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Life House Center puts faith, funds toward new location

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Workers at the Life House Pregnancy Care Center are thankful to have a roof over their heads. They are, however, awfully excited about the prospects of leaving their current office in a cramped facility on Chestnut Street and gaining a much larger, more modern space near the George Weaks Community Center on Poplar Street.

If everything goes according to plan, Life House should be moving to its new home by early 2005.

"We're going in on this totally on faith. But, you know, when you're faith-based to begin with, that's the only way to go," said Life House's executive director Carmeleta Norvell, who said clients have been heard expressing their excitement, too.

"It is just so hard to shop for the baby clothes we have at the place we have now. All the baby clothes are in the kitchen. And the baby fur-

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— Carmeleta Norvell
Life House
Executive Director

niture? One of us has to always handle that because all of that is dumped in our basement and (clients) can't go down there, because of the stairs."

In the floor plan for the new location is a conference room, two counseling rooms, a large reception room, three bathrooms, a full-size kitchen and more than enough office and storage space to meet the needs

of both clients and the staff in a building that will measure 4,000 in square footage by the time it is completed. The current center contains 1,200 square feet.

"It's going to be so much better," said Norvell. "It's just the fact that we're going to be more accessible to our everybody, plus parking is a real issue at the place we're at now, so that's going to improve. Also, for our clients (from the Murray State University campus), this is going to help them, too. We've heard that people can actually see who walks over to our center and that's something that will be made better, too, with our new location."

Norvell said many local businesses have either made donations to the project or have given Life House discounts on products that will be used in the construction. She said several groups have made their intentions known that they plan to

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Warrant is issued for alleged shooting victim

By KRIS ADAMS
Staff Writer

A bench warrant has been issued for the arrest of a woman charged with several drug-related offenses after she failed to appear in Calloway Circuit Court Monday morning.

Cynthia Stracener was to appear in circuit court for multiple charges — first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, first-degree possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of anhydrous ammonia not in its proper container, possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, third-degree possession of a controlled substance (Xanax), attempt to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of a radio that receives police messages.

The charges stem from a March 2004 incident when police were called after Stracener, 44, was allegedly shot by her boyfriend. After seeing drug-related materials at their New Concord residence, police received a search warrant and later arrested Stracener, according to the Calloway County Sheriff's Department.

As a result of her failure to appear, the judge refused bond. She is believed to be in Biloxi, Miss.

Also in court Monday:

■ Annie Wyatt pleaded innocent on six charges, including two counts of solicitation of murder. The

charges stem from an undercover investigation earlier this year that revealed Wyatt allegedly had tried to hire someone to kill two law enforcement officers.

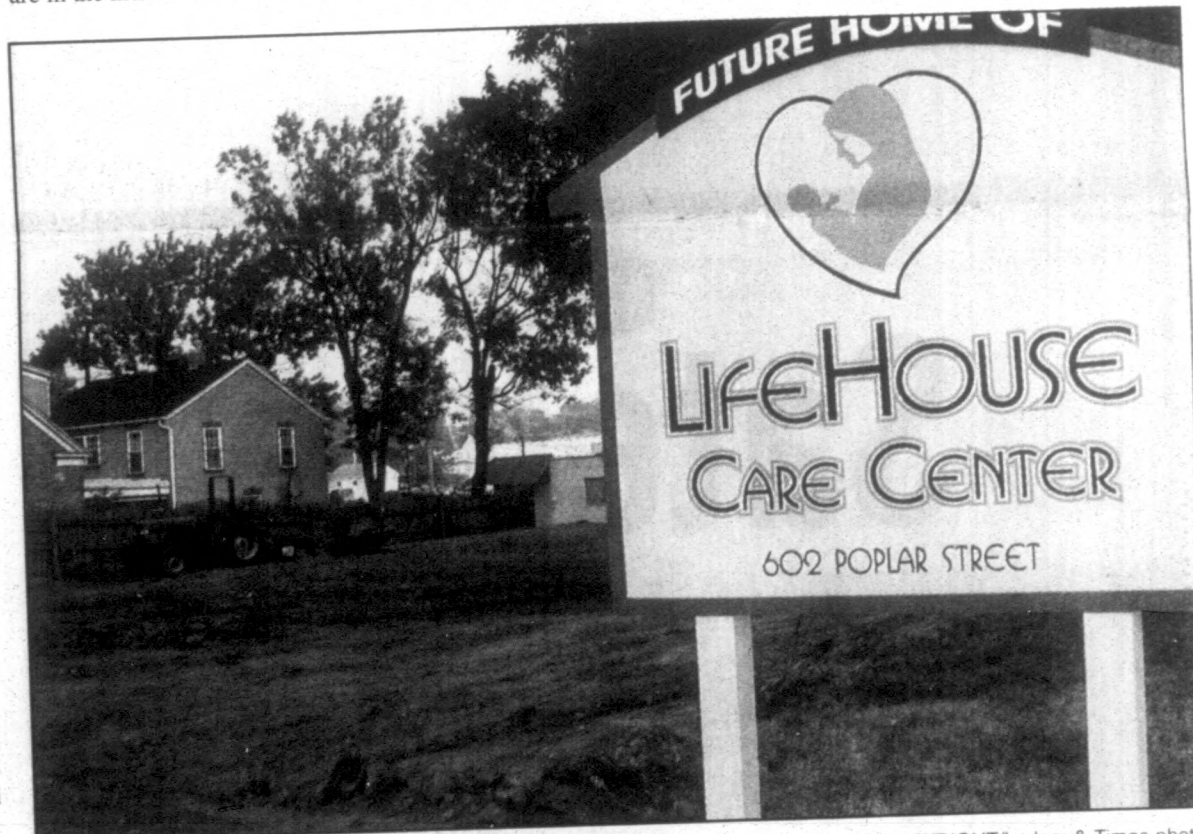
Wyatt, 65, of New Concord, was charged with two counts of solicitation to commit murder of a police officer, three counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance. A three-day trial date is expected to be set next month.

■ Christina Tremblay pleaded innocent to five charges, including kidnapping. Tremblay is accused of stealing a car with a 2-year-old boy inside and driving away from the Murray Ledger and Times office. She is also charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and theft by unlawful taking of more than \$300 and a second-degree evading police, a misdemeanor.

Tremblay is accused of leaving the newspaper's parking lot June 25 after a former classmate and newspaper carrier Cynthia Russell picked her up on South Fourth Street near Myers Lumber. Russell's son and 8-year-old daughter were in the vehicle when Russell went inside the newspaper office.

The daughter was able to get out of the car just before Tremblay drove off, police said. The 2-year-old

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JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Life House staffers hope to move into their new location on Poplar Street by the beginning of next year.

Former president says Kerry would 'rally the world'

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Energized by Bill and Hillary Clinton, Democrats castigated George W. Bush as a president who mishandled the economy and bungled the war on terror. John Kerry will "rally the world to our side," the former president said as the party turned to an aging liberal warrior and Kerry's outspoken wife to define the Massachusetts senator.

Day Two of the Democratic National Convention focuses on what Kerry's campaign describes as his lifetime of service, from a volunteer combat tour in Vietnam to more than two decades in political office.

The Navy veteran campaigned in Florida on Monday and was appearing in the Navy town of Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday, where he was calling for the Sept. 11 commission to



continue working past its scheduled end date of Aug. 26 to ensure recommended reforms are put in place.

President Bush may act within days on some of the commission's recommendations, a spokeswoman said, as the question of which candidate can best protect America continued to dominate the fight for the presidency.

In the absence of Kerry, who was to arrive Wednesday, Democrats were hearing from Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, the liberal icon whom Republicans love to link with Kerry; and the candidate's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, who drew attention this week by telling a reporter to "shove it."

Neither seemed likely to match the Clintons' overwhelming crowd appeal.

Introducing her husband Monday night as "the last great Democratic president," Mrs. Clinton revved up the packed convention hall by saying Kerry "will lead the world, not alienate it."

When the former president took the stage, delegates jumped up, screamed, applauded and waved placards. Even as he clearly enjoyed it, Clinton quickly turned the focus

to insisting that Kerry would be a good commander in chief.

"During the Vietnam War, many young men, including the current president, the vice president and me, could have gone to Vietnam and didn't. John Kerry came from a privileged background. He could have avoided going too, but instead, he said: Send me," Clinton said.

In keeping with the Democratic convention strategy of avoiding strong Bush-bashing, Clinton jabbed the Republicans sharply on the economy, tax cuts and corporate windfalls, while taking more subtle digs at the president himself.

Kerry has "a willingness to hear other views, even those who disagree with him," Clinton said. "John Kerry will make choices that reflect both conviction and common sense."

Sen. John Edwards watched the opening speeches at his home in North Carolina, resting a raspy voice and doing some last-minute polishing of the speech in which he will accept the party's vice presidential nomination Thursday, aides said.

The head of the largest union in the AFL-CIO created a minor stir when he told The Washington Post the labor movement is in crisis and might be more motivated to change if Kerry is not elected president. But Andy Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, quickly clarified his remarks, emphasizing Monday evening after the story appeared on the paper's Web site that he is committed to

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AP Photo

Former President Bill Clinton waves to the delegates after finishing his address during the Democratic National Convention at the FleetCenter in Boston Monday.

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Fletcher to appear on Leno tonight

By **JOE BIESK**
 Associated Press Writer
 FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) —



Fletcher



Leno

Calling it an opportunity to improve the state's image, Gov. Ernie Fletcher will appear on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, who earlier this month suggested a motto for the state could be "Kentucky: Got Teeth?"

Fletcher was previously considering an offer to appear on the "Late, Late Show with Craig Kilborn," on CBS. However, the governor could only do one show and settled on Leno partly because the NBC show has a larger audience and an earlier time slot, said Daniel Groves, Fletcher's chief of staff.

"We're very excited about it," Groves said in a phone interview. "I think this will be an excellent opportunity for the governor to

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show that he has a great sense of humor, but also talk about the great things in Kentucky."

Fletcher is scheduled to have a standing appearance on the show, but is not going to be a sit-down guest, Groves said. A spokesperson for Leno's show in California confirmed that and said Fletcher would be part of a comedy skit.

The governor was scheduled to fly to California at about 11:30 a.m. today, and be back in town by 7 a.m. Wednesday, Groves said. Fletcher wanted to be back for a Wednesday morning speech, Groves said.

Talks between the Fletcher administration and the Leno show started in mid-July after Kentucky's branding efforts became a punch line to one of the comedian's jokes, Groves said. The administration contacted the show after that episode, he said.

Meanwhile, the governor considered an appearance on the Kilborn show after the comedian also joked about the state's efforts to create a new image.

"We had to make a very difficult decision between them," Groves said.

Film star and Kentucky native Ashley Judd is also scheduled to be on the NBC program tonight.

"This is an opportunity to reach a large audience to let them know about what Kentucky's doing to promote our great state," Fletcher said Monday in a statement. "Hopefully, with Jay Leno's humor we can start the effort to improve Kentucky's image."

In a letter from Fletcher to Leno dated July 20, the governor touted some of Kentucky's assets such as the Kentucky Derby and the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. The governor also invited Leno to be his guest at the 2005 Derby.

Sheriff's Log

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A caller reported at 2:23 p.m. Monday she had medicine stolen from her at Wranglers. The complaint was referred to the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- EMS transported a man who wrecked while riding a bicycle at 7:45 p.m. Monday. He was laying in the road bleeding.
- A caller reported at 8:01 p.m. Monday a four-wheeler wrecked on Cooks Store Trail. EMS and Calloway County Fire and Rescue responded.
- A loud four-wheeler was reported at 11:31 p.m. Monday in a field near an Almo Road residence.

