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Fletcher, House swap charges about taxes

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher and leaders of the Democratic majority in the House swapped accusations Thursday about taxes. Each side accused the other of having abdicated leadership.

Fletcher, who wants the General Assembly to rewrite the tax code, said opposition Democrats show no willingness to reach consensus.

"I am extremely disappointed because we have reached out to work with them in a bipartisan way to develop a plan that could be called a consensus plan," Fletcher said at a news conference.

Democrats, primarily Speaker Jody Richards, said Fletcher should present a bill, then seek consensus.

"We'll work with him if he'll bring us a plan. But we are not going behind closed doors to craft a plan," Richards told reporters.

Fletcher has said he wants a "revenue neutral" plan that would increase some existing taxes, impose some new taxes and balance them with tax reductions, including lower rates for corporate and individual income taxes. He said it would make Kentucky more attractive to companies that provide good jobs at better than average wages.

Richards and four other House Democratic leaders told Fletcher in a letter Thursday that he should present his tax plan to the House appropriations committee on Tuesday.

"If you are convinced that the plan you envision is the best for Kentuckians, then you should have no objection to presenting it, in writing, in an open public forum," the letter stated.

Fletcher, the state's first Republican governor in 32 years, said he would be in Washington, D.C., at a meeting of the National Governors' Association. But he said he was not inclined to face the appropriations committee in any event.

"I think it's pretty clear that they're more interested in making a political statement than they are in moving this state forward," Fletcher said.

"They've been here for years. This state is the eighth-poorest state for one reason, and that's that

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THE PASSION PLAYS ON



Chris Hopkins displays a sign for the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," that will be positioned above doorways to show viewers where it will be playing inside the Cheri Theatre, which opens Wednesday.

Local churches gear up for movie on last hours in life of Jesus

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Church leaders consider Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" an outreach tool as some 15 local churches have bought tickets — sometimes in the hundreds — for their members, who have been encouraged to invite neighbors and friends who don't usually take interest in spiritual matters.

"This is going to be one of the greatest evangelistic tools of our time," said Clark Terry, worship leader at Hardin Baptist Church. "We think the controversy and interest will attract people to the movie. We will pray God will move and change people through it."

Hardin Baptist Church paid for two screenings of "The Passion." Congregation members then bought the number of tickets they wanted for the shows on March 1 and 2. The tickets went on sale at the church Sunday and sold out that day.

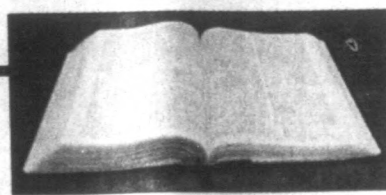
"The Passion" opens in theaters Wednesday, which is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Easter season. The Cheri Theatres in Murray will show the movie on two screens, each in theaters that seat 290 people, said Chris Hopkins, the theater's general manager. One theater will be for the churches' private screenings and the other open to the general public, he said. Tickets for the public can only be bought the day of the show.

"We knew we had to get two," Hopkins said. "We knew the churches would be here for sure, but we were afraid if we didn't get two copies the general public

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Pictured is a scene from "The Passion of the Christ," which depicts the crucifixion of Jesus.



In Those Final Hours

Words Spoken By Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "Oh My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." — Matthew 26:42

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" — Matthew 27:46

Source: The Open Bible New KJV

Commitment shown for Ky. 80 project

Tax proposal on smokeless tobacco at odds with Jackson

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Three different governors have maintained commitments to developing the new Ky. 80 from Cadiz to Murray to Mayfield. Now, after nearly 13 years, the region is witnessing the progress of that more than \$300 million project.

"We've been working on this since 1991," state Sen. Bob Jackson said. "Construction has begun and we are seeing the fruits of our labor. No one does any of these things alone. There are many people involved."

When Brereton Jones was campaigning for governor, he pledged to make the new highway his priority. His administration advanced the project in its four years in Frankfort and former Gov. Paul Patton kept the new road at the top of his list for eight years. Now, Gov. Ernie Fletcher has shown his commitment to continuing the progress of Ky. 80

by including it, among other western Kentucky projects, in his six-year transportation plan, which was released earlier this week.



Jackson

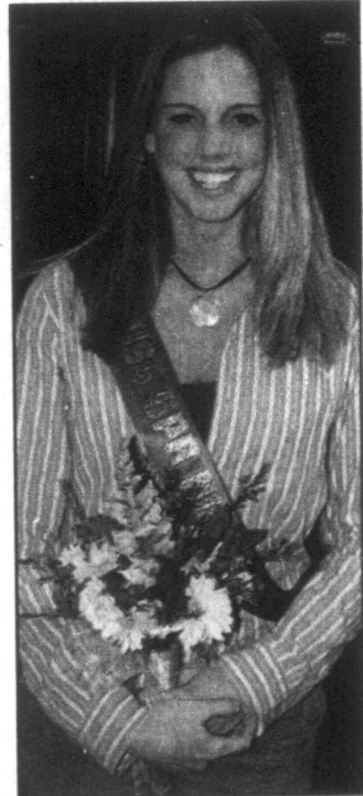
The new Ky. 80 from Murray to Aurora will be finished this summer, Jackson, D-Murray, said. Most of the construction is complete, but there is a small stretch that needs to be repaved.

Construction is underway for the Murray-to-Mayfield portion of Ky. 80, Jackson said. The next two years will be spent completing the second, \$60 million phase of the new road.

"This road project is critically important to our region," Jackson said. "We are so far along that it won't be slowed down; it will only continue to progress. We are the top tourist destination and this will open the Murray-Mayfield-Cadiz corridor."

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Misses Spring 2004



Calloway County High School senior Lyndsi Keel, left, and Murray High senior Lauren Peal were honored Thursday with their naming of Misses Spring 2004. They will be featured along with past Miss Springs in a special 30th Anniversary issue which will come out in April.



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WEATHER

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Saturday will be partly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s.

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Jet diverted due to bomb threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Moroccan jetliner flying from New York to Morocco was ordered to return to the United States Thursday after receiving a bomb threat, U.S. authorities said.

The Boeing 767 landed safely at Bangor International Airport in Maine, officials said.

Royal Air Maroc's Flight 201 took off from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport at 7 p.m. EST and was headed for Morocco when it received a bomb threat, said Mark Hatfield, a spokesman for the Transportation Safety Administration.

The spokesman said a passenger on the plane apparently made the

threat, but he gave no further details. He said passengers would be interviewed and baggage screened.

Holly Baker, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration in New England, said "there was a person aboard who they felt was a security risk." Baker said she knew nothing about a bomb threat.

She said the plane was well on its way to Casablanca when it was diverted to Bangor. It landed in Bangor around 11:15 p.m., she said.

"It's on the ground," she said shortly after midnight. "I don't know what's happening now — whether they'll head back to JFK or go on to Morocco."

There were conflicting reports on the number of people aboard the plane. Laura Brown, an FAA spokeswoman in Washington, said 82 passengers and 10 crew members were on the plane. Hatfield said his reports indicated there were 79 passengers.

Edwards tries to distance self from Kerry

NEW YORK (AP) — John Edwards touted his blue-collar background and sharpened his criticism of Democratic front-runner John Kerry as the North Carolina senator's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination surged on criticism of U.S. trade policy and jobs lost abroad.

"When it comes to bad trade agreements, I know what they do to people," Edwards said in a speech at Columbia University as he tried to build on a surprisingly strong second-place showing in the Wisconsin primary. "I have seen it with my own eyes what happens when the mill shuts down."

Edwards, whose father worked at a mill, said he has a better understanding than Kerry of blue-collar issues.

He told his college audience Thursday that his disagreements with Kerry extended well beyond NAFTA and include many trade agreements he has opposed.

"Those trade deals were wrong," he said. "They cost us too many jobs and lowered our standards."



AP Photo
U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-NC, talks to the media after delivering a speech at Columbia University in New York, NY Thursday.

Edwards focused on the economy and jobs while campaigning in Wisconsin, largely by making the case that trade pacts, like the North American Free Trade Agreement, have led to a flow of high-paying jobs to China and other low-wage countries.

He believes the same theme will work in the 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" primaries March 2.

He is targeting Georgia, Ohio and the industrial regions of upstate New York.

While Kerry has been critical of the way free-trade deals have been carried out, the Massachusetts senator voted for them, setting the stage for the loss of jobs in the United States, Edwards said.

MPD warns of scam here

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray Police Department is informing the public of a scam involving child identification products.

According to MPD, an individual is representing himself as a maker of child identification products, but is instead scamming businesses and residents out of money.

The individual obtains information about the child, including name, age, birth date and Social Security number, and receives payments to make identification cards for parents and schools, police said.

After receiving the information, the individual collects the money and does not provide the identification products.

Anyone in Murray or Calloway County who is familiar with this situation or has been approached by a business attempting to make child identification products should contact the Murray Police Department at 753-1621.

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Passion ...

From Front

wouldn't be able to see it right away.

"We're in the Bible belt. We'll do as well as some of the bigger cities, especially up north."

The epic movie depicts the last 12 hours of Jesus' life and is rated R. Church leaders are encouraging parents to use discretion about whether their children should watch the film. Church leaders know the movie will be intense, but they understand that is the reality of Jesus dying on a cross.

"You can't accurately portray a death like a crucifixion with a PG rating," Terry said.

"In some ways, it's a risk," added First Baptist Church of Murray Pastor Wendall Ray. "But our church leaders thought we needed to take a risk. You can't just sit by."

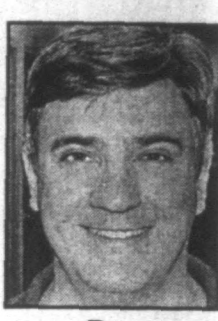
Ray said he is excited about seeing a scripture-based movie produced in a secular culture.

"The perception I have is that it is biblically accurate," he said. "There might be some things in

there that we don't know about for sure, but I don't think there is anything in there that's off-the-wall. I enjoy seeing movies. I think this will be one of the first Christian movies that is done with the same professionalism of the other movies out there."

His congregation members are encouraged to invited people from outside the church to see the movie with them March 7.

"I hope they get out of it a realization of what Christ did for us when he died on a cross and that he really died for us," Ray said. "There's been some controversy about how the Jews are perceived. We, at this church, don't blame the Jews. We realize it was our human nature that led to the crucifixion."



Ray

Jackson ...

From Front

The third phase of new Ky. 80 is from Aurora to Cadiz. Jackson said this portion has been the most difficult piece of the project because the Tennessee Valley Authority originally approved the four-lane road construction through Land Between the Lakes when it managed the land. Now, the U.S. forestry department oversees the land. The change in management slowed down the approval process.

The design of the final portion, which costs about \$121 million, is expected to be completed this summer. Construction is scheduled to be finished in summer of 2007, Jackson said.

Fletcher's six-year transportation plan also includes about \$132 million for new bridges across the region's Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. New four-lane bridges are scheduled to be started in the summer of 2006, but design work has already started, Jackson said.

Two other Calloway County projects are in the governor's plan:

- A nearly \$11 million widening project will expand U.S. 641 from Murray to the Tennessee state line. Design work has begun and right-of-way acquisition will happen after July 1. Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2005.
- A 1.5-mile stretch of Ky. 121 at its intersection with U.S. 641 will be widened to five lanes going passed the Regional Special Events Center and Lowe's. This project costs about \$5.7 million. Right-of-way acquisition and utility work will begin sometime after July 1. Jackson said the project is scheduled to begin in the coming year.

Jackson said he was never concerned about losing funding for Calloway County road projects, knowing the commitment to the region that spanned multiple administration; however, the senator is concerned about

how Fletcher's tax modernization plan will hurt a unique industry in western Kentucky.

Fletcher proposes taxing smokeless tobacco, among other things, including haircuts, movie tickets and golfing greens fees.

"I think it's awkward," Jackson said of Fletcher's tax modernization proposal, which the governor unveiled this week. "I don't know if people will view it as tax modernization or just additional taxes on services everyone uses. Right now we're listening and trying to figure out what is best for everyone."

Jackson is adamant a tax on smokeless tobacco will hurt Calloway County and surrounding counties. Fletcher is suggesting a tax up to 10 percent on any smokeless tobacco products. That would add as much as 30 cents to a can of chewing tobacco.

"A tax on smokeless tobacco is a big deal for our region," the senator said. "It's an economic issue, not a social issue. Dark-fired tobacco provides many families with money to send their kids to Murray State University and buy new cars. I'm going to do everything I can not to let that (tax) happen."

Calloway, Trigg and Graves counties produce 60 percent of all dark-fired tobacco, Jackson said. Only 30 counties in Kentucky produce such tobacco, and they are all in western Kentucky.

For western Kentuckians, dark-fired tobacco is a multi-million dollar industry that people depend on to make a living.

"I do not want to do anything that will hurt, cripple or take this industry back from the people," Jackson said. "If this were a different industry somewhere else in the state, we'd do everything we can to help it prosper," he said. "The climate and soil are the reasons we can produce the best dark tobacco in the world."

Taxes ...

From Front

we haven't seen the leadership provided here that's needed," he said.

Replied Richards: "I call on him to show some leadership. It's not my plan. If it was, I'd show leadership."

In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Harry Moberly, influential chairman of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said he and other legislators have been given only "snips and snaps of various information" by Fletcher and his staff and that the tax plan "seems to change day by day."

Richards and 14 other legislators, from both parties and both chambers, were given a private, oral briefing by Fletcher and members of his staff Wednesday.

Rep. Scott Brinkman, a Republican who was in the briefing and who has agreed to sponsor a tax-overhaul bill if one is produced, said Fletcher made it clear he was presenting a concept. "He did not say this is it, take it or leave it," Brinkman, of Louisville, said in an interview.

Brinkman said one thing "creating leverage" for a new tax code in the current legislative session is the bare-bones budget Fletcher has proposed. "Nobody is wanting to defend this budget," Brinkman said.

