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Innocent plea is entered for Pearson

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

For the second time in as many days, an attorney appeared in Calloway District Court on behalf of a Murray State University basketball player.

On Tuesday, Rick Lamkin entered an innocent plea for his client — Preston "Trey" Pearson III, who sat out the 2003-04 basketball season after transferring from Ole Miss. The attorney also waived Pearson's arraignment and filed a request for discovery to gain evidence from those prosecuting the drug-related case.



Pearson

Lamkin said in an interview

Tuesday the commonwealth has to turn over its evidence to the defense before a May 4 pre-trial conference among the involved attorneys.

Pearson, a sophomore guard from South Fulton, Tenn., was charged in an April 1 incident after the Murray Police Department received a call from the Calloway County Sheriff's Department about a reckless driver. MPD located the black Ford Explorer and Pearson failed field sobriety tests and refused a blood test, police said.

He faces charges for underage driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, having no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt and driving without his license in possession.

Marijuana seeds and leaves were found on the driver's and passenger's sides of the vehicle, according to Pearson's arrest citation. Football walk-on William Michael



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photos

Pictured are Murray Fire Department's two stations — on South 16th Street, left, and the downtown station, right.

Murray Fire Department going through protection grading

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

An independent agency is grading the Murray Fire Department this week on everything that contributes to how well the city provides fire protection to its commercial and residential community.

The rating means more than a single number on paper. It is one factor in determining property insurance premiums. But the evaluation goes beyond even that for Ricky Stewart, who took over as fire chief in January. The agency will assess the fire service in the community and make recommendations on how to improve that.

Stewart is most interested in whether the city needs a third fire station to accommodate the growing city limits.

"A lot of it is wait and see," he

"We aren't just planning for today. The future is important too."

— Ricky Stewart
MFD Fire Chief

said of the evaluation. "We aren't just planning for today. The future is important too."

Stewart proposed a third station toward the northern city limits at a recent city budget discussion. The city council will approve the 2004-05 fiscal year budget at its June 10 meeting. In his proposal, Stewart said a northside station will cost \$350,000 plus \$250,000 for a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pumper. There also would be an annual \$330,000 cost to employ 12 firefighters.

The Insurance Services Office will give Murray a Public Protection Classification, which helps establish fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties. Tuesday, John Beard, an ISO field representative from eastern Missouri, presented an overview of what he will evaluate today and Thursday.

The last ISO rating was done in 1992.

"Things have changed," Beard said during his presentation at city

hall. "...The fire department may have done things to make the rating worse. They may have done things to make it better. We'll be juggling a lot of things."

One thing that has changed is the city boundaries. The city limits have grown north and property is being annexed toward the west. While some of this land isn't developed yet, it will as business expands and population grows. A third engine company was recommended in the last rating evaluation, when the city only had its two existing stations, Beard said.

"We're going to have a problem with credit for engine companies because the city of Murray has grown," Beard, who worked for more than six years as a firefighter

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Town Crier

The following is an event that are of interest to our readers:

NOTICES
■ The Murray City Council will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

■ Stewart County High School in Dover, Tenn., will host a public forum on Land Between the Lakes' proposed usage plan by the U.S. Forest Service. The forum will be Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

■ Murray-Calloway County Hospital CEO John O'Shaughnessy will be the featured speaker for the Chamber of Commerce's Business@Breakfast on May 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Curris Center. Call the Chamber for additional information.

Fiscal Court listens to MCTA pitch

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Bjame Hansen, director of the Murray-Calloway Transit Authority, made two requests to the Calloway County Fiscal Court at its meeting Tuesday night — one for an annual budget increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, and the other for \$2,500 for a feasibility study to consider partnering with Murray State to build a parking structure.

Hansen explained that the City of Murray, Murray State University and the Murray-Calloway County Transit Authority are all putting in \$2,500 to go toward the \$10,000 study by W.P. Moore Consulting Firm, a consulting firm in Florida, which will look at the possibility and affordability of a parking structure.

Hansen explained that MCTA, if named owner of the facility, could receive a federal transportation grant earmarked for capitol construction which will take up 80 percent of the budget for the project. State and local governments provide 10 percent each, but according to Hansen the state match is not available.

"They have already told us that," he said.

He also said he realizes that the local government could not possibly match that much money, so his solution is to draw from toll credits. Toll credits are from the federal government to state's for maintaining toll roads. The Department of Transportation and their providers can draw down that

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Suicide bombs kill Iraqi children

By The Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — Five suicide attackers detonated simultaneous car bombs against police buildings during rush hour today, killing 68 people, including children, in the bloodiest attacks to hit this southern, mainly Shiite city since the U.S.-led occupation began a year ago.

Two more car bombers were captured before they could attack, Basra Gov. Wael Abdul-Latif said, adding that he believed al-Qaida was behind the bombings.

Iraqis pulled charred and torn bodies from mangled vehicles in front of the Saudia police station, located by Basra's crowded main street market — one of three stations and a police academy hit by a total of five car bombs, according to Basra's governor.

About 200 people were wounded, including four British soldiers, officials said. British troops oversee security for southern Iraq, including the port city of Basra.

Two vans passing the Saudia station were destroyed — one carrying kindergartners, the other taking girls to middle school. Dead children, burned beyond recognition, were taken to hospital morgues.

Iraqi Interior Minister Samir Shaker Mahmoud al-Sumeidi blamed "terrorists." He said the Basra attack resembled suicide bombings earlier this year against Shiites and Kurds that were blamed on foreign Islamic militants.

"The information we have indicate that the attacks were carried out with car bombs," al-Sumeidi said. "The fingerprints of the parties that were behind the massacres in Iraq as



AP Photo

Iraqis run for cover at the scene of one of three explosions which hit Basra in southern Iraq early today. The near simultaneous blasts hit three police stations, killing at least 45 and injuring over 200, a hospital source said.

in Irbil and Karbala can be seen in today's attacks."

U.S. officials have pointed to al-Qaida linked Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in March 2 suicide bombings at Shiite shrines in Karbala and Baghdad that killed at least 181. Ansar al-Islam, an extremist group based in the north, is suspected in Feb. 1 bombings in Irbil that left 109 dead.

Al-Zarqawi has outlined a plot to attack Shiite religious sites to foment civil war between Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority and Sunni minority, say U.S. officials pointing to a letter from al-Zarqawi to al-Qaida leaders that the military says it intercepted earlier this year.

In London, Prime Minister Tony Blair told the House of Commons that the attackers were "desperate"

terrorists who "were prepared to attack literally the most defenseless people they can find, simply to cause chaos."

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the attacks would not derail the planned handover of power to an Iraqi administration on June 30.

Abdul-Latif said up to 16 children and nine policemen were among the 68 dead.

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Calloway County Sheriff's Department
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— Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

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Court ...
From Front

Waycaster, 20, was a passenger in Pearson's vehicle and was arrested on possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia charges, according to MPD. He is listed on the roster as a sophomore wide receiver from South Fulton.

Waycaster waived his arraignment Monday and pleaded innocent. Benton attorney Robert Prince is representing Waycaster.

In unrelated court news, the grand jury will hear two separate cases of a woman facing several drug-related offenses and a man accused of stealing anhydrous ammonia. The two suspects appeared in Calloway District Court Tuesday for preliminary hearings.

Cynthia Stracener, 44, of New Concord, is charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, first-degree possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of anhydrous ammonia not in its proper container, possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, third-degree possession of a controlled substance (Xanax), attempt to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of a radio that receives police messages.

Stracener's \$50,000 cash bond was changed to an unsecured bond, meaning she could sign herself out with conditions she appear in court, a Calloway County jail spokeswoman said this morning. She was released Tuesday.

James R. Williams, 42, of Logan County, faces charges of tampering with anhydrous ammonia and theft by unlawful taking of anhydrous ammonia. Murray Police arrested him April 14 after an incident at Royster Clark.

Williams remains in custody at the Calloway County jail in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond, the jail spokeswoman said.

Explosions rock Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Explosions severely damaged the headquarters of Saudi security today, killing two people and injuring dozens, a police official said. Initial reports indicated the blasts came from at least one car bomb.

The explosions rocked the Saudi capital just days after a U.S. warning of possible terrorist attacks.

At least one of the explosions was in the vicinity of the General Security building, which is affiliated to the Interior Ministry, in al-Nassiriyah neighborhood in central Riyadh, the witnesses said.

Clouds of black smoke rose from the site and settled over the neighborhood, and security forces evacuated surrounding buildings.

Firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze that engulfed the General Security building. More than 20 ambulances rushed to the scene and two helicopters patrolled above.

Witnesses said the blasts, which occurred about 2 p.m., shattered windows and damaged walls in nearby buildings.

The explosions came only days after Saudi authorities announced they had seized three booby-trapped SUVs that were loaded with a total of more than four tons of explosives and had apparently been abandoned by militants involved in a shootout with security forces.

The United States last week ordered the departure of nonessential U.S. government employees and family members from Saudi Arabia. It also urged private citizens to leave the kingdom, and the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh issued an advisory warning of "credible indications of terrorist threats aimed at American and Western interests in Saudi Arabia."

Murray Water System to flush hydrants May 2

The City of Murray Water System will be flushing fire hydrants on Sunday, May 2, beginning at 7 a.m. Flushing will be completed around 4 p.m.

The Water System flushes the main lines semi-annually to increase water flow in order to clear the system of any sediment built up.

In case of any discoloration, customers should allow cold water to run a few minutes to clear. Washing clothes, however, should wait until flushing is completed and water has cleared.

Woodmen having Rebate Day for Relay at Big Apple

Woodmen of the World Lodge 827 Team will have a Rebate Day at the Big Apple today. Tell the cashier or server "Woodmen Relay for Life" and a portion of total sale will be donated to Relay, according to a release from the lodge.

MFD ...

From Front

near Indianapolis, predicted looking at a city map. "Right now, we're running two engines and we'll need three."

He said the need for a certain number of engine companies can be based on different factors. The average number of hydrants in an area 1 1/2 road miles from each station can determine if another station is recommended because having half of that average in an area could warrant an additional engine company.

Beard said both existing stations — one at the

corner of Poplar and Fifth streets downtown and the other on 16th Street just south of Main Street — have good coverage, "but up north there is a huge gap." For instance, the industrial park is four miles from the closest station.

Fire department operations and necessary fire flow to extinguish building fires are other criteria on which to base the number of recommended engine companies.

Beard will spend today with the fire department looking through records, touring facilities and examining equipment, and then will evaluate the water supply and the city's water system

Thursday.

The ISO rating is based on a scale of one to 10. Fire departments that receive a one are considered the best fire protection available in terms of the criteria on the evaluation. In 1992, Murray Fire Department was given a four rating.

Nationwide, rural departments tend to have higher ratings. According to Beard, about 14,000 fire departments in the country have nine ratings and about 3,400 have fours.

"Three and above is attainable, but it gets harder once you get up there because you have to have every 't' crossed and 'i' dotted," he said.

MCTA ...

From Front

money to fund capitol projects.

The project is estimated to cost \$6 million.

Hansen said the greatest benefit of this structure is Murray State will purchase the rent of 150 spaces at \$150 a semester. He also is working a system to where people can park at the parking facility and ride routes throughout the town and the county.

"I'm not going to stand here and say it will make me self-sufficient," Hansen told the court. "This is something we can go to other than the city and the county for funding."

He said it could bring in a profit

of \$30,000 to \$34,000 a year.

Judge-Executive Larry Elkins said he was apprehensive about the toll credits being enough to match the project. "That's a big match," he said. "I just wonder if those tokens are going to cover 20 percent of this project."

"If we don't take advantage of these funds, they are going to go somewhere else," said Hansen.

The court, while considering Hansen's budget request, did not make a motion to provide MCTA with the money for the feasibility study. Elkins said if it was so confident in the study then it should dip into its \$10,000 reserve. The court

also agreed that after the feasibility study was completed, the court would make the \$2,500 available.

The court also approved the transferring of a little more than \$30,000 to the Calloway County Senior Citizens Center for the purpose of additional parking at the Weaks Center. The funding came from the sale of a Housing and Urban Development house the court had obtained recently. Elkins said while the money is listed to go to the senior center, it is really for the whole Weaks Center to provide additional parking.

In other business, Deana Wright presented the fiscal court with a presentation of this past year's achievements and asked the court for assistance of \$10,000. Wright also announced that Murray Main Street had been awarded earlier that day the Preservation America Award, which was noted earlier by First Lady Laura Bush during a stop in Louisville. Murray is one of 65 communities in the United States that have received this award.

"The work we are doing here is being recognized on the local, state and national level," said Wright.

She explained to the court that many new jobs have been created out of the Main Street program and additional businesses have signed up for the facade grants. Additionally, Wright talked about many of the programs Main Street

offers including the most recent Easter Egg Hunt on the square which 200 children showed up. She also promoted the bachelor auction which will be this weekend and the Saturday Markets which will be starting soon for the summer.

Elkins said the court was in the process of preparing their budget and would consider the \$10,000 request.

In other business, the court held a public hearing in regard of possibly closing Bull Frog Lane in Hazel but ended up tabling the issue due to property discrepancies.

As part of the road closing policy the court holds a public hearing and send three viewers to assess the property. County 911 Coordinator Ed Pavlick reported that petitioner Johnny Colson does not own both sides of the property. Pavlick said he spoke with the other owner, James Cook, who does not wish for the road to be closed. Colson, however, said according to his survey he owns both sides of the road.

Finally the court received a request from a citizen to name a bridge. Elkins said the county has no authority to name this bridge because it is on a state highway, but the Department of Transportation requested that the court hold a public hearing to hear the request and send the recommendation to the state.

Elkins said this public hearing will be during the May meeting.

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Murray-Calloway County Transit Authority driver Joe Holland uses a long-handled device that allows him to better wash the upper part of one of the MCTA units outside the George Weaks Community Center.

Governor says budget bill still needs his tax plan

By JOE BIESK
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher maintained that a state budget plan would have to include his proposal to overhaul the state's tax code.

Earlier Tuesday, however, Fletcher seemed to relax his position on the tax plan, saying he would sign a budget bill without it — if the legislation was based on his original budget proposal.

But, later in the day, the governor said he had been "caught off-guard" and misspoke to reporters who had

approached him while leaving the Capitol.

Indeed, "tax modernization" this year would be required for Kentucky to bond projects and avoid making "draconian cuts" in state government, he said.

"What I want is a budget that will move Kentucky forward," Fletcher said in a phone interview.

The governor had proposed a series of tax cuts and increases that when combined are supposed to be "revenue neutral."

While the Republican-controlled Senate demanded Fletcher's tax plan

be part of any budget, House Democrats wanted them considered separately. The stalemate led to the 2004 General Assembly's adjournment without an agreed budget.

On Tuesday, the governor first said that if lawmakers "want to pass my budget without the tax plan, then of course I would sign that. That's a budget I presented."

Later, the governor said that was a misstatement. He would only consider such a "bare-bones budget to get us through the legalities," because it would not be a good plan for the state, Fletcher said.

The current state budget expires June 30.

Fletcher's original budget proposal was based on the assumption that the General Assembly would pass changes to the state's tax code, he said.

Fletcher said he would not back down on his tax proposal because it was a platform of his during his campaign for governor.

"That's critically important for Kentucky's future, and that was something I campaigned on. People overwhelmingly supported that during my campaign," Fletcher said.

Calloway's Lassiter resigns as Mongiardo manager

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Democratic state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo's campaign manager who was running his bid for U.S. Senate has resigned, citing a disagreement in the campaign's direction and staff management.

Jody Lassiter, of Shelbyville, said he spoke with Mongiardo Sunday night and the Hazard senator told him he planned on replacing him. Lassiter's resignation was effective Monday, he said.

"It's a matter of personal principal that I decided I needed to make for myself personally, professionally and politically," Lassiter, a Calloway County native, said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.

Lassiter had been managing Mongiardo's Senate campaign since



Lassiter

March 8. Lassiter said he spoke with Mongiardo Sunday night and he "made clear" he was bringing in a new campaign manager.

He declined to elaborate on their specific disagreement. Lassiter said

he did "not want to exercise a public dispute" with Mongiardo, and that they had resolved their differences privately.

"This is a matter which is not for public discussion and I'm not going to engage in that," Lassiter said. "This was a matter of personal differences of opinion and I felt I could no longer continue to be effective for him as campaign manager."

Mongiardo's campaign issued a written statement about Lassiter's

departure, but did not offer any specifics.

"Jody decided to pursue a different career direction," Mongiardo said in the statement. "I very much appreciate his service to my campaign, and we all wish him only the best."

Lassiter previously had been commissioner of the Department for Local Government in former Gov. Paul Patton's administration.

Commission hears request on Robertson Road corner

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Take two: Should property at the corner of Ky. 94 West and Robertson Road be zoned for commercial use?

The Murray Planning Commission approved a zoning request for almost 21 acres at the southeast corner of the intersection that will allow just more than 11 acres to be developed commercially and an adjacent 9.78 acres to be used for multi-family housing.

The request by property owner Kenneth Owen resembles an earlier zoning discussion concerning the northwest corner of the same intersection. In the earlier request, property owners Harold and Pat Reynolds and Larry and Joyce Hurt wanted almost 56 acres on the northwest corner zoned single-family residential and a 4.5-acre tract at the same location be designated commercial. The planning commission

opted to recommend the property be zoned residential and agriculture because its members were unsure of the type of development appropriate for the traditionally residential area.

The Murray City Council approved an ordinance reflecting the commission's recommendation at its Feb. 26 meeting.

"These aren't easy decisions," planning commissioner Dave Ramey said. "I do think taking these two issues out of the picture, we, as a commission, are going to have to decide if we think there should be any commercial development in this area."

"I see both sides of this. I'm wishy-washy on it."

Commissioners Ed Davis, Loretta Jobs and Ed Pavlick voted against the commercial portion of the zoning request. All 10 commissioners voted in favor of the R-4 zoning, which allows multi-family housing.

"That kind of brings us back to what we did on the northwest corner," Pavlick said. "We could leave it as ag now to see what the R-4 looks like before we decide."

The B-2 commercial zoning will allow for a variety of businesses, including grocery and convenience stores, fruit markets, barber shops, churches, indoor amusement facilities, hotels and motels, offices and car lots. Owen said he did not have a specific commercial plan for the property, although a convenience store is not what he has in mind.