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

Utah woman got upsetting call before disappearance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The last day her co-workers saw her, Lori Hacking was heading home for the weekend after getting a phone call that left her stunned and sobbing. She never showed up at her office the following Monday.

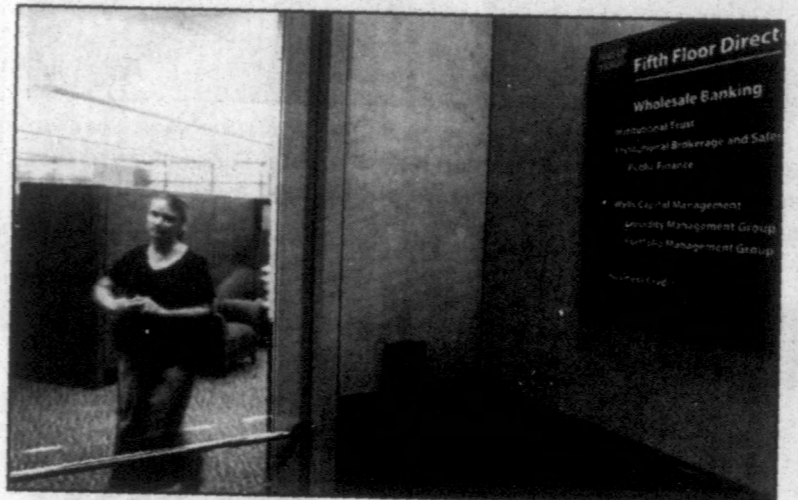
Several colleagues said Hacking had been arranging for on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina medical school and that they believe the school was returning a call to say her husband, Mark Hacking, was not enrolled there, as he had told her.

"She was visibly upset. She started to cry and got up to walk away," her supervisor, Randy Church, told The Associated Press on Monday. He said that when co-workers asked her what was wrong, she replied, "It's no big deal; I'm OK. But I think I will go home."

At the time of her disappearance, the couple were packing to move to North Carolina. But after she vanished, police and family members learned that besides lying about being accepted to medical school, Mark Hacking had not even graduated from college.

Lori Hacking left work early after receiving the call Friday afternoon, July 16. Mark Hacking reported his wife's disappearance the following Monday. She is now feared dead, and her husband has become the focus of the police investigation.

Police returned with cadaver dogs overnight to search a landfill, this morning, Hacking family spokesman Scott Dunaway said the search by volunteers would be called off for now but would resume later with specialized teams.



Amy Lathrop, a Wells Fargo bank employee, leaves the office Monday where Lori Hacking worked in Salt Lake City.

Life House ...

From Front

assist with the construction as well. "We were told by our contractor (Sam Underwood) that if we had to pay for everything, then it would've cost us \$300,000. With the donations we've received so far, we're going to build it for around \$100,000," she said. "We have secured a construction loan, just in case, but we're going with the idea that God will make it happen for us."

"We've been fundraising for several months now, trying to get the word out, and it's just been phenomenal how people have responded." One method Norvell hopes resonates with residents is a drive where private contributions can help pay the cost, one brick at a time. Life House is selling one square of brick (between 30 and 40 squares will cover the project) for \$285. Other funds, though, are sure to come from the baby bottle campaign Life House conducted in Murray and Calloway County between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

With at least three churches' contributions still unknown, the drive had accumulated nearly \$22,843.38 Monday. The amount beats its biggest campaign by around \$6,000.

Court ...

From Front

was found unharmed on the side of

the road near Coldwater by a passerby not long after the kidnapping was reported.

Richard Matt Imes, a funeral director at Imes-Miller Funeral Home, pleaded innocent to two charges — fraudulent insurance acts more than \$300 and second-degree forgery. Imes was arrested April 5 and faces charges for allegedly changing a pre-paid funeral plan to a 10-year monthly payment plan after a client paid up front and in full for the \$4,420 plan, according to the Kentucky State Police.

Court officials are looking into the whereabouts of Maurice Thorpe

after he failed to appear in court Monday. Thorpe is charged with first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance (cocaine) second offense, first-degree fleeing and evading police (on foot), driving 17 miles per hour greater than the speed limit, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and having no operator's license.

Authorities believe Thorpe may be lodged in the Fulton County jail. No warrant was issued for his arrest pending the determination of his whereabouts.

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Kerry's wife has no reservations about speaking her mind



Heinz Kerry

BOSTON (AP) — Teresa Heinz Kerry was somewhat reluctant to see her husband run for president, and she misses the days she could attend church or walk through a park alone. Not being able to speak her mind, though, isn't a problem.

"I always say what I think," Heinz Kerry told "The Morning Show" in an inter-

view aired today on CBS. "I don't go out and say it willy-nilly for its own sake, but if called upon I do."

Heinz Kerry felt the call on the eve of the Democratic National Convention when she confronted a journalist and told him to "shove it" for asking her to explain further her comments to Pennsylvania delegates.

"If someone is really attacking your honor or trying to really be dishonest, really, to try to get you, I think most Americans, most people would say, you know, defend yourself. And that's what I did," she told CBS.

Heinz Kerry will get to speak her mind to millions tonight in a convention address focusing on "the issues that are

the work of her life," including the environment, health care and economic security, according to senior adviser Marla Romash.

While presumed nominee John Kerry has read his wife's approximately 15-minute speech, Heinz Kerry hastened to point out that she wrote it herself.

Many of state's delegates are 'first-timers' to convention

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Most of Kentucky's delegation to the national Democratic convention in Boston this week are convention rookies, making their first trip to their party's national showcase.

More than 61 percent, including state Democratic Party chairman Bill Garmer, said they had never served as a delegate to their party's national convention, according to a survey conducted by The Associated Press.

"There are people here who have had a great interest in politics, who have not been involved in the process," Garmer said in a telephone interview Monday. "They have brought with them a new enthusiasm and new energy to the party."

First-time delegates account for at least 35 of Kentucky's 57-member convention delegation, according to the survey. That's attributed to a more competitive delegate selection process this year that allowed more people a chance, Garmer said.

"We tried very, very hard to have an open state convention, to have an open process for people — whoever they were — to be able to vie to be a delegate," Garmer said. "Many of the people who were first-timers took advantage of that."

While many may not be hardened political convention veterans, more than 73 percent of the 52 who provided their age are adults over age 35. And more than 55 percent of that group are older than age 45, while about 27 percent are between ages 18-34.

Bill Londrigan, a Democratic delegate attending his second convention as a delegate, said he thought that was a good showing for younger Democrats. Londrigan, also president of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, said he thought it seemed like there were more younger people at this convention than in previous years.

The new faces should be attributed to the "re-energizing" of Kentucky's Democratic Party, said Keisha Carter, a first-time delegate from Lexington. Carter, 25, said the new faces should also help improve diversity in the party and the state.

The Democratic Party needs to continue attracting not just new faces, but younger ones too, Carter said.

"A lot more people are wanting to get involved and be a part of the process from the ground up," Carter said.

Kentucky's delegation headed into the convention with the state of the economy at the top of their list of important issues before the next president, according to the survey.

When asked to rank issues facing the next president, Kentucky's Democratic delegates 86 percent of the time chose jobs and the economy in the top three. Delegates also ranked the economy as the most pressing issue facing the next president 38.6 percent of the time.

Beyond the economy, delegates ranked health care in the top three 68 percent of the time, followed by education.

No delegates ranked crime or taxes in the top three issues.

However, that's not necessarily because those issues aren't important, Garmer said. Rather, it's because there are many important issues facing the next president, he said.

Londrigan said he considered the top two issues as the economy and the Iraq war.

"We've got a terrible economy right now and people are aware of that," Londrigan said. "People are having a hard time finding jobs with decent pay."

More than 70 percent of delegates favored abortion rights for women. About 26 percent said they favored same-sex marriages, compared with the approximately 30 percent who opposed the idea.



AP Photo

Former President Bill Clinton speaks to delegates during the Democratic National Convention at the FleetCenter in Boston Monday.

Clinton ...

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helping Kerry win.

Republicans, in town to combat the Democrats' message, aimed to contrast what they called Clinton's more centrist policies with Kerry's more leftist record in the Senate. And they clearly reveled in Clinton's deft touch with the crowd.

"It's going to be difficult for Kerry to wrest control of these folks from the thrall of Bill Clinton," veteran GOP strategist Rich Galen said.

Former Vice President Al Gore urged Democrats to "fully and completely" channel their anger over the

bitter Florida recount, which decided the 2000 election in Bush's favor, and send Kerry to the White House.

The former vice president drew repeated ovations from delegates at the FleetCenter, particularly when he drew his wife Tipper into a briefer version of the kiss they shared at the convention four years ago in Los Angeles.

Pre-convention polls show Kerry tied or slightly ahead of Bush, although the same surveys show the president with a clear advantage over his challenger in handling the war on terror.

The first national political convention since Sept. 11, 2001, was

influenced by the terror attacks in ways both big and small. In a ceremony of remembrance, the hall went nearly dark but for small flashlights held aloft as the strains of "Amazing Grace" floated across the arena from the violin of a 16-year-old musician.

Outside, the extraordinarily tight security continued, with armed officers standing guard along a seven-foot-tall metal security fence that ringed the convention complex.

Police responded to numerous reports of unattended or suspicious packages, including one left in a restroom at the FleetCenter. All were found to be harmless.

Protests were scattered, but celebrities were abundant.

Hip-hop stars Wyclef Jean, Reverend Run and Lloyd Banks attended a voter registration event sponsored by music mogul Russell Simmons. Actor Ben Affleck was inside the hall, and John Cusack and Alec Baldwin circulated at receptions.

Bush, meanwhile, stayed out of the public eye at his Texas ranch, where he went mountain bike riding. At one point he fell on a steep descent and wound up with a cut knee.

The president hopped up and continued his ride.



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— Saint Augustine

In late July, twilight is a special time. Though it is still hot, the days grow subtly shorter. Vacation time is coming to a close; soon school will start.

Years ago at this hour in summer, children played Red Rover, Giant Steps or Hide-and-Seek. In the last gasp of daylight, cries of "Home free" echoed through the neighborhood against a counterpoint of kids being summoned home by the sing-song calls of their mothers.



Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Ledger & Times Columnist

These days, kids stay inside in air-conditioned rooms. Outside, they ride motorized bikes, tote cell phones, surf the streets on stainless steel scooters with the sinister name, Razor. The Blackberries they relish are handheld devices that deliver email anywhere, any time. Some of them carry credit cards. With all the trappings of maturity and none of the experience, they mirror grown-up behavior. They are branded, a target market.

Scary. Tonight at dusk, I am outside a turn-of-the-century farmhouse in northern Illinois. In the waning light, the greens are especially verdant, the whirring chorus of insects insistent as a distant mob. Sunset splashes across the horizon in waves of peach and pewter. In the field where I stand, one bird calls to another. It is a lonely cry until it is returned.

I am here to walk a labyrinth, an ancient circular design that has been found on every continent, and has been part of many religious traditions around the world. This labyrinth has been mowed into an open field studded with prairie grass and Queen Anne's Lace. The stakes designating the entrance are marked with fuchsia ribbons that flutter with every breeze. In the midst of nature's colors, the banners are flirty and inviting.

Susan, the woman facilitating the group, explains the difference between a labyrinth and a maze. Mazes, with dead ends and deliber-

ately confusing pathways, are rife with riddles. Laboratory rats are treated to rewards when they master a maze. That is not the sort of exercise we are here for.

A labyrinth has one path in, one path out. The circular design is based on sacred geometry that symbolizes the relationship of parts to the whole. The principle of interconnectedness is a reminder of our connection to the universe. While the concept of the labyrinth is cosmic, the process is simple.

"If you put one foot in front of the other," Susan assures us, "you get to where you're going."