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Calloway County Fire-Rescue personnel were kept very busy Thursday by responding to three separate field fires, including this blaze on Pottertown Road that was reported a little before 5 p.m. This particular fire held the greatest potential for problems as it started in the backyard of a residence then spread into nearby woods, burning 20 acres. CCFR responded with eight units from five stations and 13 firefighters. Firefighters used a two-pronged attack to bring the blaze under control by a little after 6 p.m. CCFR stayed on the scene a total of three hours. They remind the public not to burn between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Nightclub fire victims, survivors honored at memorial service

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — Rescue workers who responded to last year's deadly nightclub fire in West Warwick honored the victims at a ceremony Thursday, ringing a bell 100 times — once for each person who died.

The ceremony, held a day before the one-year anniversary of the devastating fire at The Station nightclub, was filled with messages of hope and transformation.

Brightly colored butterflies, made by schoolchildren, hung in rows above the families and survivors. Organizers chose butterflies as the theme of the anniversary service as a symbol of moving on from the tragedy.

Gov. Don Carcieri also announced the creation of a butterfly garden at Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence in honor of the victims and survivors.

"That cold February night brought us all great sorrow and heartache," Carcieri said. "A wave of sadness and disbelief washed over us all. It is a day that will always remain with us."

Hundreds of victims' families, friends and survivors attended the ceremony. Some came with photos of their loved ones, which they

placed on a stage. Others wore T-shirts with pictures of those who died.

Tammy Croteau, 36, of Waltham, Mass., grasped the hand of her mother-in-law during one song. Croteau's brother-in-law, Robert, 31, died in the fire.

"You have to move on, but it still seems like it was just yesterday," Tammy Croteau said.

Al Gray, whose son, Derek, 22, died in the fire, said he's still angry with West Warwick town officials.

"Somebody didn't do their job, and everyone here should think about that," Gray said.

The fire at the one-story wooden nightclub was touched off Feb. 20, 2003, when sparks from rock band Great White's pyrotechnic display set fire to flammable foam that had been placed around the stage as soundproofing.

The band lost its guitarist, Ty Longley, in the fire. Great White's lead singer, Jack Russell, told the Providence-area rock station WKKB-FM on Thursday that he'll spend Friday honoring those affected.

"I'm going to go to church for the first time in 20 years and light a candle and pray for everyone," he said.



VICTORIA AROCHO/AP Photo
Al Gray, top, comforts his wife Rosanne, center, as the two look at photographs of victims of the Station nightclub fire moments before a remembrance service at the Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet Hall, in Cranston, R.I., Thursday.

Relatives look for answers in Miss. family's disappearance

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Nearly a week has passed since relatives of Michael and Rebecca Hargon last saw the young couple and their 4-year-old son, all of whom appear to have vanished amid unexplained violence.

Investigators spent three days searching the Hargons' house in the small town of Vaughan, about 40 miles north of Jackson, for clues to what might have happened the family.

What authorities found were dried blood droplets throughout the house, bullet holes in the walls and shell casings on the floor. There was no sign of robbery or forced entry. Dirty dishes were left in the sink. Rebecca's wedding and engagement rings were also left behind.

All three of the family's vehicles were accounted for.

Ten years ago, Michael Hargon's father was murdered on the same property, when it was a convenience store. Three men are serving prison sentences for that crime.

Authorities have said little about the current investigation, which is being treated as a missing persons case.

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HOLD THE PHONE

AP Poll finds do-not-call list popular and effective

By WILL LESTER
 Associated Press Writer
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's do not call registry is a resounding success, according to an Associated Press poll that found three-quarters of the people who signed up reported fewer telemarketing calls.

The news was not so good for the government's efforts to reduce unwanted e-mail. The poll found few people noticed any difference in the six weeks since a law against "spam" took effect.

More than 57 million phone numbers have been placed on the do-not-call list since it was established in October, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Because many of the numbers may be cell phones or multiple phones within the same household, the FTC does not claim to know what percentage of the population has registered.

The AP poll, conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs, found half of those surveyed were on the list. Among that group, 74 percent said telemarketing calls have decreased, with many saying the drop is significant.

"I get hardly any of those calls anymore," said Mary Ellen Kutschke, 53, of Farmington Hills, Mich. "I like it. Invariably, those calls would come in when you were right in the middle of doing something like making dinner. It was all a total waste of time."

People can register numbers or file complaints at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Firms that call numbers on the list face fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation.

Earlier this week, a federal appeals court in Denver upheld the registry, rejecting telemarketers' claims that it infringes on their free speech rights.

The government says people on the list can expect about 80 percent of telemarketing to be blocked. Exempted are charities, pollsters and political campaigns, as well as companies that have recently done business with someone on the list.

Those who have signed up for the list were more likely to be middle age or older, white and have college degrees, the poll found. Residents of the Northeast and Midwest were more likely to sign up than those in the South and West.

The poll found little progress in the fight to reduce unsolicited commercial e-mail, or spam. Of the e-

On the Net

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mail users surveyed, 53 percent said they get a great deal of spam and 24 percent said they get some.

The flow of offers on dietary aids, sexual enhancements and financial help hasn't made many people limit their e-mail use, but it is an aggravation.

"It increases every day," said Kristie Krouse, a 28-year-old contractor from Pensacola, Fla. "I just delete it."

The anti-spam law prohibits senders of unsolicited commercial e-mail from disguising their identity by using a false return address or misleading subject line. It also prohibits senders from harvesting addresses off Web sites and requires such e-mails to include a mechanism so recipients can indicate they do not want future mass e-mailing.

Almost seven in 10 in the poll said they have seen no difference in the amount of spam since the law went into effect. About one in 10 said it has increased.

The anti-spam bill encourages the Federal Trade Commission to create a do-not-spam list of e-mail addresses, something FTC officials have said could be difficult because of the decentralized and unregulated nature of the Internet.

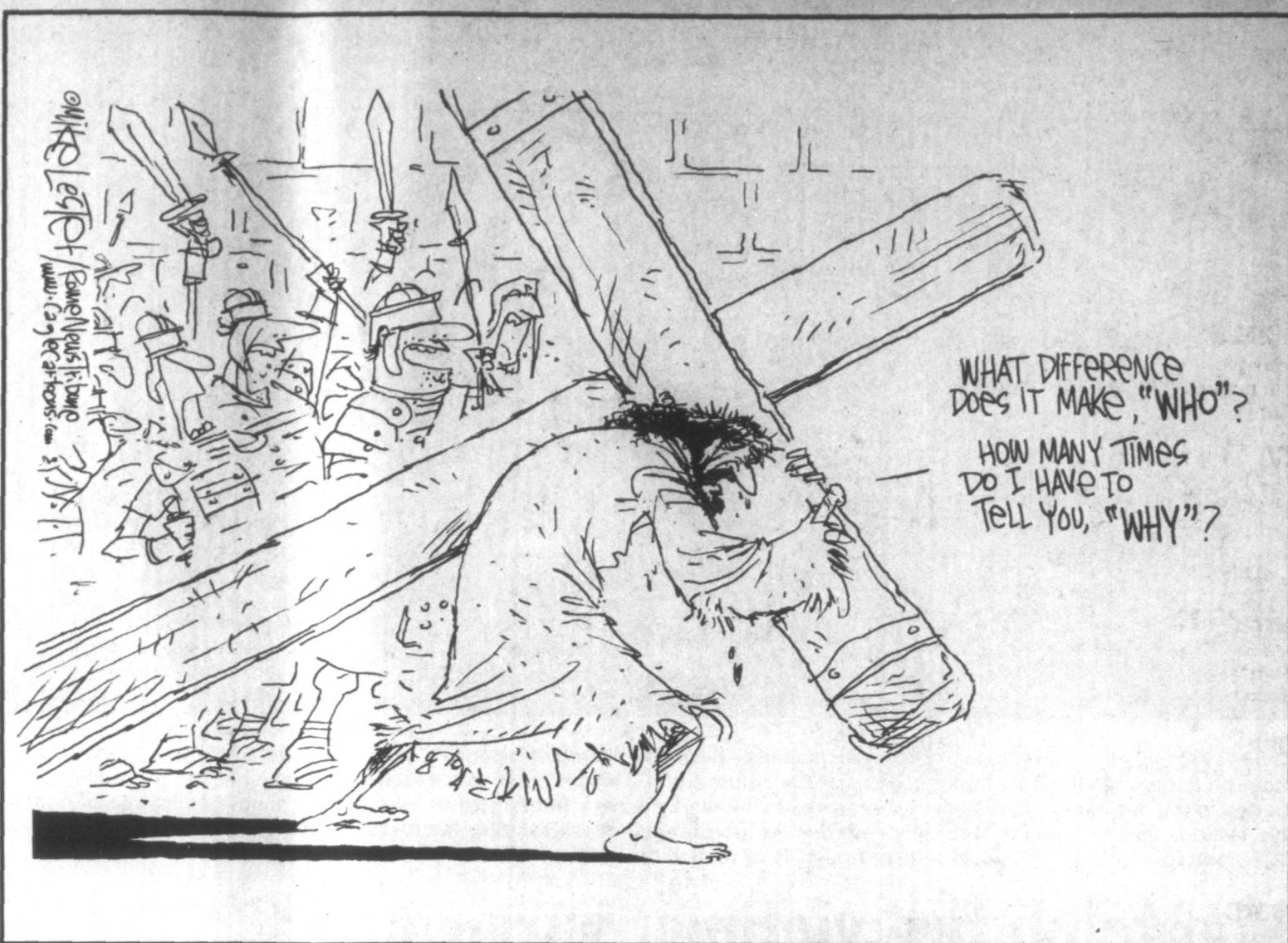
Ken Holland, a 56-year-old engineer from Mobile, Ala., burst out laughing at the idea of a "do-not-spam" list, which he said would only invite more spammers.

Holland uses several tricks to cut down on spam, such as changing e-mail addresses periodically and setting up temporary e-mail accounts when registering for services online.

More than nine in 10 in the poll said they have never bought anything from a spam offer.

"Heavens no," Holland said. "Even if there was something that caught my eye, I wouldn't order it from a spammer."

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Feb. 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.



Why W. Must Bash Kerry Now

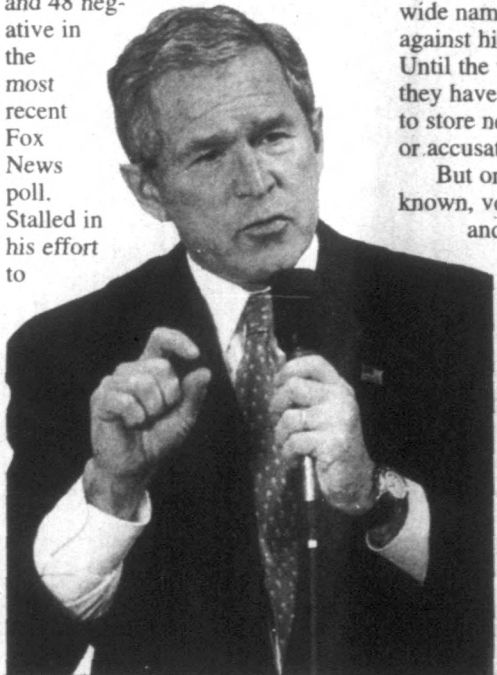
MORRIS ADVISORY

By Dick Morris
 Syndicated Columnist



may be decided in the next two months.

For three years, George W. Bush has sought to define himself by his accomplishments as president. Legion though they are, he has only achieved a stalemate: His job approval is only a break-even 48 positive and 48 negative in the most recent Fox News poll. Stalled in his effort to



win re-election on his own merits, the president now must turn his attention to his opponent. The Battle of Bush is deadlocked. But the Battle of Kerry has only just begun.

John Kerry is now entering any candidate's period of maximum vulnerability: the time after he becomes well known among the voters, but before they have enough positive information on him to be resistant to negatives.

Before a candidate achieves wide name recognition, attacks against him don't matter much. Until the voters know who he is, they have no mental file in which to store negative news. The charges or accusations just wash away.

But once he becomes widely known, voters develop an intense and understandable curiosity about the man who might be their president. They quickly absorb and process anything about him that is floating around in the information ether. And the negatives (or positives) stick for the rest of his political career.

Kerry's gallantry during the Vietnam War has been permanently emblazoned on the public mind with the dramatic appearance of

the soldier he rescued, under heavy fire. But so has his subsequent strong anti-war position. (Rumors of marital infidelity will leave their faint trace, but, without corroboration — and in the face of his denial — shouldn't amount to much.)

Bush can't let this definitional period pass without putting up black marks against the Massachusetts senator's record. And he won't miss the chance.

The battle to define Kerry comes when the Democrat must focus all his resources on the remaining primaries. His opponents lie wounded on the ground, but he has still won only a small proportion of the delegates he needs to win the nomination. While his is busy with this task, Bush should — and likely will — advertise nationally to sully the Kerry image.

In 1988, Bush's father could afford to wait until the summer nominating conventions to tell voters about Mike Dukakis. But, back then, the nominating battle was drawn out over half a year and it was premature for the opposing party to inject its own attacks on the frontrunner that early.

If Bush delays his ad blitz, the Democrat will wrap up the delegates he needs by early March and replenish his coffers. Presumably

learning from Dukakis' failure and Clinton's success, Kerry will see the need to answer all negatives within hours of their launch.

Right now, Kerry can't answer in paid advertising, no matter how much he wants to. His resources are fully engaged with the primaries. But he'll soon be free for the combat.

Bush must strike now, while Kerry's planes are still on the ground or otherwise occupied.

Bush had two opportunities to avert a nail-biting finish in 2004, one in which

he might not be as fortunate as he was in 2000. The first was to build up a level of job approval which would have made him unbeatable. Inaccurate predictions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the ongoing drip-drip of American casualties have ruined that chance. But he can still win with a commanding margin if he turns Kerry into a Dukakis (instead of letting him become a Clinton). We'll know by spring if he has succeeded.

If Bush fails in this effort, we'll be in for a see-saw battle and another photo finish.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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WASHINGTON TODAY

By Nancy Benac

Democrats get 'bounce' from primaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential primary season has been good for Democrats and tough on President Bush, according to a national poll released Thursday.

The survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that the public's impression of the Democratic field has been improving as the candidates have battled for their party's nomination — with 45 percent now viewing the field positively, compared to 31 percent a month earlier. Bush's overall favorability rating, meanwhile, still is positive at 53 percent, but that compares with 72 percent last April, shortly after the fall of Baghdad, and is the low point of his presidency.

