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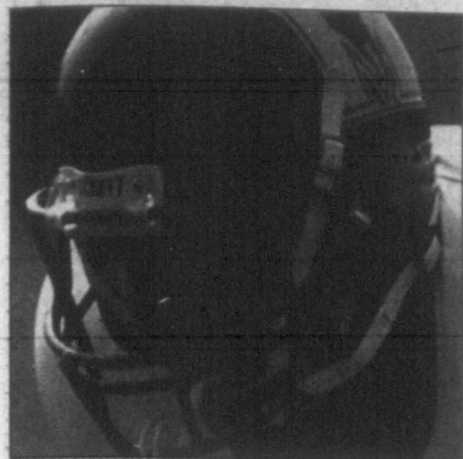
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Special session on insurance starts

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Monday officially issued the proclamation summoning the General Assembly into a special session to deal with the state health insurance plan.

The governor signed a proclamation Monday that called lawmakers back to Frankfort today.

The sole job before them is to



consider "the compensation, health insurance benefits and retirement benefits of active and retired public employees, according to the governor's proclamation.

General Assembly SPECIAL SESSION Health Care

"I've heard the teachers, the bus drivers and state workers as I've traveled across this state," Fletcher told reporters. "And in response to what I've heard from them, I've called this ses-

sion to give them relief."

Lawmakers are scheduled to return for a special session that is estimated to cost taxpayers about \$55,000 per day. Legislative leaders have indicated that the session was likely to go on for at least two weeks.

Last month, the governor announced he was overhauling the 2005 state health insurance package for teachers, public

school employees and state workers. His announcement was met with a huge public outcry as those covered by it said it would increase their medical expenses.

The Kentucky Education Association has also voted in favor of a strike less than a week before the November elections if the current state health benefits are not restored.



AP File Photo

City of Hazel struggles to get business license fees

By KRIS ADAMS
Staff Writer

HAZEL, Ky. — The Hazel Board of Commissioners met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting.

The city is working to collect fees for business licenses and are hitting some roadblocks. Residents who own rental property are upset because they are being made to purchase the \$25 license.

Mayor Harold Pittman and city clerk Michael Greene feel that rental property is a business and a business license is required. However, commissioner Nancy Mieure said that not all rental property may be considered a business, questioning property owners who have moved away and are renting their homes just to keep them occupied so they don't sit empty.

Greene agreed to look at the regulation concerning business license to ensure that they do have the right to charge rental property owners.

Another point of contention is antique malls that have individual booths. The owners of those businesses have purchased business licenses but the booth owners have not. The group said the city is having a difficult time collecting those fees because the business won't cooperate and release the names of the booth owners.

The commission has mentioned the possibility of hiring a code enforcement officer to help collect the fees.

In other business:

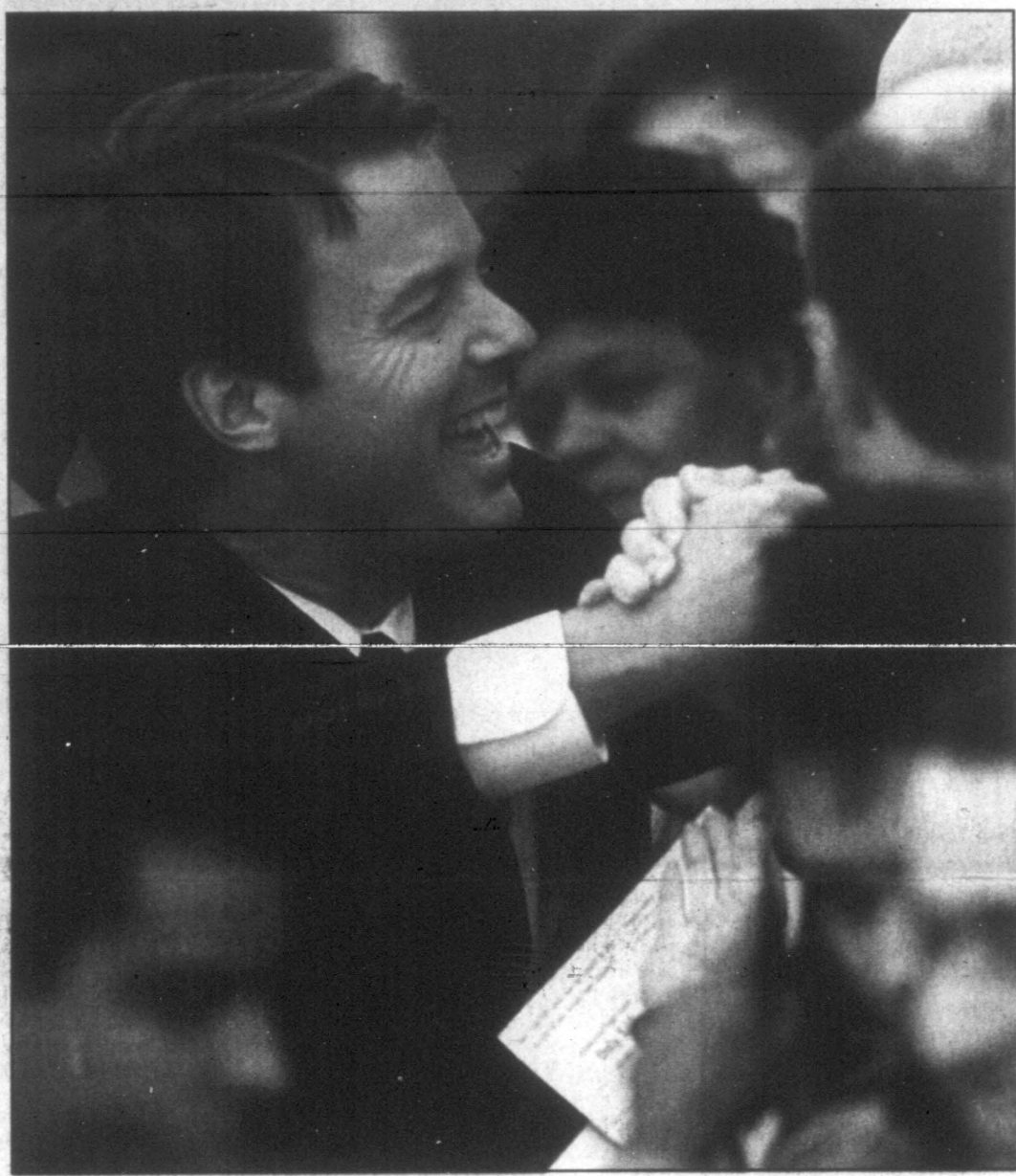
The commissioners are working on an agreement with the Calloway County Sheriff's Department to patrol the city, specifically around the community center where kids sometimes gather unsupervised. Commissioners mentioned litter problems, as well as children using the city's electricity to play radios.

It was stated that the kids are as young as 5 years old and have no parental supervision.

The city also wants to post signs coming into the city stating "streets are 25 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted." The city is having trouble with speedsters through the town and on side streets and also want speeders ticketed.

"I want people to slow down driving through Hazel," Mieure said. "If people get a ticket and get mad, maybe they'll start driving slower."

No action was taken on the matter.



AP Photo

Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards shakes supporters hands after arriving Monday at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland. The only vice presidential debate between Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney will be held tonight at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Halliburton, trial lawyer past to heat up VP debate

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney likely will portray his debate opponent tonight as a smooth-talking trial lawyer without much government experience while Sen. John Edwards is expected to repeat the H-word — Halliburton — and question whether voters still want Cheney-style leadership.

The debate at Case Western Reserve University, the only face-to-face meeting Cheney and Edwards will have before the election, also is a fight for campaign momentum. With

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry receiving a boost from his debate last week with President Bush, Republicans are hoping Cheney will show up his youthful counterpart and stifle the grousing about Bush's scowling performance.

"They'll probably have a very good stylistic presentation tonight," Cheney adviser Mary Matalin told CNN on Tuesday, "but as was the case in Miami with the president, the vice president will have the stronger arguments and he will talk about the record, which they have refused to do so far, and he will lay out the second-term agenda, which they have failed to do so far."

Edwards will respond to criticism of his 20-year career as a trial lawyer by pointing out that he represented average people in their fight against powerful interests, Kerry senior adviser Joe Lockhart said.

"The American public needs an advocate like that," Lockhart told CNN, "as opposed to somebody who has a vested special interest in Washington, ran Halliburton, now probably one of the most shameful companies in America, just before he came to the White House ... and is still making money off of Halliburton."

Keying off of the North Carolina senator's past, the Bush campaign was rolling out two television ads assailing "out-of-control personal injury trial lawyers." The ads blame them for "frivolous lawsuits" that have caused hospitals to close maternity wards, obstetricians and gynecologists to leave the profession, and women to wait three months for mammograms.

"John Kerry and the liberals in Congress stand with those trial lawyers," says one ad, which will run on national cable networks and in select local media markets.

Lockhart said the idea that the pool of doctors is diminishing is "one of the biggest urban myths

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City tax bills mailed today

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

City residents should receive their tax bills later this week.

Murray City Clerk Harla McClure said her department would mail the bills to the residents today.

The real estate and business personal property taxes increased slightly to 0.3851 per \$100 from 0.3763 last year. That means on a \$100,000 home, a city resident will have to pay \$8.80 more.

The tax for vehicles and water crafts remains at 0.38 per \$100.

City taxes are due Oct. 31. A 10 percent penalty being imposed Nov. 1 and after.

The city also collects taxes for the Murray Independent Schools district. The school district does not match the city limits, so not all Murray residents pay the school taxes.

The school district's real property tax decreased slightly while the tax for tangible property, such as vehicles and water crafts, barely increased.

McClure reminded residents who have escrow accounts to forward their bills to their mortgage companies if they receive them. The city sends some of these bills straight to the mortgage companies, but not all the companies request them.

If residents don't receive their bills by the end of the week, they should call the clerk's office at 762-0350.

Mercury astronaut Cooper dies at 77

Space pioneer attended Murray High

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gordon Cooper, who was the youngest and perhaps cockiest member of the original Mercury astronauts and set the space endurance record that helped clear the way for the first moon landing, has died. He was 77.

Cooper died Monday at his home in Ventura, NASA officials said in a statement. He died of natural causes, said Mitch Breeser, of the county medical examiner's office.

"As one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, Gordon Cooper was one of the faces of America's fledgling space program," said NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe. "He truly portrayed the right stuff, and he helped gain the backing and enthusiasm of the American public, so critical for the spirit of exploration."

As one of the nation's first astronauts, Cooper became a hero to a generation of Americans in the early 1960s as the country tried to catch the Soviet Union in the space race.

On May 15, 1963, Cooper piloted Faith 7, the Mercury program's last flight, circling the globe 22 times in 34 hours and 20 minutes. The mission made him the last astronaut to



AP File Photo

Astronaut Gordon Cooper is shown in his space suit, in this July 1965, file photo.

orbit Earth alone and the first to take a nap during the journey.

Cooper became the first man to make a second orbital flight two years later during the Gemini 5 mission, when he and Charles Conrad established a space endurance record by traveling more than 3.3 million miles in 190 hours, 56 minutes.

The flight proved humans could survive in a weightless state for the length of a trip to the moon and tested a new power source for future flights — fuel cells. It also let the United States take the lead in the space race by surpassing the Soviet Union in man-hours in orbit.

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Poll says Bush still has edge

WASHINGTON (AP) — More voters consider President Bush a strong leader who can do a better job combatting terrorism even though they widely agree that Democratic Sen. John Kerry won the first debate focused solely on foreign policy.

The Republican incumbent has a slight lead over Kerry — 49 percent to 44 percent — among likely voters questioned in the Pew Research Center poll released Monday. Several surveys conducted after last Thursday's debate have shown the race even.

The Pew poll of 810 likely voters showed Kerry gaining strength against Bush through the weekend. By a 2-to-1 margin, voters who saw the debate said Kerry did a better job than the president.

But almost half of the 1,002 registered voters in the poll — 48 percent — said Kerry changes his mind too much to be a good commander in chief and four in 10 say he would give allies too much say in foreign policy decisions.

More saw Bush as a strong leader — 57 percent to 32 percent — and they preferred the incumbent on defending the country from terrorism. Bush was slightly stronger on handling Iraq while Kerry had the edge on domestic issues.

Take Back The Night



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Monday marked the annual Take Back the Night observance at Murray State University and, in preparation for it, the MSU Women's Center conducted several events on campus. One of them was the pinwheel project, where students and faculty could honor somebody they know who has been a victim of domestic or sexual abuse by initializing their name to a pinwheel that would be placed on the lawn of the Quad. Here, sophomore Sandra Wilson of Dresden, Tenn., prints initials onto several stickers before placing them on some of the pinwheels shown in the foreground that later joined the display shown behind her.

VP ...

From Front

in the country right now ... John Edwards will not be shy about talking about taking on people who don't have the advantage, who aren't powerful, who are taking on powerful interests. That's what he's done his whole life."

Before running for the Senate, Edwards was a trial lawyer specializing in personal injury cases in which juries granted his clients multimillion-dollar awards. Cheney often blames trial lawyers for the ris-

ing costs of health care.

Cheney was chief executive at Halliburton, a major government contractor in Iraq, before joining the GOP ticket in 2000. Edwards has used Cheney's past to paint the White House as cozy with big business.

Some polls put Bush with a slight lead over Kerry while others show the race dead even.

Because of the stakes, both campaigns expect high viewership, which would be unusual for a vice presidential debate. In 2000, 46.5 million people watched the first presidential

debate between Bush and Al Gore, before viewership plummeted to 28.5 million for the vice presidential encounter between Cheney and Sen. Joe Lieberman.

The debate was to cover both domestic and foreign policy, although advisers to both campaigns conceded that Iraq likely would dominate the confrontation.

