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Park officials looking at facilities' future, wants, needs

By KRIS ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Murray-Calloway County Parks and Recreation Board is embarking on a master plan to improve the park system, add new facilities and create more activities for city and county residents.

Pat Hoagland with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. of Lexington, Ky., an architectural, engineering and planning firm, was at Monday night's meeting to discuss ideas and needs as part of the master plan.

As part of last night's discussion, lists

were made which included positives and negatives at the park. But the biggest list consisted of items the board would like to see as part of the parks system 10 years from now, which included:

- increased funding
- more land and parks, including satellite parks in the county
- a family aquatic center which could include water slides to replace the current swimming pool
- an indoor facility that would possibly include a pool, community center, racquet-

ball court, track, game room and fitness facility

■ more fields for the ability to host weekend tournaments without interfering with local sporting or recreational events.

Other items that made the list were the desire for more parks by the lakes, a golf course, camping and cabin areas and more nature trails.

On the list of positives, the park board said they were happy with the ability to offer organized activities for youth, walking trails, a swim team, the parks' appearance, a

high level of activity, an amphitheater, safety, community involvement and support, and the ability to bring revenue to the community through sporting and recreational activities.

Some of the negatives included the lack of a multi-purpose facility, an outdated swimming pool, lack of programming, adequate parking, tennis courts and a skate park, and the need for more funding.

The master plan for the park requires community involvement and input to determine what will be put in the plan and what

is not needed or wanted. The parks board will host a community forum to discuss the list and ask community members what they would like to see the county and city add to the parks.

A date and time has not yet been determined but is expected to be in mid-August.

Surveys will also be mailed to roughly 2,000 households in the county and city. Brandstetter Carroll Inc. has guaranteed 300 responses from their survey, which includes

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Murray man nabbed for attempted burglary

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

A 35-year-old Murray man was arrested early Monday morning for burglary after he fled the scene with a rifle.

Dwaine Caldwell was charged with first-degree attempted burglary at 1:50 a.m. Monday, according to the Murray Police Department.

He is lodged in the Calloway County jail on a \$10,000 cash bond.

MPD officers responded to 421 S. 8th St. about 1:30 a.m. Monday after receiving a call about a burglary in progress involving a man with a gun. Upon arrival, officers discovered Caldwell had fled the scene.

He was arrested without incidence a short distance from the scene after a brief search and investigation, police said.



Caldwell

Home delivery took on new meaning for family

By KRIS ADAMS
Staff Writer

When expecting a baby, many families prepare for the day when the labor pains hit and they know it's time to go to the hospital. The hospital bag is packed waiting by the door, plans are made with the delivering physician to have a pain medication administered to make the birth easier, and a hospital room is prepared and waiting for any expectant mother in labor.

Jennifer Szyszkiewicz was just like any expectant mother, prepared for the day her son would arrive. It's just that everything didn't go exactly as planned.

Szyszkiewicz was having contractions off and on for several weeks before her son was born. The pains would come and go. So on June 28 when she started having sporadic contractions, she thought they would diminish as they had been. When they became more consistent, Szyszkiewicz knew it was time for the baby and it was too late to do anything but call the paramedics.

With her husband, Jim, at work, their son, Joshua, was born in their home with the help of his older brother, 9-year-old Devin.

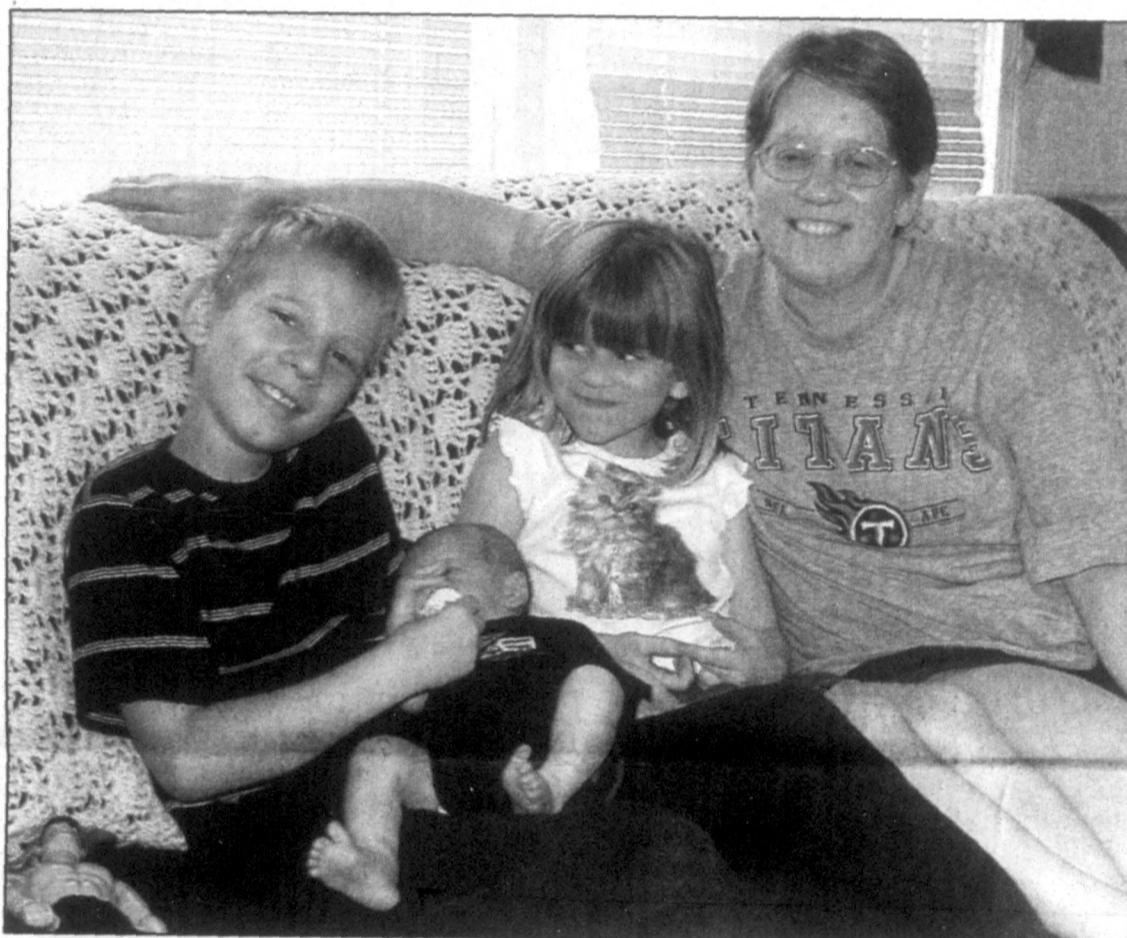
As Devin called 911 and relayed messages from his mother to the dispatcher, 6-year-old Emily got towels for her mother before going off to play.

Szyszkiewicz delivered a healthy, 7-pound baby boy. Shortly after the birth, paramedics arrived, cut the umbilical cord and took them both to the hospital.

Through the entire situation, Szyszkiewicz said she was able to remain calm and wasn't really nervous. "The only thing that worried me was if something had gone wrong and I wouldn't be able to do anything," she said. "But the paramedics got here about two minutes after he was born and everything was fine."

Szyszkiewicz added that she had complete faith in the ability of the paramedics to handle the situation and the fact that she didn't have a doctor readily available didn't make her nervous, either.

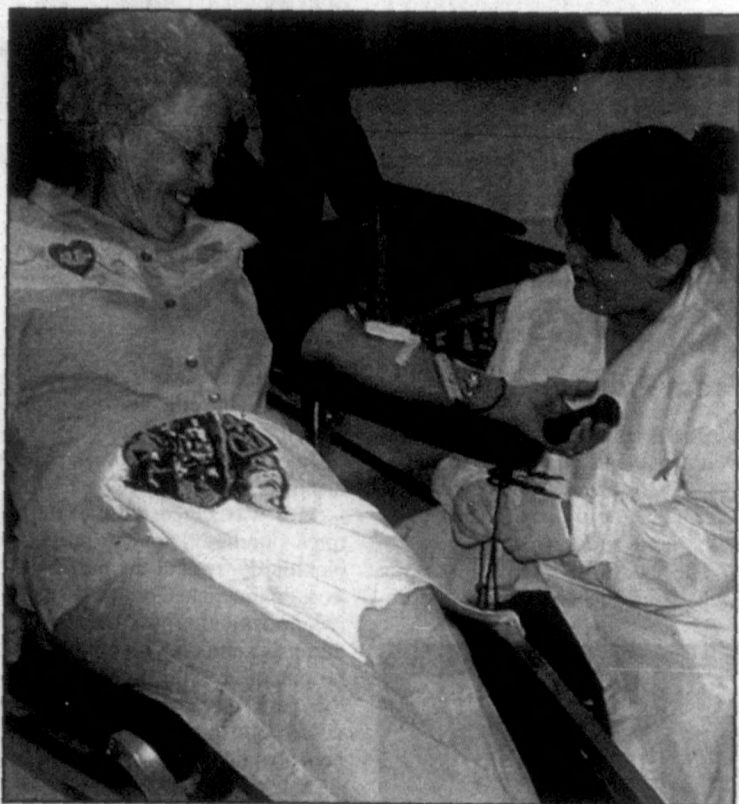
"Medical things don't panic me," she said. "I wasn't really worried at all. I knew they would be able to handle it as long as there were no prob-



Devin Miller, 9, holds three-week-old Joshua Szyszkiewicz as Emily Szyszkiewicz, 6, and Jennifer Szyszkiewicz sit with him in their home in Murray.

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Filling A Need



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Billie Honeycutt of Buchanan, Tenn., smiles as she talks with collections technician Michelle Gookin during Monday afternoon's American Red Cross blood drive at Hazel Baptist Church. The drive was held in response to a blood shortage in the region and conducted by the Red Cross' Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region staff that is based out of Nashville.

City maintains its insurance rating for fires

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The city of Murray has maintained its rating that is a predominant factor in determining property insurance premiums, but there's still room for improvement.

The Insurance Services Office evaluated three areas — receiving and handling fire alarms, fire department and water supply — to determine Murray's Public Protection Classification, which helps establish insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties.

Murray is a Class 4 rating, which is on the better half of the 10-class system.

The water supply, which accounts for 40 percent of the evaluation, boosted the city's rating with 37.95 percentage points, according to ISO information provided by city officials.

The city received 7.62 percentage points out of a possible 10 in the evaluation of its receiving and handling of fire alarms.

The fire department has the greatest room for improvement with just half of the 50 percent possible for its part of the evaluation.

In an optimal rating, the water supply and the fire department would be close in their evaluations. Because that wasn't the case in Murray, the city lost 8.97 percent off

its total, which ended up being 61.61 percent out of 100.

"We fell down and the water supply went way up, so they subtracted points because of the difference," Murray Fire Chief Ricky Stewart said.

An ISO field representative visited the city in late April to complete the evaluation. The last ISO rating was done in 1992.

City Administrator Don Elias said since 1992 Murray has installed a new water plant that provides better pressure throughout the city.

"That's is really what kept us in that area," he said. "There are some areas in the fire department itself that we can improve on."

The biggest thing holding the fire department's portion of the rating down is the city's need for a third fire station and a new crew to manage it.

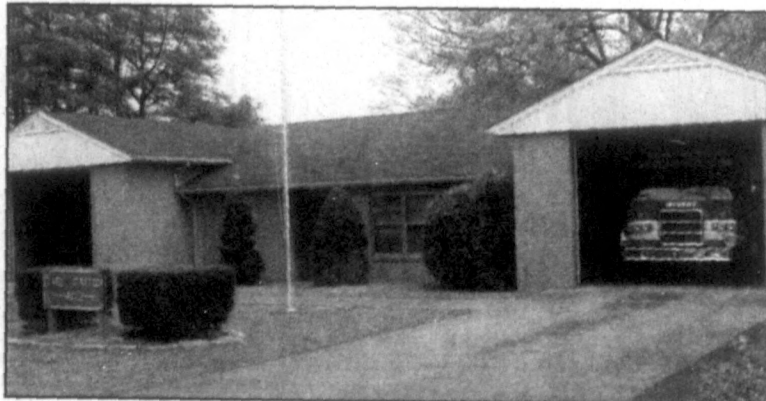
Stewart proposed the third station in his annual budget request, but the city council decided to wait to fund such a large project.

In his proposal, Stewart said a northside station will cost \$350,000 plus \$250,000 for a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pumper. There also would be an annual \$330,000 cost to employ 12 firefighters.

