titled "Nucleotide Binding in an Aminoglycoside Phosphotransferase Enzyme (APH(3')-IIIa)." This poster was one of 12 in the chemistry division and only one of two posters from the state of Kentucky.

Students who participated in this annual event were competitively chosen from several hundred applicants. Their research was funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Justice, EPA, NASA, USDA and many other agencies federal, state and private.

Farley has been involved in

undergraduate research since his sophomore year in the lab of Dr. J. Ricky Cox, assistant professor in the department of chemistry. Farley's research, supported as part of MSU's \$1.5 million Howard Hughes Medical Institute award, is focused on gaining a better understanding of an enzyme involved in antibiotic resistance, a current public health crisis.

Dr. Cox says that "Adam is integral part of my research group and is an excellent young scientist that has a bright future." Farley's plans for next year are to pursue a master's degree in chemistry at MSU and then to pursue a doctoral degree.

Murray Golf and Country Club

Ladies of the Murray Country Club will play golf on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the club. Tee off time was 9 a.m. with Sally Crass as hostess.

Anyone unable to play should contact the pro shop and anyone wishing to play and not listed in the line-up may come and be paired at the tee.

The line-up is as follows:

Tee 1 - Cyndi Cohoon, Sally Crass, Betty Jo Purdom and Ve Severns;

Tee 3 - Lyndi Burgess, Jennifer Crouse, Venela Ward and Betty Lowry;

Tee 5 - Inus Orr, Peggy Shoemaker, Barbara Gray and Evelyn Jones;

Tee 6 - Ann Brown, Brenda Rowland, Patti Vetter and Kathy Maxwell;

Tee 8 - Marilyn Adkins, Norma Frank, Toni Hopson and Carolyn Sanning;

Tee 10 - Ann Stanley, Bev Reuter, Betty Shepperson and Beth Belote.

Kenlake Ladies Golf

The Kenlake Ladies Golf Association met at the Bill Hamrick Memorial Golf Course at Kenlake State Resort Park met Wednesday morning, Aug. 6, for its regular golf play.

Sue Theford was the winner of the game for the day.

Other members present were Bobbe Manning, Mary Madajczyk, Donna Peyton, Edith Lamond, Daisy Durham, Louise Parker, Dotty Elliott, Hazel Hill, JoAnn Wardynski, Janice Curd, Mary Neale Barton, Linda Breck, Norma Stephenson and Helen Hubbs.

4-H gearing up for Fall

As the school year begins, there are many ways to be involved in 4-H. We have numerous activities and events for youth during the Fall

4-H Update
By Ginny Harper
Calloway County
Extension Agent
for 4-H Youth
Development

2003. There are classes in various projects as well as community service opportunities and community clubs and or school enrichment activities.

The Calloway County 4-H Council has planned a full range of events and activities for the 4-H Membership in its annual planning meeting held July 28.

"4-H allows youth to make lasting friendships and to become better all around citizens of Murray-Calloway County. As the school year is beginning there are many opportunity to get involved in 4-H. I wish I would have taken more opportunity to stay involved in 4-H as I grew as a middle schooler and as a teen," said Andrea Tucker, Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service summer intern.

On Sept. 6, Calloway County 4-H will have a 4-H Round-up to encourage and recruit new and experienced 4-H'er for the upcoming year. The event will be from 10 to 11:30 at the West Kentucky Expo Center Classroom. Leaders and club information will be available. Plan to attend. Calloway 4-H and FFA youth will be showing and selling their prize winning market animals that morning, as well in the Expo Arena.

Upcoming 4-H events

The next meeting of the 4-H Council will be Sept. 4 at 3:30 at the Extension office.

The Calloway County Extension Service is open Monday to Friday from 8 to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The Calloway County 4-H Council is an agency of the Murray-Calloway County United Way.

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Farm

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Twilight Tobacco Tour next week

The Twilight Tobacco Tour will be held next Monday, August 18 at 7 p.m. We will meet at the Murray State tobacco barn on Robertson Road North. UK specialists will discuss dark tobacco variety development, fertility, weed control and drip irrigation. A meal follows the tour. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing Limited Partnership is sponsoring the tour.



Agriculture Update
By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County Agriculture Extension Agent

Potential problems for moldy hay

According to UK specialists, because the wet spring and early summer created conditions for mold development in hay, horse owners need to be especially careful not to feed moldy hay to their animals. Moldy hay also reduces the performance of cattle, sheep and goats so producers should avoid it.

Greater amounts of mold growth occur when hay is baled above the safe moisture level of 18 percent for large, round bales and 20 percent for small, square bales. Mycotoxins, poisons produced by these molds, can cause problems when moldy hay is fed to animals. There are hundreds of different mycotoxins, which are diverse in their chemistry and effects on animals.

Horses shouldn't be fed moldy or dusty hay even when the amount of mold or dust appears to be minor. Any hay (alfalfa, timothy, clover and fescue) containing mold can inflame a horse's respiratory tract and impair its breathing ability. Many horses develop permanent lung damage after consuming moldy or dusty hay. This chronic lung damage, often called "heaves," affects the horse's ability to breathe normally during exercise. In severe cases, heaves impairs the horse's ability to breathe normally even at rest.

Mold can have other detrimental effects on horses such as causing digestive upsets and contributing to colic. Although red clover has a good nutrient profile, it sometimes is affected by a mold that causes horses to

slobber. This slobbering doesn't appear to harm the horse, but most handlers find it offensive.

Cattle, sheep and goats don't like moldy hay so they eat less of it. This results in reduced performance from less intake of lower quality hay. Some hay with a significant amount of mold can be used in cattle rations because cattle are less sensitive to the mold spores.

However, feeding cattle too much moldy hay causes increased disease incidence and reduced production efficiency.

When fed too much moldy hay, dairy cattle don't give as much milk and their immune systems and reproduction can be affected. In addition, dairy producers can experience huge economic losses from milk contamination.

Beef cattle frequently consume large, round bales of hay with some mold present and rarely have any problems. However, abnormally moldy hay can lead to decreased intake, gain. If you suspect that hay is excessively moldy, you might want to have samples sent to a diagnostic laboratory to be tested for mycotoxins. The Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville will analyze samples, but only those submitted by a veterinarian.

Sheep and goats will avoid moldy hay if at all possible; animals will pick around moldy hay, or not eat it at all. Thus it's not a very efficient feed source and is best avoided.

