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Hospital to ask court to reconsider Foundation ruling

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Commissioners agreed after a lengthy executive session to ask the Kentucky Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision about the Community Healthcare Foundation.

With an 11-1 vote, the board agreed to ask the Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision because "the board believes that the Court

has not considered important statutory provisions that are especially relevant to the question at hand."

Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins casting the one no vote.

A week ago, the Kentucky Court of Appeals issued an opinion stating the Calloway Circuit Court was wrong when it ruled Murray-Calloway County Hospital was authorized to delegate its public duties to a private entity or to trans-

fer public funds to the foundation without the approval of the Calloway County Fiscal Court.

Hospital attorney Chip Adams said the hospital board had two options when it came to fighting the opinion — either file for a motion of rehearing or a motion for reconsideration.

"Basically what you are doing is going back to these judges and asking them to relook at it," said Adams.

He said the other option would be to file a motion for discretionary review with the Kentucky Supreme Court.

"You must provide a compelling argument for the Kentucky Supreme Court to hear your case," he said. "There is no guarantee the court would hear this case."

However, the board unanimously agreed to engage the fiscal court in discussions to resolve this issue and "put it behind us."

Board chairman Don Chamberlain said to try to settle is an attempt to move forward as a board.

"This has been on the agenda longer than any of us has cared for it to be," he said.

Judge Elkins said compromise was something he and the fiscal court were willing to do in the beginning.

"In all fairness, most of the people on the board now were not on

the previous board," he said. "It has never been our intent to be argumentative."

He said his position on what happened has not changed and he is curious to see how every thing will be resolved.

"The issues still haven't changed," Elkins said. "Unless a higher court says otherwise, that money has to go back."

'Real' dangers of farming shown

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

As the years have moved on, it seems society has developed a strong appetite for reality entertainment. Hearing about events on the radio or looking at words in a newspaper or magazine just does not cut it anymore. Now, people seem to want more of a graphic idea as to why something occurred.

To them, seeing really is believing.

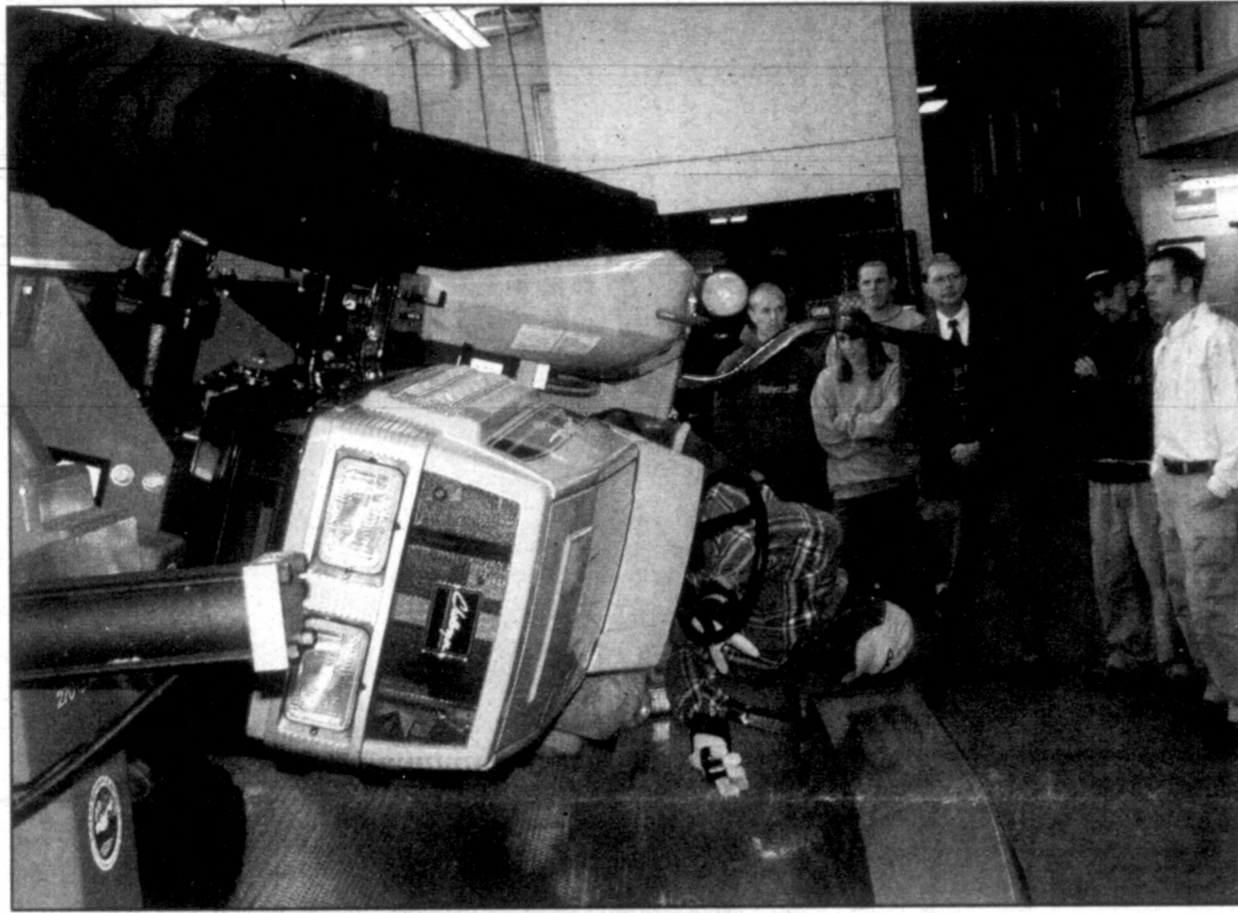
So, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm/Home Safety Program has tried to satisfy this need in the name of prevention. Thursday, it made a stop at Murray State University to demonstrate a new apparatus whose sole purpose is to show exactly how devastating a tractor accident can be, along with how those situations can be made less deadly.

"Our goal is to save farmers' lives, that simple," said Dale Dobson, manager of the program whose device was shown at the E.B. Howton Agriculture Building. "I mean, I have people come up to me and ask, 'Well, why can't you jump free if the tractor is getting ready to turn over?' A lot of times, though, you can't jump free, and that's the wrong way of thinking."

The tractor rollover simulator is not hard to understand. A 40-horsepower Challenger 275 tractor is bolted to a 20-foot-long trailer and, with a push of a button, begins rotating. A dummy is buckled into the seat.

A removable roll bar shows how that piece of equipment can drastically improve the chances of survival. Without it, the dummy becomes crushed beneath the tractor, thus producing a general idea of what happens in a real accident.

"It's very impressive," said Dr. Dwayne Driskill, whose agriculture safety class witnessed the simulator in action. "We've been offering this class since 1994, and that time we



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Murray State University professor Dr. Dwayne Driskill, above, and some of his agriculture safety students see the difference that can be made by a tractor roll bar as the buckled-in dummy is not allowed to be thrust under the machine. The tractor rollover simulator also gave Thursday's viewers an unforgettable look at a what happens in such an accident. Here, this dummy lies crumpled beneath the tractor weighing over a ton after it was rotated without a roll bar.

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Exec.: Tobacco buyout, FDA regs remain linked

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A tobacco buyout sought by farmers remains "inextricably linked" with giving a government agency regulatory power over cigarettes, a tobacco industry executive said Friday.

Jay Poole, a vice president with Altria Group Inc., the parent of Philip Morris USA, said the tobacco giant and farmers should be united in trying to push both initiatives through Congress.

"These two vastly different initiatives are inextricably linked," Poole said in a speech at Greater Louisville Inc.'s Farm-City luncheon.

"And I think it behooves all of us

to resist the temptation to try a short cut which may lead to a less-than-desirable result."

Poole's comments came amid reports that advocates of a farmer buyout are pondering a new strategy to jump-start the initiative. Tobacco-state lawmakers are considering trying to attach the buyout to a spending bill before Congress adjourns in a few weeks, according to a Senate source.

Philip Morris supports a proposal to give the Food and Drug Administration regulatory authority over tobacco products and insists that it be linked to the buyout.

Poole said the tobacco company and farmers should "resist the temptation to permit others to drive a

political wedge" between them.

"Our mutual, long-term survival depends upon a strong and vibrant partnership," he said.

Philip Morris opposes a buyout not linked to the FDA regulation proposal, Poole said in an interview afterward.

Sam Moore, president of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, said that inserting the buyout into a spending bill — minus the FDA regulation — was one option under consideration.

Moore said that a tentative agreement linking a buyout to FDA regulation came unraveled when health advocates made last-minute demands resisted by tobacco manufacturers and tobacco-state lawmakers.

Poole said FDA oversight would "create some stability" for the tobacco industry by eliminating a patchwork of state tobacco regulations.

The link between a buyout and FDA regulation makes "good political sense," Poole said. A multibillion-dollar buyout of farmers' government-issued tobacco allotments would have difficulty passing Congress without the FDA regulations, he said.

Poole refused to predict whether the proposals would pass before Congress adjourns for the year.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, the second-ranking Senate Republican, said Thursday he was not optimistic a buyout would pass this year.

Bush campaign policy director remembers his Murray roots

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

As Tim Adams prepares to move from chief of staff in the U.S. Treasury to policy director for George W. Bush's re-election campaign, the Murray native remembers his

"I came from a simple, humble background," Adams said in a telephone interview Friday morning. "Growing up in Murray was an ideal childhood. You just develop certain views of the world. I guess I've retained those views of the world. And I see in the president someone I admire because he has similar values."

Adams, the son of the late Nolan Adams and Judy Adams-Fortenberry, was born in 1961 in Murray, where he lived until he

graduated from Murray High in 1979. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance and economics at the University of Kentucky, where he also earned two graduate degrees.

As Treasury chief of staff, Adams has been responsible for managing day-to-day operations in the department. He assists with the strategic direction of the department and advises the secretary on policy and management issues and economic and market conditions.

Beginning Dec. 1, Adams will serve as policy director for the Bush-Cheney 2004 campaign. This is not a new arena for Adams, who spent most of 2000 in Austin, Texas, as a full-time senior member of the Bush-

“Growing up in Murray was an ideal childhood. You just develop certain views of the world.”

— Tim Adams

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Controversy in the COMMONWEALTH Judge denies injunction motion on ethics hearing

By JOE BIESK
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Franklin County Circuit judge on Friday denied Gov. Paul Patton's motion for a restraining order that would have postponed an ethics hearing scheduled for Monday.

Judge Roger Crittenden denied Patton's request for the injunction, saying he would not suffer "irreparable harm" by having the hearing continue as planned. Crittenden said he would rule later on Patton's underlying argument that the portion of the law he was charged under is vague and unconstitutional.

Rather than appeal Crittenden's ruling to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, Patton said he planned to go ahead with the hearing on Monday morning before hearing officer David Knox.

He said he expects to testify at some point during the hearing.

"I'm anxious to get the story out," Patton said. "I'm confident that reasonable people will realize that what I did was in line with what governors have done as long as there's been a merit system. I don't think I have done anything that every governor that's held that job has not done."

The Executive Branch Ethics Commission had charged Patton with four instances of allegedly using his power and influence to benefit his former mistress Tina Conner.

Patton's attorney, Sheryl Snyder, argued in court that the hearing



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Adams ...

From Front

Cheney campaign policy staff. He first became involved with Bush's campaign in January 1999, when he joined a small group of economists advising the then-Texas governor on different matters. Adams also worked in various White House positions during the first Bush administration.

"When I worked for Bush (Sr.) in the White House, I developed an affection for his values and beliefs," Adams said. "I also got to know his son during that time, not knowing he would eventually be president himself. I was attracted to George W. Bush then, and decided to take this opportunity when it came.

"I like the courage of his convictions and knowing he's deeply principled. It's refreshing and reassuring to have people with convictions and principles. In this town, it's too easy to do what is popular rather than what is best for the country."

Adams said the experience he will value the most from his time

working in the Treasury is the trip to Africa he arranged for Bono, the lead singer of rock group U2, and former Secretary Paul O'Neill in May 2002. The trip publicized the continent's HIV/AIDS crisis and eventually sparked policy and funding changes.

"Not only was it my first trip to Africa, but I was able to witness first hand the real tragedy that has occurred on that continent with AIDS — not only the millions that have died, but the many orphan left," Adams said. "I will look back on that and remember it as the most important thing I did here."

The 2004 presidential election will be important because it asks voters, "Where do we go from here with economic issues and foreign policy?" Adams said. He said his experience in the federal government and previous campaigns will help communicated Bush's record to voters.

"I'm a steady hand on the tiller," Adams said. "I like to be analytical, not emotional. I'm also practical, not ideological."

Adams said voters will judge Bush on what he has accomplished as the nation's 43rd president and whether they approve of his leadership skills. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was a defining event for the Bush administration. The nation's economy also was plagued with corporate scandals.