The residential portion of Owen's development will feature multi-family townhouses, most of which are expected to be owned by the residents rather than being built specifically as rental property. He said he wants to start construction as soon as possible.

"We are building them to sell," Owen said. "We have a waiting list of people who already want one."



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Unanswered questions torment parents of Columbine victims

By ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press Writer

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — For nearly five years, unsettling details have trickled out from dusty file cabinets and evidence vaults about just how much authorities and others knew before Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold slaughtered 12 classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School.

Misplaced police reports, prophetic videos made by the killers at the school itself, a father's secret journal, a Web site and essay promising death — families of the victims say the warning signs were clear.

"How many times have we heard this was everything, only for something else to come out?" asked Dawn Anna, mother of murdered student Lauren Townsend. "The first time we heard that was back in 1999."

Some 30,000 documents in the case have been released over the years and 10,418 pieces of evidence ranging from a tooth fragment to propane tanks were put on public display this year.

Local authorities, the school district, a state commission and the Colorado attorney general have all investigated, but the question remains: Why didn't someone — a parent, a sheriff's deputy, a teacher, a fellow student — step in before the suicidal gunmen went on their rampage?

Victims' families have tried to get answers: Some sued the sheriff's department, the school district and the parents of the killers. They won damages, but a federal judge sealed many records.

At the heart of most questions is the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, which responded to the massacre and led the official investigation. Its track record is spotty at best.

After the shootings, sheriff's officials downplayed tips about Harris making death threats — even though they relied on them to get a search warrant for his home hours after the bloodshed.

Randy and Judy Brown, whose sons were threatened by Harris, made several attempts to get the sheriff's department to investigate.

The tips started in 1997, when one of the Browns' two sons gave a deputy a printout of a Web site in which Harris boasted of going on nighttime missions with Klebold, firing weapons and vandalizing property.

The Web site later included boasts by Harris and Klebold about building pipe bombs and referred to "ground zero."

The tip was forwarded to former sheriff's investigator John Hicks. A

warrant was drafted to search the Harris home, but it was never executed. A report by Hicks was found tucked inside a training manual just six months ago, a stunning revelation that prompted new Sheriff Ted Mink to ask Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar to investigate.

Salazar said he found no negligence by the sheriff's department, though he found at least 15 instances of contact between law enforcement and one or both of the killers.

Other warning signs included violent videos made by Harris and Klebold for a class project and an essay by Klebold in another class describing a Columbine-like slaying of "preps." In one video project five months before the rampage, the two stalk through Columbine itself, offering hit man services to classmates tired of being bullied.

Harris and Klebold were arrested for a break-in a year before the attack, but parole officers were never told about the death threats tied to the teens. Both completed probation and were deemed to be likely candidates for success as adults.

"There was overwhelming evidence. Columbine should have been prevented," said Brian Rohrbough, whose son, Daniel, was one of the first to die. "We cannot turn back the hands of time, but we can put all this information out on the table. ... We can make this an example of what went wrong so that we can prevent it from happening again."

Most excruciating for some of those seeking answers is the fact that some information is being kept secret. The Harris and Klebold families were forced to give depositions to settle a lawsuit, but what they said remains sealed.

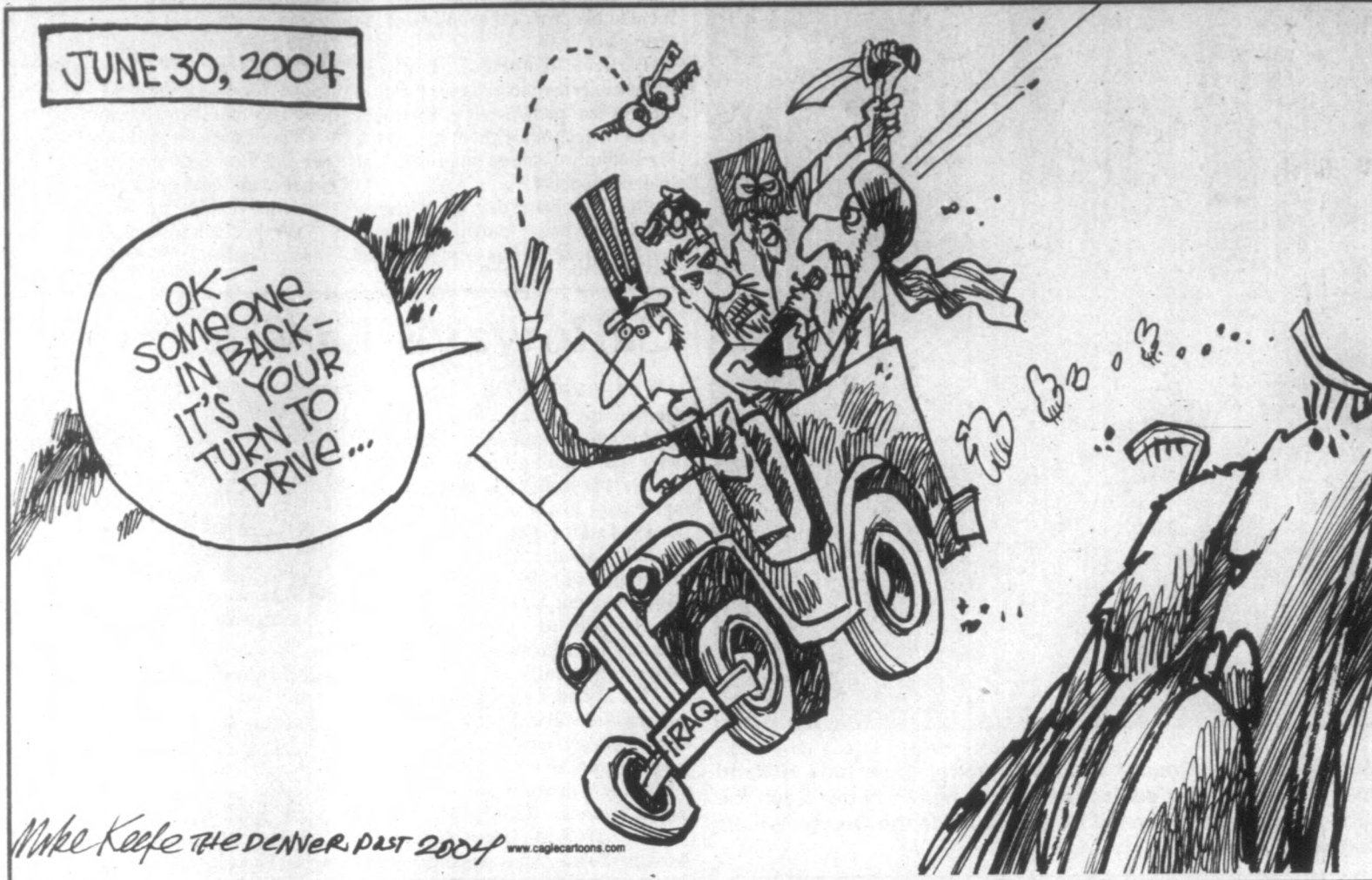
Joe Kechter, whose son, Matt, died at Columbine, said the lawsuit was settled because families were running out of money to fight the insurance companies whose home-owners' policies covered the Klebolds and Harris.

"I hope some day the Klebolds and Harris agree to get this information out so it can save other kids lives in the future," Kechter said. "I am doing this in respect of my son. I feel the police and the whole system let him down that day. I am not going to let him down."

The school district's investigation also remains confidential because officials say its release would violate attorney-client privilege. Salazar's investigation remains open, though family members don't expect big news from the new U.S. Senate candidate.

"I really don't think we are going to get any more answers," said Al Velasquez, whose son, Kyle, was among those killed.

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Dubya's In Trouble

Both of the polling organizations that track the presidential race in daily surveys have concluded that the contest has settled into a stalemate. Scott Rasmussen reports that for eight of the last nine days, President Bush has gotten 45 to 46 percent of the vote, while Sen. John Kerry ranged from 44 to 46 percent.

John Zogby shows Kerry ahead by three and reports little movement either way.

This "tie" is terrible news for the Bush camp. One of the (very few) immutable laws of politics is that the undecided vote almost always goes against the incumbent. Consider the past seven presidential elections in which an incumbent ran (1964, '72, '76, '80, '84, '92, and '96) — that is, look at the final vote versus the last Gallup or Harris polls. My analysis shows that the challengers (Goldwater, McGovern, Carter, Reagan, Mondale, Perot, Clinton, and Dole) got 85 percent of the undecided vote. Even incumbents who won got only 15 percent of those who reported that they were undecided in the final polls.

So... when Bush and Kerry are tied, the challenger really has the upper hand. More bad news for Bush: Democrats usually grow 2-3 points right before Election Day as down-scale voters who have not paid much attention to the election, suddenly tune in and "come home" to their traditional Democratic Party moorings. Remember, virtually every poll (except Zogby) showed Bush slightly ahead of Al Gore as the 2000 election approached — yet Gore outpolled Bush by 500,000 votes. I had thought — and hoped — that Bush could open up a big lead in the two months after Kerry locked up the Democratic nomination. After all, Kerry is, in fact, way too liberal for the average American voter. But Bush's nega-



tive ads — though good, plentiful, and on target — lost their impact in April. What happened? Iraq. The surprising casualties of this disastrous month let Kerry skate by the avalanche of attack ads relatively unscathed. And by now, Bush may have lost the ability to define Kerry. Lying behind the bad news for Bush is his inability to appeal to women in the campaign. His "stand firm" press conference last week was entirely male-oriented. His tough words and determination to defend the cause of the "fallen" resonated well with men but crashed among women. The genders see the War on Terror in totally different terms. Rasmussen reports that men, by 51 percent to 36 percent, say that the U.S. is safer than it was before

9/11. But women are evenly divided, with 41 percent feeling more safe and 42 percent, less.

Women disagree with the entire Bush strategy of fighting terrorism. Offered a choice between "letting terrorists know we will fight back aggressively" and "working with other nations," men opt for fighting aggressively by 53 to 41 percent while women want us to work with other nations instead by 54 to 36 percent — a gender gap of 30 points.

To bounce back, Bush obviously has to staunch the bleeding in Iraq. But he also has to appeal to women voters as he did in 2000.

Then, he was a "compassionate conservative" committed to leaving "no child behind." Now he needs to speak of the human toll exacted by Saddam Hussein when he ran Iraq. He should speak about saving the children of that beleaguered nation. At home, he has to explain why a democratic — or at least a stable — Iraq means more safety for our families. He should discard the military-macho rhetoric and the bureaucratic references to American "credibility" and focus on values, human beings, children and hope.

If Bush permanently alienates women by his words and tone in the War on Terror, he'll throw away the issue that he needs to carry him into a second term.

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

Sharon's Big Gamble

By deciding to give up areas populated by Jews in Gaza (known as "settlements") by those who regard it as "occupied territory" and effectively annexing disputed territory in Judea and Samaria (known as the West Bank by those who also consider this area "occupied"), Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has decided to risk his country's future on promises he received from President Bush.

On paper, those promises sounded pretty good for Israel, which will continue to control land, sea and air passages throughout Gaza to prevent a terrorist base from being established. Sharon also took from his meeting with the president a green light to continue building the "security fence" to keep terrorists from entering some of the main population centers in the heart of Israel and to go after terrorists, such as Hamas' new leader, who was killed by Israel on Saturday.

Perhaps most importantly for his country's stability, Sharon got his wish for no "right of return" by Palestinians, an infusion that would overwhelm the Jewish population. In the president's letter of understanding to Sharon, he says that any return should be to an eventual Palestinian state, not Israel.

Predictably, the pro-Palestinian side cried foul. The New York Times editorialized (April 15) that Sharon chose "settlements over peace" in the West Bank, but peace must have a partner, and the terrorists have demonstrated that their objective is not peace with Israel, but its elimination.

As with previous agreements, including the "road map," this "understanding" requires a response from the Palestinian side. Israel and the United States reasonably expect that in exchange for this unilateral action ceding Gaza to the Palestinians, the Palestinians will stop trying to tear down the Jewish state and start building one of their own.

Based on past and current performance, there is little likelihood the Palestinian side will do this and end the jihad rhetoric that offers nothing but blood and misery, instead of hope and a meaningful future.

Sharon believes the offering up of Gaza as Palestinian territory will disabuse the world of the notion that terror "is the result of us sitting on their land," according to a senior member of the Israel delegation. But certain people always find ways to blame Israel for everything.

What should be troubling is the number of promises made by previous American presidents that were not fulfilled, either because the United States failed to uphold them, or an Israeli prime minister did not press the matter.

In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower made commitments in order to get Israel to withdraw from the Sinai. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson failed to implement those commitments and the Six-Day War followed.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon made promises to end the war of attrition between Israel and Egypt. Egypt violated the agreement, and the United States failed to live up to its commitments. The 1973 Yom Kippur War followed, which killed 2,800 Israelis.

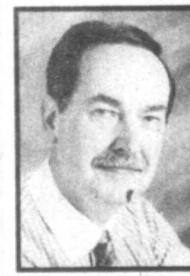
In 1996 and again in 1998, President Bill Clinton promised to refrain from pressuring Israel into making further concessions until the Palestinian Authority altered its Charter that calls for the elimination of Israel. The Charter was not altered, but Israel was expected to honor its promises.

In 2000, Clinton committed \$800 million in special assistance to induce Israel to withdraw from Southern Lebanon. Israel withdrew, and Hezbollah quickly filled the geographic and military vacuum, increasing terrorist attacks. The promised U.S. assistance never arrived.

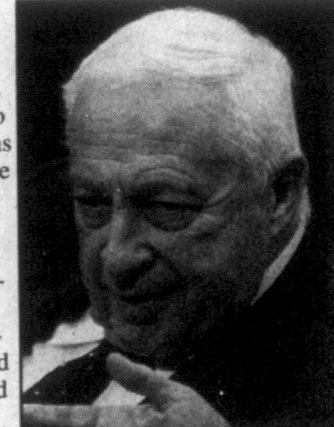
Now, President George W. Bush has made a new commitment to Israel. The depth of the problem is revealed in a new study by the Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace, which has been examining what the next generation of Egyptian children are learning about Israel. In Egypt's regular and religious educational system, the books celebrate jihad, or Islamic war, and exalt those who die in the fight against "non-believers." The center says jihad is described in military terms, not as a spiritual endeavor as so many Muslim leaders claim.

"Jihad is encouraged and those who refrain from taking part in it are denounced," says the report. This is in a country that has a formal peace treaty with Israel and whose president, Hosni Mubarak, recently visited with Bush at his Texas ranch and is referred to as a "moderate" and friend of America.

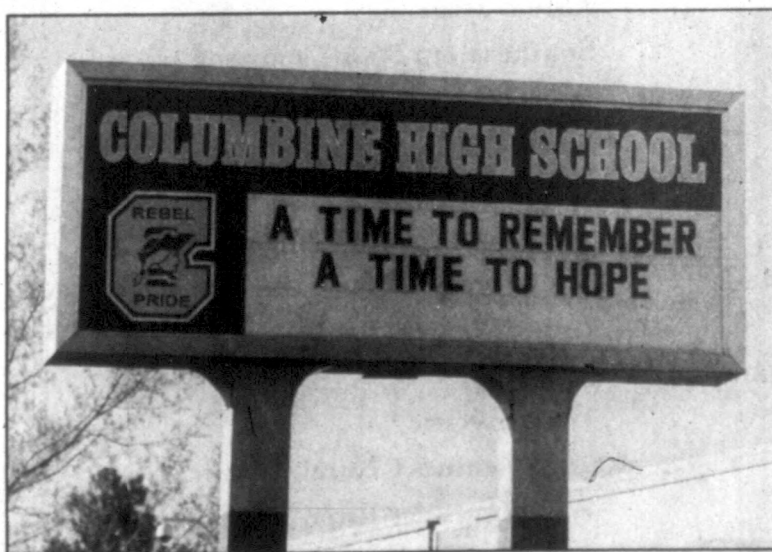
Sharon's pronouncements sound good, and the strategy might work. But the Palestinian track record should warn Sharon not to bet his ranch on it.



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist



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Obituaries

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Tony Lynn Carr

Tony Lynn Carr, 38, Cook Store Trail, Murray, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at 3:04 p.m. in a traffic accident in Steelville, Mo.

William Wilson

William Wilson, 73, Minerva Drive, Murray, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at 7:20 a.m. at Select Specialty Hospital, Evansville, Ind.

He retired as vice president and general manager of Hannah Marine Barge Line Co. After retirement, he worked part time at St. Leo Catholic Church, Murray, where he was a member. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict.

Born Jan. 16, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minn., he was the son of the late Wesley Wilson and Ruth Ward Wilson.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sonia Wilson; two daughters, Mrs. Sandy Schumacher, Fargo, N.D., and Mrs. Debbie Coffman, Little Falls, Minn.; two sons, Eddie Wilson, New Mexico, and Billy Wilson, Woodridge, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Ms. Donna Wasowicz, Oaklawn, Ill., and Mrs. Debbie Carrington, Burbank, Ill.; three stepsons, Michael Wasowicz, Murray, Tom Kozeluh, Darien, Ill., and Larry Kozeluh, Oaklawn, Ill.; one brother, Sam Wilson and wife, Marie, Prineville, Ore.; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

The funeral mass will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church, Murray. Fr. Ray Goetz will officiate. Burial rites will be Friday at Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, Ill.

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

Mrs. Edna Mae Lamb

Paid obituary

The funeral for Mrs. Edna Mae Lamb is today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Alan Martin, Jeremiah Tatum and Bryan Dill will officiate. Singing is by singers from New Providence Church of Christ with Bobby C. Stubblefield officiating.

Pallbearers are Josh Smith, Damon Pea, Justin Lamb, Dewayne Price, Camron Cottingham and Ben Lamb. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Lamb, 83, Calvin Wilson Road, Hazel, New Providence community, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at her home. Her death followed an illness.

A member of New Providence Church of Christ, she worked in sales at Ryan's Shoe Store, Murray, for 10 years.