Cheney was expected to echo his refrain from the campaign trail that Kerry is unfit to lead the war against terror because his positions on national security and foreign policy shift "with the wind." In his first one-on-one debate, Edwards was to make the case that Bush misled the public about the war on terror and got the nation into "a mess" in Iraq with no plan for peace.

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PoliceSheriffLogs

Murray Police Department

- A semi-truck jack knifed on U.S. 641 South, according to a report at 9:06 a.m. Friday.
- A theft was reported at 11 a.m. Friday at a Spruce Street residence.
- Parties were separated because of a fight at an Embassy apartment at 11:56 p.m. Friday.
- A fight was reported at Princeton Drive at 12:46 a.m. Saturday.
- Disturbance was reported at 2:52 a.m. Saturday at 408 S. Sixth St. A drunk subject did property damage. A similar report was made at 4 a.m. from Nash Drive.
- Subjects were back at Princeton Drive at 3:42 a.m. Saturday making threats.
- Criminal mischief was reported at 8:27 a.m. Saturday at Murray Auto Spa.
- A house and a car were shot with a paint ball gun on Kirkwood at 9:23 a.m. Saturday. Extra patrol was requested in that area.
- Road rage with assault was reported at 12:18 p.m. Saturday.
- A theft was reported at My Reality Tattoo at 12:35 p.m. Saturday.
- Juveniles were involved in criminal mischief at 1900 N. 12th St. at 2:40 p.m. Saturday.
- The theft of a grill was reported at 6:06 p.m. Saturday at a Valleywood apartment.
- Brady P. Giltz was cited for first-offense driving under the influence, first-degree fleeing and evading and reckless driving after he fled on foot after being stopped on Gatesborough Drive at 12:11 a.m. Sunday. He was arrested after a foot pursuit.
- A possible fight was reported at 1639 Farmer at 12:23 a.m. Sunday.
- Criminal mischief was reported at 110 Ash St. at 1:40 a.m. Sunday.
- A fire alarm sounded at Murray State University's Blackburn Science Building at 11:05 a.m. Sunday. Both Murray fire stations responded.
- A fire alarm sounded at the water plant on C.C. Lowry Drive at 11:49 a.m. Sunday. Both Murray fire stations responded.
- An injury accident was reported on Murray Paris Road at 3:14 p.m. Sunday.
- A fight was in progress at 8:25 p.m. Sunday at Chestnut Park.
- A fire alarm sounded at MSU's Hart College at 9:48 p.m. Sunday.
- Subjects were throwing rocks a door at an Oaks apartment at 11:50 p.m. Sunday.
- A fire alarm sounded at MSU's Wilson Hall at 1:53 a.m. Monday.
- A fraud was reported at 1300 Hillwood at 10:37 a.m. Monday, but the case actually stemmed from an incident in Bartlett, Tenn.
- A dune-buggy was reported as a nuisance at 12:49 p.m. Monday at 1109 Sycamore St.
- MPD officers were assisting Calloway County Sheriff's Department with a possible fight at Murray Auto Body at 3:29 p.m. Monday.
- A fight was in progress at 3:41 p.m. Monday on Vine Street next to Myers Lumber.
- Someone came to the station to report an assault at 6:20 p.m. Monday.
- A prowler was reported at 1416 Vine St. at 11:37 p.m. Monday.

Kentucky State Police

- Post One reported the following activity for the month of September. Troopers opened 160 criminal cases, arrested 168 criminals, investigated 74 collisions, received 813 calls for service. That includes on fatal accident and 86 arrests for driving under the influence. Post One covers 11 counties — Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg. As of Sept. 30, there were 40 people killed in collisions in that area. Of those, 19 were not wearing their seat belts, one was a pedestrian and five were on motorcycles. During the same time last year, 43 people were killed in collisions in the Post One area. Statewide in 2004, there have been 698 people killed compared to 681 last year.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A third-degree burglary case was opened after an alarm sounded at 4:17 a.m. Friday at Discount Tobacco and Lottery.
- A caller from Kirksey Almo Road reported at 4:55 a.m. Sunday a neighboring building on fire. Calloway County Fire and Rescue was notified.
- Malicious mischief was reported at 5:33 p.m. Sunday because some subject were detained near Cahoon Road after someone else said they had been driving through his soy beans.
- Someone from the Calloway County Democratic Party requested Sunday extra patrol of political signs throughout the county because signs were being removed from Ky. 121 North and U.S. 641 North locations. It is a federal violation to remove signs that have been lawfully placed.
- A caller reported at 9:09 a.m. Monday residents on Shannon Creek Road were shooting at objects in their yard. It actually happened Sunday and everything was OK Monday.
- Someone reported at 10:38 a.m. Monday her mother's television had been stolen from her house on Deer Berry Lane. A case was opened. Extra patrol was requested near the house, which was unoccupied.

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Cooper ...

From Front

Cooper's rambunctious attitude was immortalized in Tom Wolfe's book "The Right Stuff" and the 1983 movie of the same name.

Cooper gave his signature line during a 1995 reunion of surviving Mercury astronauts. When asked who was the greatest fighter pilot he ever saw, Cooper enthusiastically answered, "You're looking at

WEATHER

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Tonight will be clear. Wednesday will be sunny with highs in the mid 70s. Wednesday night will be mostly clear.

him!"

"Gordon Cooper's legacy is permanently woven into the fabric of the Kennedy Space Center as a Mercury Seven astronaut," said center director Jim Kennedy. "His achievements helped build the foundation of success for human space flight that NASA and KSC have benefited from for the past four decades."

The death of Cooper came the day that privately built SpaceShipOne broke through the Earth's atmosphere for the second time in five days, capturing a \$10 million prize aimed at opening the final frontier to tourists.

Three of the original Mercury astronauts are still alive — John Glenn, Scott Carpenter and Wally Schirra.

Virgil "Gus" Grissom died in the 1967 Apollo 1 fire; Donald K. "Deke" Slayton died of brain

cancer in 1993; and Alan Shepard Jr., died of leukemia in 1998.

Cooper was born March 6, 1927, in Shawnee, Okla. His family moved to Murray and he attended Murray High School but did not graduate from here. He was also on the 1944 football team.

He joined the Marines during World War II and transferred to the Air Force in 1949. He earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1956. He then flew numerous flights as a test pilot in the Flight Test Division at Edwards Air Force Base near Los Angeles. Cooper was selected as a Mercury astronaut in April 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Suzan, and their children. Funeral details were not immediately available.

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Why do leaves change color?

Leaves change color in the fall, because the chemical changes in the leaves, as their nutrients drain into the tree's branches, trunk, and roots for winter storage, cause the leaves to stop producing the green pigment chlorophyll. Chlorophyll's role in the leaves, to absorb sunlight and to use the sun's energy, is no longer necessary, and the remaining chlorophyll in the leaves disintegrates.

When the pigment chlorophyll departs, secondary pigments, substances that also absorb light, emerge to take its place, and change the leaves' colors to theirs. For example, yellow and orange leaves contain the pigment carotene, the same pigment that gives carrots their bright orange color.

Red, wine-red, and purple leaves contain the pigments anthocyanins, which also lend their color to radishes, cabbage, roses, and geraniums. The main difference between carotene and anthocyanins is that the anthocyanins only form in the leaves in the fall when the weather becomes cooler, especially when the temperature falls to between 32 degrees to 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

One characteristic of the leaves' color is that, for the most part, it is inherited. The variations in the color, however, are determined by weather conditions. The richest and most brilliant foliage appears after weeks of cool, sunny weather in places in the United States such as New England.

The color of the leaves fade as fall turns to winter, and the stems that secure them to the branches begin to loosen with the change in weather. The cells at the ends of the stems fall apart, leaving the leaves attached to the branches by the thin veins that, in warmer weather, transported water and nutrients to the leaves. At this point, virtually any movement can break the veins and the leaves tumble to the ground.

Although the yellow and red pigments last for a few days once on the ground, they soon disintegrate just as the green chlorophyll pigment did. All that remains are brown leaves colored by tannins, which also give tea its brown color. Without a water supply, the brown leaves carpeting the ground become dry and brittle, and the trees bare.

Murray schools set to test new educational game

Murray is taking part in the launch of the new educational game, Diploma Dogs, offered for the first time from the Vision Center at the local Wal-Mart Super Center. It is a back-to-school promotional item designed to help children learn while having fun. Diploma Dogs is a game that uses the entire intermediate curriculum. The object of the game is to earn a "doggie diploma." Kids fill out their transcripts by earning bones and biscuits in each area of the curriculum—math, language, history,

geography, health, and science. Diploma Dogs involves all the players with all the questions. The 600 informational cards not only ask questions, but also state basic principles that will help the players to answer future questions later in the game. The plush game pieces and colorful artwork are bright and appealing to children. Developed by a school principal with over 20 year's experience, Diploma Dogs claims to help children learn quickly. Your opinions will have an impact on the future of the game, and feedback is requested at <http://www.diplomadogs.com>.

Student of the Week

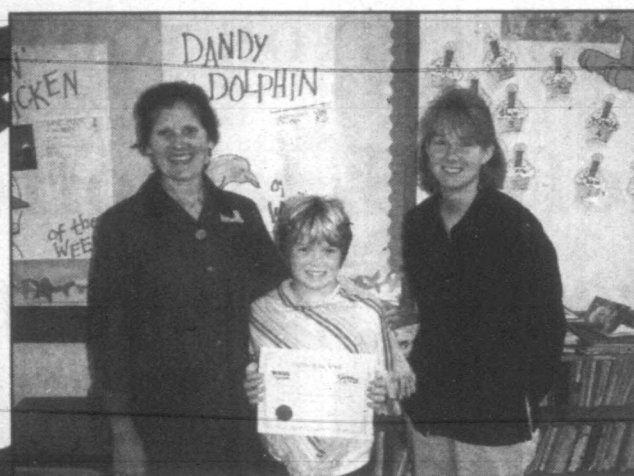


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Darby Woods, a fifth grader at Murray Middle School, was named Student of the Week by Century 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors and WNBS AM for the week of Oct. 1. Woods is the daughter of Dan and Debbie Woods of Murray. She likes to make bandana necklaces and is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her favorite subject is math. Woods was named Student of the Week because she cares about her education and peers, she is extremely helpful and always has a smile on her face. Pictured with Woods is Rebecca Landolt, left, a representative of Century 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors and Amanda Tipton, math, science and reading teacher at Murray Middle School.

Electronics in schools

SAN CARLOS, Calif. (AP) — With camera cell phones and the Apple iPod music player topping student wish lists, some of the hottest gadgets have little to do with pen or paper, much less studying. Altogether, electronics are expected to account for about a quarter of the estimated \$40 billion U.S. parents and students will spend on back-to-school items this season, more than textbooks, clothing, shoes, and any other category, according to the National Retail Federation. Just consider Claudine Bula Marasigan, a junior at the University of San Francisco. In the last three weeks, she spent about \$4,000 on electronics, including \$760 for a digital camera and printer, \$1,600 on a new computer, and hundreds more on an external hard drive, DVD player, small portable TV and other gear — making the \$630 she spent on textbooks look like a bargain.

And the 25-year-old wasn't even done — she returned last week with her parents to the Best Buy store in San Carlos to get printer cartridges, a surge protector, and a stylish polka dot-patterned wrist rest for her computer keyboard. "It's really expensive to send a child to school nowadays," said her father, Bill Marasigan, shaking his head under the retailer's bright lights. Portable laptop computers are increasingly becoming a student staple, especially for the college-bound. Sales this season are up about 30 percent from last year, according to the NPD Group market research firm. Any models with built-in Wi-Fi are grabbing sales, analysts say, but some of the most popular include the Dell Inspiron 700M, the Apple iBook, and the Averatec C3500 Convertible, which combines a laptop and tablet PC with a "display that swivels and folds down so notes can be scribbled directly onto the screen like an old-fashioned notepad.

Coats for Kids



Photo provided
Future Business Leaders of America from Calloway County High School participated in Cal's Coats for kids and collected 145 coats. FBLA members are shown loading the truck. The coats will be cleaned and returned to the county for distribution.

School goes into coffee business

LEXINGTON (AP) — A Lexington high school is opening a coffee shop in an old storage room with the hope of luring more students into the library. The Bookmark, at Bates Creek High School, opened today and will sell coffee only before school. Bates Creek's school library-based coffee shop is the first of its kind in Kentucky, said librarian Amber Tongate. As such, the school has been asked to present its concept at the Kentucky School Media Association conference in two weeks. "I don't care if we make \$5 or \$500," Tongate said. "I really just want something different, unique for our students." Money earned in the shop also will pay to bring published authors into the library to speak with students. "The major reason for doing this is to encourage students to read," said librarian Wanda Jaquith. "Particularly those students who normally would not read or do not read or don't think they like to read." Coffee and hot chocolate will sell for \$1 a cup. The shop will be staffed by students in small clubs and sports, who will get a share of the proceeds. The shop has been pieced together with donations and \$250 in start-up money from school funds. Coffepots and urns were purchased personally by school administrators.

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All I know ...

Noted American humorist Will Rogers said that all he knew was what he read in the papers. Times have changed — and so has the media — but newspapers provide a unique aspect that other forms of media don't.

In celebration of National Newspaper Week this week, we recognize that while TV, cable and the internet may have a leg up in covering national and international news, you can't beat the newspaper for offering local information.

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How about local ties to NBC shows like "The Apprentice"? Or local Red Cross volunteers going to Florida to help following hurricane strikes there? Or school tax rates? Or new principals? Or TVA efforts to promote Murray and Calloway County?

Those were all in the *Murray Ledger & Times* — and to my knowledge, nowhere else.

We also offer a place to publicize local events. Just look on Ms. Jo's Community page. High school sports? Who covers Murray and Calloway County, as well as Eastwood

Christian basketball? We do.

Look throughout the paper and you'll see local businesses who know local people will be reading the local paper to find out what's going on locally and will look to buy locally.

