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Fletcher eyes recharging region's economy

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

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Even though Continental General Tire officials don't plan to change their minds about closing the Mayfield plant, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he's not giving up on the Graves County workforce.

Fletcher met with about 10 people from Mayfield, including Mayor Arthur Byrn and Graves County Judge-Executive Tony Smith, Tuesday evening to discuss how local, state and federal resources can be combined to recharge the economy after Continental General Tire closes its plant Dec. 31.

The company will stop producing tires at the Mayfield facility, which will be used only as a tire warehouse and to mix rubber to be shipped to other locations. That eliminates 827 jobs — 715 positions held by United Steelworkers of America Local 665 workers and 112 salaried employees. About 130 positions will remain.

"It's not a good day in the sense these jobs seem to be lost, but it is in a sense we can move forward," Fletcher told reporters following the meeting at Calloway County's Rudolph Tire Co., which the governor's finance secretary, Robbie Rudolph, owns. "We can't market one county over another, but we can facilitate and work with the compa-



KRISTIN TAYLOR/Ledger &

Gov. Ernie Fletcher talks to officials, including Graves County Judge-Executive Tony Smith, regarding the recent announcement that General Tire's Mayfield plant would cease production later this

Fletcher, Rudolph and Economic Development Secretary Gene Strong had offered to meet with Continental officials in Mayfield, at the company's headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., or corporate head-



KRISTIN TAYLOR/Ledger & Times photo

Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher, right, addresses area media after a meeting with Mayfield, regional and state officials near Murray Tuesday. With Fletcher is Mayfield Mayor Arthur Byrn.

There's a courtesy in talking to the governor and hearing how he's offering to help. Out of courtesy, they could have done that.

- Tony Smith **Graves County** Judge-Executive

quarters in Hannover, Germany.

"We offered to talk with them, meet with them, put together any incentive package we can," Fletcher said. "The future is very bright. We can assess why this company left."

In a press conference following Tuesday's meeting, Smith said the tire company officials should have sat down with state representatives out of courtesy.

"We've had our people working there for 44 years, feeding their families and making a living," Smith told reporters. "There's a courtesy in talking to the governor and hearing how he's offering to help. Out of courtesy, they could have done

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Governor stops in Murray, stumps for Henley

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

State representative hopeful Melvin Henley wants to help Gov. Ernie Fletcher clean up Frankfort, and the governor said the Republican candidate is just the kind of person he needs on his side.

The governor spoke to a crowd of about 240 Henley supporters during a private fund-raiser Tuesday night.

"I want to thank our governor for taking time out of his busy schedule, and I know he has a busy schedule," said. "He has inherited one heck of a mess and is busy cleaning it up. He does it for us. He doesn't do it for Ernie Fletcher.'

Fletcher said Henley shares his administration's vision of opportunity for all Kentuckians. From opportunity comes hope, and from that flows everything else, including economic development and education, the governor said.

Rep. Buddy Buckingham, D-Murray, for the seat that represents Calloway County and part of Trigg County in the November election.

A former chemistry professor and department chair at Murray State University, Henley was Murray's mayor from 1978 to 1982. He served in the U.S. Air Force and holds multiple degrees - a bachelor's degree in chemistry, mathematics and physics from MSU, a doctorate in chemistry and physics from the University of Mississippi and a master's of business administration in finance from Murray State University.

"I've got to have people to help and share the vision," Fletcher said. "Melvin sits on the KEDFA (Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority) Board. He has business knowledge; he has science knowledge. There's no one who understands our education system

Henley is challenging incumbent better than him. He will integrate all

"I'm preaching to the choir, though, because you all are already here supporting him. Get out the votes we need. With Melvin there we can move forward and get more

Fletcher said Kentucky, and even the western part of the state, isn't given enough credit.

"There's a great deal of untapped potential," the governor said. "It's a great place for tourism. It's a great place to live and raise a family. There's a great workforce here. But we need to market it better. With the help of Melvin and those like him, we can do that. There are some misperceptions we need to get cleared

The governor also met with Mayfield representatives about how to help that community rebound for Continental General Tire announcing it was closing its production plant (see related story). But campaign stop was important, too, he said.

"I'm here to campaign for one of the finest individuals," he said. "He's what I call salt of the

Rudolph earth. He's doing it for the right rea-

Finance Secretary Robbie Rudolph introduced the governor to his hometown crowd and echoed Fletcher's campaign promise of restoring hope.

"We've got to get these people elected down here. There's a new wave. Selfish is not in their vocabulary," Rudolph said of Henley. "When he calls Frankfort, he will speak with the governor. He knows economic development opportunity and he knows how to restore hope."



KRISTIN TAYLOR/Ledger & Times photo

Gov. Ernie Fletcher mingles at a fund-raiser for Melvin Henley, right, here Tuesday night. Henley, a Republican, is running for the Kentucky 5th District House seat, currently held by Democrat Buddy Buckingham of Murray.

Fiscal court passes on flood ordinance

By KRIS ADAMS Staff Writer

The Calloway County Fiscal Court failed to pass an ordinance that could provide additional funding to the county

The ordinance concerns a program under the Federal Insurance Administration and would require that structures built in flood zones meet certain codes, including bringing in materials to get the property above flood level. Passing the ordinance would have also provided opportunities for the

ing in the county and would have allowed county residents to buy flood The ordinance, though, failed for lack of a motion. Magistrates said they did not feel comfortable passing an ordinance that would make it

county to receive funds for projects that would help control future flood-

difficult for county residents to build a structure on their own property. Also, according to County Planner Dawn Gaskin, very little of Calloway County is in a flood zone.

Calloway is one of three counties in the Purchase Area without such an ordinance. The other two are Fulton and Hickman counties.

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Pella plant manager returning to Minnesota



By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Dave Wamre is going home, but even that wasn't an easy decision.

Pella's plant manager is leaving Murray to return to his native Minnesota to work for custom cabinetry manufacturer.

Wamre, who came to Murray in August 2002, will be the engineering manager for Wamre Dura Supreme, which is located 35 miles

west of Minneapolis in Howard Lake, Minn. His family lives in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and his wife's family will only be about 2 1/2 hours from their new

"We're leaving the company, but it has nothing to do with Pella. I've worked for them for 16 years and couldn't have asked for a better company," Wamre said in an interview today. "And it has nothing to do with Murray. We were welcomed here, from a professional standpoint and personally with my family.

Wamre and his wife, Heidi, have two children - daughter Sophie, a first-grader, and son Hans, a fifth-grader. While they all like to ski and enjoy the northern winters, they will miss Murray.

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Travis named human resources VP director at MCCH



By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Murray-Calloway County Hospital's new vice president of human resources has a mechanical engineering degree and is not versed in health care lingo, but he's experienced in human resources and calls Murray home.

Travis Keith Travis will leave his

human resources manager post in the advanced materials division at Pella Corporation and begin as the hospital's vice president of human resources Monday. The Marshall County native was selected from three finalist who were interviewed after a nationwide search.

Hospital CEO Jon O'Shaughnessy said Travis'

people-oriented nature and business background will help him enhance the administration's communication with MCCH's employees. "He has local knowledge and industry experience that allow him to bring a skill set to the table that will be advantageous to us," O'Shaughnessy said. "We can teach him the health care jar-

A 1974 graduate of the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering, Travis came to Murray in August 2000 to work in human resources for Mattel. He started working for Pella less than a month after Mattel's closure

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exploded in a parking lot at Nashville's largest hotel, killing a man inside, authorities said.

The Range Rover exploded Tuesday just before midnight in a lot about a half-mile from the main entrance of Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention

Jim Cavanaugh of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the cause of the blast hadn't yet been determined but investigators suspect it was a homemade bomb

"At this point, we just don't know. It could have been homicide or suicide or the guy may have just blown himself up," said police Detective Brad Putnam.

Investigators from the federal Joint Terrorism Task Force were also at a police command tent erected in the parking lot. FBI agent Doug Riggin said that while the resort is a popular destination, there was no reason to

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■ The Murray City Council will

meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at City

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Work to begin soon on

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Police said the powerful explosion was felt miles away, and it left nothing but a shell of the SUV. The Nashville police bomb squad swept the area early Wednesday morning and didn't find any other explo-

The SUV was about 200 feet from the La Petite Academy Kid Station day care center. It wasn't immediately clear if the center was operating when the vehicle exploded.

The victim was identified only as a white male. Cavanaugh said authorities were trying to trace the SUV's license plates to identify the victim and next of

The Gaylord Opryland is Nashville's largest hotel, with 2,881 rooms and 600,000 square feet of convention and exhibition space.

Police ID skeletal remains

Skeletal remains found behind a home earlier this month are that of a Princeton man, Kentucky State Police said.

Forensic anthropologist Dr. Emily Craig identified the remains as Matthew Gardner, 33. Gardner died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head, Kentucky State Police

A man trimming hedges found the remains behind a home in Princeton on July 15.

■ Wamre ...

From Front

"It's a great place to live and a great place to raise a family, but our problem is we're 17 hours from family," Wamre said. "I will miss the people, the quality of the company, and the culture of the company, but definitely the people the

The engineering-focused job at Dura Supreme gives Wamre a chance to return to where he started. He worked in production and plant management and engineering at two of Pella's Iowa plants before coming to Murray.

"It's kind of back to my roots," he said of his new job. "I started in engineering and wood processing with Pella.

Travis ...

From Front

forced him out of that job.

"Pella has been a good place to work," Travis said. "But this is a career opportunity here at what I call home. It's a chance of a life-

Coming from the industrial world will allow Travis to bring a different perspective to an organization undergoing many changes recently. He said he also has an enthusiasm for this community and consumer-based experience working with health insurance.

"I think I have a grasp on how important the hospital is to the economy," Travis said.

Travis takes over the position previously held by Jerry Thomas. Most recently, human resources coordinator Janice Winder has been managing the department.

Administration at hospital to handle fiscal cleanup efforts

Calloway County Sheriff's Department A caller from McCallon Mill Road reported a lawn mower stolen at 12:37 p.m. Monday. Kentucky State Police recovered the lawn mower earlier Monday on Hwy. 464 in Graves County.

Several motorcyclists were reported getting ready to fight at 10:25

■ A caller from McClain Drive reported at 11:19 p.m. Monday subject on

four-wheelers tried to break into his garage. The caller said he could

hear them in the woods nearby, but the subjects were gone upon

for alleged Wal-Mart theft

Tennessee man arrested

- Information is obtained from reports,

Wal-Mart property over a fence, a

release stated. The officer watched

the suspect while contacting a Wal-

Following a brief investigation,

Gately was arrested and charged

with theft over \$300. He is lodged

in the Calloway County Jail. During

the investigation, it was discovered

that Gately had attempted to steal

numerous DVDs from the store.

Mart loss prevention specialist.

logs and citations from various agencies.

p.m. Monday. Murray Police Department was notified.

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

SheriffsLog

deputies' arrival.

Staff Report

Murray Wal-Mart.

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The Murray Police Department

Alan T. Gately, 36, of

Huntingdon, Tenn., was arrested

after officers responded to Wal-

Mart around 7:30 p.m. An off-duty

police officer had seen Gately toss

arrested a suspect Tuesday in con-

nection with an alleged theft at the

A Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees committee decided the administration is handling a recent embezzlement situation well and wants hospital CEO Jon O'Shaughnessy to continue leading fiscal cleanup efforts, beginning with the pharmacy.

Without getting into specifics during the open meeting Tuesday, audit committee chair Chris Wooldridge asked fellow board members if they had any concerns about how O'Shaughnessy and Vice President of Corporate Finance Louie Vetter are investigating the embezzlement at the hospital's pharmacy.

Committee members - Murray Mayor Tom Rushing, Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins and hospital Chief of Staff Casey Hines - agreed to let the administration continues its internal investigation, keeping the audit committee updated. An executive session could be called if the committee wants to discuss specific details of the situation, which could lead to litigation.

"If the committee is comfortable with what the administration is oing we'll leave it to work whether there will be litigation or not," Wooldridge said.

Pharmacist Annette Owen, who had worked for the hospital for 15 years, was fired June 8 after admitting she took \$25,000 over the course of a few years.

She repaid that amount of money, and no charges have been filed.

Vetter said the hospital administration is reviewing historical records, particularly cash register receipts, to determine an exact amount missing from the pharmacy. As a better fiscal control, checks from insurance companies will be going to a different location at the

hospital, he said. The computer system also is expected to be changed as part of the evaluation of processes that involve cash coming into the hospital. In their initial investigation on

internal controls, hospital officials have recognized the potential for similar situations in other areas. "We will be changing some controls in other areas, such as the Wellness Center," Vetter said. "They do bring in some cash and there will be some changes over there."

The committee also heard from the hospital's new auditing company during its meeting Tuesday. Bob Brandenburg, senior manager with Louisville-based BKD, outlined the process for the upcoming annual audit. He said he expects to begin preliminary planning within the next 60 days and hopes to meet with the former auditing company in the next 14 days.

The audit committee interviewed three auditing firms and the full board approved BKD at its June 30

BKD will evaluate the hospital's accounts receivable, debt, cash and assets, unrecorded liabilities and reports, cost Brandenburg said. Field work will begin in late November or early January and the results should be delivered to the Board of Trustees at its January meeting.

"The accuracy of books and records is the priority, but then you fraud issue," have the O'Shaughnessy said. "I am comfortable with the direction they have outlined."

Brandenburg will keep in touch with audit committee members throughout the process.

"They have an understanding that they will have a direct relationship with the committee and not management," O'Shaughnessy said. "Management will provide the support materials necessary."

waste, according to the U.S. the plants and run them for at least five years, after which UDS will bid The Paducah plant, which once for continued work. enriched uranium for weaponry, The groundbreaking, scheduled now produces material solely for for Tuesday, comes after four years

take two years to build and generate

100 to 200 construction jobs. It will

operate for about 25 years to con-

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Uranium Disposition Services,

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From Front

Diffusion Plant.

Murray, though, has already put a similar ordinance in place for its res-

of delays.