When selecting hay for pleasure or farm animals, be concerned about the overall quality. Generally, large round bales have more mold than the small square ones. In addition to cleanliness, nutrient value is another important consideration. Legumes (alfalfa and red clover) typically have a much higher protein and calcium content than grass hays, such as timothy, orchardgrass and bermudagrass. Legumes also may be higher in energy and total digestible nutrients.

When the price per ton among various hays is similar, alfalfa usually is the best value because it has more nutrients and tends to be more palatable than other types so animals usually will waste less. The best way to evaluate the nutrient value of hay is to have a chemical analysis performed. Use forage core samples from at least 20 bales to get the most accurate analysis. Typically the analysis will determine moisture, crude protein, neutral and acid detergent fiber levels (that help determine energy content), calcium and phosphorus. Analysis information is available at the Extension office.

Methodists revive camp as 'learning farm'

By JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press Writer

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (AP) — The Rev. Thomas Henderson absently kicked around a pile of dirt near a row of squash plants at Camp Dogwood, seeing a treasure trove of valuable lessons where others see an acre of farmland.

"The soil teaches us the greatest lessons in life," he said. "It will hold you accountable. It teaches that there are certain things that happen that are beyond your control. It also teaches that you plant, and you reap."

"It's those great lessons in life that a lot of people have missed because we're now two and three generations removed from an agrarian background."

Henderson, 48, a United Methodist minister who grew up farming at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., is in charge of reviving the long-dormant Methodist camp, once the only place near Nashville where black children could enjoy summer camp. Using volunteer help from church youth groups, he is farming one of its 276 acres, with plans for quick expansion.

His goals are lofty. Henderson thinks Camp Dogwood can fight prejudice, bring nutritious produce to neglected neighborhoods, prepare poor youths for careers, and on a small scale, buck the globalization of the food industry. And in the spirit of the Camp Dogwood that existed for half a century, he wants volunteers to have fun after a few hours of work at the camp's swimming pool, hiking trails and picnic areas.

If it works, he hopes Camp Dogwood will be a national model for land the Methodists own across the country.

On a recent afternoon, a busload of black children from inner-city Nashville pulled up, ready to start work alongside a white youth

group on a missions trip from Red Bridge United Methodist Church in Kansas City.

"It looks like the weeds have all been pulled," 12-year-old Rivera Peoples said to Henderson, angling for a better job.

"Ah," Henderson kindly responded. "The weeds are never all pulled."

Camp Dogwood was established in the late 1920s after the land about 20 miles northwest of Nashville was donated to the United Methodist church, Henderson said. It's leased by the women's division of the church — which operates its General Conference office in Nashville — to Bethlehem Centers for \$1 a year.

The Bethlehem Centers, which provide services to Nashville's inner-city poor, shut down most camp operations three decades ago because of financial difficulties. After a fire at the center's Nashville gymnasium, there wasn't enough money to both rebuild and keep Camp Dogwood going, said Joyce Searcy, president and CEO of Bethlehem Centers.

Henderson said the revival of the camp centers on bringing "food security" to poor neighborhoods while helping farmers survive.

"I believe that sustainability will be the theological issue of this century," Henderson said. "We spend eight kilocalories of fossil fuel to produce one calorie of food in this country. The average age of the American farmer is now 62 years old. The average farmer gets 12 cents of a consumer's food dollar."

Camp Dogwood sells its products at summer farmers' markets set up at churches, and other farmers are welcome to join in. That gets the farmers up to 80 cents of the food dollar and gets nutritious foods to neighborhoods served only by drive-in markets and fast food joints.

If food sales make the camp self-sufficient,



AP Photo
SOIL COOL ... Stephanie Boeth, 13, left, Andrea Long, 15, center, and Emily Newport, 14, all volunteers from the Red Bridge United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo., plant seeds for fall crops at Camp Dogwood in Ashland City, Tenn. The organic crops grown at the Methodist camp are sold through temporary farmers markets in inner-city Nashville neighborhood churches to get quality produce to low-income families.

Henderson would like to start processing some foods, beginning with salsa, next year.

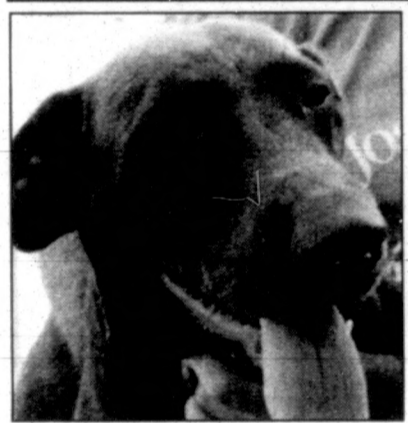
"I have a long-range goal of seven years to have a Dogwood School of the Culinary Arts for underserved communities to come and learn the restaurant business," he said. "We'd love a fine furniture maker to come in and set up shop, mentor some young people in the

trade, and direct-market to affluent churches."

But for now, it's all about the soil.

"The soil is the only place that I know where everybody's on the same playing field," Henderson said. "It doesn't give a flying rip if you're white, black, rich, poor, young, old, Hispanic, Asian, gay, straight — it doesn't care."

Pets of the Week



UP FOR ADOPTION...Murray-Calloway County Animal Shelter, located on Shelter Lane, has listed this adult female chocolate lab mix left, and this adult female Siamese cat named Angel for adoption. Hours of the shelter are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. For information call 759-4141.

Farm Service Agency election deadline set

The Calloway County Farm Service Agency announced the date for filing nomination petitions for election to the Farm Service Agency County Office Committee election.

The Calloway County FSA urges every local resident involved in a farming operation to contact their local FSA office to be sure that they are on the list of eligible voters and participants. This election is critical to FSA operations here in Calloway County.

The deadline for filing nomination petitions for the election is Sept. 5. This year Community A will hold elections. Community A includes the following communities: Kirksey, Almo, Dexter, Penny, Van Cleave, Hico, and the Stella and Coldwater communities north of KY 121.

The FSA County Office Committee is the most direct link between USDA farm program and producers. The county committee

system helps shape nationwide programs into programs that work at the local level such as commodity price support loans and payments, allotments, yields, and marketing quotas for some crops.

FSA county committees also make eligibility determinations for farm loans and conservation programs, as well as disaster assistance. It is important that the committee represents all of the agricultural interests in the area.

The Farm Service Agency works with all kinds of farmers — small and large operators, truck farmers, growers of specialty crops to name a few. Interested farmers should contact the local Farm Service Agency for a nomination petition or for any further information on the county committee election.