Likewise, Bush's job-approval rating has dropped to 48 percent, the first time in his presidency that it has fallen below 50 percent, according to the poll.

"I'm a little surprised by how

negative people are toward Bush personally," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew poll. He said the negative views of Bush might be linked to the high number of people who are paying attention to the failed hunt for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Three-fourths of Americans say they are following the issue very or fairly closely.

When the pollsters asked people for a one-word description of Bush, equal shares gave positive and negative responses, a stark shift from last May, when positive answers outnumbered negative ones 2-to-1. The most frequently used negative word this time was "liar," which never came up last May. The most frequently used positive description this time was "honest," the same as last May.

The shifting perceptions of Bush and the Democrats have been accompanied by changing expectations for the outcome of the gener-

al election this fall — 51 percent now think Bush will win, compared with 61 percent a month earlier. Among Democrats, 25 percent now think Bush will win, compared with 38 percent in January.

Kohut said Republicans didn't enjoy a similar boost in 1996, the last time there was a contested primary to determine who would take on an incumbent president, Bill Clinton.

"When Bob Dole seemed likely to be the nominee, there wasn't this big bounce for him," Kohut said. "This has been a surprise how much attention the public's paid and how favorably they've responded to the Democrats generally."

Public impressions of the leading Democratic candidates this time are generally positive. Two-thirds of those who are familiar with front-runner John Kerry have a favorable view of him. John Edwards, Kerry's closest chal-

lenger, has a 63 percent favorable rating among the smaller group of people who are familiar with him.

Kohut said Democrats shouldn't be "deluded" about their candidates' strength.

"Kerry's support is less an endorsement of his candidacy than a reflection of opposition to Bush," the pollsters wrote. "Fully twice as many Kerry supporters characterize their choice as a vote against Bush rather than a vote for Kerry."

Asked for a one-word description of Kerry, 78 percent of voters were able to offer a response. Some 38 percent gave a positive answer, such as "honest," "good" or "qualified," and 19 percent gave a negative response, such as "phony," "arrogant" or "liar."

The Pew survey of 1,500 Americans was conducted Feb. 11-16 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.



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Community

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Adult Great Books Group will meet here Monday

JO'S DATEBOOK



By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Adult Great Books Group will meet Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway County Public Library.

Emily Wolfson and Julia Cullom will be the leaders of a discussion of a selection from "The Bhagavad-Gita."

All persons who have read the book are invited to take part in the discussion.

SCV meeting will be Monday

The Fort Heiman Camp #1834 Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the conference room of First United Methodist Church. "Come and join us to honor your Confederate ancestors," a member said. For information call Barry Grogan at 436-202.

Murray Tiger Club to meet Sunday

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at Murray High School. All officers, sports representatives and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Tobacco production meeting Monday

Calloway County Extension Service will host a tobacco production meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, at classroom of West Kentucky Exposition Center. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal. Specialists from the University of Kentucky will be featured on the program.

Creative Arts Group will meet

Creative Arts Group of Murray Woman's Club will meet Monday, Feb. 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the club house. Paula Crouse and Janet Wallis are scheduled to give the program on "Spring Bonnets." Hostesses will be Lillian Robertson, Jo Rae Peiffer, Jean Simmons, Carla Rexroat and Freda Steely.

MES Board meeting Monday

Murray Electric System will have its board meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. at the Calhoun building, 205 North Fourth St., Murray.

WOW Lodge 827 will meet

Woodmen of the World Lodge 827 will meet Monday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. at China House.

Parent Support Group will meet

Parent Support Group, formerly call Parents Anonymous, will meet Monday, Feb. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pieggy Pitman-Munke, Murray State faculty member, is Parent Support board chair. For information call 753-7004.

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and lipid profiles on Monday, Feb. 23, from 8:0 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Murray Wal-Mart. For information call 762-1348.

Instrumental clinic Saturday

The seven Seventh annual Murray Middle School Instrumental Clinic will be Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. Participation is open to any band student who has at least one year's experience on their instrument. The registration fee also includes lunch. To register your child or for more information contact Beth Stribling at 753-5125.

Computer workshop Saturday

The Student Chapter of Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) at Murray State University will offer an introductory level workshop on using personal computers with Victor Raj as instructor on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in the business building. The workshop is free, but donations will be accepted. For information call 762-2094.

Alpha Department will meet

Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 21, at 9:30 a.m. for a brunch at the club house. "Mardi Gras" will be observed. Persons are asked to bring items for Need Line and children's books for Dr. Suess Day.

MCCSA Flames will have tryouts

Tryouts for the MCCSA Flames, a competitive select U-16 girls traveling soccer team will be Saturday, Feb. 21 either outdoors (weather permitting) at 1 p.m. or indoors at 6 p.m. Girls, whose birthdays fall after Aug. 1, 1986, are eligible. For more information contact Coach Jim McCoy at 759-1006 (h) or 762-4274 (0).

Listening to Love event Saturday

The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church will have its Listening to Love 2004 Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Eva Self Whittington and worship leader will be Teresa Moshell. For information call the church office, 753-1854, or to website at www.fbcmurray.org/Listening to Love Registration Form.pdf.

Soaring Winds to perform at Lovett Auditorium



Photo provided

Murray Civic Music Association will bring the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, Soaring Winds, to Murray for a concert at Murray State University Lovett Auditorium on Friday March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured, from left, are USAF Staff Sgt. Robert Jordan, Dr. Brian Runnels, Dr. Sonya Baker and USAF Staff Sgt. Mary Nan Young planning the event. Concert tickets are free and are available at The Murray Bank, north and south branches; BB&T, main branch; Chamber of Commerce; and Murray State University Music Department, phone 762-4288.

Director talks about experiences with kittens



LIBRARY NEWS

By Ben Graves
Calloway County Public
Library Director

Well, we're back. I meant to be gone for two weeks and it's turned out to be more like two months.

In that time, we've gotten three new kittens (Stop-that, Dummy and Deathwish.) One was given and two are from the animal shelter. Beelzebub the cat looked lonely and momma decided to liven things up a bit. You got that right.

These little furballs come tearing through the house at top speed, pounce at each other, smack together in mid-air and fall to the ground in a heap of wrestling kitties. Deathwish hasn't figured out that he's about half an inch taller than the bottom rung of the chair. He comes charging in, runs under the chair and nearly cold-cocks himself every time.

This is all well and good as long as it's just kitties. But I

was stretched out in the easy chair last week, thinking. (Charlie wishes to point out that daddy snores when he thinks too much.) Two of the kittens had gone to sleep in my lap and I was leaving well enough alone, enjoying the quiet. Then someone slipped in and tossed the third kitten on top of the first two. Friends, there's nothing in this world to snap you awake like having a nine-pound, twelve-legged cat fight break out in your lap.

A thing like that could set a person on edge.

And the best place to soothe jangled nerves is out on the deck. Slide on out there with that tall glass of lemonade, plunk yourself down in that big of lounge chair, watch the water and switch your brain to off.

At least I would if I had a deck. Well, I'm short the place and short the money, but I do have the book: It's "Design

Ideas for Decks" by the editors of Creative Homeowner.

Decks come in all sizes and all shapes. They can be low to the ground, multi-level, stuck out in the yard for sunning or tucked in under a roof for outdoor living.

Now, not every house has a place for a deck. And not every outdoor situation calls for a deck as the answer. But there are lots of places where a deck is just what's needed and where one can multiply the enjoyment of the outdoors. And a well thought out, well constructed deck is a truly excellent thing.

Construction details get glossed over in this book; but that's O.K. since it's meant to be an idea book, not a how-to manual. It's well worth looking at (my heart cries out for the place on page 95) and besides, it's really, really pretty.

But, what is there to do on the deck? Well, you could play games. Daniel King's written one of the best short introductions to board and card games that I've run across in recent years. It's titled "Games" and it's in non-fiction. Check it out, it's your move.

Montgomery named to the dean's list

WOOSTER, Ohio — David Montgomery has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The College of Wooster.

A first-year student, Montgomery achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Montgomery, a graduate of Murray High School, is the son of the Revs. David and Ann Montgomery of Murray, Ky.

BirthAnnouncement

Emily Don Hopkins

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hopkins of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Emily Don Hopkins, born on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at 12:15 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed six pounds 15 ounces and measured 19 inches. The mother is the former Kristi Graham. A brother is Zachery, 3. Grandparents are Charles and Janice McCuiston, the late Jerry Graham, and John and Cathy Hopkins, all of Murray.

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YSA sign-ups with no late fee extended

The Murray Youth Sports Association (YSA) has added this Saturday, Feb. 21, as an additional no late fee registration date for the 2004 local youth baseball and softball seasons.

Families wanting to register players ages 5 through 18 can do so Saturday at the Murray Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the trailer on the north end of the story property.

The registration fee for baseball and softball includes the cost of uniform hat and jersey.

Registrations will continue to be accepted at the offices of Murray-Calloway County Parks Department, North Eighth and Payne Streets, next week, Feb. 23-27, but a late fee will be received.

In addition, those wishing to coach, sponsor or officiate can also register and receive further information at this Saturday's sign-up.

For information call Tab Brockman, YSA league president, during daytime business hours at 753-5171.

Applications are available for Teacher of the Year

Wal-Mart is now accepting applications for its annual Teacher of the Year award.

This award is designed to recognize teachers who have gone above and beyond normal expectations.

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Sports

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Jones' career-high 26 vaults Racers to 2nd

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Rick Jones is adjusting to his new duties as a backup point guard.

But the 6-foot-1 Murray State senior hasn't forgotten about his old job either — shooting the basketball.

A natural two-guard, Jones took a brake from his new role just long enough to score a career-high 26 points on 8-of-12 shooting, including a 7-of-9 effort from 3-point range, to lead the Racers to an 88-72 triumph over Tennessee State Thursday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

Jones' shooting display proved that old habits are hard to break.

"I don't think he'll ever lose that (shooter's) mentality," said MSU head coach Mick Cronin of Jones. "and I hope he doesn't."

With the victory, the Racers (22-5, 12-2 OVC) wrapped up a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference with just two league games to play. Murray will open OVC Tournament play at the RSEC on March 2 against a yet-to-be-determined opponent.

Last night, the majority of Jones' points came in the first half, as he ripped the RSEC nets for 20 points on 7-of-8 shooting. Of those eight shots, he was a perfect 6-of-6 from behind the 3-point arc. "I have to give my teammates all the credit," Jones said. "I got a lot of open looks, and I feel a lot more confident about my shot when I get open looks. It was just a combination of great ball movement and me being in the right place at the right time."

The marksmanship of Jones was paramount for the Racers, who jumped out to a 10-2 lead but then watched as the Tigers (6-18, 5-8) made nine of their first 14 shots.

A 17-7 TSU run put the Tigers in front 19-17, courtesy of an Andrian Pritchett jumper with 12:27 remaining.

"We were not defending very well early in the game," Cronin noted. "I thought we were going to have to score 200 points to win."

The Racers, however, were able to overcome Tennessee State's early run by shooting the Tigers out of their zone defense.

TSU used a zone for much of the first half in an attempt to take away Murray's inside advantage.

But Jones and the rest of the Racer offense made the Tigers pay, knocking down 16-of-28 shots in the first 20 min-

RACERS 88, Tennessee State 72

TENNESSEE ST. (6-18)
Wright 0-0 0-0 0, Maclin 0-2 0-0 0, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Price 2-12 3-4 9, Lockridge 3-6 0-0 9, Bowers 0-2 0-0 0, Jackson 3-9 1-1 7, Pritchett 3-1 2-2 9, Bohannon 1-1 0-0 2, Bowers 9-14 4-4 23, Richardson 4-10 0-0 8, Bryson 2-2 1-1 5. Totals 27-62 11-12 72.

MURRAY ST. (22-5)
Victor 8-15 2-4 18, Wheelch 4-9 1-3 9, Hornig 0-0 0-0 0, Paschel 2-5 0-0 4, Shumate 5-11 0-0 13, Akin 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 2-7 10-16 14, Jones 8-12 3-4 26, Witherspoon 1-4 2-4 4. Totals 30-65 18-31 88.
Halftime — Murray St. 47-37, 3-point goals — Tennessee St. 7-24 (Lockridge 3-6, Price 2-8, Bowers 1-1, Pritchett 1-2, Maclin 0-1, Richardson 0-1, Jackson 0-5), Murray St. 10-24 (Jones 7-9, Shumate 3-7, Victor 0-1, Paschel 0-2, Akin 0-2, Wheelch 0-3).
Fouled out — None. **Rebounds** — Tennessee St. 34 (Price 11), Murray St. 45 (Victor 12). **Assists** — Tennessee St. 10 (Price 4), Murray St. 21 (Wheelch 8). **Total fouls** — Tennessee St. 22, Murray St. 16. **Technical fouls** — Tennessee St. Bryson 2, Murray St. Shumate, Hornig. A — 4,081.

utes of play. MSU was 8-of-15 from 3-point range in the first half, which in part led to a 47-37 edge at the halftime break.

TSU switched to a man-to-man look following the intermission, and that's when the Racers' inside game took control.

Junior forward Kelvin Brown had as many fouls (two) as he did points in the first half, but took it to the Tigers in the second half with 12 of his 14 points.

The aggressive Brown went to the foul line 10 times and had seven rebounds in the second 20 minutes. He finished the evening 10-of-16 from the free throw line.

"Kelvin was attacking the basket a little more in the second half," Cronin explained. "They played a little more man (defense) in the second half, and I felt like we had the advantage on them inside."

Senior forward Antione Wheelch also had a solid night for the Racers in the low post. The 6-5, 245-pounder did not reach double figures in any category, but came close to MSU's first-ever triple-double with nine points, eight assists and seven rebounds.

Fellow senior Cuthbert Victor posted another double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds on 8-of-15 shooting.

Guard Chris Shumate provided a complement to Jones on the perimeter, hitting 5-of-11 shots for 13 points. The 6-6 senior hit 3-of-7 attempts from behind the arc.

Murray finished the contest shooting 46 percent (30-of-65) from the floor, including 10-of-24 from the 3-point range. Before closing out the regular season

against conference rivals Southeast Missouri (Feb. 26) and Eastern Illinois (Feb. 28), the Racers will welcome non-league foe Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to the RSEC on Monday. The Islanders defeated MSU 80-68 on Jan. 26 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Last night's action marked the Racers' sixth game in 15 days, including the last five on the road. Cronin said a rare weekend break should help his team.