In other action at Fiscal Court:

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - Work is

expected to begin soon on a plant

that will recycle low-level nuclear

waste at the Paducah Gaseous

McCracken County and will handle

about 38,000 cylinders of nuclear

The new factory is expected to

enrichment

It will be built in front of the ura-

■ The board approved a bid to purchase a used rubber tire tractor with side mounted hydraulic mower. Only one bid was received. The bid went to McKeel Equipment Company, Inc. of Murray. The tractor will cost

■ The board appointed members to the newly established Economic Development Authority as follows: David Graham and Jim Carter to fouryear terms, Ronnie Gibson and Heidi Shultz to three-year terms, and Bob

Hargrove and Alice Rouse to two-year terms. ■ The board agreed to accept sealed bids for a property at 221

Woodlawn Ave., Murray. ■ Judge Executive Larry Elkins announced that the county is working on a county Web site.

■ The board agreed to change the next meeting of Fiscal Court to Aug. 24. It was originally scheduled for Aug. 17. The board will meet at 7 p.m.

■ Recharge ...

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that."

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governor and Rudolph; Strong had a prior commitment Tuesday. The group from Mayfield included people from business and agriculture

"We tried to get a broad base to help us," Smith said. "We need help, myself and the mayor of Mayfield We need other minds involved."

Mayor Byrn said the meeting with Rudolph and Fletcher was positive for his community. "We have a tremendous workforce in Mayfield and the region, and that's something positive to build on," he said.

Fletcher said promoting the quality of life of western Kentucky and trying to find a use for the Mayfield facility are important in recruiting a new company. Another priority will be marketing a loyal workforce, the governor said.

"It appears final at this time, but we aren't going to give up," Fletcher said of General Tire. "Yes, this is something nobody wanted, but we are going to move forward. We'll help facilitate the marketing and recruitment for this area."

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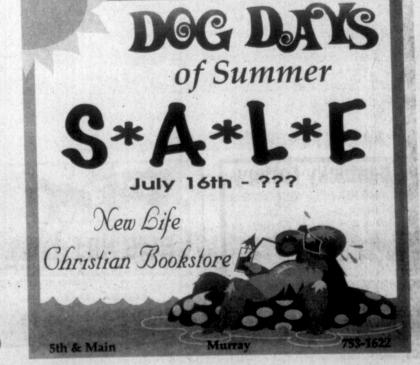
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Sept. 11 panel report won't say attacks were preventable

Sept. 11 commission's final report won't declare that the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history was preventable, though some panelists said during the 20-month investigation they believed the hijackers could have been stopped.

In the end, the panel's five Democrats and five Republicans did not want to draw a conclusion on that major point, believing it could open the way to partisan sniping in a presidential election year.

"My personal view is that the intelligence system we have has been broken for a long time," said Republican commissioner John Lehman, a former Navy secretary. "But we wanted to let the American people make up their mind. They don't need our editorializing.'

The 500-plus-page report will be released Thursday. Republican chairman Thomas Kean, a former New Jersey governor, and Democratic vice chairman Lee Hamilton, a former congressman from Indiana, began briefing congressional leaders Tuesday. Kean and Hamilton will meet with President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, and White House counsel Alberto Gonzalez on Wednesday, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan

Besides calling for a new Cabinet-level intelligence chief, the report will recommend combining the House and Senate intelligence committees and removing term limits from members, said House majority whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Currently, the limits are set at eight years for senators and six years for House members, with some exceptions that can extend to 10 years. Blunt said removing term limits is a "particularly bad idea," explaining that members would become overly ingrained within the intelligence community.

"The process of having oversight is to have someone watching, not part of the process, but carefully watching," he said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Congress will carefully consider the panel's recommendations but doesn't believe there is time this year to undertake any major intelligence revisions.

In recent interviews with The Associated Press, commissioners



House Speaker Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-III., center, is joined by other Republican Leaders and Chairmen of the Jurisdiction Committee following 9/11 Commission Briefing on Capitol Hill, Tuesday in Washington. With Hastert are from left to right, Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., House Majority Leader Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. and House Majority Whip Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. ter job following up on intelligence could not locate two or three copies

said the report will fault Congress for poor oversight of intelligence gathering and criticize government agencies for their emergency responses to the 2001 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in New Washington Pennsylvania.

The harshest criticism will be leveled at the FBI and CIA, with the panel citing poor information sharing and intelligence analysis as key factors that allowed the hijackers to carry out their plot. Both Kean and Hamilton have said the attacks conceivably could have been prevented had government officials done their

Commissioners won't point to individuals in the Clinton or Bush administrations, instead laying out what they consider a factual accounting of events.

'What's worked for us all along is looking at what the facts are and not trying to put any spin," said Democratic commissioner Jamie Gorelick, a former deputy attorney general. "We will lay out the facts with as much particularity as we

However, several commissioners say those facts could lead readers to conclude the attacks were preventable had the government done a bet-

tips and tracking the 19 hijackers, some of whom entered the country

Commissioners have said it is important for them to unanimously endorse the report so their findings and recommendations are not seen as partisan. A poll released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found 61 percent of Americans believe the commission has done a good job. The support was nearly even among Republicans and Democrats.

Still, the report is expected to provide fodder for arguments in the presidential campaign.

Advisers to Democratic candidate John Kerry have said they hope to use the report to show that in the summer of 2001 the Bush administration was inattentive to threats of a possible attack.

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, was under fresh scrutiny after federal authorities said they were investigating former National Security Adviser Sandy Berger in connection with the disappearance of highly classified terrorism docu-

Berger said he inadvertently took some documents from the National Archives and later returned them but of a highly classified report that the December 1999 millennium cel-

A commission spokesman said concerned al-Qaida threats during that probe wouldn't affect the panel's final report.

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Berger: Document issue 'honest mistake'

national security adviser Sandy a crime by removing from the Berger says he regrets the way he handled classified terrorism docu- ments about the government's antiments, calling the whole thing "an terror efforts and notes that he took honest mistake." Republicans say the matter raises questions about whether the former Clinton administration official sought to hide

embarrassing materials. "What information could be so embarrassing that a man with decades of experience in handling classified documents would risk being caught pilfering our nation's most sensitive secrets?" House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said. "Mr. Berger has a lot of explaining

The Justice Department is inves-

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former tigating whether Berger committed National Archives copies of docuon those documents. Berger was reviewing the materials to help determine which Clinton administration documents to provide to the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terror

attacks. When news of the investigation surfaced, Berger on Tuesday quit as an informal adviser to John Kerry's presidential campaign to limit the political fallout. Kerry said later, "Sandy Berger is my friend, and he has tirelessly served this nation with honor and distinction."



Murray Woman's Clinic is pleased to welcome Dr. Kent Hjerpe to the practice.

Dr. Hjerpe comes to Murray Woman's Clinic from a solo practice in Kingwood, TX. His professional interest includes obstetrical and gynecologic ultrasound, along with 3-D sonography, operative laparoscopy, and vaginal surgery.

Dr. Hjerpe's family includes his wife Tiffany, his daughter Nikki as well as his son Stephen. They enjoy outdoor activities and are looking forward to living in the lakes area.

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Front-porch campaigning

You, the candidate and 30 cameras

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The front porch conjures up images of rocking chairs, lazy summer afternoons and icy drinks. But not in election-year politics as Democrats John Kerry and John Edwards use the setting to reach out to voters in

choreographed events with miked candidates and handpicked audi-

"The most mportant thing ou can do as a political leader Washington is not to talk, but to listen," By Tom Raum Edwards said Monday from

the front porch

of the split-level

home of Durham's Democratic mayor, Bill

Today

Associated

Press Writer

It might have looked as though Sen. Edwards just stopped by for a folksy chat in this leafy, upper middle-class neighborhood in his home

But the neighbors and friends were hand picked. A large camera stand stood on the lawn. Satellite trucks lined the street. Electrical cables snaked everywhere. Dozens of reporters and photographers were present. A man pushing a lawnmower was stopped by police from getting any closer.

The format plays to Edwards' strengths, Democratic strategists suggested. From his years of addressing juries directly and without notes as a trial lawyer, Edwards prefers not to speak at podiums or use prepared remarks.

It also allows him to emphasize his humble Carolina mill-town

On Monday, Edwards removed his suit coat, rolled up his shirt sleeves and held forth for about half an hour.

"You go to where voters live and listen to them about what's going on in people's lives," said campaign spokesman Mark Kornblau, who said the technique works well for both Kerry and Edwards. He said Kerry used it first, and that it will be a regular feature of the general

"Generally, it's an outgrowth of their desire to continue their conversation with the American people," he said.

Reed Dickens, a Bush campaign spokesman, dismissed Edwards' event as "the fourth most liberal member of the Senate trying to soften the image of the first most liberal senator.

The Bush campaign also distributed a statement from the Republican mayor of Charlotte, N.C., Pat McCrory, denouncing Edwards's front-porch campaigning in a state that offers 15 electoral

'North Carolina has seen a lot of John Edwards on television over the past few weeks but we have barely seen him at all in our state over the past few years," McCrory said. "It is apparent he has little in common with the values of our

Ouestions from the neighborhood allowed Edwards to discuss some of his favorite subjects, including education, the loss of U.S. jobs overseas and the swelling federal deficit.

"I don't want to over promise because President Bush has put us in a ditch. But what we've got to do about it is to work our way out of it. It will take some time," he said on the deficit question.

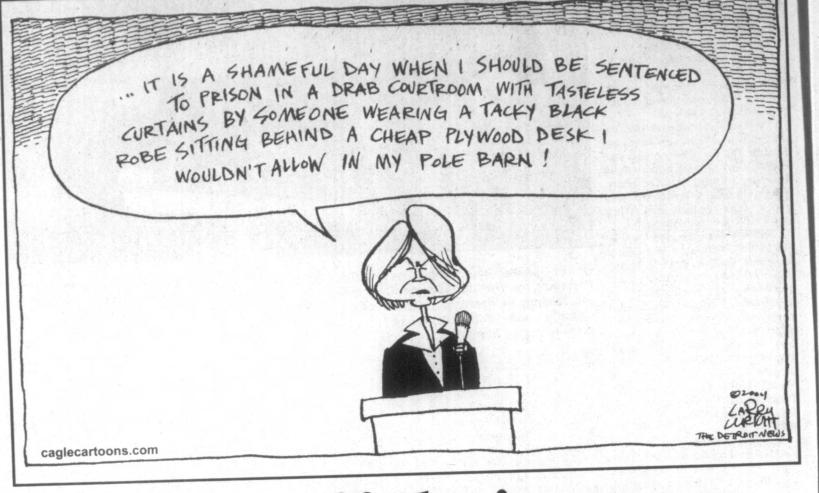
No one asked, but Edwards also defended himself against fresh claims by Vice President Dick Cheney that the Democrats' opposition to legislation limiting jury awards for medical malpractice contributes to rising health care

Edwards, who earned millions as a personal injury attorney before becoming a senator, said Cheney was "dead wrong."

Edwards said he and Kerry have a plan to keep cases out of the legal system that don't belong, and to decrease the cost of health care by reducing malpractice costs for doc-

"Senator Kerry and I are going to stand with families and kids as we always have ... instead of being on the side of insurance companies and big drug companies, which is unfortunately where they (Bush and Cheney) are," he said.

Edwards also netted \$1 million at a luncheon, bringing to \$4.2 million the amount he has collected since he began campaigning alone last Wednesday. Kerry began his "Front Porch Tour" last week in the Philadelphia suburb of Lansdowne, Pa., while Edwards started in a middle-class New Orleans neigh-



Cutting off their noses

A lot of Reagan conservatives are threatening to cut off their noses to spite their faces, as the old say-



Making Sense By Michael Reagan Syndicated Columnist

home on election day or voting for some third party candidate who hasn't got

n't want, they

should punish

him by staying

a chance to win in November. It should be obvious to them that they will therefore help elect the Kerry-Edwards team that will do nothing they want and everything they don't want. Somehow this

idiocy seems to make sense to them - dump a conservative president for a pair of socialists who given four years in the White House will wreck this country's economy and in the process probably lose the war on terrorism as well.

What bothers me is the insistence of these dissident conserva-

tives that they are devoted to the legacy of Ronald Reagan, who understood the truth of the old adage, "Politics is the art of the possible." In other words you get what you can and wait for a chance to get the rest of what you want.

These people think that if they don't get everything they want they are willing to accept nothing, but that's not what my father stood for. My father would say if I can get 80 percent or 60 percent or 50 percent of what I'm looking for I'll take that and I'll go back later on for the

A lot of conservatives who say they espouse Ronald Reagan's values forget a whole lot of his history, and his willingness to take what he could get was an important part of that history. They should recall that he kept moving the ball ahead, etimes by just a few feet at a time, but almost always would end up crossing the goal line. This is how great things get done, by persistence tempered by patience and realism.

For Reagan conservatives to say that because they don't like this or that thing that President Bush has done or has not done, they will even the score by walking away

from the most conservative president since Ronald Reagan and thereby ensure the election of John Kerry, who is 180 degrees the opposite of my dad.

One of the things that is upsetting these conservatives is the preponderance of so-called moderate Republicans scheduled to be featured speakers at the Republican convention.

If the GOP relied on conservatives alone to win elections we'd never get elected to anything. Whether we like it or not, we need the moderates, we need the liberals in the party, we need to attract cross-over Democrats, if we want to elect Republicans and conservatives to office.

We may not like everything that is done, but we have to understand it's the nature of politics - the art of the possible. As far as the lineup of convention speakers is concerned, we have to understand that national political conventions are essentially show business. This year, for example, there is no question about who the nominees will be so the main concern of the parties is to use the conventions as showcases for their political wares.

Part of that is the effort that will

be made to win over those who don't support the party but can be won over if they are attracted by what they will see and hear at the convention.

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The Democrats are using my brother Ron at their convention. They may claim that they really want him as an advocate of embryonic stem cell research, which they support, but what they are really trying to do is to attract all those Reagan Democrats who have been voting Republican by saying, in effect, look, here's Ronald Reagan's own son lending his name to our party's convention. They are saying c'mon home, Reagan Democrats and join with Ronald Reagan Jr.