Before we enter the labyrinth, we are encouraged to think metaphorically, to pose a question to ourselves as we walk in, and stay in a contemplative mode so we are open to answers. I walk the labyrinth with the group that night, but am too distracted to listen to my inner voice.

The next day I find myself out there again, this time alone.

Today's papers are filled with news of the 9/11 commission. It is only a matter of time, the headlines declare, until another tragedy strikes. The trail of missed opportunities, of threats overlooked and ignored, led to an incomprehensible disaster.

There would have been no commission, no intensive evaluation of the events leading up to 9/11 and the responses on that day, had it not been for a group of women whose husbands died in the World Trade Center on September 11. Tagged "the Jersey Girls" by the media, they fought their way through a maze of denial to get answers. Every time their efforts were rebuffed, they put their collective foot down.

Perhaps that is the lesson of the labyrinth for today. Move ahead, take the next step, don't be afraid. Who knows what can be achieved when a small group of women on a mission are devoted, dedicated and tenacious?

For more information on labyrinths, log on to www.gracecathedral.org. Information about the "Jersey Girls" is online at www.furnitureforthepeople.com. An interview with the women can be heard on www.wbur.org, a National Public Radio member station.

Read Main Street online at www.murrayledger.com. Contact the columnist directly at constancealexander@charter.net.

OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,
Sport fishing is very important to the state of Kentucky. It is important for Kentucky's tourist industry, the state's economy and to the fishing participant.

The introduction of the hybrid striped bass has put a stop to the great number of crappie and white bass species that we used to catch. The hybrids are enormous eaters. They can grow to be 30 to 40 pounds. They did not get that way by eating minnows.

We can do nothing to change what has already been done. They have already been stocked in great numbers in most of our lakes. Luckily, they do not reproduce. But they will have to be caught or die off.

As I am 79 years old, it looks like I am out of luck of ever seeing the return of the great fishing we once enjoyed in our beautiful Kentucky lakes. Perhaps, if we pay heed now, future generations will see our native fish return to the greater numbers that we once enjoyed.

Sincerely,
Willie Morris
Murray, Ky.

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Are political conventions necessary?

As the Democratic Convention begins this week, followed by the Republicans' in September, journalists who are bored with the scripted



Voice of Democracy
By Howard Dean
Syndicated Columnist

proceedings will write opinion pieces about behind-the-scenes dealings which may or may not be going on and will raise questions about why conventions are even newsworthy.

Since 1968, conventions have been lackluster precisely because the choices of nominees are far more likely to be made by voters in either party than they are by backroom deals. This is a huge step forward, but it is also ancient history for most political reporters and for a great deal of the voting public.

A huge reform coming out of 1968 was the requirement, at least

for the Democrats, that delegations reflect the diversity of the electorate, but we now take that for granted as well.

So we are stuck with institutions that are boring because they have outlived their purpose, which was to cement backroom deals. I have some suggestions to make them more relevant:

First the process is still too closed. While Independents can vote in a few primaries, they ought to be able to vote in all primaries, choosing between the Republican and Democratic primaries in each state, but not, of course, voting in both. The effect will be to get a nominee who can appeal to the largest group of American voters, those who identify with neither party.

Second, we ought to use instant runoff voting first in primaries. Instant runoff voting asks people to rank candidates in order of preference.

In elections where there are multiple candidates, winners frequently emerge with vote totals in the 20-40 percent range. Being allowed to

specify a second choice if your candidate does not finish in the top two will consolidate the vote and build consensus.

Instant runoff voting will also narrow the field quickly. The jury will not be out until after November, of course, but I think the accelerated primary system in 2004 made a lot of voters in states after Super Tuesday feel like their votes did not matter.

Having instant runoff voting instead of the accelerated primary system would not subject voters to the steady drumbeat of weekly primaries where there is little time for voters to get to know the candidates. Yet, we could still have an early nominee, who would have time to unify the parties after the primary.

There are many other good reforms we should enact. Public financing of campaigns, which has worked so well in Maine and Arizona, should be applied nationally. Spending limits per candidate, which as of this writing would likely require a constitutional amendment, ought to be put in place.

What would happen if all these changes and more were made? We would still need the conventions, but they would be used for networking, for talking to interest groups, for electing officers, and yes, for formally nominating the president and vice president. This way the television networks could stop complaining, and cover just the acceptance speeches, as long as they gave the rest of the time they would have spent on the conventions to the candidates of both parties later in the fall. After all, the last time I checked, the airwaves belong to the people of the United States.

It's time we got a real return on what we own.

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Setting the record straight on HB 97

FRANKFORT - During the 2004 Regular Session earlier this year, an important piece of legislation - House Bill 97 - was passed that, first, closed a damaging loophole in



Legislative Update
By State Rep. Buddy Buckingham

our state's laws regulating the sale of cigarettes and, second, will prevent the loss of millions of dollars for Kentucky taxpayers.

In 1998, the major tobacco companies made a deal with the states to provide billions of dollars during the next 25 years in exchange for not

being sued by the states. While this has worked well, there was a provision that gives smaller tobacco companies a chance to effectively skirt much of the settlement, enabling them to sell their product at a cheaper price and denying the states money that is rightfully theirs.

Most of the companies taking advantage of this loophole are importers of cheap cigarettes, which are attractive to our young people. I know that some of those companies have criticized me and other lawmakers, and spread misinformation about this important law.

I want to set the record straight.

Because of the loophole, Kentucky was losing over \$20 million per year in payments directly to the state and in payments to our tobacco farmers. These funds have been used not only to support agriculture in our state, but also to support important health related initiatives, including many programs targeting the physical and mental health of our youngest citizens. That ranges from immunizations to newborn hearing screening.

In addition, these tobacco-settlement funds sponsored the state's efforts to prevent and treat drug abuse and to provide for smoking cessation programs and lung cancer research at both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. A significant amount of these funds also helps assure health care for people who may have high cost conditions that keep them from being able to afford health insurance.

Kentucky has joined 33 other states in passing this legislation, which was the number one initiative of the National Association of Attorneys General, and our own state Attorney general.

Contrary to what people may have been told, this legislation will not cost Kentucky jobs, but protect jobs in our state, and all the programs which I mentioned above that have saved lives and protected the quality of life we enjoy here in



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the commonwealth. I realize that the importers and sellers of these cheap, mostly foreign-made cigarettes will seek to distort and misrepresent this issue, but be assured this law was not passed until the facts could be documented. We are all better off with its passage.

If you would like to let me know what you think about this or any

other issue affecting the state, please contact me at my Frankfort office. The address is Room 3291, Capitol Annex, 700 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601. You can also leave a message, toll-free, at 800-372-7181 or, for the deaf or hard-of-hearing, 800-896-0305. The Spanish line is 877-864-0202. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Rachel Dulaney Caddas

Rachel Dulaney Caddas, 41, Lexington, died Sunday, July 18, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Bluegrass Parkway. Survivors include her husband, Bill Buckman, and one son, Noah Buckman, both of Lexington; her parents, Bette and Chester Caddas, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Clover Cotham, all of Murray; one sister, Mrs. Lynn Matasci, Santa Maria, Calif.; one brother, Chris Caddas, Columbus, Ohio; five nephews, Jacob Caddas, Murray, Andy Caddas, Columbus, and Matt, Justin and Joe Matasci, all of Santa Maria, Calif.

The funeral was Thursday, July 22, at Mary Queen of Rosary Church, Lexington. Burial was in the Lexington Cemetery.

Milward Funeral Directors of Lexington were in charge of arrangements.

Woodrow Wilkinson

Woodrow Wilkinson, 93, Winter Haven, Fla., died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at his home.

Born Sept. 14, 1921, in Calloway County, Ky., he was the son of the late Tom and Jennie Wilkinson.

His wife, Teresa Wilkinson, one son, Jimmy Wilkinson, two sisters and three brothers all preceded him in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Deicken, and three grandchildren, all of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Verma Wicker, Murray, Ky.; one brother, T.J. Wilkinson, Ferndale, Mich.; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Saturday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Crisp-Coon Funeral Home, Winter Haven, Fla. Burial was in the Lakeside Memorial Park, Winter Haven.

William Almond (Patch) Donegan

A memorial service for William Almond (Patch) Donegan will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at New Salem Baptist Church.

Byrn Funeral Home of Mayfield is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation is scheduled.

Mr. Donegan, 63, Lynnville area of Graves County, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Arbor Place Nursing Home, Puryear, Tenn.

A retired carpenter, he was an Army veteran and a member of a Church of Christ.

One son, Scott Wilson Donegan, and one sister both preceded him in death. He was the son of the late

Almond H. Donegan and Willie Mae Brown Donegan.

Survivors include his former wife, Mrs. Martha Lou Donegan Allen, Calloway County; three daughters, Mrs. Teresa Hawks and husband, Henry, Dukedom, Mrs. Billie Damesworth and husband, Kenneth, Murray, and Mrs. Shammie Donegan, Paducah; one sister, Mrs. Judy Steele, and one brother, Freddie Donegan, both of Memphis, Tenn.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Freed Egyptian diplomat returns to work

By PAUL GARWOOD

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—A senior Egyptian diplomat returned to work Tuesday a day after being released by militants, while a Baghdad mortar barrage killed an Iraqi garbage collector and injured 14 coalition soldiers. Gunmen also killed a hospital official south of the capital.

The release of Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, the third ranking diplomat at the Egyptian mission here, came as two different militant groups threatened to kill four new foreign hostages in an increasingly audacious wave of kidnappings in Iraq. A third group threatened attacks to cut off the highway between Jordan and Baghdad, a key supply route for the U.S. military.

As Qutb arrived at the Egyptian Embassy in Mansour, northwest of Baghdad, he thanked "all the people concerned in securing his release."

"Thanks to God, we are going to perform our work at the embassy, there is no problem," Qutb told reporters.

Four or five mortars were fired early Tuesday toward Baghdad's so-called Green Zone, the site of Iraq's interim government and the U.S. and British embassies, the U.S. military said.

One mortar hit the Salhiya district, just outside the Green Zone, killing an Iraqi garbage collector and injuring another, according to an Associated Press Television News cameraman at the scene.

"This poor guy was just doing his job and he has been killed by a mortar ... intended for the coalition," local resident Muthana Joma Hassoun told APTN.

A military spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said mortar fire injured 14 soldiers, but their nationalities, the exact location of the attack and the seriousness of their wounds were not immediately clear.

South of Baghdad, gunmen assassinated the assistant director of Mahmoudiya Hospital, the hospital's chief said Tuesday.



U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Staff Sgt. Rufus Beamon watches a U.S. supply convoy pass by on a highway in Baqouba, Iraq, Monday. Several convoys have been struck with roadside bombs in the area in recent months.

Dr. Qassem el-Obaidi was shot dead by assailants in a car as he was driving home from work late Monday, said the hospital's director, Dr. Daoud al-Ta'i. Mahmoudiya is about 25 miles south of Baghdad.

The violence has deeply hampered efforts to rebuild Iraq and made countries reluctant to send troops to assist the new government.

In the southern city of Basra, about 50 armed members of fire-brand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's personal militia snatched about 20 people Monday during raids against people selling and drinking alcohol, police said. The detainees were later handed over to police. During the raids, militiamen dragged men out of their houses and smashed cartons of canned drinks, apparently beer, Al-Arabiya TV

showed in broadcast footage. The Egyptian diplomat's kidnappers said they had seized him to deter his country from giving security aid to Iraq. An Egyptian official in Cairo said no ransom was paid, and the kidnappers released Qutb after realizing Egypt was not sending troops.

When asked by reporters outside his embassy Tuesday how he was treated by the militants, Qutb said: "The treatment was very good. They set me free."