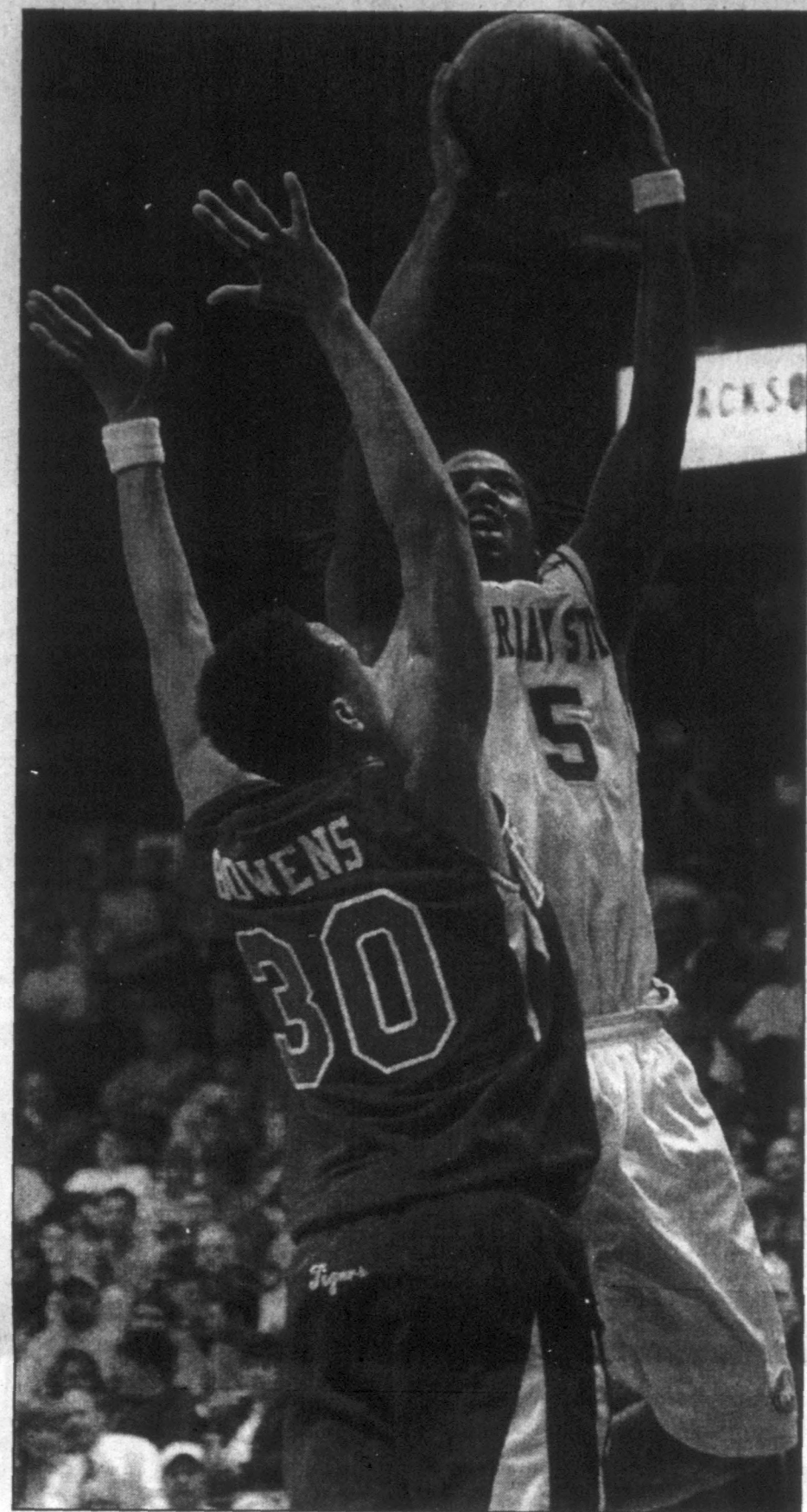
"I think our kids just need to get away and relax a little bit," he explained. "I don't think we're as physically fatigued as much as we are mentally fatigued. The road trip took a lot out of them."

Chiles Update: Junior guard Adams Chiles missed his second straight game Thursday after suffering an injury to his left shoulder during last Saturday's loss at Austin Peay.

According to Cronin, Chiles is making some progress in his rehabilitation. However, there remains no timetable for his return to the floor.

"Adam's attitude has been great with his willingness to rehab his shoulder and his desire to get back on the floor," said Cronin. "But it's still up in the air as to when he returns."

"Somebody's going to have to convince me that he's in no danger of getting hurt again before I put him back out there. My main concern is looking out for his well-being."



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photos
The Murray State Racers secured a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference's regular-season standings with Thursday's victory over the visiting Tennessee State Tigers. MSU senior guard Rick Jones (left photo), who scored a career-high 26 points in the contest, works against TSU's Brandon Lockridge. (Above) Racer forward Kelvin Brown shoots over the Tigers' Roshawn Bowers (30).



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo
Lakisha Clay finds it difficult to dribble around the defense of Murray State's Stacy Holmes (left) and Jenny Bowden in the first half Thursday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

Lady Racers pound TSU, 71-43

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

With the inception of Joi Williams this season, there have been an abundance of changes within the Murray State University women's basketball program.

Between learning new offenses and figuring out different schemes, there has been a boatload of lessons learned.

But Thursday's night meeting with Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee State may have been the biggest lesson learned to date.

"When you have a team down, keep them down."

The Lady Racers, who have been notorious for giving up leads late in games this season, didn't let Thursday's game get away as they tamed the Lady Tigers 71-43 at the Regional Special Events Center.

Megan Fuqua led three scorers in double-digits for MSU.

Fuqua sparked the Lady Racer offense with 15 points on 4-of-13 shooting from the field, while the 5-foot-7 senior guard was 3-of-9 from 3-point range and a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line in 28 minutes of action.

Rebecca Remington dumped in 14 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field and 5-of-6 from the line. Stacy Holmes finished with 12 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds for the Lady Racers.

Remington said much of what has been taught by Williams and her staff is not letting the other team get the upper hand.

Against Tennessee-Martin on Tuesday, the Lady Racers squandered a six-point lead with two minutes to play before hanging on for a 71-70 win. And, against the same TSU team, Murray State gave up a 12-point lead with nine minutes to play before finally winning by 10 in overtime.

"We try to focus on not letting the opponent get confident, so they feel they can come at us," Remington said. "We knew that Tennessee State felt like they could come in here and get a win. We just had to do what we could to prevent them from getting that confidence."

Mission accomplished. The Lady Racers crushed Tennessee State's ego by forcing them into 33 turnovers in the game and scoring 39 points off the Lady Tigers' miscues.

Williams said that would be a giant key to unlocking her squad's potential as it prepares to make a run at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"Tennessee State was a team that we knew struggled shooting, percentage wise, so we felt like we needed to play more zone going down the stretch," she said. "They were certainly a good team for us to try it out on."

"We tried to force some things outside. We did a better job on the boards.

than we have in the past. Defensively, we did some good things, but we still have some things we need to polish up on — we always do."

After taking a 45-20 first-half lead, MSU jumped out to a 29-point lead to start the second half on a jumper by Remington. The closest the Lady Tigers got was within 20 points after a free throw by KaSheena Powe made the score 63-43 with 3:50 to play.

Despite the lopsided victory for her crew, Williams said she doesn't consider the game the best 40 minutes her team has put together this season.

"I think we've played a couple of games that we've lost — like Arkansas-State — that was a great 40 minutes. Eastern Kentucky was a very good 40-minute game," she said. "This game, we had some breakdowns when we were up big, but fortunately we played a team that struggled to shoot the ball."

"We've got to pick it up because the teams that are coming in, SEMO and Eastern Illinois, can make us pay for some of the breakdowns we had (Thursday)."

The Lady Racers close out the season next week at the RSEC. On Thursday, MSU will match up with the Othahikans at 5:15 p.m., and then close out the regular season with a game against Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

McDonald, rebuilt 'Breds begin season at Alabama-Birmingham

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

The defending Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champion Murray State Thoroughbreds begin the 2004 season with a new staff and several new players, but with the same spirit that brought them a berth in the 2003 NCAA Championships.

The 'Breds open the season at Alabama-Birmingham this weekend, with a game today at 6 p.m., a Saturday contest at 2 p.m. and a Sunday matchup at 1 p.m.

First-year head coach and former Thor-

oughbred Rob McDonald takes over the reins of the team, which returns from a 24-31 record last season and a 10-11, fourth-place finish in the OVC.

"It feels good to be here," McDonald said. "We've got a lot of work to do. Our players have been working hard and have been very receptive to what we are trying to instill."

Joining McDonald on the coaching staff are assistant coaches Paul Wyczawski, Justus Scott and former 'Breds catcher Charlie Ward.

Only 15 of the 30 players on the 2004 roster are returnees from last year's title team.

Only last year's top hitter, Geoff Kirksey (.332, 68 hits, eight home runs, 42 runs batted in), Ike Bridwell (.278) and Alex Stewart (.256, seven home runs, 30 RBIs, 22 walks to 21 strikeouts) return with significant at-bats from the 2003 season.

On the mound, the 'Breds will rely on the experience of Craig Kraus (3-6, 4.03 earned-run average), Chandler Shep-

herd (4.71 ERA), Jesse Rhoades (3-3, 5.30), Billy Fares (1-0, 21 strikeouts, nine walks) and Bart Peach (25 strikeouts, nine walks).

Despite a lackluster regular season, Peach came through in the OVC Tournament in a do-or-die game against Eastern Illinois, starting the game and going seven innings, ceding only one run while striking out eight.

The 'Breds lost 10 players to graduation last year.

Fifteen newcomers join the squad this

season, including six transfers. Local pitchers West Harris (Paducah, Ky.) and Tyler Pittman (Wickliffe, Ky.) come to Murray State from the University of Kentucky, while hurler Jake Ociesca comes in from Mississippi State. All three are left-handers.

"We have a lot of guys who are going to get a chance to play," noted McDonald. "There will be competition for playing time, and that can be good for us."

Murray State's first home series will be March 5-7 against Memphis.

Spring training in full swing

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Across Arizona and Florida, major leaguers were back on the field.

Greg Maddux met his new teammates, Jim Thome surveyed the scene and Barry Larkin opened his final spring training camp.

The Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies began Thursday, joining the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who got a head start last weekend.

A day after agreeing to return to the Cubs, Maddux looked quite comfortable as he strolled into their clubhouse in Mesa, Ariz., holding a crossword puzzle.

"The clubhouse used to be in the middle of the fields, didn't it?" he asked. "I'll get used to it."

Fans were thrilled to see No. 31 wearing a Cubs uniform for the first time since 1992, with one yelling out, "We're glad to have you back!" as Maddux and the rest of the team took the field to stretch.

"I don't really feel like a rookie," he said. "I might feel like a fish out of water. I'm still trying to learn what fields No. 1 and 2 mean. I think in time I'll understand the system and fit right in."

His teammates are sure of it.

"He's going to come into our rotation and obviously help us," Kerry Wood said. "So obviously, he's going to be welcomed with open arms in this clubhouse."

At Clearwater, Fla., Thome



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Detroit Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez works behind the plate during the first day of training camp for pitchers and catchers Thursday in Lakeland, Fla. The string is used to help mark the strike zone.

arrived at Phillies camp a week before the required reporting date for position players.

"I think the reason why I get here so early is because I want to get out of the cold weather," Thome said with a chuckle. "I don't live here or in Arizona like a lot of these guys."

The Phillies, who lost the National League's wild-card playoff slot to eventual World Series champion Florida, have high expectations this season.

"You look at this club and you have to be excited," Thome said. "But being good on paper doesn't win it. We had great teams when I was in Cleveland and we never won a World Series."

At Sarasota, Fla., Larkin had no nostalgic feelings as he put on his red jersey and black spring training cap at the Cincinnati Reds' camp.

"This is normal," said the infielder, who turns 40 in April. "There's nothing special, yet, about this upcoming season. You've got to go out and play, play hard, try to do well, and that's really it."

"There's nothing more that goes into it at this particular point. You get ready and you go out and try to have a good year."

In the day's top news event, NL Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne lost his salary arbitration case and will receive \$5 million from the Los Angeles Dodgers instead of \$8 million.

Gagne was 2-3 with a 1.20 ERA and 55 saves in as many chances last season, and made \$550,000.

Arbitrators Stephen Goldberg, Dan Brent and Elliott Shriftman heard the case Wednesday in Phoenix.

Gagne's agent, Scott Boras, said the Dodgers argued that he shouldn't be paid vastly more in his first year of arbitration eligibility than Mariano Rivera.