"Every three or four months,

we've been hit with some crisis we've had to deal with," Adams said. "President Bush has done a marvelous job handling everything."

Working on a campaign requires sacrifices. Adams is looking forward to the adrenaline-driving competition, even if it means giving up some time with his wife, Jennifer, his two children — 4-year-old daughter Tindall, and 4 1/2-week-old son William.

"I know what I will miss the most is the time with my family and sleep," he said.

Adams, who continues to cheer for UK sports, has also worked in the private sector. From 1993 to 2000, he held several positions at G7 Group, which he co-founded and later led as the managing director. The group is a Washington-based consulting firm that forecasts and interprets economic and political events for global financial institutions. But working in the fast-paced federal government gives Adams a sense that he's making a difference.

"My mother always told me 'One day you meet your maker and you have to account for your life; you have to justify your existence,'" Adams said. "There's a Boy Scout saying about leaving the campground better than you found it. I want to leave the world a little better than I found it."

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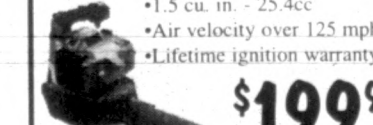
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had one of just 10 that existed in the nation, so this has been a serious issue for us. And it's good timing today. We've been talking about tractor safety, in particular, in the classes."

Dr. Driskill and his students joined other Kentucky universities and colleges in providing input to Dobson and his fellow farm/home safety team members when the simulator was still in its planning stages. That process took more than a year to complete, with Munfordville's Stephen W. Ratliff designing and constructing the simulator, which was revealed publicly around two weeks ago at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, where around 50,000 members from across the country gathered. And it appeared to make a large impact quickly.

"I'd say after we set it up, 98 percent of the kids there walked by to see what was going on," said Jason Hodge, coordinator for the farm/home safety program and a 1998 MSU graduate. "We also got a lot of attention from the media up there. We had two to three television stations from Louisville covering us, and we even went national with the Fox News network, so that was great for us."

"I mean, really, you don't have to say much when it starts working. You see the mannequin end up under the tractor without the roll bar, then you put the roll bar on, you see that it hits the ground, and the person driving might end up with a bump on the head."

This is not the first reality-based

display Hodge and Dobson's program has shown publicly. It already has an all-terrain vehicle demonstration setup where an ATV is placed on top of another dummy.

The idea for the tractor simulator, though, was derived from another rotating simulation device used by the Kentucky State Police to demonstrate the importance of seat belts during a pickup truck rollover crash. Hodge said that inspired himself and Dobson to approach Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Billy Ray Smith about developing a tractor display.

"Our goal is to travel this whole state with this thing and show it to as many people as possible," Hodge said. "This also allows us to show what happens in an accident without tearing anything up. It used to be we'd take an old tractor and turn it over, but after three or four times, we would have to take it back to the shop for repairs."

"So, we can take this to all kinds of big events, but we'll also take it to groups who ask us about it. We'll go anywhere as long as people want us there."

Hodge was probably pleased with the reaction of students such as Murray's Mitch Craig, a senior ag/mechanic major as he stared at the result of the demonstration without the roll bar.

"It'll make a believer out of you pretty quick, no doubt about that," said Craig. "I know there are several people out there that don't (use a roll bar) but should. I mean, look at (the dummy). He's done. If that's on a hard surface, he's got 3,200 pounds coming down right on top of him."

"When these guys (from the farm/home safety program) are in the area, farmers really need to go see them and see what they've got to say," Dr. Driskill said. "And we're not just talking about tractors. On the farm, there are just so many ways you can get hurt. People really need to take a look into it."

Still, tractor safety is a high priority for officials in Kentucky. The Commonwealth's death rate in tractor accidents is between 140 and 150 percent higher than the national average, although that is down from 300 percent a few years ago.

Around three-fourths of the accidents involving tractors in Kentucky are rollovers with 75 percent of those being fatal. Accidents that involve drivers wearing seat belts and whose tractors had roll bars, though, had a survival rate in the 90 percent range.

"But you have to have both — the seat belt and the roll bar. It can't be any other way," Dr. Driskill said.

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Alvis Hubbard Newton

Alvis Hubbard Newton, 87, of Boatwright Trail, Murray, died Friday at 4:08 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Born March 5, 1916, in Mississippi County, Mo., he was a retired building contractor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late William Allen Newton and Alcenia Paralee Kelly Newton. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Wilson Newton, two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Higgerson and Ms. Christy Lynne Newton, and one son, Lawrence Dale Newton, all of Murray; one sister, Mrs. Edith Blumenberg of Wright City, Mo., and three grandchildren, Mark Higgerson, Franklin Doyle Higgerson and Matthew Higgerson, all of Murray.

Services will be held at Shelby Funeral Home in East Prairie, Mo. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home of Murray has charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thelma L. Beale

Graveside services for Mrs. Thelma L. Beale will be today (Saturday) at 1 p.m. at the Curd Cemetery. The Rev. Robert McKinney will officiate. Visitation is now at Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray.

Mrs. Beale, 63, Curd Cemetery Road, Dexter, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. at her home.

Born Jan. 21, 1940, she was the daughter of Elva Hoffman and the late Russell R. Hoffman. Mrs. Beale was a member of Dexter-Hardin United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Edsel Beale; one son, Brandon L. Beale, Dexter; her mother, Mrs. Elva Hoffman, Murray; two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Stauffer, Ohio, and Mrs. Eva L. Smith, Detroit, Mich.; two brothers, Thurman Lee Cornwell, Chicago, Ill., and Gerald Wayne Cornwell, North Port, Fla.; one grandchild.

Miller J. Hopkins

The funeral for Miller J. Hopkins will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Ed Chapman will officiate. Music will be by the choir of Flint Baptist Church. Pallbearers will be David Jones, Randy Brandon, Kevin Hopkins, Ricky Hopkins, Larry Hopkins, Justin Moore and Nathan Jones. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. today (Saturday). Mr. Hopkins, 79, Broad Street, Murray, died Friday, Nov. 14 2003, at 1:21 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Retired from R.C.A., he was an Air Force veteran of World War II and a member of Flint Baptist Church. Born Nov. 18, 1923, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Noble Hopkins and Ruth Miller Hopkins. One sister, Virginia Stalls, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Earlene Cochrum Hopkins, to whom he was married Feb. 15, 1947; two sons, Jack Hopkins and wife, Ruth, and Mike Hopkins and wife, Connie, all of Indianapolis, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Anna Robinson and husband, James, and two brothers, Paul Hopkins and wife, June, and James Hopkins and wife, Karen, all of Murray; four grandchildren, Larry, Lisa, Cory and Travis Hopkins; two great-grandchildren, Halley Lilley and Holley Hopkins.

Lawrence E. (Larry) Suffill

The funeral for Lawrence E. (Larry) Suffill will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Kendrick Lewis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home after 9 a.m. Monday.

Mr. Suffill, 85, Apopka, Fla., formerly of Murray, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003, at 12:15 p.m. at his home. He was a retired professor of speech at Murray State University.

One son, Stuart Suffill, and two brothers, Robert Suffill and William Suffill, preceded him in death. Born Feb. 25, 1918, in Clifford, Ill., he was the son of the late William Suffill and Callie Gregory Suffill.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruby C. Suffill; one daughter, Mrs. Jane S. DeBay and husband, Darrell, Apopka; one granddaughter, Maggie Shupe; three stepgrandchildren, Keven DeBay, Jason DeBay and Renee DeBay.

Jerry Pratt

The funeral for Jerry Pratt was Thursday in the chapel of New Golden Gate Funeral Home, Milwaukee, Wis. The Rev. Walter Word officiated.

Mr. Pratt, 67, Milwaukee, Wis., formerly of Murray, died Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003, at a hospital there. Born June 11, 1936, in Murray, Ky., he was the son of the late Ollin (Buster) Pratt and Virginia Pratt.

Mr. Pratt was a lover of horses, his chosen occupation. He raced them nationally and trained them at numerous sports' parks.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Erma J. Houston Pratt, to whom he was married April 19, 1963; 10 children, Billy Edward, Anthony, Elizabeth Ann, Payton, Princess, Cleons, Helen, Willie Jean, Eric and Willis James; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Pratt Cavitt, Murray, and Mrs. Sarah Frances Pratt Reid, Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Thomas Pratt and wife, Betty, Paducah, and Haywood Pratt, Dayton, Ohio; his stepmother, Mrs. Allie Pratt, Paducah; 22 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Juveniles arrested in connection to burglaries

Staff Report

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Four juveniles were charged in two separate burglaries at stores in Bel-Air Center.

Murray Police Department responded to a burglary in progress about 7:30 p.m. Monday at Spoke and Pedal. Two juveniles were caught and detained by police. They had items taken from

Spoke and Pedal in their possession, according to a release from the Murray Police Department.

The juveniles — a 13-year-old male and a 15-year-old male, both from Murray — were charged with third-degree burglary and receiving stolen property less than \$300.

In a separate incident, two 17-year-old males from Murray were charged with two counts each

of third-degree burglary for incidents at Terrapin Station and State Beauty Supply, both Bel-Air Center stores.

The two juveniles turned themselves in about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The burglaries occurred about 11:30 p.m. Oct. 19. The juveniles made a full confession to Murray police and returned the stolen property.

Lottery votes to add keno

By The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Lottery directors gave approval for an expansion into keno that could be played over terminals in bars, restaurants and other locations. The board acted on a cue from outgoing Gov. Paul Patton, who urged the lottery this week to launch keno to generate more money for scholarships.

The lottery board voted 6-to-1 on Friday to introduce a keno game that could be played over terminals in bars, restaurants and other locations. The board acted on a cue from outgoing Gov. Paul Patton, who urged the lottery this week to launch keno to generate more money for scholarships.

Board chairman Bill Covington of Eminence said the decision would be popular "with some Kentuckians and unpopular with others, but he predicted that "history will say that we have done the right thing."

"We have done what we think is best for the state of Kentucky, for the lottery ... and for the children of Kentucky," Covington said.

Patton later said the board had acted responsibly.

"This is something I think needs to be done on my watch," Patton, who leaves office next month, said at an unrelated event in Louisville. "I asked the lottery board to do it. I'm pleased that they are."

The decision drew bipartisan

criticism from legislative leaders.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he was disappointed that the lottery board went ahead and approved keno over the objections of top lawmakers. Richards said he expected an effort in the 2004 General Assembly to reverse the board's vote, and said he would support it.

Senate Republican leaders aimed criticism at Patton.

Republican Dan Kelly of Springfield, the Senate majority leader, said Patton's administration was continuing "its unprecedented misuse of executive power to defy the will of the people."

Patton said that by urging the lottery board to approve keno, he was seeking to "maximize state resources to pay for the commitments that the legislature has made to the people of Kentucky."

Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher said he would review the lottery board and its decision to approve keno.

Lottery President Arch Gleason said that if Fletcher takes a position on keno, lottery officials "are going to listen and be responsive."

Gleason said keno could debut as early as next spring. Gleason predicted a network of up to 1,200 to 1,400 retailers might offer keno statewide once the game is fully operational.

Keno is a type of numbers drawing game, with multiple drawings daily. Typically players chose one to 10 numbers from a possible field of 80. The game is played in about a dozen states.

Prize payouts typically average about 60 percent, though the lottery board will determine Kentucky's payout and other particulars of the game. Prizes can range from \$2 to \$100,000 for a \$1 play, depending on the amount played, the number of "spots" played and the percentage of the payout, lottery officials said.

By adding keno, the lottery could take in approximately \$95 million to \$125 million each year, and the state would reap an additional \$29 million to \$38 million, they said.

Lottery officials pinned their hopes on keno to offset revenue losses when Tennessee introduces its lottery early next year.

With Tennesseans staying home to play their lottery, Kentucky Lottery sales are expected to drop by \$16 million next year, costing Kentucky government \$4.1 million. Sales losses could reach as high as \$75 million by 2006, officials said, costing state government about \$20 million.

Lottery revenues help fund the state's college scholarship and grant programs.

Patton ...

From Front

should not continue while the question of the law's constitutionality was still unresolved. He said Patton's legacy risked "being branded in the history books as being an unethical governor," if the hearing continued.

Snyder predicted Monday's hearing was "going to be about sex, sex and more sex."

"We're concerned the hearing is going to be a circus, number one. And number two, we obviously believe what we said, that the statute they charged him under is too vague to support a charge," Snyder told reporters. "It's not fair to any citizen, including the governor, to have the rules made up after you do something and be told after the fact that it violates an ethics code."

Boyce A. Crocker, the commission's attorney, disputed the idea that the charges were based solely on Patton's relationship with Conner.

"The commission's charges do not revolve around sex," Crocker said. "The relationship is important as a basis for the charges. But it's the governor's conduct that's at issue, the abuse of office."

It was important for the hearing to proceed before Patton leaves office next month, "because of public confidence," Crocker said.

"The public can believe that even the governor is not above the law," Crocker said.