The group, The Lions of Allah Brigade, said it freed Qutb because he was a religious man and had good morals, according to a statement sent to Al-Jazeera TV.

Another group, the Islamic Army in Iraq, announced it had kidnapped two Pakistanis and passed a death

sentence against them, partly because of Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's statements about possibly sending troops to Iraq. The group did not say when it would kill the men, identified by Pakistan as engineer Raja Azad, 49, and driver Sajad Naem, 29.

Separately, a group calling itself the Mujahideen Corps announced it was holding two Jordanian drivers and threatened to kill the men in 72 hours unless their Jordanian company stops cooperating with U.S. forces and stops working here.

The video showed the two, identified as Fayed Saad al-Udwan and Ahmed Salama Hassan, seated on the floor, while six masked militants, carrying a variety of weapons including a sword, stood behind them.

Bush discusses Sept. 11 commission recommendations

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush met Monday via videoconference with his task force reviewing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations, and contemplates acting within days on some of them, White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said.

She would not say which of the more than 40 recommendations Bush was likely to adopt or if he would make his own proposals, and it was unclear if he will make any

announcements on the matter this week as the Democratic National Convention is under way in Boston.

The president said he was reading the report and found it "interesting."

"It reads like a mystery, a novel. It's well written," Bush told The Associated Press in a brief interview



Bush

just outside his home in Crawford. Asked what he was gleaming from the report, he said, "I'm gleaming that was a well-thought-out plot by the enemy."

"We've got work to do," he said, adding that the nation is "safe but not safe enough."

He declined to offer an opinion of the commission's recommendations, or when he would act.

"The president thinks that his most important obligation is to protect the American people ... and he will be governed by doing what's

best and doing what's right and by acting as quickly as possible," Buchanan said. "If there's something we can do to protect the American people, it isn't going to wait."

The White House is studying which of the panel's proposals would improve domestic security, which can be implemented by executive order and which require congressional approval. White House chief of staff Andrew Card has been assigned to undertake a speedy high-level review of the proposals with Cabinet members and others.

MCCH Blood Bank plans bloods drives for August

The Blood Bank at Murray-Calloway County Hospital will have four blood drives open to the community during the month of August.

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Blood Bank will host a Blood Drive at First Christian Church in from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 8 and at First Baptist Church from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11. The MCCH Blood Bank will also be seeking blood donations on Wednesday, August 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church and again on Wednesday, August 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at New Harmony Church. Anyone in the community is welcome to come and give at any

of these church blood drives in Murray.

The MCCH Blood Bank will have an employee blood drive for Briggs & Stratton employees on Aug. 3-4.

It takes less than an hour to make a blood donation and donations of all blood types are greatly needed.

A blood donor must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 with parental consent), be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds and pass the brief physical and health history exams given prior to donation.

To make an appointment to donate blood or to find out where the next blood bank will be, contact the Blood Bank at 270-762-1119.

Locals participate in Governor's Scholars Program

Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced 1,000 exceptional high school juniors have attended this year's Governor's Scholars Program for five weeks in June and July, which will wrap up this week.

Attendees from Calloway County include Lacey Brooke Lamb and Hillary Rae Lowe from Calloway County High School and Elizabeth Anne Bogal-Allbritten and Alison Farhat Rashid from Murray High School.

"This is an outstanding educational opportunity for these young people," Fletcher said. "By participating in this remarkable program, they will have a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and discover different points of view while interacting with other students from across the commonwealth. They will be exposed to new disciplines and create life-long memories. Glenna joins me to congratulate these young Kentuckians, and their parents, who have been chosen to share in this exciting program."

Students from public and private schools who competed to participate in the program represent 118 of Kentucky's 120 counties.



Murray furniture business owner retires

Forty-seven years ago, Robert and Nell Wiggins opened a retail furniture store on North Fourth Street in Murray. In 1958, they built and opened a new store on U.S. 641 N.

They enjoyed a successful, growing business for many, many years. In 1998, Robert passed away. Nell has managed the store since that time and has enjoyed continuing success. She has decided to give it up.

"Oh, it won't be easy not going to work every day," Nell said. "But, for some reason, I don't get around like I used to. I'm going to travel some and spend more time with my family."

"I love you all — my friends and customers — and I want to sincerely thank you for a wonderful and successful 47 years in business in Murray-Calloway County."

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Hospital offers program to help smokers quit

Center for Health & Wellness of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer the Cooper-Clayton method to stop smoking starting Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will continue each Tuesday for 13 weeks.



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

This program will be facilitated by health care professionals specially training in evaluating individual smoking patterns, introducing behavior modification techniques, leading group discussions and minimizing relapse.

Pre-registration is required and there is a \$10 fee, to cover the cost of the book. To register call the center at 762-1348 or the Calloway Health Department at 753-3381.

This course is being offered by Calloway County and Mayfield branches of the Purchase District Health Department, Purchase AHEC, and MCCCH Center.

MES Council to meet

Murray Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet in closed session for hiring of personnel on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the school, according to Janet Caldwell, principal.

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 T-shirts. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. All players, families, friends and supporters of Tiger football are encouraged to attend.

East Calloway plans registration

East Calloway Elementary School will have "Back to School Night" tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents or guardians may return completed student registration packets, receive homeroom assignments and meet the teachers. All students and teachers are encouraged to attend.

CCHS announces special fee days

Calloway County High School students for the 2004-2005 school year may pick up their schedules and pay fees as follows: Seniors, today; Juniors, Wednesday; Sophomores, Thursday; and Freshmen and new students, Friday. Schedules may be picked up in the main office at CCCHS from 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. on each of these days. All offices will be closed from 11 a.m. to noon for lunch.

'Back to School Blast' today

The "Back to School Blast" will be held Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at Fifth and Maple Streets, Murray. The event is open to any Calloway or Murray school student. Income verification is required to receive socks, underwear, haircut vouchers and school supplies. For more information contact the Family Resource or Youth Service Centers at 762-7333, 759-9592, 762-7390 or 762-7365.

M.A.G.I.C. group plans breakfast

M.A.G.I.C. (Mature Adults Growing In Christ) of First Baptist Church will have a breakfast Thursday at Hardin. The group will meet at 7:15 a.m. in the church parking lot and leave at 7:30 a.m. in the church vans. If possible make reservations before noon Wednesday by calling 753-1854.

Murray Singles will meet tonight

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. For information call Helen at 436-5642, Vicki at 753-3128 or Laverne at 753-0181.

Al-Anon meeting is tonight

Al-Anon will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Please enter from the southside rear door located near the playground. The only requirement is that there be a problem of alcoholism or addiction in a relative or friend.

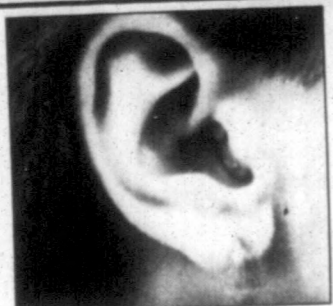
Alzheimer's group plans meeting

Alzheimer's Support group for discussion will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For information call Cindy Ragsdale, LSW at 762-1108.

Breast Cancer group will meet

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Health and Wellness. This is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. For more information call Evelyn Wallis at 489-2462.

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Engagements



Adams and Crouch

Frankie and Kelly Adams of Dexter announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley Ann Adams, to Derek Lynn Crouch, son of Steve and Dana Crouch of Farmington.

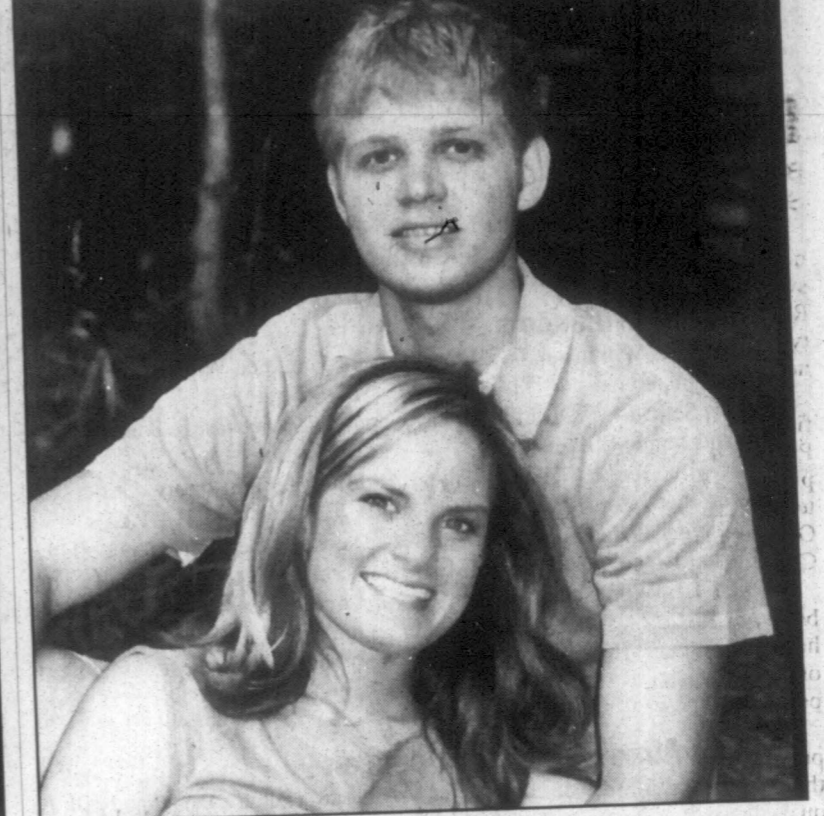
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Johnny and Wanda Keeling of Benton and Alma Adams and the late Olean Adams of Dexter.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Reda Adams of Murray, the late Theron and Hilda Crouch and the late Hugh Adams.

Ms. Adams is a 2000 graduate of Calloway County High School and a 2004 graduate of Murray State University with a degree in agribusiness. She is also a member of Alpha Zeta honorary agriculture fraternity. She is employed by Briggs and Stratton.

Mr. Crouch is a 1999 graduate of Calloway County High School and a 2002 graduate of West Kentucky Technical College's Diesel Technology program. He is employed by Fleetwood Homes and as a farmer.

The wedding will be Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. at the residence of the bride-elect's parents, 3452 Redbud Rd., Dexter. All relatives and friends are invited.



Johnson and Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Johnson of Owensboro announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Johnson, to Michael David Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Murray.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Charles D. Johnson of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Owensboro.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Williams of Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cunningham of Dexter.

The wedding will be Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at Hardin Baptist Church, Hardin.

Public library gets new series of books

I believe Beelzebub's decided that motherhood might not be so bad after all. She's pretty much adopted Onesie, even to the point of letting her sleep on Beelzebub's own afghan. (The old blue one that Beloved made for me back before we were married. It's nice and warm, but now it's ninety percent polyester and ten percent cat hair.)



Library News
By Ben Graves
Calloway County Public Library Director

Thursday, we packed Onesie up in the cat carrier to make her first visit to the vet. Beelzebub watched as we walked out the door with her, just like we've walked out with all the other kittens on their way to new homes.

We got back from the vet's to find her curled up in the middle of the bed, with the most miserable look I've ever seen. I mean, I didn't know a cat could look that sad.

We let Onesie out of the carrier onto the bed and the big one jumped to meet her. They burst into licking and grooming each other, both of them purring loud enough to burst. Love is where you find it, I guess.

So is confusion. We were watching the little guys using the children's computers last week when we noticed that one of them was having a problem. He'd shake his head now and then, sit real still and listen close to his headphones and then shake his

head some more. It turned out that his headphones were plugged into the wrong computer. He was at the circus with Barney, but he was hearing the sound of his preschool neighbor feeding shoes to a Saint Bernard. I reckon it would have confused me too.