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National Basketball Association At A Glance All Times CST					Nissan Open Par Scores By The Associated Press Thursday	
EASTERN CONFERENCE					At Riviera Country Club Los Angeles Par: 71 (35-36)	
Atlantic Division					Purse: \$4.8 million Yardage: 7,260; Par 71 (35-36)	
W	L	Pct	GB	First Round		
New Jersey	32	20	615	Shigeki Maruyama	31-33	64
New York	26	29	473 7/2	Shaun Micheal	31-33	64
Miami	23	32	418 1/2	Hank Kuehne	32-33	65
Philadelphia	23	32	418 1/2	Kirk Triplett	33-33	66
Boston	23	33	411	Fred Couples	32-34	66
Washington	16	36	308	Mike Weir	34-32	66
Orlando	14	42	250	Robert Allenby	33-33	66
Central Division					Scott McCarron	
W	L	Pct	GB	Jeff Maggert	33-34	67
Indiana	39	15	722	Woody Austin	33-34	67
Detroit	34	22	607	Joe Ogilvie	33-34	67
New Orleans	30	24	556	Tim Petrovic	34-34	68
Milwaukee	28	25	528 1/2	Carl Petersson	34-34	68
Toronto	25	28	472 1/2	Corey Pavin	33-35	68
Cleveland	20	34	370	Brenden Pappas	36-32	68
Atlanta	18	36	333	Bo Van Pelt	34-34	68
Chicago	16	38	296	Mathias Gronberg	34-35	68
WESTERN CONFERENCE					John Riegger	
Midwest Division					John Daly	
W	L	Pct	GB	Bob Tway	37-31	68
Minnesota	39	15	722	Tom Byrum	36-33	69
San Antonio	36	18	667	Steve Alan	35-34	69
Dallas	34	20	630	Jesper Parnevik	33-36	69
Houston	31	22	585 7/2	Kevin Sutherland	32-37	69
Memphis	31	22	585 7/2	K.J. Choi	34-35	69
Denver	32	23	582 7/2	Luke Donald	33-36	69
Utah	26	29	473 1/2	Carlos Franco	36-33	69
Pacific Division					Paul Stankowski	
W	L	Pct	GB	Thomas Bjorn	36-33	69
Sacramento	38	14	731	Jay Williamson	33-36	69
L.A. Lakers	33	19	635	Jeff Brehaut	34-35	69
Portland	25	28	472 1/2	Neill Anderson	33-36	69
Seattle	25	28	472 1/2	Neal Lancaster	34-35	69
Golden State	23	29	442	Tim Herron	34-35	69
L.A. Clippers	23	30	434 1/2	Stewart Cink	33-36	69
Phoenix	18	38	321	Briny Baird	35-34	69
Thursday's Games					Aaron Baddeley	
Minnesota	92	Sacramento	75	Stephen Ames	35-35	70
Philadelphia	112	Seattle	101	Charles Howell III	36-34	70
L.A. Clippers	102	Boston	100	Lee Janzen	36-34	70
				Craig Perks	36-34	70
				Matt Gogel	31-39	70

SportsBriefs

The Murray Youth Sports Association (YSA) has added Feb. 21 as an additional no late fee registration date for the 2004 local youth baseball and softball seasons. Families wanting to register players ages 5 through 18 can do so Saturday at the Murray Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the trailer on the north end of store property.

Registration fee for baseball and softball is \$45, which includes the cost of uniform hat and jersey. Registrations will continue to be accepted at the offices of the Murray-Calloway Co. Parks Department next week, Feb. 23-27, with a \$10 late fee. The parks office is located at the corner of Eighth & Payne streets.

In addition, those wishing to coach, sponsor or officiate can also register and receive further information at this Saturday's sign-up.

For further information, please call Tab Brockman, YSA league president, during daytime-business hours at 270-753-5171.

Tryouts for the MCCA Flames, a competitive/select U-16 girls traveling soccer team, will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, either outdoors (weather permitting) at 1 p.m. or indoors at 6 p.m. Girls whose birthdays fall after Aug. 1, 1986 are eligible. If interested and for more information, contact coach Jim McCoy, 759-1006 (home) or 762-4274 (work).

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270-527-8002
Service 9:00 a.m.
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HOPE HARBOR CHURCH
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

BAPTIST
BLOOD RIVER
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

CHERRY CORNER
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Church Training 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

COLDWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.

DEXTER BAPTIST CHURCH
Wednesday Serv. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.

ELM GROVE BAPTIST
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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EMMANUEL MISSIONARY
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 8:30 & 10:55 a.m. & 6 p.m.

FLINT BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.

GREATER HOPE MISSIONARY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

GRACE BAPTIST
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

HARDIN BAPTIST
Worship 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Sun. Schools 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Worship 7 p.m.

HAZEL BAPTIST
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Church Training 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

HILLTOP BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

KIRKSEY BAPTIST
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

LEDBETTER MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

LOCUST GROVE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

LONE OAK PRIMITIVE
1st Sunday 2:00 p.m.
3rd Sunday 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

MOUNT HOREB FREEWILL BAPTIST
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

NEW MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

NEW PROVIDENCE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

OAK GROVE
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

OWENS CHAPEL
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Preaching 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 5:30 p.m.
Church 6:00 p.m.

POPLAR SPRING
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

SALEM BAPTIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

SCOTT'S GROVE
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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SINKING SPRING
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

SOUTH MARSHALL
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

SPRING CREEK
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Services 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.

ST. JOHN
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

SUGAR CREEK
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worships 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

WEST FORK
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saturday Mass 5:15 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

CHRISTIAN
AURORA CHRISTIAN
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m.

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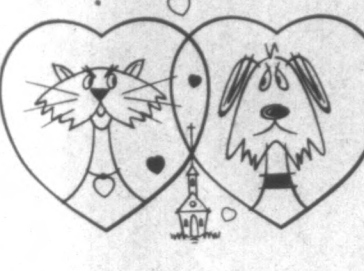
MURRAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Reading Room Every Wed. 12-3 p.m.
2nd Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
ALMO CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 9:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sometimes Loving Others Is Difficult



Although loving those around us is sometimes easy, at other times it may seem almost impossible. When we are feeling good and our friends and family are treating us well, loving them is easy and affords no great credit to us. But when others treat us poorly, especially when they do things that we consider unforgivable, loving them can be extremely difficult. However, when we are able to love them under these trying circumstances, it is a credit to our goodness and a true reflection of God's unconditional love. When thinking only of how good it feels to love and be loved, we may mistakenly be tempted to think that loving others is easy. We should remember that loving others, especially those who hate us or do us harm, can sometimes be very difficult. It may be the hardest thing that we are called upon to do. God's commandment to love our neighbor is something that we should strive to do on a daily basis. The greatest love is that which loves when love seems truly impossible.

For with God nothing will be impossible. Luke 1:37

DEXTER
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Service 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

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Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 9:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Worship 9:50 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Bible Classes 9 a.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

NEW PROVIDENCE
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

SECOND STREET
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship 5 a.m., 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Bible Study 10:15 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

UNION GROVE
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY
Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WEST MURRAY
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL
Morning 9:00 a.m.
Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Priesthood 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:10 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting 12:10 p.m.

EPISCOPAL
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

INDEPENDENT
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

MURRAY FAMILY CHURCH
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Home Groups 6:00 p.m.

IMPACT PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER
Sun. Celebration Services 10 a.m.
Wed. Spiritual Training Classes 7 p.m.
Fri. Celebration Services 7 p.m.

SHILOH FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
Thursday Night 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.

UNITY OF FAITH FELLOWSHIP
Sunday 3 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Friday Worship 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

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Sundays 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

NEW LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
at Main St. Youth Center
Worship 2nd Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Worship 4th Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

AMERICA'S CHURCH OF GOD
Shoney's Inn Convention Room
Sundays 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

MURRAY RESTORATION BRANCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
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Public Talk 9:30 a.m.
Watchtower Study 10:30 a.m.

LUTHERAN
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

METHODIST
BETHEL UNITED
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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BROOK'S CHAPEL UNITED
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sun. Night 6:00 p.m.

COLDWATER
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

COLE'S CAMPGROUND
Worship Service 8:50 a.m.
Sunday School 9:50 a.m.

DEXTER-HARDIN UNITED
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Sunday School 9:50 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

GOSHEN METHODIST
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

HAZEL UNITED METHODIST
Worship 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

INDEPENDENCE UNITED
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

KIRKSEY UNITED
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

LYNN GROVE
Worship Service 9:40 a.m.
Church School 10:45 a.m.

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Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

MT. CARMEL
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

PALESTINE UNITED
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

RUSSELL CHAPEL UNITED
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

SOUTH PLEASANT GROVE
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

TEMPLE HILL UNITED
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Preaching 10:00 a.m.

WAYMEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.

NAZARENE
MURRAY CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 6:30 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL
APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

BETHEL FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Church 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL APOSTOLIC
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY TEMPLE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

DEXTER PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

PROMISE OF HOPE CHURCH
Sunday Celebration Service 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FAITH TABERNACLE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

HIGHER PRAISE
WORSHIP CENTER
Praise and Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Training 7 p.m.

JENNY RIDGE PENTECOSTAL
Saturday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

NEW CONCORD
Sunday Worship & Service 10 a.m.
Worship Sun. 6 p.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN CENTER
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH-NEW CONCORD
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Serv. 11:00-7:30 p.m.

LAKE-LAND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Worship 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

LIBERTY CUMBERLAND
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

NORTH PLEASANT GROVE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Worship

Friday, February 20, 2004

Church Bulletins

Various churches have released information concerning their worship services for the coming week-end as follows:

Coldwater Church of Christ: Richard Guill, minister, will speak about "Preparing For Marriage" with scripture from *Titus 2:4-5* at the 10:15 a.m. worship service and about "Abounding Christianity" with scripture from *Romans 5:15-21* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Kevin Smith will lead the singing.

Emmanuel Baptist: The Rev. Dr. Paul E. McWhorter, pastor, will speak about "Psalm 51:17" at the 11 a.m. worship service and about "What is Our Blessed Hope?" with scripture from *Titus 2:11-15* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran: The Rev. Dr. Chad Foster, pastor, will speak about "The Glory of God in the

Face of Christ" with scripture from *Luke 9:28-36* at the 10:30 worship service of Transfiguration of Our Lord. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will be at 9 a.m. and a social hour at 9:45 a.m.

Grace Baptist: The Rev. Sammy Cunningham, pastor, will speak at the 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. Jason Carroll is minister of youth. The choir will sing "We Gather Together" at the morning hour and "His Name is Wonderful" at the evening hour. Oneida White and Dean Stephenson are accompanists. Assisting will be Buel Downey, deacon of the week, and Brice Ratterree, Willie Dick, Josh Owen and Allen Leslie as ushers. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and prayer meetings at 5:30 p.m.

Goshen United Methodist: The Rev. Mark Earheart, pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship

service with Brian Maynard as assistant to the pastor. Beverly Barnes will direct children's church. Tina Sexton will direct the choir with Pat Brun, Carla Halkias and Renee Doyle as accompanists. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. with Tom Villafior as superintendent. The Youth Group of both Goshen and Kirksey churches and the Sunday Night Bible Study will both meet at 6 p.m. at Kirksey United Methodist Church.

University Church of Christ: Richard Youngblood, minister, will speak about "Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord?" at the 10 a.m. worship service and about "Two Views, One Life" with scripture from *Genesis 4:7-10* and *48:12-16* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Assisting Sunday morning will be Hampton Brooks, Greg Delancey and Don Futrell. Danny Claiborne is worship leader and Roy Hawkins is youth minister.

Memorial Baptist: Dr. Jim Simmons, pastor, will speak at the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. His morning subject will be "Why We Worship on Sunday" with scripture from *Exodus 20*. Paul Adams is music director with Kathy Thweatt and Misty Williams as accompanists. Special music will be by Lindsey Darnell and Danny McGrew at both morning services. The choir will sing "Living Water" at the later service. Assisting will be David Ramey and Mark Cohoon. Sunday School will be at 9:40 a.m.

Friendship Church of Christ: Josh Herndon, minister, will speak about "It Pleased the Lord to Bruise Him" with scripture from *Isaiah 53:10* at the 11 a.m. worship service and about "New Testament Lessons from an Old Testament Ark" with scripture from *Genesis 7:15*. A discussion on "The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit" will be at 10 a.m. Bible Study.

Poplar Spring Baptist: Dennis Norvell, pastor, will speak about "The Way of the Lord Disturbs People" with scripture from *Acts 19:21-41* at 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship services, and about "Worship God Together in Spirit and in Truth" with scripture from *John 4:21-24* at the 6 p.m. worship service. The kingdom choir will sing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" at the 11 a.m. service. Ryker Wilson is minister of music with Hazel Brandon, Susan Reynolds, Jennifer Wilson and Carol Kelly as accompanists. Sunday School for all ages will be at 10 a.m.

First Christian: The Rev. Roger Sledd, pastor, will speak about "Hope for the World" with scripture from *John 6:1-15* at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Mark Dycus is choir director with Angie Thome, Donnie Hendriux, Judith Hill and Julie Warner as accompanists. The chancel choir will sing "The Heavens are Telling." Laura Lee Winchester will give the children's sermon. Assisting will be Don McCord, Don Chamberlain and Doug Henry.

West Fork Baptist: The Rev.

Wayne Carter, pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service. His morning sermon will be about "What Makes A Great Church." Nathan Williams, youth minister, will assist at the morning service. Henry Nance is music director with Janet Arnold and Cyndy Satterwhite as accompanists. Nance will bring special music at the evening hour. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m.

Glendale Road Church of Christ: John Dale, pulpit minister, will speak about "Count the Cost" with scripture from *Luke 14:25-33* at the 9 a.m. worship service and about "Aaron's Two Surviving Sons" with scripture from *Leviticus 10:16-20* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Jerald Sykes will direct the song service. Assisting will be Bud Gibbs, Gene Roberts, Henry Armstrong, Chad Lawson, Jacob Falwell, Rusty Back and Ryan Kelly. A short worship service will be at 5 a.m. and Bible classes at 10:15 a.m. Other ministers are Garry Evans, Alan Martin and Nick Hutchens.

Westside Baptist: A special drama, "The Only Thing That Really Matters," will be presented by Baptist Men at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and a testimony will be given at the 6 p.m. worship service. Tommy Scott is minister of music. The Men's Choir will sing "That's Why We Praise Him" and David Wilson will sing at the morning hour. Chip Ray will present special music at the evening hour. Bjarne Hansen will speak at the Kid's Worship at 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian: The Rev. David M. Montgomery, co-pastor, will speak about "When the Veil is Lifted" with scripture from *II Corinthians 3:12-4:2* at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Margaret Boonie is choir director with Lee Kem as pianist. The anthem will be "Go Up To The Mountain of God" with Jacquie Mateja as flutist. Terry Foreman will be installed as elder and a reception for new members will be held. Assisting will be Michael Lukens, liturgist, and Barbara and Harry Conley and David Fleming, ushers. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and Korean Worship at 4 p.m.

First Baptist: Dr. Wendell Ray, pastor, will speak about "How to Sustain Spiritual Momentum" at the 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service and 10:55 a.m. worship service, and about "Principles of Spiritual Growth" at the 6 p.m. worship service. Mike Crook is minister of music with Lisa Ray and Margaret Wilkins as accompanists, along with members of the Praise Group. Teresa Mosell will give a message in song and Dr. Ken Winters will give an "Experiencing the Journey Testimony" at both morning services. Sarah Hines will give the Missionary Moment at 6 p.m. service. Assisting will be David Parker, Steve White and Glen Grogan. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m.