Still, Snyder said the governor's actions were ethical.

The commission maintains Patton violated the ethics law by intervening — at Conner's request, to get a promotion for a vehicle-enforcement officer. It also says

Patton improperly got a business owned by Conner's then-husband, Seth Conner, certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise.

Patton also appointed Conner to the Kentucky Lottery Board and appointed Seth Conner to the Agriculture Development Board, the commission says.

"In our view, not any of those four things is unethical," Snyder said. "And we'll prove that next week."

Flu shots given at Kroger on Monday

The Calloway County Health Center will have flu shots available Monday.

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'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'
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Iron Men on a Mountain

The University of the South had its beginnings before the Civil War, when several Episcopal bishops collaborated in founding it. But the war interrupted its creation. Yankee and Confederate soldiers marching over the mountain to meet each other at Chattanooga and Chickamauga rested on the stone marker marking the site, and the college finally opened in 1868.

Southern Seen
By Larry McGehee
Syndicated Columnist

Calling the remote and small campus a "university" was not an idle appellation. Sewanee was indeed a university. In addition to its liberal arts undergraduate program, it had a medical school, a law school, and a theology school. (One of its more famous medical school graduates, class of 1875, was Dr. William Crawford Gorgas, noted for identifying the source of yellow fever.)

In 1899, when it was 31 years old, Sewanee had 326 students: 122 in the college, 161 in medical school, 26 in divinity school, and 17 in law school. The college had no women students in those founding years, but it operated on a unique calendar, running from spring through fall, and during the summers the mountain teemed with young women brought by mothers, aunts, and grandmothers to the cool and educational environment that offered dances, concerts, debates, athletic contests ... and courting in the moonlight.

And Sewanee in its early years also had "big-time" football.

College football began with the Rutgers-Princeton game in 1869. Walter Camp started revamping it at Yale in 1876. Following his lead, the sport produced Amos Alonzo Stagg, John Heisman, and Pop Warner. The sport evolved rules, gear, and plays and moved south.

Football came to Sewanee in 1890. In 1899, when McKinley was president, the sport was still in its infancy, but far enough along to cement campus loyalties and draw crowds of spectators.

In that year, Sewanee hired Princeton's Herman Milton "Billy" Suter as its coach. Suter put together a team of 21 men — five law students, four medical students, four theology students, and three undergrads. Most of them played both offense and defense in games that lasted 36 minutes per half.

Student-manager Luke Lea put together an arresting schedule for 1899, much longer and bigger than any previous season: Georgia, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Southwestern (Now Rhodes), Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU, Mississippi, Cumberland, Auburn, and North Carolina — most of them major football powers today.

Lea was a natural-born promoter: he would become at age 32 Tennessee's youngest-U. S. Senator, would found the Nashville *Tennessean* statewide newspaper, and would lead an unsuccessful expedition at the end of World War I to kidnap the exiled Kaiser Wilhelm.

Even more interesting than tiny Sewanee taking on large campus teams was the fact that Lea scheduled five games to be played on the road in six days, November 9-15.

When the dust cleared and the mud dried, miracle of miracles, the Sewanee team was undefeated. Not only that, Sewanee was scored on in only one of the 12 games that season!

- October 21 in Atlanta: Sewanee 12, Georgia 0
- October 23 in Atlanta: Sewanee 32, Georgia Tech 0
- October 28 in Sewanee: Sewanee 46, Tennessee 0
- November 3 in Sewanee: Sewanee 54, Southwestern 0
- November 9 in Austin: Sewanee 12, Texas 0
- November 10 in Houston: Sewanee 10, Texas A&M 0
- November 11 in New Orleans: Sewanee 23, Tulane 0
- November 13 in Baton Rouge: Sewanee 34, LSU 0
- November 14 in Memphis: Sewanee 12, Mississippi 0
- November 20 in Sewanee: Sewanee 71, Cumberland 0
- November 30 in Montgomery: Sewanee 11, Auburn 10
- December 2 in Atlanta: Sewanee 5, North Carolina 0

Ever afterward, the 1899 Sewanee team would be known as The Iron Men. The season would fade into legend.

Living on the legend, Sewanee joined the Southeastern Conference as a charter member in 1933 but dropped out of the SEC in 1940. Today it plays Division III NCAA football and is more noted for producing Rhodes Scholars and *The Sewanee Review*.

Centre College in Danville, Ky., has long lauded its Praying Colonels for their major upset victory over Harvard in 1921, but Sewanee's 1899 season was a record in a class of its own, something worth discovering over a century after its happened.

Retired Birmingham News editor Wendell O. Givens, who was a sports writer early in his career, became interested in the Sewanee feat as early as 1941. Sports Illustrated played it up in 1961, and Givens began researching the story in earnest in 1986. Givens reconstructs a mountaintop saga in "Ninety-Nine Iron: The Season Sewanee Won Five Games in Six Days" (University of Alabama Press, Fire Ant Books, 2003, \$14.95).

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Assassination still stirs emotions

By **BOBBY ROSS JR. and PENNY COCKERELL**
Associated Press Writers

DALLAS (AP) — Moments before President John F. Kennedy's limousine reached the Texas School Book Depository on that November afternoon four decades ago, Nellie Connally turned to Kennedy and remarked, "No one can say Dallas doesn't love and respect you, Mr. President."

"You sure can't," he said. The first shot sounded like a firecracker. The next two were unmistakably gunfire.

At the 40th anniversary of Kennedy's death, the moments remain frozen in the American psyche, the assassination still a source of fascination for historians, conspiracy theorists and an estimated 2.2 million people who visit Dealey Plaza each year.

"It's an age-old search for the truth," said Greg Silva, 39, a Hilmar, Calif., salesman who wasn't even born when Kennedy died but made it a point to visit The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza during a recent business trip to Dallas.

For others, the assassination endures as a deeply personal experience — a lingering mix of heartbreak, nostalgia and the lost promise of Camelot. Those emotions are clear at The Sixth Floor Museum.

"If you take people there that are old enough to remember the event, you lose them. They are back with their mother and father, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles," said Greg Elam, spokesman for the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"You can tiptoe away and they'll never know it because they are back in that experience."

Politics had brought the 46-year-old president to Texas, a pivotal and worrisome state in his 1964 reelection plans.

At the urging of local politicians, Kennedy ordered the reflective glass shield atop the presidential limousine removed for his visit to Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. With first lady Jackie at his side, Kennedy smiled and waved at the crowds from the back seat. Up front, Gov. John Connally and his wife, Nellie, beamed at the Texas welcome.

Just before 12:30 p.m., the motorcade slipped out of the glass and steel canyons of downtown and zigzagged toward Elm Street and a drab, seven-story brick building.

Then the shots rang out. A half-hour later, Kennedy was declared dead at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

At 2:38 p.m., Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president aboard Air Force One, with Jackie Kennedy at his side.

Forty years later, Kennedy remains an inspirational figure — a president more popular in death than in life.

"There's still so much sentiment for John F. Kennedy, and so much of it is colored by the assassination," said David Crockett, a political scientist at Trinity University in San Antonio. "He's the young,



AP File Photo

attractive, tragic martyr figure assassinated on television, with a wife who's mourning."

When many Americans close their eyes, they can still see Kennedy's 3-year-old son, "John John," bravely saluting his father's flag-draped coffin.

After a 10-month investigation, the Warren Commission in 1964 concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed Kennedy, firing shots from the Texas School Book Depository's sixth floor.

Doubts lingered, however, and in 1978, Congress impaneled a committee to again investigate the assassination. The panel largely relied on the recording of a police motorcycle's microphone.

The committee's conclusion: Four shots were fired, with one coming from a grassy knoll downtown. In other words, it concluded, Oswald didn't act alone.

But after further studies, the Justice Department in 1988 concluded there was no "persuasive evidence" of conspiracy, and formally closed the investigation.

Oswald was killed two days after Kennedy's assassination — gunned down by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby as he was transferred from one jail to another.

A Dallas jury convicted Ruby of murder in 1964 and sentenced him to death. An appellate court ruling later set the verdict aside, and Ruby died of cancer in prison in 1967 before he could be retried.

Kennedy's daughter, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, who was four days shy of her 6th birthday when her father died, is the sole survivor of her immediate family. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died of cancer in 1994 and John F. Kennedy Jr. died along with his wife and sister-in-law in the 1999 crash of a small plane, he was piloting.

The crash brought still more pain to a family that dealt first with Kennedy's slaying, then with the assassination of his brother, Robert, during his 1968 presidential campaign.

All of which help explain the unending interest in all things Kennedy.

"They've just had great triumph

and great tragedy," said Patrick Maney, a presidential historian at the University of South Carolina.

In Dallas itself, the anguish for some still seems as fresh as on that Friday afternoon 40 years ago.

"There are people who lived in Dallas in '63 who will never come to this site. It is too painful," said Jeff West, executive director of The Sixth Floor Museum, which chronicles Kennedy's life, death and the era in which he lived.

But for others, acknowledging Dallas' place in history helped the healing. "There are people who were here in '63 who are very proud and pleased that we did something to commemorate and mark the spot," West said.

Longtime residents recall how Dallas was labeled the city of hate — "Dallas was the only place ever blamed for killing a president," as historian Conover Hunt put it. Dallas residents talked about telephone operators disconnecting their calls and taxi drivers refusing to give them rides.

"People were spat upon, they were thrown out of restaurants all over the country and this went on for decades," said Hunt, original curator for The Sixth Floor Museum.

At the time, Dallas had a reputation as an ultraconservative city that didn't treat liberals kindly. The day before the assassination, handbills were distributed in Dallas with convict-style photographs of Kennedy and the caption: "Wanted for Treason."

The next day, a full-page ad appeared in *The Dallas Morning News*. The "American Fact-Finding Committee" demanded to know why the president had "ordered the Attorney General to go soft on communism."

So, when Kennedy was killed, the backlash was immediate.

"All of the nation experienced sadness. But I think the sadness that was experienced here in Dallas was of such great magnitude that it's almost hard to describe it," said Adelle Taylor, 72.

Taylor and her husband, Jim, work as tour guides at Southfork Ranch, made famous by the long-

running hit television drama "Dallas," which, along with the emergence of the Dallas Cowboys as "America's Team," helped change the Big D's image.

"It's a little ironic that Dallas is known for the shooting of JFK and the shooting of J.R.," said Mark Thompson, sales and marketing director at Southfork Ranch, which draws more than 400,000 visitors a year.

For years after the assassination, many Dallas residents ignored sites connected with Kennedy's killing. Then the city tried to acknowledge the tragedy in 1970 by commissioning artist Philip Johnson to create a cenotaph, or empty tomb, in a park two blocks from Dealey Plaza. An entire city block was renamed John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza.

But the austere 30-foot blocks of white concrete that were meant to be a place for quiet reflection instead confused some visitors.

Eventually, Hunt and others raised \$3.8 million in donations and loans to create The Sixth Floor Museum.

A few miles away, though, trash and pigeon droppings litter the front of the closed Texas Theatre, where police arrested Lee Harvey Oswald. The "E" has fallen off the makeshift "TEXAS" marquee that Oliver Stone put up for his 1991 movie, "JFK."

City voters have approved \$500,000 of the \$3 million needed to restore Dealey Plaza to its 1963 look. A group working to renovate the Texas Theatre has raised \$2.4 million of the \$3.5 million project cost.

The Oak Cliff Foundation envisions remaking the theater as a movie house and performing arts center with a lobby exhibit recounting the theater's role in history. Executive director Beverly Mendoza acknowledges surprise at the reactions she receives from some longtime residents asked to contribute.

"It just floored me," said Mendoza, who moved to Dallas in 1995, "for people to still be so ashamed of what happened here that they couldn't get beyond it to acknowledge it as a place of history."

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Community

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Leadership Murray Alumni will hear Brockman Tuesday



Leadership Murray Alumni will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at noon at Pagliai's. Tab Brockman, new executive director of Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, will be speaker. Brockman will give a preview of what the Chamber has planned for 2004.

Lodge meeting Monday

Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons will meet Monday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall, Highway 121 North, Murray.

Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Southwest PTA will meet

Southwest Elementary School PTA will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. in the school gym. The program will be by the Fourth Grade.

MES meetings scheduled

Murray Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m. in the conference room. On Monday, Nov. 17, at 5:30 p.m., the Technology Committee of the council will meet in the school library. Meetings are open to the public.

MHS Council meeting Monday

Murray High School Site-based Decision will meet Monday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. in the school library. Meetings are open to the public.

Theta Department to meet Monday

Theta Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have its annual auction of items brought by the members on Monday, Nov. 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the club house. Members are asked to bring two items for Need Line. Hostesses will be Cloia Campbell, Jo Burkeen and Virginia Chesser.

Music Department plans meeting

Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the club house. "Turkey Trot" will be theme of the program. Hostesses will be Neva Grey Allbritten, Faye Austin, Sondra Rice, Virginia Randolph, Kathy Mowery and Lea Yates.