Alexander Kent's been writing sea stories for more than 35 years. We've just gotten the entire Richard Bolitho series. Is it good? Try this: The year is 1772. Richard Bolitho's a 16-year-old midshipman who's been in the royal navy since he was 12.

He's the third in command of a sloop of war. It's a navy ship that the Algerian Corsairs had captured. Bolitho was part of the crew that took it back.

Both of the senior lieutenants are out of action. That puts Bolitho on the deck as the senior officer and acting captain.

The pirate's frigate is Bolitho's sloop. Bolitho's about the size of baseballs prisoners.

The pirates are coming on hot and heavy. Bolitho steers the sloop towards the reef, full speed ahead with all the canvas she can carry. They load up two of the popguns on the afterdeck and slide through a passage in the rocks that's barely wider than the boat is.

As they cut across the frigate's bow, the six-pounders shred a couple of the sails causing the frigate to veer off course. It smacks into the reef and rips a hole the size of a dining room table. The pirates go down like a rock a mile offshore and the sharks finish the lob.

Yeah, that's how we do things in the royal navy.

"We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there."

— Charles F. Kettering

Birth Announcements

Cody Todd Mason

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mason of Hazel are the parents of a son, Cody Todd Mason, born on Friday, July 9, 2004, at 6:19 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed nine pounds five ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother is the former Jana Moore, formerly of Union City, Tenn.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Carla White of Hazel and Randy and Janet Mason of Mayfield.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Linda Moore of Union City, Tenn.

Makenna Lynn Perkins

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Robert Perkins of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Makenna Lynn Perkins, born on Sunday, June 20, 2004, at 3:38 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed six pounds nine ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. The mother is the former Penny Roberts.

Grandparents are George and Brenda Roberts of Murray and Bobby and Jouella Perkins of Clinton.

Great-grandparents are Sue Cash, Mayfield, Robbie Bucy, Murray, and Charles and Ann Perkins of Mayfield.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at courthouse

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Murray courthouse parking lot at 101 South Fifth Street on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Larry Doyle, Calloway County Red Cross Blood Drives chairman.

Doyle said "the Nashville Regional Blood Bank of the Red Cross has a critical need for all types of blood (our Red Cross blood supply). Because of summer activities, donations are 70 percent below normal and the supply at the blood bank is less than one and one-half day."

All blood supplies given to humans in life saving procedures have been donated by volunteer donors. Only five percent in a community healthy, eligible donors ever give blood, according to Doyle.

To be eligible to give blood, a donor must be healthy, at least 17 years old (no upper age limit), weigh at least 110 pounds, not have given blood in the last 56 days, and show Red Cross donors card, picture ID or two of any other forms of identification. A health review will be conducted by the staff to determine eligibility to give blood.

Refreshments will be served, plus give away items and donors may register to win free Wynonna Judd concert tickets. Plus, a special drawing will be made for an autographed CD of Wynonna's "What the World Need Now is Love" to be given to a donor.

Doyle urges persons to save lives by donating blood and recruiting more blood donors.

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Middle of the Pack

Racers picked fifth out of nine teams at Monday's Ohio Valley Conference Media Day

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With a new quarterback and several unanswered questions, the Murray State Racers may be the unknown entity of the Ohio Valley Conference heading into the 2004 season.

But that seems to sit well with fifth-year MSU head coach Joe Pannunzio, whose Racers were picked to finish fifth in the nine-team league field during Monday's OVC media day activities at The Coliseum.

"Hopefully, we'll be like a stealth bomber," said Pannunzio, who hopes his team will surprise OVC observers a year after a disappointing 4-8 finish.

The Racers had their share of problems last fall. Chief among them was an injury to veteran quarterback Stewart Childress, which forced inexperienced left-hander Stephen Hatchell onto the field for much of the 2003 campaign.

Without Childress for the first time in his head coaching career and with Hatchell's offseason transfer to Campbellsville, Pannunzio is back to square one with a brand-new signal caller.

But despite his lack of experience at the Division I-AA level, Pannunzio is confident junior-college transfer Adam Fisher can help return the Racers to the heights of their 2002 OVC championship season.

"We think he's going to be a leader and a guy who can orchestrate our offense," claimed Pannunzio of the 6-foot-2, 200-pound Fisher, who transferred to MSU during the offseason from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

"I really like the way Adam carries his self. The kids really gravitate toward him. ... He's a winner, and he's got a great attitude. That's really going to help both him and us."

Behind Fisher is even more inexperience with the likes of red-shirt freshman Ryne Salyer and sophomore Justin Gaines, a transfer from Louisiana Tech.

Also on the depth chart is freshman Geoff Nixon, a prep star who played at highly-touted Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport, La. However, the 6-1, 205-pound prospect doesn't project to get much playing time.

OVC Preseason Poll

The following is a look at the predicted order of finish for the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference football season, as selected by league head coaches and sports information directors.

1. Eastern Kentucky (10)*	121
2. Jacksonville State (8)*	119
3. Samford	91
4. Southeast Missouri	73
5. Murray State	70
6. Tennessee State	67
7. Eastern Illinois	56
8. Tennessee Tech	36
9. Tennessee-Martin	19

* Denotes number of first-place votes.

With so much inexperience at QB, the Racers may have to rely on a trio of veteran tailbacks and an experienced offensive line that took its lumps last season while trying to replace a senior-laden front five that led the program to a conference title the before.

"The one thing I underestimated was how long it would take our offensive line to gel," Pannunzio explained. "You don't just replace five guys that quickly."

Murray will also be looking for a play-maker among its receiving corps after losing All-OVC wide-out Deandre Green.

"We're not as good at receiver," said Pannunzio. "We don't have that one dominant guy, but our depth may be better there. We just have to find the guy that's going to be a dominant receiver."

The Racers should be solid defensively with All-OVC preseason picks Marcus White and Laroni Gallishaw leading the way up front and in the secondary, respectively. The unit should also get a lift from new coordinator Dennis Therrell, a former Army coach who replaces the departed Mike Vite.

"The new (defensive) scheme should be better," Pannunzio noted. "Dennis Therrell really has a lot of confidence in himself, and he's a discipline guy. ... The kids have really gravitated toward him."

The Racers will likely need all of those components to leapfrog four other contenders who expect to challenge for league supremacy.

Leading the pack is perennial I-AA powerhouse Eastern Kentucky, which is projected to win the OVC crown after finishing second in 2002 to champion Jacksonville State, which went 7-1 during its inaugural season in the



Murray State head football coach Joe Pannunzio listens to a reporter's question during Monday's OVC media day activities at The Coliseum in Nashville, Tenn. The Racers are picked to finish fifth in the nine-team OVC in 2004.

seven contests to finish as runners-up behind the Gamecocks.

The Colonels, who went 7-5 under first-year head coach Danny Hope in 2003, appear to be at the head of the OVC class with 15 starters and 38 lettermen returning.

Hope, who replaced legendary ECU coach Roy Kidd before last season, had a rough beginning to his head coaching career as the Colonels got off to a 1-4 start. But Eastern won six of its last

offensive unit.

Meanwhile, Jacksonville State head coach Jack Crowe has seen his squad quickly go from the hunter to the hunted after winning a championship in its first OVC season — losing only to the Racers in league play last fall.

The Gamecocks, picked second in the preseason poll, will look to become the conference's first repeat champion since Tennessee State in 1998 and 1999.

However, Crowe doesn't see his team as the only challenger for the 2004 title.

"I think there are five teams that can win this thing," he said. "One of them is going to emerge as dominant."

Also picked ahead of the Racers were Samford and Southeast Missouri State, Tennessee State, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin round out the field.

Colonels clip defending champ as Valley favorite

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Danny Hope proved he could pick up where Roy Kidd left off, and that's why Eastern Kentucky again finds itself as the preseason favorite in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Colonels edged defending champion Jacksonville State by two points in voting Monday as the league's preseason choice to win the title with 10 first-place votes and 121 total points from coaches and sports information directors.



Hope

Hope said he was surprised by the results.

"I thought everyone was voting for Jacksonville State. That's who I voted for. I've heard a rumor that coach Jack Crowe lobbied around to get us picked first to get the monkey off his back," Hope said.

Jacksonville State, which won the OVC title last year in its first season in the league, finished second with eight first-place votes and 119 points. The Gamecocks won last season's title by one game over Eastern Kentucky.

Samford was voted to finish third followed by Southeast Missouri, Murray State, Tennessee State, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin.

The Colonels didn't look like they'd be a challenge after losing four of their first five games on the road, including a 49-14 loss

at Jacksonville State.

But Hope settled down his squad, and they finished by winning six of seven games in their first season without Kidd, who retired as the third winningest coach in NCAA football.

"Anytime you replace someone who's been there 39 years, there's a lot of changes, a lot of things people on the outside aren't aware of, even coaches and the administration and the support staff. It was a transition period," Hope said.

Helping Hope and the Colonels this year is the return of 15 starters led by All-OVC quarterback Matt Guice who threw for 2,266 yards in a wide-open passing attack. Guice also has one of his favorite receivers back in senior Andre Ralston.

Crow has 12 starters back as Jacksonville State tries to defend its title, and how successful the Gamecocks are may be decided Sept. 25 when they visit Eastern Kentucky.

Samford surprised the league last season by finishing third after being picked to finish eighth in its first year in the OVC. Bill Gray has 14 starters back led by OVC offensive player of the year Efre Hill who led the nation with 126.1 yards receiving per game with quarterback Ray Nelson.

Tim Billings will be spending the season filling in as defensive coordinator for Damon Bradford who is in Iraq after his Guard unit was activated. The Indians, who switch to the nickname "Redhawks" next spring, have 14 starters back hoping to avoid the 0-5 start of

last season.

Murray State went 4-8 in 2003 after winning the 2002 OVC title. It won't get any easier with four-year starter Stewart Childress gone, but junior college transfer Adam Fisher will try to replace him at quarterback.

Coach James Reese has 14 starters back ready to build on a 7-5 record at Tennessee State. That includes Charles Anthony who set a single-season record with 1,708 yards last season, and junior Bryson Rossier gives the Tigers a proven veteran at quarterback for the first time in years.

Improving on a 4-8 record could be tough for Eastern Illinois. Coach Bob Spoo must replace a trio of linebackers, including 2002 OVC Defensive Player of the Year Nick Ricks.

Coach Mike Hennigan no longer has to handle athletic director duties at Tennessee Tech, and he is trying to improve on a 2-9 record. He will have two extra home games to help along with 17 returning starters led by quarterback Robert Craft.

Tennessee-Martin snapped a 43-game league losing skid by beating Tennessee Tech in overtime last year. Now second-year coach Matt Griffin has 19 starters looking for the school's first winning record since 1993.

White, Gallishaw represent Racers on OVC preseason all-conference team

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eastern Kentucky led all schools with six players selected to the 2004 Preseason All-OVC football team in voting by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors.

Twenty-one players who earned either first or second-team All-OVC honors a year ago were among the 26 selected to the squad. Samford and Southeast Missouri State placed four players apiece on the preseason team, while Jacksonville State and Tennessee State each put three on the list.

Leading the offensive unit is Samford senior quarterback Ray Nelson, who led the league in passing (250.8 yards per game) and total offense (285.5 ypg.) in 2003.