Born May 25, 1920, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Hardin Giles and Bessie Adams Giles. One brother, Romual Giles, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Odell Lamb; one daughter, Mrs. Kay Ehrhardt and husband, Allen, Benton; two sons, Bobby Smith and wife, Peggy, New Providence community, and Danny Lamb and wife, Sue Ellen, Versailles; one sister, Mrs. Joann Eldridge and husband, Cotton, Murray; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Faye Coles

Mrs. Faye Coles, 83, Hazel, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 8:55 a.m. at West View Nursing Home.

She was a member of Hazel United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Hubert Coles, and one brother, Clifford Brandon, both preceded her in death. Born Oct. 7, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Roy Brandon and Grace Myers Brandon.

Survivors include one son, Reggie Coles and wife, Nyoka, Paris, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Leta Ray and husband, Gene, Calvert City; three grandchildren, Melissa Bowen and husband, Billy, Waylon Rushing and wife, Kristie, and Regina Coles; seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Mrs. Velma Austin

Mrs. Velma Austin, 89, East 19th Street, Benton, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at 10:20 p.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

A homemaker, she was a member of Benton Church of Christ.

Her husband, Marshall Austin, three sisters and two brothers all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Poplin Darnell and Eva Trimble Darnell.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jane Poe, and one son, Jerry Austin, both of Benton; three sisters, Mrs. Artelle Darnall, Murray, Mrs. Avonell Starks, Hardin, and Mrs. Deiza Haymes, Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, Charles Darnell, Benton; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. David Hendrickson and Gene Gilliland will officiate. Burial will follow in the Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 1 p.m. today (Wednesday). Expressions of sympathy may be made to Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries, 2350 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, Ky., 42101-4098.

Amber Godfrey

Amber C. Godfrey, 22, Fulton, a nursing student at Murray State University, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

She was a member of Job's Daughters and the National Honor Society.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Katherine Godfrey, Fulton; her father, Mark Godfrey, and stepmother, Sara Godfrey, Maplewood, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Kelly Gunderson, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; three brothers, Mark Godfrey II, Fulton, and Colin Godfrey and Austin Godfrey, both of Maplewood; grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Godfrey, Maple Grove, Minn.

The funeral was April 14 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, St. Paul, Minn. Burial was in the St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery, St. Paul.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 1, at 1 p.m. at South Fulton Baptist Church, South Fulton, Tenn. Bro. Ron Cox will officiate.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lakeview Memorial Hospital, 927 Churchill St., W., Stillwater, Minn., 55082.



Austin



Godfrey

Illinois tornado collapses buildings, killing four, more damage elsewhere

UTICA, Ill. (AP) — A tornado-laden storm plowed through north-central Illinois, flattening or damaging dozens of buildings, including a restaurant where at least three people were killed.

Three bodies were found Wednesday in the basement of the Milestone Tap, a two-story building that collapsed in downtown Utica during Tuesday's storm, said coroner Jody Bernard.

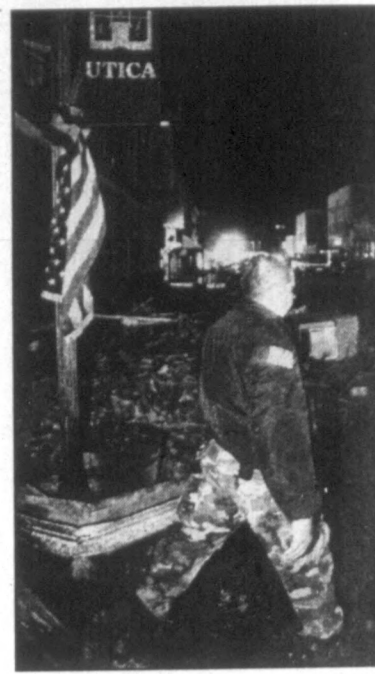
She said there could be more fatalities or survivors as search and rescue efforts continued.

Early Wednesday, Sheriff Tom Templeton said firefighters had communicated with people in the basement of the building that held Milestone Tap and an apartment. He said those people had all been rescued and hospitalized.

Templeton said there had been no communication from anyone else in the building since. He said he didn't know the conditions of those who had been rescued.

"It's been quite a devastating night for the whole area," he said.

State officials said Tuesday night's storm was responsible for at least four deaths in and around this community of about 1,000 residents some 90 miles southwest of Chicago. A cause for the fourth death was not given.



AP Photo

A rescue worker walks past a damaged building in downtown Utica, Ill., Tuesday after a tornado touched down earlier in the day.

idents some 90 miles southwest of Chicago. A cause for the fourth death was not given.

MSU grad manages satellite launch to test Einstein predictions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA launched into orbit Tuesday a \$750 million satellite conceived during the Eisenhower administration to test two of Albert Einstein's fundamental predictions about the universe.

The Gravity Probe B satellite blasted off from an oceanside pad at Vandenberg Air Force Base aboard a Delta II rocket. The satellite separated from the rocket 75 minutes later and began its 18-month mission, officials said.

The launch of the 6,800-pound, Lockheed Martin Corp.-built spacecraft marked the end of the longest development period of any mission in the history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Scientists first proposed what became Gravity Probe B in 1959, a year after the launch of the

first American satellite and the creation of NASA. Over the decades, it weathered more than a half-dozen attempts at cancellation amid concerns over cost overruns and technical hurdles.

The Earth-orbiting satellite was built to test elements of Einstein's theory of general relativity — namely, predictions about the nature of space and time, and how the rotating Earth warps and twists the fabric that combines the two.

The mission is widely expected to prove Einstein right, producing what one NASA official called a "ho-hum" result.

Scientists at Stanford University designed the spacecraft around four spheres of quartz the size of ping-pong balls. They are the most perfect spheres ever made. Theory predicts that by lin-

ing up the satellite in space with a distant star and setting the balls spinning, their alignment should shift off kilter in small but measurable amounts in response to the mass and rotation of the Earth.

Einstein proposed in 1916 that space and time form a fabric that can be curved by the presence of the Earth and other large celestial bodies. The curving warps the fabric like the depression a gymnast creates by standing on a trampoline.

Gravity Probe A was a separate mission, launched in 1976, that looked at the warping of time.

Murray State graduate Rex Gevedan, deputy director of NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center Science Directorate in Huntsville, Ala., was the acting program manager for the launch.

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Honor Roll

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NINTH GRADE

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All As and Bs
Bryce J. Babb, Candice L. Belcher, Jacob Bryan, Chase T. Chadwick, Mary E. Coleman, April D. Cooper, Adam C. Crawford, Jennifer R. Driskill, Kelsey L. Dublin, Hannah R. Duncan, Nicole L. Edwards, Mallorie K. Esterlein, Clint E. Forth.

Megan A. Futrell, Megan E. Futrell, Timmy S. Gal, Julie K. Gingles, Jerrod A. Henson, Stephen L. Hill, Nicole Hudson, Leanna S. Linn, Landon C. Lockhart, Jordan A. Lowe, Zachary C. Martin, Dara N. Mason, Heather L. Mathis.

Amber M. McCallum, Christopher F. Mora, Brennan L. Parker, Jordan R. Patterson, Wesley P. Perry, Brandon R. Phillips, Samantha K. Phillips, Jonathan S. Ramirez-Higgins.

Beth A. Ross, Zachary E. Rudolph, Rachel N. Rushing, Michelle L. Schroader, Kayla B. Simmons, Colby W. Starks, Jacquelynne L. Thomas, Barkley C. Tucker, Haley R. White, Nathia D. Whiteley, and Whitney N. Wicker.

FUN & FASHION

By D.K. Kelley



With Spring finally here, this season has some of the best styles in a long time. Feminine dresses, lively prints, sheer fabrics and accessories in a multitude of colors make dressing easy.

This season more flattering body styles offer a change from so many straight sheaths of the past. With the whimsical inspired look of the 50's, we see grace reminiscent of the old Hollywood glamour.

Chiffon in florals and sherbet colors are flattering to everyone.

The Hawaiian prints with their exotic colors showcase hibiscus, palms and tropical blooms. Hemlines this season are just above the knee to just below it. Occasionally, they will have a scalloped or handkerchief-edge, or to the ankle for a flowing look.

Halter tops and spaghetti straps are all the rage, however, if you work in a conservative atmosphere, a cardigan is the perfect cover up.

Some of this seasons "must have" accessories are the brightly colored handbags, especially the ones with lots of hardware. These copycat some of the designer bags.

Ribbon belts with everything from jeans to capris are very eye-catching.

Thongs or flip flops in assorted colors with beading and thick soles are a big hit this season, too.

Fun sandals are a must with all the wonderful colors this spring.

The flowers, stripes and graphic prints really livens up your wardrobe. It does take a little skill to mix these. Team a large pattern with a small pattern - but only in the same color family.

It's safer and more eye appealing to mix textures rather than too much pattern together.

Don't forget to wear pearls in all colors, colorful cocktail rings and lots of bangles. Large earrings in chandelier and hoops are key items, too.

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10TH GRADE

All As
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All As and Bs
Evan P. McDaniel, Jessica A. Miller, Kristen L. Parks, David B. Robertson, Will T. Sampson, Sarah J. Schumaker, Jennifer K. Scott, Michael Simmons, Jamie B. Smith, Heath R. Towery, Whitney P. Watkins, Brett Welter, Christy L. Westphal, Dustin A. Wilson and Mindy D. Wright.

All As and Bs
Christine R. Bidwell, Katie L. Bogard, Marcy L. Boggess, Ralph W. Byerly, Joshua M. Byrne, Emily N. Carraway, Matthew Todd Chadwick, Brittany L. Collins, Heather R. Collins, Sean T. Conner, Trent J. Cossey, Bryan E. Craig, Marci E. Crittendon, Tanya Sue Cronkhite, Andrea R. Crouch, Joshua W. Davidson, Jessica B. Dial, Casey Dougherty, Kelsey N. Duncan, Courtney L. Dunevant, Brandon J. Eldridge, Jamie L. Eldridge, Hugh W. Falwell, Chris R. Fike, Allen M. Flood, Tiffany Marie Gatewood, Steven G. Hart, Ashley N. Henson.

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11TH GRADE
All As
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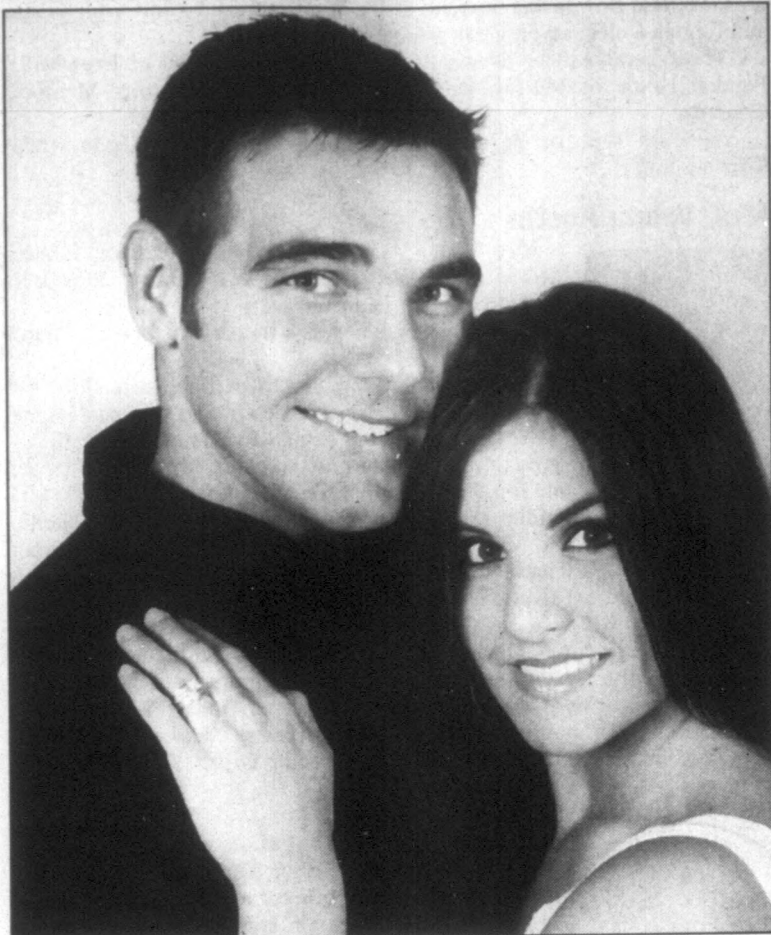
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Daniel and Mitzi Clark of Benton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley Danielle Clark, to Douglas Brent Underhill, son of Jeff and Jan Cooper and Doug and Cindy Underhill, all of Murray.

Miss Clark is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Patsy Dunnigan of Paducah and Johnny and Janice Clark and Johnny and Linda Walker, all of Benton. She is the great-granddaughter of Lucille Dunnigan of Benton and Marge Powell of Gilbertsville.

Mr. Underhill is the grandson of Jerry and Helen Maness of Dexter, Franklin D. Elkins of Hardin, and the late George and Juanita Underhill.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Marshall County High School and a middle school education major at Murray State University. The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Murray High School and a 2003 graduate of Murray State University with a degree in business administration. He is an alumnus of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is employed at Cingular Wireless of Murray.

A private wedding ceremony will be Saturday, May 22, 2004.

Creative Arts Department



Photos provided
Ann Uddberg, side photo, presented a demonstration of Easter eggs at the March meeting of the Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club. Hostesses were, top photo, from left, Linda Cooper, Joetta Kelly, Susanne Doyle, Beverly Wyatt and Paula Crouch. The department will have a brunch on Monday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Freda Steely.



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During the month of May a subscription to Sports Illustrated or Sports Illustrated for Kids can go to help the YMCA of Murray and Calloway County. The sports magazine is offering a special of \$10 for a 6-month subscription during May where 100 percent of the amount will go to the local YMCA here. The offer is for new subscriptions or renewals, but is only offered through Internet at www.si.com/supportmyymca.com. For more information, call the Y at 759-9622.

Parent rep election is Thursday

The Calloway County Middle School Site-Based Decision Making Council Parent Representative election will be Thursday at CCMS. Voting will take place from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the school office, and from 3:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Nominees are Joetta Kelly and Cindy Outland. Any parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the middle school for the 2004-05 school year is eligible to vote.

Arts and Humanities Night Thursday

Arts and Humanities Night will be Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Murray Middle School auditorium. The public is urged to attend.

Clothes Closet will be open Thursday

Dexter Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open on Thursday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church in Dexter. Featured are infants to adult clothes which are free to those needing them. For information call Linda Young at 437-4890.

Transition Night scheduled at CCMS

Calloway County Middle School will have Transition Night for current 5th Grade students and parents on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Light of Hope Banquet on Thursday

The annual Light of Hope Banquet will be Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House. The event is a fundraiser for CASA and focal point of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Tickets are \$12.50 each and can be obtained at the CASA office, 767-0064, Calloway Family Resource Center, 762-7333, or from any CASA board member by Tuesday, April 20. Judge Jeanne Carroll will be the featured speaker. The drawing for the CASA playhouse will also be held. The playhouse is on display on the courthouse and tickets are available from several downtown merchants.

Magazine Club will meet Thursday

Murray Magazine Club will meet Thursday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at Dumlpin's with Mrs. David Groves as hostess.

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer glaucoma screenings, blood pressure and pulse checks at its stop on Thursday, April 22, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Office Depot, Murray. For information call 762-1348.

Compassionate Friends will meet Thursday

Compassionate Friends will meet Thursday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room #1 of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. This is for any parent who has lost a child or young adult through death. For information call MCCH Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274 or Hilda Bennett at 498-8324.

CCHS Alumni plan promotion

The Alumni and Associates of Calloway County High School will have a rebate night at Mr. Gatti's Thursday, April 22, from 5 p.m. to close. There is a 25-person minimum so all alumni are urged to bring families and support the associates. Proceeds are used for scholarships and other ways to enhance the educational programs at the high school.

Local NARFE to meet Friday

Murray/Kentucky Lake Chapter 0853 of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Friday at noon at Holmes Family Restaurant in Murray. Mayor Tom Rushing is the speaker.

Poetry, essay contest entries sought

The Senior Citizens Center will continue to accept Poetry and Essay Contest entries until noon Friday. The theme is "Aging Well, Living Well." For guidelines, call Teri at 753-0929. Winners will be announced April 30, and all writings will be displayed at the Center during May.

Methodist men's ham breakfast Saturday

The Annual United Methodist Men's Ham Breakfast will be Saturday at Olive Methodist's Activity Building from 6-10 a.m. The event is hosted by Olive and Palestine, Russel Chapel Methodist churches. There is no charge but donations will be accepted to help the community and those with special needs.

WOW youth event set for Saturday

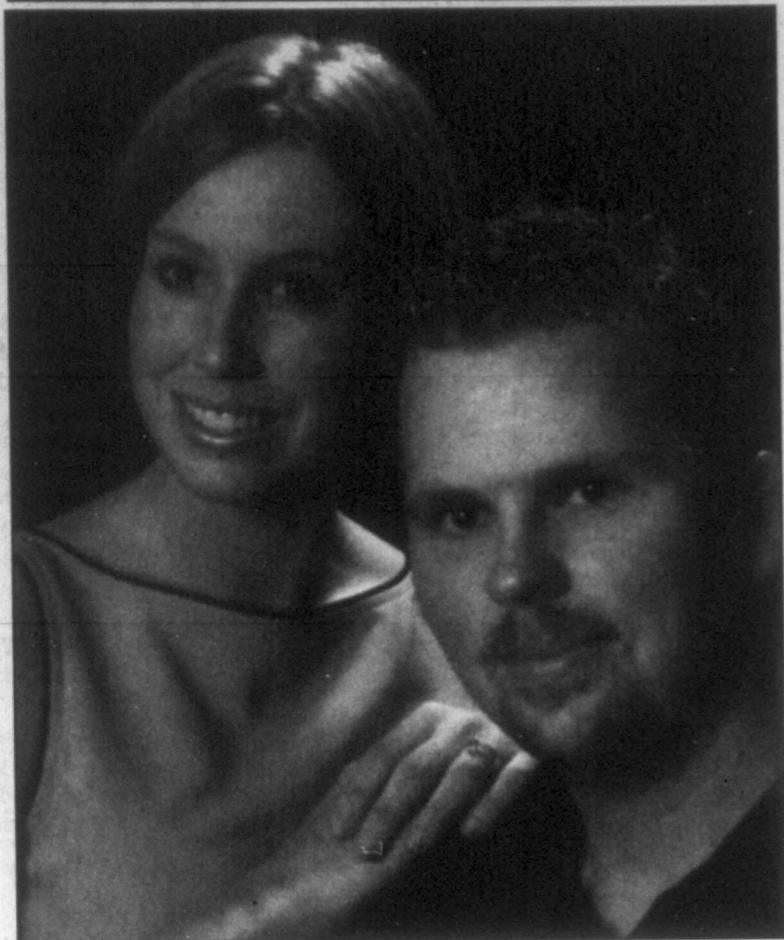
A youth event for Woodmen of the World is Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at the Paducah Athletic Club on Lebanon Church Road in Paducah. Parents or responsible adults must be present. Snacks will be available. For more information, call 270-554-2582.

