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## State searching for ways to keep Wickliffe Mounds open

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — The lack of a state budget has complicated efforts to keep the historical Wickliffe Mounds site open, Commerce Secretary Jim Host said.

"We're trying to figure out how to keep it open, but I don't know what that will be," Host told *The Paducah Sun* in a telephone interview. "It is hugely important to Kentucky."

Host discussed the situation Thursday with the Kentucky Heritage Commission, which he said is responsible for American Indian preservation in Kentucky.

"I made several suggestions, but asked them to come back to me with a game plan and their thoughts on how to operate it with existing funds if we don't get a budget by July 1," Host said.

The state's new fiscal year starts on that date.

The site along U.S. 51 at Wickliffe was home to an ancient Indian culture. It has been owned and used for educational research since 1982 by Murray State University, which also provides for public visits.

Host agreed earlier to a plan for Murray

State to transfer ownership to the Commerce Cabinet for operation by the Department of Tourism. But the transfer was part of the two-year state budget that the 2004 General Assembly left on the table unapproved.

Host called Wickliffe Mounds "one of the most significant potential shrines or museums of Native American artifacts in the eastern United States" and a potential major

tourist attraction.

About \$15,000 a year is generated through visitor fees, Murray State says without additional state help it will be forced to close Wickliffe Mounds on June 30 because of funding shortages and budget cuts. Regardless of what is worked out, Murray State would continue to use it for research and other educational purposes.

## City may feel pinch of high gas prices

By KRISTIN TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

As fuel prices continue to rise, city officials expect some department's budgets to exceed allotted dollars for gasoline or diesel fuel.

Murray Police Department is the largest gasoline user in the city. The law enforcement vehicles require about 2,000 gallons per month, sanitation supervisor Don Rogers told city council members at their meeting Thursday. Rogers said his department uses about 2,700 gallons of diesel each month. That's more than any other city department.

"They will be running close or a little over because we still have two more months in the budget year," said Don Leet, the city's finance officer.

The city averages 6,000 gallons a month of fuel and uses about 72,000 gallons annually, Rogers said. About 45,600 gallons of diesel are used in city vehicles each year, averaging about 3,800 gallons a

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### Town Crier

#### NOTICE

The following are events which may be of interest to the community:

■ The South 641 Water District will flush hydrants Sunday. Customers are advised not to wash clothes until water runs clear.

■ The Murray-Calloway County Park Board will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. A committee report on construction and planning is noted on the agenda, among other items.

■ The Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Weaks Center. Items include presentations from the Rape Crisis Center, Playhouse in the Park, the Murray-Calloway County Park, Murray Art Guild, Murray Electric Systems, as well as an executive session.

■ To report a newsworthy note for the Town Crier, call 753-1916.

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## Pickin' & Grinnin'



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times Photo

Deborah Christiansen said it was worth the effort to come all the way from her home in Henry, Tenn., to Wright's Farms in northern Calloway County to pick strawberries Thursday afternoon. Christiansen said she was not fazed by forecasts that predicted rain around the time she was to arrive straight from her job. Owner Dan Wright said, depending on the weather, picking prospects should stay strong through May 21.

## Murray board hears of grants' benefits

By BRANDI WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

The Murray Independent School Board received a tour of the Area Technology Center at its monthly meeting Thursday night, and got to see one of the center's greatest accomplishments.

Through a program created via the Purchase Area Development District, the students at the Area Technology Center recently built a three bedroom, two bathroom house for a deserving family. The ATC is awarded grant funds to build the house, while PADD officials choose

the family.

It is the tenth house constructed on this site, according to ATC Principal Dennis Harper. He said the experience the students get through constructing an actual functioning home is far more valuable than anything they can learn from a book.

"They are able to show their pride as they progress through that house," he said. "There is no better way to teach construction."

He also said many of those students will be able to be employed from the experience they receive through building that house.

In other business, Karen Darnell of the Murray Learning Academy announced the program will receive \$105,000 for the next school year from the Workforce Investment Act, a grant that funds the services of the program. Darnell said that Superintendent Dale Reid wrote the grant himself, and took a personal approach to getting the funding.

"His advice was to shoot for the moon," she told the board.

On average, the program receives \$53,000 from WIA, so she was elat-

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## Fletcher finds more money for schools

By CHARLES WOLFE  
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration has scraped up \$10 million more for public schools in the coming fiscal year and wants a recommendation from the state school board on how to spend it.

Fletcher also wants school districts to be given more discretion to administer and spend direct state grants that fund an array of education programs, officials said Thursday.

Both developments are part of the preparation of an "executive spending plan" that Fletcher would use in running state government if there still is no state budget by July 1, when the fiscal year begins.

Education Secretary Virginia Fox said the idea was to make it easier for districts to shift money among programs to get the maximum return in learning results.

Fletcher wants the state board to "tell us how you can give them more flexibility so that they can manage their way through this unusual time," Fox said in an interview. "It is only one year and maybe only six months. We don't know when a budget will be passed."

The General Assembly did not pass a budget before adjourning April 13. The Senate and House were left at an impasse over whether the budget should include numerous tax code changes proposed by Fletcher.

The absence of a budget complicates more than the distribution of money. The budget law itself is routinely used by governors and legislators to suspend or otherwise get around other state laws — such as the statute that requires teachers and state government employees to get a 5 percent raise every year.

Neither Fletcher nor the House and Senate planned to give raises that



Gov. Fletcher

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## Variety of topics appear before Calloway school group

By JOHN WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Usually, the only time a school board hears from many members of its audience about issues, it means something controversial is being discussed. That, though, was not the case in Thursday's monthly meeting of the Calloway County board.

Four times, its members surrendered the floor to others at the district's central office facility with very few negatives being aired. In fact, the evening began with very positive news as two CCHS students were honored for their exploits with the school's Future Business Leaders of America.

Jessi Johnson and Marcy Boggess both won first place earlier this year at a competition at Murray State University, advancing them to a state competition where they placed second. That has now qualified them for a national competition in Denver, Colo.

That presentation also gave sponsor Jennifer Stubblefield the opportunity to do a little lobbying, as Johnson and Boggess' trip to Denver was listed among the Consent Agenda items for the meeting. Stubblefield noted this is the third time in CCHS history for it to qualify members to nationals, but it was the first time her organization had requested assistance with financing the matter.

Wilson Stone, on hand to discuss the district's involvement with the insurance program of the Kentucky School Boards Association, seemed to try his hand at persuading the board as well.

"I've got relatives in Greeley (Colo.), and I've been to Denver several times, and it is a hard place to fly into. It's an even harder place, though, to drive to," said Stone, whose presentation covered what

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Sunday will be partly cloudy with highs in the 70s.

## State projects surplus after shortfalls

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Tax revenues are up, and Kentucky could have at least \$70 million more this fiscal year than had been expected, experts say.

Some lawmakers say the money could be saved for future budget problems or could help the House and Senate overcome differences to pass a budget.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he wants to add \$10 million to education spending for the next two fiscal years.

Budget shortfalls have forced spending cuts in the past three years. But strong retail sales have boosted sales tax income above expectations.

"Clearly the recovery has been stronger than we previously estimated," said Merl Hackbart, a University of Kentucky finance pro-

fessor and a member of a state economic forecasting panel.

Another panel member agreed. "It looks like we have turned the corner. We've been waiting for this for a long time," said Larry Lynch, a professor emeritus of economics at Transylvania University.

Fletcher administration Budget Director Brad Cowgill said he fears inflation and soaring oil prices could stall the recovery.

"But overall it will be only a slight uptick in the \$7 billion General Fund. Given the uncertain future revenue outlook and various other problems in any budget that might be passed, we need to be cautious," Cowgill said.

Some retailers say sales have increased.

"We did very well in February, March and April," said A.F.

Dawahare, chairman of the Lexington-based Dawahare's clothing store chain. "Part of it is due to changes we've made, part of it is the economy. And the weather's been great."

Bruce Pieratt, president and chief executive officer of a family-owned business that operates five furniture and major appliance stores, said he hasn't seen such an increase.

"We've had some growth, but nothing like 10 percent over last spring. We've found sales this spring to be sort of flat — up in some locations, down in the others," Pieratt said.

Legislators and revenue experts expressed caution about planning to spend any surplus.

The House and Senate adjourned without agreeing on a budget for the two-year period that begins July 1 because the House rejected the Senate's insistence that the budget include Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax reform plan.

Unless that deadlock is resolved, Fletcher may impose his own spending plan.

## Fletcher ...

From Front

large in the next biennium. A new budget bill, had one been passed, would have suspended the pay statute for two years.

Former Gov. Paul Patton used a spending plan to suspend statutes in 2002, the first time the General Assembly failed to pass a budget. A lawsuit to test the governor's spending authority was dismissed as moot after a budget finally was passed in 2003. Suspension of statutes remained an open question.

Fox said districts would not be given total discretion over grant programs because some, by law, are to be run by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Examples include state testing and "highly skilled educators" — special consultants the state sends into lagging districts. Such programs could get a share of the extra money but are "not on the list for flexibility," Fox said.

Fletcher, in a memo to the state board and Education Commissioner

Gene Wilhoit, who heads the Department of Education, said he wanted the board to recommend which of a long list of education grant programs should be subject to greater local discretion.

Fletcher's idea was to permit a school district to shift as much as 20 percent of a given program's funding to a different area, if it was needed.

Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association, said such a policy change could be significant.

"This is something superintendents from one end of the state to the other have clamored for," Hughes said.

Fletcher broached his plan in an unannounced appearance at a state board dinner meeting Wednesday night. The board held a retreat this week, mainly for new members. The meeting was public. Fletcher's spokesman, Doug Hogan, said the governor's decision to attend was spur of the moment.

## Blood drives held due to shortage

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

The American Red Cross has announced a critical blood shortage. A drive will be held today from 3-8 p.m. in the parking lot of Wal-Mart.

Another drive is scheduled for May 24 from 1-6 p.m. in the Hazel Baptist Church's Family Life Center at 301 Gilbert St. in Hazel, Ky.

## Topics ...

From Front

the KSBA program has to offer and why the Calloway district should continue its relations with it.

"Our philosophy is to protect schools and to cover, not deny, claims," he added.

School nurses Vicki Williams and Tina Ryan presented an overview of the nearly-completed school year as far as its health services were concerned. Both were pleased, thanking the board for its assistance in financing projects concerning wellness — namely childhood obesity — along with preventative immunizations.

"We're now able to offer to students and staff the Hepatitis B vaccine. Also, the state changed the requirements with tetanus boosters, saying it had to be given every five years rather than 10, so we were able to have a big clinic at the middle school this year," said Williams, who also has been named president-elect for the Kentucky School Nurses Association.

Ryan also told of how a pilot 10,000 Steps program for sixth graders at CCMS seemed to be successful enough to warrant expanding the program for next year. Also, body mass index screenings of students allowed her service to form weight-reducing plans. She said 50 to 75 students annually are being diagnosed with chronic illnesses that seem related to obesity.

"For the last two years, we've been calculating the BMI results for our kindergarten through sixth-grade students. That's allowing us to inform parents of what is happening with their children," Ryan said.

The final presentation of the night was from the district's technology coordinator Susan Taylor, who presented a technology activity report that is required by the state each year.

Overall, she said it was a rather quiet year, although several desktops, laptops, printers and pieces of software were purchased. This, though, is the precursor to a much larger upgrade she says will happen in the next school year.

"By the time we begin that year, it will have been four years since we have made really significant purchases. That means it's about time for us have a major upgrade in our equipment," Taylor said, noting that campus work stations and labs will be the main areas of emphasis.

Taylor said her district spent around \$300,000 this year on technological items. In previous days, the district has received a check for more than \$26,000 from the state's School Facilities Construction Committee. That total will be matched by the Calloway board.

District maintenance director Glenn Grubbs said punch list items are all that remain for the renovation project at CCHS. Food service director Janice McCuiston also added that it is too early to know if lunch prices at the schools will need to be raised in the wake of increased milk prices nationwide.

She said she has been told that those prices should start dropping by August, which would make a price increase unnecessary.

## Gas ...

From Front

month.

Rogers said the city purchases two tankers — or about 8,000 gallons — each month and distributes the fuel at the central garage. The city bids the fuel out to companies each time. The city pays federal taxes on fuel but not state taxes, Rogers said.

Last month, gasoline averaged \$1.61 a gallon. That was 11 cents more than April 2003. For the first 10 months of this fiscal year, gas cost about \$1.39 per gallon, which is up 6 cents for the same period of 2003.

For diesel, the average price last month was \$1.55 per gallon, which was a 10-cent increase from April 2003. So far in this fiscal year, diesel has averaged \$1.35 per gallon. That's an increase from the \$1.27 the city averaged last year.

"In my department, I tell the works to turn off their equipment when they come in for lunch or for a break," Rogers said. "It's not important to keep the diesels running now like it is in the winter months."

Council member Dr. Dan Miller said city officials need to develop a contingency plan in case fuel prices continue to increase, disrupting the budget. He also said other community groups, such as Murray-Calloway Transit Authority, that depend on the city for part of their operating funding may seek additional dollars.

"It just looks to me like this is going to affect us in a lot of ways,"

Miller said. "...I think we've all been thinking this would go away, but it hasn't."

Miller specifically suggested making sure city workers don't overuse their vehicles for personal purposes. But Mayor Tom Rushing

said he's confident city employees don't abuse their vehicles.

"It's a concern. It's a point well taken," Rushing told Miller. "Employees don't abuse their take-home vehicles. They park them and use them as they should."

## Grants' ...

From Front

ed to see they were nearly doubling that average figure.

The Murray Learning Academy is a program that allows educational alternatives for students who are considered at risk for dropping out of school. Darnell said the program is looking to expand with this funding, but also target students from the ages of 16-21 who have already dropped out of school and are looking for a way to return.

"We are also serving students from other districts," she said. "They are lined up outside of our door. We have a few from Marshall County."

Meanwhile, architect Terry Blake, from RBS Design Group told the board the Murray Middle School construction project is running along smoothly.