Hospital retirees to meet Tuesday

Retirees and former employees of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Big Apple. For information call Nancy McClure at 492-8640.

Parent Support group will meet Monday

Parent Support Group, formerly called Parents Anonymous, will meet Monday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Peggy Pittman-Munke, Murray State faculty member, is Parent Support board chair. For information call 753-7004.

Quilt Lovers will meet Tuesday

Quilt Lovers of Murray are scheduled to meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Calloway Public Library. The community room will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6 p.m. This is open to all interested persons.

'Fall Dancefest' will be tonight

The Jackson Purchase Dance Company will present "Fall DanceFest" tonight, Nov. 15. This will be a dessert cabaret at 7 p.m. at the St. Leo Catholic Church Parish Center. Audience members will be able to enjoy a tasty array of desserts while watching the dancers. Admission for performance and dessert will be \$7.50 for students and adults, and \$2.50 for children under 5. For the performance with no dessert, admission will be \$5 for adults and free to children under five.

Christmas Open House will be Sunday

Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce invites the community to Christmas Open House, hosted by the local business and shops of Murray and Calloway County, on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. For information call 753-5171.

Wright students' recital Sunday

Linda Wright will present her music students in a recital on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. at Westside Baptist church. Also two students of her daughter, Jennifer Wilson, will perform. The public is invited.

MHS Backboard Club will meet

Murray High School Backboard Club will meet Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Plans will be finalized for Tiger Night to be Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. at the school.

Four Rivers group will meet Sunday

Four Rivers Music Friends are scheduled to meet Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all musicians and listeners. For information call Velvaleen at 753-6979.

Youth orchestra will present concert

Paducah Youth Orchestra with Doug Van Fleet as director will present its fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. at Tilghman High School auditorium, Paducah. A reception in honor of the young musicians will follow. There is no admission fee.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha



Photo provided
Carolyn Stubblefield, left, vice president of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, is pictured with Karen Guthrie, president of the board of Need Line, at the recent Make A Difference Day at Murray State University Stewart Stadium. ESA collected beef stew for Need Line as a philanthropic project for October.

Hospital Menus

"Heart-Smart" is the program for the menus in the cafeteria of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Anne Newberry, dietitian, said the menus are designed following the guidelines of the American Heart Association and the American Dietetic Association.

Menus, subject to occasional change, for the week of Nov. 17-23 have been released as follows:

Monday - quiche florentine, oven roasted chicken, Salisbury steak, broccoli spears, whipped potatoes, field peas with snaps, fried apples, vegetable beef and barley soup.

Tuesday - Build Your Own Deli Sandwich - chicken a la orange, wild rice pilaf, broccoli casserole, spicy french fries, candied yams, baby carrots, Wisconsin cheese soup.

Wednesday - meat loaf, turkey hot brown, crumb topped fish filet, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, onion rings, taco soup.

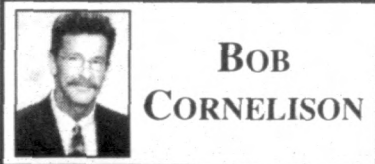
Thursday - baked potato bar, chili, hot dog, pork roast, lemon pepper chicken, winter mix vegetables, corn fritters, Harvard beets, chicken and wild rice soup.

Friday - lasagna, vegetable lasagna, prime sea strips, country style steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Italian green beans, breaded cheese sticks, steamed yellow squash, cream of broccoli soup.

Saturday - chicken pot pie, meat loaf, smoked sausage, sauerkraut, broccoli spears, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, soup of the day.

Sunday - pot roast, chicken strips, crumb topped fish filet, oven roasted potatoes, baby carrots, fried okra, crowder peas, soup of the day.

(*denotes heart-smart selection)



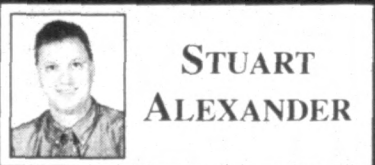
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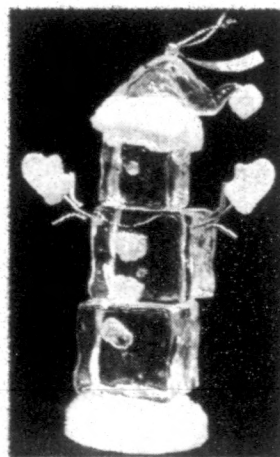
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BY TERI COBB
Activities director

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We invite you to come and join us for lunch which will be served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a donation of \$1.50. Lowfat milk, coffee and ice tea are our daily choices of beverages. Meals are also sent to private homes.

The center offers transportation on a daily basis from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you live in the city limits and need a ride to our center, the doctor, grocery store, bank or pharmacy, call at least one day ahead of time to schedule your ride.

Our exercise room is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who are 60 and older are invited to exercise at no cost. We also have two indoor Shuffleboard Courts available. Our basketball court is also open for a variety of games and times. Times are also set aside for women only. Contact the center for more details.

Activities and menus for the week of Nov. 17-21 have been released as follows:

Monday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m. to go walk at the RSEC, Caregivers Support Group at 12:30 p.m. and Line Dancing at 2 p.m. in the gym. On the lunch menu will be chicken strips, sweet potatoes, greens, corn bread, margarine and ice cream.

Tuesday events include Strength and Stretch Class from 8 to 9 a.m. Devotion at 10 a.m. and Healthy Lifestyles for Women at 10:30 a.m. in the education room. Our monthly birthday and anniversary celebration will be held at 12:30 p.m. Those with November birthdays and anniversaries are invited to be our special guest. Swiss steak with vegetable gravy, mashed potatoes, California vegetable blend, roll, margarine and banana cake will be on the lunch menu.

Wednesday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m., Basketball Court open at 10 a.m. for game, Around the World, and Pinochle play at noon. On the lunch menu will be BBQ meatballs, macaroni and cheese, brussels sprouts, roll, margarine and lime gelatin with pineapple.

Thursday events include Strength and Stretch Class at 8 a.m. and Shuffleboard League at 9:30 a.m. We will have our special Thanksgiving meal at 11:30 a.m. and each one is to bring a side dish or dessert. Turkey and gravy, dressing, green beans, roll, margarine and cranberry relish will be on the lunch menu.

Friday events will be Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m. and open Bridge play at noon. Those who have signed up for the Paducah Shopping Trip should be prepared to leave the center at 9 a.m. On the lunch menu will be ham and beans, slaw, sliced onions, corn bread, margarine and banana.

Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center is a United Way agency.

Birth Announcement

Roman Gabriel Larcade

Casey and Michelle Larcade are the parents of a son, Roman Gabriel Larcade, born Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at 11:07 p.m. at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison, Ark.

The baby weighed seven pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother is the former Michelle Jeffrey of Murray.

Grandparents are Teri Larcade of Galveston, Texas, Steve Larcade of

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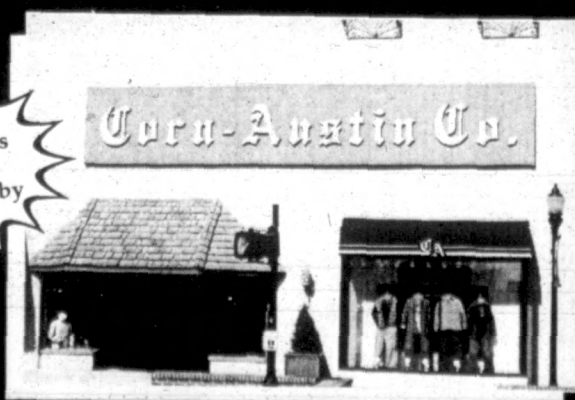
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Sports

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Metcalfe County 21 Murray High 18

Rally can't dull Hornets' sting

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

EDMONTON, Ky. — For a brief moment, late in the fourth quarter, those who are familiar with the Murray High football program thought for sure this was their second chance.

A 2003 team that has been decimated by injuries all season long, and a team that has had to overcome adversity on and off the gridiron, had their fingers crossed and their breath held.

And then, there it was: A high snap on a fourth down and five yard situation with 1:35 remaining prevented Tiger junior place kicker Tim Masthay from booting a 50-yard field goal that would have sent Friday night's Class A second round playoff game with Metcalfe County into overtime, and for sure would have erupted MHS fans who came in droves to watch their beloved felines.

Instead, Masthay's kick was a bullet that screamed past the line of scrimmage and took any hope that Murray High might play another week as they fell 21-18 to the unbeaten Hornets.

"We gave them what we had," said Murray High head coach Rick Fisher following the conclusion of the contest. "It just didn't turn out right and it just wasn't our night."

Fisher complimented head coach Larry Harbison and the Hornets for bringing in a good game plan; a scheme which held his Tigers (9-3) to just 180 yards of total offense. Ninety-five of that was in ground yardage, which is usually the "bread and butter" for Fisher's Tiger teams.

"They play real hard and they are very aggressive," Fisher said of Metcalfe County, which improved to 12-0 and will face defending Class A state champ Mayfield next Friday night at War Memorial Stadium in Graves County.

"We just couldn't overcome a lot of that tonight."

The field goal attempt by Masthay was set up by a previous Tiger touchdown when Alex Boles hit Hugh Rollins from one-yard out and 3:05 left to play to cut



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo
Hugh Rollins (5) puts on the afterburners to get beyond the grasp of a Metcalfe County player in the first half of Friday's contest between Murray High and the Hornets. Metcalfe remained unbeaten and closed out the season on the Tigers, 21-18.

a 21-10 lead down to five points. Rollins then connected with Kyle Erwin on the two-point conversion to trail 21-18.

Masthay then pooched a perfect on-side kick, that after bobbling around, found itself in the outstretched arms of Rollins.

Metcalfe County scored early in the third quarter to take a 21-10 lead, but Murray only trailed

the Hornets by four at intermission.

The Hornets got on the board in the first quarter when Trevor Wilson connected with Jamie Parnell from 17 yards out to take a 7-0 lead. Murray answered back with a 37-yard field goal by Masthay and then tacked on seven more to take a 9-7 lead when Boles punched the pigskin through

from five yards out.

The Hornets responded on the very next drive when Ryan England found paydirt from two yards out to give Metcalfe the 14-10 advantage.

Fisher knew his team was in the ballgame after halftime, but also told his squad that they were playing scared, tight, and making too many mistakes.



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo
Murray High's Rashad Troup (24) takes a tumble over a Metcalfe County defender for extra yardage in last night's second round Class A playoff game. Troupe had 21 yards off nine carries in the Tigers' 21-18 loss.

TIGERS 18, Metcalfe Co. 21

Murray	3	7	0	8	—	18
Metcalfe Co.	7	7	0	—	—	21

First Quarter

MCHS — Parnell 17 pass from Wilson (Hammer kick), 7:23
MHS — FG Masthay 37, 2:00

Second Quarter

MHS — Boles 5 run (Masthay kick), 10:00
MCHS — England 2 run (Hammer kick), 8:20

Third Quarter

MCHS — Warf 19 pass from Wilson (Hammer kick) 9:30

Fourth Quarter

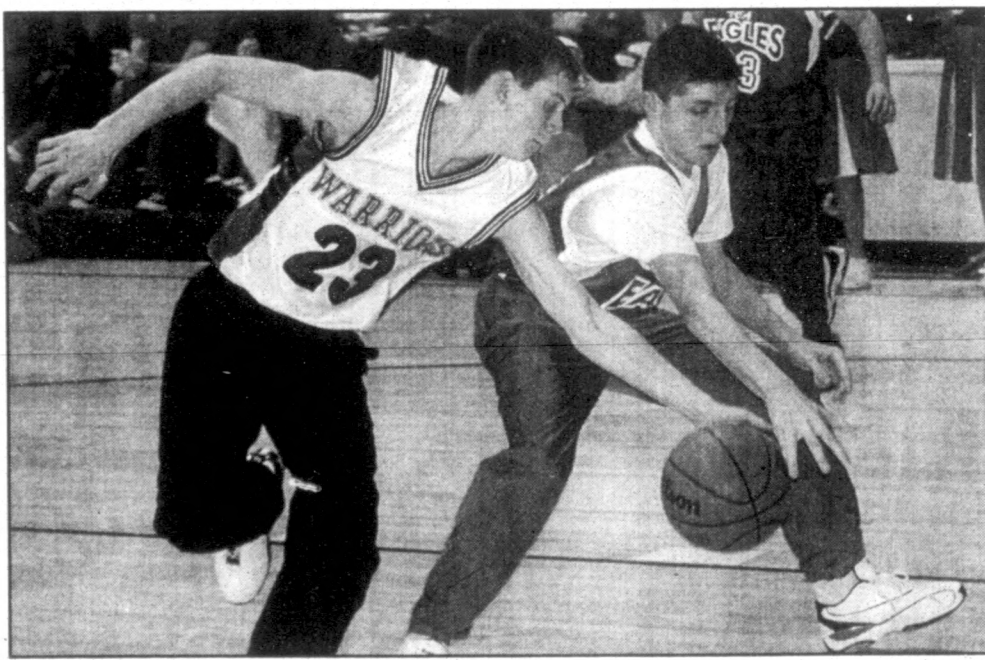
MHS — Rollins 1 pass from Boles (Erwin pass from Boles), 3:05

	MHS	MCHS
First Downs	13	16
Rushes	35	39
Rushing yards	95	131
Passing	4-12-2	12-16-0
Passing yards	85	185
Fumbles	0-0	3-0
Penalties	6-40	5-75

RUSHING: Murray — Wells 15-95, Troup 9-21, Hall 1-2, Rollins 1-3, Boles 8-(26). Metcalfe — England 16-58, Wilson 13-43, Tinsley 4-35, Hammer 4-7, Jarvis 2-1.
PASSING: Murray — Boles 4-12-2, 85. Metcalfe — Wilson 12-15-0 185, Jarvis 0-1-0 0.
RECEIVING: Murray — Rollins 1-43, Erwin 2-41, Hall 1-1. Metcalfe — Tinsley 5-97, Parnell 6-68, Warf 1-20.