Dissident Republican conservatives need to stay home, in the party of Ronald Reagan. After all, think how silly you'll look without

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



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Nevaeh Calise Lanning

Nevaeh Calise Lanning, infant, Walnut Grove Road, Benton, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at 4:57 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Survivors include her mother, Kajen Lanning, and her grandmother, Mrs. April Wilcox, both of Benton; grandfather, Ralph Lanning, Columbus, Ohio; great-grandmother, Mrs. Peanut Hendrickson Kapek, and stepgreatgrandfather, Michael Kapek, both of Murray.

Graveside services will be today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. at Ford Cemetery, Benton. David Hendrickson will officiate.

Collier Funeral Home of Benton is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation is scheduled.

Ms. Nancy Grealis

Ms. Nancy Grealis, 61, Dixon, formerly of Marion, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at 7:20 p.m. at St. Mary's Medical Center, Evansville, Ind. Her husband, Charles Grealis, and her mother, Imogene Price Drennan,

both preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Paula Cheshire, Seminole, Fla, and Mrs. Michelle Vincent, Dixon; one son, Kendall Faught, Midway; her father, Clinton (Pete) Drennan, Almo; three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Irwin, Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Mary Lee Blythe, Spotsville, and Mrs. Connie Dailey, Almo; one brother, Clinton (Eddie) Drennan, Henderson; seven

Memorial services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Marion. The Rev. Frank McCallum will officiate. Burial will follow in the Sugar Grove Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home of Marion is in charge of arrangements.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - New been five military personnel reportonline statements by purported militants threatened attacks against update. three U.S. allies - Poland, Japan and Bulgaria — if they don't pull their troops from Iraq, a day after a

its tiny contingent. Meanwhile, the death toll of U.S.

Maj. Neal O'Brien of the 1st Infantry Division said the most recent soldier killed was on patrol in a Bradley fighting vehicle in Duluiyah, 45 miles north of Baghdad, when the bomb detonated

On Tuesday, the military said that two U.S. Marines and two U.S. soldiers were killed in action in Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated were killed in separate incidents

The Pentagon's latest casualty update, released Tuesday, put the not stop, God willing. death toll at 893 service members, plus two civilian Defense Japan said Wednesday that Tokyo

ed killed since the last Pentagon

The number of U.S. casualties has dropped considerably from its high point in April, when 135 troops were killed during the worst outsince the end of major hostilities on May 1, 2003. The drop in casualties to pre-April levels followed a Marine pullout from the city of Fallujah - the scene of heavy fighting - and a series of informal cease fires with Shiite militants who had fought U.S. forces in Baghdad and across central and southern Iraq.

Japan and Bulgaria were worrying ened by their success against the Philippines. The United States and other coalition allies had criticized the government for agreeing to withdraw its 51-member contingent to save the life of truck driver Angelo dela Cruz, who was kid-

dela Cruz, the Khaled bin al-Waleed Corps, took aim at Japan. The group is the military wing of Tawhid and Jihad, the group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"To the government of Japan: Do what the Philippines has done. By Counts of the number of U.S. serv- God, nobody will protect you and we are not going to tolerate anywith some already exceeding the body," said a statement signed by the group. "Lines of cars laden with explosives are awaiting you; we will

A Foreign Ministry official in

Slain American hostage's head found

By The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) -The head of slain American hostage Paul M. Johnson Jr., who was kidnapped and decapitated by militants in Saudi Arabia last month, was found by security forces during a raid that targeted the Saudi al-Qaida chief. Two militants were killed, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said Johnson's head was found after a search of one of three locations after the raid late Tuesday that hit the home of Saudi al-Qaida leader Saleh Mohammed al-Aoofi. Weapons, including an anti-aircraft SAM-7 missile, chemicals, video cameras and cash were among items seized from the location.

In a statement broadcast on Saudi al-Ekhbariya television, the Interior Ministry said the head was found in a freezer in an apartment. The body was not found.

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh issued a statement saying the Saudi authorities had informed it that they had found "what they believe to be the head of Paul Johnson."



Paul Johnson Jr.

The statement said the consular section was in the process of notifying Johnson's family in order to identify the head.

Johnson, a 49-year-old engineer who had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade, was kidnapped

June 12 by militants in Riyadh who followed through on a threat to kill him if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. An al-Qaida group claiming responsibility posted an Internet message that showed grisly photographs of a beheaded body on June 17. Later, video of the

beheading was posted. Hours after the pictures of the beheading appeared on the internet, Saudi security forces shot and killed Abdulaziz al-Moqrin, alleged mastermind of Johnson's kidnapping and beheading.

Last week, U.S. authorities announced the search for Johnson's body had been called off.

Johnson's son in Florida, Paul Johnson III, 28, had been pressing U.S. officials to do more to find his father's body.

Johnson was an engineer for Lockheed Martin who worked on Apache helicopters. He grew up in Eagleswood Township, New Jersey.

Earlier, an Interior Ministry official said authorities were holding the wife and three children of al-Aoofi, thought to be al-Moqrin's

successor, after the raid in which two militants were killed and three

others wounded. One of the dead militants, identified by the Interior Ministry as Issa Saad Mohammed bin Oushan, is on the Saudi government's list of wanted militants. The statement did not name the wounded.

Pan-Arab news stations have reported that al-Aoofi may be among the casualties.

The Saudi Interior Ministry official, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, said three members of the security forces were wounded in the gunbattle which erupted when security forces came under "heavy fire" from hand and rocket-propelled grenades while inspecting a residence suspected of being used

Another group of militants fired on policemen engaging the first group of militants in an attempt to distract members of the security forces, the Interior Ministry official

Authorities are still pursuing those gunmen.

U.S. allies Poland, Japan, Bulgaria face threats for Iraq role

Filipino hostage was released because the Philippines bowed to break of anti-coalition violence insurgents' demands and withdrew

forces in Iraq since the start of the war in rose to 900 early Wednesday, when a roadside bomb exploded north of Baghdad, killing one U.S. 1st Infantry Division soldier.

shortly after midnight Wednesday.

area west of Baghdad. The Marines while conducting "security operations;" one soldier was killed Monday, and a second died Monday of wounds.

A count by The Associated Press put the number of American soldiers killed since the war began at 900. ice members killed in Iraq vary, 900 figure.

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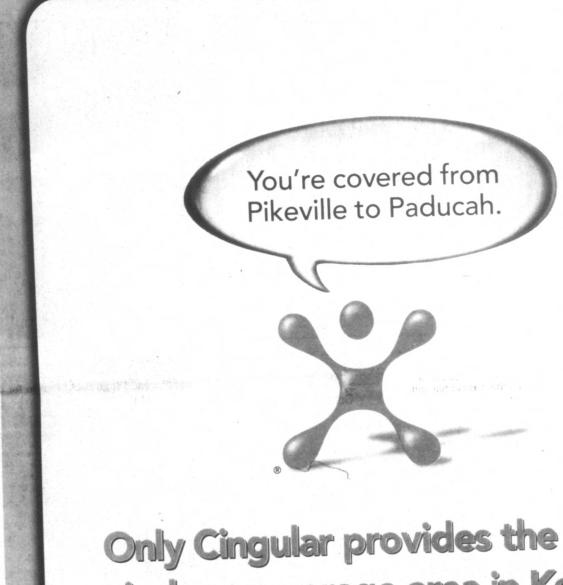
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Greenspan says Federal Reserve must be wary

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although the economy is going through a "soft patch," the Federal Reserve must be on constant guard against an unwanted pickup in inflation, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan

Greenspan, appearing before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, said if inflation should suddenly worsen, Fed policy-makers would abandon their current strategy of gradually raising interest rates and take more aggressive action.

For now, rising inflation is not an imme-



Greenspan

diate problem, the Fed chief suggested. He said that part of the recent increase has been due to impermanent factors, such as a spike in energy Still, higher prices for

energy and other goods has contributed to a recent slowdown in consumer spending, which accounts for roughly two-thirds of all eco-

nomic activity, he said.

"The little bulge in inflationary pressures the flu." seems to have created a soft patch here," Greenspan said. "And, it is something, obviously, we are watching very closely."

Greenspan, delivering the Fed's midyear economic outlook to Congress, was to appear Wednesday morning before the House Financial Services Committee.

Recent economic data, including retail sales, the nation's payroll situation, industrial production and housing construction, suggested the economy hit a rough patch in June. Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., worried that June's economic "hiccup" could "turn into

But Greenspan expressed confidence that June was just a temporary lull rather than a sign of trouble ahead for the economy.

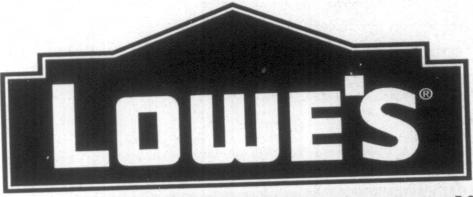
"While there has been weakness in June, ... I might say that July seems to be somewhat better, even though we are going through a soft patch," Greenspan told the Senate panel. He noted that auto sales, which were sluggish in June, are rebounding now that discounts and other incentives have been expanded again.

"There is no real underlying evidence of any cumulative weakness here," Greenspan

Economic conditions through the first half of the year have "been generally quite favorable," with overall growth at a strong rate that has finally generated a significant

rebound in job growth, Greenspan said. If inflation remains under control, the Fed can hold to its current view that it can raise interest rates gradually. But if inflation should show signs of worsening, then the Fed would need to accelerate its rate increases, Greenspan said.

The Fed boosted interest rates June 30, the first time in four years, acting to keep



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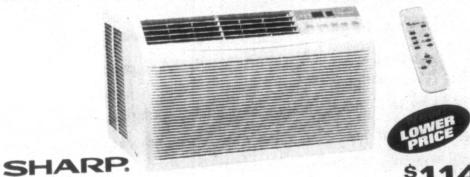


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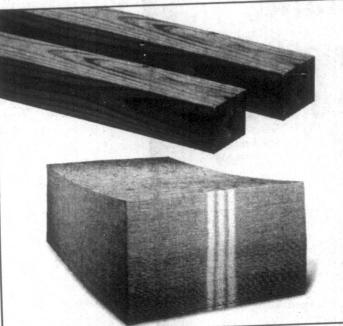
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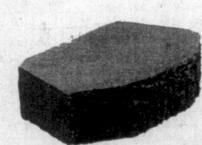
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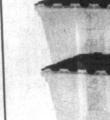
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inflation at bay. It raised a key rate to 1.25 percent from a 46-year low of 1 percent.

Private economists continue to believe the Fed will boost interest rates by another one-quarter percentage point at its next meeting on Aug. 10.

"Bottom line: Greenspan made it clear that superlow interest rates are no longer necessary," said Sherry Cooper, chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns. "In a nutshell, he said that the economic rebound is selfsustaining - pooh-poohing the June slowdown in economic activity - and inflation is now a meaningful threat."

2003. The credit-easing campaign was aimed at helping the economy rebound from the collapse in tech stock prices in 2000, a recession, the 2001 terror attacks and a series of corporate accounting scandals.

Greenspan also provided the Fed's updated economic forecast for 2004. The Fed has slightly raised its expectations for inflation while trimming its forecast for growth.

The Fed predicted the economy would grow between 4.5 percent and 4.75 percent this year as measured from the fourth quar-

The Fed had cut interest rates 13 times ter of last year, with the rate of inflation, as starting in January 2001 and ending in June measured by one price gauge that factors out volatile energy and food costs, rising from 1.75 percent to 2 percent.

The Fed left its outlook for unemployment unchanged at 5.25 percent to 5.5 percent by the end of this year. The jobless rate currently is 5.6 percent.

For 2005, the Fed expected economic growth to slow a bit to around 3.50 percent to 4 percent. It said inflation would hover in about the same range as projected for 2004, while unemployment could dip to a low of 5

Lesbians sue to have all states recognize Massachusetts marriage

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - A lesbian couple from Florida who were married in Massachusetts sued the federal government Tuesday to have their union legally recognized in the rest of the country.

The suit was filed against U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft in federal court in

The couple's attorney, Ellis Rubin, has filed five previous suits in state and federal courts challenging the ban, but Tuesday's was believed to be the first to attempt to compel the federal government and other states to recognize a union that occurred in a state

where same-sex unions are legal. The suit was filed on behalf of a couple from Bradenton, the Rev. Nancy Wilson, a Metropolitan Community Church minister, and Paula Schoenwether, a family marriage counselor. The two have been together for 27 years and were married July 2 in Massachusetts, the only state where same-sex marriages are recognized.

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Way Home." The piece tells the interwoven stories of two women from western Kentucky who were fighting terminal cancer. Also during her residency, she will be presenting a reading of her work for the Women's Auxiliary of Lake Forest Hospital.

Alexander

"The Way Home" project began as a civic journalism series on endof-life issues. The stories that resulted were broadcast on WKMS-FM and printed in the Murray Ledger & Times. For the chamber opera version, Alexander is collaborating with composer Jeremy Beck from Louisville, Ky.

"The Way Home" examines a range of issues associated with death and dying, incorporating stories of individuals facing its challenges. Alexander recently completed a nationally-recognized documentary radio series on WKMS-FM, "Promises to Keep," that explored a range of end-of-life top-

- Alexander has also received grants from the Kentucky Arts Council , Kentucky Foundation for Women, Kaiser Foundation and The Pilgrim Project to support the development of "The Way Home.

Acceptance to Ragdale is highly competitive. Recipients are chosen through a juried application process, with primary emphasis on evaluation of work samples submitted by the artist.

This is the fifth residency Alexander has been offered by the Ragdale Foundation in the past five

Located on the grounds of architect Howard Van Doren Shaw's Arts and Crafts style home, Ragdale was established in 1976 to provide peaceful, uninterrupted time for working artists. The Ragdale experience includes the exquisite natural surroundings of meadow and prairie that enhance Ragdale's beauty and seclusion.

An award-winning columnist, radio producer, poet and playwright, Constance Alexander is Faculty Scholar in Arts & Humanities for MSU's Teacher Quality Institute.

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n the market. e in to check this self. The fragrances are wonderful, and you won't have soot on your walls.