You can't get local with NBC or CNN or Fox News. And even bigger media in our region don't cover meetings like a Hazel City Council or a fire district meeting — unless there's something big brewing.

It's not to say we have the ability to cover everything, because we can't. Space and time — and sometimes just common sense — don't always allow for that. But I, for one, think we do a good job keeping you informed on the big matters in Murray and Calloway County.

Do you know of an area we need to improve on, let us know. We appreciate your input. Just e-mail a note to editor@murrayledger.com.

Thanks for reading and have a good National Newspaper Week.

Along those same lines ...
As the weather turns cooler (thank goodness), we know it's getting time for our winter *In Our Backyard* magazine.

We have some interesting story ideas for this upcoming issue, which will be out at the first of December, but we'd like to get some input from you.

Do you have a special Christmas memory here? Have a special holiday recipe you'd like to share? Do you know of someone who has a holiday-type hobby or interest that might make a unique story?

Let us know about it. Please send it to us by Oct. 29 at ml@murrayledger.com or send it to our regular mailing address. We'd like to include these memories and recipes in our magazine.



WASHINGTON TODAY

By Robert Burns

Prospect of U.S. fall offensive in Iraq hinges on goals for election

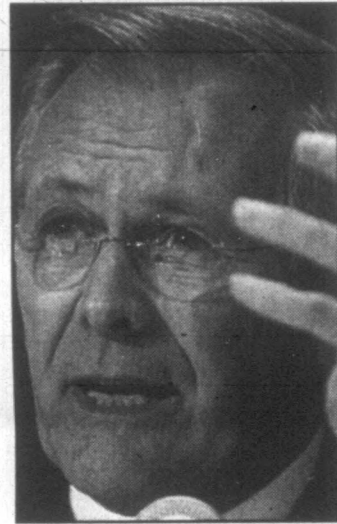
WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. military offensive planned in key Iraqi cities this fall could still be delayed or avoided altogether. One key factor in deciding whether to press ahead is if Baghdad and Washington settle for partial, rather than full, Iraqi participation in elections in January.

Another problem arguing against an early offensive: Fears that Iraqi forces may not be strong enough to hold cities like Fallujah and Ramadi, even if American forces manage to root out insurgents there, Pentagon officials and defense analysts say.

An offensive also carries risks — including numerous civilian casualties and the danger of further inflaming anti-U.S. feelings — with no assurance it would put an end to the insurgency, which even Bush administration officials concede is getting worse as Iraqi elections approach.

Despite all that, U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies may be compelled to strike hard in Fallujah and other Sunni Triangle cities where insurgents are in control, if they conclude that stability there is essential to a legitimate election, Pentagon and outside analysts say.

But it may not be too late to get the same result more peacefully, they say. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld alluded to this when he said the options in Iraq boil down to two choices: solve it diplomatically through negotiations or solve it with force.



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

"Now, how does it generally happen?" he asked. "It generally happens that you prepare to use force and be ready to use force and demonstrate that you're willing to use force, and you find that sometimes that helps with the negotiations."

Rumsfeld declined to predict when it will go.

Repeated airstrikes in recent days on rebel strongholds in Fallujah as well as parts of Baghdad appeared to be designed to lay the groundwork for a fall offensive, and to demonstrate the will described by Rumsfeld.

Time is running short.

Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, said in Washington last week that elections must go forward in January, and President Bush has endorsed that approach. On

Monday, Allawi warned that a "decisive military solution" may be coming soon, but he has also pursued talks with tribal leaders in Fallujah and other restive areas.

"Having a massive, division-size U.S. operation — while it ultimately may be necessary — is not the way to go" now, said Anthony Cordesman, a military expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

There is still time to avoid an all-out offensive and its attendant risks, and whether it goes forward this fall depends on several tough judgment calls, said Andrew Krepinevich, a former Pentagon analyst who heads the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington.

For example, must balloting in the January election of a national assembly be truly nationwide, to include Fallujah and other areas where insurgents are in partial or total control?

If so, then a U.S.-led military offensive may be required, Krepinevich said.

But that raises another tough question:

"It's not clear that the United States has the forces necessary to engage in those kinds of operations across the country," or that Iraqi forces will be sufficiently trained in time to reliably hold gains achieved in a U.S. offensive, Krepinevich said.

The United States has about 135,000 troops in Iraq, joined by about 25,000 coalition

troops.

The number of Iraqi troops is harder to pinpoint. The Pentagon says there are 39,000 trained Iraqi National Guard members and about 4,800 trained Iraqi Army soldiers.

But Cordesman says there is unlikely to be a "significant" trained Iraqi force until March.

If the Iraqi interim government and the Bush administration are willing to proceed with an election that excludes voters in Fallujah and other rebel-held areas, then an all-out offensive could wait until next year.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said it would be unwise to launch an offensive if Iraqi forces are not ready to provide security afterward.

"While U.S. forces or coalition forces on their own can do just about anything we want to do, it makes a lot more sense that it be a sustained operation — one that can be sustained by Iraqi security forces," Myers told reporters Sept. 7.

It's a vexing dilemma for the Bush administration, because the longer the military waits to quell the insurgency, the more U.S. and Iraqi lives are lost. Each month since the interim Iraqi government was given sovereignty June 28, the number of American troops killed in Iraq has increased — from 42 in June to 54 in July, 65 in August and at least 74 so far this month.

That is the first time the U.S. death toll has risen in four consecutive months.

OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,
I am writing this letter to let readers know that a military draft could soon be reinstated in the United States. The media is neither informing the public about this very important issue nor asking the hard questions of the candidates.

Consequently, our presidential candidates are largely sidestepping this very important issue, leaving us to guess what they will do if elected. For example, in Thursday night's presidential debates, Senator Kerry indicated that he would enlarge the military by two divisions and increase the size of the Special Forces. However, he did not indicate how he would find the needed personnel. President Bush very briefly mentioned during his closing remarks that the military would remain voluntary if he is reelected.

As of this writing, there are twin bills, one in the Senate and the other in the House, which are referred to as the "Universal National Service Act of 2003." The bills require that every person between the ages of 18 and 26, both males and females, perform a two-year period of national service. They also give the president broad powers to "prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out [the] Act."

It seems clear that the intent of the bills is that much of the national service be in the form of "military service." This intent is evident in the fact that the bills are currently in the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services, respectively, which is where they have been since they were introduced on January 7, 2003. However, with the current shortage of military personnel available for duty in Iraq and other parts of the world, it seems very possible that these bills will make their way out of the committees after the November election.

Opinions on the desirability of a military draft will vary from individual to individual. But one thing is certain, if the act is passed, a draft will have a profound impact on our lives and the lives of our families. Just ask those of us who are old enough to remember the Viet Nam days. That is why I think the political candidates need to clearly spell out where they stand on this very important issue ... before the election, rather than after.

You can get more information about the "Universal National Service Act of 2003" at the Library of Congress' "Thomas" website: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

Glynn Mangold Murray

The work of March of Dimes

Polio. Years ago, that 5-letter word evoked images of tiny children struggling to walk in leg braces; of paralyzed patients sentenced to life in an iron lung; of perfectly healthy kids forbidden by fearful parents from simple acts like taking a drink from a water fountain or diving into a community swimming pool on a sweltering summer day.

The only good fortune associated with poliomyelitis is the fact that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a prominent politician and eventually U.S. President, contracted the disease in 1921. FDR's battle spawned the March of Dimes, a national, voluntary health agency he founded in 1938 to conquer polio.

Coin by silver coin, the March of Dimes funded the research that eventually vanquished the disease. Today, 50 years later, the organization is celebrating the success of the Salk Vaccine, which rendered polio a thing of the past in this country in 1954-55.

Though polio is no longer a threat, the March of Dimes continues fighting for children's health. With a focus on solving the problems of prematurity, birth defects

and low birth weight, the March of Dimes sponsors programs that raise money and awareness of these important issues.

During the month of October — for the 6th year in a row — Murray's Taco John's has joined the parade in support of March of Dimes. Store owner Kim Maddox reports that, in the past, the store has raised around \$700. This year, however, they intend to hit the \$1,000 mark.

Here's how it works: When customers place an order, they are asked to donate a dollar to the campaign. If they agree, they get a paper pumpkin and a marker to put a name on it. When parents make a donation, they often put their kids' names on the pumpkin, or kids write their own names. Once finished, the jack-o-lanterns are taped to the store windows.

"We run out of room every year," Maddox says. "That's when we start using the walls, the inside mirrors, whatever."

The store makes no profit from the venture. Every penny goes to the March of Dimes.

Maddox, mother of Cheyenne, is committed to the cause. "Children are our future," she declares. "We have to make sure they are well taken care of."

Paris, Tenn., native Dyson Boyd, a Taco John's employee for two years, is glad to be a part of the fundraising. Boyd has two children, Ethan 3 and Elijah, 14 months. When Elijah was born 6 weeks premature,

the Boyd family experienced, first-hand, the helplessness and anxiety that accompany such situations.

"To be in a roomful of babies that need help is something," Dyson recalls. "The March of Dimes can give you hope."

Today, little Elijah is thriving.

If all goes according to plan, by the end of October, every inch of available space at Taco John's will be papered with pumpkins at a dollar a pop.

"So far," Maddox reports, "we've had a great response. After just a couple of hours on the first day, we already had 40 up on the wall."

The March of Dimes in Kentucky is interested in seeing the state's statistics improve, and fundraising drives like the one at Taco John's help. According to the Web site, in an average week in Kentucky, 142 babies are born preterm; 22 are born very preterm; 90 are low birthweight; and 17 with very low birthweight. Prematurity and low birthweight are the leading cause of death in the first month of life, and Kentucky's rates are on the rise.

For more information, log on to <http://www.marchofdimes.com>.

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

Obituaries

Millard E. (Bill) Ellis

Millard E. (Bill) Ellis, 71, Nash Drive, Murray, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at 7 a.m. at his home. His death followed an extended illness.

He had retired as a manager for the National Car Rental Company and had received his nursing degree from the University of Florida. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Murray.

Born June 29, 1933, in Janesville, Wis., he was the son of the late Millard Ellis and Bernice V. Richter Ellis. One daughter and one brother also preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sisters, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Ellis Housing Community Center. The Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate. Entombment will be in the Murray City Cemetery Mausoleum.

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

Joe Max Hutson

Joe Max Hutson, 70, Murray, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at 12:32 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

An Army veteran during peace time, he was a mechanic for Murray Home and Auto Store. He was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Henry County, Tenn.

One son, Danny Hutson, and one sister both preceded him in death. Born March 26, 1934, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Warlick Hutson and Eva Simmons Hutson.

Survivors include two sons, Donnie Hutson and wife, Lisa, Hazel, and Mike Jackson and wife, Loretta, Puryear, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Peggy Gallimore and husband, Billy, Puryear; four grandchildren, Danny and Donnie Hutson Jr., both of Hazel, and Austin and Cheyenne Jackson, both of Puryear.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Laura Maude Birkhead Adams

Mrs. Laura Maude Birkhead Adams, 92, Clinton, formerly of Murray, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at 12:10 p.m. at Parkway Regional Hospital, Clinton.

A retired licensed practical nurse at West View Nursing Home, Murray, she was a member of Clinton First United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Exie Adams, and one brother, William Birkhead, both preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Harry F. Birkhead and Jesse Ann Harrison Birkhead.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Judy Canty, Clinton; three sons, Edd Adams, Lexington, and David Adams and Norman Craig, both of Toledo, Ohio; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Brown Funeral Home, Clinton. The Rev. Sky McCracken will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery, Murray.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6 to 8 tonight

(Tuesday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hickman County Senior Citizens, 217 1/2 East Clay St., Clinton, Ky., 42031.

Mrs. Lou Orr

Mrs. Lou Orr, 61, Frankfort, former resident of Murray, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at 9 a.m. at Hospice Health Care Center, Frankfort. Her death followed a long illness.

She was a retired Spanish teacher with the Anderson County School System. She attended Dunkirk High School and graduated from Hanover College, Hanover, Ind. She was a volunteer swimming instructor with the Frankfort YMCA and was also a volunteer with the Frankfort Soup Kitchen.

Born in Dunkirk, Ind., she was the daughter of Mary Jean Curry Orr and the late Karl Ed Orr.

Survivors include her husband, John F. Orr; one daughter, Jean L. Orr, Denver, Colo.; two sons, Patrick W. Orr, Terre Haute, Ind., and Robert L. Orr, Indianapolis, Ind.; her mother, Mrs. Mary Jean Curry Orr, Dunkirk; one sister, Mrs. Andrea Mehrer, Oakton, Va.; one brother, Daniel Orr, Redkey, Ind.

Memorial services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel of Harrod-Brothers Funeral Home, 312 Washington St., Frankfort. John Dale will officiate.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after noon Friday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Frankfort YMCA.

Mrs. Harriet Alexander Hall

Mrs. Harriet Alexander Hall, 66, Owensboro, sister of Dr. Kern Alexander of Murray and Louisville, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Owensboro.

A Kentucky educator, she had during her 12-year professional career served as a teacher and school administrator in Jefferson County, Hancock County, Owensboro and Daviess County school systems. During her years as with the Daviess system, she served as a teacher and guidance counselor at two elementary schools. She later became a central office administrator for Daviess County Schools.

She was a graduate of Valley County High School, Louisville, and received her bachelor of science degree in 1960 from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. Later she received her master of arts degree and further professional certifications at Western.

Mrs. Hall was a member of Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church, Owensboro; of Shelby Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution; and of several national and state educational associations.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel Alexander and Emma McCune Alexander.