Learning egg and chicken judging

By GINNY HARPER
Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

Which came first — the chicken or the egg? The answer to this question may not be addressed, but many other interesting facts and information about chickens and egg production will be explored by 4-H youth in Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl.

The teams are meeting weekly at the Calloway County Extension Office at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Youth will learn the U.S.D.A standards for egg quality, interior and exterior. Youth will learn to candle eggs, examine the carcass of poultry and determine the proper grade for the meat. The youth will view and handle live chickens to judge the best layer in a class.

Calloway County youth will train for state competition at the Kentucky State Fair Aug. 15. Youth have opportunity to compete in two events: Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl. Poultry Judging uses USDA standards to judge eggs, chicken and turkey carcasses, and live birds whereas Avian Bowl is a quick recall type of competition in which teams compete to answer questions about poultry, egg productions and other study resources of birds.

Our Poultry Judging participants in 2002 were the Junior Team of Ben Tidwell, Coley Miller, Molly Anderson, Maggie Anderson, Garen Lawson, and Hunter Gingles and the Senior Team of Coley Miller, Derek Lawson and Michael Siebold.

The Avian Bowl teams placed seventh and third in state competition and has many returning competitors.

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Sports

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Furcal makes history; Pujols' HR wins game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It all happened so quickly, even Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal wasn't sure what he accomplished.

Furcal turned the 12th unassisted triple play in major league history, but the St. Louis Cardinals beat Atlanta 3-2 Sunday night on Albert Pujols' tiebreaking homer off John Smoltz in the eighth inning.

Furcal single-handedly snuffed out a Cardinals rally in the fifth for the first unassisted triple play in the majors since Oakland second baseman Randy Velarde did it against the New York Yankees on May 29, 2000.

"I didn't know right away," Furcal said. "I wasn't thinking of trying to get three outs by myself. I was just trying to get outs."

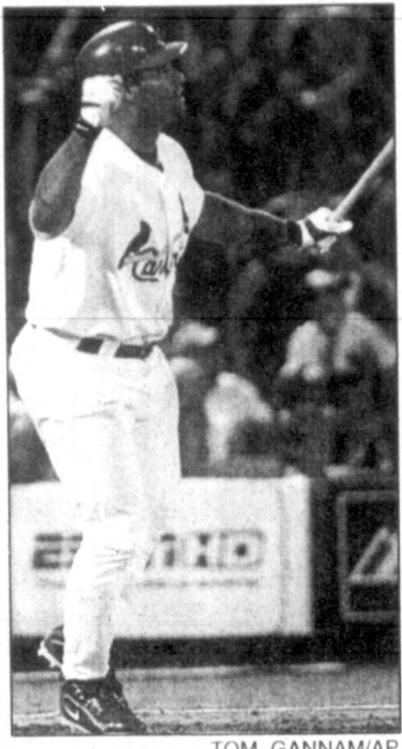
With runners on first and second, Furcal made a leaping grab of pitcher Woody Williams' liner. The runners were going on a 1-1 pitch, and Furcal stepped on second base to double up Mike Matheny before tagging out Orlando Palmeiro as he made a futile attempt to scamper back to first.

Furcal said he was once involved in a triple play in the minors.

"But it wasn't all by myself," he added.

Williams is one of the best hitting pitchers in the majors, with a .250 batting average and seven RBIs.

"That's amazing," he said. "I told myself to just hit the ball on the



TOM GANNAM/AP

YES! ... Albert Pujols pumps his fist while watching his home run off of Braves closer John Smoltz in the eighth inning. The hit extended Pujols' hitting streak to 24 games.

ground and all of a sudden it's there, and I reach for it off the end of the bat. It's a nice play on Furcal's part."

Gary Sheffield homered and hit a sacrifice fly for the Braves, who took a 2-1 lead into the eighth. But Eduardo Perez homered off Horacio Ramirez with two outs and Pujols followed with his 31st

of the season on a 1-0 pitch from Smoltz (0-2).

"You don't want to face that guy in that situation," Pujols said. "He's the best guy. I guess I got lucky and won the battle."

The home run extended Pujols' hitting streak to 24 games. The Cardinals took two of three from the NL's top team and manager Tony La Russa said it gets better "only in October."

"That's one of those 'wow' victories," La Russa said. "You watch Eduardo tie it up and you go 'wow, wow,' and then Smoltz comes in and you think 'Man, I wonder how long we're going to play."

"Then Albert does what he does and it's beyond 'wow.'"

Pujols is 36-for-94 during the streak (.383) and is hitting a major league-best .368 overall.