If you are looking for any type of jewelry, we have just received an enormou amount of everything you can imagine. Everyone knows I love to cook and collect cook books. We have just received two different ones. The funny one is " Any Blonde Can Cook," filled with cute sayings and blonde jokes as well as great recipes. The other is a cookbook called "Prime Meridian" based out of Meridian, Mississippi. The money for it helps with school projects. It's a beautiful book and has delicious sounding recipes in it.

Summer is definitely here and the heat calls for cooler clothing - check out our sale jewelry, shoes and clothing 1/2 price. Lots of cute shorts and sundresses, that would be perfect for vacation.

Be sure to check out our new "Social Occasion" section. We have everything rom mother-of-the-bride to cocktail attire Congratulations to Sherry Adams who won a fashion watch last Friday. Come in o see what our secret SALE is Friday and egister for the door prize.

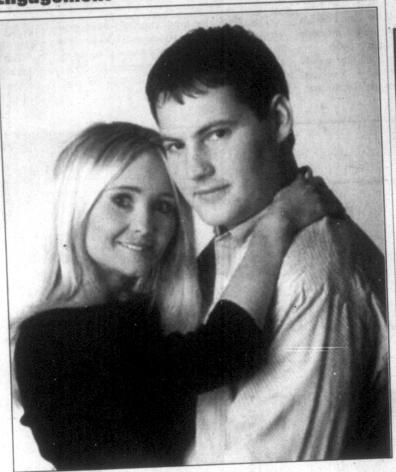
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Engagement



Kingins and Kutka

Ms. Jeannie Kingins and Kent Kingins of Murray announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Alisha Kingins, to Brian Andrew Kutka, son of Ms. Barbara Kutka and Gre-

gory Kutka of Palatine, Ill. Miss Kingins is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal K. Kingins of Murray and Mrs. Thelma Miller of Hazel and the late William

Mr. Kutka is the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Brinsky of Mt. Prospect, Ill., and the late William Brinsky and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Murray High School and a 2001 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is an alumna of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She

is employed with First Data Corporation in Chicago, Ill. The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Fremd High School and a

2000 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is employed with Motorola Inc. in Chicago, The wedding will be Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at 4 p.m. at Leila-

nee's Wedding Garden, Paducah

A reception will follow at Madison Hall, Paducah.

All relatives and friends are invited

Stonecipher recognized by Sigma Alpha Lambda

Shan Kacee Stonecipher of Murray has been recently become recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, national leadership and honors organization at Murray State University.

Stonecipher is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stonecipher of

The national leadership and honors organization is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment.

nator at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, at 762-1348. Rashid participates in political forum

Rashid, a 2004 Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) attendee, participated in a discussion of the state of the two-party system in Kentucky. Political party chairmen



DANVILLE, Ky. - Alison John McCarthy (Republican) and Bill Garmer (Democrat) debated at the Norton Center's Newlin Hall on the Centre College campus.

The forum served as the inaugural event in Centre College's new series of public policy discussions: Centre Stage for Public Policy. The College hopes the new series will help raise awareness of issues facing the state and serve as a catalyst for organizations, public and private, to derive solu-

"We're particularly pleased that our inaugural event for Centre Stage coincided with the Governor's Scholars Program," said Clarence Wyatt, director of the GSP program at Centre and moderator for

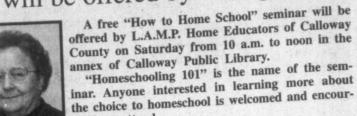
the debate. "The debate was a great opportunity for high school students to be engaged in a discussion of policy issues that will affect them in the years to come."

Key dignitaries from around the Commonwealth and members of local communities also were in attendance for the event. GSP students from across the state participated in posing questions to McCarthy and Garmer.

Rashid of Murray is a senior at Murray High SchooL

Established in 1983, The Governor's Scholars Program is a stimulating, five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school.

e-mail: mlt@murrayledger.com 'How To Home School' seminar will be offered by local group



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encourage each other and provide the resources Community necessary to make the homeschooling experience a positive one for all. We provide family support through monthly meetings and get-togethers, a newsletter, field trip opportuni-

ties, park days, co-op classes, club organizations and much more." For more information visit their website at www.calloway-lamp.org.

MHS Alumni meeting Thursday

Murray High School Alumni will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the office of the Murray Board of Education on South 13th Street. Activities for next year's Alumni Association will be planned. All interested persons are invited.

Benton alumni plan reunion

Reservations for the Benton High School Reunion on Saturday at Kentucky Dam Convention Center, Gilbertsville, should be made by today (Wednesday) by calling Frank J. Nichols at Bank of Benton, phone 1-270-527-4687, or Dortha Watkins Lyons at 753-6351. Anyone who has every attended or graduated from Benton High School is invited.

MHS Council schedules meeting

Murray High School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Monday at 4 p.m. at the office of Murray Board of Education prior to the Experienced Member Training which is from 5 to 8 p.m., according to Teresa Speed, principal.

Hicks Cemetery meeting Saturday

Hicks Cemetery, located off Highway 121 South on Hicks Cemetery Road, will have its annual meeting Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the cemetery. Those unable to attend may send their donations for the maintenance of the cemetery to Gary Farris, 498 Paris Rd., Murray, KY 42071, or Owen Garrison.

Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and two-hour blood sugar screenings on Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart, Paris, Tenn., and on Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Office Depot, Murray. For information call 762-1348.

Tiger Football Kickoff is scheduled

The annual Murray High School Tiger Football Kickoff will be Thursday, July 29, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All MHS football players will be introduced. Those attending will have the opportunity to join the Quarterback Club and to purchase football Tshirts. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. All players, families, friends and supporters of Tiger football are encouraged to attend.

Margie Black and Set Free will be featured

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

Mother to Mother Group to meet 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.

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Engagement

Home Economics entries at county fair released

Entries in the Home Econom- son, Jan Byrd; ics Division of the Calloway County Fair have been released as fol-

BAKED GOODS

Three dropped cookies - Deborah Hereford, Margo Anchison, Jennifer Jones;

Three bar cookies - Jennifer Jones: Three decorated cookies -

Brenda Jones, Jennifer Jones; Decorated cake - Jennifer Jones, L. Ann Steely Grady;

Three muffins - Heather Byrd, Jennifer Jones;

Three biscuits - Gina Claywell, Heather Byrd; Three cinnamon rolls

Pauline Parker and Catherine Claywell: Half loaf of yeast bread

Pauline Parker; Half loaf of quick bread - Jane

Byrd, Jennifer Jones; Other baked goods - Heather

Byrd; Junior exhibitor - (18 or younger) - Kathryn Herford,

Megan Harper. CANNING Grape jelly - Jennifer Jones,

Pauline Parker, Janice Wilson, Debbie Ferguson; Other jelly - Jennifer Jones,

Janice Wilson, Pauline Parker, Jan Blackberry jelly - Pauline

Parker; Peach preserves - Jan Byrd,

Kayla Grady; Strawberry preserves - Jan

Byrd, Janice Wilson; Any marmalade or fruit butter - Brenda Jones, Janice Wilson, Pauline Parker;

Jr. Exhibitor (18 or younger) Taylor Grady, Alicia Grady; Pear preserves - Janice Wil-

By Linda Wright

ning fellowship.

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New Beginnings Director

As insight began following the

Manny Mills Seminar Weekend in

Murray, New Beginnings began

with seven women meeting for

official orientation on July 9. Along

with the women were two chil-

tial to nurture children as well as

the women who come to find fel-

lowship and Christian-living train-

One of the orientation partici-

pation was a woman who has

experienced the confines of jail

and who is positive and anxious

about the forthcoming New Begin-

Plans are scheduled for the first

session on Saturday, Aug. 14, at

7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of

St. Leo Catholic Church, North 12th

This group will have the poten-

New Beginnings Group

has organizational meeting

Blackberry jam - Pauline Park-

er, Jennifer Jones; Any other jam - Debbie Ferguson, Taylor Grady, Jennifer Jones:

Jr. Exhibitor (18 or younger) Alicia Grady, Kayla Grady; Cucumber relish - Pauline

Parker; Sweet cucumber pickles Janice Wilson; Other pickled vegetables

Janice Wilson; Vegetable relish - Gina Claywell. Janice Wilson, Jan Byrd;

Salsa - Jennifer Jones, Jancie Wilson, Sheila Cooper; Pears - Pauline Parker; Blackberries - Pauline Park-

Peaches - Gina Claywell, Pauline Parker:

Any other canned fruit Pauline Parker; String beans - Jancie Wil-

son, Gina Claywell; Tomatoes - Pauline Parker, Janice Wilson;

Tomato juice - Jennifer Jones, Janice Wilson, Shelia Cooper, Pauline Parker; Beets - Janice Wilson;

Any other vegetable - Shelia Cooper; Jr. Exhibitor (18 or younger)

Alicia Grady, Kayla Grady. CLOTHING

Decorated clothing - Linda Blouse or skirt - Ann Fer-

Vest - Pauline Parker; Dress or jumper - Mattie Nor-

sworthy, Debbie Ferguson, Bren-Skirt, pants or shorts - Ann

Ferguson; Wardrobe accessories - Jen-

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Jr. Exhibitor (18 or younger) Audrey Ferguson, Alicia Grady; Miscellaneous clothing item

Kayla Grady; Children's clothing - Margo Anderson.

ARTS & CRAFTS Holiday crafts - Pauline Park-

er, Brenda Jones; Christmas crafts - Jennifer Jones, Pauline Parker, Gladys Jar-

Handmade doll clothing -Brenda Jones; Wood Crafted - Buddy Ander-

son, C.E. Parker; Crocheted item - Pauline Parker, Vickie Lasher, Gladys

Ceramic item - Shelia Cooper, Joetta Kelly, Pauline Parker; Quilted item - Gladys Jarrett,

Pauline Parker; Applique item - Gladys Jar-

Jewelry item - Jennifer Jones, Pauline Parker; Handmade toys - Buddy

Anderson, Shelia Cooper; Photograph framed - Jennifer Jones, Joetta Kelly, Abby Kelly, Pauline Parker;

Painting, framed or mounted Pauline Parker, C.E. Parker, Joetta Kelly;

Drawing, framed or mounted - Joetta Kelly, Abby Kelly; Miscellaneous craft item Sue Williams, Pauline Parker;

Machine embroidered item Marjo Anderson; Cross stitch item - Pauline Parker;

Abstract art item - Pauline Parker, Charlton Claywell;

Needle Point item - Pauline

Useful handmade item Pauline Parker, Sue Williams;

Jr. Exhibitors - art item - (18 or younger) - Catherine Claywell, Taylor Grady, Kayla Grady, Alicia Gracy, Charlton Claywell;

Jr. Exhibitors - craft item (18 or younger) - Kayla Grady, Alicia Grady, Catherine Claywell,

FLOWERS AND PLANTS African violet - Pauline Park-

Hanging basket - Pauline Parker, Kathy Shelton; Non-blooming house plant auline Parker;

Marigold - one stalk - She-

lia Cooper; Other cut flowers - one stalk Kayla Grady, Suzanna Grady, Pauline Parker, Leslie Steely;

Zinnias - Shelia Cooper; Herbs container of fresh herbs Kathy Shelton, Pauline Parker, Janice Wilson;

Miniature roses - one stalk Pauline Parker. HOME FURNISHINGS

Wreaths, any type - Jennifer Jones, Shelia Cooper;

Table linen - Jennifer Jones; Handmade rug - Jennifer handmade

Miscellaneous item - Sue Williams, Charlton Claywell; Stuffed pillow - Sue Williams,

Kayla Grady; Wall hanging - Pauline Park-

Afghans - Pauline Parker; Jr. Exhibitors (18 or younger) Joseph Kelly, Catherine Clay-

Miscellaneous arrangements - Sue Williams; Pressed flower arrangement Pauline Parker.

Hutchens and Foreman

Kelly Michelle Hutchens and Jason Mitchel Foreman announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Miss Hutchens is the daughter of the late Mike and Shiela Garri son Hutchens of Lexington, formerly of Murray.

She is the granddaughter of Cassel Garrison and the late Altie Garrison of Murray and of Virginia Hutchens and the late Ray Hutchens of Hopkinsville.

Mr. Foreman is the son of Steve and Debbie Foreman of Cash-

He is the grandson of Dorlis Grimes of Cashmere, Wash., and George and Elanor Foreman of Wenatchee, Wash.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Cumberland College and is employed by Lexington Fayette Urban Co. Govt. Parks and Recre-The groom-elect is attending Sullivan University and is employed

by Amazon.Com. The wedding will be Saturday, July 31, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the

home of Jane and Terry Owens. A reception will follow at 157 Old Danville Rd., Lancaster. Following the wedding the couple will reside in Lexington.

"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places."

Author Unknown

BirthAnnouncements

Lucas John Thurmond

Dr. and Mrs. K. Bruce Thurmond of Plano, Texas, are the parents of a son, Lucas John Thurmond, born on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Plano Presbyterian Hospital.

The baby weighed seven pounds seven ounces.

The father is employed by Access Pharmaceuticals of Dallas, Texas. The mother is the former Jill Kupferle of St. Louis, Mo. Maternal grandparents are Gary

and Judy Kupferle of St. Louis, Paternal grandparents are Norman and Carol Lane of Murray and Kenneth and Pat Thurmond

of Mayfield. Two great-grandmothers are Mrs. Mary Thurmond of Murray and Mrs. Bernice Rohde of St.



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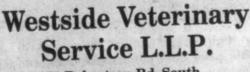
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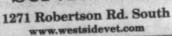
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Calloway coach listed in good condition

Terry Birdsong, Laker head basketball coach, undergoes surgery this morning at Vanderbilt Medical Center for skin grafts as a result from a grease fire

By JOHN WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Calloway County High School head boys basketball coach Terry Birdsong is listed in good condition at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital, following a grease fire Sunday that left him with severe burns on his hands.

Details are unclear when it comes to the incident that left Birdsong requiring transport to Vanderbilt University Medical Center Sunday afternoon, but he was injured while attempting to extinguish a grease fire at his in-laws' house in his native Marshall County, a family member said.