MMS Council parent members on ballots

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will vote on parent members for the council for 2004-2005 school year. Ballots will be available in the school office through Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Persons will be able to vote on April 22 during Arts & Humanities Night. All parents of children attending MMS during the 2004-2205 school year are urged to vote.

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Engagement



Cates and Amis

Hal Cates of Paducah and Theresa Cates of Murray announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kayla Renee Cates, to Kerry Don Amis, son of Don and Ginger Amis of Cadiz.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Kenneth and JoAnn Alderdice and Vernon and Sue Cates, all of Sedalia.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Roy Amis and the late Cynthia Amis and the late Thomas and Thelma Gault, all of Paducah.

Miss Cates is a graduate of Paducah Community College and is now employed by Perkins Motor Plex of Mayfield.

Mr. Amis is a graduate of Murray State University where he was active in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is employed by Safety Training and Environmental Protection of Murray.

The wedding will be Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 7 p.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House, Murray.

All relatives and friends are invited. Only out-of-town invitations will be sent.

Educational events offered by Health & Wellness Center

The Center for Health & Wellness will be offering several educational events during the month of May for Center for Health & Wellness members as well as the community.

Research is growing to support the importance of "mothering" for children and society. On May 7 from 11:30 a.m. to noon, Bobbie Weatherly, PhD, will discuss the challenges and issues associated with motherhood in her educational session, "Mother Matters."

Shirley Jackson, a respected quilter and member of the Center for Health & Wellness, will teach "Sewing with Shirley" on May 8 and June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Center for Health & Wellness Classroom. Shirley will provide instruction and a hands-on "make and take" format for those who participate. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. Class size is limited to 10 participants and the cost is \$30. Center for Health & Wellness members receive a 25 percent discount. Pre-registration is required for the class at 762-

1348.

On May 10 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the Center for Health & Wellness, Jane Bright, RN, will be presenting an educational session focusing on Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness month called "Skin Cancer: The Complete Story." Those attending will learn about the three main layers of skin, the impact of the sun on your skin, who's at risk for developing skin cancer, the types of skin cancer and treatments, how to do a skin self exam, how to protect your skin from the sun, as well as sun safety and alternative tanning techniques.

On May 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Adam Blalock, exercise specialist, CSCS, personal trainer, will lead a new maintenance group of Weight Matters at the Center for Health & Wellness. This class is open to those who have completed Winning by Losing or have received nutritional counseling with a dietitian or met with an exercise specialist. The cost is \$75

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The Postal Service is governed by the Architectural Barriers Act

The Postal Service is governed by the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA). The Act requires accessibility standards for all buildings and facilities constructed or altered by or on behalf of the United States, leased in whole or part by the United States, or financed by the United States after Aug. 12, 1969.



Greetings from Dexter

By Peggy Smith
Dexter Postmaster

Postal facilities purchased and/or occupied or altered prior to 1968 predate the ABA and, therefore, do not fall within the purview of the Act. Projects for this category of facilities are based on a number of factors, including customer need, alternative services available, and economic feasibility. Owned facilities purchased since 1968 and

leased facilities leased since 1986 must comply with the relevant accessibility standards prior to occupation.

The Postal Service also falls within the purview of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination with respect to access to services and programs. The Rehabilitation Act does not require physical access to a facility or building as the ABA does, but requires access to services and programs.

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Architectural Barriers Timeline are as follows:

1968 - ABA is passed; legislation becomes effective as of August 12, 1968. Postal Service interprets the ABA as applying only to owned facilities. All facilities purchased after this date must be made accessible before occupation to standards current at the time of purchase.

1986 - Judicial decision in

Rose v. United States Postal Service is that facilities leased by the USPS fall within the ABA. The ABA applies to all facilities that were either leased or at which renewal options were utilized in the period after the implementation of the ABA.

The Postal Service implements an aggressive nationwide program to make all of its leased facilities (including those leased before implementation of the ABA) accessible to the handicapped.

1992 Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA does not apply to the federal government. The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability by public accommodations and requires places of public accommodation and commercial facilities to be designed, constructed, and altered in compliance with the accessibility standards established by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board).

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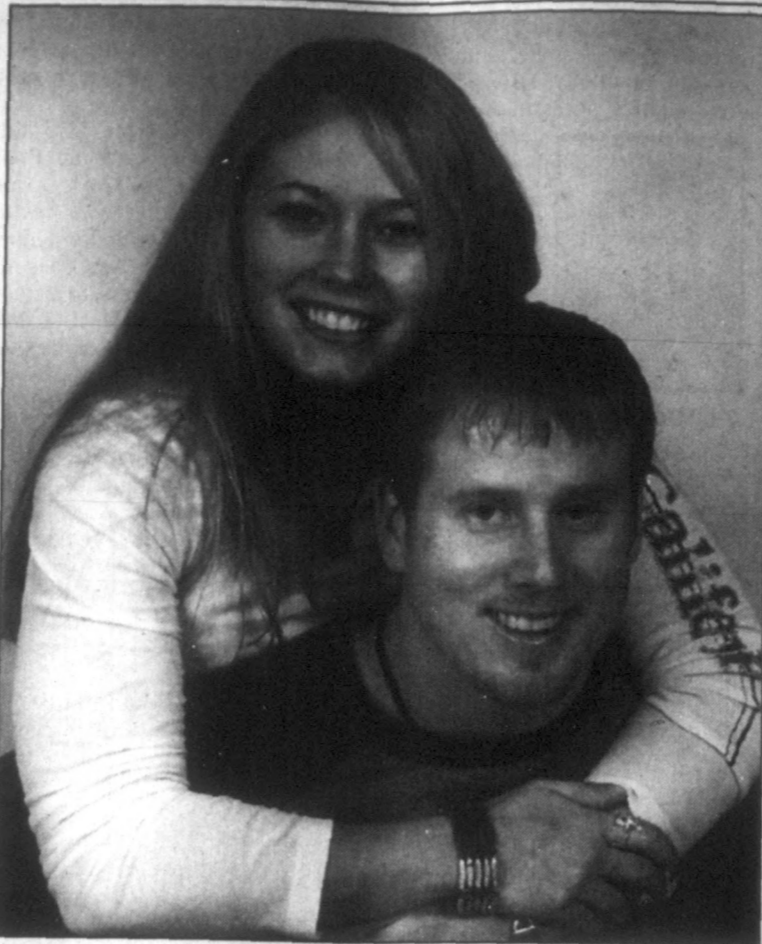
Security tips given



Photo provided

Murray Police Department officer, Michael Robinson, gave a presentation Saturday on residential and personal security tips to a group of residents of the Murray Housing Authority apartments. Officer Robinson was assisted by members of the Murray Police Explorers Post.

Engagement



Tapp and Shelton

Ms. Carolyn Holtz of Newburgh, Ind., and Jim Tapp of Evansville, Ind., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kara Megan Tapp, to Bradley Shawn Shelton, son of Ms. Beverly Shelton of Murray and Michael Shelton of Farmington. Miss Tapp is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walker of Newburgh, Ind.

Mr. Shelton is the grandson of Mrs. Hilda Jo Rogers and the late Glen Rogers of Murray and of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Shelton of Farmington.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Booneville High School, Booneville, Ind. She attended Murray State University and is presently employed at Briggs and Stratton.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Calloway County High School. He is presently attending Murray State University and is employed by Roberson Custom Built Homes.

The wedding will be Saturday, June 12, 2004, at 5 p.m. This will be an outdoor wedding at the home of the groom-elect's mother. In case of rain the wedding will be at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend. Only out-of-town invitations will be sent.

Honor roll ...

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Anderson, Elise N. Brittain, Rakeshia L. Burks, Sheila N. Chambers, Andrew E. Clark, Chelsea E. Cleaver, Kayla R. Cooper, Casey Darnell, Josh N. Dunn, Ashley B. Edwards, Kalya A. Fox, Jonathan D. Frederick, Gloria A. Fritz, Carla L. Fuentes, Jessica A. Garner, Leandra J. Hale, Jeremy R. Haley,

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Events ...

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For six monthly sessions and members receive their choice of a monthly meeting with Rebecca Wright, MS, RD, LD, or a personal trainer.

The Center for Diabetes will hold Diabetes Self-Management classes in May at the Center for Health & Wellness. The Diabetes Self-Management sessions will be May 12 and 13 and May 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration for these classes is required. Call 762-1806 to pre-register.

On May 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Center for Health & Wellness will host one of the most popular Red Cross courses available. Participants will learn to recognize and respond to emergencies including shock, cardiac and breathing emergencies for adults, children and infants, heat and cold emergencies, sudden illnesses and poisonings. Additionally, participants will learn first aid for everything from cuts and scrapes to muscle, bone, and joint injuries. Hands-on CPR training for

adults, infants, and children will be available and those who currently certified in Adult CPR will learn how to safely use an AED to provide care for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. The cost is \$40 and class space is limited. To register, call Holly Webb, executive director of the Calloway County chapter of the American Red Cross, at 753-1421 or stop by the Red Cross Office located on the second floor of the Weeks Community Center.

On May 17 from noon to 12:30 p.m., join Rebecca Wright, MS, RD, LD, for an educational session entitled "Eating for Healthy Aging." As the baby boomers enter the 21st century, the number of older American adults will grow steadily and it is important to know if the same amount of nutrients you took at age 20 is what you need as you reach the golden years.

For more information on programs at the Center for Health & Wellness, contact Allison Lancaster, health promotions coordinator at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, at 762-1348.

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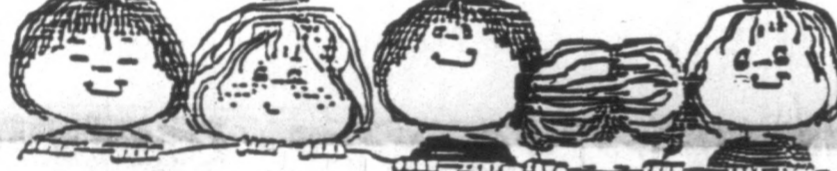
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The Murray Independent Schools and the Calloway County Schools will make sure any child or youth who has a disability, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided an appropriate public education at no cost to the parents of the child or youth.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the school districts find any infant, toddler, child or youth who may have a disability and need special education and related services. The districts need to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child or youth; the name, address, and phone of the parent or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if special education is needed. Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the school districts collect the information needed. The information the school districts collect will be used to contact the parents of the child or youth and find out if the child or youth needs to be evaluated or referred for special education services.

If you know of a child or youth who lives in Murray or Calloway County, may have a disability, and is not receiving needed services; bring, telephone, or send the information to the Director of Special Education in your respective district. Child Find activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts, Murray Independent Schools and Calloway County Schools will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children and youth in the districts to help locate those children and youth who have a disability and need special education.

Any information the districts collect through Child Find is maintained confidentially. Parents, guardians, or eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education related to perceived failures by the districts to comply with confidentiality requirements. The address is: Family Policy and Regulations Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202.

Written policies and procedures have been developed which describe MISD and CCSD's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and Child Find activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and at the Board of Education office. Copies describing these policies and procedures may be obtained by contacting the Director of Special Education at the Murray Independent Board of Education or the Calloway County Board of Education.

If you know of someone who

may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel or the Director of Special Education at (270) 753-4363 for Murray Independent Schools or (270) 762-7300 for Calloway County Schools.

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, written policies and procedures have been developed which describe each district's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information. Stated in this notice is a summary of your rights under the Act. These rights are passed or to the student at age eighteen. For the purpose of this notice, the student 18 years or older, will be referred to as the "eligible" student. Parents, guardians, and eligible students may review and inspect all education records relating to that student by making a request to the Principal of the school where that student attends.

The MISD and CCSD will presume that the parent has the authority to review and inspect records relating to their children unless the district has been advised in writing that the parent does not have legal authority under applicable state law governing such matters as guardianship, separation, and divorce.

Personally identifiable information is not released to another party unless there is written authorization from the parent or eligible student, or there is a "Legitimate Educational Interest" as defined in the policies and procedures for confidentiality. A current list of employees' names and positions who have access to personally identifiable information is on file in each school. The districts have described in its policies and procedures the conditions under which personally identifiable information is released to another person without written parental consent.

"Directory Information" is information contained in an educational record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This information may be released to news media, athletic organizations, scholarship or college entrance committees, or official organizations whose need for data is connected with student he activities. "Directory Information" includes, but is not limited to the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended.

The parent, guardian, or eligible student currently enrolled, may request all or part of the directory information be withheld. The request must be in writing to the Principal of your child's school, within 30 calendar days after this notification has been distributed. The written request must specifically state what information may not be classified as directory information.

In accordance with federal regulation concerning the release or transfer of educational records, it is the policy of each school district to forward education records on request to a school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Parents may obtain upon request a copy of the records transferred. The districts keep child and youth record in a secure computer system and in locked files in each school and central office.

Any parent or guardian of a student, or any eligible student, may challenge the content or accuracy of any material or entries in the student's educational records on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student. Requests to amend the records are submitted to the principal of your child's school.

For students who have been determined eligible for programs for children and youth with disabilities, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parent when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs and services.

The districts will destroy the educational records of a child or youth without a parent's request after the records have been maintained for a minimum period of seven years and are no longer needed to provide educational programs and services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may be later needed for Social Security purposes. The MISD and the CCSD retain for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grades completed, and year completed.

Children and youth determined eligible for special education include those children and youth with disabilities who have hearing impairments, vision impairments, emotional and behavioral disabilities, both deafness and blindness, health impairments, specific learning disabilities, mental disabilities, multiple disabilities, speech and/or language impairments, physical disabilities, autism or traumatic brain injuries, and who because of these impairments need specially designed instruction and related services.

Busy weekend includes Special Olympics Track & Field games here

FRANKFORT, Ky. - This weekend marks the busiest this year for the Special Olympics Kentucky track and field season. Five meets are scheduled this Saturday, April 24, including the Area 1 Spring Games at Calloway County High School.

The Area 1 meet includes nearly 100 athletes from Caldwell, Calloway, Crittenden, Graves, Hopkins, Livingston, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg Counties. The event gets underway with Opening Ceremonies, including the parade of athletes, at 9:15 a.m. The competition begins at 9:45.

The Area 1 Spring Games is one of nine regional track and field meets held statewide this year. In all, more than 1,500 athletes with mental disabilities throughout the state will participate in regional track and field competitions, making track and field the largest participation event in the Special Olympics program in Kentucky.

Participants in the Spring Games automatically qualify to compete in the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held June 4-6 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

For more information about the Area 1 Spring Games or about the Special Olympics track and field program, contact Special Olympics Kentucky Program Director Kim Satterwhite at 800-633-7403 or via e-mail

at ksatterwhite@soky.org. Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and competition for children and adults with mental disabilities. Participation is open to all individuals eight years of age or older. Training and competition in local, area, state, and national programs is offered year-round in Kentucky in 17 sports.

Glaucoma, osteoporosis screenings set for May

Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in the United States, with about 2 million people having some degree of visual loss from glaucoma. Osteoporosis is responsible for more than 1.5 million fractures annually in the United States including 300,000 hip fractures, 700,000 vertebral fractures and 250,000 wrist fractures.

To make these screenings more accessible to the community, the Center for Health & Wellness will be offering them monthly. The Center for Health & Wellness will offer the osteo heel scan and the

vision/glaucoma screening during the month of May. The screenings are free, but those participating in the screenings must make an appointment by calling the Center for Health & Wellness.

The screenings for March will be May 18 for the Osteo Heel Scan and May 25 for the Vision/Glaucoma screening from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to schedule an appointment for the screenings, contact Allison Lancaster, health promotions coordinator at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, at 762-1348.

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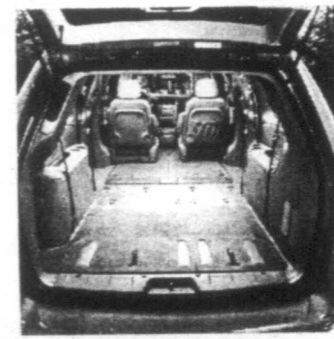
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. at 5138 US Hwy 641 S. Hazel, Kentucky 42049, in order to raise the sum of \$65,933.00 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$10,008.47 plus interest in the amount of \$7,972.04, as of December 11, 2003 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$13.0958 daily from December 11, 2003, until the date of Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount (Principal plus interest to the date of Judgment) at the rate of 1.23% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 5:03CV-115-J on the Paducah Docket of the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, entered on March 10, 2004, in the case of United States of America vs. Karen L. Hayes 1W/2 Karen L. Feagin, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and lot at 5138 US Hwy 641 S. Calloway County, Hazel, KY 42049.

Being the same property conveyed to Karen L. Feagin, by deed from Michael W. Bucy and wife, Dawn M. Bucy, dated January 24, 1998, and of record in Book 275, at Page 412, in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

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Inquiries should be directed to:

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Sports

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

sports@murrayledger.com

Calloway falls to Lone Oak

Tilghman too tough for Tigers

Junior Varsity Boys

Lone Oak 9, Calloway 0

Singles — Blake Holt def. Jon Black (C) 8-0, Curt Hate def. Josh Price (C) 8-1, Ryan Sloan def. Anthony Taylor (C) 8-1, Cameron Tillett def. Justin Bearsby (C) 8-0, Matt Presley def. Jeremy Cantrell (C) 8-0, Dallace Haneline def. Chris Conner (C) 8-4.

Doubles — Holt-Hate def. Taylor-Cantrell (C) 8-1, Sloan-Presley def. Black-Price (C) 8-5, Tillett-Haneline def. Bearsby-Josh Stewart (C) 8-1.