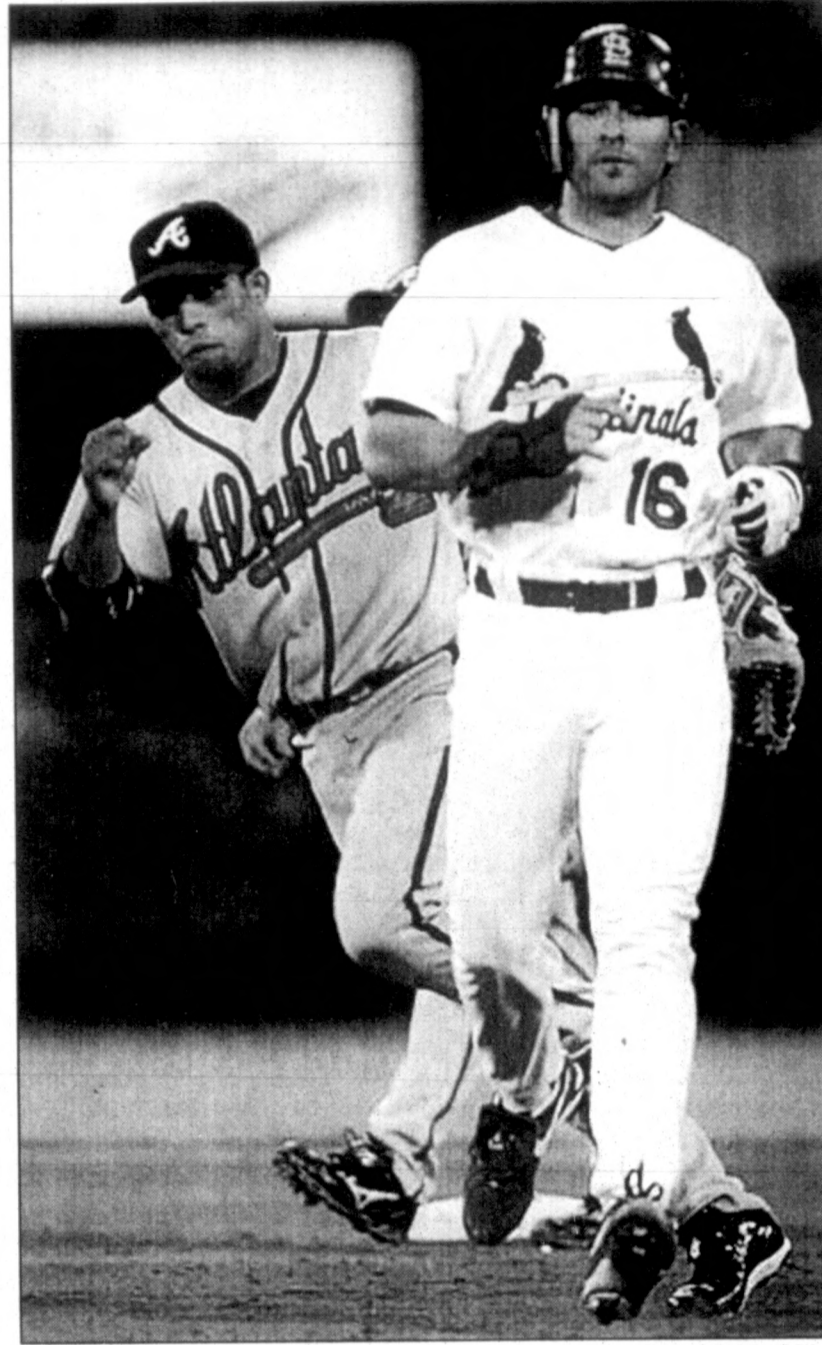
Sheffield was 3-for-3, extending his hitting streak to 15 games. Smoltz has given up only two homers in 57 2-3 innings.

"I'm used to coming in when we're ahead," Smoltz said. "I tried to blow it by him obviously, and it didn't work."

Cal Eldred (5-4) worked a hitless eighth for the win, and Jason Isringhausen got three straight outs for his 11th save in 12 chances.

The Cardinals scored only 14 runs on 34 hits during a 3-3 home-stand, going 5-for-36 with runners in scoring position.

Matheny singled to start the fifth and Palmeiro reached when Ramirez threw late to second on his sacrifice bunt. Williams tried to bunt earlier in the at-bat, but was allowed to swing away.



TOM GANNAM/AP

THAT'S NO. 3 ... Rafael Furcal pumps his fist after tagging out St. Louis' Orlando Palmeiro to complete the unassisted triple-play in the fifth inning of Sunday's game at Busch Stadium. Furcal caught a high line drive by pitcher Woody Williams, doubled off Mike Matheny who had been at second and tagged Palmeiro who had run from first.

Gordon wins at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — The wrong Gordon won again at Watkins Glen.

Two years after Jeff Gordon took the race when Robby Gordon's telemetry went up in smoke with him in the lead, misfortune reversed itself.

The result was a victory for Robby Sunday in the Sirius at The Glen that gave him a sweep of this year's NASCAR road races. He also won two months ago in Sonoma, Calif.

"I don't think any race track owes you anything," Robby said. "The key is just to run hard every weekend."

Actually, he didn't have to run as hard and wasn't as fast as Jeff, a four-time winner of the race who had the pole after a record-setting qualifying run Friday.

On Sunday, the four-time Winston Cup champion became a punching bag. He roared away at the start only to be spun out by rookie Greg Biffle on the first turn.

"I don't know what happened," Jeff said. "I got a great jump. It's the first lap. There's no reason to blast the thing down in there, but he just blasted me."

But the final lap was even worse. After racing all the way back to third, he ran out of gas on the final turn. He was hit first by Dale Earnhardt Jr., then clobbered by Kevin Harvick and wound up facing the wrong way against the wall just 200 feet from the finish line.

"I didn't think we could get up to where we did," Jeff said. "It's pretty amazing, but it doesn't mean anything now."

Biffle said the spinout Sunday wasn't intentional, and he was not penalized by NASCAR.

"If it's any consolation, tell his spotter I couldn't stop," he told his crew on the radio. "I feel terrible."

So did Jeff, but not Robby. He stayed out of trouble and his crew had the fuel mileage figured out.

"There was a big 55 on the dashboard," Robby said, explaining that a stop on that lap would allow him to cover the last 35 after his final fuel stop.

In the end, he went 39 — a number reached because caution laps allowed Gordon to save gas after his crew chief made a decision to alter the plan.

The key for Robby was pitting when Rusty Wallace went off the course on the 51st of 90 laps.

"I saw Rusty lock up the right front tire, and I called and said, 'Rusty's in the sand,'" Gordon said.

Crew chief Kevin Hamlin reacted quickly. "We heard the guy on the loudspeaker say, 'trouble,' so we decided to dive in for gas," Hamlin said.

He called Gordon and said, "Pit now, pit now."

That move paid off when the field pitted under caution two laps later. That put him ahead of them, and Gordon took the lead when those still in front of him pitted on lap 61.

"Track position is so important," he said. "I don't know if we had the best car today, but we won. That's what teamwork is all about."

It was his third career victory, and this time nobody complained.



Gordon

Murray squads claim titles at Bash

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

Murray teams represented the host city in style with a trio of championships during the weekend's 33-team USSSA Back To School Bash youth baseball tournament, held at the Murray City Park.

The tournament was a make-up of the August 1-3 event that was rained-out.

The Murray Mud Dogs took home the 13-under title with a dramatic 9-8 win over Henderson in what might be the team's last game together.

The Murray Bucs rolled to the 7-under championship with an undefeated campaign that included a 16-8 win over Hopkinsville in the championship game.

The Murray Lightning 12-under team debuted in fine fashion with a runner-up finish to the Middle Tennessee Vipers. The Murray Thunder topped Marshall County 9-6 for the 11-under crown.

Murray's 10-under All-Stars fell in the semifinals to the Montgomery County (Tenn.) Bulldogs, the eventual division champs.

The Mud Dogs got their win when Jacob Burks stole home with

the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, handing the squad their fifth tournament title of the year.

The win avenged 8-2 setback to Henderson on Saturday morning.

Murray reached the championship game on the strength of Bradley Cobb's no-hitter in their 10-0 semifinal victory over the Clarksville NW All-Stars.