Survivors include two sons, James (Jim) Lewis Hall III and wife; Scarlet, Brighton, Mich., and John Jefferson (Jeff) Hall, Louisville; three grandchildren, Lauren, Austin and Sidney Kay Hall, Brighton; one sister, Mrs. Hannah Crume and husband, Gene, Owensboro; two brothers, Dr. Kern Alexander and wife, Elizabeth, Murray and Louisville, and Dr. David Alexander and wife, Nancy, Blacksburg, Va.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of James H. Davis Funeral Home, Owensboro. Burial rites will be Friday at 2

p.m. at Marrowbone Methodist Church Cemetery, Marrowbone. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and after noon Thursday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Samuel and Emma Alexander Scholarship Fund, Murray State University Foundation, Office of Development, 106 Development Center, Murray, Ky., 42071 or to Western Kentucky University Foundation, One Big Red Way, Bowling Green, Ky., 42101.

Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Andrea Renee White

A memorial gathering with family and friends for Andrea Renee White was Monday at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Churchill-Imes Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Andrea Renee White, infant, Sycamore Street, Murray, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at 11:07 p.m. at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, where she was born.

Survivors include her father, Jerome White, her mother, Lucinda Grace Drennon, one sister, Lucinda Gail White, maternal grandparents, Tonya Drennon and David Drennon, and paternal grandparents, Gary White and Kimberly White, all of Murray; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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U.S. warplanes bomb Baghdad slum

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. warplanes pounded the vast Baghdad slum of Sadr City overnight after an American patrol came under gunfire, the military said Tuesday. In the Sunni Triangle city of Ramadi, a car bomb explosion was followed by clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents.

An Associated Press photographer saw two dead bodies and four wounded Iraqis at the scene of the clashes in the al-Ziyout area of Ramadi, a rebel stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad.

Police Capt. Nassir Hassan said the explosion was a car bomb. U.S. soldiers and rebels exchanged gunfire following the blast. Dr. Dia'a al-Haity at the Ramadi General Hospital confirmed that two persons had died and four were injured in the fighting.

U.S. Marines, patrolling the city Monday, killed two insurgents and wounded a third while two civilians were also injured during the gun battle, a military spokesman said.

Vehicle-borne Marines opened fire on three masked men seen planting a roadside

explosive, and after killing two and wounding a third, they pursued three others who later managed to escape, said 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a spokesman for the Marines.

"Two civilians, a woman and a child, were injured in the initial exchange of fire between the Marines and the anti-Iraqi forces. It is unclear at this time how their injuries occurred," Gilbert said.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have indicated that Ramadi, along with the nearby city of Fallujah, may have to be swept clear of rebels in order for January elections to take place everywhere in Iraq.

In Sadr City, hospital offi-

cials said at least one person was killed in skirmishes between U.S. troops and fighters loyal to renegade Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

U.S. soldiers were fired on late Monday during a routine patrol of the Shiite stronghold, which is home to more than 2 million people, said Capt. Brian O'Malley, spokesman for the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division. They returned fire as U.S. AC-130 planes targeted insurgent machine gun crews on the ground, he said.

One person was killed and two were injured when their car came under fire during the fighting, said Dr. Mohamed Aboud of Sadr hospital said.

Residents said they continued to hear loud explosions until dawn.

U.S. forces have staged almost daily attacks in Sadr City, both from the air and the ground, in an effort to root out militiamen loyal to al-Sadr.

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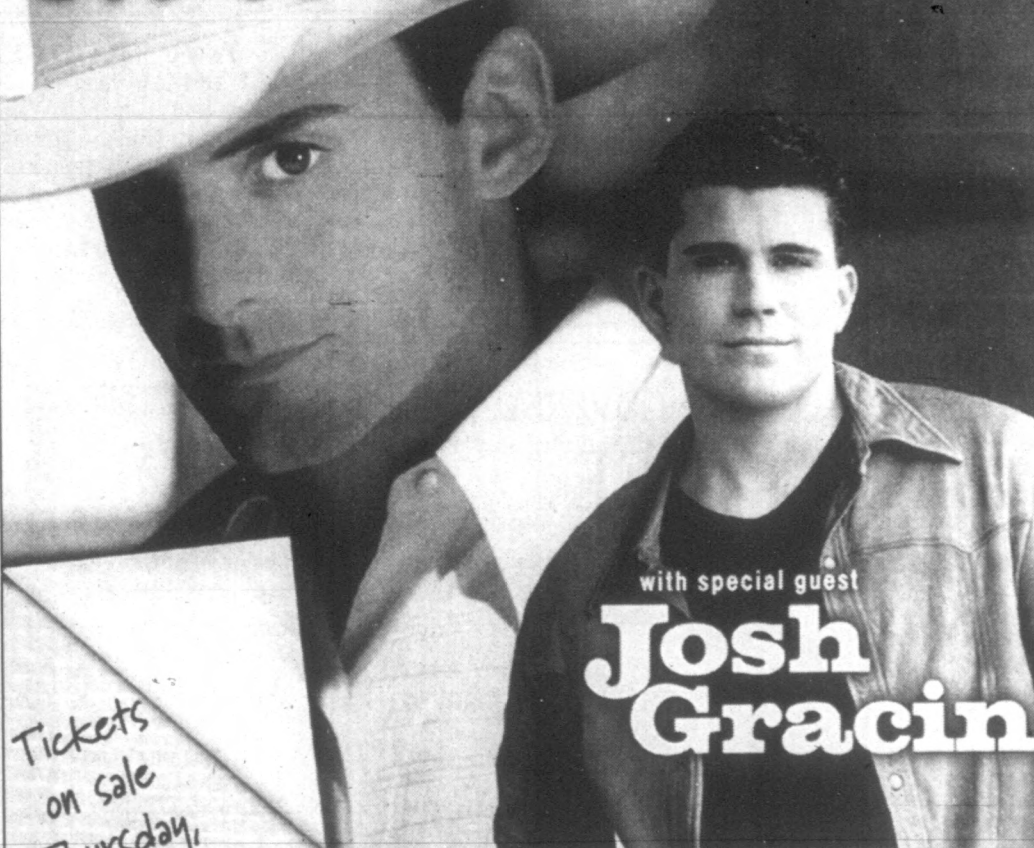
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Health Express announces stops for month of October

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Health Express will be offering blood pressure checks, pulse checks, and lipid profiles during the month of October.

The screenings are free to participants and are offered to detect disease in its earliest stages when there are often no symptoms of disease.

Under most circumstances, cholesterol and triglyceride levels should be checked every five years.

A cholesterol and triglyceride screening is free to every Health Express patron once every five years.

A doctor's written prescription is required for more frequent testing with a minimal cost of \$15. Annual screenings are recommended for diabetes patients.

The cholesterol (HDL/LDL) and triglyceride screening requires a food fast (water only) for 12 to 14 hours before the screening.

During the month of October, the Health Express will make 10 stops to the following locations:

■ Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Save-A-Lot in Murray

■ Thursday, Oct. 7, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. - Cadiz Baptist Church, Cadiz

■ Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. - Dollar General Store, Puryear, Tenn.

■ Thursday, Oct. 14, 5 a.m. to 12 Noon - Center for Health & Wellness, Murray

■ Monday, Oct. 18, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon - Weaks Community Center, Murray

■ Wednesday, Oct. 20, 9 to 11:30 a.m. - Ponderosa, Draffenville, and 1 to 3 p.m., Wal-Mart, Benton

■ Thursday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon, Wal-Mart in Murray

■ Tuesday, Oct. 26, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. - Wal-Mart, Paris, Tenn.

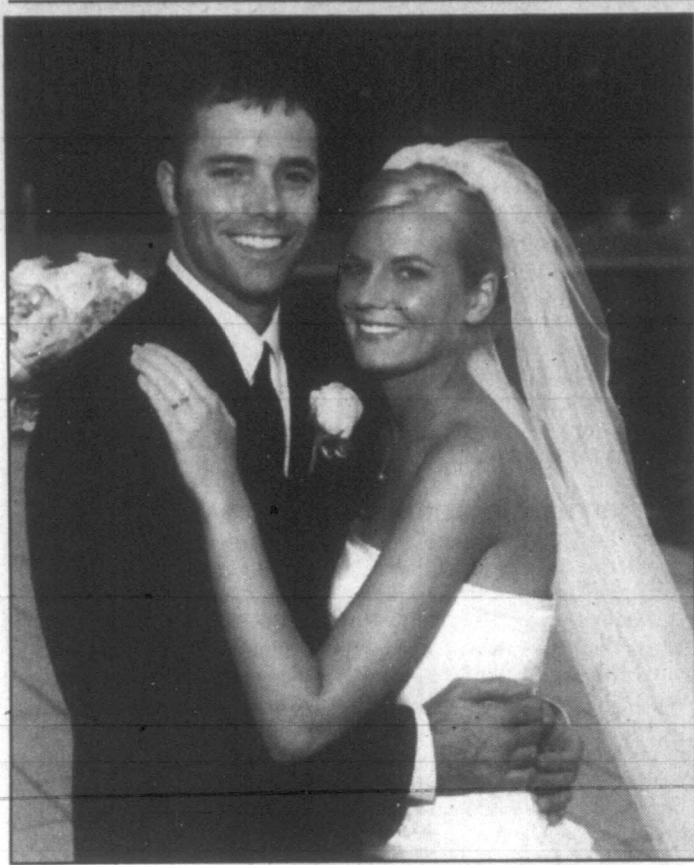
■ Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Murray.

The Health Express will also attend the Cadiz Ham Festival in Cadiz on Oct. 8, 9, and 10 and the Annual West Kentucky Health Fair at Joe Creason Community Center in Benton on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Also available at these screenings is an Occult Blood Screening Kit. The cost is \$4 and this screening detects blood in the stool, which can be an early indicator of colon cancer.

For more information on the October Health Express schedule or about the screenings offered, call 762-1348.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Fitch

Mary Owler of St. Louis, Mo., and Robbie Fitch of Murray were married Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo.

The bride is the daughter of Garrett and Ruth Owler of St. Louis, Mo.

The groom is the son of Dr. David and Janet Fitch of Murray.

The Rev. C. Greg Hein officiated at the ceremony. Becky Owler, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Angie Haynes, Henderson, sister of the groom, Janna Bell, Whitney Cobb, Lane Dennison and Shawna Rushing, all of Murray, Lizzy Donahower of St. Louis, Maegan Mathis, Benton, and Brooke Harris, Graves County.

All the bridesmaids other than the sisters of the bride and groom were sorority sisters of the bride.

Hayley Haynes, Henderson, niece of the groom, was flower girl.

The groom's father served as best man for the groom. Groomsmen were Brian Settle, Jason Allen, Josh Morris and Patrick Thornton, all fraternity brothers of the groom, Max Johnson, Jacob Mathis, and Jerney Sorrels, all of Murray, and Nathan Bowles, Ballard.

Ushers were Nat Owler and Andy Owler, both of St. Louis, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed at Windows Off Washington, St. Louis. The bride received her bachelor of science degree from Murray State University and is now marketing manager for Louisville Pro.

The groom is a graduate of Murray High School and attended Murray State University. He is now a sophomore at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, Louisville.

Glory Bound will celebrate third anniversary Thursday

Glory Bound Entertainment will celebrate its third anniversary on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center.



Jo's Datebook

By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

Featured will be The Messengers and Treasa Beane. Open Mic Time will be during the second half of the evening.

This is sponsored by Goshen United Methodist church to prove a neutral atmosphere for Christians of all denominations to bring unchurched friends and family to enjoy weekly entertainment. The public is invited and there is no charge.

For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 73-8124 or Jill Alton at 753-1592.

Veteran assistance available

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, Highway 121 North, Murray. This is a free service proved by the state of Kentucky. For more information contact Ron McClure, regional field representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs a 1-877-812-0840.

MHS Backboard Club will meet

Murray High School Backboard Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The main topic of discussion will be Tiger Night planning and preparation.

Senior Citizens Center to offer classes

Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens will offer special classes. Golf lessons for those 60 and older with Ashley Kelbough, member of Murray State University golf team, will be offered at Sullivan's Golf Course from noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 11, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 22. You do not need to have golf clubs to participate. The first lesson will be free and each additional lesson will be \$3. If you would like a ride to Sullivan's, be at the Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 11. Pinocle classes will be offered at no charge Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the dining room through the month of October. For more information or to sign up for the lessons call 753-0929.

Red Cross classes scheduled

Red Cross CPR and First Aid Class will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calloway Public Library. Cost will be \$50. CPR Recertification on Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Weaks Center. Cost will be \$25. Preregistration is required at the Red Cross Office, 607 Poplar St., Murray. For more information call 753-1421.

Garden Department plans meeting

Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. at the club house. Holly Cherry of The Cherry Tree will present a program on "Fall Decorations." Hostesses will be Paula Crouse, Judy Kelso, Sue White and Susan O'Neill.

BBBS wants your inkjet cartridges

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Organizational meeting today

An organizational meeting for all Murray Middle School boys interested in trying out for the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams will be today at 5:30 p.m. at MMS gym. Boys in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited to tryout. Parents are asked to attend the meeting with their sons. Any boy who wished to try out must have a completed sports physical form in the MMS office.

Temple Hill Lodge will meet

Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 of Free and Accepted Masons will meet today at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall on Highway 464, east of Almo.

MMS Council will meet today

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 4:40 p.m. in room 103.

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 Vicky at 753-3128 or Laverne at 753-0181 or Jackie at 1-270-247-7754.

UMW plans celebration tonight

First United Methodist Church Women will have a celebration for 135 years of mission service tonight at 7 p.m. in the social hall. A short video about the history of UMW will be shown.

Kappa Department to meet tonight

Kappa Department of Murray Woman's Club will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the club house. Hostesses will be Dorinda Craig, Carita Boggess, Rita Henley, Danette Jones, Cathy Pigg and Martha Roberts.

