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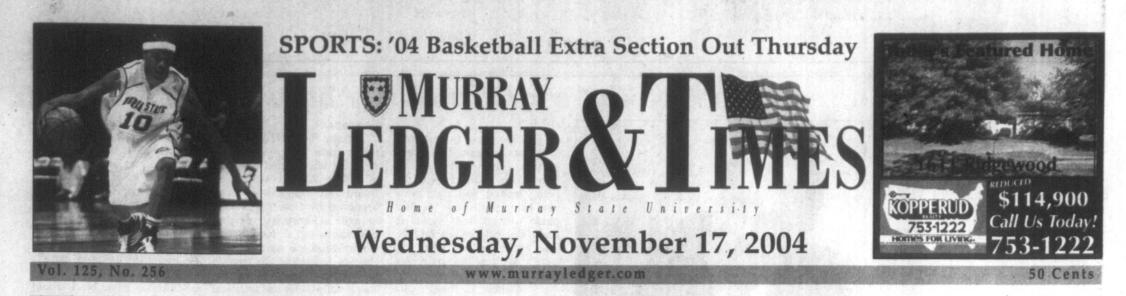
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# Jackson plans to keep serving Calloway County



**Bob Jackson** 

#### **By KRISTIN TAYLOR** Staff Writer

Bob Jackson could be the head cheerleader for Calloway County. Not just because he served two terms as state senator, but because he adopted Murray as his home and became involved.

The son of an elected county official who served in an appointed position in former Gov. Julian Carroll's administration, Jackson learned to be a public servant by watching his father.

"Public service was expected. I think it's a noble calling," Jackson said in a recent interview while sitting in his Hilliard Lyons office. "No one does anything alone. I have been fortunate to work with some really great leaders.'

Jackson chose not to seek re-election in this year's election. He served almost two terms as senator for Kentucky's 1st District. Murray Republican Ken Winters won the seat earlier this month in the election against Mayfield's Dennis Null.

"I've know him for a long time and have had respect for his service to western Kentucky," Winters said. Throughout my campaign experience, I found so many people who have great respect for him. We are saddened he didn't run again. It made me more honored being the person who is replacing him.'

Jackson's public service began before he was elected in 1997 to serve the remaining three years of the term of Jeff Green, who died of a heart attack in September of that year.

As a 26-year-old, he helped establish local chapters for the YMCA and Habitat for Humanity. Not long after, he served on the Murray-Calloway

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#### — Ken Winters **Republican who won 1st District Senate** seat over Democrat Dennis Null

County Hospital board. He also served on the city's planning commission, the Rotary Club, Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce and two economic development boards.

A LaRue County native, Jackson came to Murray in 1981 to attend Murray State. While working toward his bachelor's degree in business at

Murray State, he began working at HT Marketing Inc., a national distributor of Hawaiian Tropic sun care products. In 10 years, he rose from an accounting staff employee to president and CEO. The 1985 MSU graduate left the company in 1999, when HT Marketing was

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# **Fletcher: State** seeing returns from Europe trip

#### By JOE BIESK Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) -Kentucky taxpayers are beginning to see some returns on Gov. Ernie Fletcher's recent economic development trip to Europe, the governor said Tuesday.

Fletcher credited his trip abroad as a factor in Kentucky snagging the International Stainless Steel Forum in May 2006, and an expansion of North American Steel's facility in Ghent, Ky.

The governor also said his meetings with executives at E.On AG, the German parent company of LG&E Energy, spurred the utility's recent decision to spend \$1.2 billion on an



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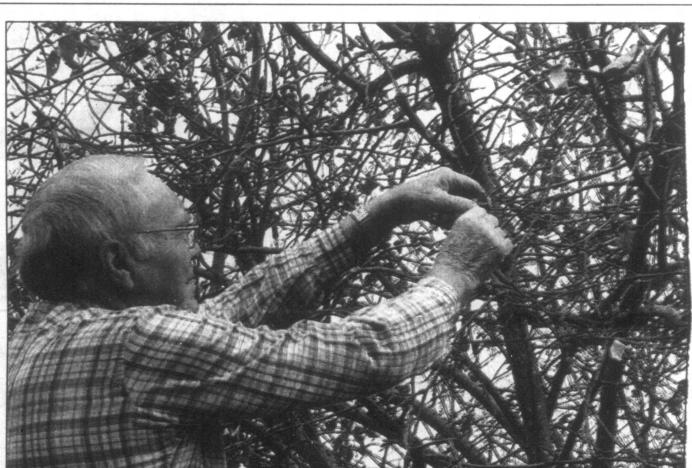
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office nearly a year ago, Fletcher also

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nomic development trips to Japan and South America. On Tuesday, Fletcher said critics could expect him to continue taking such trips.

"If I have to travel all over the globe to get businesses to come here, we'll do that ...,' Fletcher said. "We can't afford



energy plant expansion in Trimble County.

"I can sit in my office and not work to expand opportunity, but that's not a viable option," Fletcher said at a news conference. "Obviously I am going to continue to be around trying to opportunities for seek Kentuckians.

In late September — with public school employees and teachers threatening to strike over the governor's 2005 state health insurance plan ---Fletcher left for a weeklong economic development trip to Europe. He had stops scheduled in Spain, Italy and Germany.

Fletcher got back two days before the General Assembly returned to Frankfort to deal exclusively with upgrading next year's state health insurance plan.

announcement Fletcher's prompted criticism then that he was leaving the country during a heated crisis and a crucial time for the state. However, Fletcher

to just sit here and allow other states to take jobs that need to be coming to Kentucky."

While it was difficult to leave town "in the middle of that health care debacle," appointments and receptions had already been planned with various executives, Fletcher said.

"We had some major CEOs committed to helping us, and I wasn't going to let them down," Fletcher said.

North American Steel's planned expansion is expected to bring about 175 new jobs to the area by the end of next year. NAS is part of Acerinox, S.A., which is based in Madrid.

Development Economic Secretary Gene Strong said the European trip, which brought along 11 state officials, cost Kentucky taxpayers about \$77,000. However, it may continue paying dividends, Strong said.

Kentucky is currently com-

ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times photo

Otis Elkins gets a jump on the holidays by decorating this apple tree outside his Keenland Drive home Tuesday afternoon. Elkins was stringing red lights around the tree in hopes of beating colder weather as the holidays draw closer.

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## Law enforcement seeking public's help with Pella bomb threat it," Roberts said of the pay

#### By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Local law enforcement agencies are seeking the public's help in finding the person who called in a bomb threat Sunday night.

Pella Corp. was evacuated for more than four hours after the threat was called in to the Calloway County Sheriff's Department at 10:15 p.m. Sunday. Sheriff Larry Roberts said the call came from a Murray pay phone and the male caller said the bomb inside the building was to go off at 2 a.m.

Roberts said they have no leads in the case. If anyone knows anything related to the bomb threat, tips can remain anonymous when reported to the Murray - Calloway Crimestoppers at 753-9500. "No one saw anyone around

have is if someone else knows.' Another bomb threat was made in relation to Pella in

phone. "They only chance we'll

August. Roberts said he does not

have evidence they are connect-

ed but he said he assumes they

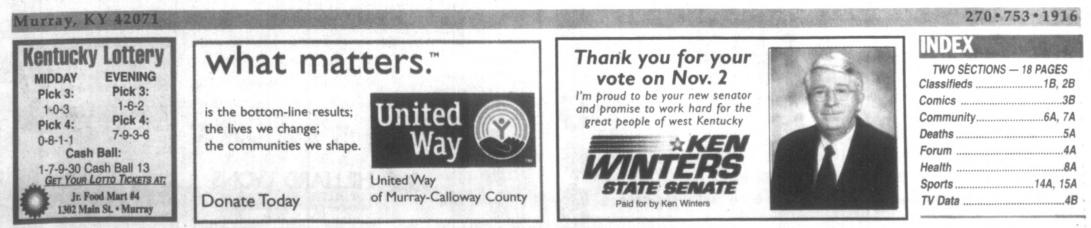
are both employee-related incidents

"I am guessing it's an employee who didn't want to work Sunday night or a disgruntled employee," Roberts said. "I'm just guessing, but this is the second bomb threat we've had

there. No one but an employee would have anything to gain.'

Murray Police, Kentucky State Police, Disaster Emergency Services, Calloway County Fire-Rescue and EMS

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## Jackson ...

sold to a Florida company.

Jackson supported former Gov. Brereton Jones' campaign in 1990, and they became friends and allies in Frankfort and across the state. The political climate was different then, Jackson said, because Democratic primaries were hard-fought contests.

But the hard-fought contest paid off for western Kentucky, even though Jones is from central Kentucky. About the same time, Jackson and some other local civic leaders mapped out a proposal for new Ky. 80 in yellow on a state map.

"People do things because of good leadership, but things get done when people march to the same beat," Jackson said. "We had a group of people with a vision.

One of the people who shared Jackson's vision for Ky. 80 was Murray attorney Sid Easley, who said communities don't lack ideas but rather people who able to unselfishly execute them.

"A community progresses best when it selects its most competent people for leadership," Easley said. "Bob has the savvy, tenacity and youthful vigor at the state level. The legislature is not a debating society. It is a place you have to compete to win for your community."

Jackson getting involved in politics early was the western Kentucky's advantage, Easley



Sen. Bob Jackson, D-Murray, takes part in a discussion at the October Special Session of the General Assembly that tackled the state's insurance plan concerning teachers and state workers.

small, but during Jackson's seven years in Frankfort the community had a big voice.

"The road is just one example. It was an idea that had been there for 50 years," Easley said. "He just had the vision to put it all together."

Jackson, a self-proclaimed pack rat, still has the map, and now sees the project becoming more than a yellow highlighter

said. Comparatively, Murray is line. He said he knew nearly 15 years ago Ky. 80 would boost many areas - tourism, education, economic development and safety. The \$400 million project is being completed in phases so it eventually connects Mayfield to Cadiz.

> We will look back on that in 50 years," Jackson said of Ky. 80, "and talk about it like we talked about I-24. It has opened up this region. It will change this

region."

The first phase from Murray to Aurora is open. The second portion from Murray to Mayfield is underway with dirt being moved and right-away land being purchased. The final phase will go from Aurora to Cadiz and includes new bridges. The entire project is in the state's six-year transportation plan.

"I wanted to make sure before I left Frankfort this road was laid out," said Jackson, who wrote Jones' Fancy Farm speech in 1991 and made sure to incorporate Ky. 80. "I didn't know if it would happen or not. But you have to ask. We asked."

Jackson said the road project that has spanned three governors' administrations is unprecedented.

"There are more road dollars being spent here in this region that anywhere else in the commonwealth other than a large road in eastern Kentucky," Jackson said proudly. "This road wouldn't have happened if all these things had falling into place."