Much has changed in the city since 1992, but the need for a fire station continues to hang over city officials.



MFD Station 1 Downtown



MFD Station 2 on 16th Street

The city limits have grown north and property is being annexed toward the west. While some of this land isn't developed yet, it will as business expands and population grows.

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Clinton advisor probed about terror memos

By JOHN SOLOMON
Associated Press Writer

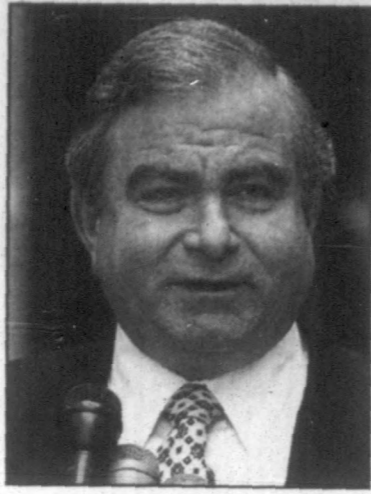
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sandy Berger, former President Clinton's national security adviser, is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department after highly classified terrorism documents disappeared while he was reviewing what should be turned over to the Sept. 11 commission.

Berger's home and office were searched earlier this year by FBI agents armed with warrants after the former Clinton adviser voluntarily returned some sensitive documents to the National Archives and admitted he also removed handwritten notes he had made while reviewing the sensitive documents.

However, some drafts of a sensitive after-action report on the Clinton administration's handling of al-Qaida terror threats during the December 1999 millennium celebration are still missing, officials and lawyers told The Associated Press.

Berger and his lawyer said Monday night he knowingly removed the handwritten notes by placing them in his jacket and pants, and also inadvertently took copies of actual classified documents in a leather portfolio.

"I deeply regret the sloppiness involved, but I had no intention of withholding documents from the commission, and to the contrary, to



Sandy Berger

my knowledge, every document requested by the commission from the Clinton administration was produced," Berger said in a statement to the AP.

Lanny Breuer, one of Berger's attorneys, said his client has offered to cooperate fully with the investigation but had not yet been interviewed by the FBI or prosecutors. Berger has been told he is the subject of the criminal investigation, Breuer said.

Berger served as Clinton's national security adviser for all of the president's second term and most recently has been informally advising Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

Clinton asked Berger last year to review and select the administration documents that would be turned over to the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The FBI searches of Berger's home and office occurred after National Archives employees told

agents they believed they witnessed Berger place documents in his clothing while reviewing sensitive Clinton administration papers and that some documents were then noticed missing, officials said.

When asked, Berger said he returned some classified documents that he found in his office and all of the handwritten notes he had taken from the secure room, but could not locate two or three copies of the highly classified millennium terror report.

"In the course of reviewing over several days thousands of pages of documents on behalf of the Clinton administration in connection with requests by the Sept. 11 commission, I inadvertently took a few documents from the Archives," Berger said.

"When I was informed by the Archives that there were documents missing, I immediately returned everything I had except for a few documents that I apparently had accidentally discarded," he said.

Breuer said Berger believed he was looking at copies of the classified documents, not originals.

There are laws strictly governing the handling of classified information, including prohibiting unauthorized removal or release of such information.

Government and congressional officials familiar with the investigation, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the probe involves classified materials, said the investigation remains active and no decision has been made on whether Berger should face criminal charges.

The officials said the missing documents were highly classified, and included critical assessments

about the Clinton administration's handling of the millennium terror threats as well as identification of America's terror vulnerabilities at airports to sea ports.

David Gergen, who was an adviser to Clinton and worked with Berger for a time in the White House, said Tuesday, "I think it's more innocent than it looks."

Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, Gergen said, "I have known Sandy Berger for a long time. He would never do anything to compromise the security of the United States."

Gergen said he thought that "it is suspicious" that word of the investigation of Berger would emerge just as the Sept. 11 commission is about to release its report, since "this investigation started months ago."

Berger testified publicly at one of the commission's hearings about the Clinton administration's approach to fighting terrorism, while the former president met in private with the commission to answer questions.

Berger himself had ordered his anti-terror czar Richard Clarke in early 2000 to write the after-action report and has publicly spoken about how the review brought to the forefront the realization that al-Qaida had reached America's shores and required more attention.

The missing documents involve two or three draft versions of the report as it was evolving and being refined by the Clinton administration, according to officials and lawyers. The Archives, which is the nation's repository for presidential papers, is believed to have copies of some of the missing documents.

In the FBI search of his office, Berger also was found in possession of a small number of classified note cards containing his handwritten notes from the Middle East peace talks during the 1990s, but those are not a focal point of the current criminal probe, according to officials and lawyers.

Sheriffs' Logs

- Calloway County Sheriff's Department**
- An injury accident was reported at 11:27 a.m. Friday at the 6 mile marker of Hwy. 280. EMS and Calloway County Fire and Rescue were notified.
 - A vehicle was on fire at Ky. 94 East and Ky. 80 at 4:37 p.m. Friday.
 - A car towing a demolition derby car lost the hood in the middle of Ky. 121 North between Kirksey Highway and Airport Road and left it there, according to a report at 1:52 a.m. Saturday.
 - A caller from Green Valley Road reported at 2:30 a.m. Sunday subjects with beer bottles on the road shooting bottle rockets at vehicles on Hwy. 1346 just past railroad tracks.
 - A theft by unlawful taking case was opened when a caller reported at 1:03 p.m. Sunday someone broke into his truck when he was fishing at Wildcat Beach.
 - Extra patrol was out Sunday night because a caller reported at 8:42 p.m. Sunday someone trespassing into a resort building and writing the word "vandalism" on a television screen.
 - Murray State University Police reported at 11:07 p.m. Sunday a juvenile on a bicycle in the middle of Hwy. 1215 at the bridge almost causing an accident.
 - Kentucky State Police reported at 11:18 p.m. Sunday a large mower sitting in Hwy. 464 and Airport Road.

- Marshall County Sheriff's Department**
- Sharon M. Gallimore, 47, of Almo, was arrested for second-offense driving under the influence and prescription drug not in original container after Deputy Tim Reynolds investigated a non-injury accident on the Purchase Parkway about one mile south of Calvert City at 6:18 p.m. Saturday.

— Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

Problems linger for state budgets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Most U.S. states appear to be emerging from the economic downturn, a new report measuring the health of their budgets shows. But that doesn't mean states will celebrate with wholesale spending sprees, experts say.

States wound up the fiscal year in June with a collective ending balance of more than \$6 billion more than this time last year, according to a survey by the National Conference of State Legislatures, released during its meeting today.

But the report says it's not all good news since those balances are expected to fall at the end of this fiscal year after a one-time gift from the federal government runs out.

"It's a mixed bag," said Corina Eckl, NCSL's senior fiscal analyst. He said that while 2004 was better

than expected, there are "still some serious concerns."

The report is based on data compiled in July from 44 states, where year-end balances collectively went from \$12.2 billion to \$18.4 billion this year. The report found 26 states had balance increases.

The six states not included in the report because they have not passed fiscal year 2005 budgets yet — California, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New York and North Carolina — account for about a third of the national state budget picture. Aided last year by a \$20 billion one-time infusion from the federal government through the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, states' general fund spending grew a collective 2.4 percent and education was a prime benefactor.

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Delivery ...

From Front

lems with the baby. But he was crying and he was fine. There were no problems.

"They got here and they cut his cord and made sure he was wrapped up nice and warm. They did a good job."

Although the kids were quiet, it was very obvious through their actions they are excited about their

little brother.

"They are a big help," Szyszkiewicz said. "They fight over who gets to hold him next and who gets to sit by him in the van."

Although both mother and baby are healthy, Szyszkiewicz said it is certainly an experience she doesn't want to go through again.

"It was enough the one time," she said. "I remember the pain (with

Joshua) and I remember why I so badly wanted an epidural, even with Emily," who, although born in a hospital, came so quickly that an epidural could not be administered.

"But it didn't last long and it was over real quick. I give credit for the women who are in labor for hours and hours and hours. I think they go through a worse time than I went through at all."

WEATHER

Tonight will be partly cloudy.
HIGH: 92
Wednesday will be partly cloudy with highs in the 90s.
LOW: 73
Wednesday night will be partly cloudy.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Proposed sign regulation changes and a planned development project on Ky. 121 North bypass are items on the agenda.

■ The Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Weeks Center. A flood damage prevention ordinance and board appointments are on the agenda.

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

Fire ...

From Front

A third engine company was recommended in the last rating evaluation, when the city only had its two existing stations.

"We're going to have a problem with credit for engine companies because the city of Murray has grown," ISO representative John Beard said in April before completing the evaluation. "Right now we're running two engines and we'll need three."

Beard said both existing stations

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

Nationwide, the most cities — 34.3 percent or about 14,000 departments — have a Class 9 rating, according to ISO information. Only one-tenth of a percent are a Class 1. Murray is among about 3,400 departments with a Class 4 rating.

Parks ...

From Front

questions concerning what residents would use and what they wouldn't use. If 300 mailed surveys aren't returned, they will be followed up with phone surveys.

The board is actively seeking input from the community to pro-

vide a quality parks system that residents of the city and county will use.

In other activity at the park board meeting:

■ It was suggested that the new truck purchased for the purpose of picking up trash at the park be used as a maintenance truck instead. A recommendation was made that the dumpster intended for the new truck be put on a 1992 model truck that the park already owns. The vote failed four to three with two members abstaining.

■ It was requested that the board seek quotes to have the caboose located at Playhouse at the Park painted. Previously, a group of volunteers agreed to paint it and restore it to its original design. However, attempts to reach them have been unsuccessful. The board agreed to hire someone, setting a limit of \$3,000.

■ The board voted to have its books audited after not having been audited for several years. They agreed to do a full audit this year and follow up with an audit every year thereafter.

■ The board agreed to do away with the BMX track at Central Park. It will be leveled and covered with grass. However, it was discussed that it would be a good area to put a skate park in the future.

■ The parks department is looking for someone to fill a maintenance position. No decision has been made currently as there are still several more interviews that need to take place.

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Filipino truck driver freed by insurgents

By The Associated Press
 BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq for nearly two weeks was freed today, a day after his nation withdrew its final peacekeepers from Iraq — a move that met the kidnapers' demands but angered U.S. and Iraqi officials.

The Philippines government and the family of Angelo dela Cruz were overjoyed at his release. His wife, Arsemia, burst into tears upon hearing the news in neighboring Jordan. Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo grinned during a nationally televised address in the Philippines.

"We must rejoice at the good news, but our happiness must be tempered by the awareness that we live in dangerous times, and that we must work to create a more peaceful world," Arroyo said.

The ordeal of dela Cruz, a father of eight, had captivated the Philippines, since he was first shown on video wearing a bright orange garment similar to that worn by other foreign hostages who were killed by kidnapers.

With more than 7 million Filipinos working overseas, 1.4 million of them in the Middle East, many in the Philippines felt a personal connection to dela Cruz.

"Angelo has become a Filipino 'everyman,' a symbol of the hard-working Filipino seeking hope and opportunity," Arroyo said in her national address.

The news of dela Cruz's release



AP Photo

Milagros dela Cruz, aunt of Filipino hostage Angelo dela Cruz, touches the screen as local television beams his image from Iraq in their hometown in Mexico, Pampanga province, northern Philippines today.

came amid an ongoing wave of deadly violence across Iraq, much of it targeting police and other government officials, whom insurgents view as collaborators.

In the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed Hazim al-Aynachi, an Iraqi council member running for governor, along with his bodyguard and driver as they were pulling out of his driveway to head to work Tuesday morning, said council head Abdul Bari Faiyek.

Faiyek blamed the killing on opposition to the gubernatorial elections that were scheduled for Tuesday, but were delayed in response to the shooting.

"Many threats have been directed to the eight council members nominated to the post," Faiyek said, adding that another councilman escaped an assassination attempt Monday.

Insurgents have also taken foreign

push out coalition forces and private companies helping rebuild Iraq.

The militants holding dela Cruz, who first appeared in a videotape July 7 surrounded by masked, armed gunmen, demanded the Philippines pull out its 51-member force here or they would kill him.

The government initially made a series of ambiguous statements, but finally agreed. On Monday the last Philippine troops, who had been scheduled to leave Aug. 20, drove out of the country and into Kuwait.

About 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, dela Cruz was dropped on the steps of the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Baghdad, said UAE officials, who denied there was any coordination between them and the kidnapers.

About three hours later, dela Cruz was driven in a silver Mercedes to the Philippines Embassy, where jubilant embassy staff members embraced him.