"Metcalfe was making the plays and we weren't. We needed to come out and win the third quarter and we didn't do that. We found ourselves on the short end of the stick."

Mayfield, which won the district's regular-season crown, edged Hancock County 28-21 Friday despite the flu which had left many of the Cardinals' starters sidelined.



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo
Eastwood Christian Academy's Erik Ramsey (23) makes a clean swipe of the ball from a Victory Christian Academy opponent Friday.

ECA leaves Victory less than victorious in home opener

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The boys basketball team of Victory Christian Academy in Carterville, Ill., was in need of a game. So, the Eagles decided to give Murray's Eastwood Christian Academy a call, and ECA obliged.

And the Warriors gave Victory a game alright. Using a run-n-gun attack from the opening tip, ECA easily claimed its second win of the young season by an 83-12 score here Friday night.

"For us, it was better to play than not to play, too," said ECA head coach Joey Adair, whose team also seemed in need of some court action as it had not played since opening the season with a win over Southwestern Indiana in Evansville the previous Friday.

"We've got a young team, and there's nothing quite like a game-time situation for a young team."

ECA 83, Victory 12

Victory Christian Academy 5 7 10 12
Eastwood Christian Acad. 26 45 68 83
Victory: Dawson 3, DePue 3, Edmonds 4, Eigenraud 2. **Field Goals** 5. **3-pointers** 1 (DePue). **Free Throws** 2. **Fouls** 3. **Eastwood:** Herndon 8, J. Craig 14, J. Harrell 20, Ramsey 14, D. Craig 12, M. Harrell 10, Leonard 2, Stewart 3. **Field Goals** 36/76. **3-pointers** 6/18 (Herndon 2, J. Craig 2, D. Craig 1, Stewart 1). **Free Throws** 5/7. **Rebounds** 28. **Fouls** 5.

Turnovers and layups were the order of the night, mostly for ECA. The Warriors used that formula in zipping to a 26-5 lead at the end of the opening stanza. By halftime, that lead was up to 45-7.

For the night, ECA recorded 34 steals, and some of those helped produce a highlight film series for sophomore forward Jordan Harrell who recorded three break-

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Gottfried energized despite Bama loss

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Carl Krauser and Jamie Dixon both had to replace people who made Pittsburgh a prominent program in college basketball. They did pretty well Friday night.

Krauser, replacing four-year starter Brandin Knight at point guard, scored a career-high 21 points and the 22nd-ranked Panthers beat Alabama 71-62 in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Dixon got the win in his first game as head coach of the Panthers. He replaced former boss Ben Howland, who went to UCLA after four seasons at Pittsburgh in which the Panthers went 89-40 and made consecutive trips to the NCAA tournament round of 16.

"It wasn't that much of a change," Krauser said of the coaching move. "We lost a great coach and we gained a great coach."

The same can be said of the transition at point guard. Krauser scored 19 points in the second half and was the first player to start hitting from the outside for the Panthers.

"I saw we were 0-for-11 on 3s in the first half but I thought they were good shots," Dixon said. "I told them to have confidence and they would hit them and they did."

The Panthers missed their first 13 3-point attempts before Krauser finally hit one from beyond the arc to give the Panthers a 39-35 lead with 11:08 to play. They didn't quite catch on fire from long range, but they did make three in a 2:40 span to go up 59-53 with 2:10 left.

The last of the 3-pointers was by Jaron Brown and that was Pittsburgh's last field goal of the game. The Panthers made the lead stand up by going 12-for-16 from the free throw line the rest of the way.

The win was Pittsburgh's fourth straight at Madison Square Garden, where it won the Big East tournament for the first time last March.

Chevon Troutman had 13 points for Pittsburgh, while Brown added 11 and freshman



ED BETZ/AP Photo
Alabama's Demetrius Smith reaches in as Pittsburgh's Carl Krauser drives during the first half of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York, Friday.

Chris Taft, like Krauser a native of New York, had eight points and 12 rebounds.

Krauser averaged 6.0 points last season as a freshman with a high of 14 against Georgia.

Chuck Davis, one of Alabama's young players looking to claim one of the four starting spots left open from last season, had a career-high 20 points. Antoine Pettway had 17 points for Alabama, which played in this event last season and upset then-No. 3 Oklahoma on the way to the school's first-ever No. 1 ranking.

"(Dixon) made adjustments after we exposed them early on offense," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "We're going to be a fun to watch develop. We went toe to toe with them and I'm not into moral victories but I'm energized with what they did."

Future Stars come out on courts today

Special to the Ledger
Highway 641 will be busier than usual today as 40 little league basketball teams travel between Murray and Draffenville gymnasiums to take part in the inaugural Future Stars Shootout showcase.

The event will feature boys and girls teams in grades three through six. The Future Stars Shootout matches rec teams from the Murray, Marshall and Graves high school little league systems in three games of pool play.

The games will take place locally at Murray High, Murray Middle and Robertson Elementary schools. Games begin at nine this morning and will run non-stop through 8 p.m. Teams will also be on the road throughout the day for games at Marshall County High School, where three courts will be utilized.

A complete schedule of games can be viewed at www.teamworkevents.com.

"This is a new, fun event for the kids from little league programs around the area," said Murray High Coach Dan Hudson. "Most of these teams have only been practicing for a week or two, so this is really a chance to play three scrimmage games before the regular little league season starts."

"And, it gives the boys and girls a chance to play teams from other systems, which is always fun. This event has a chance to really grow," Hudson said.

A single fee will cover admission for all three games. Adults are \$5, students 6-12 get in for \$3 and kids five-under are free.

The Future Stars Shootout event is produced by Murray-based Teamwork Marketing & Promotions.

Titans throwing ball better

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans seem as if they're throwing the ball all over the field almost every chance they get.

Perception is not reality. Just ask coach Jeff Fisher.

"We're throwing it better than we've ever thrown it," he said.

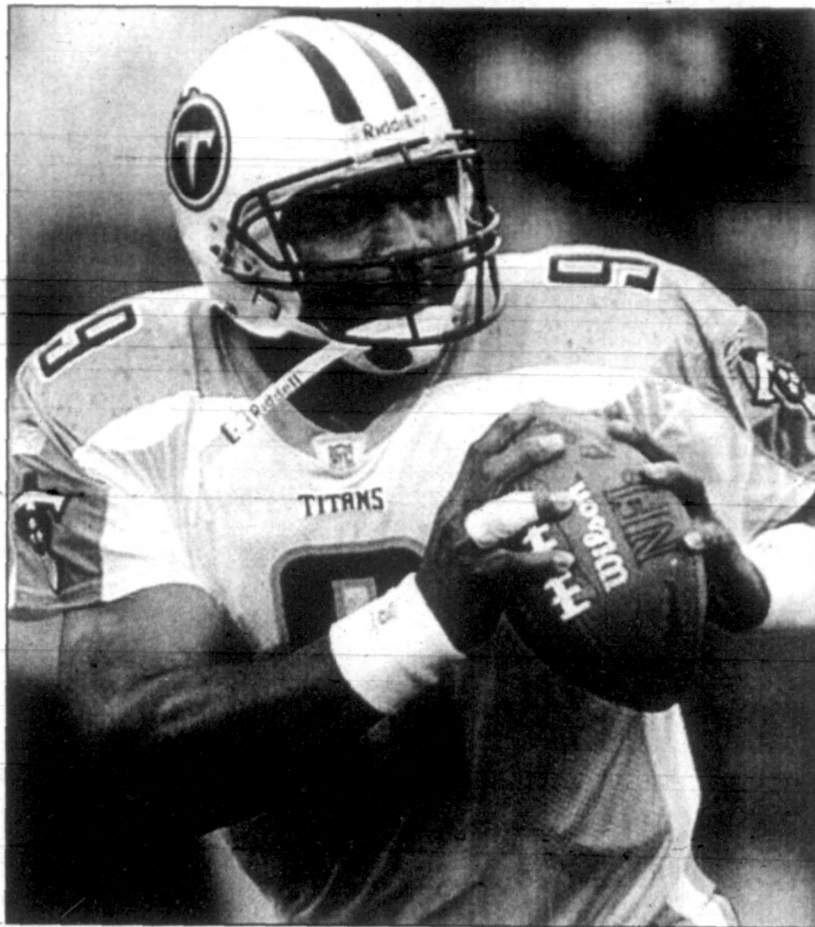
He's right.

The Titans (7-2) might have the NFL's top-rated passer in Steve McNair, and their 2,351 yards passing through nine games is better than any season dating to 1998.

But there's a catch. Their 273 passing attempts also are their third-fewest since 1998, which is why they are averaging 8.61 yards per pass. It's something McNair definitely wants to keep going.

"We're at a point anything less than what we're doing now is not even acceptable because of the job we've done consistently last year and this year," McNair said. "I think it's going to help us in the long run to open up a lot of different things offensively in the run game and also improve the passing game."

McNair leads the NFL in average gain with 8.55 yards per completion, and he's completing 65.9 percent of his passes. He's even better on third down, completing 70 percent with seven touchdowns and a 126.6 passer rating.



Quarterback Steve McNair is the catalyst behind the Titans' potent passing attack, which 2,351 yards in leading Tennessee to a 7-2 record through nine games.

He showed off his touch last weekend on the opening drive of the Titans' 31-7 victory over Miami.

On third-and-9, McNair dropped back and threw the ball to Der-

rick Mason even though three Dolphins had him covered. But McNair placed the ball where only Mason could catch it, which he did by diving for a 46-yard gain.

The Jacksonville Jaguars (2-7) on Sunday get their second chance in a month to try to slow the Titans (7-2), and coach Jack Del Rio said McNair has made their offense much more explosive.

"And they've given him a lot more opportunities," Del Rio said. "The receivers have made some nice plays for him."

The receiving corps gives McNair more options than he's ever had with the Titans. Receivers make up four of their top five pass-catchers led by Mason, Justin McCareins, tight end Erion Kinney, Drew Bennett and Tyrone Calico. That's a big change from previous seasons, when running backs and tight ends were McNair's most frequent targets.

Mason already has 50 receptions for 690 yards, with 33 of those catches going for first downs. He is averaging 13.8 yards a reception, one of five Titans whose average catch is in double figures.

He's on track to become the first receiver in franchise history with 1,000 yards or more receiving in three straight seasons. He needs only 20 catches to match Haywood Jeffires as the only receivers with 70 or more receptions in three straight seasons.

McNair certainly is pleased.

"We have probably one of the best young groups of receivers in the NFL that comes out ready to play week in and week out," McNair said.

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Lynn Camp 55, Hazard 34	Hopkinsville 20, Bowling Green 13
Mayfield 28, Hancock Co. 21	Mason Co. 21, Rockcastle Co. 19
Metcalfe Co. 21, Murray 18	Oldham Co. 28, Lex. Catholic 24
Newport Central Catholic 42, Cov. Holy Cross 20	Paducah Tighman 42, Hopkins Co. Central 0
Pikeville 20, Somerset 7	Pulaski Co. 82, Waggener 68
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Belfry 27, Prestonsburg 19	Lex. Paul Dunbar 38, Lex. Lafayette 7
Corbin 51, Lou. Western 6	Lou. Ballard 30, Lou. Seneca 14
Elizabethtown 36, Garrard Co. 0	Lou. Male 25, Meade Co. 24
Fort Campbell 23, Glasgow 7	Lou. Trinity 46, Shelby Co. 7
Lloyd Memorial 63, Fleming Co. 28	Madison Central 30, Lex. Henry Clay 21
Middlesboro 26, Sheldon Clark 14	Lou. St. Xavier 31, Lou. Butler 7
Owensboro Catholic 28, Trigg Co. 7	Warren Central 44, Graves Co. 10
Russell 31, East Carter 8	

MSU volleyball clinches tourney berth

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Murray State clinched a berth in the Ohio Valley Conference volleyball tournament Friday with a 3-2 win over Southeast Missouri State here.