One of these things is Jones' victory over Republican Larry Hopkins. Jones won the state in 1990 with nearly a 30 percent margin, but Calloway and Trigg counties were the only western Kentucky counties in his win column. "When you win, you win

well," Jackson said.

In 1991, Jones appointed Jackson to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board. He also became involved in the local and state Democratic Party and soon represented Kentucky on the Democratic National

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NOTICE The Murray Independent School board will meet in a special session Thursday night. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the board office.

The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at city hall. The regular Thursday meeting time was because of changed Thanksgiving.

To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.

Ask yourself ...

Committee.

Jackson has served his alma mater since he graduated. In 1996, he was elected president of MSU's Alumni Association Board of Governors and appointed by Gov. Paul Patton the Kentucky Higher to Education Nominating Commission, a group that chooses individuals to oversee the administration of all the state's universities and technical colleges.

His life before he was elected to represent western Kentucky in the state Senate was defined by service, proof a public servant doesn't have to be elected.

But then Jackson dominated the 1997 election. In Calloway County, the 35-year-old won by more than doubled the number of votes of his Republican opponent, Dick Dissinger of Graves County, become first senator from Calloway since 1968. Jackson even won Dissinger's home county 3,826 to 2,196 and the other four counties easily. In 2000, Jackson ran uncontested for a full four-year term. Lyon County was added to the district in 2000 after the last census.

Education and health insurance were priorities during Jackson's seven years in the Senate. He also served at the Senate minority whip and on several committees, including appropriations and revenue, education, and banking and insurance committees.

Jackson, 42, said he is worn from playing "absentee dad" to 13-year-old Nolan and 11-yearold Mariel. He rented a house in Frankfort and spent much of the first few months of each year there, plus other time in his leadership positions.

"One more term up there, and he'd be going to college," Jackson said. "I couldn't come to terms with that personally." A part-time job of represent-

ing about 120,000 people in Frankfort is something Jackson will look back on proudly. He loves the political process. He wants to help people. But the part-time job was taking him away from home too much.

Jackson has plenty to do here after being a husband and father. He serves on the Murray State Foundation board as well as the finance and administration board for the United Methodist

Church conference that includes First UMC in Murray. Jackson's new day job is being a financial consultant at Hilliard Lyons, where he's a vice president of the local group.

"Bob Jackson didn't do anything. I may have been the head cheerleader but that's it," Jackson said. "You don't have to be in elected office to make a difference."

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In recent days, Jackson said he has talked to Winters. The conversations have addressed the commitment demanded of a state senator. Jackson offered his help and Winters listened. The two men knew each other from being classmates in Leadership Murray

"He's a good, honest, hardworking man," Jackson said of Winters. "He'll do a good job."

Winters is the first Republican senator since at least the Civil War to represent the 1st District, but Jackson doesn't see a political shift in western Kentucky, a portion of land that wasn't included in the commonwealth until 1818 and sided with the South during the Civil War.

"Politically, this has always been a conservative place," he said. "The Ds and Rs have changed, but not really the make up of the people. We've always been fiscally conservative and socially moderate leaning toward conservative. There are not a lot of philosophical differences and there is not a shift in the thought process."

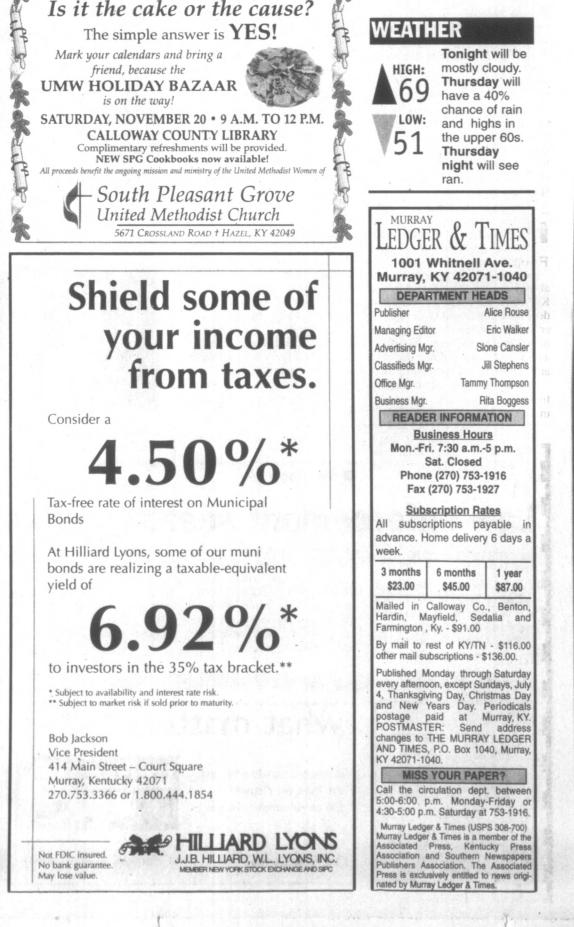
Jackson said the state's GOP leadership overflows into the local elections. Ernie Fletcher is Kentucky's first Republican governor since Louie Nunn left Frankfort in 1971. Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning are the state's two U.S. senators and President George W. Bush carried Kentucky in 2000 and this year.

In addition to Winters winning the senate seat, Murray's Melvin Henley, a Republican, defeated incumbent state Rep. Buddy Buckingham, D-Murray, earlier this month.

"The governor and U.S. senators influence that a great deal. Both Ken and Melvin will do a good job," Jackson said. "Their hearts are in the right place. They know what's good for the region."

But Jackson will be active proof he can continue to make a difference.





## Sheriff PoliceLogs

#### Calloway County Sheriff's Department

· An injury accident was reported at 5:19 p.m. Monday on East State Line Road. One driver was cited as being drunk.

· A caller reported spotlighting deer around Roosevelt Road at 5:37 p.m. Monday. State fish and wildlife was notified.

· A caller reported a theft of electric at Riviera Courts at 9:24 p.m. Monday. The information was forwarded to Murray Police Department.

· A caller from Villia Square reported at 7 a.m. Tuesday a burglary that occurred. Monday night.

· A deputy was requested at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday because juveniles were throwing eggs on Westwood. An incident report was filed.

## **Murray Police Department**

· An oven fire was reported at Wee Care 2 on South Fourth Street at 8:59 a.m. Tuesday. · A criminal mischief report was taken at 9:10 a.m. Tuesday at Food Giant on South 12th Street.

· A burglary was reported at 4:17 p.m. Tuesday at a Wiswell Road residence.

· Vernon's reported quarters possibly stolen at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

· A burglary was reported in progress at 10:16 p.m. Tuesday at Third and Ash streets.

· An assault was reported at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday at a Farmer Street residence.

 Information is obtained from reports, logs and cita-

tions from various agencies.

## Proposed sign ordinance takes step closer to council vote By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

The proposed sign ordinance is one step closer to being put on the city law books.

The Murray Planning Commission approved a, sign ordinance proposal that has been in discussion for much of this vear.

At its meeting Wednesday, the commission approved 8-0 an ordinance proposal that will be forwarded to the Murray City Council, which has to approve city ordinances on two separate readings.

The commission approved a proposal at its August meeting but before that recommendation went to the city council for approval, city officials sought additional input from business owners, sign makers and residents at a workshop. The proposal has since been tweaked by an ad-hoc committee and the commission.

The commission's proposal allows electronic reader boards with restrictions. That item was the most contentious of the sign discussion. In its most recent meeting, the committee suggested prohibiting electronic reader boards, but the commission decided Wednesday to allow them with limitations.

"I think the aesthetics is the basis of our findings," David Roberts, the city's director of planning and engineering, said of the committee's suggestions. The committee is made up of representatives from the city's planning staff, planning commission, city council and Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments.

The proposal suggests allowing electronic reader boards in B-2, B-3, B-4 and industrial

zones but restricts the certain aspects. These signs should operate in a non-flashing mode with electronic-changeable copy displaying only on-premise messages or public service messages, according to the proposal.

The electronic reader board portion of a sign would be restricted to 30 percent of the total signage allowed. The color would be limited to amber, even though those existing in the city already have ted lettering and would be grandfathered in.

The sign at Walter's Pharmacy has been used in the ordinance-changing process as an example of how the city would like such signs to look. That sign includes an electronic reader board that scrolls "happy birthday" messages to community residents that accounts for 17 percent of the 72-square foot sign. Other businesses with electronic signs include Murray Supply, First Baptist Church, Wee Care Too, S'portable Scoreboards and The Murray Bank.

The city based its timing restrictions on Kentucky Administrative Regulations. How often messages are allowed to change has been debated. A single message or segment of a message should be displayed within two seconds, including the time needed to move the message onto the board.

All of the segments of the total message should be displayed within 10 seconds.

The requests the city receives to permit these electronic signs are limited, but city officials expect more as the signs become more economically possible for businesses. University Church of Christ has proposed using an

electronic reader board on its property but church representatives are waiting for the new ordinance to be enacted, Roberts said. Walgreens, which is being constructed on the southwest corner of 12th and Main streets has been approved for an electronic reader board that will be incorporated into its monumentstyle sign. The decision to allow elec-

tronic reader boards didn't come easy for the planning commission Wednesday night. Before the commissioners

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#### From Front

peting for business from some unnamed Italian companies, Strong said. "There was nothing on the

trip extraordinary," Strong said. "There were no limousines or anything like that ... it was a very serious economic development trip."

Mary Jean Riley, a NAS spokeswoman, said the company's decision to expand was a 'direct result" of Fletcher's trip to Spain. While there, the governor met with Acerinox Chairman and CEO Victoriano Munoz and other company officials

The meetings also led to Kentucky landing the stainless

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agreed on the restrictions, which have been discussed with involved parties at several meetings, they first voted 7-1 to allow the signs. Tom Kind was the lone dissenting vote. Loretta Jobs and Ed Davis were absent.

The other major change in the existing sign ordinance concerns requiring monument-style signs instead of free-standing pylon signs on the city's 12th Street corridor.

The sizes should not exceed 55 square feet and the specific size allotment will be deter-

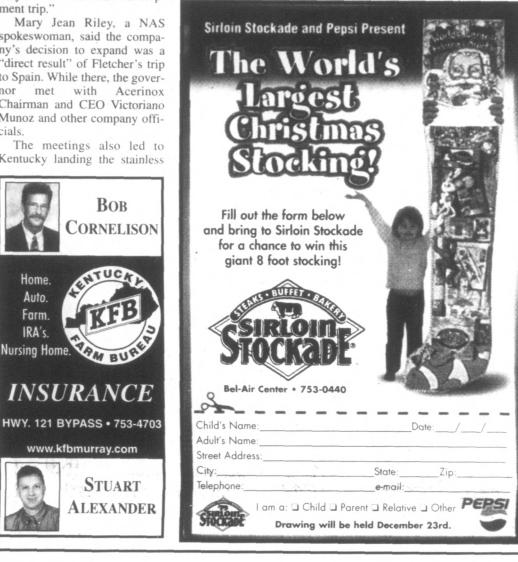
mined by one-half square foot per lineal foot of street frontage, according to the proposal. For example, if a business has a 90 square feet of street frontage, it would be allowed 45 square feet on its monument sign.