Retired teachers



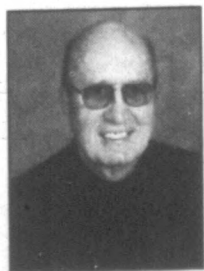
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Local members of Kentucky Retired Teachers Association attended the fall workshop Sept. 13 at Kenlake State Resort Park. KTRA President Irene Erskine encouraged retired teachers in the commonwealth to join the organization which advocates vigorously in the legislative area for retired teachers. Health insurance and other KRTA benefits were discussed. Local members attending were, from left, Sue Adams, Linda Patterson, James Frank, Sally DuFord and Jo Farley.

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BirthAnnouncements

Kye Robert Luffman

Jeff and April Luffman of Murray are the parents of a son, Kye Robert Luffman, born on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Bobby and Debbie Luffman and Roy and Marie Wyatt, all of Murray.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Faustine Walker and Mrs. Joyce Ferri, both of Murray, and Mrs. Rosa Blaine of Grand Rivers. A great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Blanch Fonville of Murray.

Less than inch of rain recorded

John Ed Scott, local official government weather observer, reports that only .27 inch of rain was recorded in Murray for the month of September.

This was .08 inch on Sept. 2, .15 inch on Sept. 12 and .04 on Sept. 13.

The average rainfall for this is 39.72 inches; but the average yearly rainfall is 39.68 inches, Scott said. Fog was reported on Sept. 1, 3, 5, 10 and 30 and thunder on Sept. 12.

A temperature of 90 degrees was recorded on Sept. 6 and a low temperature of 47 degrees on Sept. 30. Average temperatures for the month were a high of 83 degrees and a low of 61.

"In general, my children refused to eat anything that hadn't danced on TV."

— Erma Bombeck

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Gown picked for MSU grad's fiancee

With more than 300,000 votes cast, viewers picked the gown for Nikki Hensley to wear when she weds Robert "Buddy" Butler II on Nov. 19 in Cap Juluca.

Butler, a 2000 MSU graduate and Madisonville, Ky., native, and Hensley, a Lexington, Ky., native are the "Today Show" couple chosen for an all-expense paid wedding by NBC. Viewers voted to send the couple to a private self-contained enclave in the Caribbean on the island of Anguilla in the British West Indies for the wedding site.

Butler, who is stationed at Ft. Campbell and in the process of receiving clearance to move to Lexington on Oct. 14, said this week's trip to the Big Apple provided a new twist to the previous shows. A blindfolded Butler placed headphones on to drown the sound out when the gown decision was revealed to Nikki on Wednesday's show. "I still haven't heard which gown was chosen," he said. "She seems happy with the selection and that is all that matters."

Hensley, a receptionist for a medical firm in Lexington, did not want Butler to see the gown before their wedding day.

For the fifth year in a row "The Today Show" is hosting this special series to help people learn how to plan a wedding. This year's series offers a new twist from the previous ones: a destination wedding. Throughout the 12-week long series, "Today Show" guests will offer helpful advice and guide viewers through the entire process of planning a wedding. During the remaining weeks the public will be able to select wedding plans for the couple including their attire and flowers and the honeymoon destination. Selecting the bridesmaid's gowns is the next choice voters will make for the couple.

Butler said each week offers he and his fiancee a standing Tuesday night date. This week they traveled with Hensley's 5-year-old daughter, Addison. The threesome visited Toys "R" Us while in New York.

Butler said it is amazing that the couple's national "Today Show" television appearance has garnered publicity and made their faces recognizable to people they see in restaurants and the general public. "They ask questions like, 'Is Nikki happy with the selection of the place

chosen?'" he said. "Or, look I know them."

Receiving clearance from Ft. Campbell proved to be easier than Butler had thought. "When I first walked into the office and told them I was there for clearance, I was asked what reason," he said. "I told them my reason was probably different than any other one they would probably hear."

After telling the officers, Butler said they were asking him questions about appearing on the show and the wedding.

A former offensive lineman for the MSU Racers and a Pi Kappa Alpha alumnus, Butler said that he and his groomsmen, a group that includes two friends from his Murray State University days and his sergeant from his Ft. Campbell unit traveled to Clarksville, Tenn., this past weekend.

Butler, whose father is his best man, said Donnie Sutton,

his Pike big brother and Jason Williams, who played football with him at Murray, are a part of the wedding party.

In addition to Butler preparing for his upcoming move to Lexington and obtaining clearance from Ft. Campbell, he is also preparing for his sister's wedding on Oct. 9.

Butler's dad, Roger, said he is happy for both of his children. "I never thought either of our two children would get married," he said as he laughed. "But now, they are each getting married within six weeks apart and I'm very happy for both of them."

The four wedding bridesmaid selections, that also include the dress for the flower girl, are J. Crew and Jenny Yoo, Vera Wang and Simple Silhouettes, Kathleen Argio, and Thread.

To vote, visit www.murraystate.edu.



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(30x40)\$14,875	(30x40)\$15,275

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TV Listings Wednesday, October 6, 2004

	A	B	C	D	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Jane Pauley	
WSIL-ABC	3	3			News		Good Morning America				Tony Danza		The View (N)		Matlock (In Stereo)	
WSMV-NBC	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo)						Tony Danza		Ellen Show	
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show		Montel Williams		The Price Is Right		News	Y & R
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6	6	News		Today (In Stereo)						To Be Announced		News	
WBLJ-ABC	7	7			Good Morning		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Divorce	News
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Mr	Calliou	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Tele-	Sesame Street		Reading Cyber-		Jakers	Booh-
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	Paid	Paid	Light-	Paid	Hatchett	Hatchett	Judge Mathis		People's Court		Divorce	Justice
WQTV-UPN	10	17	11	30	Paid	Paid	Littles	Under-	Garfield	Dennis	Home Delivery		Pat	Pat	Good Day Live	
KFVS-CBS	12	12	12	12	Breakfast Show		The Early Show (In Stereo)				Regis and Kelly		The Price Is Right		Young-Restless	
WGN	16	38	9	10	Chang-	Bellev-	Hap	Hap	Hillbil-	Hillbil-	Matlock		Heat of Night		Magnum, P.I.	
INSP	17	83	28		(5:00) It's Your Harvest Time!								It's Your Harvest Time!			
WKMU-PBS	21	21	5	11	Arthur	Clifford	Dragon	Calliou	Shrinks	Barney	Sesame Street		Lions	Tele-	Mr	Jay Jay
WDKA-WB	22	16	10		Chapel	Sabrina	Sabrina	Paid	GRC	Paid	Bellev-	Living	Thats	Parkers	Dharma	Spin
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	25	30	25		Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live)				Cold Pizza (In Stereo)				World-Poker		Series-Poker	
MTV	26	49	27	24	(5:00) MTV Video Wake-Up (In Stereo)				Video Clash		MTV Hits		Chal-	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd
TNT	28	27	39	14	The Pretender		Angel (In Stereo)		Charmed		ER (In Stereo)		ER "Summer Run"		Judging Amy	
TLC	29	41	41		Save-	Hi-5	Peep	Bus	Baby	Baby	Clean Sweep		Wedding Sec		Mak-	Mak-
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Fit Lite	Workout	Laverne	Design-	Golden	Nanny	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Golden	Unsolved Myst.	
USA	32	51	49	5	Texas Ranger		Movie: "Necessary Roughness" (1991)				Nash Bridges		The District		The District	
AMC	34	58	29		Movie: "Mother, Jugs & Speed" (1976)				Movie: *** "Car Wash" (1976) PG				Movie: ***½ "The Odd Couple" (1968)			
A&E	35	35	44	27	Marco Polo		Movie: "Columbo Likes the Nightlife" (1991)				Murder, She Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential	
FAM	36	53	36	2	Spider	Digimon	Rangers	Bey-	Two	Living	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full Hse.	Full Hse.
NICK	37	22	24	4	Oddpar-	Neutron	Rugrats	Sponge	Dora	Blues-	Spider	Dora	Spider	Girls	Blues-	Little Bill
HGTV	43	36	18		Garden-	Solu-	TIPical	Quilts	Duval	Duval	Room	Room	Crafters	Collec-	Homes	Sensible
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	MacGyver		7 Days (In Stereo)		Deep Space 9		Deep Space 9	
WTBS	52	26	21	13	Saved-	Saved-	Movie: ** "Mr. Baseball" (1992)				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved-	Saved-
TOON	65	32	50		Poké-	Yu Gi	Coden-	Grim	Looney	Looney	Sylves-	Rescue	Scobby	Scobby	Scobby-Doo	
COURT	66	61			Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Open Court				Trial Heat			
BET	67	39			(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration				BET Start				BET		106 & Park: Top 10 Live	
CMTV	70	34			(5:00) CMT Music											
HBO	68	71	51		Movie: ***½ "Chairman of the Board" (1993)				Movie: ***½ "The Fugitive" (1993)				Movie: ** "Hard Promises" (1991)		Rain-	
MAX	75	72	54		Movie: "Defending Your Life" (1991) PG				Movie: ** "Action Jackson" (1992)				Movie: *** "Unfaithful" (2002) R			
SHOW	70	73	52		Movie: ** "Five Guns West" (1975)				** "Walking Across Egypt" (1992)				Movie: **½ "Flash Gordon" (1980) PG		Looking for Richard	
DISN	78	31	57		Koala	Wiggles	Higgly	JoJo	Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie	PBJ	Out-Box	Wiggles	Koala	Higgly
FLIX	76				Movie: "Lone Wolf McQuade" (1981)				Movie: ** "A Home of Our Own" (1993)				Movie: ** "Far North" (1988)		Shout.	
HBO2	62				Movie: *** "Roxanne" (1987) PG				Movie: *** "Emma" (1996) PG				Movie: "The Weight of Water" (1993)			

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OCT. 6, 2004

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WKRN-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Judy	Judy	News	News	News	ABC	News	Fortune			
WSIL-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Larry Elder		Montel Williams		News	ABC	News	Enter-			
WSMV-NBC	News	News	Passions	Days of our Lives	Dr. Phil (N)	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC	News				
WTVF-CBS	Y & R	Talk of the Town	Bold	Guiding Light	As World Turns	News	Edition	News	CBS	News				
WPSD-NBC	Days of our Lives	Passions	Edition	TBA	Dr. Phil (N)	Jeop-	Million-	News	NBC	News	Fortune			
WBLJ-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Dr. Phil (N)	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC	News	Fortune					
WNPT-PBS	Mr	Virtues	Lions	Ange-	Shrinks	Zoboo	Dragon	Sagwa	Barney Clifford	Arthur	Zoom		News-Lehrer	
KBSI-Fox	Brown	Brown	The 700 Club	Paid	Girl-	Maury (N)			Fear Factor	70s	Malcolm		King Hill	Simp-
WQTV-UPN	Paid	Paid	Enter-	Ron H.	Starting Over	Mak-	Mak-	Blind	Blind	Yes	Ray-		Yes	Pannun-
KFVS-CBS	News	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light		Ellen Show	Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS	News		Ray-	
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INSP	Harvest Time		It's Your Harvest Time!						It's Your Harvest Time!	(Live)				
WKMU-PBS	To Read	Pre GED	Berens-	Shrinks	Zoom	Arthur	Cyber-	Reading	Clifford	Dragon	GED		Busi-	News-Lehrer
WDKA-WB	Life & Style		Jerry Springer		Feud	Feud	Mega-	Mucha	Poké-	Yu Gi	Cosby		Cosby	Griffith
ESPN	MLB Baseball: Division Series - Teams TBA (Live)								MLB Baseball: Division Series - Teams TBA (Live)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Series-Poker	NBA	NFL	NFL	Films				World Series of Poker				NFL	NFL
MTV	The Real World	RealWri-	RealWri-	RealWri-	RealWri-	School	Room	TRL			Laguna	Laguna	Made (In Stereo)	
TNT	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Angel "Destiny"		Charmed		Law & Order	
TLC	Pro-	Wed-	Baby	Baby	Mak-	Mak-	Trading Spaces		White You Out		Clean Sweep		In a Fix	
LIFE	Unsolved Myst.		Movie: "Earthquake in New York" (1994)				Strong Medicine		Nanny	Nanny	The Golden Girls		** "Guilty Hearts"	
USA	Movie: **½ "The Watcher" (2000)		Movie: *** "Primal Fear" (1996, Suspense)				Richard Gere.		The District		JAG		"Ghosts"	
AMC	Movie	Movie: "The Three Stooges" (1962)		Movie: *** "Silver Streak" (1976)			Gene Wilder.		Movie: ** "Harlem Nights" (1989)		Eddie Murphy.			
A&E	American Justice		Movie: "Columbo Likes the Nightlife" (1991)		Murder-Wrote		Third Watch		City Confidential		American Justice			
FAM	Family	Family	Step	Step	Boy	Boy	FullHse	FullHse	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven "PK"		Smallville	
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SPIKE	Star Trek	Gen.	Star Trek	Gen.	Real TV	Real TV	Maximum Exp.		MXC	MXC	Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn	
WTBS	Cosby	Cosby	Harvey	Harvey	Drew	Drew	Yes	Yes	Hom-	Hom-	Seinfeld		Seinfeld	Ray-
TOON	Tom & Jerry		Looney	Looney	Grim	Adventures of Billy and Mandy	Totally	Turtles	Trans-	Titans	Grim		Ed, Edd	
COURT	Both Sides				Closing Arguments		Catherine Crier		NYPD Blue		Cops		Cops	
BET	BET Now				The Center		Rap City: The Basement		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		Access			
CMTV	CMT Music								Insider		Video Moments			
HBO	(11:45) Movie: "The Rainmaker" (1997)		Movie: "From Justin to Kelly" (2002)		Movie: *** "Runaway Jury" (2003)									