Girls

Paducah Tilghman 7, Murray High 2

(Friday, April 16)

Singles — Brooke Talley (M) def. Mallory Hely 8-6, Annie Brown def. Blair Lane (M) 6-4, 6-4, Meredith Durbin def. Ellen Hayman (M) 8-4, Katlin Cecil def. Leanne Hewlett (M) 8-1, Meredith Lortie def. Tricia Taylor (M) 8-4, Sara Chen def. Addie Griffo (M) 8-1.

Doubles — Lane-Griffo (M) def. Brown-McClure 8-6, Cecil-Durbin def. Hayman-Hewlett (M) 6-1, 6-3, Lortie-Hely def. Salley-Lane (M) 8-4.

Boys

Paducah Tilghman 6, Murray High 3

Singles — Jonathan Chapman (M) def. Ethan Rowtan 8-3, Josh Dunn (M) def. Mark Kaltenback 6-4, 6-3, David Kan def. Corey Purdue (M) 8-4, Will Pinkston def. Tucker Adams (M) 8-4, Tyner Demortier def. Stephen Parker (M) 8-2, Jacob Haley def. Derek Nance (M) 8-5.

Doubles — Adams-Chapman (M) def. Kan-Will P 8-3, Gillespie-Mark def. Dunn-Purdue (M) 8-2, Tyner-Jacob def. Parker-Nance (M) 8-3.

Fox fuels Lady Lakers in win

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Kalyn Fox dominated St. Mary hitters to the tune of 16 strikeouts and got more than enough support from her Calloway teammates offensively in a 5-0 Lady Laker victory Tuesday at CCHS.

Calloway County got all the runs it would need with two runs in the first inning. The Lady Lakers would tack on two more in the bottom of the second and a single run in the fifth to claim the win.

Whitney Hendon paced Calloway's six-hit attack with two doubles. Ashley Chadwick followed with a pair of singles. Fox and Chelsea Morris also had a base hit apiece. The Lady Lakers were aided by four St. Mary errors.

Fox allowed the Lady Vikings just three hits and walked no one in a full seven innings of work.

Lady Tigers roll into Region One championship game

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray High softball team put itself in prime position to capture some early-season hardware as it advanced to the First Region All "A" Classic championship game by beating Ballard Memorial 5-0 Tuesday in semifinal action.

The region championship game will be Friday at Murray High School against the winner of the

Carlisle County-Hickman County contest, scheduled for that evening at 5:30 p.m.

Kaci Carpenter threw a complete game no-hitter, striking out nine to improve her record to 9-2.

Meanwhile, Murray (11-2) scored four runs in the second inning. Christina Dunn singled up the middle, stole second and scored on a Rachel Williams single to

right field.

Williams finished the day 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. She was credited by Lady Tiger coach Patty Patterson as getting the scoring and hitting barrage started in the second inning.

Following Dunn's run, Breanna Volp walked and Megan Snow singled up the middle to score Williams. Volp scored on a passed ball.

"That was a big game for us, and I thought the girls played solid softball."

-Lady Tiger head coach Patty Patterson on the win against Ballard

The Lady Tigers plated one run in the fifth, when Jordan Huston doubled and Katie Wagoner sin-

gled to score Huston.

Patterson said this opportunity gives the Lady Tigers something on which to focus — the state All "A" Classic.

"We want to get to Louisville, that's our goal," she said. "We are really pleased with the way we played against Ballard. That was a big game for us, and I thought the girls played solid softball."

It's all downhill for Simmons

After 38 years at Murray State University, Margaret Simmons

retires and leaves behind a legacy that is illustrious

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

Margaret Simmons knows a thing or two about speed.

The long-time track and cross country coach at Murray State University retired from her post in 1991. And on Thursday, Simmons will retire as MSU's assistant athletic director for academics and senior women's administrator — positions she has held for the past 16 years.

After 38 years, it's time for Simmons to learn a thing or two about slowing down.

The Murray State athletics department is hosting a retirement reception for Simmons Thursday in the Racer Room at Roy Stewart Stadium. She will be honored from 2 to 4 p.m.

Simmons walks away from an illustrious legacy at Murray State, where she was inducted into the United States Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame at a December ceremony at the Joseph Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, N.C.

But Simmons' journey dates back to 1966, when she arrived in Murray and spearheaded the Racer track and women's tennis program. Three years later, she began the school's cross country program.

At the time, Simmons contacted Dr. Ralph Woods, to whom she sent a letter — a letter she still has to this day — and told him the university needed a track team and a women's tennis team.

"He sent me back \$600 and told me to split it," she remembered.

Simmons put her money to good use. And, to say the least, she reaped the rewards and benefits.

She led the Lady Racers to eight Ohio Valley Conference titles, was named OVC Coach of the Year six times and was recognized as Kentucky Women's Athletic Conference Coach of the Year on two



Amy Byassee, left, a junior and student worker for Margaret Simmons share in conversation outside of Roy Stewart Stadium Tuesday. On Thursday, Simmons is retiring from her post of Murray State's assistant athletic director for academics. Simmons has been with Murray State for over 38 years and will be missed according to current Racer A.D. E. W. Denninson.

occasions. In 1994, Simmons was inducted into the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Although, Simmons will be the first to admit that such accolades wouldn't have been accomplished without some unorthodox methods.

"I sent out letters to all the state champions in Kentucky, which we weren't allowed to do at the time," she said. "We weren't allowed to recruit. You couldn't do any recruiting like the men could, but I did it anyway."

As she's done so far in her life, Simmons is going to do things her own way, even in retirement. "I'm going to do whatever I want. That's my can dancer."

For someone who was in charge of other people's kids for so long as a coach and mentor, Simmons

said she wants to spend some quality time with her own children.

Both of Simmons' children live in Henderson. Her son Mark — known as "Tooter" while he was a manger for Rick Fisher's football teams and Cary Miller's basketball teams at Murray High School — works with parks and recreation.

Simmons wouldn't mind helping her son out with events planned for the children. Simmons' daughter, Mary Joe Yates, works in retail in Evansville.

Both of her children are Murray State graduates. A feather in Simmons' cap is that they both are working in jobs related to their degrees.

"Murray State has been good for them because they've ended up being what they prepared them

to do," she said.

In the same breath, Simmons has been just as good for the university. MSU Athletic Director E.W. Dennison spoke of the difficulty he faces to replace Simmons, but said he has always admired her desire and dedication.

"Margaret has always put the student-athlete first," he said. "She's worked more than her required number of hours. And the academic success of the student-athletes, in my mind, are what makes us stand out as a university."

"All of that is because of her hard work. She's going to be missed."

Still, the notion of a hammock-swinging and lemonade-sipping retirement isn't Simmons' cup of tea. She has entertained the thought of volunteering her time helping

local high schools with their track programs. She's also considered getting on the USA Track and Field circuit. She might even referee.

But nothing could compare to the crème de la crème for Simmons: "I'd like to ride one of those lawnmowers on campus, put on my headphones and just ride, ride, ride."

But when it comes down to it, Simmons just want to do something where's she not the one calling the shots.

"I just want to do something where I don't have to be the boss," she said. "I'm kind of at the point where I want someone to tell me what to do. But then I'll probably change my mind because sometimes being the boss is OK."

Lucky No. 7 for Bonds

By The Associated Press

Perhaps the San Francisco Giants should begin an advertising campaign telling everyone to come see Barry Bonds hit a homer.

Why not? It seems to happen every night.

Bonds — held homerless when he was intentionally walked as a pinch hitter last week — has connected in each of the last seven games in which he's had an at-bat.

How does Bonds do it when he gets so few chances?

"Talent," the six-time NL MVP said.

But he wasn't thrilled by his latest feat.

"It doesn't matter. We're losing," Bonds said.

The latest homer came in a 9-5 loss Tuesday night to the San Diego Padres, when Bonds moved within a game of the major league record of eight shared by Dale Long, Don Mattingly and Ken Griffey Jr. Baseball rules do not penalize Bonds for the intentional walk.

The homer was the 667th for Bonds, whose only remaining career targets are Babe Ruth's 714, and Hank Aaron's 755. Bonds leads the majors with nine home runs this season. The homer Tuesday night was a two-run shot in the fourth inning off

Brian Lawrence (2-1), who benefited from a season-high 15 hits by the Padres.

Bonds has hit eight homers during this seven-game stretch. Mattingly holds the major league record with nine in seven games in 1987. Bonds also had three bases on balls, including an intentional walk with the Giants trailing by two runs and first base open in the seventh.

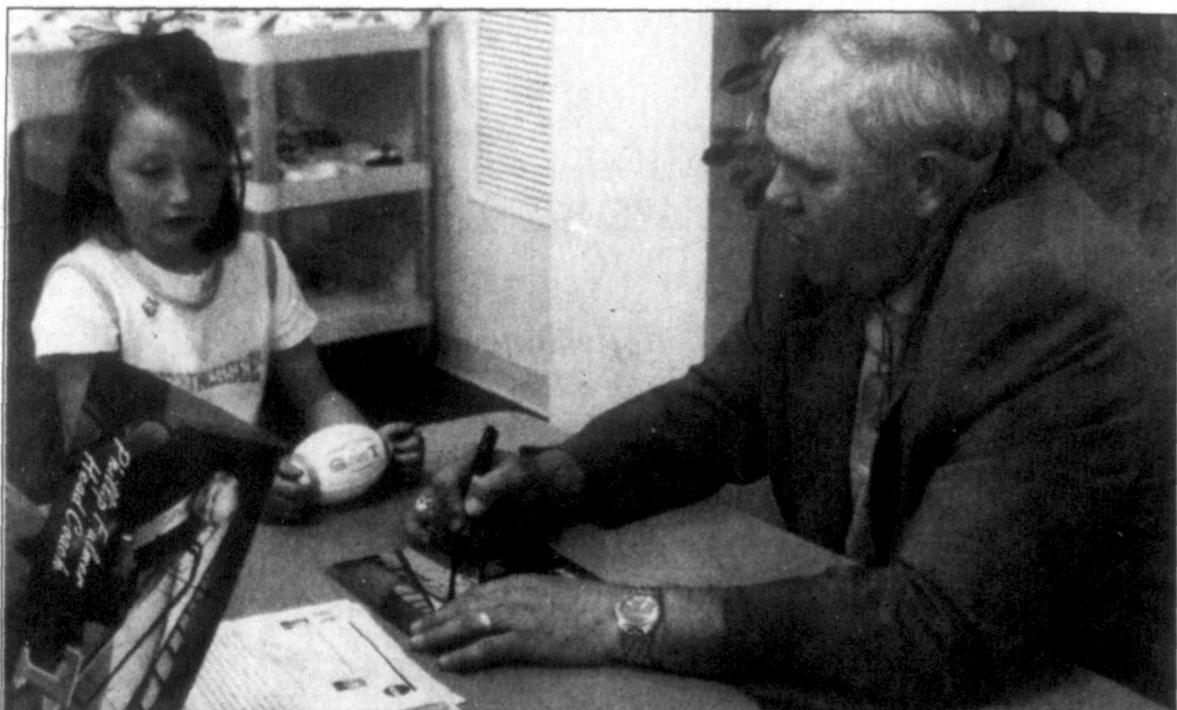
Before the game, manager Bruce Bochy said the Padres planned to pitch to Bonds in certain situations.

"You don't take the bat out completely out of his hand," Bochy said. "Fans pay a lot of money to watch him hit."

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Florida 3, Philadelphia 1; Montreal 2, New York 1; Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 2; Chicago 9, Pittsburgh 1; St. Louis 5, Houston 3, and Colorado 7, Los Angeles 1.

Brian Giles hit a two-run homer and Sean Burroughs had two doubles among his four hits and drove in two runs for San Diego, which beat Dustin Hermanson (1-1).

Despite the power surge by Bonds, who also leads the NL with a .514 average, the Giants have lost four of their last five games.



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times photo

University of Tennessee head football coach Phillip Fulmer signs a photograph for Murray's Carly Thomas Tuesday night in Paris, Tenn. Fulmer and other coaches and support personnel from UT were in Paris last night for the 2004 Big Orange Caravan.



The Murray Middle School girls' soccer team came in second place at the recent middle school tournament, held March 29-30 at Marshall County High School. Team members pictured include (front row, from left) Addie Rigsby, Morgan Steiner, Libby Trevathan, Carly Mathis, Sarah Crouch, Sara Darnell, Chloe Ersham, Callie Wilson, Whitney Evans, Ashley Jones, Morgan Graham, Laken Peal, Kelly Dibble, (back row) coach Jill Conder, Leslie Ann Gilson, Emily Benson, Jessica Smith, Nico Pannunzio, Alea Korte, Cammie Taylor, Nicole Edison, Hope Travis, Kristen Mikulcik and coach Lauren Bazzell.

Tigers tamed by Marshall County

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

DRAFFENVILLE, Ky. — A five-run third inning erased a 1-0 Murray High lead and lifted Marshall County to an 8-5 Fourth District baseball victory over the Tigers Tuesday afternoon.

Blake Bradley delivered the big blow in the third with a three-run single as the Marshals (6-4) went on to add another run in the fourth and two more in the sixth to secure the win.

Murray (3-3) scored first as Tim Masthay reached on a walk to start the game, stole second and later scored on a Marshall error.

Down 6-1 after four innings, the Tigers rallied for four runs in the top of the fifth to shave the Marshall advantage to just 6-5. Hugh Rollins' two-run single highlighted the frame.

But the Marshals effectively put the game away in the sixth with a pair of runs scoring on a wild pitch and a Dallas Harper single.

Antonio Kendall had a pair of doubles in three at-bats to lead the way.

Tim Masthay took the pitching loss, allowing three earned runs on five hits while striking out two and walking three in five innings of work.

Weather permitting, the Tigers were scheduled to play at Graves County this afternoon before traveling to Heath on Thursday.

Hoyas hire Thompson III

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Thompson III won't have to make a name for himself at Georgetown. "Pops" took care of that long ago.

Ready to take on the pressure of living up to the legacy of his Hall of Fame father, Thompson III was hired Tuesday to coach the Hoyas back to national prominence.

"I am John Thompson's son. I have been John Thompson's son for 38 years. I'm pretty comfortable being John Thompson's son,"

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St. Louis	7	7	.500	2	Arizona	4	9	.308	5
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	2 1/2					

Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 2
Montreal 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 3, Philadelphia 1
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 2
St. Louis 5, Houston 3
Colorado 7, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 9, San Francisco 5

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Mitre 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 2-1) at Houston (Redding 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 1-0) at Philadelphia (Milton 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 0-1) at Cincinnati (Harang 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 1-1) at Milwaukee (D.Davis 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Norme 2-1) at Colorado (Elarton 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 0-1) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-1), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 4, Toronto 2
Kansas City 15, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 6, Detroit 4
Seattle 2, Oakland 1
N.Y. Yankees 11, Chicago White Sox 8
Texas 6, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 1-0) at Toronto (Lilly 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Abbott 1-1) at Baltimore (Riley 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Afieldt 0-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Corneo 1-1) at Minnesota (Radke 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
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Where's Felix?

Adventurous rabbit inspires Southwest students

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Southwest Calloway Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Stacey McCuiston says she was more into math and science when she was that age.

She did not care much for social studies, but thanks to a rabbit named Felix and some ideas she developed surrounding him, her once strong dislike for the subject she now teaches has helped spawn a class project at SWES that is making her actually wish she could turn back the clock several years.

"It's been neat to watch the kids with this," said McCuiston, now in her 10th year at Southwest, of how her students have used the book, "Letters from Felix" in contacting people throughout the country in an attempt to receive responses that tell of the place those people live.

Students mail their contacts a homemade version of Felix, the rabbit who goes on an unexpectedly long journey around the world, and ask that he be photographed with those contacts as evidence that he was in their communities.

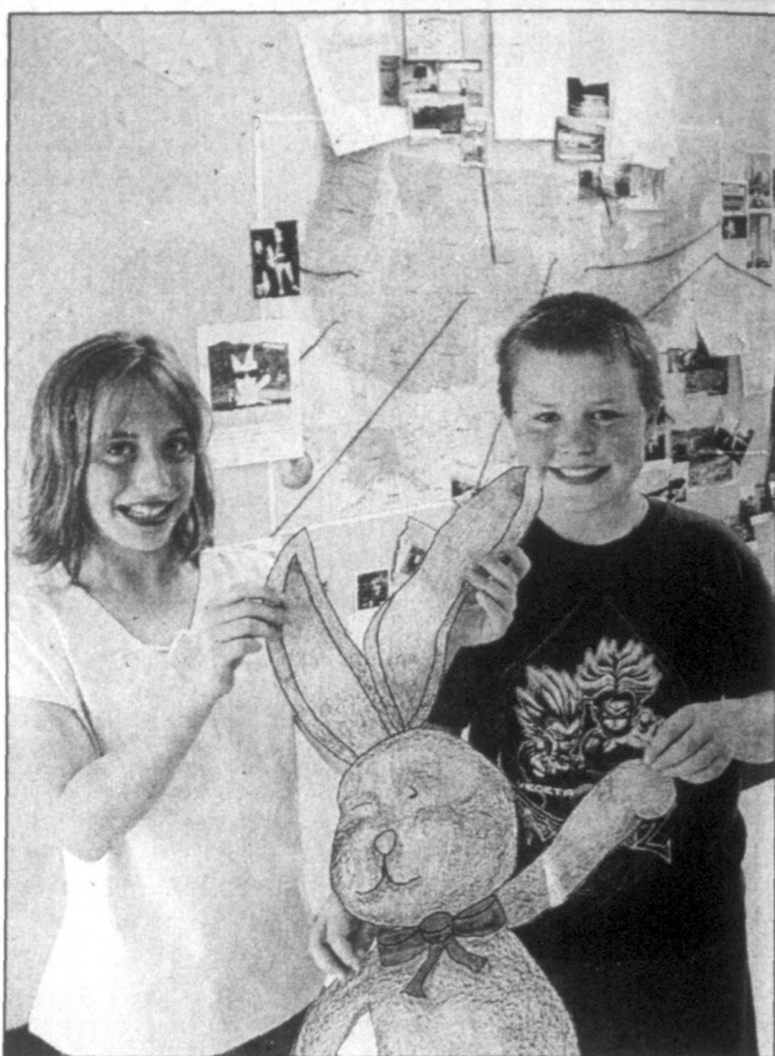
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"One of my friends attended an English teacher's conference and gave me the idea for it. In the story, we see that Felix gets lost in an airport, then goes all around the world, so we try to send him to all these places, and it's been really interesting because the kids have gotten."