A shopping center with four or more businesses can have a sign up to 80 square feet, excluding bases and columns, and as tall as 14 feet. Single business monument signs can not be more than 10 feet. according to the proposal.

steel forum in May 2006, she said. Munoz is chairman of the International Stainless Steel Forum.

About 56 stainless steel-related companies from 21 countries gather at the ISSF conference each year. It's previously been held in various locations including Korea, Spain, Japan and Pittsburgh.

"Historically, people don't look at Kentucky as a steel manufacturing state," Riley said. "But with the spotlight being on Kentucky in May 2005, that certainly will change."



## Vehicle-theft suspect enters guilty plea

#### **Staff Report**

Murray Ledger & Times A 19-year-old Murray man pleaded guilty Tuesday to nearly two dozen charges related to a series of thefts from vehicles during the summer.

Matthew Williams pleaded guilty in Calloway District Court to 23 counts of theft by unlawful taking less than \$300. The charges are misdemeanors.

Murray Police originally charged Williams with 21 misdemeanor counts and two counts of theft by unlawful taking more than \$300. The two felony

He was arrested Nov. 2 on a warrant, charging him in a rash of thefts from vehicles that mostly occurred between July 30 and Aug. 2. MPD Detectives Kendra Smith and Chris Garland began investigating the thefts in late July.

The items stolen included cell phones, sunglasses, cigarettes and CDs. The thefts occurred in various locations throughout the city, but the most targeted area was the south side of Main Street, police have said.

Two other men were charged in the thefts. A tip led to the Aug. 3 arrest of Jeff Brewer, 18, and Shawn Morrison, 19. Both of those men were charged with 21 counts of misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking and two felony counts Brewer was indicted on those charges in October. Morrison pleaded guilty Oct. 22 to all 23 counts, but the two felony charges were amended to misdemeanor offenses. In a separate case, Carmen

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Todd Summerville, 41, of Murray, was arraigned Monday in district court on 39 counts of second-degree forgery and 29 counts of theft by unlawful taking more than \$300.

Summerville is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Nov. 23.

The bulk of the charges are because Summerville is accused of embezzling almost \$25,000 from Automated Direct Mail, where she was a bookkeeper. The money was taken over a period of time, police said. The business reported the embezzlement to the Murray Police

counts were amended to misdemeanors charges in a plea agreement Tuesday.

Williams will serve 60 days of a 365-day sentence. The remaining days will be suspended if he pays restitution and does not commit any other criminal offenses in two years, a court spokeswoman said.

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also responded Sunday night. KSP had its dog that is able to detect explosives but law enforcement could not clear the building officially until after 2 a.m. because a specific time was attached to the threat.

Nothing suspicious was found by police officers or Pella managers.

Department Oct. 1.

Ten of the charges — five each of theft and forgery stem from a separate case in which Summerville is accused of signing another person's name on checks she was writing to herself. That matter accounted for about \$2,500, according to MPD.

Summerville was arrested Nov. 9.

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# Newt's Disciples

#### By DONNA CASSATA Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) —

Call them Newt's disciples.

These hard-charging conservatives learned their political tactics in the House from former Speaker Newt Gingrich, the one-time backbencherturned-Pied Piper who led the 1994 Republican revolution that swept Congress.

During the past decade, a handful of these conservatives moved to the Senate, determined to push it rightward and break hidebound rules that would inhibit their bare-knuckles House style. Come January, there will be more than a hardy few of them.

Elections from South Dakota to the Carolinas increased their numbers in the Senate and set the stage for a political and legislative tug of war. On one side are conservatives who interpreted the victories of Nov. 2 as validation of their views; on the other, the Senate, a sanctum of compromise and pragmatism.

The question is which one — the institution or its members — prevails.

"A couple of characteristics of the Senate will curb their House habits," said John J. Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in California. He mentioned the 60 votes necessary to break a filibuster, bipartisan coalitions that often produce legislation, and the demand on senators from a larger, more diverse population than a single House district.

"A broader range of political pressures will temper their impulses," said Pitney, who still expects the House veterans to see legislating "through the prism of partisan warfare."

After a hitter presidential

fruits of the polarization of the House," said Burdett Loomis, a political scientist at the University of Kansas. "It predated the Senate. The natural progression is into the Senate."

ERIC WALKER

**Managing Editor** 

One of those House veterans is Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, who was elected to the Senate in 1994. Two months into his term, Santorum and some GOP senators tried to strip Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., of his chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee because of his opposition to a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

The effort failed but set in motion Republican term limits on committee chairmanships.

Flash ahead to 2004. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is set to step down as Senate Judiciary Committee chairman due to term limits. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is in line to take his place. But the day after the Nov. 2 election, Specter angered conservatives when he said it would be tough for the Senate to confirm anti-abortion judges. The right has demanded that Specter be passed over for the post:

Santorum, a member of the leadership as the Republican Conference chairman, put out a general statement of support for Specter. Republicans will decide next week whether Specter gets the post.

"Santorum has been more co-opted by the system than have the others," said Paul Weyrich, a leading conservative. "I think when they get into leadership they drink a different kind of water."

But Weyrich argued that senators do not like being pressured by outside groups, and bypassing Specter would be seen as a dangerous precedent. "By golly, if these Christians can overthrow a chairmanship," said Weyrich, who expects Specter to become the committee chairman.



WASHINGTON (AP) — For many Americans, Secretary of State Colin Powell eased their doubts and legitimized the decision to wage war with Iraq. But the old soldier with a sterling reputation wound up embarrassed — and wrong about the facts — when the case he presented to the United Nations and to the world collapsed.

Saddam Hussein had not stored up vast caches of weapons of mass destruction. Not one was found after the war. As it turned out, Powell had relied on faulty U.S. intelligence when he put his word on the line to persuade a skeptical world about the need to use force against Iraq.

While his popularity remained high — especially among foreign leaders and others abroad who are comfortable with his moderate views — Powell's legacy was tarnished.



"It's just terrific to be able to walk into a room somewhere in Africa, Russia and Asia and Europe and know they are looking at you," Powell said at Howard University in 2002. "... They are looking at you and they recognize your position and who you are, and they also recognize that you are black."

European allies considered Powell an advocate of trans-Atlantic unity, but Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq in March 2003 over the objections of France, Germany, Russia and others, was evidence that administration hard-liners usually prevailed.

"We had some differences with Europe over Iraq," Powell acknowledged Monday at a State Department news conferthreat that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction pose to the world," Powell said. Tuc an

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But after the war U.N. and U.S. inspectors were unable to find lethal weapons.

In Bush's inner circle, Powell did win a few arguments. Over Cheney's objections, he persuaded Bush to make one last pitch to the United Nations in September 2002 to require Saddam to disarm. But the war was not averted.

Powell also prevailed in gaining Bush's approval of a treaty instead of a simple handshake to guide the reduction of U.S. and Russian stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

Ironically, as Powell was

After a bitter presidential election and harsh charges in congressional races, the numbers and changes in the Senate indicate plenty of dissent. Republicans will hold 55 seats and Democrats 44, with one Democratic-leaning independent.

Gone are many of the lawmakers with reputations for reaching across the aisle, some of the Southern Democratic moderates and Republican moderates from the West. In their place are GOP conservatives, such as Oklahoma's Tom Coburn, and more liberal Democrats, such as Illinois' Barack Obama.

Some 52 senators will be products of the House, including 30 Republicans. Of those GOP members, close to a dozen were in the House when Gingrich was working to reverse 40 years of Democratic rule or were elected shortly after the Republican tidal wave.

"We're now seeing the

Conservatives emboldened by the election results, particularly in the Senate, will press for stricter restrictions on abortion and a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

At the center will be Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. A potential presidential candidate in 2008, he faces the demands of making the Senate run and keeping the Republican base content.

"You see someone like Frist or (former Majority Leader Trent) Lott bending to realities from a place farther right than their predecessor," Loomis said. "They've got to make it work. They drag it along in its strange way."

Donna Cassata is the political editor of The Associated Press. Over a 40-year career, beginning as an Army second lieutenant, Powell played it close to the vest, dutifully reserving his opinions for his bosses.

But he was often unable to convince President Bush to adopt his more measured views, as they ran up against hawkish positions taken by Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior advisers to the president, battles well-known in this gossipy capital.

Traditionalists who favor consulting allies and gaining their support for foreign ventures were fans of Powell. Liberals felt he was one of them. His support for affirmative action, international family AP File Photo

planning and gun control resonated with them.

He touched off a furor among supporters of sexual abstinence when he told a global youth forum in 2002 that "condoms are a way to prevent infection, and therefore I not only support their use, I encourage their use among people who are sexually active and need to protect themselves."

Powell championed worldwide action against HIV-AIDS and, although he said little publicly about it, his rise to prominence as an African-American was a source of pride and inspiration for blacks.

ence. But, he said, "We are getting rid of those differences and coming together again."

The allies were already suspicious of Bush before the war, and his declaration Jan. 29, 2002, that Iran, Iraq and North Korea comprised an "axis of evil" raised concerns the president would match his bellicose words with the use of force.

It fell to Powell, as secretary of state, to present the U.S. case against Iraq to the U.N. General Assembly Feb. 5, 2003, and he did, forcefully, relying on four days of briefings by CIA Director George Tenet and other intelligence officials.

He told a doubting world assemblage that Iraq had amassed chemical and biological weapons and was pursuing a nuclear weapons program, all of which posed a threat to security.

"The gravity of this moment is matched by the gravity of the preparing to resign, the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat opened a door to a more assertive U.S. diplomatic effort in the Middle East, a course Powell long lobbied for even while warning Palestinian militants they were undercutting prospects for statehood and demanding they end their attacks on Israel.

Secretary General Amr Moussa of the Arab League called Powell a "voice of moderation" within the Bush administration and said he worked "in a way that all of us have respect for."

A spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Koff Annan said Annan "particularly appreciates the secretary's support for the United Nations and for multilateral approaches to problem-solving."

Barry Schweid is the AP's chief diplomatic correspondent.

Fletcher picks former lawmaker as chief of staff

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Heading into his second year in office, Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced last week he was giving his executive cabinet a makeover.