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520 Boats & Motors

1986 Bomber Crappie boat. 15ft. 60HP Johnson. New trolling motor ready to go. \$6,000 firm. Call after 5:00PM. 753-9652

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Horoscopes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004:
 Express your ideas, but be open to brainstorming. By playing the diplomat you'll get ahead. Your listening skills come into play. As a result, others want to hear your ideas and thoughts. Your gracious attitude and respectful way draw many new professional possibilities this year. Your creativity and fun-loving nature come out. You might risk more than usual. Be sure you can afford the loss, be it emotionally or financially. Learn to express your anger so that others can hear it. If you are single, you'll meet someone while out and about or through work. Your romantic side comes out. This relationship could be quite special. If you are attached, the two of you become more visual and do even more together. **CANCER** pushes you to perform to your highest ability.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Be more nurturing to a family member, even if you don't feel like it. Your efforts do count, as others demonstrate. Your ability to have heartfelt communications emerges. Be authentic and true to yourself. Tonight: What's this? A loved one is on

the warpath. Refuse to engage. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
 ★★★★★ Your ability to communicate enhances your personal and professional lives. Finally, you come to an understanding with a boss or an associate. You might not believe how easy a discussion can be. Don't push yourself too hard. Tonight: Go from fifth gear into neutral. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
 ★★★★★ Finances become a prime issue during a discussion about a potential trip or opportunity. You don't want to say "no," and you don't have to. Use your abilities to think, create and find solutions. You will get where you want to go. Tonight: Pay bills. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
 ★★★★★ Your smile soothes others. A partner or associate could be troublesome. Check into an investment involving property, or consider refinancing. A partner has great ideas. Listen. Be careful moving furniture. Tonight: Only what you want. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
 ★★★ Assume a low profile. You have to do very little. Be honest with yourself and how you view a friend, loved one or child. Much changes quickly. Refuse to get into an argument or take a comment personally. Tonight: Question why another's comment triggers you. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
 ★★★★★ Your hard work pays off. You finally see the rewards and get the respect you have wanted. Focus on long-term

desires, especially those involving health and work. A meeting might drop good news in your lap. Say "no" to extra spending. Tonight: Follow your friends. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
 ★★★★★ You are in the limelight, getting praise for a job well done. Your originality and creativity impress colleagues. Be careful not to push an authority figure. Express your feelings using your especially diplomatic Libra style. Tonight: Don't count on this being an early night. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
 ★★★★★ Your vision and ability to see the big picture help everyone. A family member or roommate leans on you. Check out facts and be sure of information. Test out an idea before announcing it. Tonight: Express your dismay so another can hear you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ A partner has so many suggestions, you could be exhausted. Work with one person at a time, even though a meeting might be on your calendar. Express your creativity so that others can grasp your ideas. Tonight: A friend could be difficult. Let him or her chill out. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
 ★★★★★ Others run with the ball, but in the long run, you will benefit. Gather information. Listen to others. You can be sure many people have a lot to share. Don't let an aggressive associate ruin your day. Tonight: Out late. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
 ★★★★★ You have a way of opening others' minds and presenting different points of view. Focus on your daily life and clear out what you must do. Though you could

brainstorm all day, remember that you have responsibilities. Tonight: Don't push yourself. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
 ★★★★★ Your instincts help you with a money venture. Don't spend more than you can afford to lose. Romance and creativity flourish in your life, at work or in personal ties. Don't let an angry partner get the best of you. Tonight: If you want, go for romance or play with a kid. Let go of work.

BORN TODAY
 Founder of McDonald's Ray Kroc (1902), actress Kate Winslet (1975), music producer Bob Geldoff (1951)

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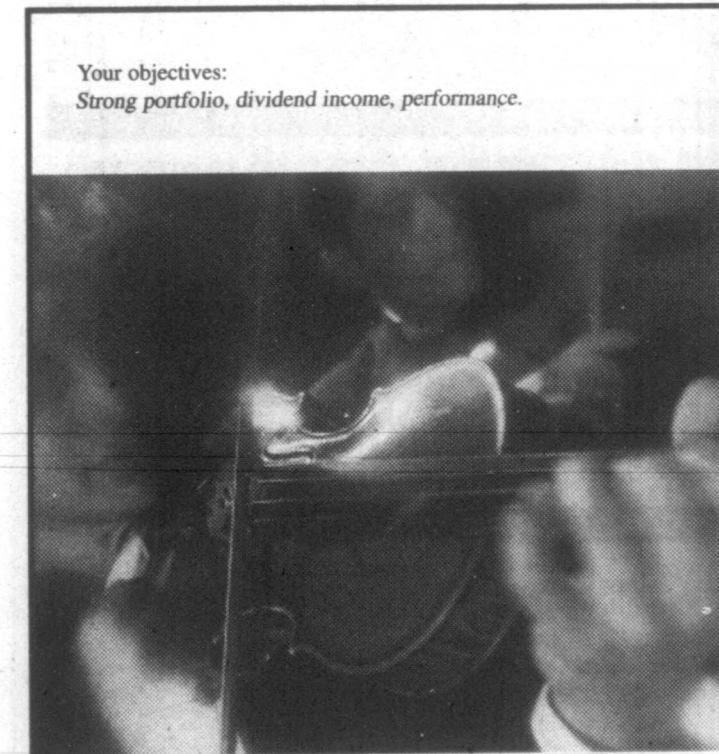
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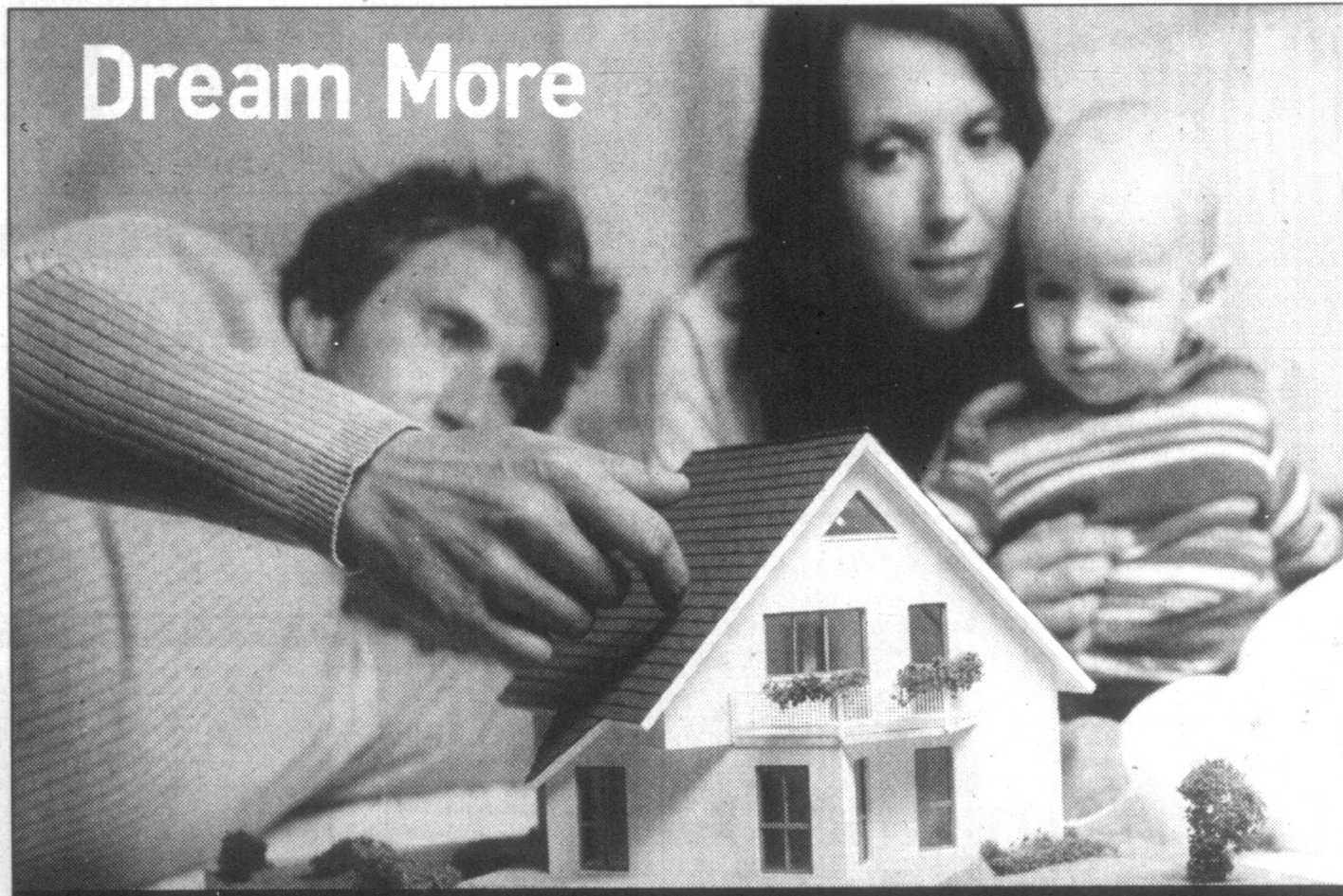


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Looking Back

10 years ago
Published are pictures of Murray State University students and family at Oakhurst for an outdoor meal as part of Parents Weekend. The guests also attended the football game at Stewart Stadium with Murray Racers winning 28-24 over University of Tennessee of Martin.

Births reported include a boy to Pamela and Jerry Gilliland, a boy to Amanda and Jonathan Brasher, a boy to Nancy and Jay Geiger and a girl to Amanda and Tony Grooms, Sept. 27.

Kirksey High School Class of 1942 is pictured at a reunion held at the homeplace of Mildred Dunn Thomas.

20 years ago
Goshen United Methodist Church, located on Highway 121 North at Stella, will have its 150th anniversary celebration on Oct. 7. The church was started in 1834.

Bob (Frosty) Miller and Dan McDaniel a program on "Antiques - Buying At An Auction" at the annual day program of the Calloway County Homemakers Club held at Pagla's.

Births reported include a boy to Phillip and Tammie Zacheretti, Sept. 18.

Gale Vinson, a member of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club, present-

ed a program of songs from "The Sound of Music" with Joan Bowker as pianist at a meeting of the Theta Department of the MWC.

30 years ago
Palestine United Methodist Church will celebrate its centennial anniversary on Oct. 6. The land on which the church is located was entered in the records in 1835 by G.W. Lee and the deed was made to the church in 1874 by Lucy Lee Ross, W.P. Parrish and P.J. Parrish.

Clara Eagle, retired chairman of the art department of Murray State University, has been awarded a life time membership by the Kentucky Art Education Association. The Eagle Gallery at the Doyle Fire Arts Center at MSU is named for Eagle.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rasmussen, Sept. 6.

40 years ago
The Melodie Trio of Murray, composed of Don Oliver, Diane West and Mike Jones, tied for first place of the vocal division and talent contest at the Second Annual International Banana Festival held at Fulton.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Menendez.

Readers sound off on dad's behavior around his daughter

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman, "Uneasy About My Daughter," who was concerned that her husband



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

might be acting inappropriately with her 11-year-old daughter. She went on to describe her husband sitting on the toilet and eating his dinner every night while the girl took her bath, and also stroking the girl's backside to lull her to sleep at bedtime.

You advised "Uneasy" that her husband's behavior was inappropriate and urged her to discuss the situation with the girl's pediatrician.

Abby, I think you threw gas on the fire without knowing more about that mother's concerns. Why is the husband eating his dinner while the daughter takes her bath? Does he get home late, after the rest of the family has eaten? How developed is the girl? My 11-year-old girl looks like she's 8! Is the father really rubbing the girl's bottom -- or her back?

Eleven is a weird age. The girls aren't women, but they aren't small children either. My 11-year-old thinks nothing of jumping into the tub when I'm bathing my 3-year-old. She

also does it when my husband is bathing our son.

If "Uneasy" feels the way she does, why doesn't she have her daughter take her bath earlier? -- TRUSTS MY HUSBAND IN TUCSON

DEAR TRUSTS: That's a good question. However, she wrote to me because she has a sixth sense that's telling her something is wrong. And she should listen to that sixth sense and act on it. After I printed that letter, the volume of mail I received from survivors of child sexual abuse curled my hair. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: As a child, I was sexually abused by my father. I still bear the emotional scars. What "Uneasy's" husband is doing is called "confusing touch" and is very likely a precursor to outright abuse. By confusing the daughter into thinking his behavior is OK, the father opens the door for behavior that isn't. "Uneasy" must get help for her daughter so the girl can learn how to set boundaries and define appropriate touch.

Parents have a responsibility to their children. -- BEEN THERE IN PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I am a detective specializing in crimes against children in a central Florida sheriff's department. If the father acts this way when he is being observed, I can only imagine what goes on when the mother isn't present. The fact that the mother referred to the man as "my husband," not as the girl's father, raises more red flags.

Had this been reported to me in my jurisdiction, I believe I would have probable cause for an arrest on charges of lewd and lascivious molestation.

"Uneasy" should contact local law enforcement and child welfare agencies and report her husband. If she doesn't, she could be charged with failure to protect her child. -- FLORIDA DETECTIVE

Deafness and estrogen aren't related

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been suffering with a nerve-type hearing loss for years and am hoping for a cure some day. I've been told estrogen will be a key link to the cure. Do you see any possibility there?



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

Nerve deafness is usually due to irreversible injury to the hearing nerves. This is most often the consequence of noise damage, not a hormone deficiency.

Our society is fraught with loud sounds, including jet aircraft, unmuffled engines, subway trains and amplified music. If such noise is sufficient to cause ringing in the ears or temporary hearing loss, it is doing damage. With repeated, unprotected exposure, permanent deafness will result. I do not believe that the female hormone estrogen would modify this damage or provide useful therapy for a hearing loss caused by nerve malfunction.

If you have new scientific evidence of which I'm not aware that contradicts this position, please send me the reference. In the meantime, consider using a hearing aid.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: As far back as I can remember I've suffered from insomnia during the summer months. When I get back into school, I'm fine.

What could be causing this, and is there something I can do for it?