At news of his release, dela Cruz's family burst into celebration.

"I thank all who offered prayers for our family," Arsemia dela Cruz said from Jordan, where she had been awaiting word of her husband's fate.

The Philippines government released a videotape showing Arroyo talking on the telephone with dela Cruz. Dela Cruz was to be flown to Abu Dhabi on Wednesday for a medical checkup before heading home.

The Philippines' decision has come under criticism from its closest allies, including the U.S.

Obituary

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George A. Hodge Jr.

The funeral for George A. Hodge Jr. will be today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray. Richard Youngblood and Hollis Miller will officiate. Mary Jane McGuire will be pianist.

Pallbearers will be Joe Sons, John Gallagher, Ervin Arant, Andy Hodge, Jason Hodge and Joe Hargrove. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to University Church of Christ, 801 N. 12th St., Murray, Ky., 42071 or the American Cancer Society, c/o Pat Latimer, P.O. Box 1080, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mr. Hodge Jr., 76, Ryan Avenue, Murray, died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at 12:25 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was a member of Murray Jaycees when the Murray-Calloway County Fair started and served as secretary-treasurer of the fair board for 17 years. He was the first man west of Kentucky Lake to serve as president of Kentucky Fair & Horse Show Association.

Mr. Hodge Jr. was responsible for chartering the Murray and Paris, Tenn., Moose Lodges; was a member of University Church of Christ and Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons; and a charter member of Kentucky Lake Bowling League and bowled in that league from 1958-2003.

An avid bass fisherman, he shared his passion for fishing with many. He was a member of Blood River Bassmasters and through this organization helped raise money and held many fish fries for the elderly.

One son, Richard A. (Dickie) Hodge, died in 1990. Born Dec. 11, 1927, in Christian County, he was the son of the late George A. Hodge Sr. and Annie Morrow Hodge.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mildred Stigall Hodge, to whom he had been married for 60 years; one son, Billy Joe Hodge and wife, Mara, and two grandsons, Andy and Jason Hodge, all of Irmo, S.C.; one great-grandson, Ryan Hodge, Newburgh, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Juanita Newton, Hopkinsville, and Mrs. Barbara Dolan, Fort Myers, Fla.; one brother, Virgil Hodge, Mt. Hermon.

Kentucky labs eliminate drug-case crime backlog

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An increased budget and larger staff have helped Kentucky crime labs eliminate a backlog of drug cases that plagued the justice system for years and drew criticism from judges and state officials.

The state's six crime labs have handled about 16,000 drug cases since January and no cases older than 60 days remain, said Maj. Sonny Cease, assistant director of the Kentucky State Police technical services division.

In the past several months, Shane Young, chief narcotics prosecutor for the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, said he has seen an "amazing" difference in getting lab results.

"It is 100 percent better than it was this time last year," Young said.

During the backlog, Young said, results were seldom ready when he called for them. Now, he said, nine out of 10 cases he looks at include lab results.

Having results makes the entire justice process run more smoothly, he said.

"We've been scrambling around to be as productive as possible," said Jeff Warnecke, manager of the central laboratory in Frankfort.

The scramble began in earnest

after Lt. Gov. Steve Pence announced in December that, if the labs didn't reduce the backlog of drug cases, they would be moved directly under the supervision of the Justice Cabinet, which he also heads.

The six labs, with a total of 130 analysts and support staff, handle cases from about 400 law-enforcement agencies, Cease said. And their total caseload nearly doubled from 20,700 in 1989 to roughly 40,000 in 2003.

The legislature eventually increased the crime lab budget, allowing it to hire 11 more people in 2002 and 15 in 2003, Warnecke said. But the new technicians had to be trained for six months before really getting to work, while others were retiring or taking higher-paying jobs in other states.

So despite a statewide hiring freeze, the crime labs received permission to fill vacancies. The backlog was attacked on other fronts, too.

About 20 percent of cases were eliminated to determine which cases had already been settled in court, state police Commissioner Mark Miller said. And 5,200 cases were sent to private labs in a one-time effort to shrink the backlog.

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WASHINGTON TODAY

By Will Lester

Kerry's Economics

WASHINGTON - When it comes to voters' anxiety about the economy, this election year is a far cry from 1980, when Ronald Reagan famously asked: "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?"

Nor does 2004 measure up to 1992, when Bill Clinton's team summed up the campaign's theme with the memorable phrase: "It's the economy, stupid."

This year, Democrats John Kerry and John Edwards are gambling that there is enough lingering uneasiness about pocketbook issues that their message about a struggling economy and loss of jobs will resonate despite rising public optimism.

"It's the best issue they've got, especially in some of the swing states," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother.

But the senators have a bigger selling job than Reagan had in 1980 when he defeated President Carter or Clinton had in 1992 when he beat the first President Bush.

In June 1980, three-fourths of Americans disapproved of Carter's handling of the economy at a time of rising inflation and little growth.

In June 1992, three-fourths disapproved of the elder Bush's economic performance when the economy was just starting to revive.

An AP-Ipsos poll this month found that voters were about evenly divided about the current president's handling of the economy, with 49 percent approving and 50 percent disapproving. Also, consumer confidence has been on the rise.

In a twist on the old Reagan question, those in the AP poll were asked: "Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation better today, worse today or about the same?"

Four in 10 respondents said better, 34 percent said the same and 26 percent said worse.

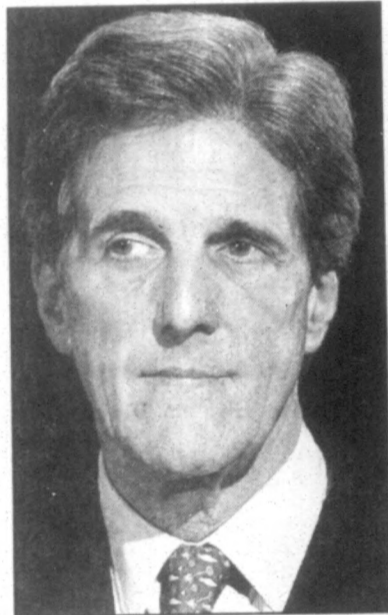
In July 1992, only one-quarter of Americans said they were doing better than four years earlier.

"By far, Kerry and Edwards have a harder case to make," said Marlin Fitzwater, a spokesman for Reagan and the elder Bush.

"In 1980, it was a successful argument for President Reagan because everybody in the country felt the weight of the failing economy on a daily basis. It was a truly fearsome reality to see how inflation was taking hold," Fitzwater said.

Should the economy continue to improve, it could complicate the Democrats' message of protecting jobs and reviving the economy.

"The economy's still a big issue," said Mark Zandi, an economist at Economy.com. "But it's diminishing as the economy contin-



AP File Photo

ues to improve.

The improving jobs situation is a mixed bag for the administration, Zandi said. "The quality of job creation is relatively poor. The job market will continue to resonate as a political issue right up to the election," he said.

While more than 1.5 million jobs have been restored since the economy's low point, Zandi said, the total is still more than 1 million lower than when Bush took office.

Some people have lost jobs and found other jobs at much lower wages.

"I'm certainly not doing better," said Garry Holden, a 54-year old supervisor of a telemarketing company from Parma, Ohio. "I had to change jobs and got a lower-paying job with less satisfaction. I was a computer salesman. Now I'm supervising telemarketers."

Former presidential candidate Pat Buchanan said the Democrats' job is tougher now than it was for Clinton 12 years ago in the campaign.

"The one area where they can be effective with that message is the corridor from southern Michigan to Ohio to Western Pennsylvania to West Virginia," Buchanan said. "The jobs and trade issues could have resonance there."

For one Kerry strategist, the economy and jobs are effective campaign issues because many in the middle class have had to take lower-paying jobs and are paying more for health insurance, education and gasoline.

"When the president talks about the economy in glowing terms, it is a complete disconnect for those people," Tad Devine said. "Those people in the middle class are being squeezed by today's economy and that group probably will have a huge impact on the outcome of the election."

Will Lester covers polling and politics for The Associated Press.

Tobacco relief's on the right track

This past week the United States Senate took a step in the right direction to help Kentucky's tobacco growers. An amendment to the



On The Hill
By Sen. Jim Bunning
R-Kentucky

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act that passed the Senate calls for a tobacco buyout program that will finally bring relief to many tobacco farmers nationwide and here in Kentucky.

However, I do not want to get any hopes up because it is still not yet a done deal. Similar legislation was

passed in the House of Representatives and now the entire bill goes before a Conference Committee to iron out the differences. Kentucky is well represented on the Conference Committee with myself and Senator McConnell sitting on it. We will both fight as hard as we can to get this important legislation approved to help Kentucky's tobacco families.

Since Daniel Boone first came through the Cumberland Gap, farm-

ing has been both the economic and cultural backbone of the Commonwealth. The family farm is the basis of Kentucky culture and it has been based around tobacco. For years we in Kentucky have tried to diversify from the tobacco crop.

We have had some success, vegetables, beef cattle and other crops have been quite successful, worm farms and other have not been as successful. But nothing brings as much of a return as tobacco. Most of our tobacco farmers are not full-time tobacco farmers. They either have an off-farm job, or primarily raise other crops or raise livestock.

But the money they get from tobacco, pays their mortgage, or puts their kids through school or allows them to keep farming. As we Kentuckians know, outside of the western part of the Commonwealth, we do not have tens of thousands of acres of flat land. We need a crop that grows on rolling hills and that thrives in our climate. Tobacco does that.

A number of things have conspired against tobacco in the last few years. The previous administration declared war on tobacco and by extension, tobacco farmers. The Asian economic crises have hurt exports. The master settlement agreement and state tax increase have dramatically raised the price



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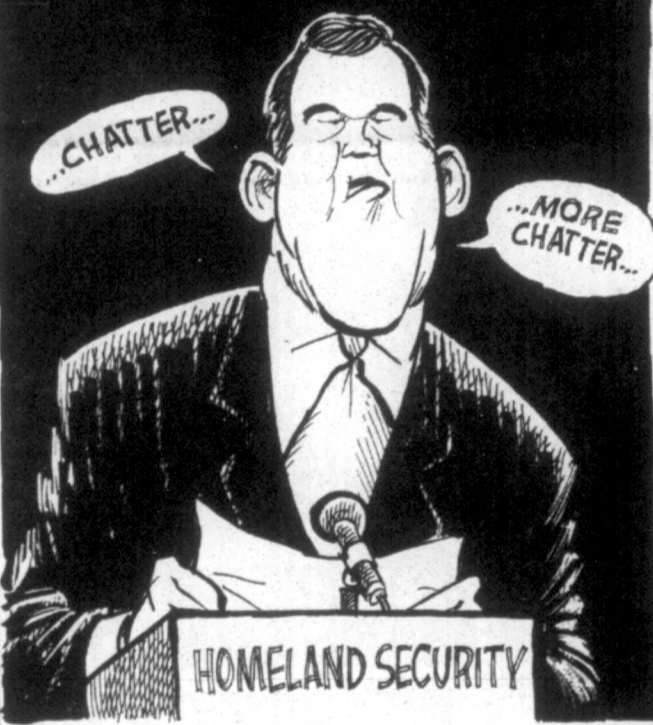
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of cigarettes. And although American tobacco is still superior, the companies have invested so much overseas that the gap has narrowed between American tobacco and cheap foreign tobacco.

Quotas have lost 60 percent of their value since 1998. Not many businesses would be around if they lost 60 percent of their income in 5 years, and we have lost a lot of growers. We have many who are barely holding on. This legislation gives them a life preserver and gets the government out of the tobacco

business at the same time. I have worked closely with Senator McConnell and other tobacco state Senators to craft a common sense buyout that will provide relief for our growers in Kentucky. It is going to be an uphill fight, and I don't know if Congress will pass it, but I will do everything I can as a U.S. Senator to get it done. Tobacco farmers need help, and if the federal government is going to legislate against tobacco, it has a duty to take care of tobacco farm families

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The Divine Ms. D

Paula was an unforgettable character, the kind of person who would get written up in Readers' Digest if that publication were a bit more, well, open-minded. To her colleagues, she was a hero of sorts, one who stood up for her rights. To the administration, she was a non-conformist, a free spirit, perhaps even an instigator. To her students, she was a storyteller, a listener, a wise woman always ready with a wise crack, but most of all an inspired and inspiring teacher.



Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Ledger & Times
Columnist

Paula and I taught English together for two years at a junior high school in Edison, NJ. It was the early 70's, the Vietnam era, and the beginning of the women's movement. Most of the faculty was young and idealistic. We were eager to implement creative ideas in the classroom; we believed the best learning resulted from collaboration, communication and timely feedback. We strove to establish positive learning environments that engaged kids in hands-on activities, rather than the rote learning most of us had grown up with. The principal, though not that much older than his staff, valued rigid discipline. He was one of those administrators who truly believed that uniform window blind positioning was the key to learning. He was happiest when all the desks were lined up with military precision, and enlisted janitors to report teachers whose rooms were less than spit-shine spotless. His vision of the ideal junior high school was kids with robot-like deportment and teachers whose sole purpose in life was to rout gum chewers. Poor Mr. Fried. The times they were

a' changin'. The 70's nearly drove him nuts. Paula was a great teacher, one who could handle problem kids, but she was at the top of the principal's hit list. Her classroom was a haven for misfits and miscreants, but the gifted also found refuge and challenge there. She wheedled, badgered and coaxed classes into doing their best. I recall one of her students, an 8th grader named Matt, who'd carefully cultivated a reputation for not handing in assignments. Paula worked with him, shored up his self-esteem, and encouraged him that he could do better - if only he would submit his work on time. Right before a very important deadline, she warned him that the only acceptable excuse for lateness would be if his report were run over by a truck. On the due date, Matt showed up with a project that had huge tire tracks running across it. After enjoying his prank, he gave her the real paper, neatly written and properly executed. It was the first good grade he had earned all year. These were the days of strict dress codes, but when an enterprising valedictorian from our school system sued for being barred from making a graduation speech because he refused to get his hair cut, the tables turned. The court decided in favor of the student. As a result, the outdated dress code was thrown out. Determined to make the point that if the kids had rights, so did the women teachers, Paula showed up on the last day of school in a pants suit. It was coral polyester, a long, A-line tunic over flared slacks. We all knew about her plan, so we hung around waiting for her to arrive. As soon as Paula walked in, Mr. Fried appeared, and after she signed in for the day, he summoned her to his office. A scant few minutes later, she strolled out. She was smiling, her slacks draped casually over her arm.

"He said, 'Miss Danziger, take off your pants,'" she reported. "So that's what I did." She slipped out of the offending trousers right there, and was still demurely attired in the over-dress. The principal blushed so hard Paula feared the poor man would melt. Paula did not come back the next year. She left Edison to work on her master's in teaching, and started working on her first book for kids. The nit-picky principal in The Cat Ate My Gynsuit was modeled after Mr. Fried. The nickname, "Tinsel Teeth," came from a haiku written by a student in my class. The unconfident, unhappy adolescent was a teenage version of Paula. The wonderful, spirited teacher, Ms. Finney who gets fired because she does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance with her homework but stands respectfully silent every day as it is said, is recognizable as Paula too. Paula went on to write more than 25 books for young readers. That first one is still popular today, thirty years after it was published. Beloved by two generations and millions of kids, Paula's book titles reflect her sense of humor and her gift of compassion: Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes, Can You Sue Your Parents for Malpractice, Remember Me to Harold Square, There's a Bat in Bunk Five, and the enduring Amber Brown and Matthew Martin series, among others. Sadly, Paula Danziger died of a heart attack on July 8. As the tribute in the New York Times said, she was a "beloved writer, colleague and friend." For more information about the divine Ms. D., log onto her publisher's site, www.scholastic.com. Read Main Street online at www.murrayledger.com. Contact the columnist directly at constancealexander@charter.net.

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Cadiz resident seeks genealogy information

J. Denise Wilkinson Underhill of 4914 Blue Springs Rd., Cadiz, KY 42211, has requested genealogy information concerning the children of James Tandy and Mary Catherine Rushing Futrell Underhill who were born in the area of Golden Pond community.



Jo's Datebook

By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

They were Iva Lee Underhill, born June 14, 1897, Eva May Underhill born March 22, 1902, and Roy E. Underhill born March 30, 1903.

In a book by Jess Ross, it says "Iva married a Pritchett and a McKinley and had five sons and supposedly died Oct. 1, 1969 in Oklahoma City, Okla.," but no records exist of her death.

Anyone having any information is asked to write Underhill at the above address; or call her at 1-270-924-5775; or e-mail at jdwilkin@mchsi.com.

Soccer team tryouts tonight

U11 Girls Select Traveling Soccer Team will hold try-outs tonight at 6 p.m. at Bee Creek Soccer complex.

Margie Black, Set Free to perform

Glory Bound Entertainment will be Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. Featured will be Margie Black and Set Free. Also "Open Mic Time" will be during the second half of the show. Sponsored by Goshen United Methodist Church, the mission is "to spread the word of God through music, skits and inspirational readings." Each one is asked to bring a can of food for Need Line. There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken. The public is invited.

Compassionate Friends will meet

Compassionate Friends will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room #1 of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. This is a group for parents who have lost a child or young adult through death. For more information call Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274 or Hilda Bennett at 598-8324.

Clothes Closet will be open Thursday

Dexter Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open on Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the church in Dexter. Linda Young, coordinator, said the closet is in need of clothing for infants through teen age. For information call Linda Young at 437-4890.

Tiger Booster Club will meet Thursday

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at Murray High School. One topic of discussion will be the fall sports kickoff. All officers, sports representatives and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Alpha members will collect book material

Members of Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will be at the club house to collect histories of businesses, churches and communities, including those that no longer are in existence today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. This material will be used in the book, "The Calloway County Family History," to be published soon.

Mother to Mother Group meets Thursday

Mother to Mother, a support group for breastfeeding moms, will meet Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. in the park behind Calloway Public Library, or if raining will meet inside the building. Featured will be refreshments and door prizes. Pregnant moms, dads and older children are welcome. For more information call Kim Jastremski, CLEC, at 759-4746 or more information.

Laker Touchdown Club will meet

Calloway County Laker Touchdown Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the Laker field house at Calloway County High School. All football parents and other interested persons are urged to attend to plan the sports program for the upcoming season.

CCMS plans registration

Calloway County Middle School will hold registration for the 2004-2005 school year on the following dates and times: Sixth Grade from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight and Seventh and Eighth Grades on Monday, July 26. New students are asked to attend the first night, if possible. Completed packets must be turned in before students can receive their schedule and locker assignments. Both parents and students are asked to attend so they can sign for the Student Agenda/Handbook and Code of Behavior.

East Calloway plans registration

East Calloway Elementary School parents or guardians may pick up student registration packets at the school on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. Parents are asked to pay the \$15 per student school fee (the fee is waived for free and reduced lunch families). "Back to School Night" will be July 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents or guardians may return completed student registration packets, receive homeroom assignments and meet the teachers. If your child will be 5 years old before Oct. 1 and is not yet enrolled, contact the school by Wednesday. Also parents or guardians of any new students should call the school at 762-7325.

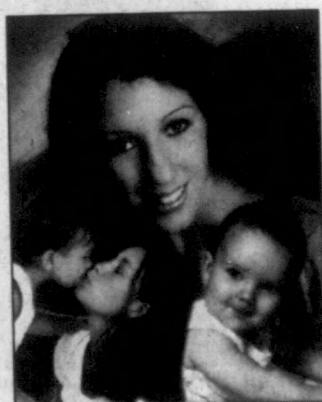
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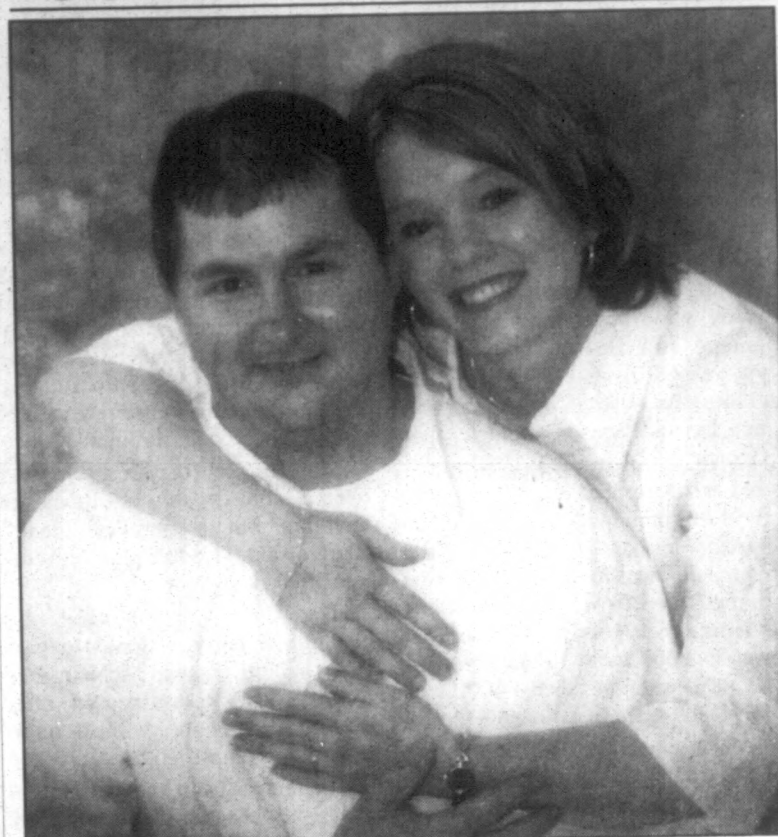
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Landon and Nelson

Joan Willoughby of Clinton announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Julia Michelle Landon, to Richard D. Nelson, son of Sue Givens of Murray.

Miss Landon is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loney of Bardwell.

Mr. Nelson is the grandson of the late George and Mary Hill of Edmonton.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Hickman County High School and a 1998 graduate of West Kentucky Technical College. She is employed as a respiratory therapist by Rotech Healthcare Inc., Murray.

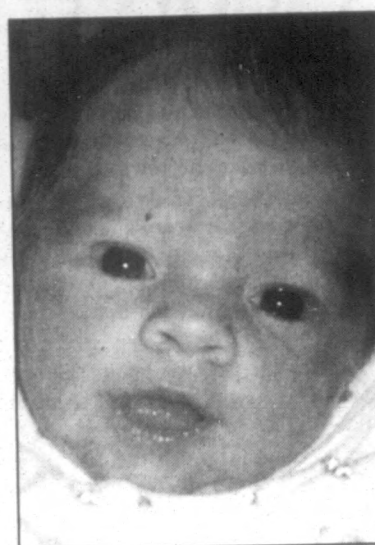
The groom-elect is a 1986 graduate of Murray High School. He is employed by Morningstar Foods in Murray.

The wedding will be Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Hardin Baptist Church, Hardin.

A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

All relatives and friends are invited.

Birth Announcement



Caroline Elizabeth Koenig

Staci and Steve Koenig of Carbondale, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Koenig, born on Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 1:33 p.m. at Memorial Hospital, Carbondale.

The baby weighed six pounds 12.8 ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother, the former Staci Shipp of Murray, is a 2002 graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, a 1996 graduate of Murray State University and a 1992 graduate of Calloway County High School.

Grandparents are Brenda and Andy Shipp of Murray and Gladys and Vic Koenig of Carbondale, Ill. Her great-grandmothers are Mildred Hardy of Murray and Layvonne Day of Phenix City, Ala.

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will also be door prizes awarded to those holding lucky tickets.

Activities will take place throughout the day including games for the whole family, a pre-arranged lunch stop at Buzzard Rock Resort for \$5, an awards ceremony and cook-out following the run. Applications that are received before July 30 will receive a free T-shirt and a complimentary ticket for dinner that evening.

The entry fee is \$50 for each boat containing a driver and navigator. Additional passengers are \$20 for those over the age of 16, \$10 for ages 11-16 and passengers 10 and under are free.

"Come out, have a good time and

support our local troops and their families," said SFC Bill Sanders.

The Family Readiness Group Loyal to Every Guy and Gal who Serves (FRoG LEGGS) consists of friends and family members of the local Army National Guard soldiers.

They support not only the members but also the families of those members. The group provides financial support, group counseling, and care packages to our soldiers overseas. All proceeds from the Fun in the Sun Poker Run will support this group.

To register for the poker run or to receive additional information, contact SFC Bill Sanders at (270) 753-8210 or (270) 226-9317.