Chief among the changes, Fletcher decided to move his chief of staff Daniel Groves into a new role as his "senior adviser." Groves' replacement will be Lexington lawyer Stan Cave, a House lawmaker from 1993-2000.

"I have known this governor for many, many years and I believe in him and he's my friend," Cave said. "I think that this first year has had its challenges and I believe that I can assist him in taking this administration to the next level."

Fletcher also announced Executive Cabinet Secretary Allyson Handley would become a policy adviser, splitting time between his office and the Council on Postsecondary Education. Meanwhile, Personnel Cabinet Secretary Bob Ramsey was being replaced by Erwin Roberts, the state's

## **CAPITOL IDEAS**

**By Joe Biesk** 

The governor's been in office just shy of a year.

During that time, the General Assembly failed to pass a state budget. The major hang-up between the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican Senate was over Fletcher's tax proposal. Lawmakers left Frankfort last spring hopelessly deadlocked over the plan.

Then, at the end of the summer, Fletcher's proposed health insurance plan for public school employees and state workers sent teachers to the brink of a statewide strike.

Fletcher said last week that he'd "learned a lot" during his approximately 11 months as governor.

"This reorganization is the result of the fact that I think that this gives us an even stronger team to move forward with," Fletcher said. Still, Mark Nickolas, who managed U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler's recent congressional campaigns and his gubernatorial race against Fletcher last year, was dubious of the changes. Nickolas said he thought the moves may help Fletcher's administration, but the governor's problems weren't necessarily with his staff.

"I think the problem is that the general is not showing any leadership," Nickolas said. "If the general doesn't want to lead, then I'm not sure it matters if the lieutenants are moved ' around."

While the legislature's last session "did not go as well as it should have for the administration," Cave said he's planning to help Fletcher work more effectively with the General Assembly in the future. Republican gains in the House in this month's election had "buoyed" Fletcher's prospects for passing critical legislation, Cave said.

"We need to work better with the legislature," Cave said. "The governor. has very ambitious policies with economic development, tax modernization and a good, solid budget. It's realistic and I think those things need to be accomplished."

Cave was chairman of the House Republican Caucus from 1995-98 and served on the House Judiciary, Banking and Insurance and Rules committees. Cave also worked as a consultant for the Lexington-based Family Foundation, he said.

Cave said he hopes to be working full-time in his new role by the end of the month. During that time he's working to close down his law practice, Cave said.

"I love public policy and a passion to contribute in a meaningful way to make this commonwealth a better place to live," Cave said. "We have a great state and we owe it to one another to make it even better."

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.



**Gov. Ernie Fletcher** former director of homeland security, Fletcher said.

Ramsey, who was involved in Fletcher's controversial 2005 state health insurance proposal, would be staying on in an as-yet unidentified post, Fletcher said. Groves, in his new role, would be developing the administration's political strategies and policies, Fletcher said. Handley's replacement was not named.

## **Obituaries**

#### William D. (Bill) Daugherty

William D. (Bill) Daugherty, 63, Justice Road, Murray, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at his home. His death followed an illness.

He was owner and operator of Log Cabin Restaurant, Murray, and a member of Goshen United Methodist Church.

Preceding him in death were one son, Steve Gilbert, and his mother, Virginia Frances Moore Clayton. He was born May 5, 1941, in Paris, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jackie Watson Daugherty, to whom he was married Feb. 8, 1967; two daughters, Mrs. Denice Reed and husband, Shannon, Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. Deidre Thompson and husband, Dean, Atlanta, Ga.; one son, Don Bert Gilbert, and parents-inlaw, John B. and Agnes Watson, all of Murray; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Sue Anne Hutson and husband, Ronnie, Murray, and Mrs. Sheila Baldridge and husband, Dwain, Illinois.; seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

#### Willie McGehee Sr.

Willie McGehee Sr., 79, McGehee Lane, Springville, Tenn., died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at Henry County Health Care Center, Paris, Tenn.



He was a member of Western Oak Grove Baptist Church, Buchanan, Tenn., an Army veteran of World War II, and had been employed at Midland Brake Co. for several vears

Born Aug. 14, 1925, in Springville, Tenn., he was the son of the late Dave McGehee and Verna Payne McGehee.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Perkins McGehee, to whom he had been married for 58 years; six daughters, Ms. Shirley McGehee, Ms. Brenda Sue McGehee and Mrs. Carol Corbin and husband, Rev. Raymond, all of Springville, Mrs. Veronica Menzies, Murray, Ky., and Mrs. Cynthia K. Edwards and Mrs. Linda Rhea Gardner, both of Nashville, Tenn.; three sons, Willie B. McGehee Jr. and John David McGehee, both of Springville, and Mark Stephen McGehee, Bolivar, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren

The funeral will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Western Oak Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. James C. Webb Jr. will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Searcy, Tyrone Ewing, Phill Payne, Paul Payne and William Gray, active, and Albert (Billy) Boyd, honorary. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be at Trinity Funeral Home, 808 Depot St., Paris,

Tenn., from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday).

#### Mrs. Ruby May Eldridge

Mrs. Ruby May Eldridge, 81, Hurt Drive, Murray, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at 5:40 p.m. at West View Nursing Home

She was a member of Faith Tabernacle Church.

Her husband, Clarence Nelson Eldridge, one son, Charles (Butch) Eldridge, and one brother, Morris Ray, all preceded her in death. Born Nov. 12, 1923, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Lilburn Duncan and Rema Giles.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Vicki Reese and husband, Carl, Murray; three sons, Richard Eldridge and Roger Eldridge, both of Almo, and Hughes Pritchett, Dexter; three sisters, Mrs. Betty Simpkins, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Martha Rutland and husband, Jim, Almo, and Ms. Emma Nell Pritchett, Tennessee; one brother, Ralph Hill, Dexter; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements.

#### **Andrew William Hefner**

Andrew William Hefner, 70, Edinborough Drive West, Murray, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at 3:24 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

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

#### **Mrs. Mabelene West**

Mrs. Mabelene West, 77, Cairo Road, Paducah, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at 2 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

A homemaker, she was a member of Gospel Mission Worship Center, Reidland.

Her husband, John Henry West, two daughters, Barbara Jean West and Loretta Wood, one sister, Maudeline Vick, one brother, Jim Frances Higgins, and four grandchildren all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Lyman Higgins and Sarah Higgins.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Wanda West Dowdy and Mrs. Kim Krawchuk, both of Paducah, Mrs. Linda Vick, Symsonia, and Mrs. Darlene Mayfield, Benton; six sons, James West, Joe West, Doug West and Ricky Pitsenberger, all of Paducah, and Johnny West and Donald West, both of Benton; five sisters, Mrs. Geneva Travis, Mrs. Sue Jones and Mrs. Sylvia Colson, all of Benton, Mrs. Ruby Winters, Michigan, and Mrs. Eula Lee Scott, Hardin; one brother, Mayhugh Higgins, Benton; 27 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier

Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Terry Henderson will officiate. Burial will follow in the Haymes Cemetery, Benton.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today (Wednesday)

#### James A. Thomas Jr.

James A. Thomas Jr., 56, Paducah, formerly of Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at 4:37 a.m. at his home.

Employed as a systems engineer at USEC, he was a master mason of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in

Texas, and an Air Force veteran of Vietnam War. His father, James A. Thomas Sr., preceded

him in death. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lena M. Thomas; his mother, Mrs. Maria I. Solis Thomas, Brownsville, Texas; one daughter, Ms. Jeri Thomas, Dallas, Texas; three sons, John

Thomas, Phoenix, Ariz., and Timothy Thomas and Jeffrey Fink, both of Texas; one stepdaughter, Ms. Monica Sevilla, Paducah; two stepsons, David Sevilla, Murray, and Roger Lay, Paducah; three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Darling-Mouser Funeral Home, Brownsville, Texas. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Cemetery, Brownsville.

Visitation will be at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah, from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday).

#### Mrs. Patricia Volf

The funeral for Mrs. Patricia Volf will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, Aurora. Fr. Carl McCarthy will officiate. Burial will follow in the St. Henry Cemetery.

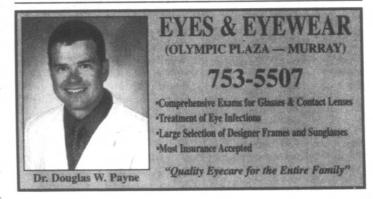
Visitation will be at Collier Funeral Home after 5 p.m. today (Wednesday). Rosary prayer service will be at 7 tonight at the funeral home

Mrs. Volf, 82, Big Bear Highway, Benton, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at 10:55 p.m. at Britthaven of Benton.

A retired letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, she was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church, Aurora.

Preceding her in death were two daughters, Dixie Lee Runyon and Billie Sue Soderholm, one son, Ronald Beller, two sisters and two brothers. She was the daughter of the late William and Estella Blake.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Volf, Benton; one daughter, Mrs. Jackie Kenny, Las Vegas, Nev.; two sons, James Wells, Oakland, Ill., and Charles Wells, Las Vegas; one sister, Mrs. Nadene Zulolf, Springfield, Ill.; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren.



## Car bomb, clashes with insurgents leave at least 10 dead north of Baghdad

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A car bomber rammed a U.S. convoy today north of Baghdad during clashes with militants that killed 10 people, witnesses said. U.S. aircraft launched strikes against insurgents holding out in the southern parts of Fallujah.

Violence continued to erupt across Iraq's Sunni-dominated heartland - part of a spike in clashes which have made November one of the bloodiest. months of the Iraqi insurgency.

The car bomb and clashes in Beiji, a city 155 miles north of the capital, also left 20 others wounded, witnesses said. It was unclear whether there were any American

In Fallujah, heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out in south-central parts of Fallujah as U.S. Marines hunted fighters still in the turbulent city. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, U.S. Marines fought insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming across the Euphrates River.

Bullets snapped overhead as Iraqi body-collection workers supervised by the Marines sought cover behind walls and in buildings. After 15 minutes of fighting, three rebels were dead and one Marine lightly injured in the hand, officers said.

The rush of warplanes streaking through the low-lying clouds

On Saturday, the U.S. military had declared the one-time rebel stronghold completely occupied but not subdued after a nearly weeklong battle. But pockets of insurgents remain, and U.S. and Iraqi forces are still fighting.

"Even as we start Fallujah's reconstruction, the fighting is continuing, as you can hear," Capt. Alex Henegar, a civil affairs officer attached to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, told reporters today as heavy gunfire and grenade explosions sounded in the distance.

Four trucks of humanitarian aid for Fallujah people crossed the borders from Kuwait into Iraq today, said Dr. Haithan Issa, chairman of the Iraqi Red Crescent Society in Basra. The assistance, a gift from the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society, included food, medicine and bed-

covers Fallujah residents who fled into neighboring Ramadi reported that local insurgent leaders Abdullah al-Janabi and Omar Hadid remained fighting inside the city. In the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, masked men clutching rocket-propelled grenades and Kalashnikov rifles took up positions on several streets and alleys in eastern and southeastern Ramadi, residents said.