The Racers won 24-30, 30-23, 30-27, 20-30, 15-9 behind 19 kills from Kimberly Bunnage and 14 each from Katie Kemezy, Lilli Zhan and Paige Sun.

MSU hosts Eastern Illinois today at 2 p.m.

ECA ...

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away dunks during a spurt early in the third quarter. Harrell finished with a game-high 20 points and six rebounds.

Point guard David Craig was having his own big night, though, recording a triple-double. Craig scored 12 points, dished out 12 assists and led his team with 11 steals.

Guard running mate Erik Ramsey just missed a triple-double of his own by scoring 14 points, stealing the ball nine times and

claiming eight rebounds.

Jonathan Craig and Marcus Harrell were the Warriors' other double-figures scorers with 14 and 10 points apiece.

"We are young, but we're excited. Most of this team is going to be together the next three years, so we're looking for big things out of them," said Adair, hoping Friday's easy win does not spoil his squad. "This was too easy. The season for us really starts Tuesday (when longtime rival Northside Christian Academy of Mayfield visits)."

2003-04 Hoops Tab On Its Way ...

Ford: Returnees bode well for ECU

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — For the first time in his five seasons, Eastern Kentucky coach Travis Ford



has an abundance of experienced players.

Whether that experience translates into wins is yet to be determined, but Ford is glad he doesn't have to waste time teaching his system to most of his players.

"This is the first year since I've been at ECU that we've had players return that played significant roles the year before," Ford said. "That gets me excited. Combined with our best recruiting class, this

is the first year I think we can really compete night in and night out since I've been here."

Eastern Kentucky finished a mediocre 11-17 last season, although the Colonels hadn't won that many games in a season since 1995-96, when they went 13-14. Their last winning season came in 1992-93, when they finished 15-12.

The Colonels lost their leading scorer from last season, guard Shawn Fields, and one other starter, guard Kenyatta Dix, but otherwise return almost 73 percent of their scoring.

Sophomore guard Matt Witt received Ohio Valley Conference rookie of the year honors last season after averaging 13.6 points

and 5.1 assists per game. He led the Colonels in assists, 3-pointers (54) and steals (42).

Two other starters, 6-6 forward Michael Haney and 6-9 center Jon Bentley, also return. Haney, a two-year starter, has pleaded innocent to assaulting his former girlfriend. Ford said Haney is still on the team, but declined to otherwise discuss Haney's situation.

Four other players who started at some point last season also should figure into the mix — guards Ben Rushing and Mike Scott and centers Champ Slaughter and Damian McPherson.

There's such a logjam at center with Bentley, Slaughter, McPherson and 7-foot junior Tim Volpenhein, among others, that Ford said

it's likely at least one of those players will redshirt this season.

"Our practices are just extremely competitive," Ford said. "That's a first since I've been here. Usually this time of year, I know the top five players easily. Right now, I don't know who's going to start or who's going to play. I could play 11 people and feel very comfortable."

Joining the team are four freshmen and one junior college transfer who are part of a solid recruiting class. Among them are 6-6 junior swingman Terrez DeWalt; guard Brandon Moore, the 2003 West Virginia prep player of the year; and forward Michael Brock, a finalist for Kentucky's 2003 Mr. Basketball honor as a prep senior.

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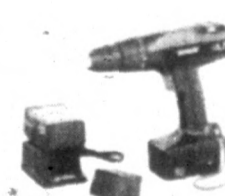
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Saturday, November 15, 2003

Winds keep anglers out of waters

We surely can find something else to do when the winds are blowing as they are this week.



Fishing Line

By Jerry Maupin
Outdoors Columnist

Only for a very short time was it reasonable enough to venture out for a little while. One reacts to these strong winds much like a cat does to having wet feet!

It's far better to clean tackle boxes, reels and the boat — and maybe even the garage. But stay out of this wind!

The cooler air has been great for the deer hunters. Many fine deer have been harvested by our local hunters, I just heard about a young man who killed a huge 16-point whitetail near the Tennessee state line. No names were given. It was just one of those that you hear about.

I fished last Friday with some of my great friends from the Chicago area. The wind was just beginning to pick up and blow.

Randy Ramsey and Randy Ramsey Jr. brought Dave Bruno down to Kentucky Lake to see what a wonderful place we have to play around on!

They are all three very serious bass anglers. They truly love to fish at tournaments all across the country. They are very knowledgeable and talented, and they



Pictured with a long string of fish are (from left) Glenn Bane, Eric Drum and Judus and Junior Bowling. The four anglers were out hunting coons when their fishing partners caught the fish.

love to compete. It just happened to be the coldest day we've had this fall. The conditions had a major effect on the bass.

The lake elevation was down to winter pool stage, so there were many areas we were unable to fish because of the wind and shallow water.

On a calm day, one can ease across these shallow flats comfortably and catch fish most of the time. It makes a big difference how many anglers are in your boat. If we take on three, we have to shy away from crossing the shallow areas.

On this day, I skirted the shallows and hugged the banks after we tried the deeper shelves without any strikes. I shouldn't say we did get any strikes because we did have dozens of light taps and

very light thumps on our lures.

The taps were so light that we missed the fish many times in the early hours. Later, it was as different as it could be. The strikes came as solid as one could want, and we really began to catch some good bass. But they were right against the rocky shorelines.

If you were 'shy' of the rocks, you missed the bass. It had to be in six inches of water, at least!

It was several years ago when I last experienced anything like this. When I did get the puzzle together, we had a great time. I caught some very nice bass!

At first, we had tried our favorite crankbaits, tubes and spinnerbaits. Randy Jr. even threw some great topwater poppers. But those chuggers just were not what the fish wanted.

I took them down into Tennessee because I thought the bass had been under less pressure there than they had been north of Kentucky.

By the way, I must mention that we had a super breakfast at the Kenlake Marina. Catherine took our orders, cooked the meals and brought all the trimmings to us in just a few short minutes. It sure makes a cold day on the water easier to deal with.



Junior Bowling shows off a string of crappie, bluegill and shellcrackers he caught while fishing with guide and outdoor columnist Jerry Maupin.

Anyway, back to the fishing.

Some of the bays are larger in Tennessee. They also have ramp access into most of those areas. We didn't gain a lot of privacy by going there.

It's sometimes a mental thing that causes an angler to believe a change in location will improve his/her luck. Sometimes it does, and it will prove to be the best move he/she could have made.

Over the years, I have had situations where there would be a lull in the action. Each angler would be worrying about what they should do next.

A swift change of locations helps the angler feel better at the time. But, as often the case, the fish wouldn't respond right away.

We have to change lures, depths and presentations to keep the interest level high. Sometimes the weather conditions will work with us.

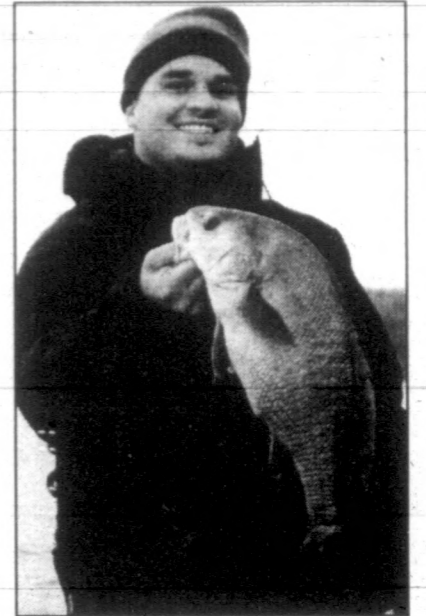
When this happens, every call you make is a good one. That's how tournaments are won!

You have to have the basic knowledge of how to use the tackle, and where it will work the best at a certain depth.

The major and minor feeding tables will then come into play. Since these are based on the positions of the moon, all anglers should pay notice to what times each of them are out.

Fast-moving fronts can sometimes throw you a curve. That completely shuts the fish down. All you will get at that point is a light thump!

Just as easily, a front can move an old system of stale air pressure out. At that point, the fish will turn on. This happened to us on Friday as the pressure changed and we moved into a major time of activity for the bass.



David Bruno holds up one of the large drum he caught on a crankbait in shallow water.

We all caught fish on the lures we were using at the beginning of the day — when the fish wouldn't take them! Unfortunately, the air temperature began to cool down even more. After a full day of casting and cranking, all that excitement began to fade.

All of the guys were catching bass, and some of them were really nice — weighing in at two, three and four pounds.

Sometimes it happens that way. You will leave the lake satisfied that you did everything you could do. Nature controls a lot more than we expect it to. As soon as you come to terms with that, you will be a better angler.

The strong winds have persisted all week. I haven't heard a whisper of any crappie being taken. There must be some areas where one can fish for crappie for a short time, at least.

Thanks to Randy Ramsey, Randy Ramsey Jr. and David Bruno for a great day of fun on Kentucky Lake. I hope to see you guys again this winter!

Happy Fishing!



Bob Wallace poses with the 26-point buck he harvested on Nov. 8 in Calloway County.

Main deer season in full swing

The Commonwealth's population of whitetail deer have been reduced considerably as the modern gun season reaches the halfway point this weekend.

The season began with almost perfect weather last Saturday — too good to last, however, as a cold front played havoc with the middle part of the week.

It was the best opening weekend we've seen up at the Livingston County farm. Bucks were running everywhere like teenagers looking for dates to the prom.

The bucks have rubbed the bark off of trees everywhere we look, and it's hard to walk through the woods without stepping in a scrape. (A "scrape" is a small patch of ground where the buck scrapes

away the leaves and vegetation so he can dribble out his special "calling card" on the bare dirt — a task similar to that which humans are admonished to not do into the wind.)

In years past, our rut has not been so pronounced. This was due in part to an overabundance of does on the farm — they were so numerous that the bucks did not have to compete for their affections. Increasing the doe harvest last year appears to have worked just as the biologists and deer experts predicted.

After taking extra does off the farm, we are seeing more bucks than ever. First to strike was hunting partner and local barrister, Warren Hopkins. Warren took a heavy horned 9-pointer early on Saturday morning and was back home in time for lunch.

Saturday afternoon produced an exceptional 10-pointer for one of our guests, Cale Prince from the Paint Rock Valley Lodge in Alabama. Cale and his brother, Brett — both guides at the Alabama lodge — braved the wind, cold and hordes of hungry mice to

experience deer camp, Kentucky style.

Brett returned home empty-handed, having refused to take any buck smaller than Cale's. The weekend was rounded out by super-superintendent, Dale Reid, who plunked a fat doe during fading light on Sunday afternoon.

That leaves one conspicuous absence from the deer harvest parade — me!

I've seen so many "almost there" 8-pointers since last Saturday that I'm beginning to count them in my sleep. That one big, ol' mossy-horned buck has eluded me — at least up to this writing on Wednesday night.

On Tuesday, special guests Gordon Whittington, editor of North American Whitetail Magazine, arrived with cameraman, Ron Cinfelt. Gordon and Ron are filming deer hunting episodes for a new TV program that will air next fall on the Outdoor Channel.

As luck would have it, the bad weather arrived hard on Gordon's heels, making the hunting messy and difficult. Sporadic showers kept us confined to quarters

Wednesday morning, while a lunchtime deluge of biblical proportions sent us scrambling for cover.

When the clouds finally parted, the deer were nowhere to be found. So now we have a double dilemma — not only do I need for a moose-type buck to show up in front of my gun to finish the season, but I also need a monster buck to visit the North American Whitetail guys or my debut on the Outdoor Channel will be left on the editing room floor.

But there's still hope. Gordon and Ron have another day or two to find Mr. Goodbuck, and I have a few more chances left. Although the patience of the Chairman is wearing thin.

So to all of you lucky folks who already have deer in the freezer — my congratulations. For the rest of us, it's still dark-thirty wake up calls until we have our buck, or until we run out of season.

In the meantime, I'll keep you posted on whether you can find me on the little screen come next fall, or in the Chairman's doghouse.

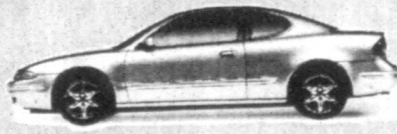


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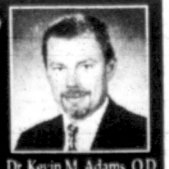
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More solar fireworks are possible by Thanksgiving

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA AP Science Writer

DENVER (AP) — Glowing steadily for more than 4 billion years and rising unfailingly every morning, even astronomers can take the sun for granted. Among the 100 billion stars in the Milky Way, ours is rather lackluster.

But the sun certainly is demanding everyone's attention now, three weeks into perhaps the most dramatic and unexpected chain of eruptions ever observed venting from its seething, bubbling surface.