"The project is on schedule and it is looking good," he said. "We can't do much right now because of the rain, but the kids are testing this week so it's probably a blessing in disguise."

Because of the smooth progress, the contractors believe they can get

started earlier on the roof and tuck pointing project.

The board also approved a first reading to making policy changes and an increase in tuition for students who attend from other states or other districts.

The Tuition Committee recommended that out-of-state students be charged \$6,048 per student. Also the policy states that students from outside Kentucky will only be admitted if they are in good standing in their current school.

Also, students who are out-of-state and have parents employed by the Murray Independent School District will receive a reduced tuition of \$3,191. Students who are not otherwise eligible for preschool will be admitted on a limited first-come, first-serve basis for \$945.

Last year was the first time admitting out-of-state students was even considered because those students are not covered by state funding.

A second reading on the changes and recommendation will be made at next month's board meeting June 10.

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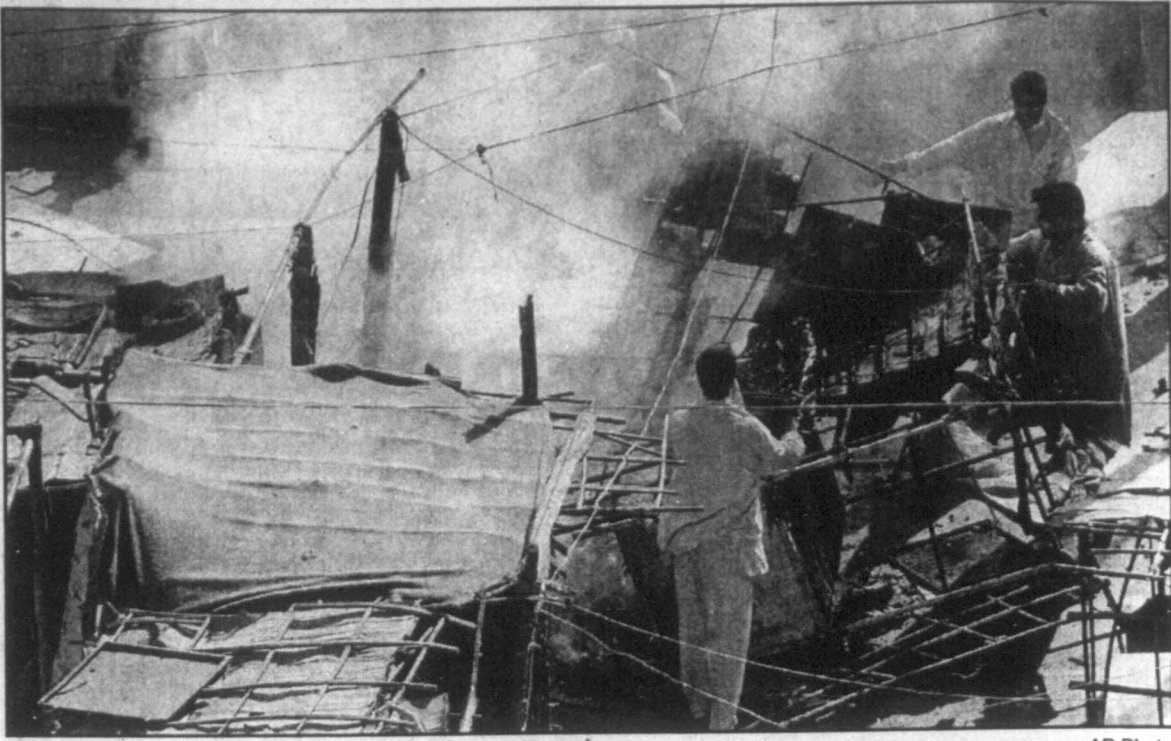
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Iraqi's try to extinguish a fire in the center of Najaf, Iraq, today, as American tanks charged into the center of this holy city and shelled positions held by fighters loyal to a radical cleric who launched an uprising against the U.S.-led coalition last month.

## U.S. attacks militia targets in holy city

By The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Backed by helicopters, American tanks charged into the center of this holy city today and shelled positions held by fighters loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who launched an uprising against the U.S.-led coalition last month. In a sermon in a nearby city, a defiant al-Sadr condemned the United States and its chief coalition partner, Britain.

Explosions and heavy machine gun fire rocked Najaf neighborhoods for hours, and bands of militiamen with assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar tubes roamed the city of dun-colored buildings. Smoke billowed from blasted buildings.

Al-Sadr's office close to the sacred Shrine of Imam Ali took small arms fire Friday, according to someone who answered the telephone there. The man, who refused to give his name, said he believed the shots came from rival Shiite groups opposed at al-Sadr's presence in the city.

Residents said al-Mahdi gunmen blocked all roads close to the Imam Ali shrine, barring entry to all except those with special militia badges.

Civilians scurried for cover, leaving many streets empty as the call for Friday prayers rose from loudspeakers at mosques. Some families left their homes on foot to seek refuge.

The U.S. attack represented a strongest U.S. push yet against al-Sadr, whose forces fought intense battles with American forces this week in another holy city, Karbala. The intensifying battles have eclipsed efforts by Iraqi political and tribal leaders to seek a peaceful solution to the confrontation ahead

of a planned transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30.

Much of the fighting in Najaf happened in the city's vast cemetery, a maze of footpaths and tombs that offers ample hiding space for militiamen armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. Several tanks rumbled into the cemetery, known as the "Valley of Peace" and thought to be the world's largest.

A hotel in the city center where many international journalists were staying was hit by gunfire, which ruptured the rooftop water tank and blew a hole the size of a soccer ball on the ledge. Several rounds struck rooms but there were no injuries. Al-Mahdi fighters entered the hotel briefly and claimed someone had fired at them from the roof.

American troops moved along main roads in the city near the Imam Ali shrine, one of the holiest sites in Shia Islam. U.S. helicopters and a jet fighter flew over the city.

In Baghdad, al-Sadr's aides called on Shiites in the capital to travel to Najaf to reinforce the militia there. In the southern city of Amarah, an al-Sadr representative, Farqad al-Mousawi, warned Iraqi police and civil defense corps members that they risked assassination if they helped American soldiers fight the al-Mahdi militia.

Al-Sadr's representative in Nassiriyah, Sheik Aws al-Khafaji, threatened attacks on coalition forces there, most of whom are Italians.

The American incursion was the deepest yet into Najaf, and U.S. soldiers also appeared to have cut off the main road between Najaf and nearby Kufa, where al-Sadr routinely delivers a Friday sermon.

Al-Sadr, who faces an arrest war-

rant in the murder of a moderate rival cleric in April 2003, delivered a sermon at Friday prayers in Kufa, another holy city that lies six miles to the northeast of Najaf.

Al-Sadr described President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair as "the heads of tyranny."

He said the two leaders had paid attention to what he described as the "fabricated" case of Nicholas Berg, an American civilian who was beheaded by militants, and had ignored the suffering of Iraqis in prisons controlled by coalition troops.

The cleric also condemned Iraqis who cooperate with the Americans and "are willing to execute the occupiers' orders," and called for an end to sectarian tensions among Iraqis.

The young cleric lacks the spiritual stature of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, and his confrontational tactics have exasperated moderate Shiites who want an end to the fighting. Still, al-Sadr has the support of thousands of mainly poor, urban Shiites and he has capitalized on hostility toward the coalition that escalated after revelations of abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers.

The United States released more than 300 Iraqi detainees from Abu Ghraib prison on Friday, a day after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld made a surprise visit and insisted the Pentagon did not try to cover up abuses there.

The coalition periodically releases prisoners from Abu Ghraib, the notorious Saddam-era jail where the international scandal over abuses of prisoners by American soldiers has damaged the credibility of the coalition.

## New general to take command at Fort Campbell

By KIMBERLY HEFLING  
AP Military Writer

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A two-star general who recently commanded the Army Southern European Task Force in Italy was to assume command today of the 101st Airborne Division.



Turner

Maj. Gen. Thomas Turner II, 51, replaces Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, who will leave for Iraq to serve as chief of the Office of Security Transition.

Turner, of Ridley Park, Penn., takes command at a time when the 101st is recovering from a year fighting in the Iraq war and is reconfiguring. Sixty-one soldiers from Fort Campbell, 50 miles north of Nashville, Tenn., have died in the

Iraq war.

The 101st is transforming to have four infantry brigade-size "units of action" instead of the traditional three. Other Army divisions are undergoing similar realignments.

Under Turner's command, the Vicenza, Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade executed its first combat parachute drop since Vietnam in northern Iraq on March 24 during major combat.

Turner, who fought in Panama as part of the 75th Ranger Regiment, also served in 2001 as the deputy U.S. military representative to the NATO military committee in Brussels, Belgium, and in various leadership capacities at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Petraeus arrived at Fort Campbell in July 2002 when the division's 3rd Brigade was in the process of returning from Afghanistan.

In February 2003, the entire division starting deploying to Kuwait for the Iraq war. The next month, it crossed into Iraq and took the central Iraq cities of Najaf, Hillah and Karbala before occupying southern Baghdad.

It later moved into northern Iraq where it worked to rebuild the region. The last planeload of 101st soldiers returned home in March.

Among the expected guests Friday at the change of command ceremony was the Rev. Thomas Mohfe'ed, a Catholic priest who opened a Christian orphanage in Iraq with the assistance of the 101st Airborne.

The 101st is a rapid-deployment division trained to go anywhere in the world in 36 hours. Fort Campbell is also home to the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

## Senators oppose letting Bush control \$25 billion for war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration may back down from its proposal to fully control the initial \$25 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan next year after senators demanded a role for Congress.

"We will work with you," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday after members of both parties said they opposed giving the White House free rein in spending the money.

President Bush sent lawmakers his formal request for the \$25 billion on Wednesday, the first portion of 2005 spending that Wolfowitz said would surpass \$50 billion.

The documents suggested most of the money would be used for

operations and maintenance for the Army and other services. But the proposal would let the president shift the money to any defense or classified program after simply notifying Congress five days beforehand.

Initially, Wolfowitz defended the proposal to give Bush unlimited leeway.

"We are looking for the kind of flexibility that will make sure that when a need arises, we can allocate funds to where that need exists," Wolfowitz said.

But his tone changed after several senators voiced their opposition.

"I'm going to support this \$25 billion, but we're going to put limitations on it because we're sworn to protect the people's money," said

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who waved a copy of the Constitution at the witness table.

Even the panel's chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said lawmakers want to make sure "we can maintain our oversight" of the funds.

Wolfowitz's acknowledgment that the war price tag would exceed \$50 billion for the budget year that starts Oct. 1 edged the administration toward critics' estimates of closer to \$75 billion.

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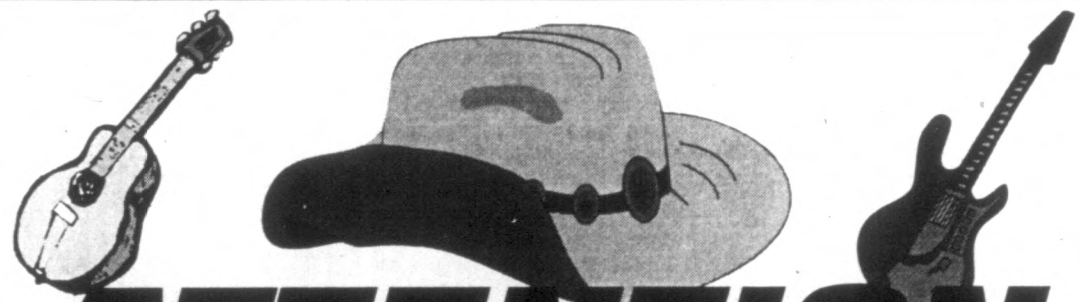
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**WASHINGTON TODAY**  
 By Gina Holland

## Iraqis must decide how to deal with past

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy said Thursday that Iraqis alone must determine the right way to mete out justice to the country's former leaders.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the justices also expressed concern about photographs of American soldiers mistreating Iraqi prisoners. They refused to comment directly about abuse allegations because any punishment of U.S. personnel might be appealed to the high court.

The justices were among a panel of international legal experts who met with 28 Iraqi judges in the Netherlands last week. The subject of detainee abuse did not come up, the justices said, but the way to handle deposed leader Saddam Hussein and other former Iraqi leaders did.

Saddam is being held by the United States in an undisclosed location. He is expected to be turned over to an Iraqi war-crimes tribunal to face charges that could include genocide and crimes against humanity.

The justices did not disclose specifics of what was discussed but said Iraqis alone should determine the appropriate punishment.

"The people of Iraq and certainly the people there will have to come to grips in time with what to do about the former regime and leaders in it and whether some should be held criminally accountable for past crimes and, if so, where do you draw the line," O'Connor said.

"We don't have answers for that," she said, noting other wartorn countries have used such prosecutions as healing experiences.

Added Kennedy: "It's not for us to enter into that debate. There was some difference of opinion, but discussed in a very rational, balanced, reflective way."

Since the U.S. invasion, Iraq's courts have been rebuilt under the protection of coalition forces, but judges regularly are threatened and four have been killed. The justices said they were impressed by the Iraqi judges they met.

"You have to find small islands,

small pockets of stability and reliability and build out from there," Kennedy said. "And it was apparent to us ... that these dedicated jurists represent a reliable source of stability, responsibility, respect for the law."

The conference included the most senior judge in Britain and the head of a U.N. war crimes tribunal. Most of the Iraqi judges at the meeting already preside over domestic courts, and some are potential candidates for seats on an Iraqi supreme court to be created under a new constitution.

The United States has set a June 30 deadline for restoring sovereignty to Iraqis. The U.S. justices said some courts already are functioning in Iraq, but it is unclear what the final system will look like.

On the issue of Iraqi inmate abuse at the hands of U.S. military personnel, Kennedy said the Iraqi judges "innately knew, instinctively knew how concerned we were. They also knew that we can't really comment because we are actually in the legal system where we have review of military court-martials."