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casualties or how many of the 10 deaths were a result of the car bomb or fighting.

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shook the city and blasts sent smoke into the sky. The U.S. military said that airstrikes today were concentrated in the southoil refinery and a major power western part of Fallujah, destroying enemy positions.

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## American Red Cross urgently needs blood

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Murray State University Curris Center on Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Nashville Regional Bloodbank of the Red Cross has a critical need for all types of blood as the blood supply remains low during this dures have been donated by fall season.

Larry Doyle, chairman of Calloway Red Cross Blood Drives, said "you are a part of the reason Red Cross col-



Thanks so much to everyone who ame Sunday and helped make our Open House so successful. Open House always seems to get us in the holiday spirit at DK Kelley.

Congratulations to our door prize winners, Jeanie Harper, Jackie Turner and Nancy Allen, all won oriental decorative boxes. Jeannie Kingins and Sherry Purdom wor houndstooth handbags and Beth McCuiston and Mildred Newton

won exquisite picture frames. Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends. It is a time of joy and reflections of what we have to be thankful for.

Feeling grateful makes us feel less stressed, more energetic and happi-

The research is in: Thanksgiving is a health-booster! Why? "Study after study is proving that saying thanks regularly can have the same mood boosting benefits of prescription medications without the negative side effects," says Robert Emmons Ph.D., author of The Psychology of Gratitude." Being grateful increases energy, determination, optimism alertness, enthusiasm for life and happiness - even our chances of being successful at work and in

He also states "people who pause to appreciate everyday experiences like the beauty of the clouds, the laughter of a child - experience lower levels of stress!" By consciously recognizing

lects blood donations - the potential to save millions of lives each year. Whether you are a first donor or a repeat donor, it is the community responsibility to volunteer to donate."

All blood supplies given to humans in life saving procea volunteer donor. Only five percent in a community of healthy, eligible donors ever give blood. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. There is a 97 percent chance that someone you know will need blood in their lifetime. Currently the blood supply is critically low, sometimes just one or two days from running out.

"Make plans to donate blood every eight weeks and encourage others to give blood, the effect you can have is truly enormous," Doyle said.

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

Refreshments will be served and a free gift will be given to each participant.



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## Engagement

## Speed and Riley

Paul and Kathy Speed of Mayfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Haley Renee Speed, to Gary Dean Riley, son of Gary and Julie Riley of Mayfield.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Martha Speed and the late Floyd Speed and the late Otis (Red) Burchfield, all of Mayfield.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Lester and Carrie Riley of Mayfield and Artie and Ruth Skelton of Paducah.

Miss Speed is a 2002 graduate of Graves County High School and a 2004 graduate of Paducah Community College. She will be attending Murray State University and is employed at Cingular Wireless.

Mr. Riley is a 1997 graduate of Graves County High School and a 2000 graduate of Murray State University. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Remington Arms.

The wedding will be Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Farmington Baptist Church, Farmington.

All relatives and friends are invited.

# Toys being collected for Toys for Tots

First Advance & Check Advance center will pick up all toys is a 2004-2005 national spon- on or about Dec. 15 and will sor for the U.S. Marine Toys distribute them to children for Tots Foundation. All 450 throughout the local area.

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branches, located in 14 states, Monetary donations will are collection centers for new also be collected at the local

## Two groups will be featured at Glory Bound Entertainment



Jo's Datebook By Jo Burkeen Community Editor

Two groups, The Smith Family and Divine Appointment, will be featured at Glory Bound Entertainment Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center.

Open Mic Time will be during the second half of the evening. This is sponsored by Goshen United Methodist Church.

The public is invited and there is no charge. Items for Need Line will be taken.

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

## **Need Line taking applications**

Need Line will take applications for the annual Christmas baskets through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Need Line office in the Weaks Community Center. Applicants must live in Calloway County and must bring proof of residency and proof of income for all members of the family. Donations will also be accepted to help fill the Christmas baskets. For information call 753-6333.

## Sponsorships for Santa Project needed

The 2004 Santa Project serves children, school age and younger, in the Murray and Calloway County area by providing gifts of clothes, toys and books. Michelle Hansen, coordinator of Calloway County Family Resource Center, said "sponsors are needed for the special program by donating a toy, volunteering or giving a monetary donation." To volunteer for any way, call the center at 762-7333 or 759-9592.

### Home Department will meet

Home Department of Murray Woman's Club will have its annual potluck luncheon and auction on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the club house. Hostesses will be Linda Cooper, Helen Dunn, Joyce Morrison and Bobbie Waters.

### Hazel Woman's Club will meet

Hazel Woman's Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Hazel Community Center. A demonstration and lesson on "Scrapbooking" will be given by Rubin Adams. Secret pals will be revealed. Hostesses will be Nancy Overby, Carolyn Parks and Carmaleta Eldridge.

### **CCMS PTO plans events**

Calloway County Middle School PTO will have a rebate night at Sirloin Stockade on Thursday. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there to support CCMS. On Friday a skate night for all Calloway Middle School students, teachers and parents will be held. Admission will be \$6 for students, but teachers and parents can skate for 25 cents.

## Alpha members collecting book material

Members of Alpha Department of Murray Woman's Club will be at the club house to collect histories of families, businesses, churches, veterans and communities Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. to be used in the book, "The Calloway County Family History," to be published soon. Histories may be mailed to Calloway County Family History, P.O. Box 685, Murray, KY 42071. For information call 749-4938 or 753-2350.

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Substance Abuse (ASAP) spoke at the October meeting of Hazel Woman's Club. Hostesses were Wilkinson. Janice Sharon Ray and Nancy Mieure. The next meeting will be Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Community Hazel Center.

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branch until Dec. 24. The donations will be totaled up and a check will be presented to the U.S. Toys for Tots Foundation.

The local branch will also be having a Holiday Party/Toys

for Tots funderraiser on Dec. 10 to support the cause. For more information call A representative of each the local branch at 753-1020. Birth Announcement Victoria Lynette

> McWherter Mr. and Mrs. Shea McWherter of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Victoria Lynette McWherter, born on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

The mother is the former Darlene Lovett. A sister is Morgan

Grandparents are Joe and Jean Lovett of Benton and Paul and Star McWherter of Murray

## CCHS plans 'Meet the Lakers'

Calloway County High School will have its "Meet the Lakers Night" on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the school gym. All girls and boys basketball teams and cheerleaders from both middle and high school will be introduced. A special project is the collection of used DVDs and CDs to be sent to the American troops in Iraq. The public is invited. For information call Wanda Johnson at 762-7374.

## Pi Kappa Alpha plans fundraiser

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Murray State University will have a "Cow Plop" on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. at Hamilton Field, Murray. For a donation of \$5, a person can buy a deed to a plot of land measuring 2 ft. by 2 ft. on a grid located at Hamilton Field. A cow will graze on the grid for a couple of hours. When the cow performs her "duty" upon your designated plot, you will be the winner of a cash prize. Donation tickets can be purchased through a Pi Kappa Alpha member or at the gate before the event begins. For information call Craig Bagby at 931-305-9016.

## Stroke/Head Injury Group to meet

Murray Stroke/Head Injury Support Group for Survivors and Caregivers will have its "one year celebration" on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom of at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Center for Health and Wellness, 716 Poplar St., Murray. For additional information contact Cheryl Crouch at 762-1557 or Amy Agyeman at 293-4113.



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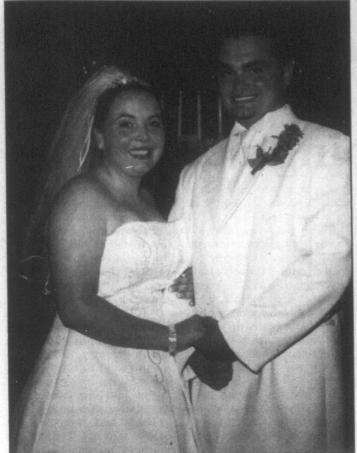
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## Weddings



## Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rundles

BreAnne Perry and Keith Rundles of Murray were married Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Poplar Spring Baptist Church. Bro. Dennis Norvell officiated.

Parents of the couple are Kenneth and Deborah Perry and Mike and Pam Dial, all of Murray.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown with a sequin top and long flowing train. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses accented with cinnamon and ivory ribbons. A monogrammed fabric of her initials trimmed the bottom. Her was hair was styled with curls, a raindrop covered veil and a silver crown.

Sara Scott of Murray was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amberly Perry and Danyelle Clark, sisters of the bride, and Emily Perry, cousin of the bride, all of Murray

The attendants wore cinnamon spaghetti strapped dresses and their hair was styled with curls and smaller silver crowns. They carried bouquets of ivory and cinnamon roses accented with ivory ribbon.

Raely Perry, niece of the bride, was flower girl, and Olivia Goodman, niece of the groom, was the ring darling. They wore ivory dresses with cinnamon sashes and had flowered halos with raindrop-covered veils. The flower girl carried a wicker basket laced with cinnamon ribbon and filled with ivory rose petals. The ring darling carried an ivory initial monogrammed pillow.

The groom wore an ivory long tailed tuxedo with a boutonniere of ivory roses.

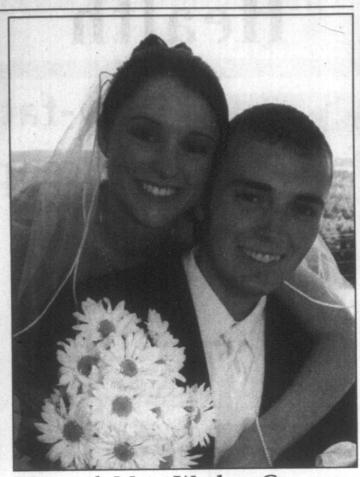
Jeff Loftin of Murray, brother of the groom, was best man, Groomsmen were Jason Manning and Brent Burchett, both of Murray, and Zack Davis, New Concord.

Ushers were Wesley Perry of Murray and Ben Earp of Eva, Tenn., both cousins of the bride.

The men wore black tuxedoes with cinnamon ties and ivory and cinnamon rose boutonnieres:

A reception follow in the church fellowship hall.

Belinda Perry of Murray, aunt of the bride.



## Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coursey

Nicole Freeman of Gilbertsville and Wesley Coursey of Almo were married Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at Thornton Mountain in Calloway County.

David Hendrickson officiated at the ceremony.

Janssen Edwards was the maid of honor.

T.A. Evans was the best man.

A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Freeman of Gilbertsville. She is the granddaughter of Mary Helen Williams and the late Clifton Williams of Palma and Windall and Glenda Freeman and Pete and Shirley Cox, all of Mayfield.