Making the team at running back were Tennessee State's Charles Anthony, who ran for a



All-OVC Preseason Team

Offense			Defense		
Player	Pos.	Yr.	Player	Pos.	Yr.
Ray Nelson, SU	QB	Sr.	Chad Dewberry, ECU	DL	Sr.
Charles Anthony, TSU	RB	So.	Paul Thomas, TSU	DL	Sr.
C.J. Hudson, ECU	RB	Sr.	Marcus White, MSU	DL	Sr.
Efre Hill, SU*	WR	Sr.	Marcus Loric, EIU*	DL	Sr.
Andre Ralston, ECU*	WR	Jr.	Justin Rivers, ECU*	DL	Sr.
Ray Goodson, SEMO	TE	Sr.	James Dumervil, TSU*	LB	Sr.
Dan Bieg, SEMO	OL	Sr.	Jonathan Crutcher, JSU*	LB	Sr.
Dan Connolly, SEMO*	OL	Sr.	Cortland Finnegan, SU*	DB	Jr.
Will Heineman, ECU*	OL	Jr.	Brandon Shelby, TTU	DB	Sr.
Frank Omyale, TTU	OL	Sr.	Laroni Gallishaw, MSU	DB	Sr.
John Pettus, JSU	OL	Sr.	Russell Gambrell, UT-M	DB	Jr.
Derek Kutz, SEMO*	PK	Sr.	Chad McMahen, UT-M	DB	Jr.
Allen Evans, ECU	RET	Sr.	Richie Rhodes, JSU*	P	Sr.
Cortland Finnegan, SU*	RET	Jr.			

*1st team All-OVC in 2003

#2nd team All-OVC in 2003

conference-high 1,708 yards last fall, and Eastern Kentucky's C.J. Hudson.

At wide receiver, Samford senior and 2003 OVC Offensive Player of the Year Efre Hill (92 catches, 1,387 yards, 15 TDs) and Eastern Kentucky junior Andre Ralston (59-1,082 yds., 9 TDs) were two of 12 unanimous choices, as was SEMO senior tight end Ray Goodson (66-623, 3 TDs). On the offensive line, John Pettus of Jacksonville State joins four players who earned all-league accolades a year ago.

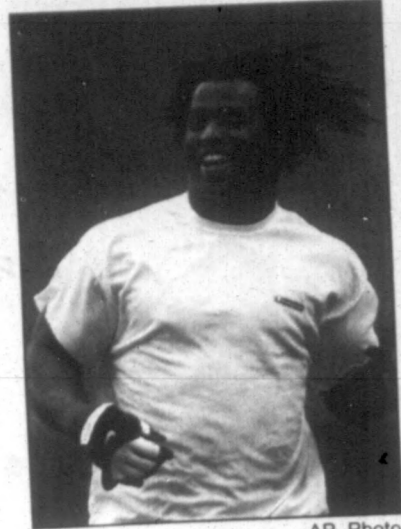
Nine of the 12 players on the defensive side received All-OVC honors last season, including Samford junior and 2003 Defensive Player of the Year Cortland Finnegan, who was an all-con-

ference selection at both defensive back and kick returner.

Eastern Illinois senior Marcus Loric joins three first-team all-league performers on the defensive line, while Eastern Kentucky senior Justin Rivers heads a trio off All-OVC linebackers after claiming first-team honors last fall. Finnegan and Murray State senior Laroni Gallishaw are the only returning all-conference members in the secondary.

Each of the four players chosen to the special teams unit received all-league recognition in 2003. Joining Finnegan on the squad are SEMO senior place-kicker Derek Kutz, Jacksonville State senior punter Richie Rhodes and Eastern Kentucky senior kick returner Allen Evans.

Murray State University's Marcus White, left, and Laroni Gallishaw were the only two Racers named to Monday's Ohio Valley Conference Media Day preseason all-conference team. Gallishaw, along with Cortland Finnegan of Samford are the only returning all-conference members in the secondary.



AP Photo

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner and 1999 number one draft pick, Ricky Williams, warms up before the pre-season game against the New York Jets Saturday, July 29, 2000, in East Rutherford, N.J. Williams who was drafted by the New Orleans Saints before being traded to the Miami Dolphins, announced his retirement the Miami Herald reported, Sunday.

In retirement, Williams still on the go

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Columnist

Over a five-day span, Ricky Williams flew from the Bahamas to Miami to Hawaii to Tokyo to Los Angeles.

That's a lot of bad meals and a lot of time to think.

A pounding runner on the field, Williams is bolting into the blue sky, feeling freer than ever at 36,000 feet and wherever he lands. He's not sure of his next stop and doesn't really care.

Talking to his agent shortly after arriving in California on Monday, the peripatetic and erstwhile running back for the Miami Dolphins mentioned he might visit Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

On the way, he might want to pause at Walden Pond and brush up on the writings of another famous dropout from the conventions of society, Henry David Thoreau. People thought he was an odd duck, too.

A young man leaving behind wealth and adulation to search for truth and worldly experience is a story as old as the Buddha.

Now it's the story of Ricky Williams, a 27-year-old former Heisman Trophy winner whose journey to the East or West or wherever his heart and whimsy take him has left the Dolphins feeling puzzled and betrayed. He might not choose the path of an ascetic, but in the money-grubbing world of sports he's surely taking the road less traveled.

"Why do people have to be judgmental about this," Williams told Miami Herald columnist Dan Le Batard by phone from Asia late Sunday night. "I'm going in search of the truth. Everything I'm doing in my life is about finding the truth. Football isn't part of the truth for me anymore."

Many fans couldn't understand why Williams abandoned the team a week before training camp or why he gave up more than \$5 million a year — \$3.6 million in salary this season plus \$1.5 million in incentives — at the peak of his career. He already has enough money, he said, and making millions more wasn't a priority for him.

"I've been poor before," he said.

Narrow-minded folks, like Miami guard Seth McKinney, call him selfish. Cynics suggest he flipped or smoked too much pot. But none of those people really knows Williams or understands him.

Williams doesn't owe the Dolphins or their fans anything. In fact, they owe him thanks for leaving when he felt he no longer had his heart in the game. He could have stayed around, collected his paychecks, and given an indifferent effort. That wasn't his style.

Sure the Dolphins would have liked to have known sooner, to find someone to replace him, but Williams wasn't certain of his decision until last week.

"Anyone who thinks he's selfish, they should see his foundation and see him around kids in Austin," Mack Brown, his former coach at Texas, said.

Brown, who speaks frequently with Williams, said early retirement has been on his mind for a long time.

Two UK football players suspended

Abren, Schumm will not play in any games of the Wildcats this fall, pending the outcome of court cases, according to head coach Rick Brooks

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Two Kentucky football players have been suspended from game competition for their arrests in separate incidents, coach Rick Brooks said Monday.

Ricky Abren, a redshirt freshman nose tackle from Hopkinsville, and Ryan Schumm, a walk-on redshirt freshman linebacker from Crestwood, won't play in any games, pending the outcome of court cases, Brooks said. Kentucky's season opener is Sept. 5 at Louisville.

Abren was arrested in his hometown of Hopkinsville Friday afternoon. Abren ran a stop sign and was pulled over by police, said Paul Ray, a spokesman for the Hopkinsville Police Department.

Abren was charged with a felony charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and three misdemeanors: marijuana possession, operating on a suspended driver's license and possession of a suspended license, Ray said.

Schumm was arrested after a July 10 fight in Oldham County, during which his teammate, cornerback Bo Smith, suffered a frac-

WKU player suspended after arrest; also had been dismissed from UK

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — Deion Holts, a former Kentucky linebacker who transferred to Western Kentucky as a walk-on, has been suspended indefinitely following a burglary arrest. Holts, 20, was arrested July 20 and charged with third-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking over \$300. He was lodged in the Logan County Jail before being released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. His arraignment was set for Aug. 18 in Logan District Court.

According to a statement from Russellville Police Department, the Rolling Hills Golf Course was burglarized on July 18. When officers checked what they described as a suspicious vehicle driven by a Bowling Green woman, they found golf clubs and bags worth approximately \$3,500 in the trunk. Holts was later arrested in connection with the golf course burglary.

"Deion has been suspended indefinitely pending the outcome of the case," coach David Elson said in a statement. "We have a system of discipline in our program — one that is kept in-house — which will apply in this situation."

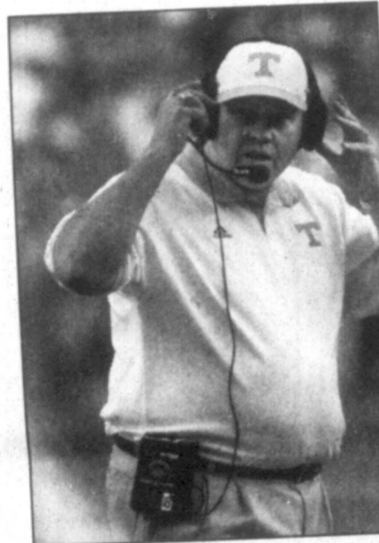
There was no home telephone listing for Holts in Bowling Green.

Holts, who played high school football at Warren County Central, was dismissed from the Kentucky team in March for a violation of team rules.

In 2002, he had been selected to the Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team.

tured skull and a broken orbital bone, according to Oldham County Police Detective Kevin Nuss. Schumm was charged with first-degree assault after allegedly hitting Tyy Owens, 20, of Pewee Valley, in the head with his feet and hands. Owens' jaw was broken in two places, Nuss said.

"We have a high level of expectation that all players represent themselves and this university in a positive manner," Brooks said in a prepared statement. "Any time we get a report to the contrary we take it very seriously. We will continue to monitor these situations closely."



Fulmer lashes out against 'legal circus'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer lashed out at attorneys in Alabama on Monday, saying he will not attend this week's Southeastern Conference media days because of the "legal circus" they have caused.

Attorneys representing a former Crimson Tide assistant coach have accused Fulmer of conspiring with the NCAA in bringing down the Alabama football program by speaking to an NCAA investigator four years ago. Alabama was placed on five years probation in

2002 after the NCAA uncovered recruiting violations that included payments to players from boosters.

"I am not attending media days because of the legal circus that has been created by an isolated group of attorneys. They want to hijack media days for their own benefit, but I am not going to allow that to happen," Fulmer said in a statement. "This day is for the players. They should be center stage instead of this small group of lawyers who intend on attacking the integrity of the NCAA's enforcement process."

University President John Petersen and athletic director Mike Hamilton defended their decision to protect Fulmer from an onslaught of media attention in Birmingham and the threat of being served a subpoena.

"I would say what we have done is risen to the occasion given the circumstances. I don't think this is tucking and running. I think this is saying that we're here to do what is right. Phillip Fulmer did what was right, what he was ethically bound to do," Hamilton said.

AP Photo

Tennessee head coach Phil Fulmer lashed out at attorneys in Alabama on Monday, saying he will not attend this week's Southeastern Conference media days because of the "legal circus" they have caused.

Womack sparks St. Louis to rainy win

CINCINNATI (AP) — Anytime a game comes down to one clutch hit, the St. Louis Cardinals seem to get it.

Tony Womack singled with the bases loaded in the 11th inning Monday night, sparking a four-run rally for a 9-6 victory over the fading Cincinnati Reds.

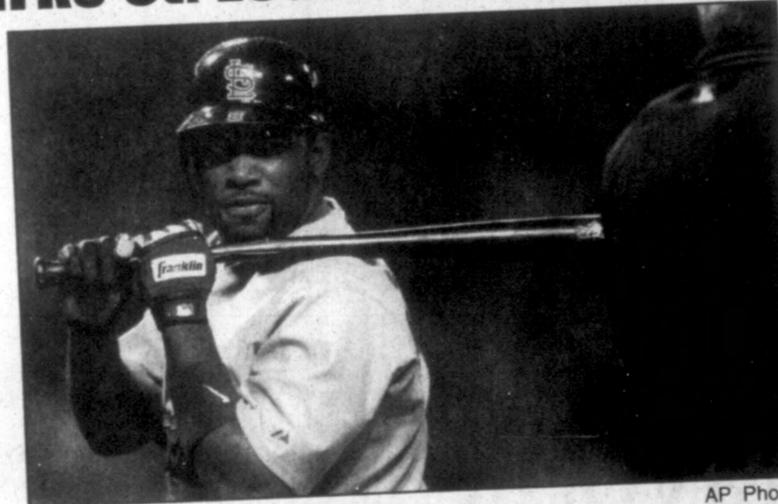
St. Louis came from behind twice to send it to extra innings, then sent nine batters to the plate in the 11th to hold onto its 10-game lead in the NL Central and the best overall record in the majors.