The coach was removing a burning skillet from the house when the grease inside the skillet spilled onto him as he reached a door leading outside, his sister, Mitzi Donohoo of Benton, said. A burst of oxygen likely caused by opening the door forced the grease to thrust onto the coach, who reportedly was holding the skillet as far from his body as

The incident resulted in second- and thirddegree burns to both of Birdsong's hands. He went to Marshall County Hospital via private vehicle before a Marshall County Emergency Medical Services ambulance transported him

to Nashville. "He also had some of the grease hit his face, but from what I was told, he's OK there," Birdsong's close friend and CCHS assistant Tommy Futrell said Tuesday aftermoon as he was preparing to head to Nashville to visit

Vanderbilt spokesman Jerry Jones said late Tuesday that Birdsong - who concluded his fifth season with the Lakers by leading them to the First Region Tournament title game in March — was scheduled to undergo surgery Wednesday morning. Jones reported that the procedure would result in skin grafts being placed on both hands to cover the burned areas, allowing them to begin healing.

derbilt either Saturday or Sunday. Jones also but we all know it could've been much worse.'

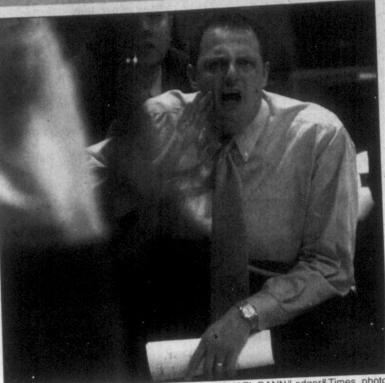
said the coach had a message for Laker fans back in Calloway County.

"He wanted them to know that, 'I'm going to recover from this and that I'm doing really well and I'll be back soon," Jones said. "He's very stable. He's talking and sitting up."

Donohoo is among friends and family that have journeyed to the medical facility and said her brother, while in obvious pain, seems to be in good spirits.

"He's holding his own," Donohoo said Wednesday morning, noting her brother received a psychological boost when he received a special visitor Tuesday. "His little girl (19-monthold Hastings) was brought into his room, so he got to see her and that was good for him. He also actually got to walk down to the lobby for a time, which has been tough because he would get sick when he'd tried to get up and walk around earlier.

"It's going to take a while for him to recov-Birdsong, who led CCHS to its first-ever er. It'll probably take a good month for him region title in 2003, is expected to leave Van- to get his strength back. I hate it for him,



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Calloway coach Terry Birdsong, seen here coaching in the 2004 First Region Tournament is listed in good condition at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., following a grease fire accident this past weekend.

Remember this Titan? Tennessee ponders situation with all-time leading rusher

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Tennessee Titans are trying to figure out what to do with Eddie George.

The franchise's leading career rusher rejected the team's latest pay cut offer Monday night and asked to be released. He wants a quick decision with training camps starting to open July 27.

The Titans aren't ready to act quite so fast.

"We want to take our time and make sure everyone involved understands the ramifications of this action," general manager Floyd Reese said Tuesday in a statement that was the team's first comment on George's request. "I don't think taking a day or two of reflection for something of this magnitude is a bad thing.

The eight-year veteran asked to be released after rejecting the Titans' last offer to reduce his pay from \$4.25 million to approximately \$1.5 million for the 2004 season. He said the offer hasn't changed much since March.

The team needs to clear cap room to sign its 13 rookies.

"Basically, we're just talking about taking a straight pay cut," George told The Associated Press on Monday night. "I didn't see the win-win situation. If I'm helping the organization out, I thought they would help me out and have a win-win situation and I would basi-

cally make my money up in incentives."

Reese said hearing that request was difficult. "We want to make sure that at the end of this scenario, we do what is best for both sides and hope to have a resolution in the near future," he said.

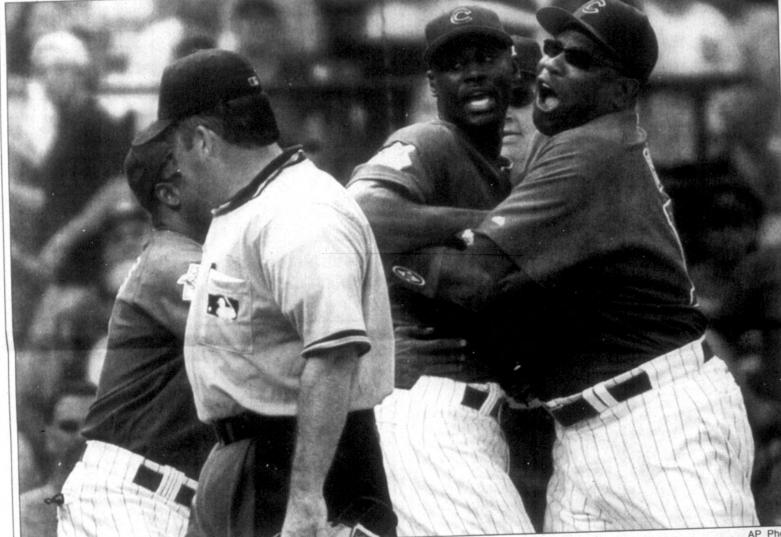
Four-time Pro Bowl selection George wants a quick release to start seeking a new job immediately. He said change might be good.

"I hate to sever the ties here," he said. "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."

Speculation over George's future with Tennessee began last season over whether the Titans, in deep salary-cap trouble, could afford to keep a running back who has never missed a start in his career in an offense that now emphasizes the passing of Steve McNair, the NFL's co-MVP in 2003.

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) has started more consecutive regular-season games than

Last December, George became the 17th running back to top 10,000 yards. He has 64 touchdowns for the franchise that drafted the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner out of Ohio State in April 1996.



Chicago Cubs reliever LaTroy Hawkins, center, is held back by Cubs manager Dusty Baker, right, after being thrown out of the game against the St. Louis Cardinals by home plate umpire Tim Tschida, foreground, during the ninth

inning Tuesday in Chicago. Three's Company

Pujols' perfect day includes three bombs to blast Chicago in NL Central race

By The Associated Press

Albert Pujols ended a perfect day at the plate by leading the St. Louis Cardinals to an improbable comeback victory.

"It's one of those days you never forget," the Cardinals slugger said.

Pujols' third homer of the game rallied St. Louis from a six-run deficit, and the Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 11-8 on Tues-"It was the first time I've hit three home

runs, and it came at the right time," said Pujols, who went 5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs. The Cardinals won both games in the NL Central rivals' final regular-season series, and left Wrigley Field with a 10-game lead over

the third-place Cubs.

"I take every game like it's the last game of the World Series, but this is extra special right here," Pujols said. "You're playing against your rival. I don't think we ever thought we were going to have a lead like this."

Pujols had an RBI double in the first, hit his 25th homer in the third, No. 26 in the seventh off Kyle Farnsworth and his 27th in the ninth. It was his first three-homer game. "The best thing about Albert in a very

long list of great things is that he plays the game to win," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "That's what I admire most. Nothing else is a close second."

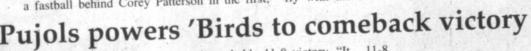
At Chicago, a day after the teams nearly scuffled, St. Louis starter Matt Morris threw a fastball behind Corey Patterson in the first,

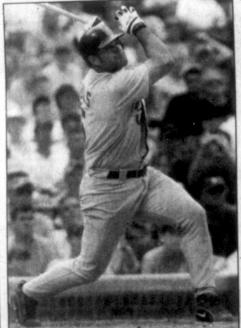
prompting a warning to both benches from plate umpire Tim Tschida.

Cubs reliever LaTroy Hawkins, who gave up Pujols' go-ahead homer, was ejected after he started yelling at Tschida as he walked toward the dugout in the middle of the ninth. An angry Hawkins had to be restrained by manager Dusty Baker and several Cubs coaches from going at Tschida before he was finally forced into the Chicago dugout.

After Pujols' two-run homer off Hawkins (2-2), Reggie Sanders added a solo shot in the three-run ninth for St. Louis, which trailed

Ray King (3-0) pitched a scoreless eighth. Jason Isringhausen got three outs for his 24th save, retiring Aramis Ramirez on a shallow fly with the bases loaded to end it.





Pujols winked his approval at was the first time I've hit three a ninth-inning hit-and-run sign and then drove the ball the opposite way - into the right field basket for his third homer

on a sticky day at Wrigley Field brought the St. Louis Cardinals back from a six-run deficit and staggered the rival Chicago Cubs in their final meeting this season.

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CHICAGO (AP) - Albert an improbable 11-8 victory. "It home runs and it came at the right time."

For the Cubs, though, the timing couldn't have been worse. It's a defeat they could have Pujols' standout performance trouble getting over, especially after scoring seven runs in the second inning and leading 7-1.

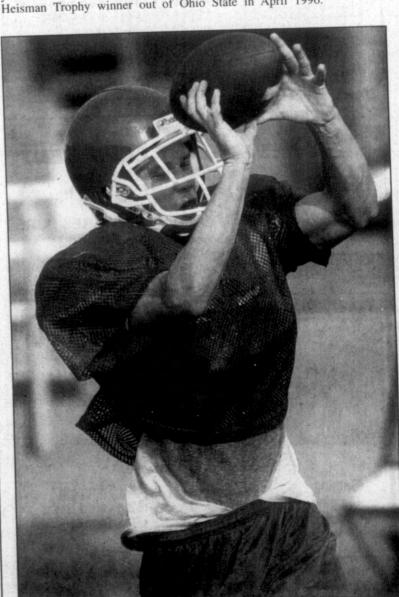
Pujols went 5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs, and the Cardinals increased their NL Central lead to 10 games over the now third-place Cubs. St. Louis won the season series sure.

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After Matt Morris threw a ball behind Chicago's Corey Patterson in the first - the aftermath of a near scuffle the night before -the Cubs jumped on the Cardinals pitcher for seven runs in the second.

But the sizable lead melted and so did the Cubs' compo-

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols follows through on his third home run of the day against the Chicago Cubs during the ninth inning Tuesday in Chicago. The two-run home run helped the Cardinals to an 11-8 win.



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Calloway County High School junior wide receiver Jacob Young hauls in this pass from sophomore quarterback Landon Lockhart Tuesday at Jack D. Rose Satudium during fall practice for the Laker football team.



The Kentucky-Barkley Bass'n Gals had their annual Children's Fishing Tournament at Paris Landing Pier on Saturday with 19 children fishing and most caught fish. Patricipating in the event were Emmy Butler, Joe Clayton, Taylor Clayton, Jordan Alton, Abby Alton, Dylan Easter, Nathan Smith, Bailey Smith, Houston Forsythe, Justin Wetter, Sherry Wetter, Ryan Wetter, Kayla Rushing, Nicolas Ferreyra, Tomas Ferreyra, Nicholas Manning, Marcus Manning, Austin Crass and Jacob Garland. In the 2- to 6-year-old group, Austin Crass took home first place with 15 fish. Joe Clayton finished second with 12 fish and Nicholas Manning had six fish. In the 7- to 11-year-old group, Dylan Easter took home first place with 17 fish, Houston Forsythe was second with 11 and Bailey Smith finished third with 10 fish. All the children were given trophies for their efforts and the six winners received different trophies.

Banks to miss first three games for latest incident

Tennessee receiver James Banks 25. remains suspended and will miss the season's first three games because he was cited for underage drinking after defying police orders to turn down his radio, coach Phillip Fulmer said Tues-

Banks, a junior from Indianapolis and last year's leading receiver, was indefinitely suspended in March for violating unspecified team rules. Fulmer said at the time Banks could rejoin the team if he accomplished certain goals.

."In the last two months, he made excellent strides in fulfilling requirements set by me to get off the indefinite suspension he was on," Fulmer said in a statement. "However, now we have another issue that has embarrassed this team and the university."

Banks will miss games against UNLV on Sept. 5, Florida on Sept.

18 and Louisiana Tech on Sept.

He could be reinstated for the Oct. 2 game against Auburn if he meets certain conditions set by Fulmer, including completing 25 hours of alcohol-related community service work and going to alcohol counseling sessions, Ful-

"I don't believe James Banks is a bad person, but obviously he is immature and there are some issues that he needs to address if he truly wants to be a part of our program," Fulmer said.

Banks was cited early on the morning of July 16 after police were called to break up an unruly crowd of about 50 people at a drive-in market near campus. After officers asked people to stop blaring music from their cars, Banks continued to turn up the volume,

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Shaq vows to deliever title to Miami "I told my wife when I was and he anticipates the same kind

O'Neal weighs 340 pounds, and up the steps to the Heat's arena. he's hungry.

He wants to show the NBA that the Los Angeles Lakers kept the wrong All-Star. And he plans to do it by leading the Miami Heat to a title.

O'Neal made a grand entrance Tuesday at a rally welcoming him to Miami. He arrived in semi-tractor trailer with the words "Diesel Power" on the side, emerged from the cab firing a plastic water cannon at the crowd of several thou-

MIAMI (AP) - Shaquille sand, then followed a red carpet

Once at the top, he pledged that an even bigger celebration is in the future.

"I'm going to bring a champi-onship to Miami," O'Neal told the fans. "I promise."

At a news conference that followed, O'Neal spoke little about his differences with Kobe Bryant and Lakers management that triggered the trade. But he said he appreciates the way he has been embraced in Miami.

rolling up, I felt like the presi-"Hail to the Chief."

The rally came six days after the Heat acquired the 11-time All-Star in a trade that sent three starters to Los Angeles. Such festivities might seem premature to some cities, but Miami loves celebrities - and winners.

Heat president Pat Riley remembers the sellout crowds the attendance-challenged Florida Marlins drew for last year's World Series,

of box-office boost from O'Neal, dent," he said. O'Neal then hummed especially if he leads the Heat to their first NBA title.

> "We have definitely been blessed," Riley said. "Somehow he found his way down here to Miami — the most talented, most dominant player in the world."

The first game is still 3 1/2 months away, but O'Neal already is the most entertaining act in town, and he never went long without a quip

American League Roundup Hafner's homers lead Tribe to win

By The Associated Press

Five home runs in two games made Travis Hafner certain he'd enjoy the flight back to Cleveland. After the series he had against the Angels, the only thing better might have been staying in Anaheim.