"They also knew we represent a process that is open, that recognizes that human fallibility is the reason we have democracy," he said.

The Supreme Court is considering three cases testing the president's power to label American citizens and foreigners as "enemy combatants" and hold them in open-ended military custody, without charges or trial.

The cases were argued at the court last month before the publication of graphic images of prisoner abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison. Those photographs seem to undercut part of the Bush administration's argument that the executive branch should be trusted, with limited court interference, in its decisions about detainees.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg had asked a White House lawyer during court arguments what an inmate was to do if he was being tortured as part of interrogation. The lawyer responded that the government does not use torture.

The photographs are not part of the case, but justices could still refer to them in a decision.

## OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,

America is now caught with America's pants down. Well, literally, the camera caught the Iraqis with no pants, but it is America who is exposed to the world because we went to Iraq to topple a cruel dictator who was doing bad things to people, and now we are caught doing bad things to people in prison there.

The president has made a speech, saying the guilty people will be brought to justice. And Sens. John Warner of Virginia and Jeff Sessions of Alabama have been outspoken in their disapproval of what six soldiers did to the Iraqi prisoners.

But nobody is recognizing and admitting that the President is responsible for these acts because he launched the war on Iraq and sent those six men there. And Congress is responsible because Congress authorized the President to go to war. And the American people are responsible because the American people wanted to go to war in Iraq to overthrow Saddam because the American people believed the propaganda about weapons of mass destruction and the brutal treatment of "his own people."

Now the American people must realize that our problem is not gay marriage but a corruption of morals in the matter of this war, and we ought to punish the guilty parties by impeachment and ouster from office.

The fault lies not just in six soldiers who were sent to do a job on Saddam, but on the American people and our leaders because the war was what the people and the leaders wanted, and it was the war that resulted in the atrocities in the Iraqi prisons because that is what such a war is — an atrocity against the defeated people by their conquerors.

Now until the President admits that it is his war that has brought this shame, and the congressmen admit they authorized the President to do this shameful thing, and the American people wanted that the President and Congress did what the American people wanted them to do, this shame will be on us, and the whole world will spit on America because of what America has done in a prison cell in Iraq.

Henry Buchanan  
 Murray, Ky.

## POLITICS TODAY

By Nedra Pickler

# VEEPSTAKES!

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Democratic primary was also a try-out for potential vice presidential picks, some candidates probably would be better off if they had never started their quixotic bids.

Sen. Bob Graham and Wesley Clark have traits of an attractive vice presidential candidate, but stumbled in their own White House campaigns. Clark tripped over explanations of his positions on Iraq and abortion, while Graham's effort quickly fizzled before many voters even knew who he was.

Alternatively, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt may have improved their chances with campaigns that impressed Democrats. Neither won overwhelming votes — Gephardt dropped out after a distant fourth-place finish in Iowa and Edwards only won his native state of South Carolina before quitting — but both were disciplined on the stump.

"You don't want a vice presidential candidate who is going to say something that is going to sidetrack your campaign for a few days or weeks with questions about how you are going to clean up their problems," said Joel Goldstein, an expert on the vice presidency at St. Louis University. "You don't want to worry about how they are going to perform in prime time."

Graham and Clark have impressive credentials that are keeping them under consideration for the No. 2 spot on the ticket of pre-

sumptive nominee John Kerry, but their missteps during the primaries may have diminished their standing.

Both are Southern moderates who could balance Kerry's image as a Massachusetts liberal. In a time of war, both could provide national security expertise — Graham as former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and Clark as a former four-star Army general.

But each failed to catch on with voters as a result of their late starts. Graham couldn't raise enough money to keep his bid alive and bizarrely announced he was quitting in the final minutes of an episode of CNN's "Larry King Live" on the mauling of illusionist Roy Horn.

Clark geared up his campaign as Graham was exiting and, like the Florida senator, ran as a national security expert opposed to the Iraq war. But Clark's political inexperience showed when he fumbled out of the gate on his signature issue — he said he probably would have voted for the Bush-backed congressional resolution authorizing use of force in Iraq, then reversed course a day later to say he never would have voted for the war.

Clark led the national polls and was an impressive fund-raiser. But he decided against entering Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus and won just a single primary — Oklahoma — before dropping out.

Clark's standing also is not



helped by Kerry advisers' belief that the former general helped spread rumors that Kerry had had an affair with a young woman.

Larry Mullins, a first-time delegate from Morristown, Tenn., who is backing Kerry, said he originally liked Clark but lost interest when Clark skipped Iowa.

"I don't care if he didn't go and stay but an hour, that was bad politics," Mullins said.

Now Mullins hopes Kerry will pick Edwards because he thinks the Southerner will be popular in Tennessee, especially with women.

"We want a winner," he said. "And number one, he's real popular with the female population because he's a good looking man."

Darryl Paulson, a political scientist at the University of South Florida who has studied the vice presidency, said Edwards' victory in a single primary although he was the last standing, viable opponent to

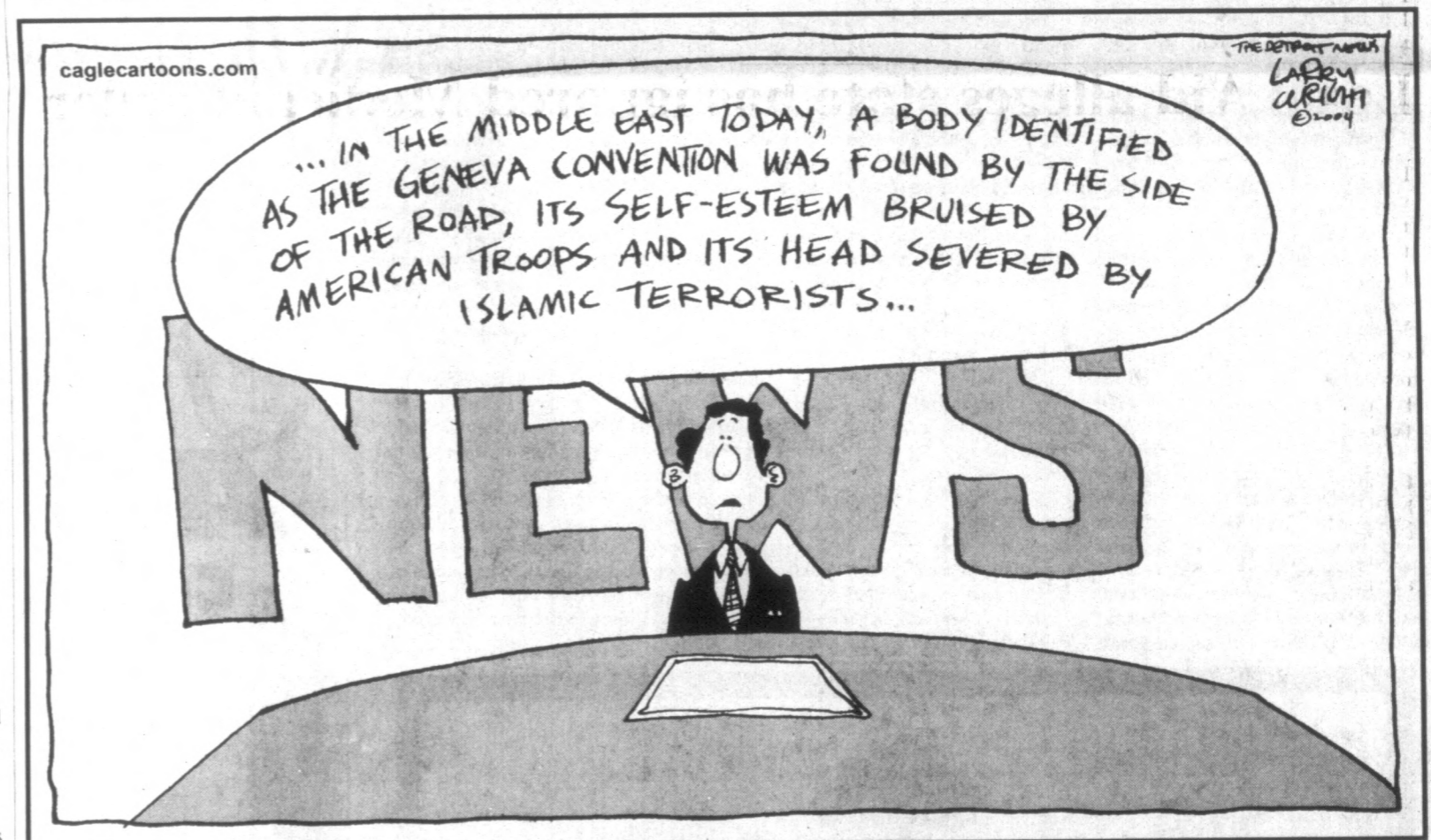
Kerry was "hardly an overwhelming statement of public support for him."

But Paulson said Edwards' performance still has him in a better position than the more experienced Graham or Clark. Part of the problem for Graham and Clark, Paulson said, is they had to run to the left of their centrist views to compete with perceived front-runner Howard Dean.

"They were Dean-ized," he said. "That's where they saw the action was."

Still, Graham and Clark have impressed Kerry's advisers with their work for him on the stump. And their undeniable expertise on international affairs and national security could still win them the second spot.

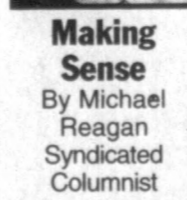
Nedra Pickler covers the presidential campaign for The Associated Press.



## Democrats misdirecting outrage

Liberal Democrats (are there any other kind?) are venting their anger at a small handful of Army reservists implicated in the abuse of prisoners in an infamous Baghdad prison, hoping that they can somehow pin the blame on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his boss, President Bush.

Some of the venom being spewed by these opportunists who exploit every chance to attack the President is as outrageous as the very abuse they are condemning, for example the disgusting comments of Senator Teddy Kennedy who put the prisoner abuse scandal, which involved the humiliating of the detainees on the same level as the torture, rape and murder of Saddam's tens of thousands of victims. Said the hero of Chappaquiddick, "Shamefully we now learn that Saddam's torture chambers reopened under new management, U.S. management," he shouted on the



**Making Sense**  
 By Michael Reagan  
 Syndicated Columnist

floor of the Senate. As P. David Hornik wrote in Wednesday's American Spectator, "... Abu Ghraib is all the rage. It's a wild circus, 24/7, the images from the prison as sordid and obscene as the faces of the leftist moralists are righteous and haughty. It's been claimed that liberals can't cope with the

reality of evil, hence deny the necessity to fight it. But the existence of evil isn't really liberals' problem; it's that they see it in the wrong places. Whether it was Vietnam, the Cold War, or now the War on Terror, liberals always shine the spotlight on alleged sins of U.S. presidents or the U.S. military. The names Nixon, Reagan, and Bush are actually talismans of evil for them, but not the savage regimes and movements that they fight."

They haven't even held their fire about abu Ghraib in the face of the beheading of Nick Berg, which of course is just another example of the kind of evil we are combating in the war against terrorism they can't seem to recognize.

Instead of recognizing that this horrendous atrocity is a key weapon in the terrorist's arsenal that should alert every American to the fact that this is a genuine war, the Democrats prefer us to believe that it is merely a retaliation for the abuse of Muslims at Abu Ghraib — merely a case of tit for tat. Liberals simply cannot distinguish between bad behavior and evil because they don't believe that there is any such thing as evil.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard had a quick reply to what President Eisenhower once called "rot gut thinking": "This kind of depraved behavior by terrorists has been going on for years," he said on Australia's channel nine television the other day.

Nick Berg's horrendous execution shows us exactly who and what these people are. His death reminds why we are at war. What's happening in America is what I feared would hap-

pen as we got further and further away from 9/11 — the more and more there would be opposition to what the President is doing to protect the United States and make the world a safer place to live. And that's exactly what has happened. The terrible nature of Nick Berg's death reverses that trend and should fill us with a renewed resolve to fight this war against terrorism to the bitter end.

But look at the Democrats, who are proclaiming their outrage about the prisoner abuse scandal; they are basically the same people who were outraged that we went to war against Saddam Hussein's brutal regime in the first place. This is just another way of trying to cripple the President's war efforts.

What we see happening here is the same old Democrat tactic of putting their political fortunes above the welfare of the people of the United States. If their constant carping about Abu Ghraib damages the war effort and our fight to bring peace and stability to the Middle East that's simply too bad. They want us to fail as long as President Bush is in charge, just as they are hoping against hope that the economy will go into a tailspin between now and election day. If that hurts their fellow Americans, tough luck. Winning elections is all that counts.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network. Comments to mereagan@hotmail.com for Mike.

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**Robert Edmond Swann**

Robert Edmond Swann, 97, Murray, died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 5:45 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

He was co-owner of Swann's Food Market on South Fourth Street, Murray, for several years. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Hospital Unit of the Army in Rome, Italy. He was a member of First Baptist Church and of the Baraca Sunday School Class of the church.

Mr. Swann was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Hugo, Okla. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Oran Johnston**

The funeral for Oran Johnston will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Jim Faughn will officiate. Burial will follow in the Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Friday). Expressions of sympathy may be made to Central Church of Christ, 2201 Washington St., Paducah, KY 42002.

Mr. Johnston, 72, Riverside Drive, Paducah, father of Tim Johnston Ph.D., Murray, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 10:35 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

He had retired as safety inspector from B.F. Goodrich (Westlake), Calvert City, and was a member of Central Church of Christ, Paducah. One sister, Dortha Dean Johnston, and one brother, Harold Johnston, both preceded him in death. He was the son of the late Curtis Johnston and Ruth Watkins Johnston.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Bloomingburg Johnston; one daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Radcliffe and husband, John, Stroudsburg, Pa.; two sons, Tim Johnston Ph.D. and wife, Karla, Murray, and Matthew Johnston and wife, Kim, Houston, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Jones and husband, J.C., Benton, and Mrs. Helen Higgins and husband, Ted, Aurora; eight grandchildren, Samuel Johnston and Janene Johnston, both of Murray, Kate Johnston and Kristie Johnston, both of Houston, Texas, and John Radcliffe III, Stuart Radcliffe, James Radcliffe and Chloe Radcliffe, all of Stroudsburg, Pa.