South Pleasant Grove United

Methodist: The Rev. Scott Alford, pastor, will speak at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Assisting will be Heather McGinnis and Ely Coles, acolytes; Donna Whitfield and Jane Cothran, greeters; Karen Coles, nursery; Roger and Carrie Wilson and Darren and Valerie Clark, ushers.

Friendship Church of Christ: Josh Herndon, minister, will speak at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. The Wednesday Bible study will be at 7 p.m.

Good Shepherd United Methodist: The Rev. Michael Blake, pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service. Diana Tatlock is choir director with Jessica Su, Judith Lamb and Ginny Shropshire as accompanists. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m.

Martin's Chapel United Methodist: The Rev. Michael Blake, pastor, will speak at the 9 a.m. Human Relations Sunday worship service. Ralph Robertson is choir director with Ricky Cunningham as pianist. Children's Sunday School is during worship at 9:15 a.m. and Adult Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Temple Hill United Methodist: The Rev. David Stewart, pastor, will speak at the 10 a.m. worship service. Sunday School will be at 9 a.m.

Elm Grove Baptist: Dr. Todd Buck, pastor, will speak at the 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. Don Rowlett is music director with Emma Dean Clayton and Glenda Rowlett as accompanists. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. and Discipleship Training at 5 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

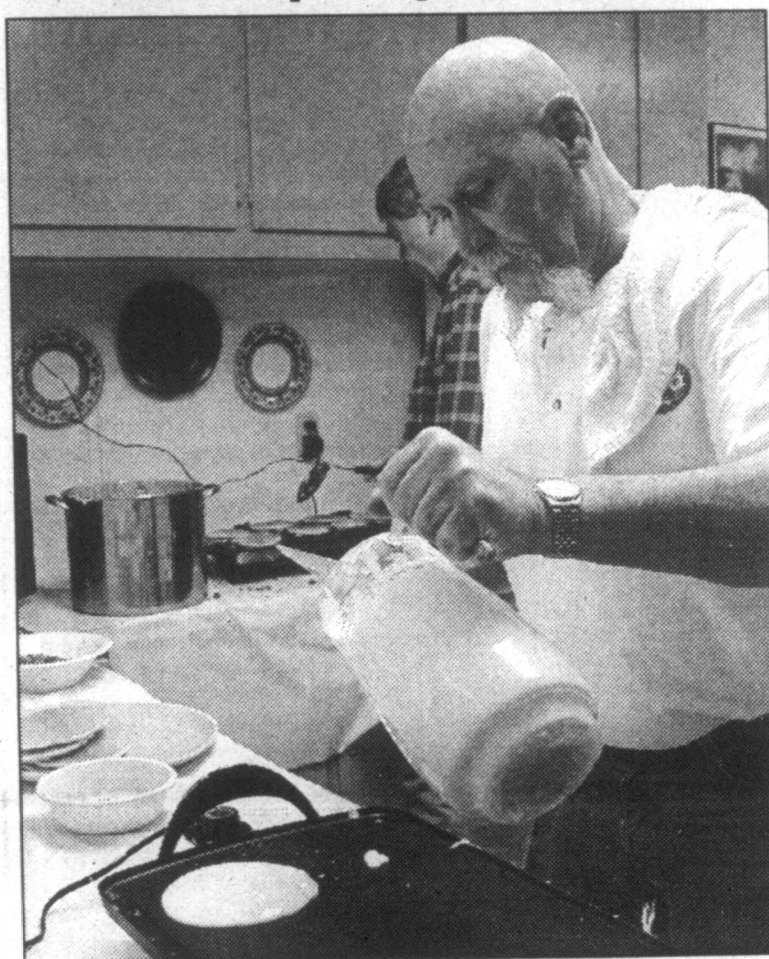


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St. John's Episcopal Church will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 1620 West Main St., Murray. A variety of pancakes as well as bacon and sausage will be served. There is no charge but donations will be accepted which will be used to support Need Line. Pictured is Ben Armstrong, a church member, as he prepared for last year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

In our CHURCHES Williams will speak Sunday about 'Faith'

Susan Williams will speak about "Faith" with scripture from *Ruth 1:16*; *Romans 8:38-39* at the All Women's service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m.

Presenting special awards will be Kay Gupton, president of United Methodist Women of the church.

Janet Kirk will give the Affirmation of Faith giving the purpose of UMW as "the organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women

whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church."

The chancel choir will sing "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" with Dr. Pamela Wurgler as music director and Joan Bowker as organist.

Jennifer Riley will speak about "Staying within the Lines" for Children's Moments.



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House panel OKs bill to ban shooting strays

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A House panel approved legislation Thursday that would for the most part end the practice of shooting strays in animal shelters as a method of euthanasia.

"Kentucky's come under a lot of ridicule in the past for some of our methods," Jim Weber, a former president of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, said Thursday. "I think this would help alleviate that problem and make it a more humane method of euthanasia."

Under the bill, killing the animal with a gunshot would only be allowed when a dog posed a threat to an animal control officer or to the public.

The effort to outlaw shooting strays gained momentum after video of dogs being shot at the animal shelter in Henry County was shown on television newscasts in 2002. The videotape showed some dogs alive and howling after being shot. The outcry led Henry County to end the practice of shooting strays.

Most states either prohibit euthanasia by gunshot or allow it in only limited circumstances when an animal poses a threat or can't be transported to a shelter or veterinary clinic, said Martha Armstrong, senior vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

In a phone interview, Armstrong said gunshot euthanasia is wrong for routine cases because the animals often aren't killed by the first shot and end up suffering longer.

The proposed ban on shooting animals at Kentucky shelters is part of a larger measure that would require rabies vaccinations for cats and ferrets and would establish minimum operating standards for animal shelters. It also would remove the state from licensing dogs and hand over the task to counties.

The bill cleared the House Agriculture Committee with broad support. Similar measures, however, have passed the House in the past but stalled in the Senate.

Wayne Caudill, executive director of the Kentucky Houndsmen Association, estimated that strays are still shot in at least 30 Kentucky counties. In an interview afterward, he lauded the effort to end the practice but said it might persist in poor counties, even if the bill becomes law.

Caudill said problems might arise when people certified to perform euthanasia leave animal shelters for other jobs.

Counties commonly pick up hundreds of strays, Caudill said. The cost of having a veterinarian euthanize them in the absence of a certified employee would be prohibitive for many counties, he said.

Bill to allow 'no photo' driver's license for Amish-Mennonites draws opposition

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A bill calling for a "no photo" driver's license for certain individuals ran into resistance Thursday from lawmakers worried it could invite fraud or become a tool for terrorists.

The special license would be made available to those citing religious objections to posing for photos.

Rep. Fred Nesler, D-Mayfield, introduced the bill at the request of Amish-Mennonites in his district in far western Kentucky. Their faith allows them to drive but forbids them from having their photo taken, which they view as a symbol of self-admiration and pride.

The measure would set up a more rigorous process to obtain a driver's license for people seeking the non-photo license.

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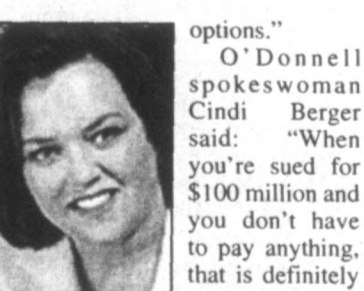


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options." O'Donnell spokeswoman Cindi Berger said: "When you're sued for \$100 million and you don't have to pay anything, that is definitely a win." Berger noted that Thursday's ruling also found G+J had in fact breached the comedic actress' right to editorial control of the magazine. "That was Rosie's issue from the very beginning," Berger said. O'Donnell and G+J sued each other for more than \$100 million last year after the demise of Rosie, which was reminiscent of Oprah Winfrey's successful magazine, "O." The glossy was launched while O'Donnell was hosting a daily television talk show. Each side claimed the other had violated their joint venture contract. O'Donnell said G+J breached the deal by taking away her editorial control and hiding the fact that the

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House panel OKs bill to ban shooting strays

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A House panel approved legislation Thursday that would for the most part end the practice of shooting strays in animal shelters as a method of euthanasia.

"Kentucky's come under a lot of ridicule in the past for some of our methods," Jim Weber, a former president of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, said Thursday. "I think this would help alleviate that problem and make it a more humane method of euthanasia."

Under the bill, killing the animal with a gunshot would only be allowed when a dog posed a threat to an animal control officer or to the public.

The effort to outlaw shooting strays gained momentum after video of dogs being shot at the animal shelter in Henry County was shown on television newscasts in 2002. The videotape showed some dogs alive and howling after being shot. The outcry led Henry County to end the practice of shooting strays.

Most states either prohibit euthanasia by gunshot or allow it in only limited circumstances when an animal poses a threat or can't be transported to a shelter or veterinary clinic, said Martha Armstrong, senior vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

In a phone interview, Armstrong said gunshot euthanasia

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The proposed ban on shooting animals at Kentucky shelters is part of a larger measure that would require rabies vaccinations for cats and ferrets and would establish minimum operating standards for animal shelters. It also would remove the state from licensing dogs and hand over the task to counties.

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Wayne Caudill, executive director of the Kentucky Houndsmen Association, estimated that strays are still shot in at least 30 Kentucky counties. In an interview afterward, he lauded the effort to end the practice but said it might persist in poor counties, even if the bill becomes law.

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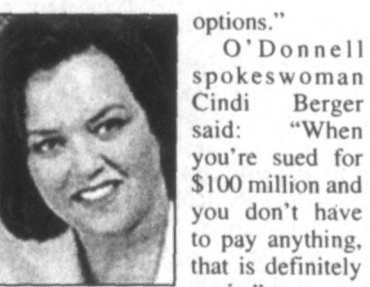
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NEW YORK (AP) — The judge who heard the breach of contract trial between Rosie O'Donnell and the publisher of her now-defunct magazine declared Thursday that neither side deserved any money damages or legal fees.



O'Donnell

State judge Ira Gammerman found that Gruner + Jahr USA, Rosie's publisher until its last issue in December 2002, and O'Donnell, the magazine's editor-in-chief, had both violated their joint venture agreement.

Gammerman, who heard the two-week trial without a jury, had warned at the trial's end in November that the dueling \$100 million-plus lawsuits were "ill-conceived" and he did not believe he would award anything to either side.

Thursday's decision affirmed Gammerman's initial thinking. "In the words of a most perceptive journalist, Gruner + Jahr USA Publishing and Rosie O'Donnell may deserve each other, but not monetary damages," the judge wrote in his decision.

G-J said in a statement it disagreed and "is exploring its options."

O'Donnell spokeswoman Cindi Berger said: "When you're sued for \$100 million and you don't have to pay anything, that is definitely a win."

Berger noted that Thursday's ruling also found G-J had in fact breached the comedic actress' right to editorial control of the magazine. "That was Rosie's issue from the very beginning," Berger said.

O'Donnell and G-J sued each other for more than \$100 million last year after the demise of Rosie, which was reminiscent of Oprah Winfrey's successful magazine, "O."

The glossy was launched while O'Donnell was hosting a daily television talk show. Each side claimed the other had violated their joint venture contract.

O'Donnell said G-J breached the deal by taking away her editorial control and hiding the fact that the magazine was losing enough money to void their contract.

The publisher said O'Donnell violated the contract and killed the magazine by walking out because she didn't get along with the editor-in-chief, causing German-owned G+J to lose its investment.

Weeks after the trial ended, G+J asked the judge for \$27 million to recoup the money it had sunk into Rosie. O'Donnell asked that G+J "recover nothing" and that she be awarded money damages and legal fees.

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Researchers: New vaccine can stop lung cancer

DALLAS (AP) — An experimental vaccine wiped out lung cancer in some patients and slowed its spread in others in a small but promising study, researchers say.

Non-small cell lung cancer is the nation's leading cause of cancer death, killing more than 150,000 people each year. The disease is related to smoking and is often difficult to treat. Treatment usually involves removal of the tumor, chemotherapy or both.

Three patients injected with the vaccine, GVAX, had no recurrence of lung cancer for more than three years afterward, according to the study of 43 people with the most common form of the disease, non-small cell lung cancer.

Vaccine studies are a burgeoning area of cancer research. Unlike traditional vaccines, which generally aim to prevent disease, some experimental cancer vaccines are designed to treat or cure existing disease.

The findings were published in Wednesday's Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The research was funded in part by Cell Genesys, a pharmaceutical company that hopes to produce the vaccine.

This study is the first to show complete and long-lasting regression of lung cancer by stimulating the immune system to attack cancer cells, Nemanitis said. A similar approach has shown promise against skin and renal cell cancer.

The vaccine, developed by researchers at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, is years away from reaching the market, if ever. The researchers hope to apply for Food and Drug Administration approval in three years.

In the study, each patient was injected in the arm and leg with a vaccine that included cells from his or her tumors. A gene called CM-CSF was placed into the cancer cells to change the surface of the cells to help the body identify them as cancerous. The body's immune cells soon began to recognize, attack and destroy the cancer cells in the lungs.

"The results are very promising for patients with non-small (cell) lung cancer, which is frequently resistant to chemotherapy," said Dr. John Nemanitis, a Baylor oncologist who led the study.