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BHS alumni plan reunion

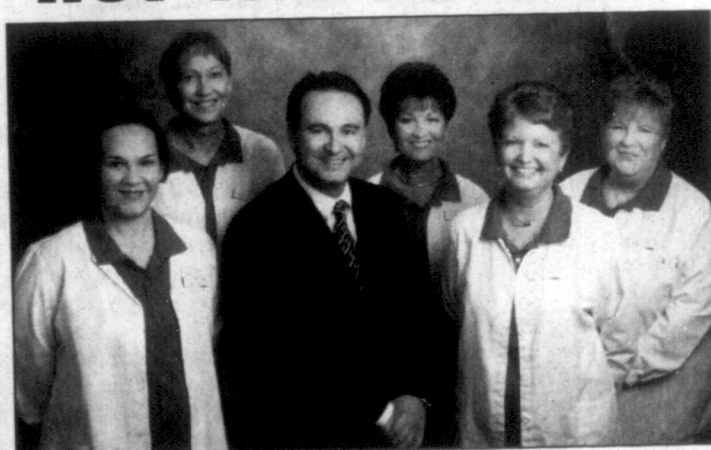
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The reunion will begin with a renewing of old acquaintances at 5:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Anyone who has ever attended or graduated from Ben-

ton High School is urged to attend.

For more information call Frank J. Nichols at the Bank of Benton, 1-270-527-4687, or to make reservations send to Dortha Watkins Lyons, 1401 Johnson Blvd., Murray, KY 42071 or call 753-6351. Reservations must be made by Wednesday.

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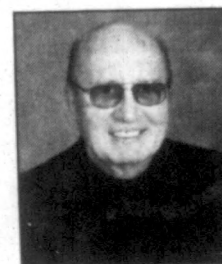
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University of Kentucky basketball coach, Tubby Smith, said that Kelenna Azubuike will be a key component for the Wildcats on offense this upcoming season.

Smith: Azubuike to assume leadership role on offense

By MURRAY EVANS

Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kelenna Azubuike is the key to Kentucky's offense this season, coach Tubby Smith said.

Speaking during a teleconference for Southeastern Conference coaches on Monday, Smith said the 6-foot-5 Azubuike, a junior swingman from Tulsa, Okla., is more than capable of carrying the scoring load for the Wildcats.

"We are going to need him to do that this year," Smith said. "He is going to have to be a veteran basketball player. He will be held more accountable and be able to score more in that position."

At Victory Christian School in Tulsa, Azubuike scored 3,530 points, the second-highest total in Oklahoma history. During his senior season, he averaged 39.1 points and 13.3 rebounds per game. Last season for Kentucky, Azubuike averaged 11.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game and, late in the season, developed into the Wildcats' defensive stopper.

Kentucky finished 27-5 and entered the NCAA tournament as the overall No. 1 seed before falling in the second round to Alabama-Birmingham.

Smith touted Azubuike's athleticism and the player's efforts in becoming a solid defender. He said Azubuike is spending the summer working on weaker areas of his game, including ball-handling and passing.

Azubuike will be one of two returning starters during the 2004-05 season for the Wildcats, joining senior forward Chuck Hayes. Junior point guard Patrick Sparks, who sat out last season after transferring from Western Kentucky, also figures to be a starter, at least early in the season.

"Patrick is an excellent leader," Smith said. "That's one of the reasons we wanted him in our program. He does all the little things to make the team better."

Smith also talked about the reasons why players transfer. While the Wildcats picked up one transfer in Sparks, they lost another forward Bernard Cote to Northwestern.

Smith said a common reason players transfer is because of playing time, something Cote didn't see much of last season, averaging 1.4 minutes in 27 appearances. Still, after Cote announced his decision to transfer, Smith took the unusual step of publicly announcing that Cote still had a scholarship waiting if the player chose to stay.

"We certainly didn't want him to leave," Smith said.

Also during the teleconference, Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson touted Chris Lofton, the Kentucky high school player of the year. Lofton led Mason County to the state title in 2003 and a runner-up finish in 2004.

The 6-3 guard averaged 26.8 points per game this season, but he wasn't just a scorer for the Royals, who finished 33-3. He also led Mason County in rebounding (7.4), assists (3.4) and steals (3.0).

"His tremendous desire to want to do well will help him excel in our league," Peterson said.

End of an era?

George rejects Titans offer, asks for release

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Eddie George insists he isn't being greedy, he just wants to be paid close to what he's worth.

Tennessee's career leading rusher rejected the team's latest contract offer Monday and asked the Titans to release him so he can land with a new team before training camp.

"Change may be good," George told The Associated Press on Monday night.

"I hate to sever the ties here. My first and only option was to finish a Tennessee Titan under fair circumstances. Unfortunately, that's not how I perceive it at this point. I look to move forward in a new situation."

The Titans declined comment Monday night on the running back's request.

George's agent, Lamont Smith, said team officials told him they wanted to "kick it around" and get back to them.

But Titans owner Bud Adams said in May he was "pessimistic" about George returning to the team,

even as general manager Floyd Reese and coach Jeff Fisher said they were hopeful a deal could be reached.

George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) and Ricky Watters (114) have started more consecutive regular-season games than George's 128.

Last December, George became the 17th running back to top 10,000 yards. He has 10,009 yards and 64 touchdowns for the franchise that drafted the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner in 1996. His best season was in 2000, with fullback Lorenzo Neal, when he carried 403 times for 1,509 yards.

George is under contract through 2006 and was due to make \$4.25 million this season. The Titans asked him in February to rework his contract and paid him a \$1 million roster bonus in March.

But the salary cap-strapped Titans, whose woes are only expected to worsen in 2005, need to

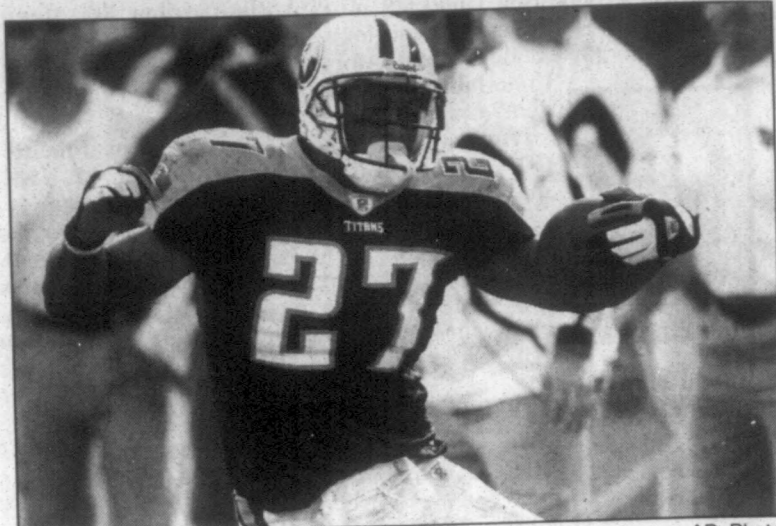
clear space to sign their 13 draft picks before training camp starts July 31.

Smith said they gave the Titans a counteroffer two to three months ago that would have shaved \$3 million from their salary cap, only to see team officials stick close to a proposal of approximately \$1.5 million this season with less money each year through 2006.

"In essence, the deal we had on the table doesn't assure me of anything but a one-year deal," George said. "I don't plan on retiring after next year."

The Titans have evolved into an offense that now looks to pass first behind Steve McNair, the NFL's co-MVP last season after leading the league with a quarterback rating of 100.4.

George has been known throughout his eight seasons for his work ethic, which includes regular yoga sessions to maximize his flexibility. He had one of his best games in a couple seasons last January during a playoff victory over Baltimore when he ran for 88 yards



AP Photo
Eddie George, Tennessee's all-time leading rusher, rejected the Titans' latest offer Monday and asked the team to release him quickly so he can seek a job with a new team.

despite dislocating his left shoulder.

He attended the team's offseason minicamps as he recovered from operations on his right knee and left ankle. But NFL teams start opening camps over the next two

weeks.
George, who turns 31 in September, spoke of Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and Dallas as potential options and said he wants to join a team with a chance of winning a Super Bowl.

Gottfried brushes off sky-high expectations

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Mark Gottfried is doing his best to puncture the blown-up expectations from Alabama's deepest NCAA tournament run.

Sure, the Crimson Tide has four returning starters, including its top three scorers. But Gottfried quickly points out that there's barely any experience beyond that and forward Kennedy Winston is still recuperating from knee surgery in June.

"I ain't buying all this high expectation stuff — yet," Gottfried said Monday during a gathering with reporters. "I think we have a chance, but we just have a lot of questions that we have to get answered."

The two biggest questions are how will Winston's knee hold up and who will replace point guards Antoine Pettway and Demetrius Smith.

Winston had surgery on his left knee last September and had scar tissue removed last month. Gottfried said he's expecting the Tide's leading scorer to be cleared to resume running in a few weeks. In the meantime, he's only been able to work out his upper body in the weight room and has packed on about 18 pounds to his playing weight of 220 pounds.

"They're just being real cautious with him," Gottfried said. "He's not been allowed to lift or run or do any lower-body work."

He hasn't played in a pickup game in probably close to two months."

Gottfried is expecting freshmen Glenn Miles and Ronald Steele — a two-time Alabama Mr. Basketball — to compete for the point guard job. He also welcomes two more signees, junior college transfer Jean Felix and shooting guard Albert Weber, and redshirted four newcomers last season, including big men Shawn Taylor (6-foot-11) and Akini Adkins (6-9).

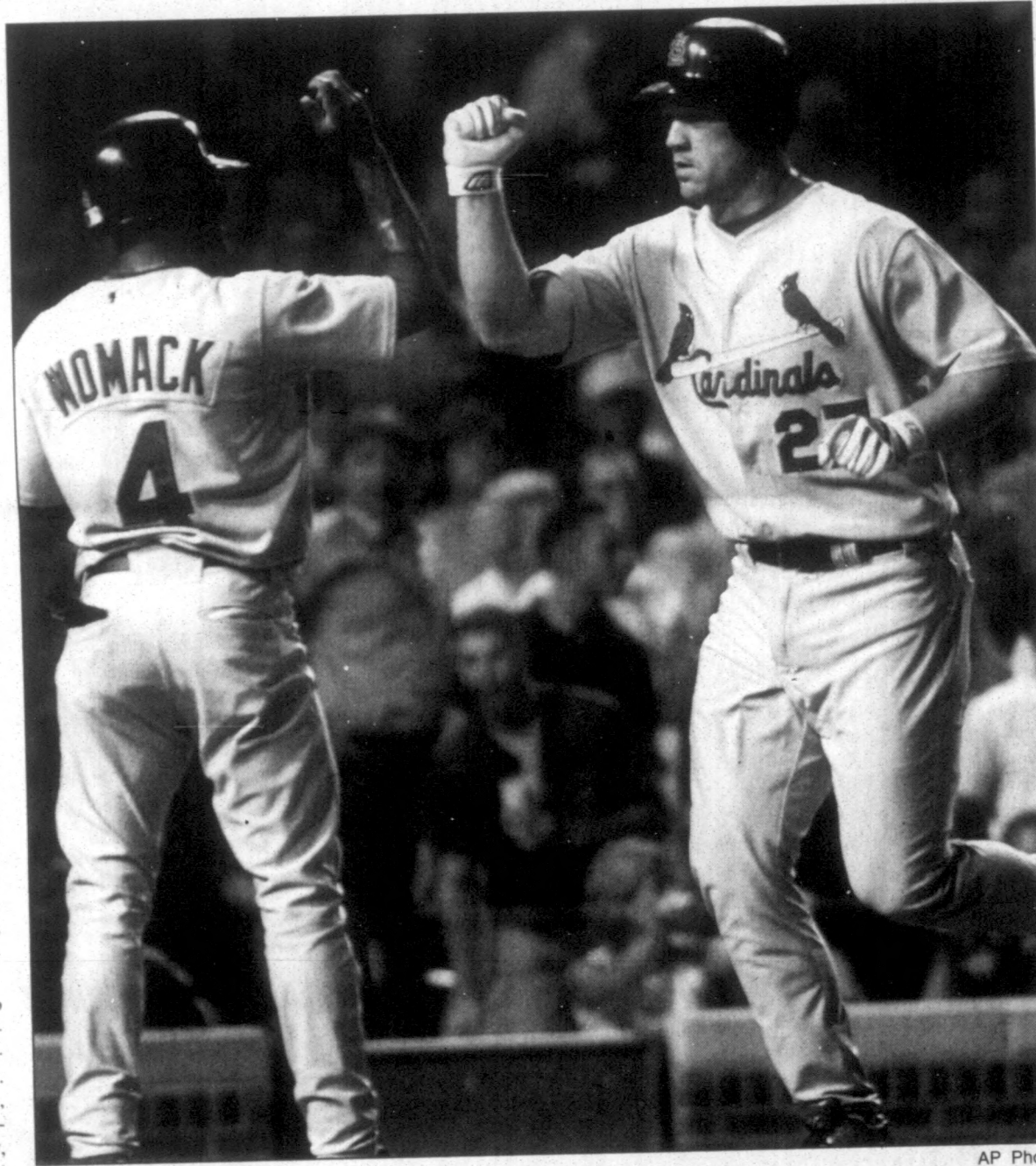
The only other key departure was Emmett Thomas, a backup forward who averaged 8.7 points per game for a team that upset top-seeded Stanford to advance to the NCAA tournament's round of eight. Alabama, which had never advanced beyond the round of 16, was knocked out by eventual champion Connecticut.