His three homers Tuesday sent the Indians to a 14-5 win over the Angels, completing a two-game series sweep that began when he homered twice the night before, including a go-ahead, three run shot in the 10th inning of the Tribe's 8-5 win.

The five homers in two games tied a major league record, achieved 27 other times by 25 players.

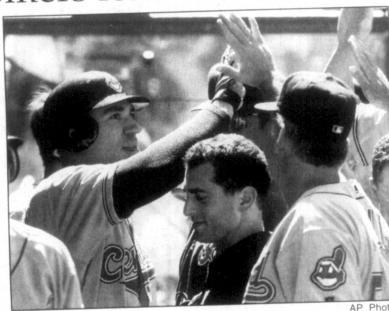
"Hitting three home runs is pretty special because it doesn't happen very often - especially to me," Hafner said. "I guess I can enjoy this one on the plane ride."

In Tuesday's other AL games, it was: Oakland 1, Toronto 0 in 14 innings; New York 4, Tampa Bay 2; Boston 9, Seattle 7; Baltimore 12, Kansas City 3; Minnesota 5, Detroit 4, in 10 innings; and Texas 6, Chicago 4.

Hafner hit his first two homers Tuesday off starter Jarrod Washburn, the reason Hafner was batting sixth instead of his usual third.

He took the left-hander deep in the third and fifth innings, and then homered in the ninth off Francisco Rodriguez, a solo shot that gave him six RBIs for the day, and tied Earl Averill's nearly 74year old franchise home-run record for a two-game span.

"I feel like my swings are getting a lot better off of lefties," hit a lot of balls hard and made



Travis Hafner of the Cleveland Indians is congratulated by teammates in the dugout after his third home run of the game, and fifth in two days, in the ninth inning against the Anaheim Angels at Angels Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., Tues-

but I feel like I've made a big a very consistent hitter all year. improvement from last year. I'm more comfortable now. I have middle of our lineup, and he lifts experience against a lot of pitchers now and I know what they throw. Being relaxed is the big thing.

Hafner, nicknamed "Pronk" by his teammates, impressed the Indians long before Tuesday's out-

"I've been watching his at-bats all year, so I've seen his patience at the plate, the pitches he swings at and the pitches he doesn't swing at," John McDonald said. "He's

Hafner said. "It's a little streaky, a lot of solid outs, so he's been He's definitely a big lift in the the guys around him."

Hafner was the second player to hit three homers Tuesday. Albert Pujols did it for St. Louis against the Chicago Cubs earlier in the

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last time two major league players hit three homers on the same day was Aug. 10, 2002, when Chicago's Sammy Sosa and Philadelphia's Mike Lieberthal



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Bearcats get assist from 'Big O

CINCINNATI (AP) — Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati's greatest player, will serve as the Bearcats' interim head coach until Bob Huggins returns from

suspension on Aug. 27. The Hall of Famer replaces Dan Peters, who left Cincinnati on Tuesday to become an assistant coach at Ohio State.

"I appreciate Oscar's willingness to step up for his university and its basketball program," athletic director Bob Goin said in a statement. "He provides a wonderful opportunity for our young men to learn from a great basketball player and a leader in the business and the community."

Goin said Robertson has agreed to provide oversight and meet with players on a regular basis, as well as provide counseling on their academic responsibilities. Robertson will not have any off-campus recruiting duties, but will be allowed to participate in on-campus recruiting as permitted under NCAA rules, Goin said.

Robertson said in the statement released by the school that he considers it a great honor and opportunity to work for the school he played for from 1957-60.

"I will do whatever I can to help develop these young men for their futures on and off the court.'



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SIU professor takes Study: Exercise more important hard road to health

By SUSAN SKILES LUKE Associated Press Writer

CARBONDALE, III. (AP) Sure, Lance Armstrong accomplished a great feat battling back from cancer to win the Tour de France five straight times with a shot at a sixth title. But what about cycling enthusiast Mike Magnuson?

Far from a world-class athlete, Magnuson has never won a major race. He has no endorsement deals. The only published picture of him on his bike doesn't show sleek muscles like Annie Liebowitz's famous shot of a naked Armstrong, but rolls of bare fat squished together as he strains to reach the low bars.

But the creative writing professor at Southern Illinois University accomplished his own long shot atop his bike.

He morphed from a 255-pound, beer-guzzling chain smoker two years ago into a smoke-free teetotaler who cuts a sleek figure in skintight Italian racing suits. Rather than spending hours on a bar stool, he rides up to 70 miles a day and competes with an amateur racing

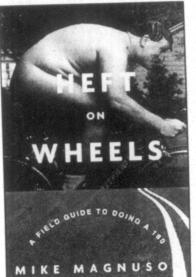
Magnuson, now 41 and 80 pounds lighter, wrote a book about his ride to health. But he says "Heft on Wheels: A Field Guide to Doing a 180" is not a how-to book and no one should do what he did in the summer of 2002 — go cold-turkey with smokes and booze while consuming only three high-protein shakes a day and riding the hills near his home in swampy summer

"It was stupid, stupid, stupid," Magnuson said while watching the Tour de France cyclists racing through Brittany on TV.

"I could have dropped dead," he said. "But I was desperate to be somebody else."

Health officials say it's OK to go cold-turkey on cigarettes and alcohol, but losing weight should be gradual and with a doctor's advice.

'We would congratulate him on



Random House/AP Photo The cover of the book "Heft on Wheels: A Field Guide to Doing a 180" by Mike Magnuson, a Southern Illinois professor, who shed 80 pounds from his 255-pound frame in two years is seen in a photo provided by Harmony Books, a division of Random

said Craig Stevens, spokesman for U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona. "But it's better to lose weight slowly.

The native of Menomonee Falls. Wis., has always loved cycling, but admits that until recently he loved drinking and smoking and eating equally well.

He'd ride for hours, but wheeze from the cigarettes and struggle to drag his weight.

"Going up a hill was just blinding agony," Magnuson said. "I'd be out of breath, my chest would hurt, I'd get this tunnel-vision experience, it was terrible.

And it would get worse. In early 2002, he published an article in GQ magazine about his improbable love

for cycling and posed for a photograph that was a send-up of Liebowitz's famous shot of Armstrong. (It was around this time that Magnuson published another book, "Lummox," on the joys of being a corpulent slob.)

The contrast between the photographs embarrassed him into action.

"I didn't want to be this person people laughed at," he said. "I wanted to be an athlete.

So he quit smoking and drinking, "and pretty soon after that, I quit eating," he said, letting out a riff of

But he kept riding. For devoted cyclists, pain is part of the endurance sport. Magnuson embraced it and wrote about what was going through his mind while

"I can feel my guts consuming themselves," he wrote in his book. "I can taste something alkaline on my tongue, the taste of old food, the cheeseburgers and milk shakes and megaton pasta salads of days long

These days, Magnuson rides six days a week with his team and is working on making cycling a family pastime with this wife, Elizabeth, and two young daughters. Although he says he still suffers in the saddle what cyclist doesn't? - the difference is palpable.

"My lung capacity has quadrupled. And not being hung over gives you an incredible boost of energy, he said, laughing.

He also says he's a better teacher and parent. Magnuson, recovering from the broken collar bone he got when he spun into a guardrail on a recent ride in France, says his book's message to others is simple.

"You don't have to be who you have been," he said as he prepared for an afternoon ride, downing an energy bar and recording its calories in a journal.

"You get into a lifestyle and maintain it for years, but you don't have to continue on the same path.'

Then he was off.

than calcium for women's bones

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Got exercise? A recent study indicates that exercise is more important than calcium in developing strong bones in

girls and young women. Researchers at Penn State University and Johns

Hopkins University found that even when girls took in far less calcium than the recommended daily allowance, bone strength was not significantly affected, said Tom Lloyd of Penn State's College of Medicine at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

However, when the girls were asked about their exercise habits, a strong correlation was found between exercise and bone strength.

No one is encouraging teens to stop drinking milk though. The researchers noted that the young women studied were still getting more calcium than many female American teens.

Lloyd said that in tests over a decade, 17 percent of bone strength could be attributed to exercise habits. What's more, girls with better muscle development

also had stronger bones. "When we looked at their lean mass, what we saw was that a 1 kilogram increase in lean mass was associated with a 2 1/2 percent increase in their bone strength," said Moira Petit, another Penn State researcher. Lean body mass is the mass of the body

minus the fat. The Penn State Young Women's Health Study began in 1990 with 112 12-year-old girls from central Pennsylvania. The ongoing study has tracked the cardiovascular, reproductive and bone health of the subjects, now in their mid-20s. The study was published in the June issue of the Pennsylvania-based Journal of Pediatrics, a lesser known publication than the official journal of the Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago, which is simply called Pediatrics.

Studies have shown that women build most of their bone mass in their early and mid-teens. That bone mass then slowly erodes as women age. Building good bone mass in adolescence, then, is thought to be the best way to prevent osteoporosis in old age.

Dr. Thomas P. Olenginski, who works with osteoporosis patients at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., praised the study for its detailed look at bone strength, but warned that no one should ignore calcium entirely.

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"There is a concern that kids might think, 'I can still drink nothing but sodas as long as I'm working out,"" Olenginski said. "It's the whole package that's still important."

Lloyd agreed. In the Penn State study, calcium intake among the girls varied widely - from 500 milligrams per day to 1,800 milligrams per day. Most recommendations call for teenage girls to consume about 1,300 milligrams per day.

But even at the lower levels, Lloyd said, calcium intake seemed to have little effect on bone strength.

"Now a caveat to this study ... was that the lowest intake in our population was about 500 milligrams per day. Twenty-five percent of teen women in the United States get less than 500 milligrams per day," Lloyd said. "For those kids, having additional calcium to bring them up to at least 500 milligrams per day may be an important determinant of bone health."

John Patnott, professor of kinesiology at Hope College in Holland, Mich., said he was not surprised by the findings.

Bones "are very similar to muscles - you have to use them to develop strength," Patnott said. "I think that calcium in the diet is very important, ... but calcium by itself won't accomplish what is necessary with-

Administation seeks to boost drug card enrollment

than 14 percent of eligible lowincome Medicare beneficiaries have signed up for a drug discount card with \$600 in government aid, Medicare chief Mark McClellan said as the Bush administration sought to clear up confusion about the program.

In letters to state officials and other federal assistance programs, the administration said the annual \$600 subsidy for the drug card should not be counted against people when they sign up for food stamps or housing programs.

"No one should be disadvantaged under federal programs, including Medicaid, because he or she is getting some extra help with buying medications that may be critical to their health," McClellan said.

He also made public a letter he sent New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, in which he said the

WASHINGTON (AP) - Less state was wrong to tell some residents they were ineligible for the drug card assistance because of other governmental help they receive

McClellan presented an upbeat picture of the drug card program in an appearance before the Senate Aging Committee. Just under 4 million people have cards, and 125,000 are signing up each week, he said.

But 2 1/2 months after enrollment began, fewer than 1 million low-income people have cards and subsidies that even critics of the law acknowledge are a good deal.

The Bush administration estimates that 7.4 million people are eligible and predicts that 4.7 million low-income people will get cards before the program ends in December 2005. It will be replaced in 2006 by prescription drug insurance under Medicare, the centerpiece of last year's wide-ranging

overhaul of the government health program for older and disabled Americans.

McClellan said the government, working with many civic groups, is stepping up its efforts to recruit poorer Medicare beneficiaries. "I will be doing and can," he said.

Eight pharmaceutical companies have said they will continue to provide poor people their prescription medicines for little or no money after they have used up their annual \$600 allowances.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., sparred with McClellan over the drug card, telling him the program is too complicated for many people. She also complained the insurance program would deny aid to some low-income people because they have wedding rings, burial plots and other modest assets that, together, exceed \$6,000.

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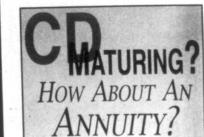
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Locals shine in 4-H Horse Contests

Four senior and four junior 4-H members, coached by Connie Talent and Jan Fricker, participated in the State 4-H Horse Contests held in Lexington, Ky., on June 15-16. The Senior Hippology Team placed third out of 12 teams and was comprised of the following members: Courtney Fuqua, Rachel Talent, Tisha Williams, and Kaycie Wyatt. These same members also comprised the Senior Horse Bowl Team.

Wyatt placed fourth in the Senior Hippology High Individuals category and qualified to participate in three national events to be held in Ohio, Kentucky, and Louisiana. In addition, Rachel Talent placed seventh in the Senior Hippology High Individuals division and qualified to participate in the national event to be held in Louisiana. She also placed second in the Senior Photography Series.

Wyatt placed seventh in the state on her Senior Art (Kit) entry and also placed sixth on her demonstration. In addition, she received a red ribbon for her Senior Art (Kit) entry.

Fuqua was awarded second place in the Senior Clothing category and received a red ribbon for her Eqnipment entry. Williams received eighth place among the Senior High Individuals for the Public Speaking Contest. In addition, Fuqua, Talent, and Williams received sixth, fifth, and fourth place, respectively, on

their Single Photo entries. The Junior Hippology team placed fifth in the state. The members were: Will Blackford, Captain, Kristina Fricker, Kelsee Knight, and Megan Parks. These same members comprised the Junior Horse Bowl

Blackford placed fifth in the High Individuals for Hippology. He

also placed fifth in the Public Speaking High Individuals category. Fricker placed seventh in the Public Speaking High Individuals category and won sixth place on her Junior Photography Series entry.

She placed ninth in the Junior Clothing division and 10th in the Art (Non-Kit) category. She also received a white ribbon for her Art (Kit) entry.

Parks placed second in the Art (Non-Kit) division, and Knight received a red ribbon for her Art

(Non-Kit) entry. Lindsay Collins, a junior 4-H member, placed third in the Photography Series category. She was also awarded fourth place in the Single Photography category.