McCuiston also said the project's timing adds to its learning quality. Fourth graders learn all 50 states and their capitals, so she felt this would be a way to make things more fun for her students.

"As you get older, you come to appreciate things. If I'd had something like this, I'm pretty sure I would've enjoyed it more," she said.

So far, it appears the students are enjoying it quite well. Responses from the contacts have included photographs showing them with Felix at places like Hollywood, Niagara Falls,



Southwest Calloway Elementary School students Cheyenne Maddox, left, and Josh Weber each support a homemade version of Felix the Rabbit, while standing in front of the display showing all the places where SWES fourth graders' Felixes have gone.

even the upper deck of Chicago's United Center during a game involving the Chicago Bulls.

One of the more unusual responses was had by student Josh Weber when he wrote his grandmother in Hastings, Neb. Along with a geography lesson, Weber and his classmates also learned a history lesson — also a goal of the project.

"Well, my teacher and other kids

in the class learned that Kool Aid came from there," said Weber of how Hastings is credited with the creation of the popular fruit-flavored beverage. "I've still got tons of stuff at home in some folder. I just decided to pick out the best to show the class. I couldn't show it all."

Felix apparently has also had some rather dangerous encounters. McCuiston said one student's version of the rabbit came back with just one arm. The contact, a person involved with a nationwide airline, said Felix managed to stick his arm out the window and had it ripped off.

"That's been one of the funny ones," McCuiston said, noting the project, being held for the second year but including other classes this time, does have a serious side. "All the kids have to do portfolios, so we're also trying to integrate social studies and language arts into that."

For student Cheyenne Maddox, it was only natural that she send her Felix to her aunt and uncle living in the appropriately named, Cheyenne, Colo. She said she already had heard a lot about the place her contacts call home and did want her classmates to know about it as well.

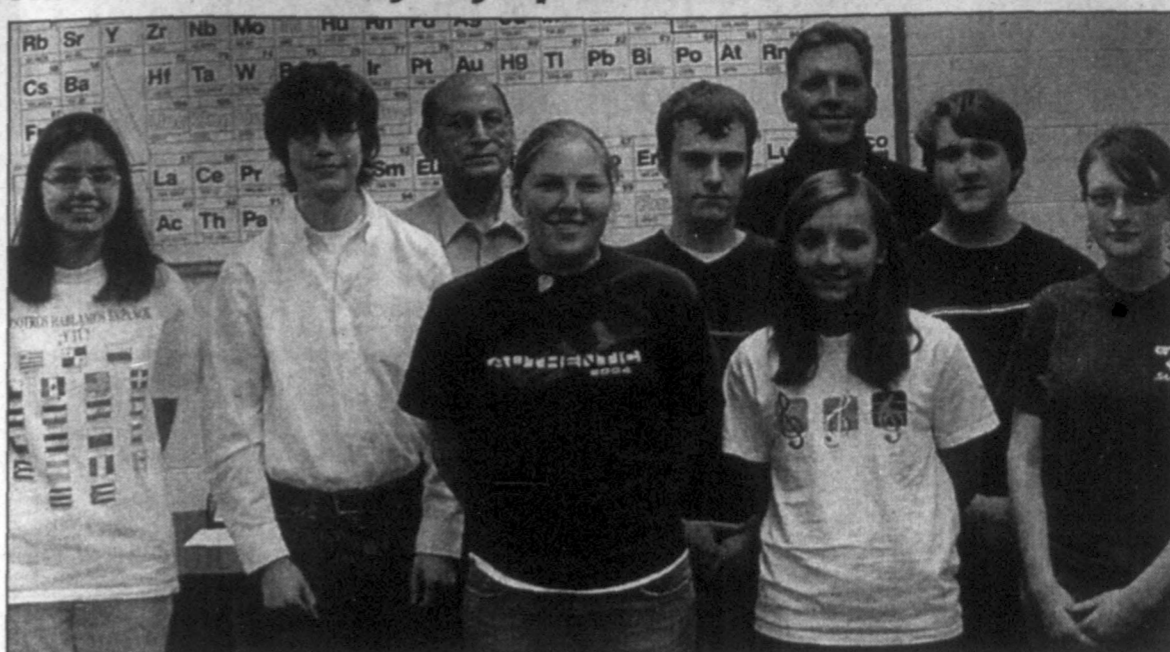
For her, though, while this was an actual "assignment," it did not seem like work.

"I really thought it would be kind of easy. We knew how to write (the letters) and everything, but we've seen a lot of cool places with this. It turned out to be a fun homework assignment," Maddox said.



This photograph contained in the SWES display shows one of the students' versions of Felix the Rabbit in the upper deck of the United Center in Chicago, Ill., during an NBA contest involving the host Chicago Bulls.

National Chemistry Olympiad Examination



Six students chosen by the Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society recently took the National Chemistry Olympiad Examination at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The exam included three parts: multiple choice, problem solving/explanations, and laboratory practical. The students are, left to right, Nandini Mehta and Michael Hammond of the University School of Jackson, Kentucky Lake Section's Chemistry Olympiad Coordinator Dr. S. K. Alree of UT Martin, Brittany Bradford of Chester County High School, James Locke of Calloway County High School, Jayda Erkal of Westview High School of Martin, Frank Bradford (parent) of Henderson, Jonathan Frederick of Calloway County High School, SAACS helper and laboratory preparator, Emily Bethart of UT Martin.

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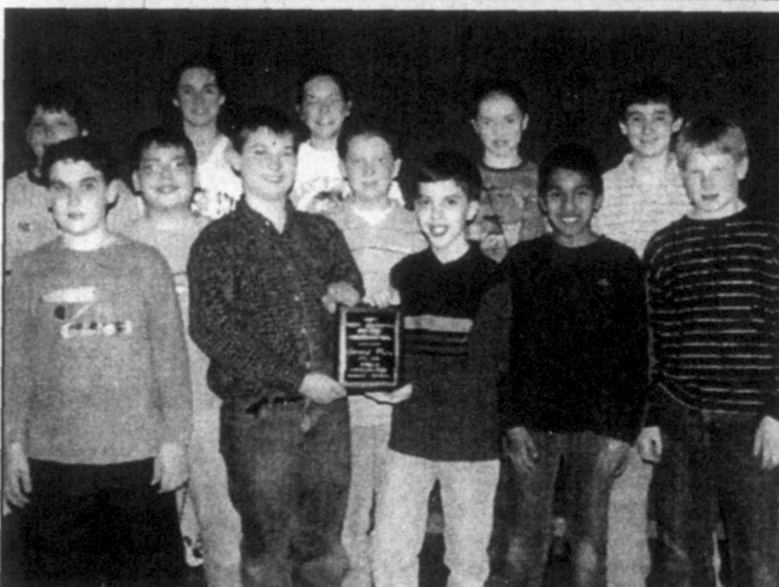
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MSU photo
High school and middle school students from around the region participated in the recent Murray State University History Day Competition. The MSU department of history hosted the event. Student teams representing area schools spent the morning taking an examination in either U.S. history or world civilization. Individual high scorers and team winners were announced after lunch. The Murray Middle School world civilization team placed second in scoring. Team members included Zach Buck, Nolan Jackson, Patrick Hughes, Caitlin Herrington, Jacob Bell, Nathan Watson, Grant Adams, Chariton Claywell, Sudan Loganathan, Dylan Benningfield, Betsy Runnels and Abby Dowdy.

Calloway High receives results from Latin contest

A total of twenty CCHS students recently competed in the National Latin Examination, a rigorous exam sponsored by the American Classical League. A list of winners follows: Level I - Jonathan Black - Magna Cum Laude certificate, Chris Miller - Cum Laude certificate, Crystal Eldridge - Cum Laude certificate; Level II - Kara McCoil - Silver Medal and Maxima Cum Laude certificate, David Robertson - Magna Cum Laude certificate, Josh Hodges - Magna Cum Laude certificate, Nicole Edwards - Cum Laude certificate, Eric George - Cum Laude certificate; Level III Prose - Benjamin Hart - Silver Medal and Maxima Cum Laude certificate, Mary Beth Broadbent - Silver Medal and Maxima Cum Laude certificate, Devon Winchester - Magna Cum Laude certificate

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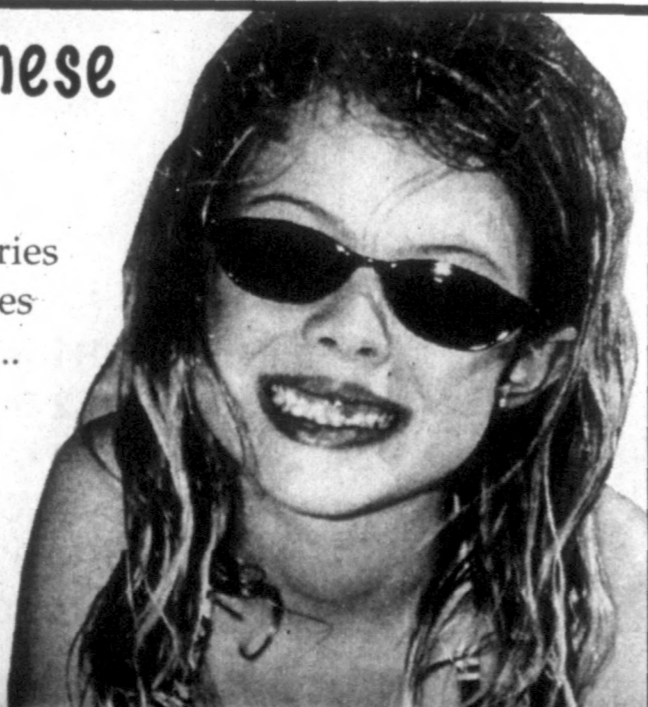
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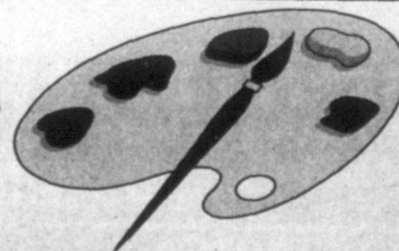
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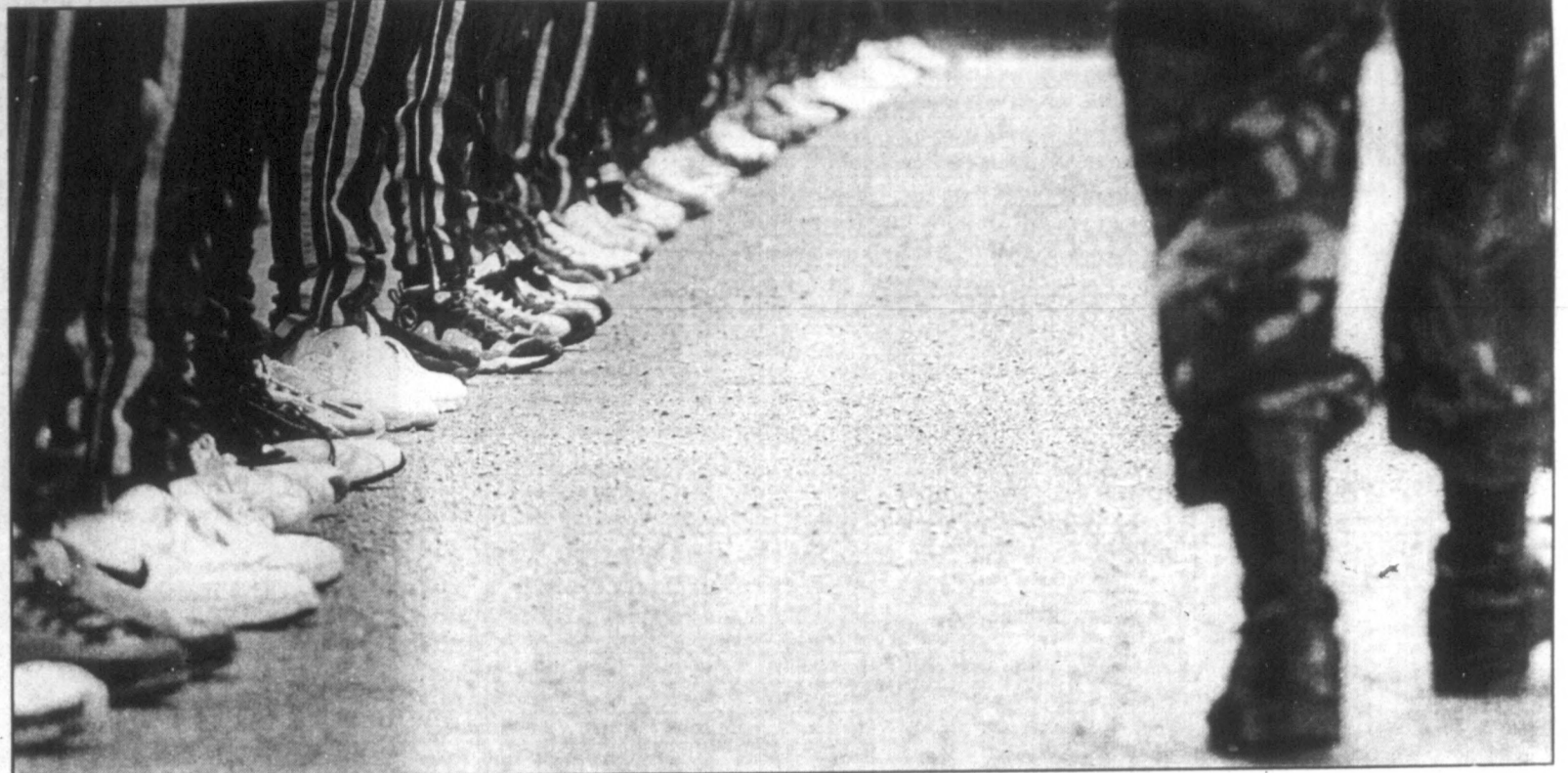
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Young member of Lewis and Clark Expedition became eccentric character

By BERRY CRAIG
For The Associated Press
MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) — "Peg-Leg" Shannon slipped through the cracks of Kentucky history. The youngest member of the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition became a controversial, headline-grabbing Kentucky judge. He was also a lawyer and lawmaker in the Bluegrass State and in Missouri, where Shannon County was named for him. "He is not very well-known in Kentucky," said Ron Bryant, Kentucky history specialist at the state historical society in Frankfort. "We don't have much about him." Even so, Capt. William Clark remembered Shannon as "one of the most active and useful men we had." He named a Western wilderness stream for the teenager Capt. Meriwether Lewis recruited from Maysville. "George 1/8his real name 3/8 Shannon became the most educated, the most accomplished, and even the most colorful" of the Kentucky volunteers with Lewis and Clark, explained archivist Carolyn S. Denton of Palm Beach, Fla., in "Nine Young Men From Kentucky," a little book mostly written by Louisville historian George H. Yater.

The Lewis and Clark expedition began in 1804, lasted until 1806 and covered 8,000 miles from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean and back. Lewis and Clark led about 40 explorers through the new Louisiana Purchase and beyond. Eleven of the men were Kentuckians — Clark, his slave, York, and nine soldiers. In 1807, Clark hired Shannon to escort a Mandan Indian chief to his home 1,600 miles back up the Missouri River. En route, Arikara Indians attacked the party. Shannon was shot in the leg, requiring amputation, according to Denton, an Owensboro native and former archivist at Transylvania University in Lexington. Fitted with a wooden peg leg, Shannon enrolled at Transylvania, apparently to study law. But he left for Philadelphia in 1810 to help Nicholas Biddle edit the journals of Lewis and Clark. Shannon returned to Lexington in 1812, became an attorney and got married. He served in the state House of Representatives in 1820-1823. Afterwards a circuit judge, he became embroiled in scandal in 1825. Shannon presided over the sensational murder and robbery trial of Isaac Desha, son of Gov. Joseph



AP Photo
A drill sergeant passes a row of recruits headed into their first day of military life at the Army National Guard complex in Marseilles, Ill. Dozens of newly enlisted privates, many of them high school juniors and seniors, attended the week-end-a-month boot camp that was launched this spring Illinois Army National Guard with hopes that an early taste of the military will help soldiers when basic training rolls around and trim the washout rate.

A HEAD START TO BASIC TRAINING

MARSEILLES, Ill. (AP) — The drill sergeant's stomach-twisting growl echoed through concrete barracks lined with baby-faced recruits on a weekend pass from high school. "I want you to move like someone's shooting at you — because someday they might," Sgt. James Locke barked, sending dozens of first-day soldiers scrambling past long, neat rows of cots and footlockers. The one-weekend-a-month, preboot camp was launched this spring by the Illinois Army National Guard, which is banking that an early taste of the military will help new recruits survive basic training and trim a washout rate that reached about 30 percent last year.

"It's designed to remove that fear of the unknown. When they get to basic training, they'll understand what their role is and not only pass, but become honor graduates," said Maj. Steven Rouse, an Army National Guard recruiter. Nearly 300 newly enlisted privates — many of them high school juniors and seniors committing to a six-year enlistment in exchange for a paid college education — got their first marching, weapons and physical training April 3-4 at the Army National Guard complex in Marseilles. "I was extremely nervous. I have to go to the bathroom right now, but I'm afraid to ask," Andrew Bittenbender, a 17-year-old junior, said during a hurried lunch on the

camp's first day. Keith Arvik, 17-year-old junior, said he liked his first day as a private, but wondered how many push-ups he'd have to do if he messed up. Others offered advice for avoiding the drill sergeants' wrath — just look straight ahead and shut up. Not everyone appreciated the orientation. "I just think the drill sergeants should cool it down. We're not in boot camp yet," said Cindy Aguilier, 17. In fact, during the two-day camp, the instructors were offering a slightly less-intense version of the discipline recruits will face for nine weeks when they're at an out-of-state Army base for basic training this summer.

Rouse said the experience is aimed at teaching recruits that drill sergeants are trying to build discipline and teamwork, not dish out abuse. "The biggest thing this will overcome is the mental aspect of it because that far outweighs the physical," said Rouse, a 19-year military veteran. Of 1,580 guardsmen recruited in Illinois last year, 465 dropped out. The program should help scale back those losses, said Lt. Col. Chris Lawson, commander of recruiting for the Illinois Army National Guard. The Army National Guard began

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Boot Camp ...