"It's whoever had the last hero," manager Tony La Russa said.

This time, it was Womack, who didn't start the game and was in a 2-for-34 slump when he singled off John Riedling to snap a 5-all tie.

"I've been confident even without getting hits," Womack said.

The Reds lost their sixth in a row — not the way they wanted to start a homestand that could



AP Photo

St. Louis Cardinals batter Marlon Anderson looks back at home plate umpire Mike Winters after Anderson was ejected for arguing a called third strike in the eighth inning against the Cincinnati Reds, Monday in Cincinnati.

very well determine their season. They blew a pair of leads and fell to .500 for the first time since May 13.

Much of the damage has been inflicted by the Cardinals, who have won nine of 11 against the Reds this season.

"They've got a great team," first baseman Sean Casey said.

UT-Martin losing co-head basketball coaches

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — Gary and Kim Van Atta announced their resignation Monday as co-head coaches of the women's basketball team at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The two have accepted jobs at Mount Juliet High

School (in Wilson County), their alma mater. They were co-head coaches for eight years and their teams compiled a record of 105-122.

A national search will begin to hire a new coach.

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Los Angeles	58	40	.592	—	Texas	56	41	.577
San Diego	55	44	.556	3 1/2	Oakland	54	44	.551
San Francisco	48	46	.545	4 1/2	Anaheim	52	47	.525
Colorado	42	57	.424	16 1/2	Seattle	38	60	.388
Arizona	32	69	.317	27 1/2				

Monday's Games

Montreal 19, N.Y. Mets 10
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2
Florida 11, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 6, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 4, Houston 1
Los Angeles 9, Colorado 7
San Diego 3, San Francisco 2

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Glavine 7-6) at Montreal (Day 5-9), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Byrd 2-3) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 4-6) at Florida (Pavano 10-4), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Marquis 10-4) at Cincinnati (Lidle 6-8), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Maddux 9-7) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Ed.Gonzalez 0-2) at Houston (Oswalt 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Oz.Perez 4-3) at Colorado (Cook 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 12-3) at San Diego (D.Wells 6-5), 9:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Boston 12, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5, 10 innings
Detroit 13, Cleveland 4
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 6, Anaheim 1
Oakland 14, Seattle 5

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 6-6) at Baltimore (Lopez 8-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-0) at Toronto (Lilly 7-7), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 5-5) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 7-10) at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 2-3), 6:15 p.m.
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060 Help Wanted

NOTICE
 The City of Murray has the following job opportunity:

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Description of Duties: Performance of welding for the installation and maintenance of natural gas piping

Department: Natural Gas Division of Public Works

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Itching can be a challenge

DEAR DR. GOTT: About seven years ago my forehead started itching. This spread to my ankles, legs, arms and onto my neck. One dermatologist said it was contact dermatitis. Two others said it was dry skin and prescribed prednisone. This medicine did not help and I have now taken allergy shots for 14 months. No improvement. Would you have any idea what my problem could be?

DEAR READER: Itching can be a maddeningly difficult symptom to treat, and the cause can be a real medical challenge to diagnose. Almost any skin inflammation — including contact dermatitis (an allergic skin reaction) and scabies (infection with the itch mite) — can lead to chronic itching that can be cured with appropriate creams or lotions.

Because your dermatologists seem unable to agree on your diagnosis, I recommend that you self-refer to a dermatology clinic at a teaching hospital, where super-specialists delight in difficult cases. In my opinion, you need an examination and further testing in such a diagnostic clinic.

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I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you tell me what respiratory acidosis is?

DEAR READER: Carbon dioxide acts like a weak acid in the body. When too much is present, a person is said to have respiratory acidosis. This is diagnosed by blood tests. Excess carbon dioxide can build up acutely (from asphyxiation, pneumonia or heart failure), or it can be present for years in patients with chronic lung disorders such as emphysema.

Acute respiratory acidosis causes an increase in the breathing rate as the body attempts to expel the redundant gas. As the underlying condition is corrected, the acidosis vanishes.

Chronic respiratory acidosis by itself rarely causes problems because the body can adapt to it. Patients with chronic pulmonary diseases are short of breath primarily because they are unable to absorb enough oxygen. As a result, doctors are less concerned about chronic respiratory acidosis than they are about increasing the amount of oxygen that such patients need.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have very ugly, blotchy areas of swollen veins on both thighs. How can these be treated?

DEAR READER: Known as "starburst" veins, these blood vessels in the skin swell and dilate due to the aging process. Although unsightly, they are harmless. Plastic surgeons are skilled at removing them, either with laser therapy or cosmetic surgery.

In my experience, starbursts tend to run in families, as do varicose veins, to which they are related. To my knowledge, there is no preventive and no compelling medical reason to have them treated.

Hostess's rush to clean up may not be what it appears

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Former Houseguest," who complained about his hostess rushing into the bathroom and scrubbing it every morning after he and his fiancée had showered.

When I was a newlywed, I was an insecure hostess and overly concerned about what my guests might think of the state of my house. Perhaps she was trying to impress upon them that she was a careful homemaker. Her rushing in to clean the bathroom may have nothing to do with her not wanting them there. — BEEN THERE IN ROWLETT, TEXAS

DEAR BEEN THERE: Perhaps not; other readers read the letter through the prism of their own experiences, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a stepdaughter who has a severe case of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This poor soul can't have company because she must spend all day and all night cleaning the entire house before they arrive. When we visit her, we must be careful not to touch the walls, or she will scrub them, too.

Some people are not even aware that they have this illness until it's so out of control they are advised to seek help. This could be the case with that hostess. It's a terrible illness that results from a chemical imbalance in the brain. — A READER, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR READER: Thanks for pointing it out. A reader from Texarkana, Texas, who suffers from OCD e-mailed me to suggest that people who have this disorder should contact the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation Inc. It offers support and education for people with OCD-related disorders, their friends, families and profes-

sionals, and it also supports research into the causes and effective treatments. Its Web site is: www.ocfoundation.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a different perspective than you on the letter from "Former Houseguest."

I also clean my bathroom every morning, and I am not alone. A lot of people are on a "system" set up by someone we call "the FlyLady." ("Fly" stands for "Finally Loving Yourself.")

She is a county commissioner in the state of Tennessee, who instructs us to get up, get dressed to the shoes, put in a load of laundry, and make our bathrooms shine — every day, first thing in the morning. The bathroom is then presentable for any guests who might come later in the day.

If you would like to see this for yourself, go to www.flylady.net. She is wonderful.

The hostess could have set her routine up long before "Former Houseguest" arrived. Should she have been expected to modify her daily routine just because she had guests? I don't think so! — FLYING IN OREGON

DEAR FLYING: After reading your letter, I stopped by my neighborhood bookstore and spotted a book by Marla Cilley, the FlyLady. It's titled "Sink Reflections" (published by Bantam Books). It was easy to read and chock-full of helpful ideas for the disorganized. What I liked most about it was Ms. Cilley's philosophy that organization is most easily achieved through a series of baby steps.

ContractBridge

Delicate Defensive Play

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 9 6 2	♥ 6 2	♠ 5	♥ A K 10 9 8 7
♦ A Q 5	♣ K Q J 10	♦ K 9 4	♣ 7 6 4
SOUTH			
♠ A Q J 10 7 4	♥ 3		
♦ 7 6 3	♣ 9 8 2		

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥
 3♦ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.
Good defense sometimes requires perfect teamwork, as demonstrated in this deal where South was in four spades.

West led the queen of hearts, East playing the seven and South the three. It is true that in most leagues the seven is regarded as a come-on signal, and many West players would play another heart.

This would have been fatal in the present case because, after ruffing the heart and drawing trumps, declarer would force out the ace of

clubs and score 10 tricks.
But West shifted to the jack of diamonds at trick two, recognizing that East had played his lowest heart (the 6-5-4-3-2 were all in plain sight) and that East would have played a heart higher than the seven had he wanted the suit continued.

Declarer finessed the diamond queen, losing to the king, and East, aware that another heart lead might be ruffed, returned the nine of diamonds.

South won with the ace, drew trumps and led a club. West took the ace and now had to decide whether to return a heart or a diamond.

Had he led a heart, hoping declarer had another card in the suit — West could not know whether East had five or six hearts — South would have made the contract.

But West played the ten of diamonds and so defeated the contract. This was not simply a lucky shot; West was relying heavily on East's nine-of-diamonds return.

By convention, had East started with four diamonds, he would have returned his fourth-best diamond after taking the king to indicate his length in that suit. When he returned the nine, he announced he had fewer than four diamonds, which in turn told West that declarer had another diamond to lose.

Tomorrow: Sylvia.
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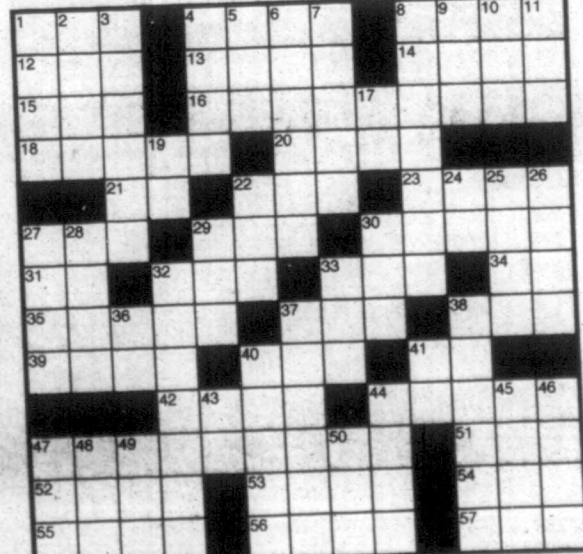
ACROSS

- Theorem ender
- CEOs, maybe
- Mortar troughs
- Prefix for dent
- KWh bill
- Take down —
- Bain of films
- Share
- Ride a bike
- Playthings
- Overhead train
- Vim and vigor
- Dick Tracy's wife
- Bubble —
- Gesture
- Majestic
- Word in a threat
- Bastle
- Kind of pool
- Egyptian sun god
- Lion's quarters
- Noncom
- Hall-of-Famer — Cobb
- Mr. Pacino
- Loud noise

DOWN

- Handy swab (hyph.)
- Coastal flier
- Crown
- Tender meat
- "Be There"
- Threw rocks at
- Ladle
- Pet in a cage
- Unfold, in poetry
- For example (Lat.)
- Hindu attire
- Foundry refuse
- Farm animal
- Try to influence
- Society column word
- Light beam
- Softer to the touch
- Tabby
- Tenn. neighbor
- Seven-veil dancer
- Making hay
- Boston hockey player
- Geometry term
- Silver, in the lab
- Furtive whisper
- Nautical position
- Gala
- Blonde shade
- Curly's friend
- Two-piece part
- Package shipper

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scoutmasters are O.B. Boone, Troop 77, and Ben Brumley, Troop 45.

Kathleen Madrey and Donald Fisher were married June 29 in an outdoor ceremony at Oakhurst, Murray State University.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lamb, July 19; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Halton Charlton, July 23.

40 years ago
 Bobby Toon has been named as new basketball coach at Murray High School by the Murray Board of Education. He replaces Larry Henson who has resigned.