Katie Ford and Leslie Belt, students at Murray State University, also helped coach the hippology

Summertime can be rough time for pets

Although summer presents many opportunities for you and your pet to enjoy the outdoors, summer also presents situations that can be very dangerous for your pets. The Humane Society of Calloway County and the Humane Society of the United States reminds pet owners that taking simple precautions can help keep their furry friends safe this summer:

- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.
- Don't leave pets in parked cars for any period of time. Every summer, animals left in parked cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. Most people don't realize that the temperature can skyrocket in a car after just a few minutes and that parking in the shade or leaving the windows cracked does little to alleviate this pressure cooker.

On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. At 110 degrees, pets are in danger of

Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you see an animal in a parked car during the summer, alert the management of the shopping center or grocery store. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the

- Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws.
- Heartwonn disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats and another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use heartworm, flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian.

For more infonnation on caring for your pets, contact the Humane Society of Calloway County at 270-759-1884.

Group releases video of chickens being kicked, stomped

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — An animal rights group released a secretly recorded videotape Tuesday that showed chickens being kicked, stomped and thrown against a wall by workers at a supplier for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The footage was taken at the Pilgrim's Pride plant in Moorefield, W.Va., by an investigator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who worked there from

Pilgrim's Pride spokesman Ray Atkinson said Tuesday the company is appalled by what it saw on the video, has reopened a previous investigation into complaints of chicken mistreatment and will fire any employees who are found to have violated company

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Pilgrim's Pride received an anonymous report about mistreatment April 29 and immediately stopped production. Atkinson said managers then "communicated the severity of these allegations to our employees, making it clear to them that any such behavior would result in immediate termination."

Officials of Louisville-based Yum! Brands Inc., which owns KFC, saw the video Monday. KFC spokeswoman Bonnie Warschauer described it as "appalling."

Warschauer said in a statement Tuesday that KFC has notified Pilgrim's Pride that it will not buy any more chickens from the Moorefield, W.Va., plant unless assurances are made that the abuse has stopped.

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Santa Clara Vanguard, Boston Crusaders, Crossmen, Spirit from Jacksonville State University, Magic of Orlando, Seattle Cascades and Southwind will all be traveling to Murray to compete for honors.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the following prices: VIP (includes chair back seating with preferential parking), \$25; Premium seating (between 30-yard lines), \$18; Groups of 15 or more, \$15. Family plans and children's rates are also available.

For more information or to purchase advance tickets contact Heather at the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce at (270) 753-5171 or 1-800-900-5171; or visit online at www.drumsbetweentherivers.

The stadium box office will open at 5 p.m. on the day of the show.



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Students in Dr. Martin Milkman's Economics and Public Policy of the Telecommunications Industry class.

MSU class cleans up in statewide collegiate stock market contest

Students in Dr. Martin Milkman's Telecommunications Economics and Public Policy of the Telecommunications Industry class cleaned up in a statewide collegiate stock market contest sponsored by the Kentucky Council on Economic

Education. Competing with teams from all across the state, teams in Dr. Milkman's class took first and second place. Keith Drone, a senior

Management major, and Mehnaz Reza, a senior economics major, finished in first place.

Cheungkuen Lit, a junior Systems Telecommunications Management major, finished in sec-

Each team received a cash prize from the Kentucky Council on Economic Education.

A (Parking) Lot On The Line

JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times Photo Murray State University Facilities Management worker Wayne Harper guides a bulldozer in an attempt to break remaining concrete footings in the foundation to what used to house Carlin's at Murray's Five Points Tuesday morning. The site, which has housed numerous businesses the past several years, is being turned into a parking lot for MSU students.

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Wounded soldier remembers fallen comrade

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) - A Fort Campbell soldier wounded in Iraq remembered Staff Sgt. Paul C. Mardis as an inspiration at a memorial service Tuesday.

Mardis, 25, died Thursday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. from injuries sustained in a May 20 explosion

Sgt. 1st Class Donald Kabrich was wounded in the same incident. He visited Mardis in the hospital numerous times.

"But once again, it was Paul doing the inspiring," he said.

Kabrich said the incident "instantly changed" his reality. He said Mardis helped him after the "It was hugely powerful. It

instantly changed our reality," Kabrich said. "I was wounded, and I know Paul was, too, but Paul came to my aid."

Both men, soldiers with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, were wounded and taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Mardis is the 63rd soldier from Fort Campbell to die in the war in Iraq. Five of the casualties were parties in Baghdad and with future

Special Forces soldiers and 58 were with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), according to post offi-

A native of Palmetto, Fla., Mardis was remembered Tuesday as a hero but known to his comrades as an "organizational fanatic," said Staff Sgt. Mark Conant.

Conant said Mardis reinvented the filing system for 5th Group's Company B, 3rd Battalion after discovering some old receipts tucked away in a filing cabinet. The receipts were from former "Green Berets," as 5th Group soldiers are known, and dated in the 1980s.

"He organized a bookkeeping system, and Paul would joke that he had an excessive, compulsive disorder," Conant said. "He always had an opinion and a better way of doing things.

Mardis joined the Army on Sept. 2, 1998, as an indirect fire infantryman. He was assigned to the 101st before becoming a Green Beret in 2001, which is fairly young for a soldier Mardis' age, according to

"For a 24-year-old, Paul got to see a lot. He worked with political

presidents and vice presidents of didn't quit."

Iraq," he said. Mardis is slated to receive posthumously a second Purple Heart. The decoration first was awarded to him after he was injured

last September in Iraq. "Paul knew the sacrifice," said Capt. Mark Ray, team commander. "What made Paul a true hero is that

despite the pain and challenge, he

Mardis is survived by his wife, Kacey, of Clarksville, Tenn., and two sisters.

Instead of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Paul Mardis Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1000, Coshocton, Ohio, 43812.

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Police investigating officer in small subway station explosion

NEW YORK (AP) — Police are investigating whether a backpack that exploded in a Times Square subway station was planted by the officer who

reported it, high-ranking police sources said. The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Joseph Rodriguez, 27, has had psychological problems that apparently stemmed from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. He

helped with the rescue efforts. Rodriguez was approved for a disability pension last week, and Tuesday, the day after the explosion, was to have been his last day on the job, the sources said.

Police spokesman Paul Browne responded to inquires about Rodriguez by saying, "We're investigating all aspects of the case."

The explosion at 8 p.m. Monday disrupted subway service. Rodriguez

was taken to a hospital, where he was treated for minor burns and released. Investigators at first said they believed fireworks caused the blast, but pieces of plastic pipe, traces of black powder and ball bearings were later discovered at the scene, indicating the backpack may have contained a pipe



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Military activation would strain sheriff's department

Daviess County Sheriff's Department already was short on deputies when three were notified that they could be called to active military

That has Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain, a former Marine who supports the military effort, worried about how his department might be affected if the deputies have to report for duty.

Cain said one deputy has a critical military specialty and will probably receive orders in the immediate future. The other two deputies likely will be called up within the next month, he said. All three are members of the same military unit. has said there are times when only

the commanding general, asking able to respond to calls during a

"I'm hoping that as they make the call-ups, (they realize) that while they have a mission overseas, we have a mission on the home front as well."

Cain said one officer already is on active duty and if he loses three more, that would be 20 percent of his work force.

In a recent series of forums, Cain and Daviess Fiscal Court members have said the sheriff's department is already in need of additional deputies to help cover the county. With deputies often required to transfer juvenile prisoners for court appearances, Cain "I have forwarded a letter to three or four deputies are avail-

The law prohibits companies from filling positions that are left open when a person is called to active military duty.

Other police organizations also have the potential to face similar circumstances, although some bigger departments can call on vol-

Lt. Colonel Carl Yates of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said there have been several deputies called up for service, although none has received notice "We've been working without

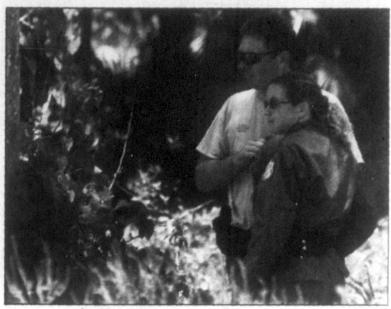
some deputies for two years now," Yates said. "The job function still has to continue.'

The Jefferson County department

for help, Yates said. The reserves are fully trained deputies who work without pay, he said.

Jamie Neal, public information officer for the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice training center in Richmond, said six trainees have been called up for military service since Sept. 11, 2001. Most have returned to complete their training, Neal said.

Daviess Judge-Executive Reid Haire said the potential call-ups will factor into a decision on a proposed occupational tax. Haire said the tax might raise enough money so that Cain could hire replacements who wouldn't have to be laid off when officers return from military service.



Two members of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commision search through a grassy area for a missing tiger last Tuesdayin Loxahatchee, Fla. Officers ended up shooting the

Death threats after tiger fiasco prompts warning

LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. (AP) — The wildlife agency responsible for the shooting death of an escaped 600-pound tiger has received so many death threats that employees are being urged not to wear their uniforms this week.

The unusual directive comes a week after a state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer shot Bobo the tiger after the big cat allegedly lunged at him following a 26-hour hunt for his cap-

The incident set off public outcry from people who are calling the shooting "murder," including the tiger's owner, former Tarzan actor Steve Sipek.

While the agency's law enforcement officers will continue to wear their uniforms, all other employees, from fishery experts to scientists, were told to wear street

"Law enforcement officers have Those biologists or field staff gations are completed.

for the commission.

Puz has fielded more than 600 e-mails and phone calls from people nationwide, and he estimates that up to 95 percent of that correspondence has criticized the agency's actions. At least five death threats have been made. including one Monday from a woman who said Puz should be

"She said someone should shoot you for defending the officer and lying to the public (and) that I should be hanging from a tree Puz said. One caller, who Puz said "really made me nervous. invoked the name of Claude Dallas, who became a folk hero of sorts after killing two wildlife officers 23 years ago.

The public response has been so virulent that the name of the 24-year-old officer who shot Bobe has not been released and will the ability to arrest somebody. not be available until the investi-

More than 800 attend WKRECC meeting

sons attended the 66th annual meeting of the West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, held Saturday, July 10, at Graves County Middle School.

Co-op President/CEO David Smart, in speaking to the members, said that 2003 was a very solid year for the cooperative. "We currently provide service to over 36,700 members in western Kentucky through 3,019 miles of distribution lines, and have a total plant, after depreciation, valued in excess of \$74 millions," he told the group.

He explained that the co-op is currently implementing a four-year work plan which calls for capital investments in excess of \$29 million. The new plan addresses areas of the system that need to be upgraded or replaced. The plan includes over \$5 million each for new construction, line conversions and pole replacements. It also includes over \$3 million each for new substations and substation upgrades, transformers and meters, as well as system

Smart said a new substation will be energized near Golo, to serve residents along Highway 80, Vanzora Road and Oak Level Road.

"One of the major expenses of your cooperative is right-of-way maintenance, for which approximately \$1.5 million is spent annually to trim and/or cut trees," he added.

"You should rest easy knowing that your electricity costs have remained level and competitive here at your cooperative for many years. We have not had an increase in our energy costs in over 10 years. Even with the TVA rate increases over the last decade, the cost of a kWh has risen much slower than the standard rate of inflation."

Other special guests at the meeting were outstanding students from counties served by WKRECC who recently received \$1,000 scholarships from the cooperative. Recognized were Jeremy Phillips, of Calloway County High School; Cody Yates, Carlisle County High School; Bryan Atkins, Graves County High School; Destiny Bryant, Marshall County High School; and Megan Parks, Marshall County High School. Recipients unable to attend the meeting were Brandy Watkins, Calloway County; Emily Solomon, Carlisle County, and Jose Gembe, Graves County.

Smart announced another way in which the cooperative supports its youth - the Washing-

ton Youth Tour, coordinated by WKRECC and KAEC. West Kentucky RECC supports two high school students by financing their trip to Washington, D.C. The program is open to all high school juniors whose parents are cooperative members. Lacey Lamb and Natalie Lyons from Calloway County were the winners this year.

During the business session, three director's seats were filled. Two of the incumbent board members, Ralph Edrington, representing Carlisle and Hickman Counties, and Dennis Barnes, representing Marshall and Livingston Counties, were re-elected by acclama-

The third incumbent, Ted Lovett of Calloway County, defeated Larry Crutcher who had run by petition for one of the Calloway County district seats.

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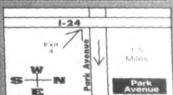
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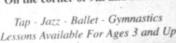




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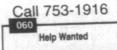
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Horoscopes HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 22, 2004: You are considerably happier beginning late September. But until then, you might be focused on money -- making it and spending it! The strength of your personality and magnetism come out from the fall on. You seem to always say the right thing at the right time. People gravitate toward you and work with you as well. You will expand your circle of friends this year. You also might buy a new car, computer or an item to make your daily life happier. If you are single, you will have to work to maintain that status. It is your call. You are very lovable. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from your positive attitude and happy ways. Court your sweet-

ie all over again. LIBRA brings out the best in you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

living in the moment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You experience a major mood swing later in the day. From Mr. or Ms. Work, you turn into a veritable party animal. Maybe not that wild, but you really do enjoy yourself and others. Use the occasion and your mood to socialize or, excuse me, network. Tonight: Keep the fun going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Realize that as much fun as you might be having, there is a major swing in your mood. Recognize that you have a lot to accomplish, and you will if you just settle in. The social Bull might need to close his or her door in order to get anything done. Tonight: Working late -- sorry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might start slowly, but once you get going, you are unstoppable. Think creatively. Brainstorm with others. You might be surprised by how much information you get. Return calls and schedule meetings. Tonight: Let go of your serious demeanor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to see through the obvious comes through. If you get an early start, you'll clear out a lot of work. As a result, you might have time to do something more enjoyable, whether it is socializing or hanging out. Tonight: Shop if you want, or treat another person to dinner.

The Sun moving into your sign today heralds a peri-

od of greater happiness and joy. You might even

feel the change in the air if you are sensitive.