"All the expectations people are talking about, I've not bought into it yet," Gottfried said. "We've got a lot to prove to be a bonafide Top 25 team right now."

The players have apparently responded to the challenge. Gottfried said nine stayed on campus and attended classes during the first summer session, taking a total of 60 hours with the lowest grades being two C's.

Guard Earnest Shelton said the postseason run has motivated the Tide players during the offseason. "We're going to have a target on us," Shelton said. "It's going to be a lot harder this year. We're going to have to come out this year and be ready to take every team's best shot."

"We got a taste of the tournament last year and saw what it's like."



AP Photo
St. Louis Cardinals' Scott Rolen is congratulated on his two-run home run by teammate Tony Womack during the eighth inning against the Chicago Cubs Monday in Chicago. Rolen drove in Womack on the play helping the Cardinals to a 5-4 win.

Rolen Along

Scott Rolen and St. Louis cool down Chicago on a night when tempers flared

CHICAGO (AP) — On a night when emotions raged and tempers flared, Scott Rolen delivered again for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Rolen connected for a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning off fiery Carlos Zambrano and sent them to a 5-4 win over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Zambrano's outing ended one pitch after Rolen's homer when he hit Jim Edmonds for a second time and was ejected.

"He's an emotional guy," Rolen said of Zambrano. "But I don't believe what went on the field tonight outside of baseball deserves any words."

Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa did have some words to share, though.

"I don't care what the rivalry is, what the circumstance is, what the standings are, you are not allowed to cross the line in this game and their pitcher crossed it

twice," LaRussa said.

"It was pretty clear."

The Cardinals homered three times and won for the 12th time in 14 games this month to increase their NL Central lead over the Cubs to nine games.

Zambrano (9-5) hit Edmonds with a pitch in the first to load the bases. Then the young Cubs All-Star became angered when Edmonds homered in the fourth and hesitated before leaving the plate to admire the flight of the ball.

As Edmonds neared home plate, Zambrano began yelling in the direction of the Cardinals' star.

"I just told him to run the bases and don't try to be cocky," Zambrano said.

Seconds later, Cubs catcher Michael Barrett began jawing with someone in the Cardinals' dugout and had to be restrained by home plate umpire Joe Brinkman.

The benches emptied briefly, but order was restored quickly and no punches were thrown.

"I have a job to do and that's to protect my pitcher. And when I was looking over the dugout one

of their players asked me what I was looking at," Barrett said, declining to identify the Cardinals player.

"I just got a little irritated by that. ... Unfortunately I didn't react the way I probably could have. I sort of erupted. In the heat of the moment unfortunately those things happen."

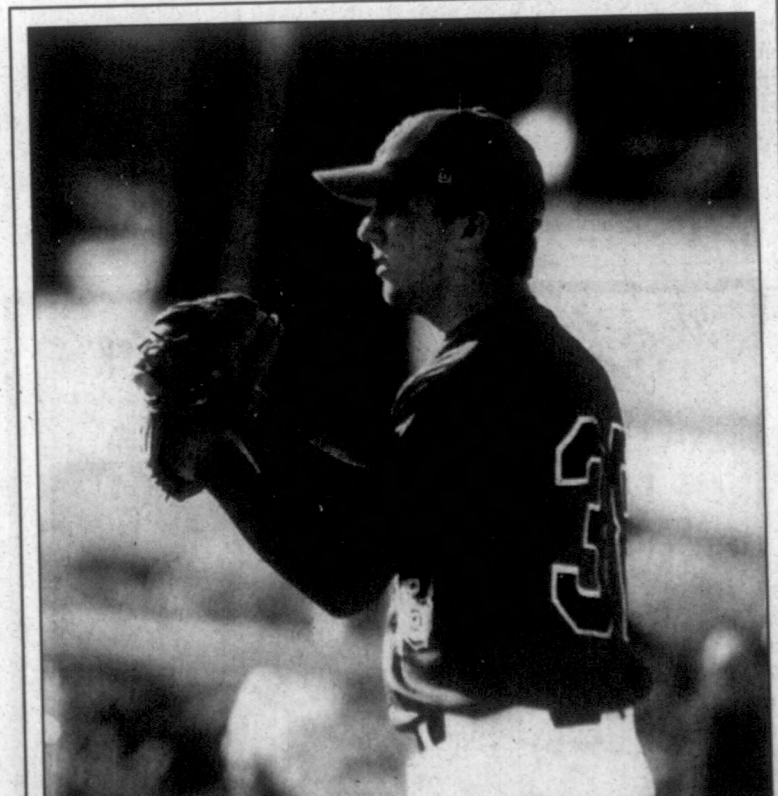
Rolen's two-out homer in the eighth broke a 3-all tie. Then Zambrano, who allowed five hits and five runs in his 7 2-3 innings, plunked Edmonds for the second time.

"I didn't try to hit him. I just tried to make my pitch and the ball went out of my hand," Zambrano said.

Earlier, after striking Edmonds out on three pitches in the sixth, Zambrano wagged his finger at Edmonds as he walked away from the plate.

Chris Carpenter (10-4) got his 10th victory and fourth of the season against the Cubs, allowing 12 hits and four runs in eight innings.

Jason Istringhausen pitched the ninth for his 23rd save in 27 chances.



Michael Birdsong of Calloway County High School baseball team and Calvert City American Legion Post 236 has recently been chosen for Team Kentucky to participate in the Ble Gray Classic. The classic will be held on Aug. 6, 7 and 8 at Middle Tennessee State University.

Braves beat Phillies, move into first in NL East

By The Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves used outstanding pitching, solid defense and timely hitting to win 12 straight division titles. This year's team is beginning to look awfully familiar to the rest of the NL East.

"They smell blood every time they take the field," Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa said. "They don't win by accident."

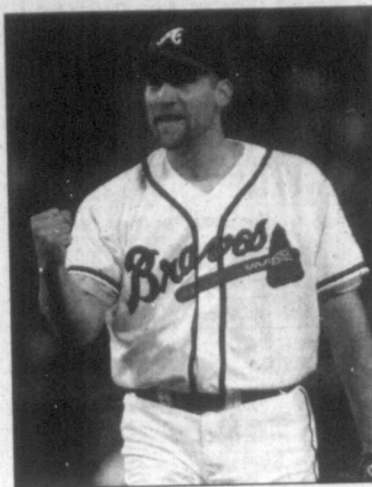
The Braves gained sole possession of first place for the first time this season with a 4-2 victory over Philadelphia on Monday night. The Braves won for the 16th time in 20 games, breaking a tie with the Phillies for the top spot.

"The goal is to be in first when the whole season is completed," said manager Bobby Cox, who won his 1,600th game with Atlanta. "We'll try to stay there."

Mike Hampton pitched seven strong innings, Atlanta's defense made several spectacular plays, and Adam LaRoche, Andruw Jones, Charles Thomas and Chipper Jones drove in runs for the Braves.

Atlanta is still one of baseball's best squads despite losing key players such as Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, Gary Sheffield, Vinny Castilla and Javy Lopez over the past few years.

"We've still got a great team," outfielder Andruw Jones said. "I know Bobby never thought we



AP Photo
Atlanta Braves closer John Smoltz reacts after the Braves' 4-2 win against the Philadelphia Phillies Monday night in Atlanta.

would be in last, or even second or third. He knew we had a great team when we broke camp."

The NL East has turned into the tightest division in baseball, with the Phillies a game back and Florida and the New York Mets three behind.

The Marlins came back to beat the Mets 6-5, and could make things even more unpredictable in the division if they can gain the consistency that led them to the World Series title last year.

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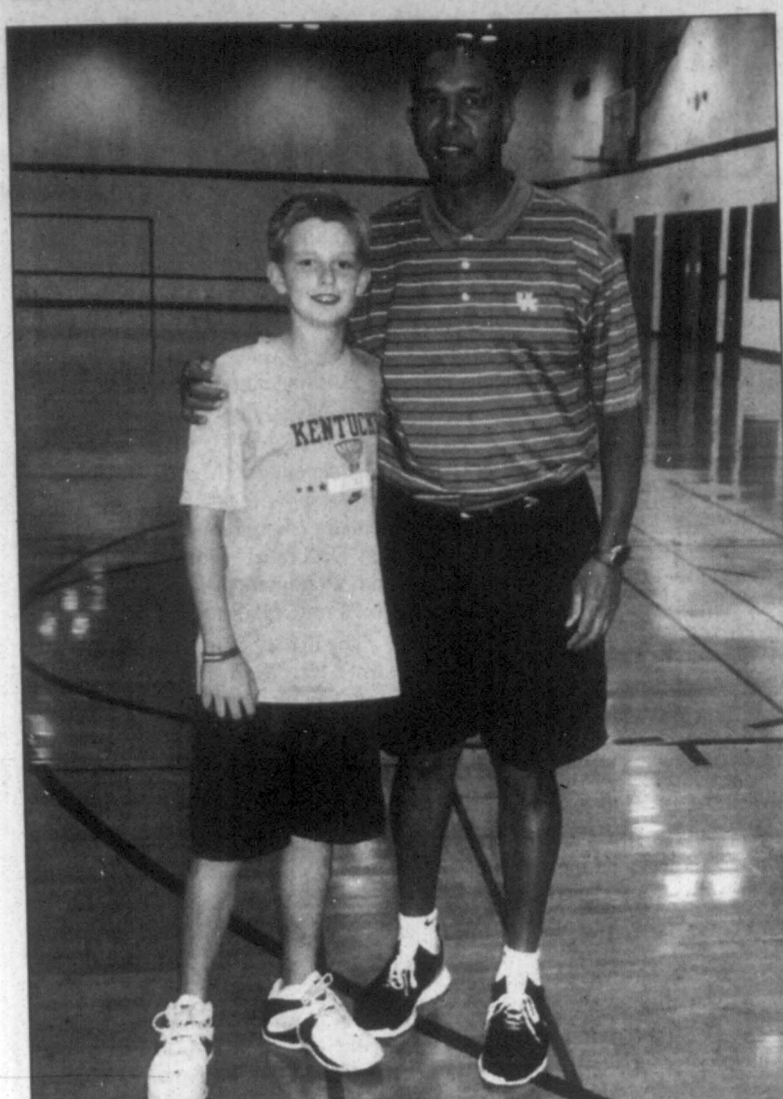
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Florida	46	46	.500	3	Tampa Bay	45	47	.489	12 1/2
New York	46	46	.500	3	Baltimore	40	50	.444	16 1/2
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Arizona	31	63	.330	23 1/2					

Monday's Games
 Minnesota 3, Detroit 1
 Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
 Chicago White Sox 12, Texas 6
 Seattle 8, Boston 4, 11 innings
 Cleveland 8, Anaheim 5, 10 innings
 Toronto 5, Oakland 3

Tuesday's Games
 Baltimore (Cabrera 7-3) at Kansas City (Greinke 2-6), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 7-3) at Tampa Bay (Vazquez 9-5), 1:15 p.m.
 Toronto (Burr 0-1) at Oakland (Harden 4-5), 2:35 p.m.
 Cleveland (Westbrook 6-5) at Anaheim (Washburn 10-4), 3:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lowe 7-9) at Seattle (Pineiro 5-10), 3:35 p.m.
 Minnesota (Lohse 3-7) at Detroit (Bonderman 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Garland 7-6) at Texas (Wadell 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 2
 Florida 6, N.Y. Mets 5
 Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 4
 Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 2
 Los Angeles 7, Houston 6
 St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 4
 San Diego 13, Colorado 6
 San Francisco 6, Arizona 1

Tuesday's Games
 Milwaukee (D. Davis 9-7) at Cincinnati (Clausen 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
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 Montreal (L. Hernandez 6-9) at Pittsburgh (S. Burnett 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
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 San Francisco (J. Williams 8-6) at Arizona (Johnson 10-7), 8:35 p.m.



Jeremy Pruitt, 11, of Murray is pictured with University of Kentucky head basketball coach Tubby Smith. Pruitt and his father, Danny, attended Smith's father-son camp June 25-26 in Lexington.