DEAR READER: Summer-time may cause insomnia in some people because the days are longer; we are less likely to sleep when, for example, sun streams in the window at 6 a.m. Also, many schoolchildren get caught up in summer activities and look forward day by day to these events. Finally, young people may not get as tired when school is not in session -- or they may tend to nap during the day.

Your insomnia may simply reflect an altered schedule and a re-setting of your biological clock.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Many of my co-workers feel very irate that we must undergo urine testing, since it violates our right to privacy. We've been told some foods, such as poppy seed rolls, will test positive for marijuana. Is this really true?

DEAR READER: Many workers are outraged by compulsory drug testing. I understand this. And yet I also understand the rationale behind the rule, especially if the workers drive trucks or operate heavy equipment. Safety in the workplace (and on the highway) may take precedence over any perceived threat to privacy.

To my knowledge, most drug-monitoring programs have appeal processes to solve the very problem you raise: false positive testing. It's true that substances as ubiquitous as poppy seeds can mimic some drugs in the urine. Therefore, I endorse a worker's right to appeal a false positive test.

But I do not believe that this issue assumes much practical importance. In my practice, workers appear to accept drug testing as a nuisance that's simply part of the job.

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The question that remains, of course, is how are you supposed to know that the king of diamonds is the killing play? It might seem extraordinarily difficult to be able to work this out, and yet it's actually all very logical.

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The only remaining problem, once you've come this far, is to determine which diamond to return. Ordinarily, you'd lead fourth best, but here, because of the danger of blocking the suit, you have to play the king first. After you do this and West unblocks the ten, the rest is as easy as pie.

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- ACROSS**
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 - Monk's title
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 - Goofer
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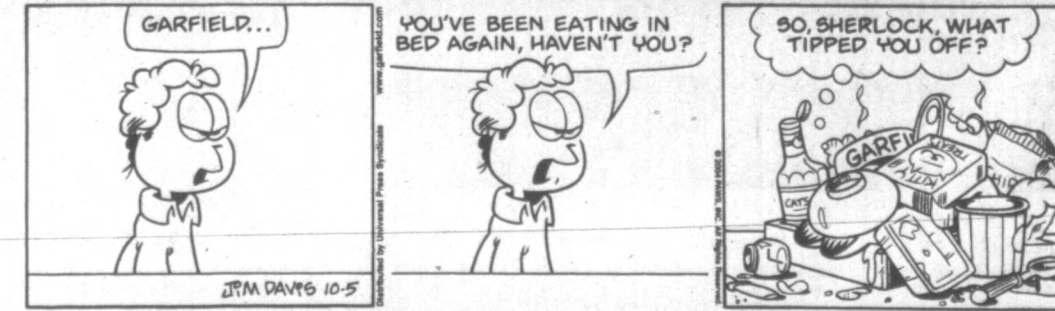
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Miami	0	4	0	.000	Washington	1	3	0	.250
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Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	Chicago	1	3	0	.250
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	Green Bay	1	3	0	.250
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Team	W	L	T	Pct	Team	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	3	1	0	.750	Seattle	3	0	0	1.000
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	St. Louis	2	2	0	.500
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	Arizona	1	3	0	.250
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	San Francisco	0	4	0	.000

Sunday's Games
Houston 30, Oakland 17
Philadelphia 19, Chicago 9
N.Y. Giants 14, Green Bay 7
Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 17
New England 31, Buffalo 17
Indianapolis 24, Jacksonville 17
Cleveland 17, Washington 13
Arizona 34, New Orleans 10
Atlanta 27, Carolina 10
N.Y. Jets 17, Miami 9
San Diego 38, Tennessee 17
Denver 16, Tampa Bay 13
St. Louis 24, San Francisco 14
Open: Seattle, Dallas, Detroit, Minnesota
Monday's Game
Kansas City 27, Baltimore 24

Sunday, Oct. 10
Detroit at Atlanta, noon
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, noon
Oakland at Indianapolis, noon
Minnesota at Houston, noon
Miami at New England, noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Carolina at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Cincinnati, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Chicago
Monday, Oct. 11
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

There's still fuel left in this rocket

Roger Clemens named Game 1 starter against Braves Wednesday

HOUSTON (AP) — A few hours before the Houston Astros' regular-season finale, Roger Clemens was sick to his stomach and hooked up to an IV tube.

Astros owner Drayton McLane was overcome with disappointment until manager Phil Garner sidled up to him in the clubhouse. "I was absolutely crushed. Roger still wanted to pitch but... I knew he was in no condition to go," McLane recalled later in a champagne-soaked clubhouse. "But Phil was telling me, 'Don't worry. This could work out perfectly for us.'"

It sure did. Brandon Backe took the mound in Clemens' place Sunday and delivered a clutch performance to help the Astros cap an incredible turnaround, clinching the wild card with a win over Colorado. Back in the playoffs for the first time since 2001, they begin a best-of-five series Wednesday at NL East-champion Atlanta.

And in a magnificent stroke of timing and luck, the Rocket will start for the Astros on extra rest in Game 1.

"Maybe it's part of a script," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said with a wry smile.

"We're confident that it's one of those 12-hour viruses." Such a storybook scenario appeared farfetched when the struggling Astros fired manager Jimmy Williams during the All-Star break. Garner made little immediate impact, and Houston was 56-60 on Aug. 14.

Four days later the Astros lost star pitcher Andy Pettitte to season-ending elbow surgery. Disappointed by the team's struggles following such pre-season promise, Clemens called the year a "nightmare."

Then the Astros went on a major league-best 36-10 run to win an exciting stretch duel with San Francisco, Chicago, San Diego and Florida.

And Houston is in great shape going into the postseason: Clemens will pitch on six days' rest as long as he's recovered from his stomach virus, and 20-game winner Roy Oswalt will be ready to follow.

"It just so happens that our rotation is going to be set up for the playoffs," Houston outfielder Lance Berkman said. "We weren't even trying to do it that way. It's a break for us and we

just hope that Rocket can get back to full strength." Clemens was lured out of his 78-day retirement for moments just like this.

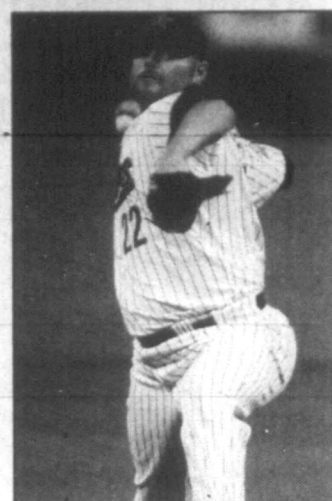
At 42, he is an improbable Cy Young Award candidate: His winning percentage of .818 led the majors, he tied for second in the NL with 18 wins and was fifth with a 2.98 ERA. He's also been the same power pitcher he was with Boston, Toronto and the Yankees.

"It doesn't surprise me," former Yankees teammate Derek Jeter said. "When he retired, or supposedly retired last year, it was never a question of his stuff. He was throwing 95, 96 the last game when he so-called retired."

"For him, it was a matter of, I think, being away from his family. Staying in Houston, he had a chance to do both."

Fans returned to Minute Maid Park in droves to see Clemens, a Houston native. The Astros set a franchise record for attendance (3,087,872).

The Astros are now counting on Clemens, who has two World Series rings and years of postseason experience, to help them



AP Photo
Houston's Roger Clemens has been named the starter for Wednesday's divisional game between the Astros and Atlanta Braves.

end a humiliating string of October failures: Houston has never won a postseason series in 42 years of existence.

"I don't think anyone left has more World Series experience than Roger Clemens."

Cardinals, Petrino eye Hurricanes

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The warmup is over for Louisville.

After rolling to four wins over teams with a combined 3-14 record, the No. 20 Cardinals (4-0) can finally focus on their Oct. 14 showdown with fourth-ranked Miami (4-0) at the Orange Bowl.

Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said he won't need hyperbole to convince his players that the Hurricanes are in a different class than their first four opponents.

"We'll just turn the video on. That's all we'll have to do," Petrino said Monday.

Petrino downplayed how

much the Cardinals have riding on the game.

Win it, and the Cardinals will have cleared their biggest hurdle on the road to a possible berth in the Bowl Championship Series — something no team from a non-BCS league has ever earned. Louisville has six games left after Miami, but only two against teams that currently have winning records.

"If we find a way to win the game, then definitely, we're a BCS contender," Petrino said. "If we don't, then we're not."

A victory would also solidify Louisville's recruiting presence in Florida, which was validated two years ago by a 26-20 win over then-No. 4 Florida State.

Louisville has 26 players from Florida, the third-most of any program outside the state.

"Our name is good down there. We recruit it heavily," Petrino said. "If we have a good

chance to win this game, it will help us a lot."

Several Floridians play on Louisville's defense, and Petrino is hoping they can simulate the Hurricanes' speed for the offense.

"That will be the hardest thing to do in practice," he said. "Our defense is fast and has been playing very fast because they understand what they're doing. But it will still be hard to get the exact look that you need to see."

So far, the Cardinals' offense has hardly been tested, piling up 43 points and 504 yards per game. Petrino, a former college quarterback and NFL offensive coordinator, has been fairly conservative in his play-calling, however, with 193 rushes to only 110 passes.

The Cardinals are averaging 246 rushing yards per game, 11th in the nation.

Kentucky AP Football Poll

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school football polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

1A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Beechwood	(8)	5-1	121	2
2. Newport CC	(3)	5-1	120	1
3. Danville	(2)	4-2	113	3
4. Murray	(1)	6-0	96	4
5. Williamsburg	-	7-0	79	8
6. Lou. Holy Cross	-	5-1	74	5
7. Hancock Co.	(1)	5-1	65	7
8. Campbellsville	-	5-1	34	6
9. Pikeville	-	5-2	29	9
10. Bardstown	-	4-2	17	

Others receiving votes: Lynn Camp 11, Frankfort 9, Fairview 8, Caverna 7, Somerset 7, Ludlow 6, Harlan 6, Mayfield 5, Crittenden Co. 5, Lou. Christian Academy 5, Paintsville 5, Harrodsburg 2.

2A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Breathitt Co.	(7)	7-0	141	1
2. Belfry	(6)	6-0	133	2
3. Fort Campbell	(1)	5-1	104	3
4. Elizabethtown	-	6-1	99	4
5. Russell	(1)	6-0	85	5
6. Trigg Co.	-	5-1	60	6
7. Prestonsburg	-	5-1	53	7
8. Fleming Co.	-	6-0	46	9
9. Garrard Co.	-	6-1	22	10
10t. Glasgow	-	4-2	15	
10t. Middlesboro	-	4-2	15	

Others receiving votes: Henry Co. 9, Butler Co. 9, LaRue Co. 6, Leslie Co. 5, Lloyd Memorial 4, Corbin 4, Owensboro Cath. 4, Heath 3, Mercer Co. 3, Newport 2, Wayne Co. 2.

3A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Highlands	(10)	6-1	140	2
2. Hopkinsville	(3)	6-0	119	1
3. Bowling Green	(1)	7-0	111	3
4. Lex. Catholic	-	5-1	98	4
5. Boyle Co.	(1)	4-2	87	5
6. Bell Co.	-	5-1	73	7
7. Lou. Waggener	-	6-0	54	6
8. Pulaski SW	-	6-1	51	9
9. M-ville-North Hopkins	-	6-1	23	
10. Cov. Catholic	-	4-2	17	

Others receiving votes: Harrison Co. 10, Union Co. 10, Pulaski Co. 9, Hopkins Co. Central 9, Paul Blazer 8, Rockcastle Co. 8, Paducah Tilghman 7, Franklin-Simpson 6, Clay Co. 5, Lou. Central 5.

4A				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. St. Xavier	(15)	5-1	150	1
2. Lou. Trinity	-	5-1	129	2
3. Lou. Manual	-	6-1	109	3
4. Henderson Co.	-	6-1	91	4
5. Lou. Male	-	5-2	74	5
6. Madison Central	-	6-1	61	6
7. Conner	-	6-0	60	8
8. Dixie Heights	-	5-1	56	7
9. Owensboro Apollo	-	5-1	19	
10. Scott Co.	-	4-2	17	

Others receiving votes: Lou. Ballard 14, South Laurel 9, Johnson Central 8, Christian Co. 6, Greenwood 5, Lex. Tates Creek 5, Lou. Butler 5, Owensboro 5.

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MURRAY STATE GOLF

Host Racers lead MSU Invite

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray State men's golf team held a one-shot lead after the first two rounds of the three-round MSU Invitational, being played this week at the par-71, 6,601-yard Frances E. Miller Memorial Golf Course.

The final round was scheduled to begin today at 8 a.m.

Murray State was tied for third after the first round, but shot the second-best single round of the meet by firing a second-round

282 to lead with a team score of 572.

Two Ohio Valley Conference teams are right behind Murray State, as Morehead State shot a single-round-best 281 in the second round to trail by one shot at 573. Southeast Missouri — leading after the first round — is in third at 578.

Northern Kentucky is fourth at 581, followed by Southern Illinois at 587, Tennessee-Martin at 590, Murray State-Gold at 592, Tennessee-Martin-Blue at 611, Lewis at 621 and Chicago State at 633.

Individually, SIU's Kyle Hosick and NKU's Jonathon Ehlen led the 54-golfer field with a score of 141.

MSU's Michael Craft and Kyle Shirley were tied for third at 142, while Jamie Frazier ended the day tied for seventh at 143. Nick Griffin and Will Cox were tied for 15th at 146.

For MSU-Gold, Jay Cooper was tied for 10th at 144, while Blake Darnell and Kyle Landrum finished Monday tied for 20th at 148. Jerry Price was tied for 36th at 152.



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo

MSU's Jamie Frazier watches his tee shot on No. 9 Monday at Miller Memorial Golf Course in Murray. Frazier finished with a 143 and tied for seventh at the MSU Invitational.