There have been as many as 11 salvos since Oct. 19. And the fireworks could reach a new crescendo by Thanksgiving, the nation's busiest holiday for air travel, just one of the things that can be disrupted.

"There's been nothing quite like this," said Bill Murtagh, a space weather forecaster for the National Oceanic and Space Administration in Boulder, Colo. "Another big blow is not what anyone needs."

NASA scientists compare it to a blizzard in July — in California.

It sounds incredible, but "something like that just happened on the sun," says David Hathaway, a solar physicist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama.

The biggest solar storm to affect Earth in the recent cycle was Oct. 28. It caused little damage, largely because it was forecast, and electric utilities and satellite companies took precautions.

Even so, it caused a blackout in Sweden, damaged two Japanese satellites and upset radio communications and navigation systems for jets and ships. Airlines in the northern latitudes flew lower to protect passengers from extra doses of radiation.

It is a startling reminder of who's really in charge of the solar system.

Scientists worry that a new round of eruptions could do more of the same or worse.

Each solar burst hurls into space huge clouds of superheated, charged particle clouds that are 13 times the size of Earth. One explosion on Nov. 4 ranks as the most powerful solar flare to be recorded by orbiting instruments — although it was pointed away from Earth.

"This period will go into the history books as one of the most dramatic," said Paal Brekke, deputy project scientist for SOHO, a joint U.S.-European observatory between Earth and the sun.

What will the sun do next? Astronomers can only watch and wait. Early civilizations from the Sumerians to the Aztecs worshipped the sun for its life-nourishing properties. Its furious dynamics weren't discovered until Galileo and others in the 17th century began to directly observe the sun through the first telescopes, sacrificing their eyesight for their discoveries.

In 1613, Galileo published three letters on sunspots, the cooler, dark, irregular spots that resemble cancerous moles on the sun's fiery face. By recording the sunspots' disappearance around the far side, Galileo was the first to demonstrate that the sun rotates.

But how do sunspots form and how do they trigger solar explosions? How do they affect Earth? Researchers still aren't entirely sure.

The sun is not solid, but a dense and torrid ball of gas. It rotates in sections at different latitudes as if the layers of a cake were turning at different speeds, with the equator's layer moving faster than the poles.

This phenomenon tangles and twists the sun's magnetic field. The migration of hot plasma from the sun's interior dynamo up to the surface is somehow inhibited in these distortions, producing sunspots.

Sunspots erupt and fade in 11-year cycles. But that's just an average; some cycles last 15 years.

New studies suggest sunspots also work in longer patterns of 100 and 1,000 years. The sun's luminosity can change slightly during those

cycles, possibly affecting Earth's climate and, some argue, contributing to global warming. If true, those details will take years to work out.

The current 11-year solar cycle, No. 23, peaked quietly in 2000. By late 2003 it was supposed to be on its downside. Researchers were labeling it a dud.

Until now, Sunspots' magnetic distortions intensify until something explodes. Some sunspots reload and fire again. And again. That is what's happening now with the current sunspot clusters, 484 and 486.

From 93 million miles away, they look like tiny smudges on the sun's chin. Yet each rival Jupiter in size.

Forecasters in Boulder are analyzing past cycles to determine whether powerful sunspots similar have appeared later.

"In 1984, we had a bout of activity four years after the solar max in that cycle," Murtagh said. "What's different with cycle 23 is today's events are more intense than what occurred at the cycle's maximum."

Sunspots are best known for spawning solar flares, which are akin to space tornadoes. They last for hours, extend for tens of thousands of miles and reach millions of degrees.

In recent years, astronomers have identified a second and even more powerful tempest — the coronal mass ejection. Like a cosmic Molotov cocktail, that is the phenomenon that has been bombarding Earth lately.

A CME bursts from the sun's corona, the wispy, outermost and hottest layer. Often, CMEs trigger solar flares below, too.

CMEs belch huge clouds of superheated particles at speeds exceeding 1 million mph. Earth can orbit straight into the speeding particles and they can envelop the planet for hours.

If these incoming particles have a southward magnetic orientation, they slice against the grain of Earth's north-pointing magnetic field, and travel deep into the atmosphere. This causes electrical and radio disturbances, as well as colorful aurora displays in the night sky.

Space forecasters measure the intensity of CMEs on three scales. Each scale is 1-5.

The G-scale measures the geomagnetic storm generated when the particle cloud slams into Earth's magnetic field. A G5 storm can knock out electrical power grids.

The S-scale measures radiation pulses. In an S5 storm, airline passengers flying through the incoming fallout would receive the equivalent dose of 100 chest X-rays.

The R-scale measures radio blackouts. At R5, the entire sunlit side of Earth would experience a high-frequency radio blackout.

The CME on Oct. 28 measured G5-S4-R4.

"It was almost the perfect space storm," Murtagh said. Yet, because utilities and satellite companies were ready for it, its damage was limited.

A fourth scale measures the intensity of X-ray emissions from solar flares.

During the current sunspot period, solar flares erupting on Oct. 19 rated X3 and X5. On Oct. 28-29, the major CME triggered a one-two solar flare punch. The first measured X17.2 — it was the third-largest flare ever recorded. A day later, the second flare measured X11.

But Sunspot 486 was just warming up. Beginning on Nov. 3, it triggered three flares over several hours.

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Child pedestrian deaths drop

But kids still at risk from large vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of child pedestrians who died in traffic accidents fell in the last decade, but children remain at higher risk if they're hit by vans or other large vehicles, according to a government study.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reviewed 6,679 pedestrian deaths among children up to age 15 between 1992 and 2001. Deaths declined overall in 1997-2001 compared to 1992-1996.

NHTSA found that sport utility vehicles, vans and pickups killed child pedestrians at a slightly higher rate in 1997-2001 than cars, and not just because there were more SUVs on the road.

NHTSA said children may be at more risk from larger vehicles because drivers' views are obstructed by vehicle heights and longer hoods. It also said vehicle design may be a factor, since smaller pedestrians are more likely roll under tall hoods than roll on top of them.

Fisher-Price issuing recall on electric scooters, mini bikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of children's electric scooters and mini bikes are being recalled by Fisher-Price because of faulty control circuits that can keep the machines from turning off — posing a potential hazard to young riders.

In one case, a parent alleges her son's mini bike took off as it was being charged. The voluntary recall affects about 30,000 Lightning PAC Scooters and some 55,000 MX3 Mini Bikes, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The agency said the motor control circuits can malfunction, causing the scooters and mini bikes to continue running, even after the power or throttle button is released.

Fisher-Price has received reports of 56 incidents with the scooters, including injuries to two children. One broke an arm and the other chipped a tooth, according to the agency, which planned to issue the recall notice Thursday.

The company fielded complaints of 24 incidents with the bikes: One of them came from Donna Kish of East Brunswick, N.J., who said the mini bike went wild one day when she was charging it for her 10-year-old son, Konnor.

Kish said the bike took off, smashed into her car, circled her yard and then crashed into a fence. Kish cut her leg and there was about \$1,000 damage to her car. Her son was terrified, she said.

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Horoscopes by Jacqueline Bigar

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Specialists may be necessary

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a healthy and active 43-year-old male. For the past several years, I have noticed a progressive numbness in my toes that now involves the soles of my feet. My doctor was puzzled and referred me to a local neurologist, who performed a battery of tests — including an MRI scan — that was normal. The neurologist, also puzzled, recommended that I see a "very expensive, world-famous" neurologist in another city.

By Dr. Peter H. Gott, M.D.

In today's medical climate of rising health costs, even with insurance, having to pay 20 percent of an expensive medical bill would be very difficult. Could I somehow barter my skills with the super-specialist? What is your opinion of my malady?

DEAR READER: Based on the sparse information you provided, I cannot diagnose your ailment; nor would I presume to second-guess your neurologist. However, your symptom does concern me because it suggests a nerve disorder, such as multiple sclerosis, which may be difficult to diagnose in its early stages.

I believe that your most productive option would be to see a super-specialist. If the neurologist "in another city" is a provider under your insurance plan, he might be willing to modify his fee and reduce your co-payment. I cannot say whether he would barter; that's something you will have to ask him. An alternative plan is for you to

be examined and tested by specialists in a neurology clinic at a medical school or in a teaching hospital. In such an environment, special testing is available and the doctors welcome challenging cases such as yours.

My advice is for you to take the next step. You should, of course, discuss your financial concerns with the proper authority — either the doctor himself or the clinic supervisor. But I think your primary priority should be to get help in defining what is wrong with you. Let me know the outcome.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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: We are wound-care nurses in a nail-care clinic for diabetics. We read with interest your columns about the use of Vicks VapoRub in treating nail fungus. Being scientifically oriented, we decided to test the product's effectiveness on several patients. Over the last six months, we have noticed substantial improvement in the appearance of our patients' nails, to the extent that we are convinced that Vicks is an inexpensive and viable option. The patients are very enthusiastic about the results and are no longer afraid to show their feet in public. Thank you.

DEAR READERS: Thank you for sharing the results of your experiment. I'm delighted at the satisfactory outcome, and welcome comments from other readers.

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College graduate is flunking his transition to real life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old guy a year out of college. For a while, I had a job in my field, but it didn't hold my interest. Management picked up on it. They let me go before my six-month probation period was over.

Now I'm stuck living at home collecting unemployment. I don't have any idea what I want to do with my life. My days are spent watching TV, putting around on the computer and playing video games. My parents are nagging me to get another job and treating me like a second-class citizen because I don't have one.

I'm clear on the things I like and don't like, but nobody's going to pay me to watch TV for a living. I know I'd like to get married and have a family, but in terms of a career, I don't have a clue. I envy people who have their whole lives planned and stick to it.

Every time my mother makes a suggestion, I tell her she's way off. She complains I have no ambition, and she's right. I'm a tad lazy. All I care about is what's happening on "Friends" and what my friends and I are doing for fun on the weekend.

According to statistics, it takes six to nine months for someone to find another job, but I don't know how or where to begin. Meanwhile, my bills are piling up, and I'm supposed to be paying rent to my parents. I also have a student loan hanging over my head like a hatchet. Abby, please help me get outta here! — DOWN ON MY LIFE

DEAR DOWN: A logical first step would be for you to go back to the college from which you graduated and consult its career counseling services. You will be tested to see where your talents and training lie.

Somewhere along the line, you lost your direction and self-confidence. You should also be evaluated by your doctor for ADHD and depression.

You are obviously a bright young man. There is more to life than parties and television. Please take the necessary steps to get on with your life. You have much to offer.

DEAR ABBY: I am 34 years old, married for three years. My husband does not work. He gets a disability check but doesn't help with the bills or anything around the house. He claims he's looking for a job.

I recently told him about a job opportunity, and he asked me if I would forward his resume. I did. The next day, he told me he wasn't interested in the job because it was a graveyard shift.

I thought a graveyard shift was better than no shift at all. I am struggling to make ends meet, and he is still making no effort to help. I told him almost a year ago that he would have to move out. Well, he is still here.

I want to move on with my life, but I'm afraid to take the next step. Please give me some advice. I am very confused. — STRUGGLING

DEAR STRUGGLING: It appears your husband is shiftless in more ways than one. If the present situation continues, you will crack under the stress. If he were looking for employment but unable to find it, I'd advise you to be patient and have your husband screened for depression.

LookingBack

10 years ago
More than 40 firefighters fought a blaze at Hutson Grain Terminal Nov. 14. The entire area was evacuated because of potentially toxic smoke from the burning fertilizer.

20 years ago
Published are a story and pictures about the history and work of the Calloway County Fire-Rescue Squad. The story was by Staff Writer Ruth Ann Coleman.

30 years ago
Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation Center at Murray State University will be Nov. 19 at the site on North 16th Street.

40 years ago
Johnny Rose and Don Faughn, members of the Murray High School Tiger football team have been named to the All West Kentucky Conference Team.

50 years ago
This week has been proclaimed National Diabetic Week. Free tests for diabetes will be given by Murray Hospital, Health Center, Butterworth Clinic, Houston-McDevitt Clinic and at the local doctors' offices.

60 years ago
The Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers will be listed among the men in the December draft call for Army service, according to Mary Neale, clerk of Local Board of Selective Service. Eighty-three men left today for physical examinations at Fort Benjamin, Ind.

Calloway County Circuit Court is now in session with Judge Ira D. Smith presiding and John King as

commonwealth attorney. Marriages announced include Jane Humphreys to Pvt. Lowell E. Key, Oct. 30.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brinn, Oct. 28; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Jones, Oct. 29; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Russell, Oct. 31; a boy to Pvt. and Mrs. Roy Leslie, Nov. 1; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cunningham, Nov. 2; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunaway, Nov. 3; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thurman, Nov. 4; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hartsfield, Nov. 5; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barber, Nov. 7; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogard, Nov. 9.

70 years ago
Calloway County Circuit Court opened Nov. 13. Fifty-one cases are on the common law docket including 23 appearance cases. On the equity docket are 21 cases.