**Mrs. Patricia Barnhill**

Visitation for Mrs. Patricia Barnhill was at Jones Funeral Home, LaCenter, Thursday evening. The Rev. Bruce Watts and the Rev. Jeff Stewart gave an eulogy.

Graveside services will be Saturday at noon at Hillcrest Cemetery, Dry Ridge. Visitation will be at Elliston-Stanley Funeral, Williamstown, after 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Barnhill, 65, LaCenter, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 1:33 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

She was retired from Jacob's Engineering and was a member of Providence Baptist Church and a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Preceding her in death were several sisters and brothers. She was the daughter of the late Arthur C. Gross and Clara Mae Browning.

Survivors include her husband, Thelbert Barnhill; two daughters, Mrs. Karen Nolan, Maryville, Tenn., and Mrs. Karen Andrus, Murray; three sons, Lee Chapman, Ruther Glen, Va., Mark Barnhill, Nashville, Tenn., and Kevin Barnhill, Clarksville, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Adalaide Toole, Dry Ridge, Mrs. Anna Lou Weiskittel, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Joy Higgins, Warsaw; one brother, Arthur Gross, Dry Ridge; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Rice compares terrorists to Ala. church bombers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Condoleezza Rice said Thursday that terrorists today are driven by the same hatred that inspired Klansmen to bomb a church in 1963 in her hometown of Birmingham, Ala.

President Bush's national security adviser spoke to about 10,000 people — including a small group of protesters — at Vanderbilt University's Senior Class Day.

The bombing at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham killed four girls, including her friend, 11-year-old Denise McNair, and was meant to instill fear, Rice said.

"Those terrorists failed because of the poverty of their visions — a vision of hate, inequality. ... And they failed because of the courage and sacrifice of all who suffered and struggled for civil rights."

Rice reflected on what it was like to grow up in a city often described as the most segregated in the country.

"I know what it means to hold dreams and aspirations and half your neighbors think you are incapable or uninterested in anything better," she said.

Today, many express doubts about the prospects for freedom in the Middle East, much as they once did about Russia, Africa and the American South, Rice said.



Rice

She urged students to avoid the mistake of thinking some people do not "share your desire to live freely."

"Knowing what we know about the difficulties of our own history, and knowing the history of Alabama and Mississippi and Tennessee, we should be humble in singing freedom's praise," she said.

"But our voice should never waver in speaking out on the side of those who seek freedom, and we should never indulge in condescending voices that allege that some people are not interested in freedom or are not ready for freedom's responsibility," she continued. "That view was wrong in 1963 in Birmingham, and it's wrong in 2004 in Baghdad."

Some Vanderbilt students and faculty had signed a petition to protest Rice's selection for an award. It said the award amounted to a university endorsement of Rice's role in the war in Iraq and described her as a "person who repeatedly misrepresented the truth to tragic effect."

Constance Gee, wife of Chancellor Gordon Gee and an associate professor of public policy and education, was among the 200 who signed the

petition against Rice receiving the Chancellor's Medal.

"This event runs the risk of simply serving as PR for the current administration's efforts to portray their doctrines in a favorable light," the petition reads. "Furthermore, we believe that many of Dr. Rice's doctrines and actions are contrary to the principles of Vanderbilt University."

Before the speech, about 40 protesters gathered in the drizzle, some holding signs such as "Vandy Does Not Support Liars."

A few on campus said they supported Rice's invitation to speak, but expressed reservations about her receiving the award.

"I definitely think she should be allowed to speak. She obviously does her job very well," said Eleanor Finnegan, a 23-year-old divinity student. "But I'm not sure I would have given her an award."

Heather Andrews, a 30-year-old Vanderbilt graduate, said that although she disagrees with the Bush administration's policies in Iraq, she applauds the school for bringing a speaker of Rice's standing.

Caitlin Askins, an 18-year-old employee in the office of housing, expressed similar sentiments, but said, "Because the award represents the entire university, I don't think it's in the best interest to give it to her."

SIUE names chancellor, former Murray chair

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville named Vaughn Vandegrift as its next chancellor Thursday to replace David Werner, who retires July 1 after leading the university for the past seven years.

Vandegrift, 57, has been provost and vice president for academic affairs at Georgia Southern University since 2000. But he started his career in Illinois, as a chemistry professor at Illinois State University in 1974.

"The opportunity to come to SIU Edwardsville and lead this vibrant campus is exciting to me," Vandegrift said in a news release after the Board of Trustees approved his appointment Thursday.

"SIUE has a vision to achieve national prominence as a premier metropolitan university. I'm look-

ing forward to working with the university and metropolitan communities to realize that vision within the next decade," he said.

At Georgia Southern, a university of about 16,000 students and more than 650 full-time faculty, Vandegrift dealt with major budget cuts and oversaw the creation of a new College of Information Technology and a School of Economic Development focusing on the needs of southern Georgia.

Before that, he spent 12 years as a dean and professor at New Jersey's Montclair State University and six years as a professor and chemistry department chair at Murray State University.

Vandegrift was raised in Saddle Brook, N.J., holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Montclair State and earned a doctorate in chemistry from Ohio University.

He replaces Werner, who was appointed chancellor in 1999 but has filled the role since his predecessor, Nancy Belck, left in 1997. The university has about 13,000 students and 520 full-time faculty.

SIU board of trustees chairman

Glenn Poshard said Thursday that he believes Vandegrift is up to the challenges ahead of him.

"He's got a tough act to follow, but I'm sure he'll do it well," Poshard told the (Carbondale) Southern Illinoisan.

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Legal Aid alleges state has ignored Medicaid order

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Legal Aid lawyers are accusing the state of failing to comply with a federal judge's order to reinstate thousands of people who were cut from the Medicaid program.

The lawyers say in papers filed Wednesday that the state missed one court-imposed deadline for reinstating some of those affected by the cost-cutting measures and is facing another one on Monday.

A state official Thursday said the state believes it is complying but has asked the court for clarification.

Anne Marie Regan, senior staff attorney with the office of

Kentucky Legal Services Programs, said if U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood agrees with Legal Aid that the state is violating his April 16 order, she will ask the judge to hold state officials in contempt of court if they don't comply.

"We think they're not complying with the order at all," Regan said. Her agency filed suit Oct. 2 on behalf of about 3,500 elderly and disabled people affected by the cuts.

State officials have said they're trying to carry out the order.

Dr. James Holsinger, Health and Family Services Cabinet secretary, said the agency informed the court

April 30 of the actions it had taken and sought clarification.

"We believe we are in compli-

ance but we will follow the directives of the court," Holsinger said in a statement released Thursday.

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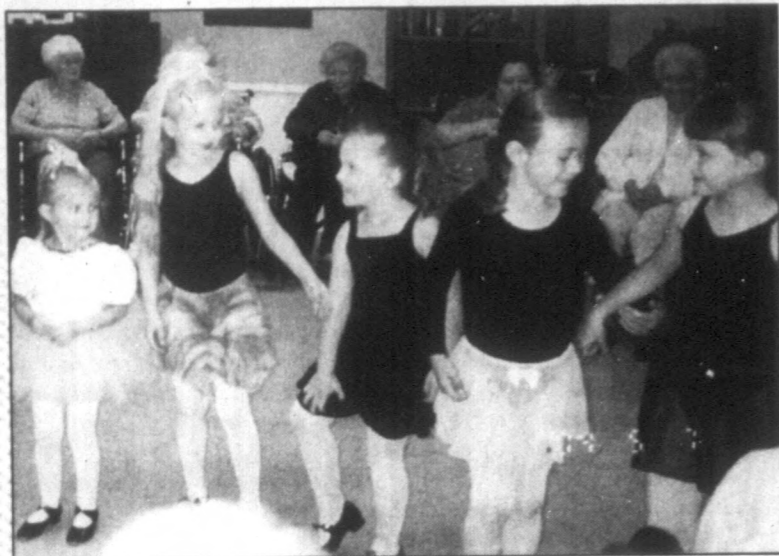


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Students at Elle's Dance Studio, Aniston Young, Keragan Young, Laken Kelso, Adyson Scott and Shelby Robinson, performed for residents of Long Term Care of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. To see them and other students perform, the studio will have its dance recital on Saturday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Murray State University Lovett Auditorium. The public is invited.

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Mutts 4-H Dog Camp will be a barking great time for all participants. Youth will learn to groom, to do agility and to encourage obedience.

Guest speakers will join the group. The cost of the Millennium Mutts Dog Camp is \$15.

"This dog camp will increase the youth's ability to work with their dog and will strengthen the bond between the two," said Karen Collins, leader of the Millennium Mutts and event organizer. "I hope that we have a good number of youth and dogs ready to spend time together learning. Active leading as well as a guest lecture will be a part of these fun-filled days."

Youth are to bring snacks, dog, collar, leash, tent, sleeping bag, current health papers of dog, plastic bags, crate and parent or guardian if possible. Youth are to bring a gift worth less than \$10 for a prize for the Dog Show on Saturday. There will be meals and drinks provided to participants. Youth are to wear comfortable clothes, hat and sun screen.

Upcoming events:  
■ Livestock and Dairy teams compete in State Events on June 21-23 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Deadline to sign up will be May 24.

The Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 753-1452 and the fax is 759-4243. The Calloway County 4-H Council receives funding from the Murray-Calloway County United Way. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky counties, cooperating.

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## Engagement



## Cathey and Roby

Oatman and Kathy Farley of Murray announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tiffany P. Cathey, to Ryan J. Roby, son of Tom Roby of Hartford and Renae Gupton of Murray.

Miss Cathey is the granddaughter of David and Helen Foley and of L.D. and Nancy Cathey, all of Murray.

Mr. Roby is the grandson of Robert and Shirley Lee and of Bernard and Winifred Roby, all of Owensboro.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Ezell's Cosmetology School, Murray. She is employed at Cheri Theaters.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Paducah Technical College. He is employed by TTMA (Toyotetsu Mid America), Owensboro.

The wedding will be Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Pine Creek Resort, Murray.

Formal invitations will be sent.

## Wildfire



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Pinecastle Recording group Wildfire is slated to appear at the Bluegrass on the Square Festival in Benton Saturday. Wildfire's debut release, "Uncontained," stayed on the bluegrass top 10 singles and album charts for nearly a year.

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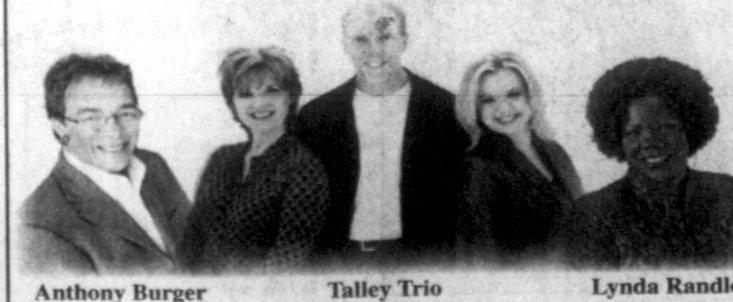
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## Soccer coaches' reception will be held on Monday



All Calloway County High School/Soccer fans, players and parents will welcome the new 2004 Laker coaches on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A general membership meeting of the soccer boosters will be at 6 p.m. in the media center, prior to the coaches' reception.

The public is urged to attend this special reception.

## Jo's Music recital to be Sunday

Music students of Linda Wright will present a recital on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church. The public is invited.

## Four Rivers group will meet

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

## Alpha Department will meet

Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Saturday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the club house, Lynda Chaney of Child Reach will be the speaker. Hostesses will be Linda Hendrick, Melissa Stark and Linda Patterson.

## CCHS election will be Monday

The election for Parent representatives for the Calloway County High School Site-based Decision Making Council will be Monday, May 17, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. Parents of students enrolled for the 2004-2005 school year at CCHS are eligible to vote.

## Benefit singing Saturday

A benefit singing featuring The Gospel Echoes will be Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at Brooks Chapel United Methodist Church. This will be for Barry Jones who is now in a period of recovery from heart surgery. The public is invited.

## Legion baseball meeting Sunday

American Legion Baseball Post 236 will have an open meeting on Sunday, May 16, at 3 p.m. at the Joe Creason building at H.H. Lovett Park, Benton. Coaches and staff will be present. Anyone interested in playing American Legion baseball to attend this meeting.

## Make A Difference Day Saturday

The Resource Centers of Murray and Calloway will host their 46th Make A Difference Day Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Murray State University Roy Stewart Stadium. The following items will be recycled: Newspapers - all paper products for Resource Centers; ink jet cartridges for Big Brother Big Sister; oil for Taylor Bus Sales; old cell phones for CASA; aluminum cans for WATCH; old clothes for J.U. Kevel; eye glasses for Murray Lions club.

## Join Hands Day planned Saturday

Woodmen of World Lodge 827 and Laker Stars 4-H Club will be working together on a Join Hands Day Project on Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m. at the Angels Clinic on Poplar Street to landscape. Join Hands Day was May 1, but neither group could work as it was after Relay for Life. All members of both groups are encouraged to come out for this community service.

## Need Line fundraiser on Saturday

Schwan's Home Services and Need Line will have a fundraiser Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of North Side BB&T Bank, 1104 Chestnut St., Murray. A percent of each purchase made from Schwan's frozen foods will be donated to Need Line.

## WOW Youth Event Saturday

Woodmen of the World Youth Fishing Tournament will be Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mike Miller Park, Draf-fenville. Each one should bring your own pole and bait, but hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

## Gamma Chapter will meet Saturday

Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at Lake Barkley State Park Lodge.

## Oaks pool will open for the season

Oaks Country Club pool will be open May 15-16 and May 21 to Labor Day. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Parties may be booked after 8 p.m. with prior notice and approval. Members may bring non-Calloway County guests any day and Calloway County guests on Tuesdays with a fee for each guest. Babysitter passes will also be available for the season.