Anxiety attacking Racer football for conference win

By SCOTT NANNEY

Sports Editor

Losses make for anxious times among players, coaches and fans.

And the Murray State Racers are certainly anxious to redeem themselves from last weekend's mistake-filled 35-14 loss at defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Jacksonville State.

The first chance to do that will be Saturday, when the Racers (2-3, 1-1 OVC) host Samford (1-4, 0-2) in the annual Homecoming game at Roy Stewart Stadium.

"It's going to be a huge game for us," said MSU head coach Joe Pannunzio. "Of all the places I've been, Homecoming has been just another game. But, for whatever reason, it's different here at Murray State."

"This is the one time of the year when everybody comes back to Murray. And we're anxious to go out there and show everybody that we are a good football team."

Admittedly for Pannunzio, the Racers' virtues were hard to see amidst the untimely turnovers and special teams gaffes that turned last Saturday's potential nail-biter into a disastrous 21-point defeat.

Among the miscues were two crucial fumbles by sophomore tailback Chad Cook and a pair of interceptions thrown by quarterback Adam Fisher. The capper, however, was a 79-yard, third-quarter punt return for a touchdown by the Gamecocks' Craig Agee that slammed the door shut on the Racers.

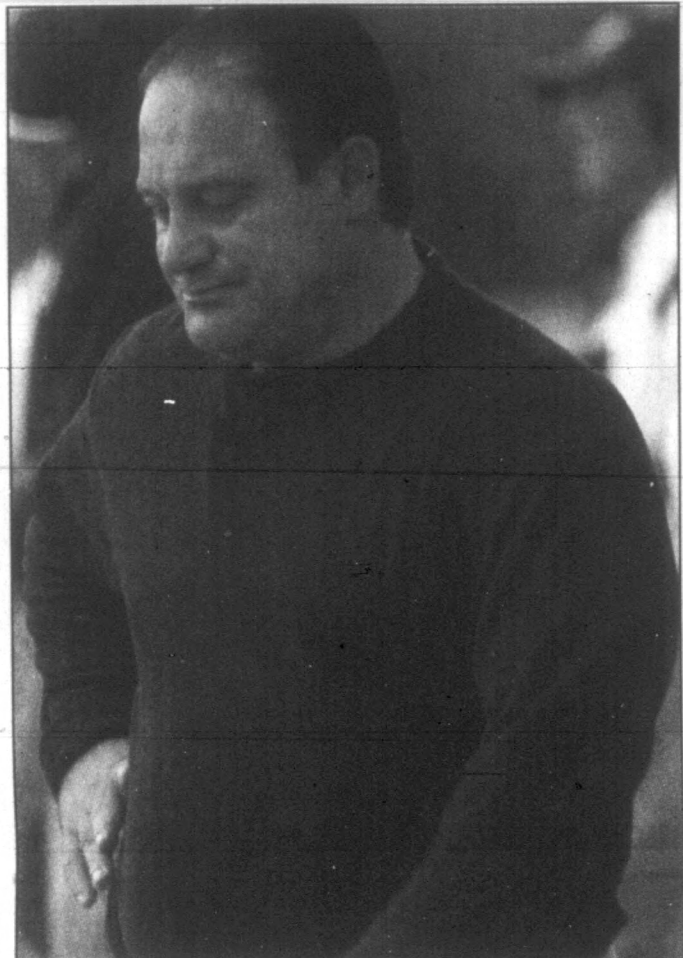
Pannunzio vowed Monday that the costly mistakes would be corrected in practice.

"We're going to work hard, hard, hard at not turning the ball over," he explained. "The thing we have to do is just keep working on it in practice."

"I think teams go through cycles like that during the course of a season, and maybe we're in one of those right now. Then again, maybe we're not coaching it enough. We're going to coach it harder."

Pannunzio also alluded that their will likely be some personnel changes in a special teams unit that has now given up two punt returns for touchdowns in the last three games.

The Racers also hope to get a boost from the return of junior tailback Nick Turner, who watched last weekend's game from the sidelines while recovering from bruised ribs he suffered the week before in a win over Tennessee Tech.



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times photo

A frustrated Joe Pannunzio watches from the sidelines during last weekend's 35-14 loss at Jacksonville State. The Racers hope to eliminate the mistakes that cost them against the Gamecocks when they take on Samford in the annual Homecoming game on Saturday.

Turner's explosiveness in the backfield and on kick returns was missed against Jacksonville State.

But even without the big-play capabilities of Turner, the MSU offense produced another solid outing — outgaining its opponent by more than 100 yards for the second time in three games. Both of those contests, however, ended in defeat.

The Racers also hit another milestone by producing a 100-yard rusher for the third time in as many games. Cook's 129 yards on 24 carries marked the first time a Murray squad had accomplished the feat since 1999, when Justin Bivins and Jermaine Manning turned the trick.

The health of the MSU backfield has been a constant story for Pannunzio and the Racers all season long.

The trio of Turner, Cook and Ron Lane have rarely been on the field together at the same time. Fisher has also missed time with a knee injury.

When all four are healthy at the same time, the Racers' potency on offense has been undeniable. With all of its weapons intact, MSU blitz

Tennessee Tech for 28 points in the span one quarter of play and racked up over 500 yards of total offense in a 34-15 rout of the Golden Eagles on Sept. 25.

"We've got to do the right thing and keep everyone as healthy as possible," Pannunzio noted. "When we have everybody on the field, we have a lot of weapons."

As Saturday's tilt with the Bulldogs approaches, Pannunzio knows the Racers can ill-afford another loss if it hopes to earn a second OVC title in three years.

With the loss at JSU, Murray already finds itself a game back of the Gamecocks with tough road trips to Eastern Illinois (Oct. 16), Eastern Kentucky (Oct. 30) and Tennessee State (Nov. 20) still ahead. The Racers must also tangle with Samford, Southeast Missouri State and Tennessee-Martin at home.

When asked if his squad could lose another game and still expect to win the conference, Pannunzio said, "No. But we can't look at it like that. We just have to take one game at a time. And the next game is Samford."

Dodgers season filled with mystery and magic

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The first tipoff came from the stands, not the locker room. The playoffs were in sight, and up in the massive decks of Dodger Stadium, fans weren't racing to their cars during the seventh-inning stretch.

The last time that happened was 16 years ago, which just happens to be the last time the Dodgers were in a World Series. Even then, there were red taillights leaving Chavez Ravine long before Kirk Gibson hit the home run that lives in baseball lore.

Dodgers fans, like Hollywood stars, tend to arrive late and leave early. They go to games to see and be seen, then beat a hasty exit.

Who could blame them? Before Saturday, the last time the Dodgers won a game that really meant something Orel Hershiser was on the mound in the 1988 World Series.

This season, though, they've given fans a reason to stick around.

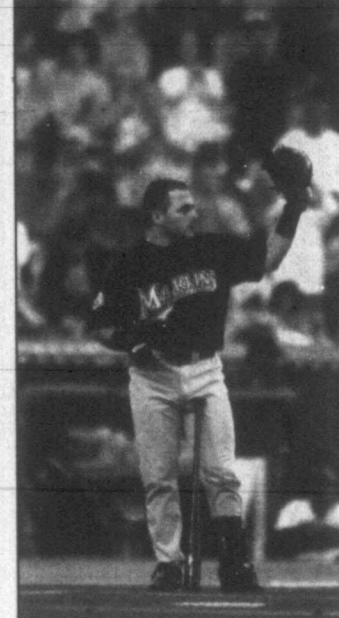
Time after time — 53 times to be exact, including 13 of their last 14 victories — the Dodgers have come from behind to win. Half the time, they wait until their last at-bats to do it.

Maybe that's why, as the late-inning comebacks mounted, fans sensed something so special was happening that even the thought of a Los Angeles traffic jam couldn't get them to leave.

Or maybe they were just trying to figure out how a team with no real starting pitching, a right fielder with anger-management issues and a general manager who traded an All-Star catcher just when he was needed most could win the National League West.

No matter now. The Dodgers travel to St. Louis to play the Cardinals on Tuesday, baseball is suddenly hot again in laid-back L.A., and even the players are beginning to think this might be a magical year.

National League Divisional Playoffs
St. Louis vs. Los Angeles
Tuesday, Oct. 5
Los Angeles (Perez 7-6) at St. Louis (W. Williams 11-8), 12:09 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Oct. 7
Los Angeles (Weaver 13-13) at St. Louis (Marquis 15-7), 7:19 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 9
St. Louis (Morris 15-10) at Los Angeles (Lima 13-5)
Sunday, Oct. 10
St. Louis (Suppan 16-9) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-6), if necessary
Monday, Oct. 11
Los Angeles at St. Louis, if necessary



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Florida Marlins catcher Paul Lo Duca tips his hat to a cheering crowd during their game with the Los Angeles Dodgers Aug. 16, 2004, in Los Angeles. Lo Duca was one of two players from the Dodgers who made the 2004 National League's All-Star roster, but was traded to the Marlins later in the season.

0 in the ninth inning to the hated Giants when they came up with the biggest rally of the year.

By this time, the sellout crowd of 54,594 knew enough to stick around. After the Dodgers tied the game on some walks, an error and a bloop single, Finley rewarded their newfound patience with a grand slam to win it all.

"I was dreaming about it, and it happened," Finley said. "I wanted it. I knew I was going to get it done. When I walked to the plate, I knew the game was over. I even had a smile on my face."

The rest of the Dodgers are smiling, too, though that may not last against a St. Louis team that was the best in the National League this season.

Brooks shoulders blame for loss

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — In the wake of Kentucky's shocking loss to Ohio, coach Rich Brooks offered only one solution to alleviate the Wildcats' woes.

"The only thing I know that works is to keep working and persevere and push through it," Brooks said during his weekly news conference on Monday.

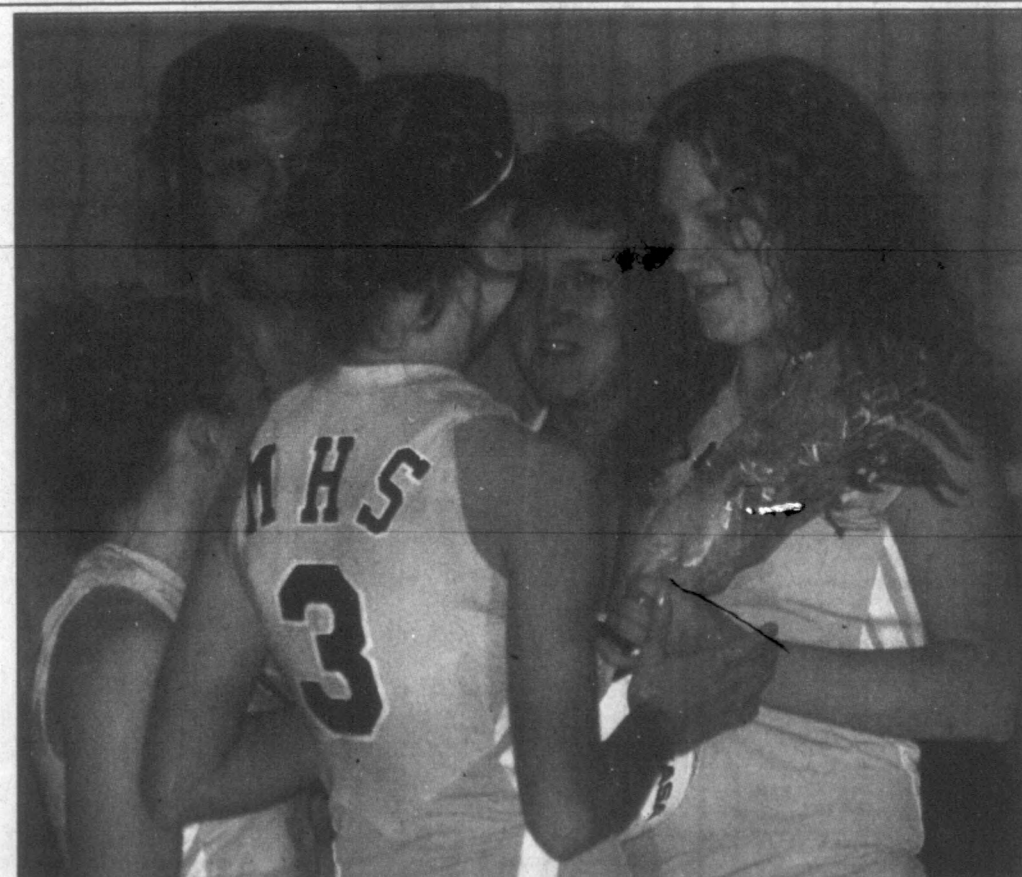
Even the most jaded Kentucky fans thought a win over Ohio of the Mid-American Conference was a sure thing. But the Wildcats allowed two long touchdown passes, turned the ball over five times in the second half and lost 28-16.

Some Kentucky players were so upset after the game that they refused to shake hands with the Bobcats, and fans at Commonwealth Stadium booed at various times from the second quarter on.

"Don't accept the naysayers, don't accept the doubters and know you're on the right course," Brooks said, when asked for solutions. "If you panic and overreact one way, or you panic and overreact another way, that's not a solution in my mind."

As he did after the game, Brooks on Monday shouldered blame for the loss, arguably Kentucky's worst since the Wildcats fell to Northeast Louisiana near the end of a 1-10 season in 1994. Kentucky hadn't lost to a MAC team since 1985, when Bowling Green beat the Wildcats.

Brooks said that he didn't adequately prepare his players for Ohio and expressed frustration with his efforts to find ways to motivate them.



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Breanna Volp (right) is presented with flowers and a volleyball during Senior Night festivities for the volleyball team Monday night at Murray High School. Volp is joined by her parents, Robert and Brenda. The team's other two seniors are Lisa Thurman and Laura Mitchell. The Lady Tigers defeated Lone Oak 25-19, 21-25, 25-11. Volp had 12 kills in the win.