William N. Carraway of Murray won a Sow and Pig Manufacturing Award from Moorman Manufacturing Company. The award was made to hog raisers whose sows wean larger than average litters.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brown, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Bolling, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. James Conner, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henson and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Crouse.

50 years ago
 Published is a picture of T.C. Collier, district manager of Woodmen of the World and member of Murray Camp 592, presenting a United States flag to Scout Mitt Miller as other members of Troop 45 looked on. Ollie Adair is leader of the troop which meets at First Methodist Church.

Marjorie Shroat Huie of the Bank of Murray is attending the meeting of the Kentucky Group of Association of Bank Women at the Brown Hotel, Louisville.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 27, the 209th day of 2004. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date:
 In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.

In 1861, Union General George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1960, Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to recommend President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1976, following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, Air Force veteran Ray Breanan became the first person to die of Legionnaire's Disease.

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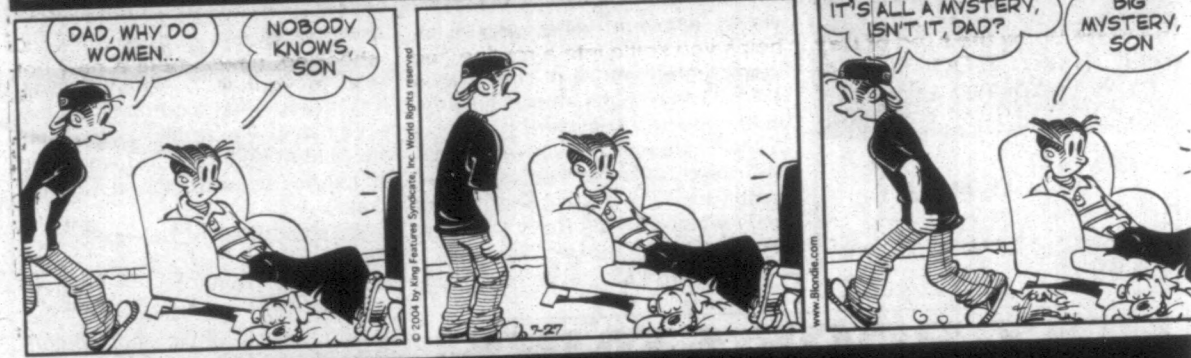
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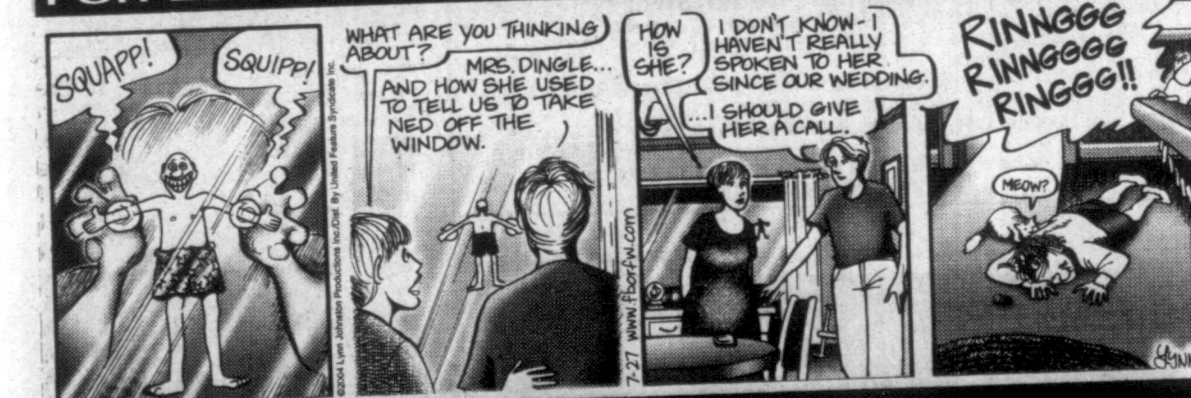
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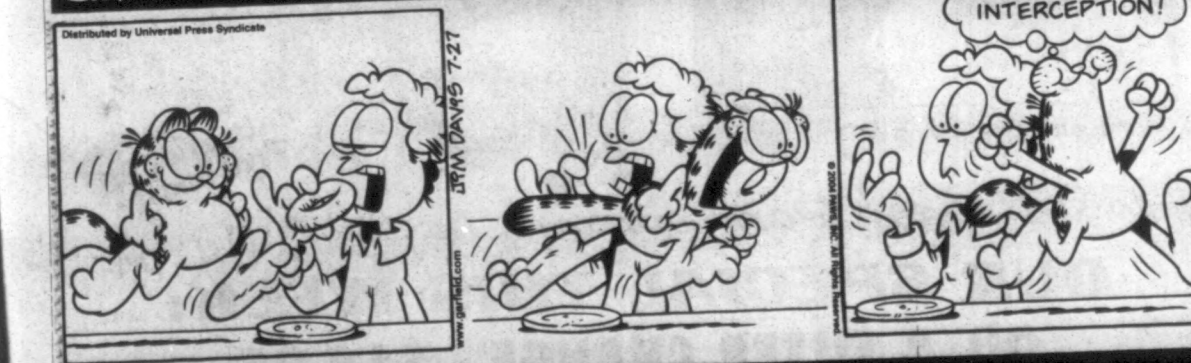
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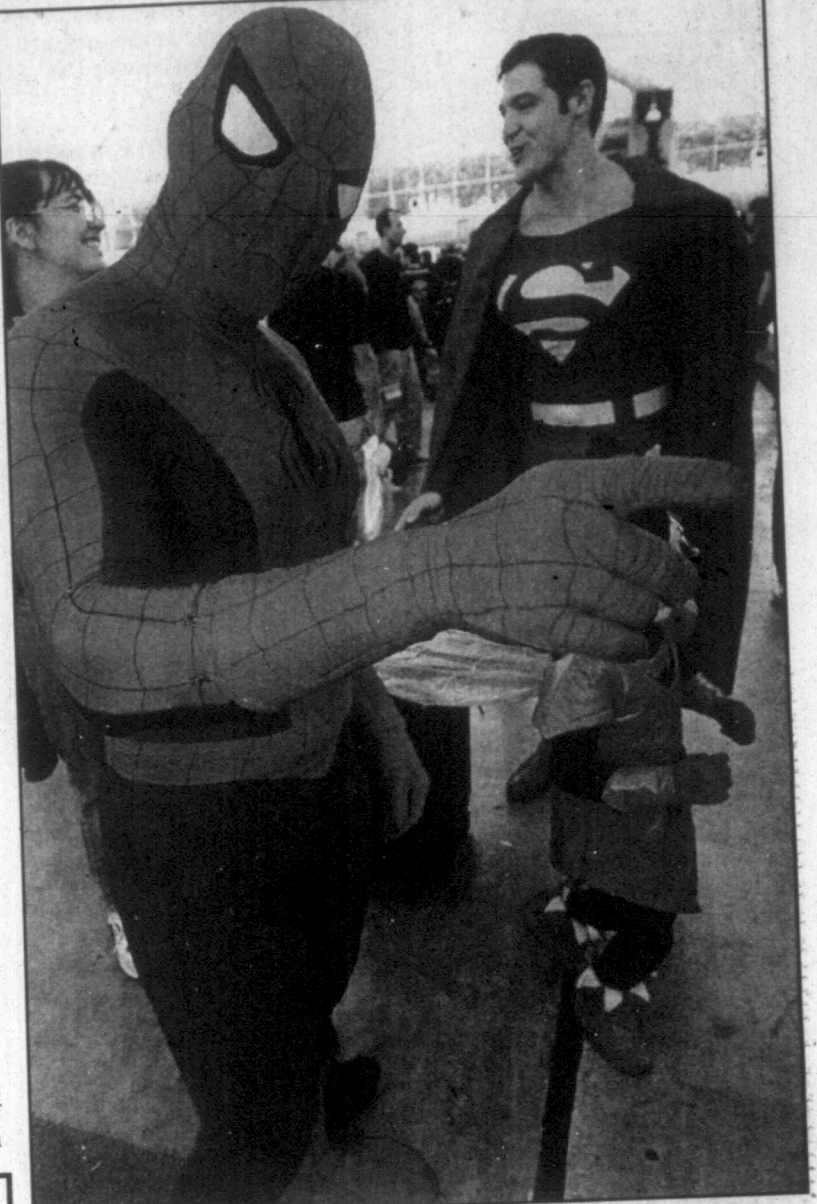
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Holy Movie Buzz! Hollywood courts picky comics fans

By ANTHONY BREZNICAN AP Entertainment Writer SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sometimes the archenemy of a superhero movie is the super-fan, the kind with the power to create a firestorm of negative buzz on the Internet over a perceived injustice to a beloved character. Now Hollywood has discovered a place where it can try to leap that fan skepticism in a single bound: Comic-Con International. The sci-fi gathering was attended by an estimated 80,000 people this weekend, including celebrities and filmmakers from such forthcoming films as "Batman Begins," "Fantastic Four" and "Constantine," who tried to show their reverence for the comic book characters they are bringing to the screen. "There are 80,000 people who are going to pass through here, and there are only 35,000 at the Democratic convention. What does that tell you?" said Lance Henriksen, star of the upcoming "Alien vs. Predator" film. Thus Michael Chiklis, Emmy-winning star of "The Shield," showed up to talk about his new role next summer as The Thing — the mutated, orange rock-man from "Fantastic Four" — and outed himself as a fellow comic book geek. "When I was 18, I said, 'If they ever make a 'Fantastic Four' movie I'm going to play Ben Grimm (The Thing's human name.) ... So now I've called my brother and said, 'What'd I say! What'd I say!'" Chiklis told The Associated Press before a presentation in front of 6,500 convention attendees. "I had a



AP Photo Bob Cornelson. Joe Boudrie of Phoenix, left, dressed as Spider-Man, gestures as Josh Boulton, of Dallas, right, dressed as Superman, talks to onlookers at the San Diego Convention Center during the annual Comic-Con International convention in San Diego, Saturday. The annual convention is the largest comics and pop culture event in the United States.

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big affinity for (The Thing) — a kinship for the lovable lug with a temper. Unlike people who favor comedies, dramas, mysteries, thrillers or romance, the sci-fi and fantasy fans take an almost possessive stance on their entertainment and relentlessly hound transgressions in chat rooms and Web sites in the months leading up to a movie's release. Such aficionados turned green with anger over the computer-animation for "The Hulk," and mercilessly whipped Halle Berry's leather dominatrix costume in "Catwoman" — two films that never recovered from the early online drubbings. But when fans approve, they show up in droves again and again, and tell their friends. Those repeated ticket sales are a necessity if such hugely expensive movies as "Spider-Man 2" or "X2: X-Men United" are to turn a profit. "Constantine," which stars Keanu Reeves as the title character, a vigilante who comes back from the dead to fight evil, had a number of hurdles to overcome at Comic-Con. Director Francis Lawrence said the movie title was changed from the original "Hellblazer" because it was too close to "Hellraiser," the horror series about the demon Pinhead. The look of "Constantine" is also different: Once blond and British, Constantine is now the dark-haired American Reeves. Lawrence said he felt confident the "Hellblazer" comics lovers could be persuaded to accept the changes. "I think a lot of fans think we're out to make this big 'Van Helsing,' splashy, effects-laden movie, and it's not true at all. It's a character piece," the director told the AP, referencing a recent fantasy film derided for its silliness. Other movies that fit into the fantasy genre — but are not necessarily comic book adaptations — also showed up at Comic-Con to win approval. But fans don't just want respect for the characters; they also want respect for themselves. Meanwhile, the makers of the third "Star Wars" prequel revealed the movie's new title: "Revenge of the Sith."