Boone's bomb beats Boston in extra innings

By The Associated Press

Not another Boone brother!
 It was Bret Boone's turn to beat Boston with an 11th inning home run when he hit a grand slam that gave the Seattle Mariners an 8-4 victory over the visiting Red Sox on Monday night.

Last season, Aaron Boone's homer in the 11th inning of Game 7 of the AL championship series propelled the New York Yankees to the World Series.

While Bret Boone's homer wasn't a season-ender, it prevented the Red Sox from gaining ground on the American League East-leading Yankees, 9-7 losers at Tampa Bay. Boston is seven games out of first in the East.

"It's the worst game we've played all year," Boston center fielder Johnny Damon said. "We shouldn't have been in this situation. We were just awful. Every game is important for us. We had a chance to pick up a game on the Yankees and let it slip through our fingers."

Jason Varitek hit a three-run homer in the eighth to give Boston a 4-1 lead, but the Mariners tied it with one out in the ninth when Miguel Olivo and Edgar Martinez hit consecutive homers off Red Sox closer Keith Foulke. It was Foulke's fourth blown save in his last six chances.

In other AL games, it was: Minnesota 3, Detroit 1; White Sox 12, Texas 6; Baltimore 7, Kansas City 4; Cleveland 8, Anaheim 5 in 10 innings; and Toronto 5, Oakland 3.

Boone hit his fifth career grand slam on an 0-1 pitch from Curtis Leskanic (1-5), a drive into the Seattle bullpen in left field. The Mariners loaded the bases on a single by Olivo and walks to Dave Hansen and Randy Winn. Winn's walk was intentional.

Boone, hitting .233 coming in, was 2-for-6 with six RBIs. He wasn't upset that the Red Sox walked Winn to pitch to him.

"With the struggles I've had this season, you can't blame them," he said. "It was a



AP Photo
Seattle Mariners' Brett Boone is greeted at home after hitting a grand slam against Boston Red Sox's Curtis Leskanic during the 11th inning in Seattle Monday. The Mariners won 8-4.

great win."
 Mike Myers (4-1), Seattle's fifth pitcher, got one out in the 11th.

Earnhardt released from hospital

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was released from the hospital Monday, one day after being burned on the face and legs in a crash during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series race.

The NASCAR star, son of the late Dale Earnhardt, was flown to the University of California-Davis Medical Center on Sunday after the car he was driving crashed and turned into a fireball at the Infineon Raceway in Sonoma.

Earnhardt was treated for second-degree burns on the insides of both legs and on his chin, according to a statement from the hospital. The burns covered about 6 percent of his body.

The terrifying accident came at the beginning of a morning practice, when Earnhardt lost control of his Chevrolet Corvette C5-R. The car spun and slid into a concrete barrier.

The crash broke the fuel filler neck, where gas is poured into the fuel tank, and sparked the fire. Earnhardt was able to get out of the car on his own.

While Earnhardt's injuries weren't serious, any wreck he is involved in always brings up mem-

ories of the last-lap crash at the 2001 Daytona 500 that killed his father, easily the most popular driver of his era.

Steve Crisp, a spokesman for Dale Earnhardt Inc., said the younger Earnhardt will compete in next weekend's Nextel Cup race

at New Hampshire International Speedway. Earnhardt, second in the Cup standings behind Jimmie Johnson, was supposed to be enjoying a weekend off from his regular series for a rare chance to race without pressure.

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Fox News' use of 'Fair and Balanced' challenged legally

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News' use of the slogan "Fair and Balanced" constitutes deceptive advertising, two political advocacy groups claimed today in a petition filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

Liberal MoveOn.org and historically nonpartisan Common Cause assert that Fox News' reports are "deliberately and consistently distorted and twisted to promote the Republican Party of the U.S. and an extreme right-wing viewpoint."

Alleging consumer fraud, the complaint calls for the FTC to order Fox News, consistently the highest-rated cable news network, to cease and desist from using the slogan.

Irena Briganti, a Fox News spokesperson, told The Associated Press that "while this is clearly a transparent publicity stunt, we recognize all forms of free speech and wish them well."

James Kaminski, a former FTC lawyer currently practicing advertising law with Arent Fox Attorneys, sees little chance for the petition, noting that the FTC does not wade in political waters.

"Whether (Fox is) biased or not... it's a freedom of speech issue," he said.

But Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause, said the legal actions were consistent with the First Amendment. "Fox has no obligation under the law to be fair and balanced, just not to market itself as fair and balanced," he said.

After a press conference announcing the petition, members of MoveOn.org and Common Cause marched to the Fox News Headquarters to hand out DVDs of the recent documentary "Outfoxed," which alleges a pattern of right-wing biases in the network's reporting, citing statements by former Fox employees and internal memos.

The documentary is "Exhibit A" in the FTC petition.

At the press conference, Common Cause's Pingree said the petition was consistent with the 34-year old citizen advocacy group's history, and a response to the "growing firestorm about what's going on with the media."

The Federal Trade Commission, which hears all consumer complaints, will now judge whether the complaint has merit, a process that could take months.

Mitch Katz of the FTC's Office

of Public Affairs would not comment directly on the petition, but did acknowledge that a label like "fair and balanced" may be inherently subjective.

Fox has sought to trademark its "Fair and Balanced" motto, which also has been met with legal action.

Independent Media Institute, a not-for-profit promoter of independent journalism, filed a petition last December with the US Patent and Trademark Office challenging Fox's trademark request.

The IMI's petition claims that the term "fair and balanced" is so prevalent as to be generic, and is "entirely mis-descriptive" when it comes to Fox News.

Last summer, Fox News Channel tried to block publication of liberal humorist Al Franken's book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," saying it made unauthorized use of Fox's "fair and balanced" slogan.

The judge dismissed Fox's case, saying it was "wholly without merit," and the trademark "Fair and Balanced," registered by Fox in 1998, was weak. He also said the network was "trying to undermine the First Amendment."

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Governors run through terror attack scenario

SEATTLE (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge gave governors a taste of terror Monday, playing out a simulated "tabletop" bioterrorism attack and likely responses — from trying to keep the public informed and calm to carrying out massive vaccinations.

Gathered here for the final day of a National Governors Association meeting, state leaders brought their own concerns about homeland security to the simulation. Some worried about administrative logjams over money. Others talked of pressure on the National Guard.

"How do the state government, local governments and federal government interact? That's why we're here," Ridge said. "At the end of the day ... the homeland is secure when the home towns are secure."

The exercise comes at a critical time, with increased chatter about a potential attack during the election season — even as Ridge's agency has kept the official terror alert at "yellow," the midpoint on the five-step terror alert system.

Behind closed doors, governors were faced with a scenario of simultaneous bioterrorist attacks in cities in several unspecified states, then discussed responses through several steps — from the first credible report, to engaging law enforcement, intelligence, and information officials to deploying of stockpiled vaccines.

The hypothetical attack involved anthrax, brought into the country by al-Qaida through the ports and spread by crop-duster planes, according to one person attending the private meeting. Governors were particularly interested in how much information they would get from the federal government, and discussion included the state of readiness of bioterror vaccines.

Governors welcomed the simulation, even if the exercise was something less than a full-blown terrorist exercise, which usually lasts for a day or two and brings in officials from all agencies that would be involved.

"This is just a little taste," said Democrat Janet Napolitano of Arizona, who as a former U.S. Attorney took part in earlier exercises. "If they're well run, I've always found them to be very helpful."

"It really forces all the governors to go through these decisions," said Bob Taft of Ohio, a Republican.

Shying away from the open partisan complaints that marked many of the weekend's discussions on domestic issues, most governors embraced the overall effort by Ridge, a former Pennsylvania governor, to get security resources to states.

"We've had an excellent working relationship," said Democrat Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania. "Can we prevent all possibilities? Absolutely not ... But we've been able to get a lot of the money we need."

Republican Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, who headed a task force that identified the weaknesses of homeland security from the perspective of state and local officials, said there continues to be a problem with getting federal money quickly to front line responders.

Romney said it was a problem at all levels, federal, state and local, but some Democrats said the Bush administration could do more to ease administrative rules that require financially strapped local governments to buy equipment first, and then seek reimbursement.

"Many of our communities can't afford to do that," Napolitano said. "I'd give them a C-plus." Democrat Jim Doyle of Wisconsin said: "It's created a kind of bottleneck, when everyone points fingers at everyone."

Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, a Democrat, said he and other governors had continuing worries about the pressures on their various National Guard units, which have been heavily deployed for service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're not complaining. But it has an effect. The fiscal impact is tremendous," not only for smaller communities that may lose crucial law enforcement and other officials to extended deployments, but for their families, since many Guard members have families to support.

Romney said that, so far, all of the funds have focused on preparing communities to respond to a terrorist attack. More needs to be targeted toward data gathering, analysis and intelligence at the state and local level.

"We have not focused on prevention," he said. "What should the state police and local police role be?"

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2005. VIRGO is fun to chat with.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Although you're loaded with work, you go out of your way for others, and they react positively. Even though you might feel overloaded with chores, you do finish them. Change plans, if you must, to get as much work done as possible. Tonight: Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Tap into your ingenuity, and you'll find many new ways of making money and/or enhancing a romantic relationship. A discussion, though serious, could take you in many different directions. You might need to adjust to a partnership. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 You seem to smile no matter what

happens, as you come from a very secure place. You might be thinking about increasing the size of your home or sprucing it up. A boss could be difficult, but knowing you have solace at home helps you push through the day. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 You have the wherewithal to see what others don't. This perspective might make you a bit serious. New information continues to come out, which could keep opening up your mind. Flex with changes. Don't fight; rather, work with news. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Take your time before making a money commitment, as enticing as it might look. Play it cool and hold back. You won't do well risking right now. Play it conservatively, and you won't make a mistake. Do your research. Tonight: Don't break your piggy bank.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Accept a contrary family member or roommate (even possibly the cat). Everyone else remains highly responsive to your suggestions. What you want to achieve might be difficult, but you will get there. Don't lose hope. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Listen to your inner voice when dealing with difficult bosses. You are letting go of a lot of problems that have been trailing you for the past 10 years. Be honest with yourself. Refuse to get into a power play. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Seek out others, knowing what you want. Working as a group proves more successful. Refuse to get your funds involved, as you might find that a commitment is an emptying well. Try to understand another's point of view. Don't close yourself off. Tonight: With the crowds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Maintain high visibility, even though you might feel pressured by a partner or a certain public appearance. Remain confident. Don't turn yourself inside out about a problem. Don't be so critical. Tonight: In the

limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 You have the ability to detach and take an overview if need be. Your ability to realize what is your "stuff" and what is someone else's could make all the difference. Others might be overly serious but helpful. Tonight: Relax your mind by escaping into music, a movie or a reverie of some sort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 A partner's or associate's ideas take you down a new path of thinking. You might need to abandon a hope or wish that means a lot to you. A friend could disappoint you. Don't take on more than you can handle. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 When all's said and done, you could be rethinking a decision, though you might not be comfortable with what might be coming down. You find that a loved one could be unusually difficult, or a child could be touchy. Indulge others. Tonight: Follow the action.

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 Actor Robin Williams (1952), lawyer Kenneth Starr (1946), singer Cat Stevens (1948)

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The relation of caffeine to breast disorder

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please advise about whether or not I can continue having my morning cup of coffee.



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR READER: Some people are extremely sensitive to the effects of caffeine, a stimulant found in coffee and many teas and colas.

One of the most common female complaints is soreness and tenderness due to fibrocystic disease, a poorly understood disorder marked by breast discomfort and swelling.

The condition, which appears to run in cycles, may be aggravated by caffeine. Therefore, most gynecologists advise women suffering from this disease to shun caffeine-containing beverages, substituting decaf coffee or other suitable beverages instead.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On advice from a friend, I began a home remedy for the pain of my arthritis: 8 ounces of purple grape juice to which is added one tablespoon of liquid Certo, taken once a day.

DEAR READER: The grape juice/Certo combination is an option that I described several years ago as a harmless and inexpensive remedy for arthritis pain.

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On one hand, you can follow your doctor's advice and see if you feel better.

On the other, you can enjoy your cup of morning coffee and put up with the breast discomfort.

Remember, too, that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can cause sore breasts, because the drugs stimulate mammary tissue.

Also, recent studies have indicated HRT as being dangerous because it increases the risk of cardiovascular diseases and breast cancer.

Therefore, as a first step, your gynecologist may choose to reduce and eventually discontinue your HRT. This option will limit the health risks from the drugs and could relieve your fibrocystic symptoms, even if you continue to drink coffee.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." 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.