Horoscopes

by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004:

Sit back and make the most out of this exceptional year. Sometimes what comes as a jolt turns into great news. You might want to think through decisions, but sometimes there is little or no time. Learn to be spontaneous and less attached to having things, people and events work a certain way. Open up your thinking. You might opt to reconstruct your professional life. Others open the door, flooding you with opportunities, be they emotional or professional. If you are single, you might be confused by all the interested suitors and not know which way to go. Just start dating! If you are attached, your sweetie becomes more expansive but even nicer. An investment made together or by yourself will pay back in multiples. PISCES understands you.

about someone close to you could be startling, if not insightful. Refrain from risk-taking. Refrain from making judgments. Tonight: Be the very friendly Lion. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might find others doing exactly what you think they shouldn't do or what is out of line. You need to become more of your own person. Allow feedback from others, but also remember that it is your life. Tonight: Let others do their thing. You won't be able to stop them anyway. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Pace yourself and do what you need to get done. Laughter surrounds an innate clumsiness or an insight that might show you how hard you have been making something in your life. Laugh and express your playfulness. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. Soon you will need all the energy you can muster. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might see someone close through your unpredictable behavior, be it a child, close friend or a sweetie. Go for impulse and spontaneity, and you'll create joy around you. Do be careful of a financial risk, which could spell trouble. Tonight: Love the one you're with. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Head in a new direction with confidence and speed, understanding your limits. Whether you feel out of whack or unhappy about a personal matter, you know something needs to change. Only you can do this for yourself. Tonight: Talk about the possibilities. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** If you want excitement, stay close to your friends and loved ones. In the next few days, review a personal matter that is close to your heart. How you see a new friend could change with information that comes forward. Tonight: Out and about. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Expenses are so incredibly overwhelming that you might wonder how you got yourself in this pickle. Start with a budget. Begin slashing costs. You might be amazed by what you find out. Do let someone else treat. Tonight: Keep costs low. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Recognize that others might be extremely reactive to your unpredictability. What might feel OK for you isn't for others. Without meaning to, you could push away some friends. Be careful dealing with a higher-up. Tonight: In charge.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Step back, especially as so much information comes forth. You might wonder exactly what is happening with someone at a distance. Surprises happen for those who are open to others. You find that the unexpected runs riot in the form of discoveries or insights. Tonight: Stay close to home. Order in. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Reach out to loved ones and friends. You might be the force that moves others to get together. If a partner acts up, it might be out of jealousy. Consider talking before letting the feelings or the green-eyed monster rise. Tonight: Where your friends are. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Take charge and don't let others cross your boundaries. Often, others mistake your good will for a lack of strength. Pressure builds from different directions. Recognize that you are only one person. Unexpected developments head your way. Tonight: Deal only with what you must.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Look toward what is happening in your immediate crowd. If you pull back, you might have some interesting insights. Someone might be too frightened to forge ahead in a new direction. Tonight: Be inventive. Don't feel locked into plans. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Work with others, letting them express their natural sense of leadership and direction. What you find out

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Problems with acrylic nails

DR. GOTT

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



DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 45 and have had my fingernails done with acrylic for 7 years. About a year ago, one nail lifted from the bed. It isn't painful, but is very white. Numerous antifungal preparations have been unsuccessful. Now two more nails are affected. Do I have a yeast or a vitamin deficiency?

DEAR READER: Without examining your nails, I cannot diagnose the cause of your problem. However, two possibilities come to mind.

Fungus infection may cause the nails to become discolored (white or yellow) and to retract from the nail bed. Such an infection can be readily diagnosed by scraping material from under the nail, examining it under a microscope, and identifying the typical appearance of the fungus.

On the other hand (forgive the pun), the acrylic treatment to build up your nails may be the culprit. This substance can be absorbed into the nail itself, giving a white, opalescent appearance.

Worse, the acrylic may affect the growing portion of the nail and interfere with its development. As a consequence, the nail may become brittle and can split, crack or pull away from the nail bed. I suspect that this is the basis of your problem.

To get to the bottom of this affliction, see a dermatologist. Meanwhile, eschew any further nail treatments.

Vitamin deficiencies can, indeed, lead to nail softening and disfigurement, but do not usually cause them to lift from the nail bed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband recently stopped smoking and had

an attack of shortness of breath. He was prescribed Lasix with good results. What is the basis of his disorder? Testing reveals he has a 50 percent lung capacity. Is this a condition that may return to haunt us?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, yes.

Heavy smokers often develop a lung disorder called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), an affliction marked by inflammation of the bronchial tubes, excess mucus in the lungs and trapped stale air in the pulmonary system.

Your husband's 50 percent lung capacity suggests that he may be suffering from COPD, even though he has stopped smoking (perhaps too late). He should see a lung specialist, who will test him further and may prescribe oxygen, antibiotics and other medicines to assist breathing.

On the other hand, the presence of fluid in the lungs indicates the possibility that a weak heart action may have caused his breathlessness.

Therefore, he needs heart testing, too. For example, a cardiac ultrasound will show if his heart is contracting as forcefully as it should. The pulmonologist should be able to coordinate the various necessary tests.

Although COPD and heart failure can each, independently, cause shortness of breath, they can also co-exist, leading to particularly troublesome and serious breathing problems. In my opinion, your husband needs a specialist to sort out which factor — or factors — is the cause of the breathlessness. And, above all, he must avoid cigarettes and exposure to second-hand smoke.

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Boyfriend must take a stand and cut mom's apron strings

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
Advice Columnist



DEAR ABBY: I've been dating this really great guy, "Josh," for about two months. I really like him, but I don't like his mother. Josh and I are both 20 and live with our parents.

Josh's mother is super-controlling. Whenever we go out, she has to know where we are going and what time we will be home. And she calls MY cell phone during the date to check up on him. She's always calling me to try to find out where he is.

I really like Josh, but I'm tired of dating his mother. How should I handle this without hurting anyone? — **TIED OF DOUBLE-DATING**

DEAR TIED: Turn off your cell phone, or leave it at home when you go out with Josh. His mother is having trouble accepting the fact that her son is no longer a child — but that shouldn't be your problem. Josh is overdue for a talk with his mother about boundaries.

If her behavior bothers Josh as well, perhaps it's time that he became financially independent and moved into his own place. As long as he lives under his parents' roof, he is still their "child" and will be treated accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with "Neal" for three years. Neal works from home for only a few hours a day. He pays all the bills, so I don't have a problem with his choice of work. What bothers me is I have no time to myself because he's always there.

Neal demands so much attention from me that I can't even read a recipe without him interrupting. I am not a wimp, but Neal has the more dominant personality and controls what we do with our time. At least it feels that way to me. But

according to Neal, I don't give him ENOUGH time.

Since I moved in, I have not achieved any personal goals or even given as much love and attention to others as I used to. I rarely pursue interests of my own and almost never spend time doing things I want to do. I feel like I'm losing my individuality.

I love Neal, and I'm not even sure he is the problem. I think I need to be more assertive about where my life is going.

Is there a book or support group for someone like me? Am I just depressed? Obviously I don't have the drive to pursue my own interests. I will appreciate any advice you can give. — **LOST IN HIS WORLD**

DEAR LOST: You ask if you are depressed because you don't have enough drive to pursue your own interests. I think it may be the other way around — you don't pursue your own interests because you're depressed.

You say you "don't mind" Neal being home all the time because he pays the bills. Why is it that you aren't working? It would give you a degree of independence and self-determination that seems to be lacking. Assertiveness classes could help you, and books on co-dependency could also give you some insight.

Looking Back

10 years ago
Angela Fortner, 15, daughter of Ron and Jewell Fortner, won first place in the Kentucky 4-H Record Book Judging with her Home Environment entry. She is a member of Westwood 4-H Club.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers and Lady Lakers won over Carlisle County Comets and Murray Lady Tigers won over Ballard County. High team scorers were Brad Cleaver and Valerie Shelton for Calloway, Kurt Masten and Lori McNeil for Carlisle, Bonnie Payne for Murray and Angel Pigg for Ballard.

20 years ago
If the Kentucky General Assembly refuses to allocate money to build a National Guard Armory in Murray this year, the state will lose \$1.2 million in federal funds, according to State Adjutant Gene. Billy Wellman. The 6.2 acres of land on the Calloway County High School campus for the armory was purchased in November 1983.

Births reported include a boy to Donna and Mark Williams, Feb. 14; a boy to Rhonda and Terry Swift, a boy to Deborah and Eddie Washam and a girl to Dianna and James Ealey, Feb. 16.

30 years ago
A large number of students are reported absent in both Murray City and Calloway County School Systems today, according to Calloway Supt. William B. Miller and Calloway Director of Pupil Personnel, Murray City Supt. Fred Schultz, and Murray University School Director Janice Hooks. The high absenteeism is from the flu epidemic.

demise.
Thomas E. Warren and Ross R. King of Murray have enlisted in the United States Army.

Murray State University Racers won over Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles in a basketball game. High team scorers were Mike Coleman for Murray and Frank Jones for Tech.

40 years ago
Murray-Calloway County United Fund Drive for 1963-64 has reached its goal, according to Don Tucker and Gene Cathey, co-chairmen. The goal was \$22,000.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Duncan and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster.

"Glen Sims is a hard working fellow. He manages the 4-H work in Calloway County and does it in a dedicated manner," from column, "Seen & Heard Around Murray" by James C. Williams, publisher.

50 years ago
Contracts costing up to \$350,000 were signed by Murray Mayor George Hart to enable the City of Murray to furnish adequate water and sewerage to the newly annexed area of the city.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. K. David Rudolph, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Eldridge and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beaman.

Mrs. Howard Orla, soloist, and Mrs. Richard Farrell, pianist, presented a program of music at a meeting of Captain Wendell Oury Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Mrs. W.P. Roberts.

ContractBridge

Bidding Quiz

1. The bidding has gone:

You 1 ♠ Partner 2 ♠

2 ♠ 4 ♠

What would you bid now with:

♠K7♥KQ1093♦KQJ64♣5

2. The bidding has gone:

You 1 ♠ Partner 1 ♠

1 ♠ 2 ♠

What would you bid now with:

♠AK10952♥AJ73♦4♣86

3. Four notrump. Partner's four-heart bid, in conjunction with his two-club response, is slam invitational. It indicates values greater than a jump to three hearts (forcing) would show. So, even though you have only 14 high-card points and no aces, you should accept partner's invitation and bid again. The key to the slam, if there is one, is how many aces he has — and that is why your best bet at this point is Blackwood. If partner turns up with three aces, you're virtually certain to make a slam.

4. Three hearts. It is often said that a partnership requires 33 points for a small slam, but while this is generally true for balanced hands, it is an inaccurate way of assessing the potential for slam on unbalanced hands. In actuality, most slams are made with hands that contain only

about 28 to 30 high-card points. The chief reason these hands produce 12 tricks is that they contain distributional features that neutralize most of the 10 to 12 high-card points held by the defenders.

Consider this case where you have only 12 high-card points and partner, after opening one club, raises you to two spades. It would be wrong to jump directly to four spades on the basis that partner has a minimum opening bid and so have you — which usually means there's no slam. However, suppose partner held:

♠Q874♥K6♦A85♣KQ52

or ♠Q863♥5♦A82♣AQ743

In both cases your side belongs in a slam, and the best way to start the ball rolling in that direction is by bidding three hearts over two spades. With either hand shown, partner should cooperate with your slam try by bidding four diamonds. This shows the ace of diamonds, a good holding opposite a secondary heart suit, and a hand that is better than an average two-spade raise. With partner showing these plus features, you could either immediately or subsequently contract for six spades.

If your partner instead held something like ♠QJ64♥852♦A8♣KQ102, he would make the discouraging response of three spades, and you would then close the auction by bidding four spades.

Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1 Dogma
- 4 Cargo area
- 8 Mongolian desert
- 12 Triumphant shout
- 13 Vacillate (hyph.)
- 14 Surrounded by
- 15 Rock-band booking
- 16 Things
- 18 Conjecture
- 20 Cravings
- 21 Nabokov novel
- 23 House wing
- 24 Army outfit
- 27 Omaha's st.
- 29 Sarah, Duchess of —
- 33 Rare mineral
- 34 Excessively
- 35 Zero
- 36 Optimistic feeling
- 38 Quaint hotel
- 39 Cyclotron target

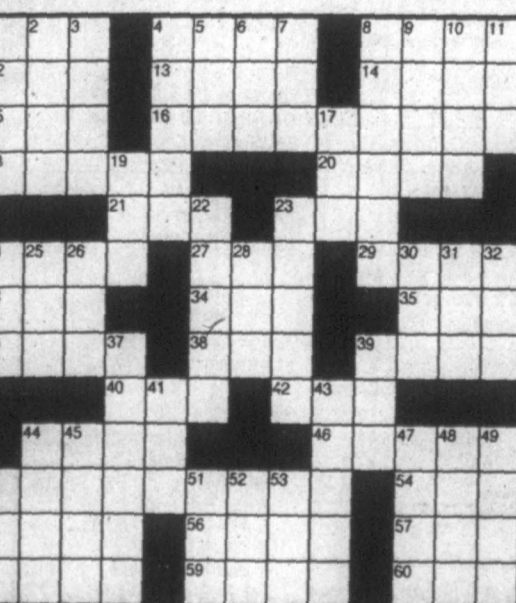
DOWN

- 1 "Othello" plotter
- 2 Mail a package
- 3 Astrologers of old
- 4 Publicized
- 5 — and aah
- 6 Strong soap
- 7 Oxford tutor
- 8 Courageously
- 9 Good or bad sign