The groom is the son of Ken and Mitzi Coursey of Almo. He is the grandson of Joe Pat Sr. and Maxine Jones of Hardin and the late James and Ann Coursey.

Both the bride and groom are attending West Kentucky Community & Technical College and are employed by Minter Roofing Co., Inc.

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## Anniversary



## Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perry

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lee Perry of Murray are today, Nov. 17, 2004, celebrating 25 years of marriage.

Mrs. Perry, Deborah Lou, is the daughter of Charles and Betty Earp of Holladay, Tenn.

Mr. Perry is the son of the late Amos and Adell Perry of Murray.

They have three daughters, Danyelle Clark and Amberly Perry, both of Murray, and BreAnne Rundles and husband. Keith, of Hazel; and one granddaughter, Raely Nikole Perry of Murray.

The couple is celebrating their anniversary with a trip to New York.

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## Glaucoma, osteoporosis screenings planned for Dec.

he United States, with approximately 2 million people having some degree of visual loss from laucoma. Osteoporosis is responsible for more han 1.5 million fractures annually in the United States including 300,000 hip fractures, 700,000 vertebral fractures, and 250,000 wrist fractures.

It is important to be screened for glaucoma and osteoporosis so you do not become a medical statistic. To make these screenings more accessible to the community, the Center for Health & Wellness will be offering glaucoma and osteoporosis screenings during the month of

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Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in December for those interested in participating. Both screenings for December will be or Tuesday, Dec. 21, between 8 a.m. and noon and 1-3 p.m.

The screenings are free, but those participating in the screenings must make an appointment by calling the Center for Health & Wellness.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for the screenings, contact Allison Lancaster, Health Promotions Coordinator at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, at 270-762-



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Pictured is the Fall 2004 Murray Calloway Co. ATC Nursing Assistant Class, Back Row, Left to Right, Cindy Wise, RN, Health Science Instructor, Reigh Harris, Whitney Smith, Nicole Edwards, Sara Griggs, Lindsay Dean, Julie Phillips, Justine Mengel, Kayla Cooper, Ashley Johnson, Sheriel Chester, Front Row, Left to Right: Nicole Toon, Meagan Wyatt, Alycia Watkins, Sierra Williams, Trisia Dunn, Megan Fain. Students are scheduled to take their nursing assistant state test on Dec. 16. After completion of the Medicaid Nurse Aide Program, students are eligible for hire in selected medical facilities.

# Low-fat beats low-carb for keeping pounds off

LAS VEGAS (AP) Dieters who want to keep from regaining the pounds they so painstakingly lost would do best to eat low-fat diets rather than curb carbs, new research suggests.

A study presented Monday at a meeting of more than 2,000 obesity experts found that it didn't matter what kind of diet people followed to lose weight initially, but keeping from regaining it was another matter.

A low-fat diet "continues to be the key characteristic" of long-term success, said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown University Medical School psychologist who led the work.

Consumers increasingly are losing their enthusiasm for Atkins-style diets as a long-term weight control strategy and the glut of low-carb products that overloaded grocery store shelves as the diet became a fad in the past few years.

More than half of Americans who have tried a low-carb diet have given up, according to a recent survey by the market research firm InsightExpress. Other published survey information suggests that the number of Americans following such a diet peaked at 9 percent last February and fell to 6 percent by June.

The new study involved 2,700 people in the National Weight Control Registry, which tries to mine secrets of success

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE from people who have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off least 30 pounds and kept it off for at least a year.

The registry was started a decade ago by doctors from the University of Colorado in Denver, the University of Pittsburgh, and Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Doctors compared the diets of those who entered the registry from 1995 through 2003. Their average age was 47, most were women, and they had lost an average of 72 pounds initially.

All reported eating only about 1,400 calories a day, but the portion that came from fat rose - from 24 percent in 1995 to more than 29 percent in 2003 while the part from carbohydrates fell, from 56 percent to 49 percent.

The number who were on low-carb diets (less than 90 grams a day) rose from 6 percent to 17 percent during the same period.

Those who increased their fat intake over the year after their initial weight loss regained the most weight. That meant they ate less carbohydrates, because the amount of protein in their diets stayed the same, Phelan said

"Only a minority of successful weight losers consume lowcarbohydrate diets," she and the other researchers concluded.

Colette Heimowitz, a nutrition expert and spokeswoman for the Atkins diet organization, noted that the study considered 90 grams to be low-carb, while

Atkins recommends 60 grams for weight loss and 60 to 120 for weight maintenance.

She said that for many of the dieters studied, "the carbs aren't low enough for them to be successful." They also should have replaced carbs with more protein rather than fat, she said.

Dr. Thomas Wadden, a University of Pennsylvania weight loss expert who had no role in the study, said it is too soon to say which approach is better. Several longer-term studies of low-carb and low-fat dieters are in the works, he said.

But he said: "I do think that people who are keeping the weight off are eating a low-fat, high-carb diet."

Dr. William Dietz, director of chronic-disease prevention at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said it is difficult to tell whether these low-carb diets really work because people find it hard to stick to a strict regimen for long periods.

"My anecdotal experience is that people go on and off these diets," he said. "When their weight goes up, they go back on the diet to lose weight."

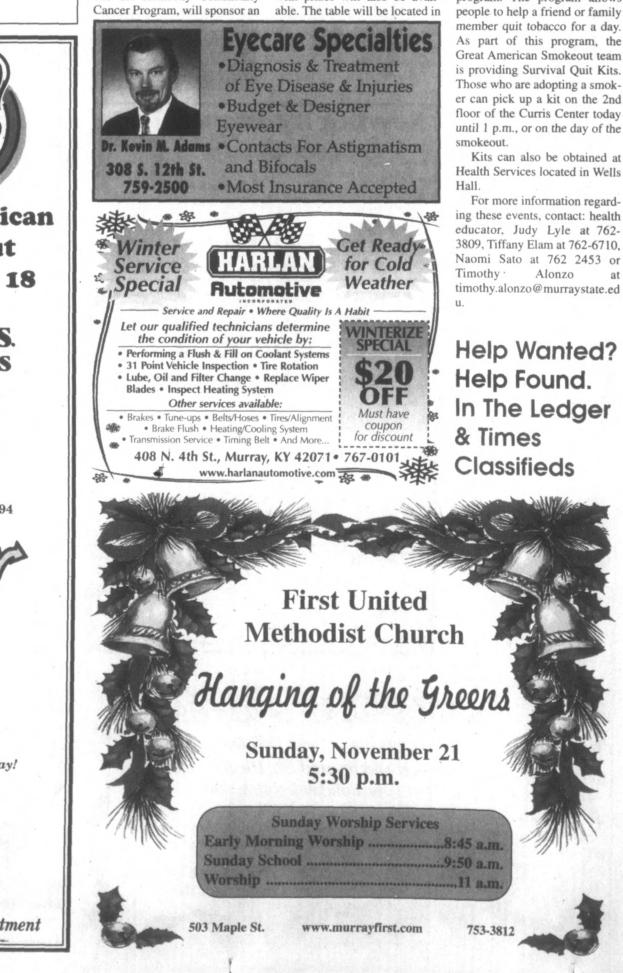
Meanwhile, the American Institute for Cancer Research issued a statement in September urging dieters to "come back to common sense."

"Eat a balanced diet weighted toward vegetables and fruits, reduce portion sizes and increase physical activity," the institute said.

## Information table on tobacco health risks at MSU

Murray State University's Health Services and American Humanics, along with the Purchase Area Coalition for Health (PATCH) and the Kentucky Community information table on tobacco awareness, Thursday.

The table will include infor-Tobacco mation on tobacco health risks and its overall effects; games with prizes will also be avail-



the Rocking Chair Lounge on the second floor of the Curris Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

These organizations are also sponsoring the Adopt-A-Smoker program. The program allows people to help a friend or family member quit tobacco for a day. As part of this program, the Great American Smokeout team is providing Survival Quit Kits.

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## Kentucky Baptists choose new president

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Rev. Hershael York, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastor of a Frankfort church, has been chosen to lead the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

York, pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church, which has nearly 600 members, was elected president of the convention Tuesday during the first day of its two-day annual meeting.

York received 686 votes from messengers, or delegates, to 627 for the Rev. Rusty Ellison of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville's oldest Baptist congregation.

The opponents praised each other after the vote and pledged to work together.

Ellison had described himself as a "centrist" who embraces diversity, while York described

himself as a "conservative theologically" and said he would only appoint committee members who believed in the "inerrancy," or literal truth, of the Bible.

"I believe grass-roots Kentucky Baptists believe the Bible from cover to cover," he said.

York said he hopes to use the position to reach out to pastors at small churches and pastors who hold more than one job.

He said he wants to strengthen the relationship between the seminary and the convention's affiliated colleges, which include Georgetown College, Campbellsville University and Cumberland College.

York said he'd like the convention to draw on seminary faculty members for seminars and speaking engagements and tap seminary students for missions in areas of the state that lack churches.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is an affiliate of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination. It claims more than 780,000 members — or nearly one in five Kentuckians — in its 2,400 churches.

The delegates also rejected a proposal to study whether the Kentucky Baptist Convention should develop a relationship with the Baptist World Alliance, from which the Southern Baptist Convention withdrew in June. Opponents of the study repeated claims by the national convention that the alliance is too liberal — charges that the alliance and its supporters have strongly denied.

Delegates voted down an amendment to the convention's constitution to permit up to a

## Holiday programming planned for WKMS

WKMS 91.3 FM announces special programming to take place before and on Thanksgiving Day as part of our Company for the Holidays programming.

Starting Thursday at noon during Meridian, WKMS will feature With God on our Side: From Rivalry to Reconciliation. Hosted by Sanford "Sandy" Ungar and presented by the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, With God on Our Side: From Rivalry to Reconciliation examines the roots of hatred in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam and considers whether people of faith can ever reconcile those divisions.

Also during Meridian at noon on Monday, The Splendid Table: Holiday Special 2004 will be featured. This program takes a look at international holiday celebrations, starting with pure Americana from the road food correspondents Jane and Michael Stern. They take us to Frankenmuth, Mich., an entire town devoted to Christmas and chicken dinner. Mexican food authority Rick Bayless takes us to the party to end all parties in Oaxaca, Mexico. British food sensation Nigella Lawson author of How to Be a Domestic Goddess talks family and feasting in London. Indian actress and food authority Madhur Jaffrey author of From Curries to Kebabs, Recipes from the Indian Spice Trail tells us about the little-known traditions of

Christmas in Goa, India. And, host Lynne Rossetto Kasper brings us the best in holiday revelry from Italy.