From Front

urging states to implement the program last summer after similar boot camps improved retention rates in Delaware, New Jersey and Nevada, Lawson said.

In Illinois, which averages about 2,000 new recruits annually, recruiting is up by about 100 soldiers so far this year, surprising because of the broad media coverage of casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan, Rouse said.

Youngest ...

From Front

Desha, in Cynthiana, the Harrison County seat. Shannon and the governor were friends and political allies.

"According to a Frankfort newspaper, George was burned in effigy in both Harrison and Bourbon counties," Denton wrote.

of gambling and strong drink. Denton quoted an old Missouri history book in which the author cited a novel proposition put to "Peg-Leg" and a compatriot by a third party.

The jury found young Desha guilty and sentenced him to hang. Shannon overturned the verdict and ordered a new trial, claiming the evidence didn't support the jury's decision.

Evidently to beat the political heat, Shannon migrated to Missouri. Despite the judge's tarnished reputation in Kentucky, President Andrew Jackson appointed him a U.S. attorney for the Show Me State.

"If either would do a particular act, and the other should fail to follow suit, the delinquent should treat the crowd," the author wrote. "Thereupon Shannon took off his wooden leg and threw it into the fire; and as the other one was not disposed to thus jeopardize a sound limb, he was forced to foot the bill."

Anti-Desha politicians and publishers charged political favoritism and angrily demanded Shannon's removal from the bench.

Shannon also served in the Missouri House and Senate before he died in Palmyra, Mo., in 1836. He was 49.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
 CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT
 Civil Action No. 03-CI-274

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MAYFIELD,

PLAINTIFF.

VS.,

NOTICE OF SALE

DWAYNE HALE; d/b/a HALE FARMS, JANICE HALE; HALE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., FEDERAL MATERIALS CO., INC. KENTUCKY REVENUE CABINET, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS, SEAY OIL COMPANY, RUDOLPH'S INC., FALDER'S INC., U.S. BANKCORP AG CREDIT, INC., f/k/a FDS AG CREDIT, INC., A Colorado Corporation, EASTERN LIVESTOCK COMPANY, LLC, CITY OF MURRAY, KENTUCKY, CALLOWAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of Order of Sale of the Calloway Circuit Court entered February 25, 2004, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Monday, the 26th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or thereabout, the following described properties located in Calloway County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows to wit:

SALE #1

COUNT I - North 16th Street, Murray, KY
TRACT I

Being a 0.597 acre panel of land as surveyed by Dennis W. Looper on January 29th, 2004 and being located on the west side of North 16th Street, and lies in the Murray community of Calloway County Kentucky.

And more particularly described as beginning at a found 1/2" iron pin and cap #1068, and lies in the west right-of-way line of North 16th Street (60.0' right-of-way). Said pin being the northeast corner of a tract belonging to Camp Oil Company DB. 479 PG 485, and being the southeast corner of the property herein described.

THENCE: North 85 deg. 18 min. 40 sec. West a distance of 249.56 feet, along the north line of Camp Oil Company tract to a found 1/2" dia. iron pin and cap #1068. Said pin being the northwest corner of the Camp Oil Company tract, and the northeast corner of a tract belonging to Jerry Lewis DB 302 PG 259.

THENCE: North 85 deg. 17 min. 32 sec. West a distance of 120.01 feet, along the north line of the Jerry Lewis tract to a found 1/2" dia. iron pin. Said pin being the northwest corner of the Jerry Lewis tract, and the northeast corner of the Jerry Lewis tract, and the northeast corner of a tract belonging to James Rice DB. 174 PG. 1157.

THENCE: North 85 deg. 31 min. 32 sec. West a distance of 26.12 feet, along the north line of the James Rice tract to a 1/2" dia. x 24" Ing steel pin and cap #3437 set. Said pin lines South 85 deg. 31 min. 32 sec. East a distance of 93.91 feet from a found 1/2" dia. iron pin at the northwest corner of the James Rice tract, and being the southeast corner of a tract belonging to Community National Bank DB. 493 PG. 303, and being the southwest corner of the tract herein described.

THENCE: North 00 deg. 24 min. 51 sec. East a distance of 66.00 feet, along the east line of the Community National Bank tract to a 1/2" dia. x 24" Ing steel pin and cap #3437 set. Said pin being the southwest corner of a tract belonging to Steven Nance DB. 151 PG. 1315, and the northwest corner of the tract herein described.

THENCE: South 85 deg. 18 min. 48 sec. East a distance of 395.13 feet, along the south line of the Steven Nance tract to a 1/2" dia. x 24" Ing steel pin and cap #3437 set. Said pin being the southeast corner of the Steven Nance tract, and lies in west right-of-way line of North 16th Street. Said pin being the northeast corner of the property herein described.

THENCE: South 00 deg. 04 min. 02 sec. East a distance of 66.00 feet, along the west right-of-way line of North 16th to the point of beginning.

And being part of the same property conveyed to Hale Development Company from Terry Workman by deed dated January 14, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 306, Page 582 in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

SALE #2

COUNT III
TRACT II - (Utterback Road):

16 1/2 acres off the West side of a 46 1/2 acre tract which is off of the South side of Lot No. 5 in the land of Joseph Bogard, deceased, in the N.W. and N.E. Quarters of Section 15, Township 2, Range 4 East, except a strip in the Southwest corner 150 feet North and South by 16 feet East and West which is reserved for a roadway.

Being the same property conveyed by deed from Paul W. Garland and wife, Vickie W. Garland, to Dwayne Hale, a married person, dated February 9, 1999 of record in Deed Book 308, Page 736 in the Office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the north line of Utterback Road, located 2606.40' east of the centerline of North 16th Street (Brinn Road), and being the southeast corner of Lot 2 and the southwest corner of Lot 1, described herein;

thence, with the east line of Lot 2, north 00° 22'38" west 300.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the northeast corner of Lot 2 and the northwest corner of Lot 1;

thence; north 86° 17'37" east 150.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the west line of the Wallace Jobe property (Deed Book 151, Card 458);

thence; with Jobes west line, south 00° 22'38" east 300.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar found in the North line of Utterback Road.

thence; 30' from and parallel to the centerline of Utterback Road, south 86° 17'37" west 150.00' to the point of beginning.

This tract contains 1.0313 acres, but is subject however to a 10' wide public utility easement across the front, adjacent to said Utterback Road.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the north line of Utterback Road, located 2606.40' east of the centerline of North 16th Street (Brinn Road), and being southwest corner of Lot 1, and the southeast corner of Lot 2, described herein;

thence; 30' from and parallel to the centerline of Utterback Road, south 86° 17'37" west 150.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the southwest corner of Lot 2;

thence; with the west line of Lot 2, north 00° 22'38" west 300.00' to 1/2" diameter rebar set, the northwest corner of Lot 2;

thence; north 86° 17'37" east 150.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the northwest corner of Lot 1;

thence, with the west line of Lot 1, south 00° 22'38" east 300.00' to the point of beginning.

This tract contains 1.0313 acres, but is subject however to a 10' wide public utility easement across the front, adjacent to said Utterback Road.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the north line of Utterback Road, located approximately 2356.4' east of the centerline of North 16th Street (Brinn Road), being the southwest corner of Lot 3 described herein;

thence, severing the lands of Dwayne Hale, north 00° 22'38" west 300.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the northwest corner of Lot 3;

thence, north 86° 17'37" east 100.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar found, the northwest corner of Lot 2 of shown by a minor subdivision plat of record in Plat Book 28, Page 90, Slide 2706;

thence, with the west line of Lot 2, south 00° 22'38" east 300.00' to a 1/2" diameter rebar found in the north line of Utterback Road;

thence, 25' from and parallel to the centerline of Utterback Road, south 86° 17'37" west 100.00' to the point of beginning;

This tract contains 0.6875 acres, but is subject however to any easement which may be of record.

SALE #3

COUNT III - (Backsburg Road)

PARCEL A:

Tract 5: A 7.415 acre tract of land as surveyed by Allgood Surveying Services of Murray, Kentucky, May, 1992, located on Highway 464, West of Brady Road, approximately 9 miles Northwest of the intersection of Twelfth and Main Streets in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the herein described tract of land and the Southwest corner of Tract 1 surveyed this date, said point being an existing iron pin 0.69± miles West of Brady Road and 30.00 feet North of the centerline of Highway 464; thence North 64° 41'24" West - 47.92 feet along the North side of Highway 464 to a point; the Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence North 04° 52'08" West - 2342.37 feet, generally along a fence to an existing fence post at the Northwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence North 88° 33'10" East - 208.99 feet, generally along a fence and with the Dwayne Hale South property line, Deed Book 176, Card 305, to a #4 rebar set at the Northeast corner of the herein described tract of land; thence South 04° 46'15" East - 1356.62 feet with the West side of Tract 3; surveyed this date to a #4 rebar set at the Southwest corner of the said Tract 3; thence South 88° 33'10" West - 164.40 feet with the North side of Tract 1 surveyed this date to an existing iron pin at the Northwest corner of the said Tract 1; thence South 04° 48'41" East - 1007.03 feet with the West side of the said Tract 1 to the point of beginning. This property is subject to all previously conveyed easements and right-of-ways.

The above described property is subject to the following easement: An easement for ingress and egress for Tract 3 across Tract 5 as surveyed May, 1992 by Allgood Surveying Services of Murray, Kentucky, located on Highway 464 approximately 9 miles Northwest of the intersection of Twelfth and Main Streets in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Tract 5 as surveyed this date and the Southwest corner of Tract 1 surveyed this date, said point being a #4 rebar set 0.70± miles West of the Brady Road and 30.00 feet North of the centerline of Highway 464; thence North 64° 41'24" West - 47.62 feet with the North side of Highway 464 to a point, the Southwest corner of the herein described tract of land and the Southwest corner of Tract 5; thence North 04° 52'08" West - 1015.66 feet, generally along a fence to a point, the Northwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence North 88° 33'10" East - 206.71 feet to a point in the West line of Tract 3 surveyed this date, the Northwest corner of the herein described tract of land; thence South 04° 46'15" East - 30.05 feet with the West side of the said Tract 3 to a #4 rebar set said point being the Southwest corner of Tract 3 and the Southeast corner of the herein described tract of land; thence South 88° 33'10" West - 164.40 feet with the North side of Tract 1 surveyed this date to a #4 rebar set at the Northwest corner of the said Tract 1; thence South 04° 48'41" East - 1007.03 feet with the West side of the side of the said Tract 1 to the point of beginning. This property is subject to all previously conveyed easements and right-of-ways.

Being the same lands conveyed by deed from Thomas E. Shirley and wife, Sharon K. Shirley to Dwayne Hale, a married person, dated March 13, 2000 and of record in Book 341, Page 275 in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

SALE #4

PARCEL B:

Tract A: Being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 3, Range 3 East and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North right of way line of Kentucky Highway 464, being 30 feet North of the centerline of said road, also being approximately 3168.0 feet East from centerline of Kentucky Highway 299; thence North 4° 47'13" West 521.00 feet along and passing through Jackie Carson's Northeast corner to a point; thence North 85° 02'51" East 487.48 feet along Dwayne Hale's South property line to a point lying on Hugh Palmer's West property line to a point, said point being on the North right of way line of Kentucky Highway 464 and being 30 feet North of the center line of said road; thence South 85° 02'51" West, along the North right of way line of Kentucky Highway 464, 488.73 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.84 acres.

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Tract B: Being a part of the Northeast Quarter Section 25, Township 3, Range 3 East and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North right of way line of Kentucky Highway 464, being 30 feet North of the centerline of said road, also being approximately 3168.0 feet East from the center line of Kentucky Highway 299; thence North 4° 47'13" West 521.00 feet along and passing through Jackie Carson's Northeast corner to a point; thence North 85° 02'51" East 471.48 feet to a point lying on Hugh Palmer's West property line; thence in a Northerly direction and along Hugh Palmer's West property line for a distance of 185 feet to a point thence South 85° 02'51" West and parallel with Kentucky Highway 464, for a distance of 471.48 feet to a point; thence South for a distance of 185 feet to the point of beginning. The above described tract contains two (2) acres, more or less.

Being the same lands conveyed by deed from Coel Compton, Jr. and wife, Janice Compton and Compton Construction and Excavating, to Dwayne Hale, a married person, dated the 22nd day of June, 2000 and of record in Book 349, Page 264 in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

SALE #5

COUNT II - Tract I

Tract lying and being in Calloway County, Kentucky, consisting of 8-1/2 acres more or less; being the remainder of the 14-3/4 acre tract taken off the south side of a 35 acre tract in the Northwest Qr. of Section 15, Township 3, Range 4 East; and same is bounded on East by Byers, North by Vance, West by R.C. Outland, and South by public road and Zelner Thurmond.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Legal description of a tract of land situated in the City of Murray, County of Calloway, State of Kentucky, being of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 2, Range 4 East, and being Tract 1 of a Minor Subdivision Plat of the Dwayne Hale property in Plat Book 30, Page 69, Slide 2885, and being further described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar found in the north line of Utterback Road, located approximately 1702' west of the centerline of North 16th Street (Brinn Road), being the southeast corner of the Modena Outland (Deed Book 102, Page 221), and the southwest corner of Tract 1 described herein;

thence; with Outland's east line, north 00° 07'04" west 588.67' to a 1/2" diameter rebar found, Outland's northeast corner and the northwest corner of Tract 1;

thence; north 87° 14'18" east, 396.15 to a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the west line of a 60' wide road;

thence; 30' from and parallel to the centerline of said road, south 00° 16'37" east 439.28' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 25.00;

thence; with the arc of said curve, an arc distance of 37.83', the chord of which bears south 43° 04'05" west 34.32' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the north line of Utterback Road;

thence; 25' from and parallel to the centerline of Utterback Road, south 86° 24'48" west 374.14' to the point of beginning.

This tract contains 4.2359 acres, but is subject however to a sanitary sewer easement adjacent to and parallel with Utterback Road and a gas line easement in the same area.

Consisting of 4.26 acres more or less.

Grantor obtained title in and to said property by deed from Paul Bailey, a widow and unmarried person, to Dwayne Hale, a married person, dated April 2, 1998 of record in Book 282, Page 304 in the Office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

The aforementioned property set forth herein above in each respective sale shall be sold on credit for 30 days with the purchaser to have the privilege of paying cash, but if sold on credit for 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond with good surety for the purchase price, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in sixty (60) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2004 and thereafter ad valorem taxes.

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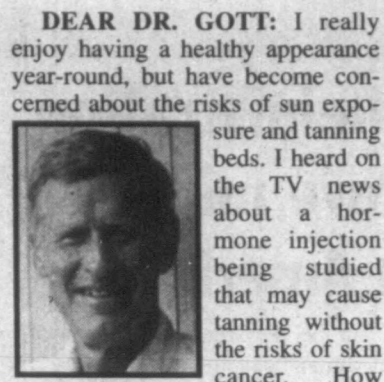
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Issues regarding suntans



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR DR. GOTT: I really enjoy having a healthy appearance year-round, but have become concerned about the risks of sun exposure and tanning beds. I heard on the TV news about a hormone injection being studied that may cause tanning without the risks of skin cancer. How safe is this? What are the risks?

DEAR READER: The risks of chronic (particularly, cyclic) exposure to ultraviolet light — from either sunshine or tanning booths — are real and troublesome; various skin cancers can result. The relation is unequivocal. Those adults (and children) who continue to sunbathe and use tanning beds will eventually suffer skin damage: premature aging, discoloration, spotting and/or skin cancers. This is an extreme stance that directly counters the advice those in my generation received from our mothers: "Go outside and play in the beautiful sunshine."

The association between UV light and skin damage is so conclusive that it has caused many people to reassess their willingness to look tanned.

The use of melanin-stimulating drugs, which lead to darkening of the skin without UV exposure, is still experimental. These products have yet to be released for general use.

I advise you to modify your concept of a "healthy tan" (an oxymoron) and limit your exposure to UV light.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 36-year-old husband has rheumatoid arthritis. He has taken many over-the-counter remedies, without benefit. He refuses to see a specialist,

because he is convinced that nothing can be done. He is getting very difficult to live with and I pray for guidance. Can you help?

DEAR READER: Your husband can be helped. In fact, some of the new treatments (such as Enbrel) are extraordinarily effective. Traditional therapy — including ibuprofen, anti-inflammatory drugs (such as steroids), gold shots and Plaquenil are also helpful for most RA patients.

I think it's a shame that a man as young as your husband is so willing to surrender to a treatable disease. Rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disorder, can be relentlessly progressive and, in many patients, may result in irreversible joint disease and, if untreated, severe disability.

Therefore, I urge your husband to meet with a rheumatologist to explore the treatment options. The longer your spouse delays receiving appropriate therapy, the worse his arthritis may become, until he reaches the point at which the disease is too advanced for therapy to be effective.

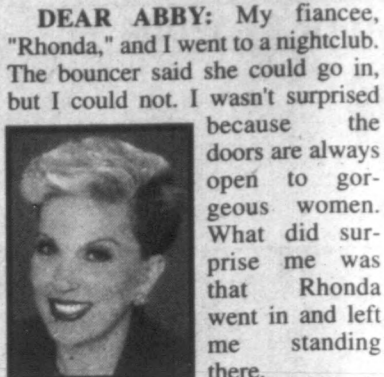
Show my concerns to your husband. He definitely needs to see a physician, in my view. With proper therapy, his pain should subside and he won't be such a bear to live with.

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

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If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

Goodtime girl leaves fiancee standing outside of club door



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Rhonda," and I went to a nightclub. The bouncer said she could go in, but I could not. I wasn't surprised because the doors are always open to gorgeous women. What did surprise me was that Rhonda went in and left me standing there.

The next day I asked her if we could go places where we could both have a good time. She said: "Look. I wanted to go in, OK? My friends were there, and I wanted to have a good time."

Well, so did I, Abby! She could have gone to the club another time with her girlfriends. We were supposed to be together that night. I think it was insulting and callous for her to treat me like that. I'm so hurt I'm ready to break the engagement.