Because of concerns about money, you suddenly

want to socialize the days away. Tonight: Celebrate

Use the morning hours for any key matters or events. You are at your best during this period. You need to or will want to slow down later in the day. Close your door and get work done. Be careful if you decide to take a catnap! Tonight: Pay bills.

you thought you couldn't handle now becomes a piece of cake. You notice that everything is manageable. Tackle an issue in the afternoon, and you will be delighted by the results. Tonight: You call the

more present. In fact, the time is right to grab the reins of power and tackle a job that needs to be done. Laugh and play along with a superior or

You feel the difference between going for it and getting where you want to be today. There is a sudden swing in your mood or in the air. You understand that success is eminent. Don't hold back. The time

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fly with the moment and be responsive to what comes forward. You discover that being a stronger leader, but also working with one other person, draws you into the limelight. Take charge this afternoon. You will make a difference. Tonight: You are

Work with one other person in the morning to complete a key task that could involve finances. You will see that someone close to you has important information. Reach out for the facts and expertise if

Go along with others, as the cards are stacked in their favor. Use this situation to your advantage. Find out what others are thinking. Refuse to make a judgment known, or refrain from making any judgement at all. Let others express who they are.

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at

by Jacqueline Bigar

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You suddenly feel renewed and recharged. What

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You choose to become a bit less esoteric and a lot

is now. Tonight: Celebrate with friends.

a force to be dealt with. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Tonight: Have dinner with a favorite person.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny Glover (1947), game-show host Alex Trebek (1940), musician Don Henley (1947)

someone in charge. Tonight: Catch up on sleep. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

need be. Tonight: Follow the music.

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Some central Kentucky residents serenading Bloom, the star of Bloom got a taste of Hollywood when director Cameron Crowe used the city to film some scenes from his latest movie, "Elizabethtown."

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Crowe did-

n't attract as

much atten-

tion as the

movie's

male lead,

Girls



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who was behind the wheel of a gray Mercury sedan that went up and down the street for multiple takes. "Wow, this is unbelievable!"

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love you, Orlando!" to the actor,



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Tamara Semones, a drama

teacher at Woodford County Middle

School, got an autograph and a

handwritten note from Crowe. whose father was raised in Powell Crowe wrote on a page of lined. notebook paper: "To the great

Semones said. The middle school served as a parking area for tractor-trailers

hauling movie equipment. School

Principal Stephanie Koontz and

"I'm going to frame it."

Tamara: What a pleasure to meet - Linerprise, the name of the daily you. Best of luck in your drama paper in Hizabethtown, And Woodford County High School

> Crowe's previous films include Maguire" (1996) and "Last Times at

counselor Patti Sebastian are paid Ridgemont High" (1982)

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repeatedly encouraged readers with challenging diseases to seek help from doctors in teaching hospitals



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Ву

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. No Dr. Peter Gott matter how dedicated

bright, a "local" doctor may not have had experience with certain complex diseases. Also, teaching centers are more likely to have stateof-the-art testing equipment, such as PET scans, that are not available in most smaller community hospitals. Finally, new treatment protocols are frequently being investigated in teaching hospitals, which could be a valuable added benefit.

You will note that in my columns I rarely advise referral to a teaching institution unless the local practitioner has thrown up his or her hands, put the patient off unnecessarily, or is unable to have access to complex therapies such as liver transplant, stem cell therapy, coronary artery bypass grafting and a host of other treatments.

I believe that the patient comes first and should not be denied appropriate health care because he or she lives in a rural area or has a doctor who is not inclined to ask for help.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You reported that a bar of soap placed, at bedtime, under the sheet by my legs would stop leg cramps. I tried the simple technique and it worked. Thank you for providing relief for an annoying symptom that I have

suffered for years DEAR READER: Since I published this treatment, courtesy of

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SO PUMF

DEAR DR. GOTT: You have another reader, I have received hundreds of letters from people, the vast majority of whom had success with this therapy. I don't know how or why it is an effective treatment for nocturnal leg cramps but I am not about to argue with positive results.

Thanks for the follow-up. DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 80 years old and for the past 10 years have noticed an ugly wart-like growth on my right cheek. My doctor has recommended its removal but, like most seniors, I've been

reluctant to have surgery. On an impulse, following your publicity about Vicks VapoRub curing nail fungus, I decided to try this remedy on my cheek. I applied the product twice a day. At the end of a week, I was astonished to see that the growth had virtually disappeared. This was several months ago and my face is still clear. No scar, nothing. Is my experience unique

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. This is a new one on me, so I am publishing this experience for other readers' interest. I haven't a clue why Vicks helped you, but, once again, let's not argue with success. However, I do recommend that you share your "cure" with your doctor just to make sure that the treatment is truly appropriate and not just covering up a slow-growing skin cancer.

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

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TO TAKE THE TAN SHORTS

TAN SKIRT, TAN AND BLACK

TOP ... AND IF I TAKE THE

TAN AND BLACK TOP, I HAVE

TO TAKE THE BLACK PANTS

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ENOUGH

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JACKET, I HAVE TO TAKE

THE FLOWERED SUNDRESS

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Therapists query about sex causes teen high anxiety

Most of the time we try to please

her by preparing something she

likes, like hot dogs or fried chicken.

Frankly, I'm sick of it. Would it be

rude to prepare something scrump-

tious like coconut shrimp with

orange sauce knowing that she

won't eat it, but everyone else will,

and tell her there are hot dogs in the

fridge and buns in the breadbox and

to just help herself? -- HAD IT IN

DEAR HAD IT: No more rude

than what she's doing to you. The

alternative would be to tell her in

advance what you will be serving so

she can opt out or bring her own

DEAR ABBY: Our son and his

wife keep a cold beer in the refriger-

ator for their 8-month-old baby.

They routinely give him "sips." To

me, this is abuse and a danger to our

grandson. To add to my dismay,

there is alcoholism on both sides of

They are determined not to listen

to me. Also, they are both heavy

drinkers, so there could be some

denial here. What more can be

done? Any suggestions? -- WOR-

DEAR WORRIED GRAND-

MA: Since you have spoken to your

son and daughter-in-law and they

have chosen to ignore your legiti-

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RIED GRANDMA

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a psychologist for three years about anxiety and the trauma of my parents' divorce. Every session has



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

In a recent session, my psychologist asked me how my sex life is. Mind you, I'm only 18.

still

felt very embarrassed and told him it was none of his business.

Was this appropriate, or do you think he was coming on to me? I look back and realize the position I was in if he was making advances. There is no receptionist in the office -- only he and I in the whole place. I'm concerned about going back Can you give me some insight? --CONCERNED IN MASSACHU-

CONCERNED: Considering the fact that you have been in an exclusive relationship for about a year, I'd say the question was legitimate. After three years of therapy, I would assume that by now you had established enough trust to confide just about anything.

Your therapist needs to know that you felt his question was out of line and made you uncomfortable. So, consider telling him that you might feel more at ease if he referred you to a female therapist.

DEAR ABBY: Some friends and gather for dinner and fellowship about twice a month. The problem is, one woman is a very finicky eater, and she turns up her nose when something is served and makes comments like, "That doesn't even look good -- what's in it?" The one we have heard all too often is, 'That doesn't even sound good.'

NOTHING!

HE'S OUT

WOMEN MOVE

LookingBack 10 years ago

Published is a picture of Mark Anderson, state fraternal coordinator of Woodmen of the World, handing boxes of boiled water to volunteers as a truck is loaded with donations for local churches and industries to send to flood victims in Georgia. The photo was by Staff Photographer Allison Milkman.

Births reported include a girl to Michael and Erin Schyck, July 14. New officers of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's

Club were Mary Wells, Barbara Aiken, Edwina Garrison and

Marjorie S. Dunn. 20 years ago

Published is a picture of the Murray State University Summer Community Band performing at an outdoor concert before rain forced the listeners inside. The band is made up of musicians and music educators from Western Kentucky. The photo was by Photographer Jennie Gordon.

Births reported include a boy to Desiree and David Hansard and a girl to Tammy and Kindred Paschall, July 14; a boy to Lexie and Owen Moore, July 15; a girl to Mayda and Donald Ragsdale, July

Shirley Martin, Gail Baust, Frances Brown and Jane Babb are new officers of Creative Arts Department of Murray Woman's

30 years ago

notrump.

Two bandits escaped undetected with \$6,300 from Storey's Food Giant in a daylight robbery of the store July 19. Murray Police said the two subjects, still at large, pretended

Your decision is crucial. If you

play the ten from force of habit, con-

sistent with the traditional principles

of sound defense, it costs you the

contract. South wins with the king,

takes a club finesse and makes four

Observe, however, that if you win

the opening diamond lead with the

ace and shift to the ten of spades, the

contract fails regardless of what

declarer does from this point on.

Eventually he loses three spades, a

diamond and a club, and goes down

It should not surprise you that if

you let South win the first diamond

trick with the king, he will make the

contract. While it is true that putting

up the diamond ace allows declarer

to score three diamond tricks instead

of one, those three tricks do not give

him the nine he needs to make the

contract. You should feel much more

concerned with finding a play that

defeats the contract than with finding

a play that stops declarer from mak-

To that end, you should launch an

ing three diamond tricks.

to use the telephone in the store and used a fly swatter to rake the money which was on a tray in the office.

Members of Dexter-Hardin Little League All-Stars are Joey Boggess, Tray Lovett, Kelvin York, Daron Ahart, Barry Morgan, Ron Thompson, Jeff Siress, Kerry Henderson, Kerry York, Russell Gore and Jeff Collins. Gene Thompson is coach and Jimmy Rutland is manager.

40 years ago James Armbruster, Bill Hart and Jimmy Hart, all of Boy Scout Troop 77, along with Dr. James C. Hart, were among the contingent of 97 Boy Scouts and leaders from Four Rivers Council that left July 11 by train from Fulton to attend the sixth annual Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Darnall, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Morris, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCallum and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat

50 years ago

Shelby Parker and Billy Smith were selected as queen and king respectively of the Calloway County Farm Bureau at the annual picnic at the Murray City Park. Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, and Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith, will both be seniors at Kirksey High School this

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Staff

The Murray State University Orchestra, directed by Richard W. Farrell, will present its final summer concert on the lawn in front of the fine arts building tonight at 6:30.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2004. There are 163

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, what's called the "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians. In 1861, the first Battle of Bull

Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory. In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park,

Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio. In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second

orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the "Liberty Bell Seven." In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon

American to rocket into a sub-

aboard the lunar module. In 1980, draft registration began

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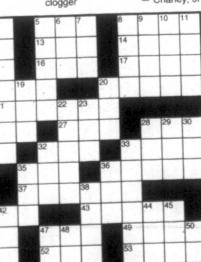
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Berry claws way back into hero biz

By DAVID GERMAIN AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - There's a new love in Halle Berry's life, and yes, it's one of those Hollywood romances between co-stars, The two met on the set of her latest movie, "Catwoman."

Berry describes her new guy as plump and pliable, with a bushy mane of orange hair. She calls him Play-doh.

The funny thing is, Berry never cared much for Play-doh's species before she met him.

"I used to be a dog person. I had dogs my whole life. And in making this movie, I learned to really respect and love cats from the research and work I did with them," Berry told The Associated Press in an interview to promote "Catwoman," adapted from the DC Comics character that originated in the "Batman" series.

That research involved taking home one of the roughly 60 cats the producers rescued from shelters to use in the movie, a longhaired feline seated to Berry's left in a "Catwoman" scene with costar Frances Conroy and a living room full of other cats.

Berry figured it was a temporary fling, a relationship of professional convenience. She would keep the tabby around only long enough to help hone her own feline mystique and capture the cat's movements and demeanor.

"I studied him very much thinking, I'm going to study him and give him back, but I fell so in love in like, one week, that I'm now a cat person," Berry said. "I couldn't imagine my life without

"I always thought they were majestic and beautiful and sexy and sleek. Mysterious. But I've always lived with people who had allergies to cats, so I never could entertain the idea of getting one, because I would have been living alone. And now that I do live alone, it's a great time to get a

Berry, who turns 36 next month, split last fall from singer Eric Benet, her husband of three years. Of her pending divorce, Berry said, "It's in the process," declining to say more.

Steady work has been a solace for Berry, who was lifted to Hollywood's A-list with her best-actress Academy Award for 2001's somber drama "Monster's Ball."

Last year, she reprised her role as superhero Storm in the blockbuster sequel "X2: X-Men United" and starred in the horror tale "Gothika," a modest box-office success. Those roles followed Berry's kick-butt turn as an American agent in the 2002 James Bond adventure "Die Another Day."

Berry just filmed the TV movie "Their Eyes Were Watching God," a drama based on the novel by Zora Neale Hurston. And she provides one of the voices for next year's animated sci-fi comedy "Robots," from the director of "Ice

This fall, Berry hopes to film another heavyweight drama, "October Squall," about a woman who chooses to raise a child resulting from her rape, though she's "torn between how she feels about this kid who reminds her of the worst day of her life and the man she loathes," Berry said.

The actress said she is determined to maintain a broad mix of roles, including a romantic comedy she's developing called "Nappily Ever After," about a woman who finds she must redefine her-



Halle Berry stars as Patience Philips, a graphic artist who is murdered and brought back to life as Catwoman, in Warner Bros. Pictures' action adventure "Catwoman."

self among acquaintances after cutting her long hair into a tight afro.

fall off into obscurity? It's like dridge" earned Berry an Emmy. they get the Oscar curse, and I Oscar curse hit me," Berry said. "Winning the Academy Award was just the beginning for me, for my career and all the fun and meaningful and deep and lighthearted on her own action lead, she said. things I want to play.

A former beauty queen, Berry worked as a model before breaking into acting with roles on TV's "Knots Landing" and in Spike Lee's "Jungle Fever" in 1991. Her later films included "The Flintstones," "Losing Isaiah" and "Bul-

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Berry said "Catwoman" was her was determined not to have the most physically challenging role. Playing in the "X-Men" ensemble and in a supporting role to Pierce Brosnan in the Bond flick provided good training before taking Catwoman was played by Eartha

Kitt and Julie Newmar in the 1960s TV series "Batman," by Lee Meriwether in the 1966 feature-film that show spawned, and by Michelle Pfeiffer in Tim Burton's 1992 sequel "Batman Returns."

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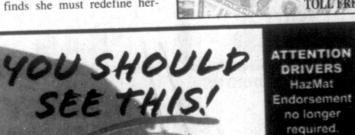
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