Sen. T.O. Turner, M.O. Wrather, H.T. Waldrop and Claude Miller attended a conference of district leaders at Paducah to urge the granting of a permit to build the Aurora Dam on the Tennessee River.

Marriages announced include Shirley Hubbs to Luther Greenfield, Oct. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Swann were married 50 years Oct. 29.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Onis Roberts, Oct. 30; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Festus Story, Oct. 31.

Donald B. Hughes of Hardin has been appointed as postmaster at Hardin Postoffice. He succeeds L.C. Starks who has served for the past 12 years.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Saturday, Nov. 15, the 319th day of 2003. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 15, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States.

On this date:
In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1940, the first 75,000 men were called to armed forces duty under peacetime conscription.

In 1969, 250,000 protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Ten years ago: A judge in Mincola, N.Y., sentenced Joey Buttafuoco to six months in jail for the statutory rape of Amy Fisher, who ended up serving nearly seven years in prison for shooting and wounding Buttafuoco's wife, Mary Jo. The State Department announced that Secretary Warren M. Christopher would travel to the Mideast to try to mediate differences between Israel and the PLO.

Five years ago: Kwame Ture, the civil rights activist formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, died in Guinea at age 57.

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IT'S JON! I'M OUT OF FOOD. CAN WE GET A DIFFERENT JON IN HERE? SNAP SNAP.

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MY TEACHER DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WROTE THE REPORT ABOUT THE FLU EPIDEMIC IN WORLD WAR I. I WAS THERE! SHE SAID I SHOULDN'T MAKE UP LIES... SHE SAID YOU COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN A WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE... BRING HER OUT, AND SHOW HER THE BULLET HOLES!

ContractBridge

A Small But Significant Clue

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6 3
♥ Q J 8
♦ A 10 9 7 2
♣ K 5 4
WEST
♠ K 8 4 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ Q 6 4
♣ Q 10 6
EAST
♠ J 10 9 7 5
♥ 10 9 5 3
♦ —
♣ J 8 3 2
SOUTH
♠ A Q
♥ K 4 2
♦ K J 8 5 3
♣ A 9 7

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of spades.

Every card played tells a story. In most cases, you don't have to be a genius to decipher the message; the cards usually speak for themselves, and all you have to do is to understand what they say.

It did not take South long to go wrong on this deal. He won East's nine of spades with the queen and led a low diamond to dummy's ace. East showed out, and there was now no way to make the contract. South con-

tinued diamonds, but West took his queen and led another spade, and declarer went down one, losing a diamond, three spades and a heart.

Had declarer instead played the king of diamonds at trick two, he would have made five notrump! The question is whether South should have known that leading the king of diamonds was a better play than leading a diamond to the ace.

The answer is yes. The telling card was West's lead of the deuce of spades. There were two clues South could have latched onto to read the message contained in that lead. One was that West, by his deuce lead, indicated a four-card spade suit — which meant that East had five spades. It followed that if the diamonds were divided 3-0, West was more likely to have all three of them than East.

The other clue rests on the presumption that West would have led from a five-card suit if he had one. Once West is credited with nothing longer than a four-card suit, it follows that he cannot be void of diamonds. Therefore, playing the king of diamonds at trick two is a much better play than leading a low diamond to the ace.

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Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- Neptune's kingdom
 - Meadow
 - Up till now
 - Scamp
 - Get stuck
 - Historical period
 - Filled tortilla
 - Film
 - Ecol: bureau
 - Winty
 - Contract
 - Took to the slopes
 - Drama awards
 - Do a personnel job
 - Rx writer
 - Move jauntily
 - Steakhouse order (hyph.)
 - Knot
 - Bull Moose initials
 - "Ha!"
 - Bro or sis
 - Big bird
 - Aries mo.
 - Use a spatula
 - Smidgens
 - Ancient Tokyo
 - Sz option
 - Swallowed up

Answer to Previous Puzzle

FAT POGO SOFA
LYE LAUD AVID
ALACARTE LATE
TAKEN SSTS
LTD EAGER
POET REIN LOU
LAPS OTT AUNT
UTE OPEC LESS
SHEAF HOD
STAT MEANT
EKES LAVENDER
LENA UPON ZEE
INDY MENS ERE

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- DOWN**
- Pub game
 - Tree with patchy bark
 - Young lady
 - "Semper fi" grp
 - Hasty escape
 - Memory glitch
 - Germ killer
 - Here, for monsieur
 - Poe's night visitor
 - Question starter
 - Took by the hand
 - Stage set
 - Not hither
 - Grassy areas
 - too young
 - Jeans partner
 - Bank on
 - Besides
 - Lower jaw
 - Sums owed
 - Georgia university
 - Roadie gear
 - Cantata performers
 - Revises
 - Sheath or sack
 - Hems and haws
 - Alliance
 - Numerical prefix
 - Freshwater catch
 - Mumtions
 - Valentine figure
 - Barkin or DeGeneres
 - Teen problem
 - Mae West role
 - Crack pilot
 - Broad st
 - Road map into
 - Gloating cry
 - Nol or Chaney
 - Type of elec

Business

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Murray's Christmas Open House is Sunday

Did you know... Murray's Christmas Open House is Sunday? This annual event is hosted by the



Chamber Chat

By Lisa Satterwhite
Assistant Director
Murray/Calloway County Chamber of Commerce

local retailers of Murray and Calloway County and begins the holidays with a festive afternoon of shopping, visiting and holiday cheer.

Our local members do much preparation for this open house and offer discounts and special promotions from 1 to 5

p.m. Join family and friends to begin the season shopping in Murray's downtown and north and south side shopping areas.

Coming Up Around Town

• MSU Rodeo, West Kentucky Expo Center, today and Sunday, 9 a.m., free admission, donations accepted

• Angel's Attic Customer Appreciation Day, today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wal-Mart is matching sales up to \$1,000, half price on selected items

• Jackson Purchase Dance Co. Dessert Cabaret, St. Leo's Church Parish, today, 7 p.m.

• Christmas Open House, Area Merchants of Murray and Calloway County, Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

• Anniversary Week, Center for Health & Wellness, Monday through Friday

• IAAP "Building on Our Past," Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, Monday, 5:15 p.m. University Choral & Chamber Singers Concert, Lovett Auditorium, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

• Intercollegiate Rodeo, West Kentucky Expo, Thursday through Nov. 22, 9 a.m.

• Art Auction, Clara M. Eagle Gallery, MSU, Friday, preview at 6 p.m., auction at 7:30, proceeds benefit scholarships

• Basket Making Workshop, Murray Art Guild, 103 North Sixth St., Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for more info. 7534059

• BMX Bicycle Racing, MCC Park, Nov. 22, 1 p.m.

• Christmas in 1850, The Homeplace, LBL, Nov. 22, 1 to 4 p.m., decorations, recipes, a visit from Santa and caroling

• MSU football hosts Tennessee State, Nov. 22, 1:30 p.m.

• MSU Women's basketball vs. High Point (Tourney), Friday, 2 p.m.

• MSU basketball hosts Wagner (Tourney), Nov. 22, 7:15 p.m.

• High School Rodeo, West KY Expo, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.

• Hanging of the Green, First United Methodist Church, Nov. 23,



LISA SATTERWHITE/Chamber photo

For your eyes only. Dr. Douglas Payne and his staff Lindsey Konrad and Angie Atkins and parents Bill and Judy Payne celebrated with Chamber members at the ribbon cutting for his optometry office in Olympic Plaza. Dr. Payne specializes in comprehensive eye exams, eye treatments, contacts, glasses and designer frames. His hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call him at 753-5507 for your next eye care need

5:30 p.m.

• Murray Trade Day, MCC Parc, Nov. 24, 7 a.m. to noon

• MSU basketball hosts West Florida, Nov. 24, 7:15 p.m.

• MSU basketball hosts SIU-Edwardsville, Nov. 26, 7:15 p.m.

• Natural Holiday Decorations, Nature Station, LBL, Nov. 28, 1:30 p.m., participants create natural holiday decorations

• A Plus Cleaning is offering \$10 off home or business holiday cleaning services through Dec. 31. Call Alicia Ray at 767-0052 or visit www.apluscleaning.info to schedule your appointment with their qualified cleaning staff.

Highlights from the Chamber staff include

Murray's Christmas parade is scheduled for Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. Applications for parade entries are available at the Commerce Centre just in front of Wal-Mart. Applicants are encouraged to sign up immediately to ensure a spot. A special appearance of the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales hitch will be featured. A free performance of the Clydesdales will be open to the public at the West Kentucky Expo Center on Dec. 7 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

• Looking for a gift for a Murray resident who has everything? Murray Main Street bricks or Murray State University Alumni bricks could be your answer. Call

the Main Street office at 759-9474 for order information or the Alumni office at 762-5600.

• Chamber of Commerce Certifichcks are available through the Commerce Centre in many denominations for those hard to shop for on your holiday list. Stop by or call 753-5171. For large orders or employers, give this perfect gift every time. They can be personalized with a company's logo and delivered directly to your business. Three ways to order: online at www.murraylink.com, by phone 1-877-770-4438 or fax 1-877-770-3234.

• Tab Brockman talked with Joe Pat James "On the Road" at Captain D's to discuss the Chamber's membership drive and benefits. He also discussed changes taking place including the web presence of the Chamber and the best ways to benefit the business members as well as the community via the internet.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

• The Cake Lady, Maria Thomason & Mrs. Social, Lexie Moore, Thursday, 10 a.m. (new members)

• The Gentry House, A home for families in crisis, 1603 Memory Lane, Dec. 4, 1:30 p.m., open house and tours until 2:30 p.m. (new facility)

Upcoming Chamber BALL — Business and a Little

Lunch

• Calloway County Extension Office, 310 South Fourth St., Murray - Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Calloway County Extension Council in celebration of Farm City Week. The entire community is invited to join the Home Economics, 4-H and Agriculture Extension Offices for a free luncheon of chili and sandwiches.

Upcoming Business After Hours

• Kopperad Real Estate, 711 Main St., Murray, Dec. 11, 3 to 6 p.m. Holiday Open House and Customer Appreciation with refreshments served and additional parking across the street at the public library.

Welcome New Chamber Members

- Betty Brockman (Individual)
- Rob Allen (Individual)
- Gale B. Comelison (Individual)
- Ross, Sinclair & Associates (Investment Banking)
- B & L Automotive (Automotive Repair & Maintenance)
- Wiggins Furniture (Home Furnishings)

For more information on becoming a member of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce or hosting a Chamber event contact Tab Brockman or Lisa Satterwhite at 753-5171.

InBusiness

Renal Care Group appoints Dill CFO, Executive VP

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Renal Care Group, Inc. announced that it has appointed David M. Dill as executive vice president and chief financial officer. Dill succeeds R. Dirk Allison, who has resigned to pursue another opportunity in the healthcare industry.

Dill joined Renal Care Group shortly after the company's initial public offering in 1996 and, immediately prior to this appointment, served as senior vice president, finance, responsible for consolidated accounting, financial reporting, corporate budgeting and strategic planning.

William P. Johnston, the Company's chairman of the board, commented, "Dirk Allison provided crucial services to Renal Care Group during his four-year tenure and has played an important role in the continuing financial success of the company. On behalf of the Board of Directors, associates and management team, I wish him the very best in his new endeavors and thank him for his many contributions to Renal Care Group."

Gary Brukar, the company's president and chief executive officer, said, "This is a well-deserved promotion for David Dill, and we are pleased that David has assumed this leadership role with the Company. While we will miss Dirk Allison, we are fortunate to have a capable successor in David, who has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding of the Company's strategic focus, business and finances."

"David knows our shareholders, employees and other stakeholders and is well acquainted with the investment community. I have every confidence in his ability to play a key role in Renal Care Group's mission of providing optimal care for our patients, while delivering outstanding results for our shareholders."

Allison said, "It is difficult for me to leave Renal Care Group given



David Dill

my respect for my colleagues and the many lasting friendships I have formed. Having worked closely with David Dill for four years, I believe Renal Care Group will continue to grow and succeed under his leadership as CFO working closely with the other members of Renal Care Group's outstanding management team."

Prior to joining Renal Care Group in June 1996, Dill, 35, was an accountant with Deloitte & Touche LLP. Dill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Murray State University and is a certified public accountant.

Renal Care Group is a specialized dialysis services company that provides care to patients with kidney disease. The Company treats over 21,300 patients at more than 270 owned outpatient dialysis facilities, in addition to providing acute dialysis services at more than 120 hospitals. Over 6,500 associates provide services across the Company's 27-state network. More information about Renal Care Group, Inc. can be found at www.renalcaregroup.com.



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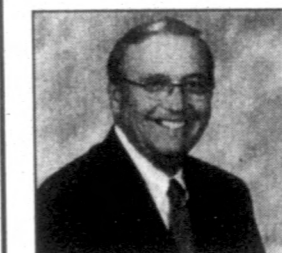
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