## Angel Alert issued by center

An Angel Alert for a car for a single parent with a toddler has been issued by Calloway County Family Resource Center. Any one having one to donate, call the center at 762-7333.

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**Event Reminders**

The following are reminders of events planned for this coming week that were recently published in *The Murray Ledger & Times*.

**Brittany Overby**, daughter of Darrell and Maria Overby and Mike and Tammy Petty of Murray, and **Robert F. Arnett**, son of Georgia Dick of Lynn Grove, will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 1 p.m. at Chalet Mountain Wedding Chapel, Gatlinburg, Tenn. A reception will follow at Open Hearth Restaurant, Gatlinburg.

**Rebecca Jane Suiter**, daughter of Kenneth and Janie Suiter of Murray, and **Chadwick Ian McLaren**, son of John and Cindy McLaren of Murray, will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 3 p.m. at Glendale Road Church of Christ, Murray. A reception will follow at the church. All relatives and friends are invited.

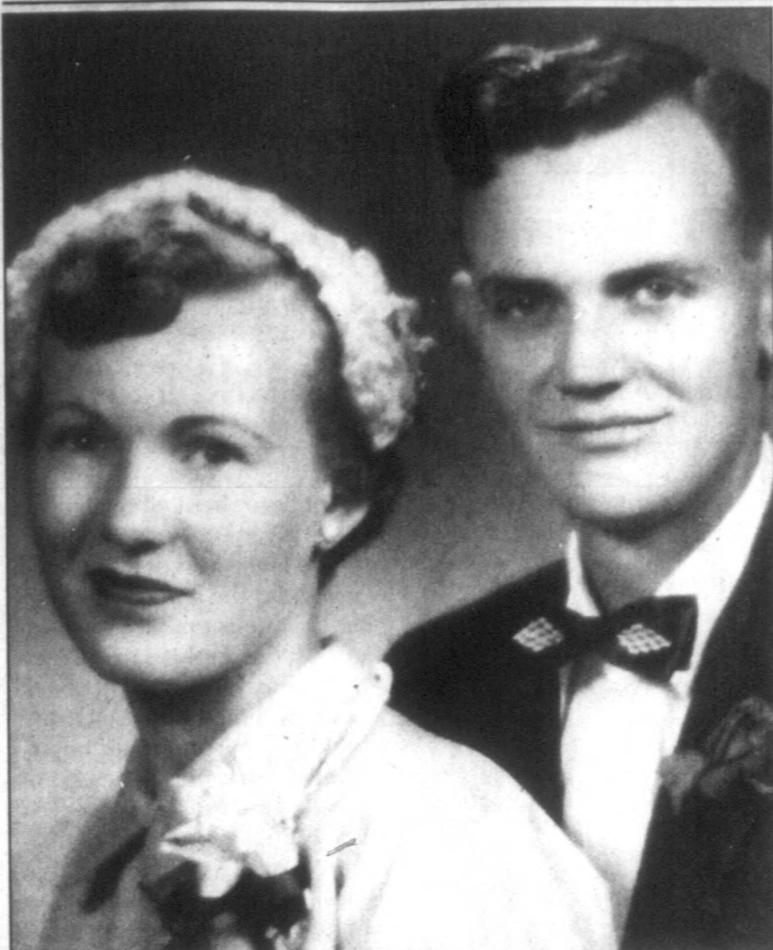
**Michelle Lee Colson**, daughter of Silburn Colson of Hazel and Kenneth and Karen Carson of Kirksey, and **Justin Shea Crouch**, son of Steve and Dana Crouch of Farmington, will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 4 p.m. at Pine Creek Resort, Murray. A reception will follow the ceremony. All relatives and friends are invited.

**Amanda Pugh**, daughter of Mark and Linda Stubblefield Pugh of Corpus Christi, Texas, and **Brandon Detherage**, son of Sandy and Cindy Detherage of San Diego, Calif., will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 7 p.m. in the courtyard of the historic Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas.

**Jennifer Lynn Myers**, daughter of Tony and Lisa Boyd of Kirksey and Billy and Carol Myers of Benton, and **Mitchell Ray Tucker**, son of Stanley and Dorothy Tucker of Murray, will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at Kenlake State Resort Hotel, Aurora. A reception will follow at the hotel. All relatives and friends are invited.

**Stephanie Marie Judy**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Judy of Elizabethtown, and **David James Perlow**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Perlow of Murray, will be married Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Grand Rivers.

**Anniversary**



**Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Lee in 1954**      **Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Lee in 2004**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Lee will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29, 2004.

In honor of the occasion, a reception, hosted by their children, will be Sunday, May 23, 2004, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Weeks Community Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. All relatives and friends are invited. The family requests that guests not bring gifts, but cards would be welcomed.

The former Jean Parrish and Mr. Lee were married May 29, 1954, with the late Rev. L.C. Lee officiating. Their attendants were Mary Yarbrough and Joe Tom Foster.

Mrs. Lee is the daughter of the late W.G. Parrish and Reba Hopkins Parrish.

Mr. Lee, son of the late Howard and Edith Lee of Hazel, is retired from B.F. Goodrich, Calvert City.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Clarissa Trinosky and husband, Butch, Paris, Tenn., and Mrs. Debbie Winkler and husband, Paul, Goodlettsville, Tenn.; and one son, Barry Lee and wife, Laurie, Murray.

Their six grandchildren are Dana Todd, David Todd, Sean Lee, Matthew Lee, Alex Winkler and Andrew Winkler. Their two great-grandchildren are Taylor Todd and Joseph Todd.



Photo provided  
Sue Wilson, left, of Hazel, was voted as Auxiliary Member of the Year of AMVETS Auxiliary #45. At right is Wincle Wright, president of the auxiliary.

**Hazel woman named to honor by Auxiliary**

PARIS LANDING, Tenn. — Sue Wilson of Hazel, Ky., was elected as "Auxiliary Member of the Year" by the AMVETS Auxiliary #45 at its May meeting. "She has been a dedicated member of the auxiliary for several years and always goes the extra mile to help in every project," said Wincle Wright, president.

New officers elected were Wright, president; Nancy Byford, first vice, membership; Kathleen Suffern, second vice, child welfare; Anna Waynick, third vice, community service; Jan Doall, Americanism; Katha Caldwell, chaplain; Sue Wofford, sergeant at arms; Shirley Collins, treasurer.

Connie DeSmith was sworn in as a new member.

Winner of the patriotic Bear contest was Jan Doall whose bear will be forwarded for state, then possibly national competition to end

up at John Tracy Clinic with the other bears made by auxiliary members.

Dorothy Edwards said the cook-out at Humboldt Veterans Home was successful with 12 volunteers from AMVETS and Auxiliary present.

Final plans were made for the Memorial Day Fun Run, hosted by AMVETS #45 on Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Walkers will start at Paris Landing and conclude at the Post home. A \$5 donation is requested from each sponsored walker. A short ceremony will honor the service members and veterans with Rainbow of Sound presenting patriotic music.

All proceeds generated from the run will go to the Veterans Administration Hospitals Welfare and Moral Fund. The public is encouraged to participate in the walk and memorial ceremony.

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# Worship

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## In our CHURCHES

### Martin's Chapel will have its homecoming

Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church will have its annual homecoming on Sunday, May 16. The Rev. Richard Denton, former pastor of the church, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service, according to the Rev. Michael Blake, pastor. Ralph Robertson is choir director with Ricky Cunningham as pianist and Judith Lamb as assistant pianist. The choir will sing "I Saw the Light."

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Donations for the cemetery will be taken. Those unable to attend may send their donations to Joe Pat Robertson, 1885 Wrather Rd., Almo, KY 42020.

### LIFE Youth Rally at Locust Grove

A LIFE Youth Rally will open at Locust Grove Baptist Church tonight, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Sessions will be from 6:30 to 10 p.m. tonight and from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

The two nights will be filled with worship, food, fun. Featured will be Ryan Rainbolt and Darrick Holloman as speakers. Worship will be led by the church band, Sabbath Day. A question and answer period about Jesus will be led by the church pastor, the Rev. Jeff Elliott, who invites all interested persons to attend.

### Benefit planned for LCP pastor

A gospel music benefit concert will be Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. at Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the pastor, Bro. Don Faulkner, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. Featured will be Gary Vacca, Blake Vacca, Faye Austin, Nelson Key, Sugar Creek Trio, Jennifer Todd Lasater, Kathy Hodge, Will Blackford and Susan Blackford.

Persons unable to attend may send a donation to Liberty CP Church, c/o Don Wells, 510 Richardson St., Murray, KY 42071. The church is located 10 miles on Highway 94 East, turn right on 1346 and then right on Liberty Road.

### Prison Ministry meeting May 22

Westside Jail/Prison Ministry and Prison Fellowship Ministries will present a program, "Strategies For Effective Post-Prison Ministry" on Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church, 207 Robertson Road South, Murray.

Manny Mill, founder and executive director of Koinonia House® National Ministries, Inc., a post-prison ministry equipping Christians to bridge the gap from prison to the local church, will be the speaker. Sessions with Manny Mill will be at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. Barbara Mill will lead a session at 12:30 p.m. A general discussion will be at 2 p.m. followed by closing remarks by Manny Miller at 3 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For reservations call the church at 753-8240 by Monday, May 17.

### Calvary Temple plans special day

"Friends and Family Day" will be held Sunday, May 16, at Calvary Temple Church, U.S. Highway 641 South, Murray.

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## Church Bulletins

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

**Goshen United Methodist:** The Rev. Mark Earheart, pastor, will speak about "Don't Worry, Be Happy" with scripture from *1 Thessalonians 5:16-19* at the 11 a.m. worship service with Donna Maynard as the pastor's assistant. Bob West and Bobby Etheridge will serve as greeters. Tara Etheridge will direct children's church. Tina Sexton will direct the choir with Pat Brunn, Carla Halkias and Renee Doyle as accompanists. Sunday School with Tom Villafior as superintendent will begin at 10 a.m. Immediately following the worship service, the church will host a dinner to honor their 2004 graduates. The youth of both Goshen and Kirksey churches will meet at 6 p.m. at Goshen. The Noteables (Joe Pat James, James V. Edwards and Kevin Crawford) will be performing at Goshen at 6 p.m.

**Memorial Baptist:** Dr. Jim Simmons, pastor, will speak at the 8:30 and 6 p.m. worship services, and the Rev. Ray Carroll will speak at the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Dr. Simmons' morning topic will be "A Fresh Touch from God" with scripture from *Daniel 10:1-8*. Rev. Carroll will speak about "The End of Your Life" with scripture from *Psalms 90*. Paul Adams is music director with Kathy Thweatt and Misty Williams as accompanists. The sanctuary choir will sing "Jesus Is My Lord" at the 10:50 a.m. service. Assisting will be Dale Thomson and Mark Cohoon. The LifeLine Quartet led by the Rev. Darvin Stom, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church, will have special music at the 6 p.m. service. Sunday School will be at 9:40 a.m.

**Glendale Road Church of Christ:** Maark Hurt, minister of Millington Church of Christ, will speak about "The Church the Lord Blesses" with scripture from *Luke 14:15-23* at the 9 a.m. worship service and Roger Thompson, leader of the Christian Counseling Center's ministry, will speak about "Great Things Happening in Cuba" with scripture from *II Corinthians 9:9-14* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Jerald Sykes will direct the song service. Assisting will be

Ryan Owen, Ron Cook, Kenny Hoover, Tommy Schroader, Jared Plunkett, Ted Howard and Ronnie Sills. A short worship service will be at 5 a.m. and Bible classes at 10:15 a.m. Ministers are John Dale, pulpit, Garry Evans, involvement, Alan Martin, outreach, and Nick Hutchens, youth.

**Good Shepherd United Methodist:** The Rev. Bob Saywell will be guest preacher at the 11 a.m. worship service. Diana Tatlock is choir director with Jessica Su as pianist and Judith Lamb as assistant pianist. The choir will sing "O That Will Be Glory" and the choir will introduce the hymn, "Lift Him Up." Sunday School for adults and children will be at 10 a.m.

**Emmanuel Baptist:** The Rev. Dr. Paul E. McWhorter, pastor, will speak about "Living in the Land of Nevertheless...or Following Christ in Spite Of" with scripture from *Luke 5:1-11* at the 11 a.m. worship service. Bro. Sean Vinson, missionary to Nicaragua, sent out by Deeborn Baptist Church, Aurora, Ind., will speak at the 6 p.m. worship service. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran:** The Rev. Dr. Chad Foster, pastor, will speak about "Peace I Leave With You; My Peace I Give You" with scripture from *John 14:23-29* at the 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after Easter worship service. Holy Communion will be celebrated with Charles Benzing as elder. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will be at 9 a.m. and social hour at 9:45 a.m.

**Coldwater Church of Christ:** Richard Guill, minister, will speak about "No Where To Go" with scripture from *John 6:59-69* at the 10:15 a.m. worship service and about "All Those Hypocrites In the Church" with scripture from *Philippians 1:15-18* at the 6 p.m. worship service. Kevin Smith will lead the singing.

**Westside Baptist:** The Rev. Glynn M. Orr, pastor, will speak about "You Were Created to Become Like Christ: You Are Called to Become Disciples" with scripture from *Matthew 16:21-26; 28; 18:20 and Luke 14:25-35* at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Tommy Scott is minister of music. The choir will sing "Sweet Aroma

of Praise" and Jill Herndon will sing at the morning hour. Assisting will be John Yezerki and Kim Oatman. The Building Committee Presentation will be at the 6 p.m. worship service. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m.

**University Church of Christ:** Richard Youngblood, minister, will speak about "The Art of contentment" with scripture from *Philippians 4:10-20* at the 10 a.m. worship service and Seth Grogan will speak at the 6 p.m. worship service. Assisting at the morning service will be Sherrill Gargus, Keith Hays and David Gallagher. Danny Claiborne is worship leader and Roy Hawkins is worship leader.