Do you think I am being overly sensitive? Rhonda does. -- HURT AND ASHAMED IN N.Y.C.

DEAR HURT AND ASHAMED: Not only was it insulting and callous of Rhonda to leave you at the door, it was also selfish, immature and completely without regard for your feelings. Rhonda has a lot of growing up to do before she should marry anyone.

DEAR ABBY: My friends "Mike" and "Mary" were happily married for 20 years. They led a healthy, active life and were an inspiration to many people, including me.

Unfortunately, Mary lost her battle with cancer three months ago. Mike was her devoted caregiver, but now he says he is ready to live again.

Mike and I share many interests and have been spending time together, but we're unsure about

what the proper waiting period should be to begin dating publicly. The time is right as far as we're concerned, but we are worried about the feelings and attitudes of others -- even though we've been friends for 20 years.

What do you think is the appropriate length of time before we can "go public"? -- READY TO LIVE

DEAR READY: There is no one-size-fits-all answer to that question. Did Mike and Mary have children? How will a quick attachment look to them? How long was Mary's battle with cancer? If it was a long fight, then people in your community will recognize that Mike had time to mourn his loss before her actual death.

In a nutshell, there is no exact timetable for grief. But in my opinion, six months to a year is a reasonable time, out of respect for a loved one's memory, before "going public" -- unless the two of you are in your 80s. (In which case, time may be of the essence.)

DEAR ABBY: Please advise this never-married 41-year-old woman how to answer the dreaded, "So why aren't you married yet?" question. During the early getting-to-know-you stage of dating, this question invariably comes up, and I always feel like I'm taking a pop quiz -- and failing. Please advise. -- ON THE SPOT IN TUCSON

DEAR ON THE SPOT: Stop feeling defensive about it, and just tell the truth. "The right person hasn't asked me."

Looking Back

10 years ago
Sara Hussung, teacher-director of Murray Preschool Cooperative, was presented a plaque honoring her 20 plus years of dedication and devotion to the quality of education of preschool children by the cooperative.

20 years ago
Teresa Bazzell of Kirksey received the Murray Art Guild's Richard Jackson award of \$300 for her oil and wood composition, "Secret Confessions," at the annual exhibition at the guild at 103 North Sixth St., Murray.

20 years ago
Births reported include a girl to Greg and Sherry Fortner, Feb. 26; a boy to Dave and Regina Pfeiffer, March 15.

20 years ago
Plans for renovation and expansion of the out-patient and emergency room areas of Murray-Calloway County Hospital were given the go ahead by the hospital board at its meeting.

20 years ago
Reams Atkins of Lakeway Trailer Court will be riding the Murray-Calloway Transit Authority bus this week free of charge as part of a celebration of the transit system's 50,000th rider since its establishment in 1980.

20 years ago
Murray High School Tigers won over Calloway County High School Lakers in a baseball game. Pitchers were Mitch Grogan for Murray and Sam Taylor for Calloway.

30 years ago
Nat Ryan Hughes, local attorney at law, has been named as new chairman of the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Commissioners.

Julie Lovins, assistant professor

of social work of the department of sociology and anthropology at Murray State University, has been selected as "Outstanding Citizen for 1974" by the Tau Phi Lambda Sorority of Woodmen of the World.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Willie, April 9; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hughes, April 10; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Valentine, April 13.

40 years ago
Next fall more than 430 elementary students will begin working with a major new modern mathematics program that will permit them "to discover for themselves the fundamental principles of mathematics," according to Fred Schultz, superintendent of Murray City Schools.

Hardiman Nix, Thomas Jones, Tommy Caraway and David Russell are new officers of Murray Citizen Club.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Bourland, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beaman, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Futrell and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Higgins.

50 years ago
Calloway County Circuit Court is now in session at the Calloway County Courthouse with Circuit Judge Ira D. Smith presiding.

Nancy Wear, Frank Miller, Sam Crass, Betty Bondurant, Betty Blalock, Dortha Parker, Jo Ann Shell, Ann Koertner, Ann Elkins, Nancy Spann and Marilyn Murphy were students at Murray High School named to the National Honor Society for the school year of 1954.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, April 21, the 112th day of 2004. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

On this date:
In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

Five years ago: A day after the mass killing at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., investigators continued their work, while memorial services were held across the city and dozens of counselors offered support to grieving students, parents, friends and family. Actor and bandleader Charles "Buddy" Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 94.

Contract Bridge

Partnership Defense

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K J 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♠ K 9

WEST
♦ Q 9 7 6 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 6
♠ Q J 10 2

EAST
♦ 10
♥ Q 10 5 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♠ A 8 7 3

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 2♦ North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
Bridge is basically a partnership game in which each side employs special agreements to impart specific information about their hands. These agreements, also known as conventions, are absolutely essential to achieving good results. Without conventions, bridge would be largely a guessing game.

Consider this case, which features partnership defense. West leads the club queen against four hearts. East taking dummy's king with the ace. West wins East's three-of-clubs return with the ten, and the question

is what West should do at trick three. Only two tricks have been played, but West knows a great deal about declarer's hand. Judging from the bidding, South must have at least six hearts and must also have the ace of spades for his opening bid. So from West's viewpoint, the only hope of defeating the contract is that East can somehow score two trump tricks.

In order to protect whatever East's trump holding might be, West should continue with the jack of clubs at trick three, forcing dummy to ruff. How does West know that South has another club? He knows because East, in accordance with convention, returned the three of clubs, his original fourth-best club. (Since West has the deuce of clubs, East cannot have five clubs.) This, in turn, tells West that declarer started with three clubs — neither more nor less.

After ruffing the third club, South can do no better than lead a spade to his ace and play the A-K of trumps, hoping the ten or queen will fall. When neither of them appears, South leads another trump, hoping the ten and queen will fall together. When they don't, the contract goes down one.

Observe that if West does not return a club at trick three, declarer can make the contract by leading a trump from dummy and finessing the jack.

Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1 — helmet (safari wear)
- 5 Vibrate
- 9 Overwhelm
- 12 Folk wisdom
- 13 Verdi work
- 14 Polite word
- 15 Tel. or elec.
- 16 Merry-making
- 18 Chatterboxes
- 20 Symbol for copper
- 21 Use poor judgment
- 22 Brand names
- 26 Nine-headed monster
- 29 Goose egg
- 30 Wish undone
- 31 Broad sts.
- 32 Vanna's co-host
- 33 Paretsky or Teasdale
- 34 Bruce — of kung fu
- 35 Popular pet
- 36 Ivory source

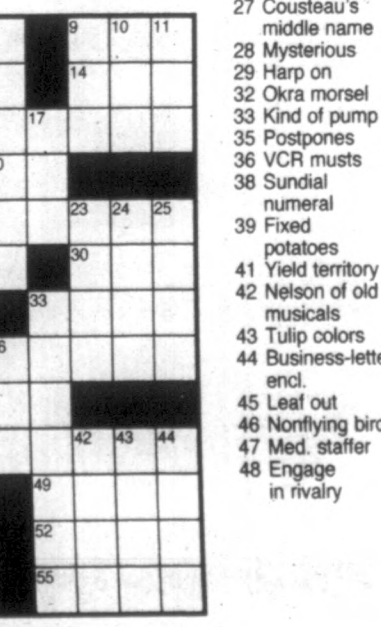
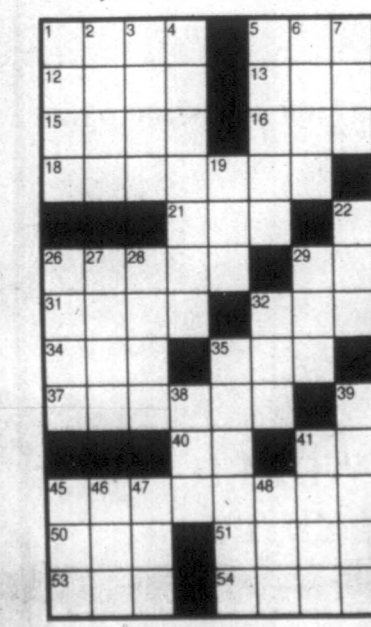
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MSG OTIS LAVA
STRUT CA
WA NUT CAYUSE
EKE MONUMENTS
LIMA ROB RIOT
STIFFENER TIE
HERALD SOX CR
SO ITALY
PEST ALES UNE
ADA PLEAT KEN
COD BASKS STE

DOWN

- 1 Cushy job
- 2 Wee bit
- 3 Math course
- 4 Volunteers
- 5 Thin cookie
- 6 Scurries along
- 7 Wyo. neighbor
- 8 Rogue
- 9 Just — thought!

10 Beat the field
11 Unit of work
17 Shower alternative
19 Novelist — Levin
22 Kindled
23 Historical periods
24 Skulk about
25 Divers' milieus
26 Sound in body
27 Cousteau's middle name
28 Mysterious
29 Harp on
32 Okra morsel
33 Kind of pump
35 Postpones
36 VCR musts
38 Sundial numeral
39 Fixed potatoes
41 Yield territory
42 Nelson of old musicals
43 Tulip colors
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45 Leaf out
46 Nonflying bird
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48 Engage in rivalry



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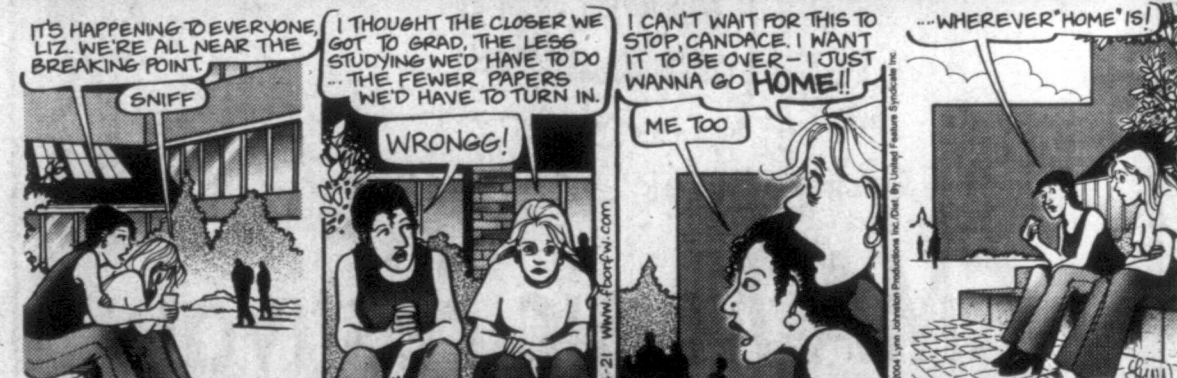
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Health

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

McHealthier?

McDonald's to offer salads, pedometers in new adult Happy Meals

By DAVE CARPENTER
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Striving for a healthier image in the age of obesity, McDonald's is rolling out new Happy Meals specially for adults with salad, bottled water and pedometers — and coming soon for the kids, fresh fruit instead of fries.

Now it's up to the patrons of Big Macs and fries to decide how big an appetite they have for a healthier McDonald's, which unveiled its latest low-fat offerings Thursday as part of a new marketing blitz.

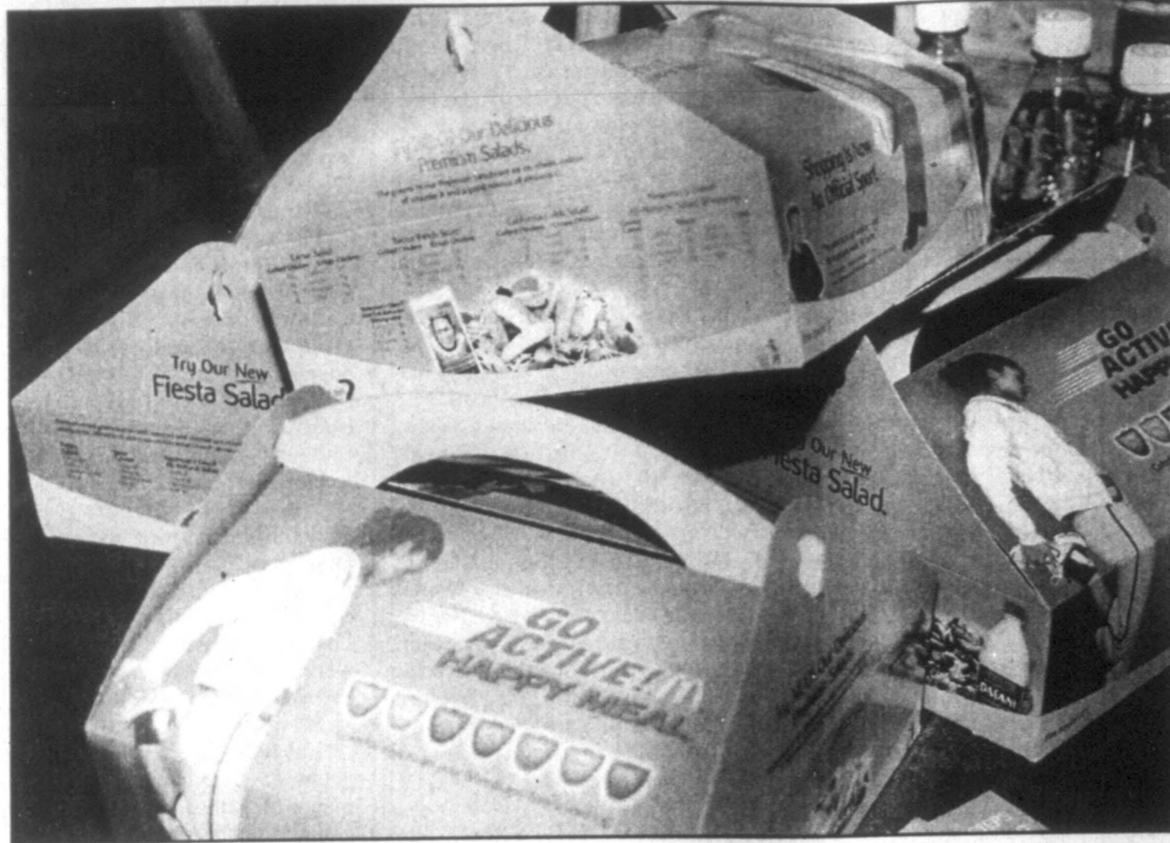
"If I want to eat healthy, I'll eat at home," said 33-year-old Chuck Horton as he lunched at a crowded McDonald's in Garrisonville, Va.

"I come to McDonald's for one reason: the fries. ... I think this healthy eating thing has gone too far," he said.

Horton and other fast-food lovers need not panic. The restaurant giant isn't changing the recipe for its burgers and fries — the financial meat-and-potatoes of its \$6 billion-a-year U.S. operation — or dropping its triple-thick shakes.

A target of obesity lawsuits and a magnet for criticism that fast food is bad for you, McDonald's Corp. is simply trying to meet health issues head on and show that it, like many of its customers, has become more diet-conscious. Top executives announced the new campaign in Washington, where U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson applauded McDonald's for promoting balanced eating and exercise.

The new "Go Active!" adult Happy Meals will be available in all



Boxes of the new McDonald's Adult Happy Meals, featuring salad, bottled water, pedometer and advice to walk more are displayed during a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington. The hamburger giant outlined plans to introduce the "Go Active!" meals for grown-ups May 6 along with other steps designed to make its fare — and its image — more healthy.

13,600 U.S. McDonald's on May 6, accompanied by brochures offering some gentle exercise advice: Walk more. Other changes will soon follow.

Food-industry experts credit McDonald's with taking steps in the right direction but voiced some skepticism about its new pro-health stance.

Bob Goldin, an analyst for the restaurant consulting firm Technomic Inc. in Chicago, called it ironic that the world's leading purveyor of fast food, "which has a lot of calories, fat, sodium, you name it," is trying to portray itself differently.

"Their menu has inched toward

healthier, it certainly hasn't leapfrogged," he said.

The introduction of adult Happy Meals is just one in a series of related moves by McDonald's, which introduced white-meat chicken nuggets late last year and is phasing out super-sizing.

As part of the campaign, the company said that in June it will roll out healthier choices in its Happy Meals for kids nationwide, such as the option to substitute apple slices and juice for fries and soft drink.

It also will distribute brochures telling customers how to modify their McDonald's orders for lower fat, calories and carbohydrates, such as by skipping the cheese or bun.

The promotion has been employed at its New York-region restaurants since January.

Also new: lowfat salad dressing, a fourth variety of salad, and providing nutrition information on Happy Meal packages starting in test markets.

Obesity and diet concerns have been forcing sweeping changes in the U.S. food and restaurant industries. McDonald's introduced entree salads in the United States about a year ago, helping lead to a surge in long-lagging U.S. sales, and has been moving to add some healthier options to its restaurants worldwide, including salads in Europe this spring.

Thompson: Administration trying to improve minority health care in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson told minority health care providers Monday that the Bush administration is committed to eliminating disparities in care even though a federal report understated the problem last year.

Thompson insisted the administration is dealing with unequal care for minorities by supporting research targeted at minorities' health, providing more money for the AIDS problem among minorities and building more community health centers for racial and ethnic minority neighborhoods.

He also announced a new government board, the Health Disparities Council, which is assigned to develop a coordinated plan to eliminated gaps in care.

"We have made significant progress in reducing disparities," Thompson said at a meeting of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations and other health care groups.

In the waning days of 2003, HHS released a congressionally mandated report on minority health care that eliminated the conclusion of its authors that unequal care for minorities is a national problem.

Democrats protested the changes to Thompson after they obtained the original draft report. The word "disparity" was used more than 30 times

in the "key findings" section of the draft's executive summary, they said. In the final version, it appeared just twice.

In February, Thompson said his department was wrong to have edited the report to downplay serious problems and emphasize improvements.

The report was released in its original form calling health care disparities pervasive "national problems."

It found a higher death rate for cancer among blacks and low-income Americans. It also said those groups are less likely to be screened for certain cancers and less likely to use other preventive services.

Thompson acknowledged the controversy again Monday. "There are some people who are somewhat surprised to see me today," Thompson said. "There is no place I would rather be than here with you. Yes, mistakes were made in issuing this report, but all of you know I intervened personally to correct these mistakes."

Major obstacles remain, he said. "Clearly, research and data indicate that health differences exist among racial and ethnic minority groups," he said.

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JUNE 19th 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Area Family Picnic
Camp WOW
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AUGUST 14th 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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