The Mud Dogs' success may have been a closing chapter, but the young Bucs may be writing a bright future.

The Murray youngsters steam-

rolled their opponents in the 7-under machine pitch division. Coach Mitch Grogan's team won five straight by a combined total of 71-28.

The Thunder took home their championship hardware after topping the Marshall County Marshals 9-6 in their Saturday afternoon title game.

The Lightning went 3-1 in pool play in the five-team division. Murray's 3-1 extra-inning win on Saturday night propelled the new club to the championship game.

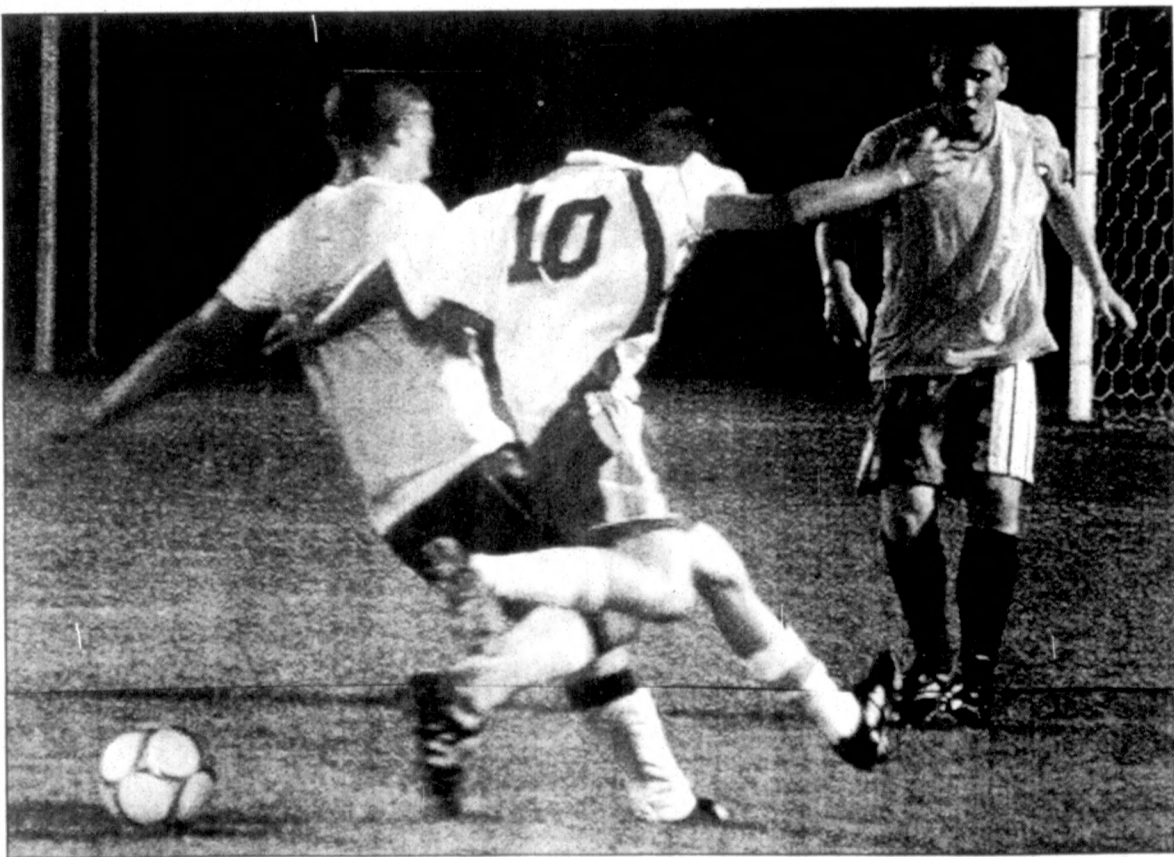
The title game was a seesaw battle that was 4-4 through four

innings before going the Vipers' way over the last two innings.

The Murray 10s enjoyed their most successful outing of the summer, going 4-0 in pool play with wins over the Christian County Cardinals (5-3), the Union Co. Stars (7-6), the Henderson Crushers (21-0) and the Muhlenburg County Stars (10-8). The Murray club ran into a hot-hitting Montgomery Co. team in the semis, falling 13-0.

The Back To School Bash was the last of six local baseball event of the summer for Teamwork Marketing and Promotions.

Welcome Back ...



ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times photo

THE OLD VS. THE NEW ... A host of former Calloway County soccer players took on the current edition of the Lakers during the annual alumni scrimmage on Saturday night at the Jim Nix Soccer Complex.

Quick start gives Love International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — The math was elementary: Davis Love III earned more points in the first two rounds of The International than any other player did in the entire tournament.

Love not only maintained his substantial lead but built on it, birdieing three of his first four holes Sunday in cruising to his fourth victory of the season.

He led wire-to-wire for his 18th career title. He also vaulted from fourth to first on the PGA Tour's money list with \$5.1 million heading into next week's PGA Championship.

"Obviously, the first two rounds set the tournament up for me," said Love, who compiled a tournament-record 36 points after 36 holes. "All I had to do was play good on the weekend and not make any big mistakes."

"I basically won it with my putter the first two days."

Love, who began the final round with 41 points and a 10-point lead, added 5 points under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

His lead never dipped below

10 points on the final day, and he beat Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen by a tournament-record 12 points. Singh and Goosen each finished with 34 points.

Chris DiMarco was another point back at 33, and John Rollins had 31. Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson each had 26. Els had the day's best round, 13 points.

The scoring system gives players 8 points for a double eagle, 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse. Rich Beem won last year with a four-round total of 44 points.

After his win, an emotional Love said he dedicated it to his wife Robin. In a press conference Wednesday, he denied that he and his wife were having marital problems.

Love and his family also have endured the suicide of his wife's brother-in-law this year.

The field, cut after 36 holes, was trimmed again Saturday to the low 36 players and ties for Sunday's final round.

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U.S. advances to gold medal baseball game at Pan Am Games

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Huston Street had never gone this long. He's a college closer, so any outing more than an inning is a lengthy day's work.

The Texas star's gutsy pitching performance over 8 2-3 innings Sunday helped lead the U.S. baseball team to a 3-2, 14-

inning semifinal win over Mexico in the Pan American Games.

And for the second straight Pan Ams, the United States reached the gold medal game with a dramatic win over Mexico.