On Thanksgiving Day from 9-11am, WKMS will feature A Feast for the Ears 2004. Host Mark Perzel will serve up a tantalizing new mix of orchestral, chamber and vocal music.

Also on Thanksgiving Day from 11am-1pm, WKMS will feature Giving Thanks 2004: A Celebration of Fall, Food and Gratitude. Like a good Thanksgiving feast, Giving Thanks combines traditional fare with unexpected delights. A traditional offering is a rare recording of actor Charles Laughton. His spellbinding story connects his personal discovery of Chartres Cathedral with an excerpt from Jack Kerouac's The Dharma Bums and the 104th Psalm. It is a moving and powerful tale, giving thanks for the discovery that art connects us all to a greater creative spirit, offering a beautiful focus for the program and the day.

Tune in to these and all the other wonderful holiday programming to come on WKMS this season. WKMS is the National Public Radio member station licensed to Murray State University. Hear WKMS online at wkms.org, where you can also see the entire program schedule. You may also call 800-599-4737 for a listening guide and more information.

quarter of the trustees on the boards of Georgetown College, Campbellsville University and Cumberland College to be non-Baptists.

The presidents of those institutions said Tuesday that non-Baptists provide generous financial support.

"We missed a tremendous opportunity to strengthen the institutions," Campbellsville President Michael Carter said.

They attributed the defeat at least in part to a letter and speech on the convention floor by Durbin Memorial Baptist Church pastor Chuck Luke.

"How can we remain true to our Baptist heritage and history if we are filling the most important decision-making positions with non-Baptists?" he wrote.

## Air Force secretary resigns, industry exec is Army secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force Secretary James Roche resigned Tuesday and the Senate confirmed defense industry executive Francis J. Harvey as secretary of the Army, the service's top civilian post. The roll call vote on Harvey was 85 to 12.

Roche, who was caught up in a series of controversies and conflicts with some members of Congress over Air Force contracting decisions, was widely expected to leave before President Bush began a second term.

In a brief statement, the Pentagon said Roche had informed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in early October "of his intention to complete his service at the end of the first Bush administration."

The statement gave no more specific reason for Roche's departure.

There was no immediate word on likely successors. The Pentagon said Roche plans to leave Jan. 20, 2005 or sooner in the unlikely event that the Senate confirms a successor before then.

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## Merryman House works to keep families, individuals free from violence

The mission of the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center is to provide services and support so that families and individuals are free from domestic violence. The pri-

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Umbrella cation; to provide pro-Agency fessional counseling services to

address the effects of domestic violence; and to develop a diverse funding base and develop community partnerships.

There is good news and bad news for Calloway County. The good news is that we have a local Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center satellite office in Murray. The bad news is that Counselor/Court

Advocate Jodye Bauman is leaving to take a position with the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Bauman says that she is sure a replacement will be named soon and that for the short-term a member of the staff of the Paducah office will be taking care of the Murray clients.

"I have really enjoyed my service to Calloway County and it is especially satisfying when clients have told me that our counseling has helped them to see things differently and made a difference in their family life," she said.

There is still work to be done, according to Bauman.

"It is sometimes hard to go to work knowing that your job requires that you try to mend broken parts and restore family trust and integrity,' she says. "I often go home and reflect long and hard about the trauma and emotional experiences I witness, especially between kids and parents who really love one another.'

Murray currently serves 53 clients, according to Bauman. Approximately 50 percent of these clients are walk-ins and the other half are mandated by court order to receive counseling for domestic violence incidents that have escalated to the point of needing law enforcement and judicial intervention. "About 85 percent of our clients are female and 15 percent male," Bauman said. She went on to say that 95 percent of her cases involve families with children and that over 60 percent of the cases have drugs and alcohol as mitigating factors.

Bauman says that the Merryman House can offer various services for victims of violence which include:

- Group counseling.
- Court advocacy.
- Support groups. Referral services.
- Individual counseling.
- Hospital advocacy.



#### **Jodye Bauman**

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Collect important documents - birth certificates, social security cards, health records, driver's license, etc.

Set aside cash for an emergency, if possible. Try to keep possession of all prescription drugs.

Bauman emphasized that all services provided by the Merryman House are free to all victims. She expressed concern that people sometimes hesitate

to avail themselves of counseling services because they feel there may be a cost involved.

"Almost 100 percent of the telephone calls I receive are inquiries regarding costs," she says. "We can arrange emergency shelter for victims and their children.'

The Merryman House is funded by the Victims of Crime Act and other grants, along with local donations through the United Way.

a significant impact on our operational funding, but netagencies is most important," Bauman says. "The ability to coordinate with other United clients don't fall through the

tance of this service in Calloway County," she said.

The Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center office is located at 503 Maple Street in First United Methodist Church. The office hours are from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 759-2373, locally and the 24hour crisis line is 1-800-585-2686.

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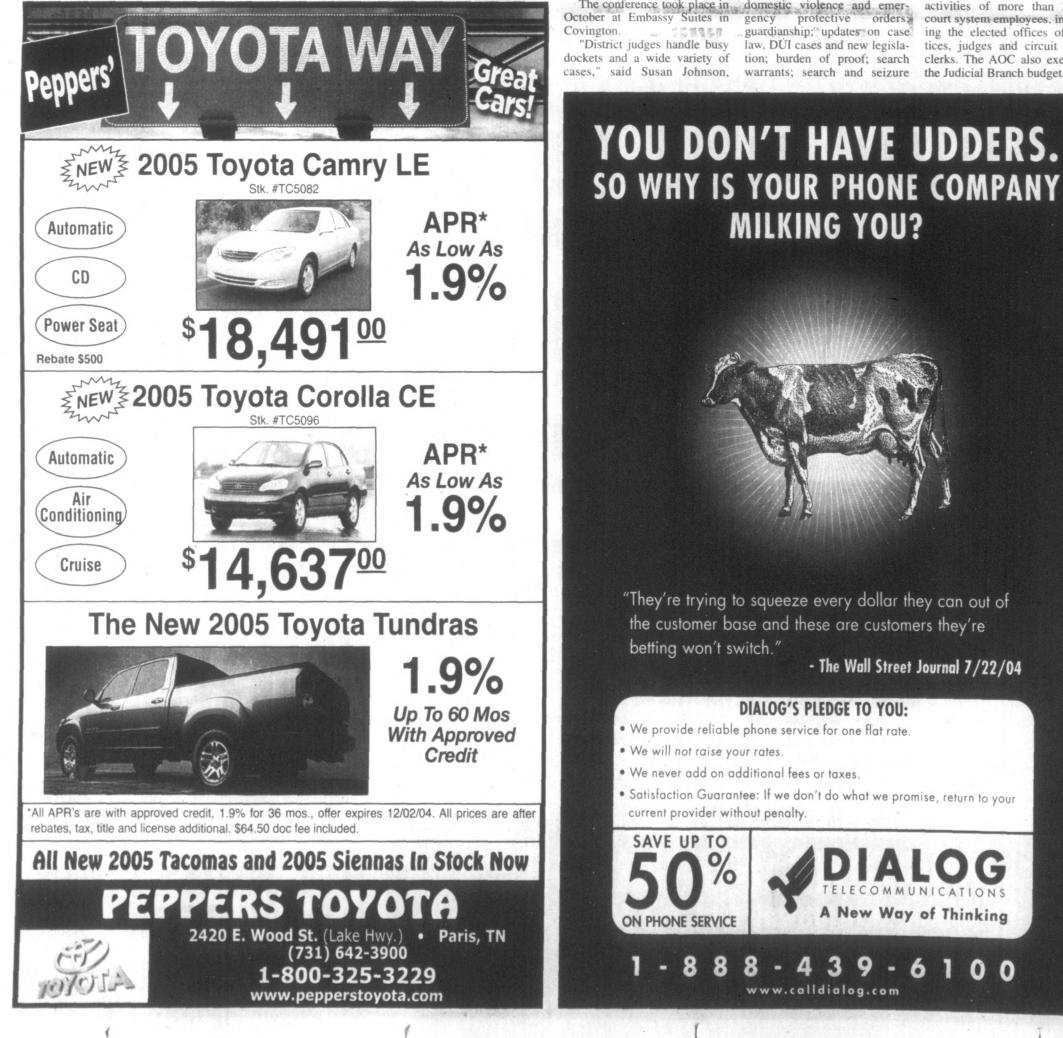
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Carroll attends judicial college last month FRANKFORT, Ky. --District Judge Jeanné Carroll, who serves Calloway County, took part in

"The local United Way has working with other United Way Way agencies to make sure that cracks is invaluable," she said. Bauman expressed thanks to Judge Jeanné Carroll for her assistance and guidance with court mandated clients. "I also want to thank First United Methodist Church for their donation of office space and recognition of the impor-

Sears and Kmart to merge to form third biggest U.S. retailer

CHICAGO (AP) - The discount retailer Kmart Holding Corp. is combining with one of the most venerable names in U.S. retailing, Sears, Roebuck & Co., in an \$11 billion deal that will create the nation's third largest retailer.

The company being created by the surprise combination announced today would be known as Sears Holdings Corp., but will continue to operate the Kmart and Sears stores under their current brand names.

The combined company is expected to have \$55 billion in annual revenues, 2,350 full-line and off-mall stores, and 1,100 specialty retail stores. That will mean it will trail only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. among the biggest U.S. retailers.

It will be headquartered in the northwestern Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, where Sears has its headquarters, but will maintain a "significant presence" in Troy, Mich., where Kmart is based.

Under the agreement, which was unanimously approved by both companies' boards of directors, Kmart shareholders will receive one share of new Sears Holdings stock for each Kmart share. Sears, Roebuck shareholders can choose \$50 in cash or half a share of Sears Holdings stock. That portion of the deal values Sears shares at \$11 billion, a 10.6 percent premium over its value at Tuesday's close.

Kmart chairman Edward Lampert will be the chairman of Sears Holdings, while Sears CEO Alan Lacy will be vice chairman and CEO of the new company. The new 10member Sears Holdings board will have seven members from Kmart and three from Sears

"The merger will enable us to manage the businesses of Sears and Kmart to produce a higher return than either company could achieve on its own," Lampert said in a press release.

The merger, expected to close by the end of March 2005, is subject to approval by Kmart and Sears shareholders, regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions.

Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in early 2002, leading to the closing of about 600 stores, termination of 57,000 Kmart employees and cancellation of company stock. The retailer emerged from bankruptcy in May 2003 and in March posted its first profitable quarter in three vears.

Mired in a retail slump, Sears had long fallen out of favor on Wall Street after losing ground to competitors and enduring sluggish sales for years.

The company last fall introduced its Sears Grand stores, which offer grocery and convenience items besides traditional Sears

fare such as clothing, home appliances and tools. The concept had delivered promising results for the struggling retailer at its first three stores in the Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Chicago areas.