There are no witnesses willing to get involved. How do we get solid proof so Willy will not cause her harm? Who can we tell so that this will stop? We don't want to make this problem worse than it already is.

DEAR READER: I read the letter from "Trapped in Louisville" with mounting alarm and a horrible sense of déjà vu.

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Trapped in Louisville" with mounting alarm and a horrible sense of déjà vu.

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Persistent high school stalker won't take no for an answer

DEAR ABBY: My family is dealing with a concern similar to "Trapped in Louisville." My teenage son is dating a lovely girl who attends a neighboring high school.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

The young lady's mother is not around during the daytime, due to her career. Her father is away defending our country.

Although the girl fears her stalker will call her a racist, this has nothing to do with race. Her family should not try to handle the situation on their own.

Readers, there are laws against stalking in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. There are also laws against stalking at the federal level. Stalking is abusive, antisocial, sick behavior.

DEAR ABBY: I am a university professor in a small coastal town. Our university is still in shock from the kidnapping, beating, rape and murder of a sophomore student in her dormitory.

I disagree with your advice that "Trapped" should speak up to her stalker or have her parents call him. They should go straight to law enforcement NOW.

Although the girl fears her stalker will call her a racist, this has nothing to do with race. Her family should not try to handle the situation on their own. -- CONCERNED EDUCATOR, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

LookingBack

10 years ago Published is a picture of Murray Fire Chief Pat Scout talking with State Fire Marshall Dennis Decker about the possible causes of the fire that destroyed Murray State University's old fine arts building on July 15 and 16.

Births reported include a boy to Dale and Terri Smith, July 13.

Published is a picture of scaffolding, lighting fixtures, power transformers and other remnants of the former Tappan building being cleared out of the building in preparation for renovation for the Briggs & Stratton plant.

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Published is a picture of Charlie Bennett of Standard Oil Co., Memphis, Tenn., presenting awards of Tractor Driving Contest at the Murray-Calloway County Jaycee Fair to Larry Armstrong, 4-H Division, and Richard Spann, FFA and open winner.

"Ralph McCuiston has a lemon tree almost 100 years old. The tree has about 25 lemons on it this year, more than it has ever had."

Births reported include a girl to Roy F. and Pauline Crotzer, July 17.

Published is a picture of Ivie Todd, employed in Foundry Department of Murray Manufacturing Co., being presented a \$25 U.S. Savings bond by Robert Moyer, assistant superintendent, and Howard McNeely, president of Local 1068 of UAW/CIO.

James Parker Miller, minister of Seminole Church of Christ, Tampa, Fla., is the evangelist at a gospel meeting being held this week at Hazel Church of Christ.

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The Art of Card-Reading

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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After winning the first spade with the king, he plays the A-K of trumps and then leads the eight of diamonds.

There are some deals where declarer can tell exactly how the missing cards are divided and, as a result, can achieve the maximum result possible.

Declarer has two main sources that guide him in working out the composition of the unseen hands. One is the bidding; the other is the plays already made, which often shed valuable light.

Consider this case where South winds up in four hearts after West opened the bidding with one diamond.

Tomorrow: Accent on the wrong syllable.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2004. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps -- later known as WACs -- began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1976, America's Viking One robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

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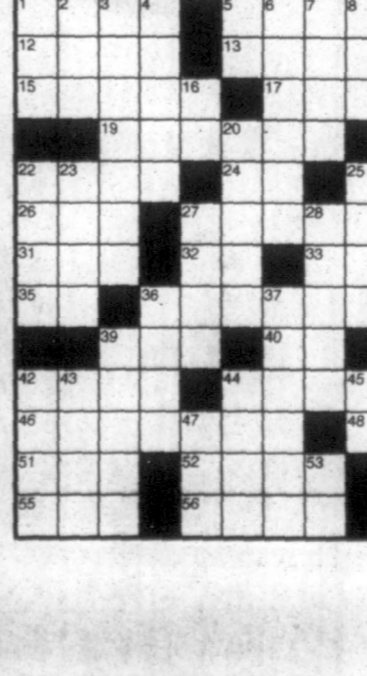
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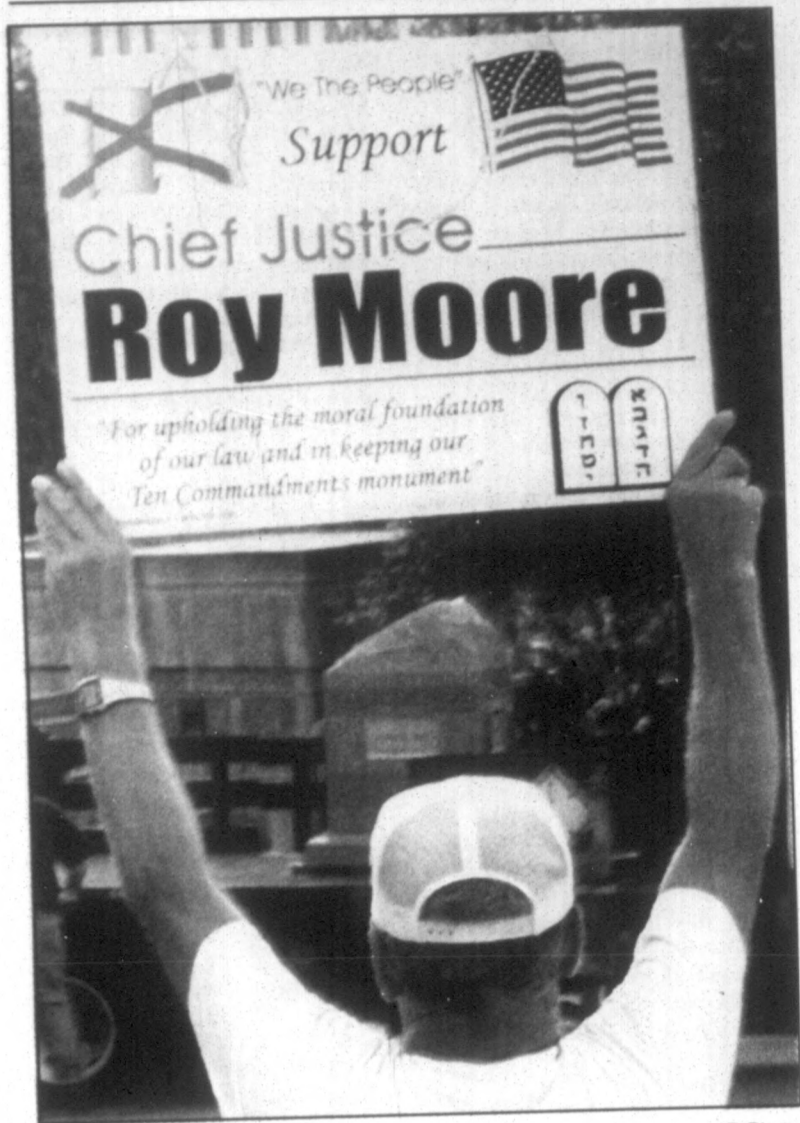
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A demonstrator holds up a sign supporting former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy as the Ten Commandments monument is loaded onto a truck outside the Alabama Judicial Building in Montgomery, Ala., Monday.

Ten Commandments monument moved for trip to Washington

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A Ten Commandments monument that became a landmark in the debate over religion's place in government was hauled away from its storage room in the state courthouse Monday, bound for a summer road trip to the nation's capital.

The 5,280-pound marker was brought out of the building by a veterans' group nearly a year after it was moved from the rotunda. A federal judge had ruled the prominent public display amounted to an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government.

It was placed by crane on a flatbed truck and driven away under police escort to an undisclosed location. The truck driver said he was headed north toward Tennessee, where the tour's first rally will be held July 31 in Dayton.

Roy Moore, who lost his job as Alabama's chief justice for refusing the court order to move the marker, said earlier Monday it was time for the monument to be seen again.

"As I've been traveling around the country, one of the questions

that's always asked is, 'Where's the monument?'" Moore said. "When I tell them it's locked in a closet, it just doesn't sound right."

"I'm glad that the people of the state and this nation will be able to see what all the controversy is all about."

The monument, which is owned by Moore and was installed in the summer of 2001, was placed in a closed room by the eight associate justices after Moore refused to move it. Moore had not sought to bring it out of storage until the veterans' group asked to put it on tour.

The group, American Veterans Standing for God and Country, plans to take the granite marker across several states in the South, Midwest and Northeast before arriving in Washington, D.C., in October.

"I think our main message is that our judicial system and the way it's operating today has become one of our domestic enemies," said Jim Cabaniss, president of the Houston, Texas-based group. "They're running roughshod over our Christian heritage."

Amber alerts to extend to e-mails, cell phones

NEW YORK (AP) — A new technology debuting in 12 states will significantly extend Amber alerts, reaching cell phones, e-mail and handheld computers, and could also be used to transmit weather and terrorism alerts.

"It might not be the all-alert system, but the backbone is going to be there," said Chris Warner, president of E2C in Scottsdale, Ariz., which led the system's development. "Homeland Security could take it right over."

Police officers in Arizona and Washington, starting Monday, were able to send Amber alerts — notifications of a child abduction — from a highly encrypted system in their cars then update them with photos and more detailed descriptions, Warner said. Ten other states are expected to

launch the expanded alerts this summer.

"The goal of this is to make it so pervasive, no one will be stupid enough to take a child," said Warner.

The system will use a simple broadcast technology that takes the information into a Web portal and reconfigures it for different types of broadcast. A state department of transportation, for instance, might receive one format for its road signs and another for its information number.

Using the new system, people with cell phones can sign up for Amber alerts in with county or state authorities. The text of an alert can be shot immediately to local TV news programs' Web sites, with automatic updates.

"What we've done is create a fairly simple

publishing and broadcasting tool," said Stuart McKee, who worked on the system when he was chief information officer for Washington state and is now the U.S. national technology officer for Microsoft Corp.

The system also represents a next generation of public warning.

Many state emergency managers have clamored for a system that would instantly dispatch disaster information, including evacuation maps, on cell phones, the Internet and hand-held devices.

Gov. Brad Henry of Oklahoma has said he hopes the technology could eventually be used to warn residents about severe weather, said Phil Bacharach, a state spokesman.

'Volunteer of the Year' Butler keeping pace as new year looms

By KATIE CARPENTER
Murray Independent Schools

Teresa Butler was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Murray City Schools earlier this summer. To hear the staff and teachers at Murray Middle School talk, she could easily be named Volunteer of the Century.

Jean Bennett, who coordinates the volunteer program, said that faculty and staff thank her for finding Ms. Butler all the time.

"They make me think that Murray Middle could not operate without her," she said.

Butler said that it was an honor to be chosen, because she feels the same way about the people she works — and volunteers — with.

"I know how hard-working these people are," she said. "I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful community. The school is a community project."

Butler moved to Murray with her husband, Dan, six years ago, when her two daughters were in elementary school. In New Orleans, she had taught preschool and then decided to stay home while the girls were young.

Once in Murray, she began immediately to volunteer in Erin's fourth grade classroom and Taylor's

kindergarten classroom. She was at the elementary school every day. The next year, she was an officer for the PTO, and she's been the president of that organization for the past three years.

"We are so fortunate to have her cheerful and compassionate presence, and we recognize year after year exactly how qualified she is in every area she touches," said MMS principal Angie Murdock. "She has ideas and creativity beyond the normal scope. She knows all the students by name, their needs, their families, and they all, in turn, come to rely on her just as the administration and staff do."

She has also been a dedicated band mother for both the middle school and the high school band, and she's mothered all the students, not just her own.

"She creates this positive atmosphere just by being there," said band director Beth Stribling. "She treats each student and parent with respect, and at the same time, she challenges them to match her care and intensity. You couldn't find a more outstanding volunteer."

In fact, after she spent five years as a volunteer at MMS, the school found a way to hire her — as an assistant to the counselor, which



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Murray City Schools' Volunteer of the Year Teresa Butler, right, chats with Jeff Morgan, and Courtney Day during "Fee Day" at Murray Middle School Monday.

allows her to keep on doing what she's been doing all along. But as an employee, because of certain legal issues, she has can do more with the students than she can as a volunteer. "But I can't be PTO president any more," she says regretfully. She's turned over that job to Cindy Kinsey, who's been an officer for both the elementary and the middle

school PTOs in the past. At the middle school's Fee Day, she was there welcoming students back to school and making new fourth graders feel thrilled about the new experiences coming their way. "I'm still going to help out as much I can," she says, "however and wherever I can."

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