Mississippi's Seth Smith scored the winning run in the top of the 14th inning on Paul Janish's sacrifice fly to lift the

Americans.

Street kept his scoreless innings streak alive at 29.

"This was my longest outing ever as a pitcher, in high school or college," Street said. "The most I've thrown in college is about four innings."

Cuba defeated Nicaragua 2-1 in the

late semifinal behind a tournament-record 13 strikeouts by Vicyohandri Odelin. The gold medal game is Tuesday night.

The first game had just about everything: a home run, plenty of errors and even questionable tactics.

In an apparent attempt at gamesmanship, Mexico's trainer twice rushed to

first base to check players for cramps.

After Brent Lillibridge's bunt single in the 12th, the American crew hustled to first — a sign both sides were becoming impatient.

The Mexico team features professionals from the Mexican League, while the Americans are all college players.

Cards relaxed for new season

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — No bobblehead dolls surfaced at Louisville's football media day on Saturday.

No players talked about crashing the Bowl Championship Series or going undefeated.

And instead of holding court on the field at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, the team met with reporters on its sun-baked practice field.

In other words, this year's media day was nothing like last year's.

"We're not as hyped up as we were. We're more low-key and all about business," said senior Stefan LeFors, the front-runner to succeed Dave Ragone as Louisville's No. 1 quarterback.

The bold talk last August fizzled before the end of the month. The 17th-ranked Cardinals opened with a loss to archrival Kentucky and struggled through a 7-6 season.

Coach John L. Smith left for Michigan State, Ragone and all-time sacks leader Dewayne White left for the NFL and former Smith assistant Bobby Petrino took over the program.

Titans get good start; Holcomb nudges Couch

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steve McNair and the Tennessee Titans couldn't have started their preseason much better, and Kelly Holcomb may have nudged ahead of Tim Couch in the latest round of Cleveland's quarterback competition.

Eddie George ran for a touchdown and Joe Nedney kicked a 22-yard field goal as the Titans held off the Browns 10-6 Saturday night in the exhibition opener for both teams.

The Browns nearly rallied to win behind Josh Booty who found Marc Soumah in the end zone in the final minute. But officials ruled the pass incomplete even though a replay showed Soumah may have gotten his hands under the ball.

Coach Jeff Fisher called it classic Titans football.

"We had about 200 yards passing, 100 yards rushing, some dumb penalties, and we won at the end," he said. "It was good to put ourselves in position to evaluate the young guys at the end. Their personalities came alive, and they wanted to win the game."

McNair and the Titans opened the game with a 15-play, 72-yard drive capped by George's 1-yard TD run. McNair was nearly perfect on the drive, completing six of his first nine passes and even showed midseason form as he shook off Cleveland end Kenard Lang.

Both McNair and George left after two series with McNair 7-of-10 for 61 yards and George rushing seven times for 24 yards.

"I think we came out looking really sharp," McNair said. "Overall, we played pretty well. We did well on the first drive. Unfortunately, we stumbled on the second drive. Those kinds of things happen."

Couch, the top pick in the 1999 draft, didn't look very good as he played the first three series.

The Browns moved the ball only 9 yards in the first quarter, going three-and-out on the first two series. Couch even fell once coming out from center, although he avoided a sack by scrambling out of bounds.



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CAUGHT ... Titans wide receiver Derrick Mason (85) is caught from behind by Cleveland linebacker Kevin Bentley (59) in the first quarter of Saturday's preseason opener.

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• Tryouts for the 2004 13-under Bandits baseball team will be held Aug. 16-17 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Field 3 at Mike Miller Park in Draffenville. For more information, contact Billy McKenty at 527-5907 or Shane Wilkins at 527-5576.

• The Calloway County Laker football team will host a four-team scrimmage on Friday night at Jack Rose Stadium. Marshall County will face Trigg County in the opener at 6 p.m. before the host Lakers do battle with Heath.

Tickets for the scrimmage are \$5 each and can be purchased from players, parents or at the school.

• Advance tickets are now on sale at Calloway County High School for the inaugural Pella Progress Bowl. Tickets can be purchased during regular school hours at the athletic office in the high school or at Thursday's "Meet the Lakers" event at Jack Rose Stadium, beginning at 6 p.m. They will also be available during Friday's home scrimmage against Heath.

The Pella Bowl is scheduled for Aug. 23 at Roy Stewart Stadium. Marshall County will take on Owensboro in the opener of the six-team event at 2 p.m. Graves County will battle Dyersburg (Tenn.) at 5 p.m. while the hometown Lakers are slated to face Grayson County at 8 p.m. Bands from each participating school will perform between games.

Prices for advance tickets (good for the entire day) are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets purchased at the gate on game day will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

• The Murray High School volleyball team's season opener against Fulton County on Tuesday has been moved to MHS. The Tigers' junior varsity squad will take on the Pilots at 6 p.m. Varsity action is slated for approximately 7:15 p.m.

• Reserved tickets for Murray High's 2003 football season are available for purchase at the school. For more information about the season ticket package, contact the main office at MHS at 753-5202.

Palmeiro rejects Cubs deal

TORONTO (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro has decided to stay with the Texas Rangers and not accept a possible trade to the Chicago Cubs. Palmeiro turned down a deal to Chicago before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline. The 38-year-old first baseman cleared waivers Tuesday and the Rangers approached him again about the deal.

Texas gave Palmeiro until noon Thursday to make a decision, but he said he needed more time.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Friday the deal was off because Palmeiro told him Thursday he wouldn't accept a trade.

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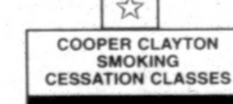
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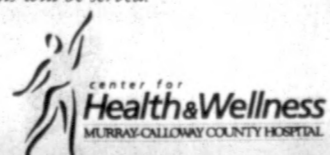
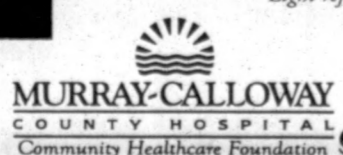
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025 Personals

This prayer helped me: Through Prayer, Through Application, Through the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light our roads so that I can attain my goal. You, who give me the divine Gift to forgive and for get all evil against me, you who is always with me. I thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you. In spite of material illusions I wish to join you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for Your Mercy toward me and mine. A person must say this Prayer for 3 consecutive days - after 3 days the favor requested will be granted. This Prayer must be published after the favor is granted. Without mentioning your favor only your initials should appear at the bottom AD.