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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LIONS ABA
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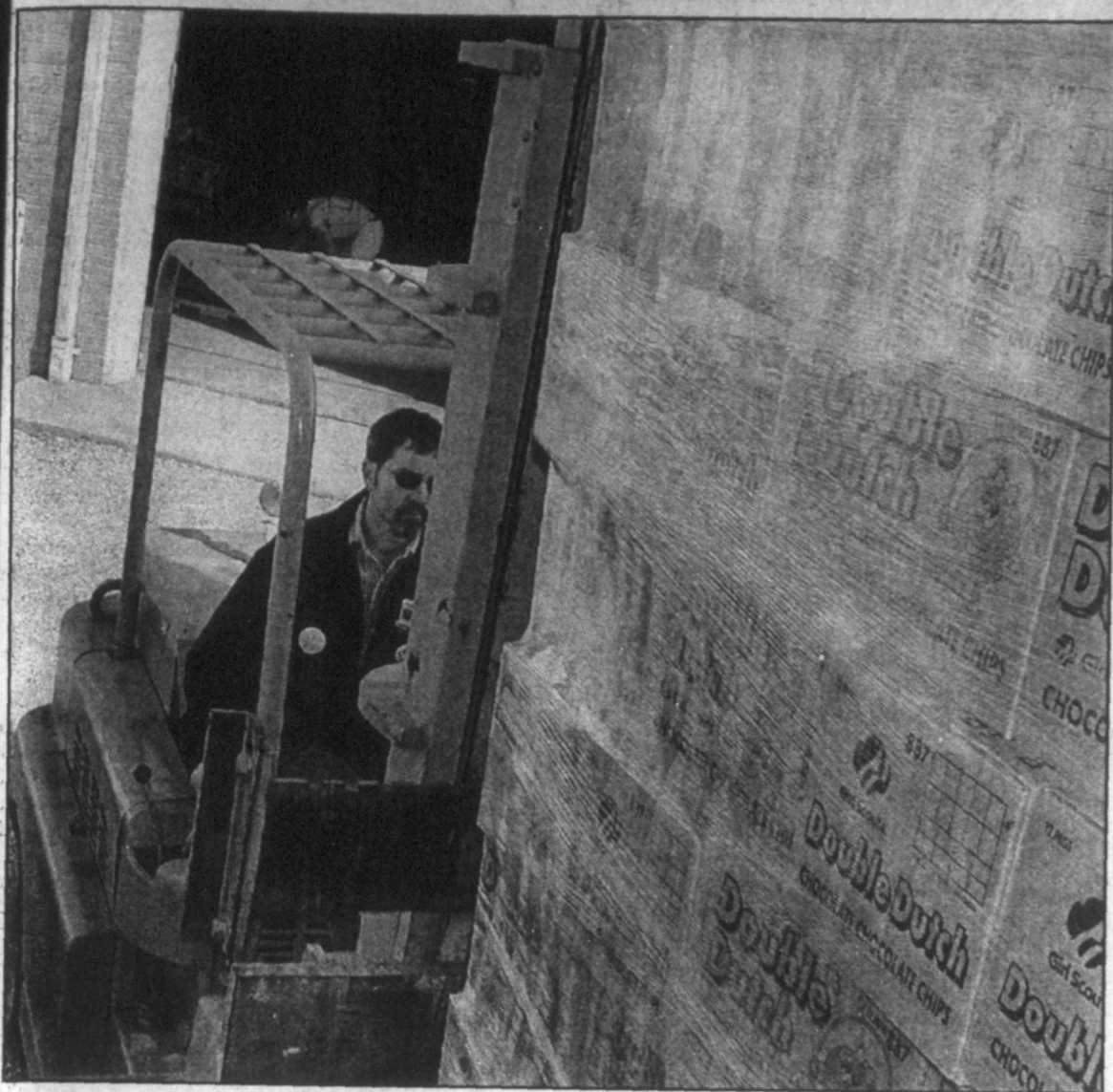
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Terry Olson, known to many as Mr. Cookie, uses a forklift to remove a load of Double Dutch Chocolate Chips Girl Scout cookies from the back of a semi truck behind Murray's National Guard Armory Thursday morning. Olson, cookie chairman for Murray and Calloway County's scouts, and others spent the majority of the morning unloading a total of 2,983 cases of cookies sold for the Murray area this year. Troops from throughout the county descended on the armory Thursday afternoon in order to begin distributing the cookies to their buyers today.

Experts: Enron's Lay not threatened by Skilling indictment

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) - Now that former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling has been indicted, the fate of his former boss — Enron founder Kenneth Lay — is perhaps the biggest question looming in the escalating federal investigation into wrongdoing at the disgraced company.

Former employees said Thursday they'd like to see prosecutors bring charges against Lay, too, although some see Skilling as the biggest culprit. But legal experts and those who worked for Lay agree it is unlikely Skilling will toss aside his innocent plea, cooperate with prosecutors and help them pursue a case against Lay.

"This does not in any way signal the inevitable indictment of Ken Lay," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor and an expert in white-collar crime. The indictment against Skilling doesn't show clear-cut crimes and its breadth suggests the charges are becoming "more diffused rather than more focused," he said.

By contrast, the previous indictment of former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow alleged fraud in several particular transactions. Fastow pleaded guilty and received a 10-year sentence in exchange for his cooperation.

Skilling pleaded innocent Thursday to 35 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and others more than two years after walking away from the company before it toppled. He is free on \$5 million bond.

Skilling has never wavered from his public statements that his abrupt resignation in August 2001 after serving as CEO for just six months was for personal reasons only. The company went bankrupt in December

that year, igniting an ongoing federal investigation into alleged schemes to mislead government regulators and investors about the company's earnings.

He is the 28th and highest-profile individual charged since the Justice Department began its probe.

"The indictment alleges that this was 'the' guy at Enron," Deputy Attorney General James Comey said in Washington.

Regarding Lay, Comey said he couldn't comment on particulars.

"What I can say to folks out there is that you wouldn't want to live in a country where I, or the FBI, can go out and lock somebody up because a company failed and we had a bad feeling about them. Our business is facts," Comey said.

Michael Ramsey, one of Lay's attorneys, didn't return repeated calls for comment. He has consistently said Lay committed no crimes and said last month Lay has no worries if Fastow or other cooperating witnesses are truthful.

The indictment alleges Skilling knew that several partnerships were created to help Enron achieve financial reporting goals and that they were a means for Fastow and others to be "heavily compensated."

Dan Petrocelli, one of Skilling's lawyers, said prosecutors "were making a grave mistake."

"Jeff Skilling has nothing to hide," Petrocelli said. "He did not steal. He did not lie. He did not take anyone's money and in the 60 pages of charges filed by the United States government, they don't even accuse him of these things and it's not from lack of trying."

Some of the counts against Skilling allege insider trading for selling inflated shares when he knew of accounting misdeeds. Lay sold nearly \$100 million



Jeffrey Skilling

Bush administration predicts bigger tax refunds, IRS finds refund mistakes

By MARY DALRYMPLE
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration predicted Thursday that a record number of taxpayers can expect a refund this year, and that the average tax refund check will be \$300 bigger than last year.

The Treasury Department credited the most recent round of tax cuts, passed in May, with fattening this year's refunds.

As a result of the summer's tax

cuts, the Treasury Department expects the government to mail \$195 billion in tax refunds this spring, a \$37 billion increase over last year.

The predictions also were an election-year reminder to voters of the tax cuts passed during President Bush's time in office.

The refunds come at a price, however, in the form of more complicated tax forms. The Internal Revenue Service has already detected errors on more than 750,000 tax

returns claiming the newly increased child tax credit.

Last summer's tax cut made the child tax credit worth up to \$1,000 per child. It also reduced income tax rates ahead of schedule and lowered taxes for some married couples. Other changes lowered the top tax rate on stock dividends and capital gains to 15 percent.

Nearly all the changes became effective Jan. 1, 2003, even though the tax changes didn't become law until almost six months later.

Consequently, changes didn't show up in workers' paychecks until late in the year, leaving taxes overpaid during the beginning of the year to arrive this spring as a larger refund.

"These are the tax cuts that have already been advertised — heavily advertised," said Peter Orszag, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan research group. Many parents had already gotten a taste of this year's refunds during the summer. The government

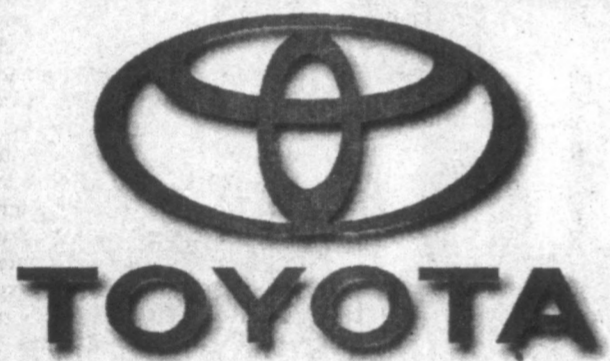
delivered up to \$400 per child to parents who had qualified for the credit the year before. Those parents, now filling out their tax returns, can claim the rest of the \$1,000 credit or up to \$600 per child.

Some of those parents appear to be having a hard time filling out their tax returns, taking those early payments into account.

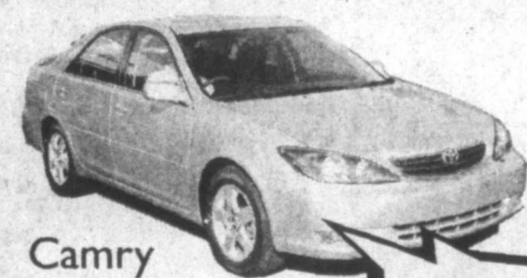
The IRS said returns already filed this year show 490,000 taxpayers did not take into account the check

received last summer when filing their returns. Another 283,000 made other computational errors, including mistakes calculating how much of the credit can be refunded to low-income taxpayers with little or no income tax liability.

Taxpayers who got a child tax credit check this summer also received a letter with the amount of the payment. Those who can't find that letter can use the IRS web site to find how much they've already been paid.



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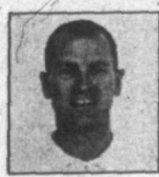
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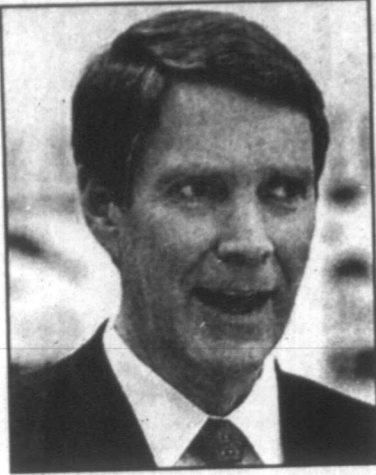


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S.F. to sue state over gay marriage prohibitions



Bill Frist
Senate Majority Leader

Sen. Frist looking at '08 White House run

By The Associated Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Two-by-two, lawmakers left the church where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once preached and walked to a black granite civil rights memorial bearing the names of those killed in the 1960s struggle for equality.

Led by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and one-time King aide John Lewis, they clasped hands, closed their eyes and sang "We Shall Overcome."

Frist called the visit a sacred pilgrimage. It also was one in a series of "Kodak moments" the Tennessee transplant surgeon has strung together as he positions himself for what colleagues say will be a run for the White House in 2008.

"This is the kind of preliminary public relations that you couldn't buy for any money," said David Bostus, a political analyst with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a black think tank in Washington.

Frist, who organized the three-day tour of civil rights sites in the South last weekend, bristles at that suggestion.

"Every move I make, people are going to say there's some political motivation," he complained recently.

Frist heard such speculation in Washington when he invited his former patients to the Capitol for a fall reunion, and he heard it in Iowa and New Hampshire when he showed up for the recent political contests there. Amid the Republican chatter about President Bush possibly replacing Vice President Dick Cheney, Frist's name has come up as a potential No. 2.

In the past six years, Frist has shown an ability to be in the right place at the right time, the physician's voice of calm in the midst of panic, whether over a political upheaval in the Senate or chemical-biological attacks on the Capitol.

The speculation about 2008 is partly fueled by Frist's statement that he won't run for re-election in 2006. He hasn't said what he'll do, but political observers say that would be the time to launch a presidential bid.

"There's a lot of talk about it. He's very popular with Republicans around the country," GOP strategist Charles Black said.

Many of Frist's Senate colleagues privately say they believe Frist will run, and Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., recently told reporters he's fairly sure of it. "Just watch him," said Bunning, who called Frist's rapid ascension to the majority leader post breathtaking.

Frist leapfrogged into the Senate's top job 14 months ago after former Majority Leader Trent Lott was criticized for praising the late Sen. Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist run for president. With backing from the White House, Frist won what quickly became a contest of one.

A month earlier, Frist was given much of the credit for recruiting GOP candidates and raising enough money for the Republican to seize the Senate majority from Democrats.

Frist became a regular presence on TV reassuring an anxious public about anthrax-laced letters sent to Congress and media outlets in 2001. Lott made Frist the Senate spokesman on the attacks. Asked about giving his successor the high-profile assignment, Lott recently said, "Yeah, it's funny how you do those things."

Others say Frist's calming presence made him stand apart during the anthrax attacks and more recently when the poison ricin was found in his office.

By LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages in the past week, the city sued the state of California on Thursday, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages on constitutional grounds.

Two judges already are considering challenges from conservative groups seeking to halt the marriage spree that began last Thursday. The city's lawsuit, filed late Thursday afternoon, asks that those cases be consolidated into one.

"The city and county of San Francisco is going on the offensive today to protect the mayor's action" allowing gay marriage, City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

Mayor Gavin Newsom said he doesn't regret giving out marriage licenses before the city filed a legal challenge to the state's marriage laws, but added that he's glad the question is now in the courts.

"I think what we have done is affirm marriage here in San Francisco," Newsom said. "We affirmed it because we are celebrating people coming together in their unions. I feel affirmed as a married man by what's happened here in San Francisco."

A lawyer for a group trying to halt the gay marriages described the city's move as a delaying tactic.

"This is as much a maneuver to keep this in court and keep the issue alive as it is anything else," said Benjamin Bull, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said San Francisco's same-sex marriage licenses "fail to meet legal standards."

"The attorney general has assured me that he will vigorously defend the constitutionality of the law" barring gay marriage, Schwarzenegger said.

The city is asking Superior Court Judge James Warren to declare unconstitutional three sections of the California Family Code that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

City officials want the judge to determine if barring same-sex couples from marrying violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the state constitution.

On Tuesday, Warren gave the city the choice of ending the same-sex wedding march or returning to court in late March to show why the process has not been halted. The city said it would continue issuing such licenses until forced to stop.

Judge Ronald Quidachay is considering a lawsuit filed by another conservative group, the Campaign for California Families. He said Tuesday he was not prepared to issue a ruling.



AP Photo

Same-sex couple Joanne Genet, right, and Cindy Horvath, center, of Lafayette, Calif., play with their daughter, six-year-old Alexi Rose, while waiting in line to obtain a marriage license outside City Hall in San Francisco, Thursday. The city of San Francisco, which has sanctioned more than 2,800 gay marriages in the last week, prepared to sue the state of California challenging its prohibitions on same-sex marriages on constitutional grounds.

Federal appeals court to hear request to reopen Roe v. Wade

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court has agreed to hear a request from the woman formerly known as "Jane Roe" to reconsider the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v.

Wade that legalized abortion.

Norma McCorvey, who joined with anti-abortion activists nearly 10 years ago, is seeking to have the decision overturned, citing

what she says is more than 30 years of evidence that abortions are psychologically harmful to women.

A federal district judge threw out her initial

request in June, saying it was not made within a reasonable time. But the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to hear McCorvey's arguments March 2.

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