**First Baptist:** Dr. Wendell Ray, pastor, will speak about "Our Attitudes About the Beliefs" at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Boyd Smith, minister of students and activities, will speak about "Four Steps to Successful Living" with scripture from *Proverbs 1:7; I Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:5 and Luke 5:5* at the 10:55 a.m. worship service when the 2004 high school graduates will be recognized. Stephanie Finch will give the children's sermon at both services. Melissa Ray, director of Aetees, will give recognitions and Debbie A. Bell will be commissioned to University World Changers at the 8:30 service. Mike Crook is minister of music with Margaret Wilkins as organist and Lisa Ray as pianist, along with the Praise Team. Jonathan Chapman will give his testimony, the sanctuary choir will sing "We Are the Body of Christ" and Daniel Runnels will play "Amazing Grace" on the French horn at the 10:55 service. Also assisting will be Ryan Cobb, Michael Siebold, Dr. Paul Lyons and Marty Davenport. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. and a musical for kids, "Splash Kingdom" will be presented by Grades 2-6 Children's Choirs at the 6 p.m. worship service.

**First Presbyterian:** Allison Kipphut will speak about "His Goodbye" with scripture from *John 14:23-29* at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Margaret Boone is choir director with Brett Brown as pianist. Jacquie Mateja, flutist, will play "The Lord, Wild Bird." Also assisting will be Darlene Kipphut

and Stephen Montgomery, liturgists. Betty Hornsby, Minute for Mission, Ann Stanley, Presbytery report, and Jonathan Belcher. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and Korean Worship at 4 p.m.

**Poplar Spring Baptist:** Dennis Norvell, pastor, will speak about "Nothing Can Stop You" with scripture from *Acts 28* at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship services, and about "Give Generously" with scripture from *II Corinthians 9:1-15*. Mark Hardison will lead the worship services. Accompanists will be Hazel Brandon, Susan Reynolds and Carol Kelly. Sunday School for all ages will be at 10 a.m.

**First Christian:** The Rev. Roger Sledd, pastor, will speak about "Praising God in Song" with scripture from *Psalms 98 and Ephesians 5:19-20* at the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Laura Lee Winchester will give the children's sermon. The Men's Quartet will sing "In Remembrance" and the Chancel Choir with Mark Dycus as director will sing "Come, Bless The Lord." Accompanists will be Angie Thome, Donnie Hendrix, Judith Hill and Julie Warner. Assisting will be Mark Arnett, Doug Henry and Scott Marvin.

**Grace Baptist:** The Rev. Sammy Cunningham, pastor, will speak at the 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services. Henry Nance is minister of music with Oneida White and Dean Stephenson as accompanists. Jason Carroll is minister of youth. Alli Nance will sing a solo and the choir will sing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" at the morning hour. Wendy Pace will sing a solo and the choir will sing "Holy Ground" at the evening hour. Assisting will be Buel Downey, deacon of the week, and Bruce Ratterree, Kevin Phillips, Lincoln Rowe and Roger Fox, ushers. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m.

**South Pleasant Grove United Methodist:** The Rev. Scott Alford, pastor, will speak at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Assisting will be Darrah Clark and Haley Mott, acolytes; Clarkie Butterworth, Children's Time; Nancy Overbey and Jane Gaines, greeters; Daryl Coles, Darrel Clark, Mitch Jackson and Darren Clark, ushers; Karen Coles, nursery. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m.

## New Christian radio station playing 'traditional' music

PADUCAH, Ky. — Darrell Gibson is cautious about how he describes WHMR, a new Christian radio station now on the air at 90.1 FM.

"We're programming a lot of traditional church hymns and soft praise and worship music with some instrumentals kind of sprinkled in there," Gibson said. "I told the guy who put together the format that if I'm listening to it, I want to be able to take a nap, but I don't want it to put me to sleep."

"Some people might take that the wrong way, but it's nice music to have on in the background that you can keep on at work and just in the house."

Gibson is President of Heartland Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry that now runs five

Christian stations in Western Kentucky and West Tennessee. Not only is WHMR a new format for Heartland Ministries Radio, it may be on the leading edge of a new radio format.

"We've looked all over to find a label or radio term for what we're doing. There just isn't one. We're kind of creating our own label. So far we've called it 'Traditional Christian Music.' There used to be a radio format called 'Beautiful Music.' This is sort of 'Beautiful Music Goes to Church,'" Gibson said. "This is easy listening music for Christians."

Gibson says it could also be described as "Gospel Music for people who don't think they like gospel music."

Organized in 1988, Heartland Ministries Inc. is a non-stock, non-profit Kentucky Corporation. WHMR went on the air first with Southern Gospel Music in mid-1989. Sixteen years later, the organization runs five Christian stations in Western Kentucky and Northwest Tennessee.

WHMR 90.5 is Southern Gospel. The J-FM at 89.7 in Hardin, Ky., and 89.3 in McKenzie Tenn., run a Contemporary Christian Hit Radio format. WTRT at 88.1 offers an Easy Adult Christian format and the new WHMR at 90.1 is Easy Traditional Church Music.

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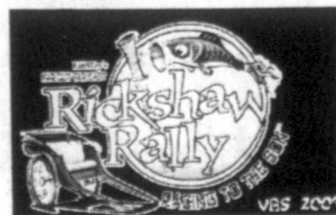
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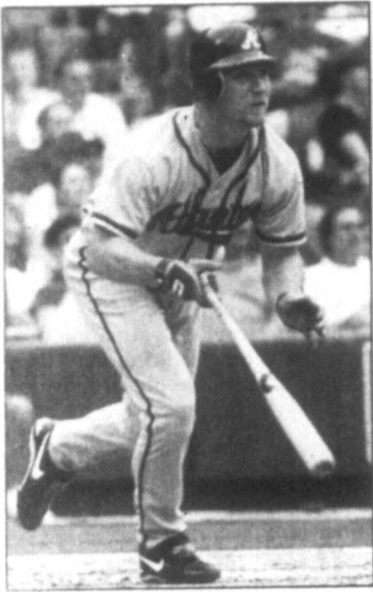
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AP Photo  
Atlanta Braves' J.D. Drew watches the flight of his two-run home run in the third inning against St. Louis Cardinals Thursday in St. Louis.

## Braves avoid brooms, beat St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — J.D. Drew enjoyed his return to Busch Stadium, but his happy homecoming could have been better.

Drew homered against his former team for the second straight day, helping the Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 on Thursday and avoid a three-game sweep.

Chipper Jones had three hits and Drew finished 4-for-12 in the series with a two-run homer in each of the last two games.

"I had a good time," Drew said. "It's different competing against them, that's for sure. One of my best friends on the team was behind the plate and he's wanting to get me out more than anybody on the field."

Marcus Giles, Johnny Estrada and starter John Thomson each drove in a run for the Braves, who won for only the second time in eight games. Atlanta scored just 15 runs in the previous seven.

"We had a lot of hitting, and we lined out a lot," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "So it looks like we're breaking out here."

John Smoltz, pitching for the first time in five days, got four outs for his fifth save in six chances. Smoltz had offseason elbow surgery and this was the first time he worked more than an inning this season.

"Hopefully we can build on this," Smoltz said. "We haven't built on anything yet."

Reggie Sanders hit a two-run homer and Albert Pujols drove in two runs and had his first three-hit game of the season for the Cardinals, whose three-game winning streak ended.

Sanders broke out of a 3-for-31 slump and Pujols, the NL batting champion last year with a .359 average, raised his average 14 points to .281.

"I didn't do anything to help our team win," Pujols said. "I got three hits, but it doesn't matter because we got the loss."

Antonio Alfonseca (4-0) got the last two outs in the fifth after Thomson struggled, giving up four runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings.

"I just want to kick myself," Thomson said. "Personally, I think I need to win that game."

Jeff Suppan (3-4) lasted 3 1-3 innings, the second-shortest outing by the Cardinals starter of the season. He allowed four runs and eight hits and threw 88 pitches.

"I was basically behind in the count all day," Suppan said. "It was one of those things, just one of those days."

Second baseman Tony Womack's throwing error on a double-play relay gave the Braves a run in the second, but the Cardinals came back in the bottom half on Sanders' ninth homer for a 2-1 lead.

Drew's two-run shot in the third put the Braves back in front.

Atlanta got another run in the fourth on Thomson's squeeze bunt, but the Cardinals escaped further trouble with an inning-ending double play.

## Nolen Richardson Trail

# Nutt believes Arkansas played favorites among coaches

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Arkansas football coach Houston Nutt, testifying in the federal trial of Nolan Richardson's discrimination lawsuit, says he believed the university played favorites among its coaches — and that Richardson enjoyed benefits that he hasn't.

Since the trial started just over a week ago, Richardson's lawyers have sought to show that athletic director Frank Broyles favored Nutt over Richardson. Nutt said Thursday that the opposite was true.

The football coach said Richardson's contract offered more flexibility than his, such as an automatic annual one-year rollover, freedom to leave without financial penalties and, in case of termination, a buyout of \$500,000 per year over the course of the contract. Nutt would get \$116,615 per year if he is fired.

Arkansas fired Richardson March 1, 2002, after the longtime basketball coach said the university could buy out his \$1.03 million-a-year contract for half its remaining value. The school said Richardson showed a lack of confidence in the program; Richardson says the school fired him because he is black and outspoken.

The trial opened May 5 and will be in recess until Wednesday, when Nutt is scheduled to resume his testimony.

Nutt said Thursday that on March 8,

2002, a young black man approached him at his daughter's basketball tournament and said, "Yep, you and Coach Broyles got rid of him." Later that day, Nutt saw a news report in which his 10-year contract duration was compared to Richardson's 7-year deal as evidence supporting Richardson's claims of discrimination.

"I was just so upset," he said. "Everything was just falling apart. I called Coach Richardson and I said, 'What's going on? What's wrong?' He said at the time, 'I'm not taking their hush money. I'm not a token.'"

Nutt said they talked for about 45 minutes and the conversation ended well, quoting Richardson as saying, "I'm not angry at you."

"I said, 'Why are you saying the playing field is uneven?'" Nutt said. "He said, 'I can't talk about it right now.' And that's the last time I ever talked to coach Richardson."

Nutt also testified about apparent rancor Richardson expressed toward Broyles long before he was fired. Nutt said in April 1999, he, Richardson, and two other coaches were flying to Pine Bluff for a Razorback Club event when the basketball coach went on a 40-minute tirade and referred to Broyles as "a white-haired devil."

"Coach Richardson really went off. It

was a tirade. He said, 'Let me tell you something, young fella. He (Broyles) likes you now, but wait until you go 5-6 or 4-7 and we'll see what happens,'" Nutt said.

Richardson attorney John Walker questioned Nutt extensively about his negotiations with Nebraska, asking if he was ever offered \$1.8 million to take over the Cornhuskers program. Nutt said three times that Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson made the offer through an agent.

Until Thursday, only about 10 curious spectators had joined reporters in the courtroom. When Nutt took the stand Thursday, the gallery swelled to about 35 people.

Earlier Thursday, the manager of Arkansas' Bud Walton Arena testified that Richardson often joked about having his contract bought out, but seemed more serious when he repeated the remark in front of a pair of television reporters.

Fred Vorsanger, who manages the Arkansas Razorbacks' home arena, said Richardson had said three or four times in February 2002 that he would leave if the university would pay him off. But on Feb. 22, 2002, there seemed to be a different tone when the coach made the comment in front of TV reporters, Vorsanger said.

"It seemed to me it was a public statement at that point," Vorsanger said.



AP Photo  
Arkansas football coach Houston Nutt leaves federal court in Little Rock, Ark., for a lunch break in the trial of former Arkansas basketball coach Nolan Richardson's suit against the University of Arkansas Thursday. Nutt, who was hired as the head football coach in 1998, answered questions on his rate of pay as a university coach.



AP Photo  
Preakness entry Lion Heart, with exercise rider Jean Claude aboard, is walked off the track at Pimlico by trainer Patrick Biancone Thursday in Baltimore. Lion Heart finished second in the Kentucky Derby.

# One-Two Combo

Lion Heart, Smarty Jones prepare for Preakness dual

BALTIMORE (AP) — A bold performance by Lion Heart in the Kentucky Derby wasn't convincing enough to stir any doubt that Smarty Jones is the most esteemed horse in the Preakness.

Lion Heart took control of the Derby at the outset, then gamely galloped through the muck before Smarty Jones charged to victory by less than three lengths.

Now, in the Preakness, Lion Heart is little more than one of 10 horses standing in the way of Smarty Jones' ride to the Triple Crown: The odds makers have made Smarty Jones the 8-5 favorite, and Lion Heart trainer Patrick Biancone readily acknowledges his role as the underdog.

"Each race is like a football game," Biancone said. "You know who is favored, you know who is the challenger, and sometimes the challenger beats the favorite."

That didn't happen in the Derby. It was the third straight runner-up finish for Lion Heart, and Biancone can't guarantee the streak will end in the Preakness.

"I've never said I think he's going to win this time. I said we're the challenger, and we're going to try to beat the other horses, that's all," he said.

As of Thursday, there was still some question as to how many

horses Lion Heart would have to beat. The Cliff's Edge, who finished fifth in the Derby, has been bothered by a sore front right foot and could be scratched as soon as Friday, dropping the field to 10.

"It's got to be 100 percent all right," trainer Nick Zito said. "We'll do what's right for the horse. We just want to get him back OK."

Lion's Heart and the other horses are more concerned with Smarty Jones, the first undefeated Kentucky Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977.

"We play to win, obviously. We're going to try to win," Biancone said. "But I'm a very objective person, and I know it's going to be very difficult to beat Smarty Jones. But we, as the challenger, are going to try to do so. If we do it, well done. If we cannot, we cannot. You cannot punish your horse because another one is better than him."

Biancone picked the No. 1 post because his horse loves to break to the front early. The question is: If that happens, can Lion Heart hold onto the lead this time?

Not if Smarty Jones can help it.