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DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 46-year-old man who would like to become a woman physically. Is there one section of the country that is easier than others to achieve my desire?

DEAR READER: This is an enormously complicated issue, about which there is no dearth of opinion. Some people believe that they are women born with men's bodies (and vice versa) and they wish to correct the situation. Detractors claim that sex change operations are ridiculous, aberrant and immoral.

I refuse to join this controversy. But I'd like to point out that a gender change requires a great deal more than mere physical alterations. It is my understanding that prior to the operation itself, a male candidate should undergo counseling and must properly prepare himself with injections of female hormone, a course of pre-operative therapy that may take months or years.

Also, it's not my job to judge the appropriateness of gender change, but I do know that it is not guaranteed to solve whatever identity problems exist. In fact, many men find the preparation too daunting. Therefore, before taking any irreversible steps, you should, in my opinion, learn all you can about the potential consequences of your "desire." Counseling with a psychologist or appropriate mental health professional is definitely a must — in order to discover why you want to change your orientation, whether you are motivated to experience the expense and all the unpleasantness in getting there, and what it is you want once you become a "woman."

To one degree or another, all of us are locked into our bodies, for better or for worse. Some people yearn to be prettier, younger, stronger, taller. Simply changing the physical attributes of maleness is not necessarily going to improve your level of happiness and adjustment. But it may. Therefore, I encourage you to explore all the implications of surgery before going under the knife.

I do not know if there is one section of the country that is "easier" than any other. If pressed, I'd probably suggest a larger city on the West Coast since it is arguably a little more common there.

To find the necessary information that you may ultimately seek, start with a qualified plastic surgeon in your community. Although this specialist may



PETER GOTT, M.D.

not actually assist you in your quest, he or she can refer you to the appropriate resources.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently diagnosed with H. pylori bacteria growing in my upper intestine, causing heartburn and gas. My doctor prescribed a combination of antibiotics. Where do the bacteria originate and how would I have caught them?

DEAR READER: Many intestinal afflictions — notably gastritis and peptic ulcer — appear to be caused by H. pylori bacteria. The reason for this is unclear; no one knows where the bacteria originate and why some people are especially affected by them. Anybody who suffers from a recurring or persisting peptic disorder should be tested for H. pylori and, if appropriate, treated with antibiotics.

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DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I work as a staff assistant in a large department of a Fortune 500 corporation. Every year, prior to Staff Appreciation Day, each staff assistant in my department receives a formal invitation to lunch that reads:

"In appreciation for your hard work and dedication, you will be given an extra half-hour to attend the staff appreciation lunch. Location: (A fairly expensive restaurant that takes a half-hour to get to and from.) Time: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Why? Because you deserve a long lunch." (The extra half-hour is our "gift." We are responsible for the cost of our meal.)

Is there a tactful way to point out to the powers-that-be that inviting employees to an "appreciation lunch" at their own expense, at a restaurant the honorees would not normally choose because of the cost, and then suggesting that the extra half-hour taken up in travel time is a gift, is more than a little offensive?

Believe me, I'd beg off, but I feel pressured and obligated to attend. What else can I do, Abby?

LOST IN DILBERT'S WORLD

DEAR LOST: From your description of the "generous" policy, I think I know why it's a Fortune 500 company. It would be interesting to know what kind of performance rewards their executives get.

If it's company policy, I don't think there is anything you can do about it — except, perhaps, to gently confide to your boss that the whole thing is a bit of a farce.

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 and have just become engaged. I want to go to college, but my fiance, "Kirk," doesn't support my decision. It was a struggle for me to finish high school. I dropped out at 16, but recently received my GED with lots of support and encouragement from Kirk. But now that it's time for me to begin college, he doesn't want me to go. He says he's ready to settle down and start a family. Well, I'm not. I think my life has just begun. Please help.

CONFUSED IN LOVE IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: You have worked hard to get to where you are. Do not allow your fiance's insecurity to hold you back. If you're not completely ready to settle down and start a

family, you should not allow yourself to be pressured into it. Tell Kirk that you love him and that you need his support now more than ever. Perhaps there is a class the two of you could take together so he won't feel left behind. Please explore this with Kirk. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: There are two groups of girls in high school: the "cool" girls and the "not so cool" girls. I have good friends in each group, but the groups hate each other.

When I hang out with a friend in the "cool" group, my friend in the other group ignores me for the rest of the day — and vice versa.

Abby, when school starts again, how should I handle this ridiculous situation? Help!

CONFLICTED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: You're already "handling it" very well by being your own person and not allowing yourself to be manipulated. Since you can't change other people, you must change the way you react to them. Be strong and do not allow either group to isolate you. There are great advantages in learning early how to get along with all kinds of people. Remember that.

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LOOKING BACK

10 years ago Published is a picture of Sen. Mitch McConnell being presented a hand-crafted cutting knife, created by Gene Knight, as he visited with farmers in Calloway County.

Births reported include a girl to Edith and Michael Bennett and a boy to Lisa and George Hadley-Reyna, Aug. 3.

Lion Ed Pavlick spoke at the national convention of Lions Club International held at Minneapolis, Minn., at a meeting of the Murray Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hill were married 50 years Aug. 7.

20 years ago Published are a story and pictures of local persons with their convertibles who are Missy Conner, Wells Purdom, Mac Fitts, W.L. Polly, and also from Parker Ford and Carroll Volkswagen. The story was written by Staff Writer Ruth Ann Combs.

The Meats Judging Team of Calloway County High School Chapter of FFA took first place honors at the Purchase Region contest at Union City, Tenn. Members are Tommy Orr, Tracy Curd, Leland Steely and John Warren Nix. Larry Gilbert, voc-ag teacher, is adviser.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beaman will be married 50 years Aug. 12.

30 years ago A full discussion concerning the expansion of Murray City Park System was held by Murray City Council with Bailey Gore, vice chairman of City-County Park Committee, making a report on the two sites under consideration. No decision was

reached. Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Lex Ell Camp, Aug. 1.

Agnes McDaniel and Betty Riley of Rho Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers sorority attended the international meeting of the sorority at the American Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

40 years ago The Murray City Council gave its approval to the widening of Poplar Street from 11th to 12th Streets. At the intersection of Poplar with 11th, the East-West Street narrows causing difficulty in the traffic pattern and also some danger to motorists and pedestrians alike.

Dr. Newman Walker, superintendent of Paducah City Schools spoke at the commencement at Murray State College Aug. 9. Receiving degrees were 249 students.

50 years ago Six Murray boys will leave Aug. 16 on an 800-mile trip called the Lincoln Trail Expedition. The trip is being held by the White Feather Lodge of Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts of America. Local boys making the trip are Sam Bates, A.W. Simmons Jr., Morris Hadden, Joe Hadden, Bob Overbey and Don Overbey. Sixty-five boys from the Four Rivers Council will make the trip through Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hilmon H. Outland and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Famous Hand

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 10 9 7

♥ Q 10 9 8 4 2

♦ Q

♣ K 3

EAST

♠ Q J 6 3 2

♥ 7 6 5

♦ 9 6 2

♣ 8 6

SOUTH

♠ K 5 4

♥ J

♦ A 8 3

♣ A J 10 9 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ 1♦ 2♥ Pass

3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass

3 NT

Opening lead — ?

It would be much easier to play perfectly if you could see all four hands. As it is, though, you get to see only 13 cards during the bidding period, and only 26 cards during the play period. Despite this limitation, however, a player can achieve perfection more often than one would expect.

Consider this deal played in the Canada-New Zealand match at the 1978 World Championship. When New Zealand sat North-South, the bidding went as shown.

Looking at all four hands, it can be seen that West's most effective opening lead against three notrump is the king of diamonds! If he leads any other diamond, South will make at least three notrump by establishing his clubs.

Furthermore, even if West finds the king-of-diamonds lead, declarer can counter by winning the king with the ace, leading the jack of clubs and playing low from dummy after West follows low. Nine cold tricks are there for the taking — if you can see around corners.

What actually happened, you ask? Well, the fact is that West, Joe Silver, did lead the king of diamonds and wound up defeating the contract four tricks! He reasoned that if declarer had the A-Q of diamonds, his king lead would do no harm, while if declarer had the ace without the queen, the king lead might catch the singleton queen.

As we have seen, South could still have made the contract by guessing which way to take the club finesse. But in practice, after taking the third round of diamonds with the ace, South led the jack of clubs and went up with the king after West followed low. He then returned a club, finessed the nine and finished with only five tricks.

Obviously, only one player at the table was wearing X-ray glasses!

Tomorrow: The Grand Slam Force.

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 Thread purchase
6 Regions
11 Gloomy
12 Slurred over
14 Up above
15 Spring month
17 Polynesian plant
18 Cash dispenser
19 "Am — time?"
20 Flight board info
21 Humor
23 Geographical abbr.
24 Like good cheddar
25 Auel heroine
27 Love, in Venice
28 Surprised cry
30 Rookie socialite
31 Make do with
32 Sz. option
33 Attacks

- 35 Iffy attempt
36 With proficiency
37 Sally Field role
Norma —
38 1960s hairdo
42 Shirt accessory
43 Keep it all
44 Highland youth
45 Extra hrs.
46 Tenderfoots
48 Clock part
49 Maraud
51 Feats
53 Not allowed
54 Skimpy pullovers

- DOWN
1 — voice (in a whisper)
2 TV teaser
3 Caveman from Moo
4 Livy's bone
5 Meadow
6 Nulls

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Crossword grid with words: FRY RARE DICE, LYE LABEL ROAM, EEL NUBS ECRUM, ASPECTS EG, LOS WASHED, ASTIR JOU AVE, SORE HAN CHIN, ALE LON URALS, POETIC EGO, UT PEACOCK, GULF TERN OHO, EMIT ENID ZEN, MAPS ASEA ERG

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- 7 Ken or Lena
13 Tiana
16 Pocket bread
20 Kind of trip
22 Family member
23 Sports org.
24 Microscopic animal
26 Survey choice
27 Wanted-poster abbr.
28 Eloquent speaker
29 Environment
31 Monsieus summer
34 Seine site
35 Philosopher
37 Bull-riding event
39 Cut of meat
40 Carries on
41 Probabilities
43 Sci-fi award
46 Apply makeup
47 Former
48 Vandal
50 N.C. neighbor
52 British bye

DAILY COMICS

BLONDIE

Blondie comic strip panels: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TOLPUEE I BOUGHT MYSELF?, IT'S FABULOUS, BOSS! IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE 20 YEARS YOUNGER!, TELLING HIM THE TRUTH WOULD HAVE COST ME MY JOB.

CATHY

Cathy comic strip panels: LUGGAGE. HERS: 37 DIFFERENT OUTFITS, ONE ELECTRONIC DEVICE. HIS: 37 DIFFERENT ELECTRONIC DEVICES, ONE OUTFIT. HOW LOVELY THAT THROUGH OUR DIFFERENCES WE CAN DISCOVER OUR REAL COMMON GROUND... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PACK!! CAN WE GO HOME NOW? WE HAVEN'T LEFT YET.

FOR BETTER or WORSE®

For Better or Worse comic strip panels: OH, YEAH. A GREASE BURGER! I CAN JUST FEEL THE OIL ARTERIES CLOGGING UP NOW. EVERY NOW AN' THEN, YOU GOTTA HAVE ONE OF THESE THINGS, SUG. IT'S PART OF OUR NORTH AMERICAN CULTURE. MUNCH MFFFF SLURFB GULP. AN' FRIES... THE SOGGY KIND THAT SQUASH AN' FOLD OVER. YES, GIR. GREASY, MAYO-COVERED, GUT-BUSTIN' CHOW! THIS IS WHAT FAST FOOD WAS MEANT TO BE. TRUE. TROUBLE IS, THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH ARE OLD FRIENDS AN' RELATIVES. RUMBLE URBP HIC FNEEP URP FFFFT BRACK URP BEFF.

GARFIELD

Garfield comic strip panels: DO SNAILS DO ANYTHING FAST? NO.

PEANUTS

Peanuts comic strip panels: DO YOU REALIZE THAT MAY IS GONE, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE A MAYPOLE DANCE? WELL, WHY DON'T WE PUT UP A POLE AND ATTACH SOME STREAMERS TO IT AND DANCE AROUND IT? WHEN PEOPLE ASK US WHAT WE'RE DOING, WE'LL SAY WE'RE HAVING AN AUGUST-POLE DANCE. IT WAS JUST A SUGGESTION...

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2003. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 11, 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

On this date: In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Vichy government official Pierre Laval publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietnam.

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock died in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1978, chiefs of state and foreign dignitaries arrived in Vatican City for the funeral of Pope Paul VI.

In 1992, the Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the United States, opened in Bloomington, Minn.

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