"We have Lion Heart inside us. He's going to show early speed I'm sure, and we'll sit just off of

him and try to gain control of the race," Smarty Jones trainer John Servis said.

Lion Heart isn't the only horse in the field to finish second to Smarty Jones. Borrego was runner-up in the Arkansas Derby, closing fast but coming up short by 1 1/2 lengths.

Borrego finished 10th in the Derby, 16 1/4 lengths off the pace, but trainer C. Beau Greely believes that race wasn't indicative of the difference between the two horses.

"Smarty Jones is a very nice horse," Greely said. "I'm not taking anything away from him, but I don't think we're 16 lengths worse than he is."

The Preakness could play out like the Derby.

There's a good chance Lion Heart jockey Mike Smith will break from the inside and take the early lead. Smarty Jones, under Stewart Elliott, starts from the No. 7 gate and will likely stalk Lion Heart, along with Eddington and Rock Hard Ten.

Then it's up to Elliott to decide when to make his move with Smarty Jones. Once he does, Servis said Lion Heart could have more company than usual in the stretch.

## First Region Tennis Lady Tigers' Lane advances to semifinals

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

PADUCAH, Ky. — Blair Lane pulled off a huge upset during Thursday's First Region Tennis Tournament quarterfinals, when the Murray High standout took out Lone Oak's Paige Franklin 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 in singles play.

Lane came into the quarterfinal round of regional action as the sixth seed, while Franklin was the favorite at No. 3. But Franklin committed several unforced errors in the final set as Lane won the last five games of the final set. Lane finished the game with two more points, giving her nine in a row.

Lane now advances to Saturday's semifinals, where she will meet second-seeded Anne Wallace of St. Mary. Lane is the lone local player remaining in the region field in both the girls' and boys' tournaments.

In Tuesday's first-round singles action, Lane defeated Marshall County's Amber Conkright 6-0, 6-0. She then eliminated Hopkinsville's Mackenzie Perkins 6-4, 6-1 in the second round to reach yesterday's quarterfinal action.

Murray's Addie Griffo also emerged from Tuesday's opening round with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Gretchen Hancock of Christian County. However, Griffo's tournament run came to an end in the second round with a 6-0, 6-0 loss to Lone Oak's Emily Beckman, the region's top seed.

Murray High's seventh-seeded doubles team of Ellen Hayman and Leanne Hewlett was knocked out of region action in Thursday's quarterfinals by the No. 1 Lone Oak team of Laura Bredniak and Tifanie Treece.

The Hayman-Hewlett combo picked up a pair of region tournament wins before being ousted yesterday. In Tuesday's first round, the team topped the Calloway County duo of Shelby Webb and Jennifer Vincent 6-1, 7-5 before downing the Graves County team of Wilford-Wilford 6-1, 6-2 in Round 2.

The MHS team of Brooke Salley and Tricia Taylor won its opening match on Tuesday, defeating St. Mary's McKenzie Woods and Ali Watson 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. But the Lady Tiger duo fell to Lone Oak's No. 2 duo of Camille Marquess and Amanda Bredniak 6-0, 6-0.

## Kendall's walk beats Heath in seventh

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

Heath pitcher Daniel Webb walked Antonio Kendall with the bases loaded to bring home Dominican Hudspeth with the winning run as the Murray High Tigers defeated the visiting Pirates 6-5 Thursday at Ty Holland Field.

The run-scoring walk ended an intense battle between the Tigers and a Heath ball club that recently captured the first-ever All "A" Classic state championship.

Murray (11-7) jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings of play, scoring a pair of runs in the first on a Heath error and a Kendall single and two more in the second on a two-run home run off the bat of Tim Masthay.

The Tigers led 5-2 after three innings, as another Kendall single scored Ryan Cobb in the bottom of the third.

But Heath rallied with three runs in the top of the fourth to knot the game at 5-5. The Pirates (21-5) got their runs off an MHS error, a triple by Brandon Braboy and a wild pitch.

The score stayed that way until the bottom of the seventh. Hudspeth got the inning started by drawing a one-out walk. Ryan Cobb followed with a single and Blake Hoover drew another walk to load the bases for Kendall.

Kendall's 2-for-3, 3-RBI effort led the way for Murray, which pounded out eight hits to the Pirates' nine. Hugh Rollins and Zach Baker each had singles for the Tigers, while Ryan Cobb went 3-for-4 with a double and two singles.

Masthay evened his pitching record at 2-2 on the season, allowing two earned runs on nine hits while striking out 11 and walking one in seven innings of work.

Weather permitting, the Tigers were scheduled to host Hickman County following the conclusion of a contest against Calloway County.

Murray held a 10-7 lead over the crosstown rival Lakers after five innings of play on Monday, but rain postponed the game. The two squads had agreed to play the final two innings today, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at CCHS.

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**Thursday's Games**  
 Milwaukee 7, Montreal 4  
 Atlanta 6, St. Louis 5  
 Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 5, 1st game  
 Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 2, 2nd game  
 Chicago Cubs 7, Los Angeles 3  
 Philadelphia 4, San Francisco 3  
 Florida 3, Houston 2  
 N.Y. Mets 7, Arizona 4  
 San Diego 8, Cincinnati 2

**Friday's Games**  
 Atlanta (Ramirez 0-3) at Milwaukee (Santos 1-0), 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-3) at Houston (Oswalt 2-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 Florida (Beckett 3-2) at St. Louis (Marquis 1-3), 7:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Milton 3-0) at Colorado (Kennedy 4-0), 8:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Maddux 2-3) at San Diego (Valdez 3-1), 9:05 p.m.  
 Montreal (Ohka 1-5) at Arizona (Fossum 0-0), 9:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Wilson 4-0) at Los Angeles (Ishii 5-1), 8:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-3) at San Francisco (Hermanson 1-2), 9:15 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
 Detroit 3, Oakland 1  
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Anaheim 4  
 Minnesota 1, Seattle 0  
 Baltimore 1, Chicago White Sox 0, 1st game  
 Chicago White Sox 6, Baltimore 5, 2nd game  
 Tampa Bay 6, Texas 3  
 Toronto 12, Boston 6

**Friday's Games**  
 Boston (Lowe 3-3) at Toronto (J.Miller 1-0), 6:05 p.m.  
 Texas (Benolt 1-0) at Detroit (Knotts 0-0), 6:05 p.m.  
 Seattle (Meche 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-4), 6:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Abbott 2-4) at Cleveland (Ja.Davis 1-2), 6:05 p.m.  
 Anaheim (Colon 4-2) at Baltimore (Ainsworth 0-1), 6:35 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Lohse 1-3) at Chicago White Sox (Schoeneweis 3-1), 7:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Hudson 3-1) at Kansas City (Gobble 1-1), 7:10 p.m.

## Ragland appealing for new trial

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Shane Ragland, appealing for a new trial in the sniper slaying of a University of Kentucky football player, claims his prosecutor impermissibly pointed out to the jury that he declined to testify.

That "crossed the constitutional line" and violated Ragland's Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, his attorney, Guthrie True, told the Kentucky Supreme Court on Thursday.

Ragland, convicted in Fayette County, was sentenced to 30 years for the murder of Trent DiGiuro. At issue is whether it was misconduct for prosecutor Mike Malone, in his summation, to tell jurors the precise direction of the fatal shot had not been determined because Ragland "hasn't seen fit to tell us."

The trial judge declined to tell the jury to disregard the statement. "The jury was then left with its attention focused on the fact that the defendant hadn't testified," True said.

Arguing for the state, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Nelson said Malone's statement was "a passing comment" in a closing argument that lasted more than two hours.

"There are several ways a juror might have taken it," Nelson said. DiGiuro was shot in the head from long range in 1994 as he sat on the front porch of a house he shared with two Kentucky teammates near the campus.



Carter Chiropractic was the runner-up team in the 8-under division of the 2004 Purchase Area REC Championship. Team members pictured are (front row, from left) Daniel Outland, Cody Kimbro, Bryce Orr, Dain Satterwhite, Cody Starks, (middle row) Austin Kemp, Wade Carter, Ryan Alderson, Dakota Feagin, Dante Darcus, Houston Billington and (back row) coaches Jason Carter, Hal Orr and Chad Feagin.

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## Paterno gets contract extension

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Despite three losing seasons in the last four years, Joe Paterno got a four-year contract extension from Penn State on Thursday that will take him past his 80th birthday.

Penn State went 3-9 last season, the worst record in Paterno's 39 seasons as head coach of the Nit-

tany Lions. It was just the fourth losing season since Paterno joined the coaching staff in 1950.

Penn State didn't win a road game for the first time since the 1936 season, and finished below .500 in the Big Ten (1-7) for the first time since joining the conference for the 1993 season.

## SportsBriefs

American Legion Post 236 will hold an open meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. at the Joe Creason Building in Benton's H.H. Lovett Park. The meeting is open to those interested in playing American Legion baseball. For more information, contact Coye McCurry at 527-5397.

The 2004 Lady Tiger Basketball Camp will be held June 7-11 at Murray High School. The cost of the camp is \$35. Registration for the first session of the camp will be held at 8 a.m. on June 7, while second session registration will be held on the same day at 11:30 a.m. The first session will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day, while the second session is slated for noon to 2 p.m. each day. Camp participants will receive a t-shirt, and awards will be given. For more information, contact Rechelle Turner at high school (753-5202) or at home (767-0358).

The Calloway County baseball team was scheduled to hold a Senior Recognition ceremony today at 6 p.m., just before the Lakers take on Hickman County at 7. Family and friends of the Laker seniors are encouraged to attend.

The West Kentucky Co-ed and Women's Softball Round-up slow-pitch tournament will be held on Saturday, May 29 at the Stewart Nelson fields in Paducah. The entry fee for the tournament is \$125. The registration deadline is May 26.

Teams will hit their own 44 or 47 core softballs. If members of a tournament team also play co-ed softball, games will be alternated so they can play in both divisions. Anyone interested in participating in the tournament should call (573) 471-5347 for further details.

Calloway County High School soccer players, parents and fans are encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday, May 10. The meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria, is designed to introduce the new Laker coaches for the 2004 season. A general membership meeting of soccer boosters will precede the reception for the new coaches at 6 p.m. in the school's media center.

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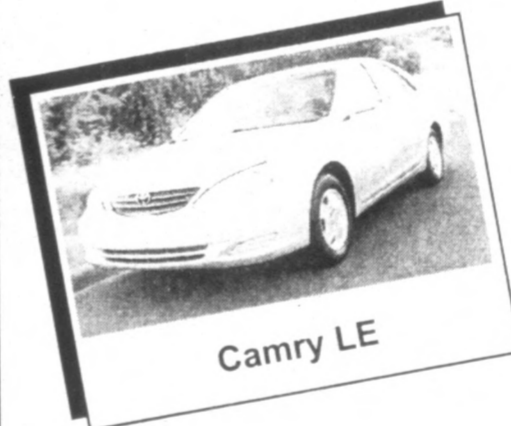
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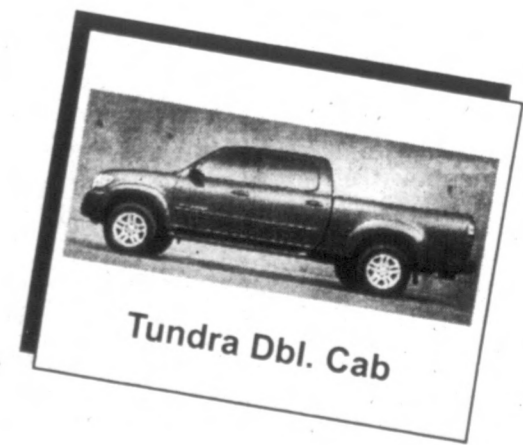
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486 Radio Rd. Almo Fri., May 14 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., May 15 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes all ages, household items, lots of baby items, toys.

YARD SALE

313 Woodlawn Sat., May 15 7 a.m. - ? Rain or Shine Sewing machine, upright piano, pots & pans, Tupperware, large clothes, Home Interior & lots more.

YARD SALE

635 Bailey Rd. Sat. May 15 7 am - 2 pm cancel if rain family clothes, household items

YOUNGLIFE YARD SALE

On 12th St. next to Pocket's (across from Pizza Hut) Sat 5/15, 7 am - 2 pm Krispy Kreme donuts \$5 a dozen! Over 20 families have donate quality items. Desks, TVs, dressers, home interior items, love seats, clothes, antiques, baskets, toys, leather chair, ottoman, & so much more! Younglife is a non-denominational ministry that reaches out to teenagers. All proceeds go toward camp. www.younglife.org

ESTATE SALE

17530 Linton Road, Cadiz, Kentucky Take US 68/80 to Canton, then south on SR164, towards Devil's Elbow Campground, first house on the left. Friday and Saturday May 14th and 15th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ethan Allen Dining Room, Sofas, Beds, etc., Kitchenware, Tools.

YARD SALE & BAKE SALE

Russell Chapel Methodist Church May 15 • 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Take 94 E. about 5 miles, turn right on Hwy. 732, about 5-1/2 miles to church. The proceeds are for the Bible School supplies for the youth. Bake Sale different kinds of goodies. Clothing all sizes. Shoes, many numerous things to mention, new trinkets, good prices. Everyone welcome.

FAMILY YARD SALE

2104 Glenwood Dr, Crossfield Estates off Hwy 94W Sat., 5/15 7am no early birds nice, clean men's, women's, infant & toddler clothing, winter coats, riding mower, lots of toys some furn., Christmas decor, movies, too much to mention

MASSIVE YARD SALE

505 Chantilly Dr., go south on 4th Street, 1st right on street past Glendale Road Friday 5/14 - Sunday 5/16 6 am - ?? children's clothes, toys, furniture, and a little bit of everything else.

GARAGE SALE

182 Wells Purdom Drive, take 641 N, left on Hwy 1429 (Coles Campground Rd), turn right at 2nd street, 6th house on right Saturday, May 15, 2004 7:00 am - 2:00 pm household items, new tools, children's & adults' clothing, home decor & much more



## Buttock dermatitis needs attention

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have a rather embarrassing condition: the crack of my behind itches terribly. I am reluctant to discuss this with my physician or with a dermatologist. I have tried many topical lotions and creams, all unsuccessful. What do you advise? I'm 56 and overweight by about 40 pounds.

**DEAR READER:** Believe me, itchy skin between your buttocks would be a routine problem for your doctor to address; he or she deals every day with more personal afflictions. So, my advice is to seek help from a physician.

A common cause of a symptom such as yours is intertrigo, chronic irritation of the skin between the buttocks, that is the result of chronic dampness of the areas where skin touches skin, in a dark and warm environment. The condition is more common in diabetics and overweight people. Over time, the inflamed surfaces act as a breeding ground for yeasts — or the skin may become infected with bacteria if there is significant rawness.

Your doctor can perform a culture of the inflamed skin. This simple test will demonstrate the presence of yeasts or microorganisms and will assist the physician in deciding what therapy would be most effective. Also, he may want to check you for diabetes. Don't let your embarrassment prevent you from addressing your concerns with a health care professional.

While you're awaiting your appointment, begin a weight-loss diet to trim down. This may be a big help in reducing the severity of your

itching. I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which contains my "no sugar, no flour" diet, an easy and inexpensive way to shed unwanted pounds — and keep them off. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I recently received an advertisement in the mail for a general health tonic that contains various herbs and other supplements. The product is claimed to reduce aging and many illnesses. What bothered me was that the letter came from Canada and indicated that U.S. doctors would disparage this therapy. Please comment.

**DEAR READER:** I, too, disparage this supposed treatment. However, this is not simple provincialism; responsible physicians everywhere — even in Canada — discourage its use, unless of course the doctors have a financial interest in the product.

No reputable scientific studies have yet validated the benefits of this type of health tonic that is claimed to prolong youthfulness and prevent disease. If such fancy were fact, you can be sure that doctors worldwide would jump on the bandwagon and take the stuff themselves. Save your money.

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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.

## Persistent boy defeats girl's attempts to block his calls

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm having a problem with a boy at school. Somehow he got my home phone number and started calling me. I don't mean he called once or twice; he called once or twice EVERY HOUR for weeks. It got so bad I'd make excuses to get off the phone or have my parents tell him I was out. That didn't stop him. He'd call back every hour or so until midnight or 1 a.m. — when my folks would take the phone off the hook.

Finally, we paid money to get call blocking and blocked his house number. Then he bought a cell phone and started doing the same thing. We blocked that number, so now he goes over to friends' houses and calls.

I'd have no problem telling him to stop, but he has a very big mouth and every time someone disagrees with him, he calls them a racist. I feel helpless for fear he'll spread rumors about me. — TRAPPED IN LOUISVILLE

**DEAR TRAPPED:** Speak up and tell him to stop calling already! If he persists, your parents should first notify his parents, and if that doesn't work, then notify the phone company and the police. What he is doing is called stalking. Your parents should be prepared to get a court order if necessary, because the boy appears to have an unhealthy fixation.

Please do not worry about his accusing you of being a racist. People who know you will know it's not true.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have two sisters-in-law. I'm the one who was chosen to write to you. Our mother-in-law, "Lydia," has always treated us like we are women who just hap-

pen to live with her sons. She drops over whenever she feels like it, "borrows" whatever suits her pleasure, even if the items belong to us, and refers to the grandchildren as her sons' children.

I have tried explaining to her that we both work, and it takes two incomes to accumulate what we have, and her comments are hurtful. However, knowing she has hit a nerve whenever she drops by uninvited, she makes a point of commenting to me that I'm driving her son's car, using his vacuum cleaner, or on how I'm raising his kids. It's infuriating.

Our husbands make excuses that she's old and doesn't know any better, or say, "That's just Mom." I know you're going to say they have no backbone. So how should we wives handle it? Do we just leave when she shows up? After 20 years of enduring this, we've decided we've earned the right to be just as rude as she is. — HAD IT IN MISSOURI

**DEAR HAD IT:** The first thing the three of you should do is find a marriage counselor who gives group discounts, and visit the therapist together with your husbands. Ideally, the ones to get Lydia to shape up are her sons. If that proves to be too much for "the boys" to handle, then it's up to you to create some boundaries. Do not be rude — be firm. When she "drops by," greet her with a smile and say, "This isn't a good time to visit. Your son isn't here and I'm busy." Then shut the door and go about your business.

## Looking Back

**10 years ago**  
The Carter Administration Building, formerly Carter Elementary School, South 13th Street, Murray, will be officially dedicated June 4 with John Mack Carter, publisher of *Good Housekeeping* magazine, as speaker. Carter is the son of the late W.Z. Carter for whom the building is named.

Tim Morefield, 31, Rt. 5, Murray, drowned May 12 after he became entangled in a net while musseling alone near Paris landing, Tenn.

**20 years ago**  
Over 1,400 students received degrees with President Kale Stroup making the presentations in commencement ceremonies held in Racer Arena, Murray State University. Degree recipients included those who graduated in December and those who will graduate at the end of the summer semester in keeping with the university's new policy of holding only one commencement yearly.

Murray High School Baseball Team, coached by Cary Miller, won its seventh straight district crown when the Tigers won 4-2 over Marshall County Marshals.

**30 years ago**  
Area residents will have an opportunity to get a close-up look at the Murray plant of Fisher-Price Toys during a day long open house May 18. Roy Kain is plant manager.

Calloway County 4-H Club winners in the Purchase Area Rally held at Clinton were Sharon Snyder, Tonya McCuiston, Trisha Clark, Darrell Overbey, Mary Morris, Pat

Cunningham, Laura Jarrett, Melanie Norwood, Jo Beth Norwood and Susan Snyder.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Summers, April 16; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Briscoe and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allen Adams, April 26.

**40 years ago**  
R.L. Cooper, administrative assistant at Calloway County Health Department, said that Type I oral polio vaccine will be available at the health department on May 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Betty Vinson, Rubye Pool, Jessie Shoemaker, Shirley Garland, Laurine Doran, Carolyn Fulton, Marjorie S. Huie, Vivian Hale, Freda Butterworth and Rosella Outland, members of the Murray Business & Professional Women's Club will attend the 42nd annual convention of the Kentucky Federation of B&PW at Hopkinsville May 15-17.

Mrs. James Tucker, Mrs. Kenton Broach and Mrs. Max Bailey are new officers of Kirksey School Unit of Parent-Teacher Association.

**50 years ago**  
Day Camp for Murray Girl Scouts will be June 7 for five days at the Murray City Park, according to Mrs. Everett Ward Outland, recently elected as commissioner of the Murray Girl Scout Council. Betty Cotham of Murray will be the camp director.

Holmes Ellis spoke about "Farm Income" at a meeting of the Murray Rotary Club at the Murray Woman's Club House. He was introduced by D.L. Divilbiss, club president.

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Friday, May 14, the 135th day of 2004. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
One hundred years ago, on May 14, 1904, the first Olympic games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis, as part of the World's Fair commemorating the centenary of the Louisiana Purchase.

On this date:  
In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis the 13th.

In 1804, 200 years ago, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory left St. Louis.

In 1942, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was established.

In 1964, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev joined United Arab Republic President Gamel Abdel Nasser in setting off charges, diverting the Nile River from the site of the Aswan High Dam project.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab One, its first manned space station.

In 1975, U.S. forces raided the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship Mayaguez. All 40 crew members were released safely by Cambodia, but some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the military operation.

In 1980, President Carter inaugurated the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Contract Bridge

### Bidding Quiz

**You have the following hand:**

♠ K94 ♥ Q82 ♦ A85 ♣ KQJ6  
**What would you respond if partner opened the bidding with:**

1. One diamond.
2. One spade.
3. One notrump (16-18 points).
4. Two notrump (22-24 points).

**1. Two notrump.** This is by far the best way to indicate both your balanced distribution and point count. Although your heart stopper is tenuous, two notrump is nonetheless the standard response because it describes your hand perfectly with one stroke of the brush.

**2. Two clubs.** Here, with game in spades a distinct possibility, you should reject two notrump, despite its accurate description of your distribution and high-card values. The distinction between this case and the previous one is narrow, but nevertheless real. The difference is that this time your partner has opened the bidding in a major suit rather than a minor.

Major-suit games are much preferred to notrump games when both are viable, so it is best to leave as much space as possible by making the tempoizing response of two clubs.

**3. Four notrump.** This is not

Blackwood; it merely invites partner to bid a slam if he has maximum values for his opening notrump bid. If partner has 18 points, he will bid six notrump knowing your raise to four notrump shows 15 or 16 points. If he has 16 points, he will pass, while if he has 17 points, he can bid five notrump and leave the final decision to you.

**4. Seven notrump or four clubs.** If you play a range of 22 to 24 high-card points for a two-notrump opening and partner can always be trusted to be in that range, you can bid seven notrump straightaway, since your combined point count can't be less than the 37 points required for a grand slam. But if you play a slightly lower range of 21 to 22 points for an opening two notrump, as many now do, your best bet is four clubs — Gerber, asking for aces — since you could be off an ace. If partner shows three aces by responding with four notrump, you should bid seven notrump next.

Note that a direct four-notrump response to two notrump would not be Blackwood, but would instead ask partner to evaluate his point count for the purpose of reaching a small slam, as in the previous problem. One of partner's options in that case would be to pass — certainly the last thing you would want him to do.

Tomorrow: More to it than meets the eye.

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## Crosswords

### ACROSS

- 1 Car ornament
- 4 Blend
- 8 Strong opposition
- 12 Collection
- 13 Screenwriter
- 14 James —
- 15 Inc. cousin
- 16 Agreed exactly
- 18 Reluctant
- 20 City near Des Moines
- 21 Throw slowly
- 23 Hirt and Gore
- 24 Aussie rockers
- 27 High mountain
- 29 Sharp barks
- 33 Admission —
- 34 Part of NIMBY
- 35 Compete
- 36 Relate
- 38 Beltmaker's tool
- 39 Use a keyboard

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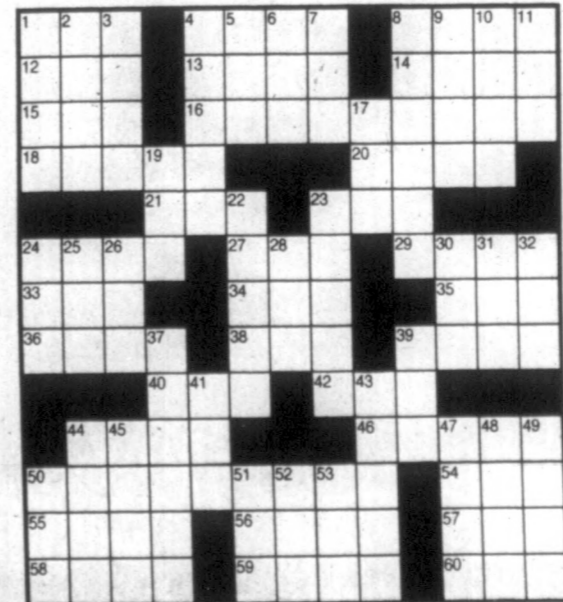
- 1 Take a tumble
- 2 Fascinated by
- 3 Zero
- 4 Like Rambo?
- 5 Pride
- 6 Flower gariand
- 7 Lair
- 8 Weak, as an excuse
- 9 Prospector's find

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

BRA PEAK TON  
RIME RACE APE  
OPAQUE TRACED  
NURSE RHO  
MIDI SAY AMAH  
ADAPT ROE ATE  
CA SAG MEG LI  
OHM WET LAMAS  
NOEL MAR VAST  
MAE JADED  
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EER ATOP SMOG  
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- 10 Armored god
- 11 Young goat
- 17 Oreg. neighbor
- 19 Best medicine
- 22 Trite
- 23 Appropriately
- 24 Behind, on a ship
- 25 Fair grade
- 26 Tierra —
- 28 First gear
- 30 Leafy climber
- 31 Orange seed
- 32 Drop in on
- 37 Bank, often
- 39 Sugar Ray stat
- 41 Varnish ingredient
- 43 Requested
- 44 Forbidden thing (hyph.)
- 45 Kappa precursor
- 47 Physician's study
- 48 Fuzzy fruit
- 49 Transmitted
- 50 1914 headline
- 51 Came down with
- 52 Short of disgust
- 53 Stage prompt



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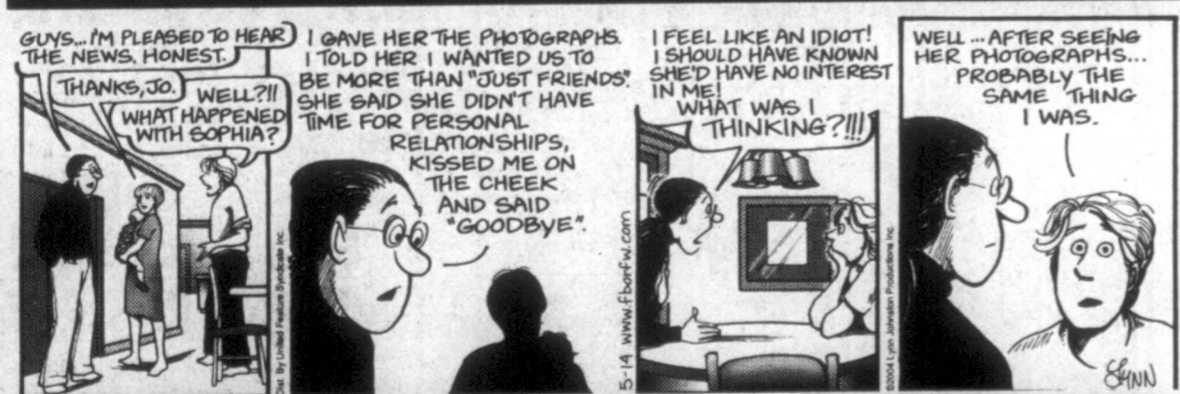
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