Kmart, in recent years, has been shedding many of its underperforming stores, a strategy that has helped the once-struggling discount retailer bounce back after it emerged from bankruptcy. In fact, Kmart has sold 50 stores to Sears for \$575 million as part of that strategy.

Company officials said the merger would help make their properties more profitable through a broader retail presence and improved operational efficiency in areas such as procurement, marketing, information technology and supply chain management.

"The combination will greatly strengthen both the Sears and Kmart franchises by accelerating the Sears off-mall growth strategy and enhancing the brand portfolio of both companies," Lacy said. "This will clearly be a win for both companies' customers while significantly enhancing value for all shareholders."

The merger will not affect agreements to carry home and fashion lines including Martha Stewart Everyday, Lands' End and Sesame Street, the companies said.

## The Murray State News wins Pacemaker national award

Special to the Ledger

The Murray State News has been named one of the nation's top nine weekly collegiate newspapers.

The student newspaper at State University Murray received a national Pacemaker College Media at the Nashville Convention in Saturday. Nine dailies and seven two-year community college newspapers also received Pacemakers. This is the fourth Pacemaker the newspaper has received. The News has been a Pacemaker finalist or winner in seven of the last eight year.

The Associated Collegiate Press and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation have co-sponsored the Newspaper Pacemaker competition since 1971. ACP began the awards in 1928.

Judges select Pacemakers

after year."

The 41-member student staff is in charge of all aspects of the newspaper, including advertising sales and production; photography; news, feature, sports and editorial content; and design.

"We are fortunate to have the support of administrators at Murray State who value the work of the collegiate press and respect the freedoms of the First Amendment," Hedges said.

Prior to fall semester the staff, under the leadership of editor in chief Vanessa Childers

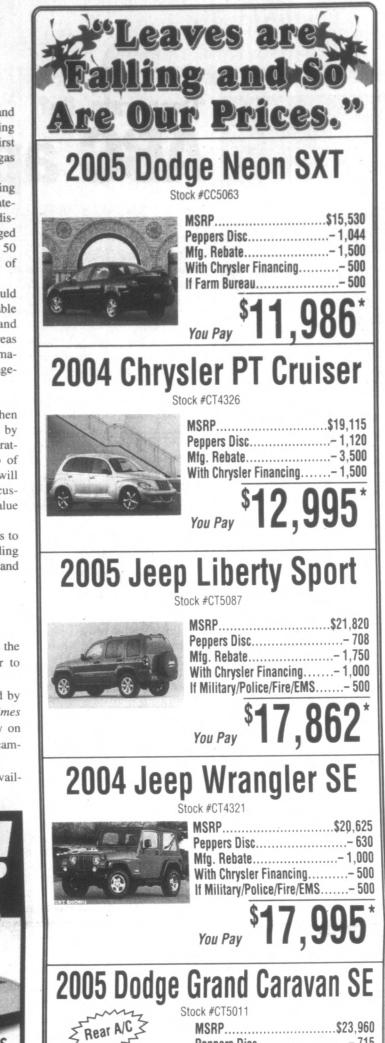
of Mason, Ohio, redesigned the newspaper and added color to the front page.

The newspaper is printed by The Murray Ledger & Times and is distributed on Friday on campus and at various off-campus sites.

The online version is available at www.thenews.org.



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based on coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, design, photography, art and graphics. Contest organizers randomly select four dates and newspapers entering the contest submit newspapers published on those dates.

Newspapers Pacemakers are judged in three categories: fouryear dailies, four-year nondailies and two-year papers. Pacemakers are selected by the staff of a professional newspaper in the host city of the ACP/CMA National College Media. Staff members of The Tennessean judged the contest.

Other Pacemaker winners in the weekly division were newspapers from California State University, Santa Clara (Calif.) University, Georgia Tech, Drexel University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Brigham Young University, Baker University and Case Western Reserve University.

The Murray State News was the only Kentucky university newspaper to receive a Pacemaker. The Kentucky Kernel at the University of Kentucky was finalist.

Erin Richards, a 2004 Murray graduate, was editor in chief of the newspaper for the contest period. She is a now a graduate student at the University of Missouri.

"The success The Murray State News continues to enjoy is due to the outstanding students we have at Murray and the community they have to producing a quality newspaper each week," said newspaper adviser Joe Hedges. "Attaining national prominence is never easy; however, the challenge for our staff is to maintain that quality year

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NEW YORK (AP) - ABC's "desperate" bid at cross-promotion backfired on "Monday Night Football."

The network's steamy intro to the Philadelphia-Dallas game, featuring a naked Nicollette Sheridan jumping into the arms of Eagles receiver Terrell Owens, drew complaints from viewers and the NFL.,

ABC Sports apologized Tuesday for the segment, used a day earlier to promote the hit show "Desperate Housewives" and broadcast just nine months after another football flap - the Janet Jackson Super Bowl fiasco.

"We have heard from many of our asking Owens to skip the game for her. viewers about last night's 'MNF' opening segment and we agree that the placement was inappropriate," ABC Sports said in a statement.

The NFL called the intro "inappropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience."

"While ABC may have gained attention for one of its other shows, the NFL and its fans lost," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

The spot showed Owens and Sheridan in an empty locker room, with Sheridan wearing only a towel and provocatively

After she dropped her towel, he smiled, agreed to be late for the contest and she jumped into his arms. Sheridan was shown only from behind and above the waist after she dropped the towel.

Then the shot panned out to two more stars of "Desperate Housewives," Teri Hatcher and Felicity Huffman, watching the scene unfold on a television and commenting on desperate women.

The Eagles said they appreciated ABC Sports' apology.

"It is normal for teams to cooperate with ABC in the development of an open-

ing for its broadcast," the team said. "After seeing the final piece, we wish it hadn't aired.'

ABC has broadcast "Monday Night Football" with a 5-second delay this season, a precaution after Jackson's wardrobe malfunction at February's Super Bowl.

At halftime of that game, Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Jackson's brassiere, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million. The Super Bowl was broadcast on CBS, which was fined a record \$550,000 by the FCC.

Vladimir Anaheim Angels' Guerrero won the American League MVP award Tuesday, just the fifth time a player has switched leagues and earned the honor in his first season with his new team.

AP Photo

## Guerrero wins AL MVP in first year in league

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Vladimir Guerrero figured someone from his baseballcrazed country would be chosen as the American League's Most Valuable Player.

"I knew the award would go to a Dominican, with three of the candidates being in the race," the Anaheim Angels slugger said Tuesday after winning the honor by a lopsided vote.

The runner-up, New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield, isn't from the Dominican Republic. Thirdplace finisher Manny Ramirez and fourth-place finisher hitter David Ortiz - both members of Boston's World Series champions - are from the Caribbean country.

"It's in our blood," Guerrero said through a translator during a conference call. "When we are youths in the Dominican, we pick up bats and balls because baseball is part of what we grow up with.

## **ARIZONA 80 - SAN DIEGO STATE 69** Wildcats run by San Diego in NIT

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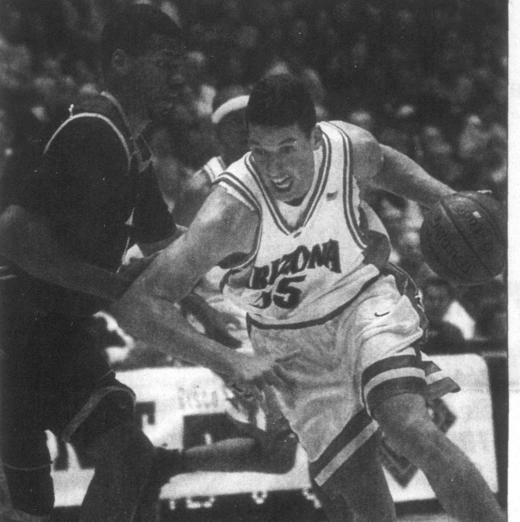
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -Mustafa Shakur vowed to be a more aggressive leader. Arizona coach Lute Olson called Ivan Radenovic the most improved player on his team.

The two players backed up those words Tuesday night with career-high scoring performances in 10th-ranked Arizona's 80-69 victory over San Diego in the first round of the Preseason NIT.

Shakur, the sophomore playmaker from Philadelphia, had 23 points and seven assists. Radenovic, the 6-foot, 10-inch forward from Serbia and Montenegro, had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Salim Stoudamire also scored 20 for the Wildcats, who won their 13th consecutive Preseason NIT game and are 13-1 overall in the event.

"Ivan did a good job in all aspects," said Olson, beginning his 22nd season at Arizona. "It was good to see him step up like that. Mustafa played very, very well. And Salim made some big shots down the stretch that we need ed.' But it wasn't the blowout the Wildcats expected, and they blamed themselves. "The first half was excellent. The second half was disgusting," Stoudamire said. "I wanted to win, and I wanted to win by a lot. I thought we should have won by 40 but we got lackadaisical.' The Wildcats host Wright York next week. Radenovic, who added 10 pounds of muscle in the offseason, made 8 of 17 shots and played with far more confidence than he did at any time last season, his first with the Wildcats. "Last year was tough on me," he said. "First of all, the language, and being so far away from home. This year I've been there more to work with the team, and that has helped."



## Former Louisville standout dead at 48

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) -Former University of Louisville basketball standout Larry Williams has died. He was 48.

Williams' body was found at a Louisville motel Saturday, Jefferson County Deputy Coroner R.D. Jones said. The cause of death was not determined. There was no sign of foul play, and Jones was awaiting toxicology results, he said.

"I'll remember him as a man who came from a tough environment who did really well," former Louisville coach Denny Crum said. "He gave back to this community. I just saw him a couple of months ago. He seemed to be doing well. I'm shocked. Shocked.

Williams grew up in a rough Chicago neighborhood and once told The Courier-Journal, "I was in a gang when I was 9 years old. I grew up in public housing in Chicago. I was in gangs all the way up until high school. And I kind of did everything you can do out on the street."

Williams had been executive director and chief executive officer of Plymouth Community Renewal Center in West Louisville since early last year. He resigned "a week or two ago for health reasons," Virginia Bradford, chairman of the center's board, said Monday. But Bradford said Williams' death was unexpected. Crum convinced the 6-foot-9 forward to sign with U of L. where he played from 1975-79. Williams' best season came in 1976-77 when he averaged 13 points. Williams was drafted by the Denver Nuggets but then cut. He played in the Continental Basketball Association, then went to Europe, where he played for five seasons before retiring. Williams returned to Chicago but moved back to Louisville in 1990 after his wife, Nancy, died of breast cancer. His son, Larry Jr., plays basketball at Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

"The fun feeling you get playing keeps your head up when you encounter difficult times.

This season certainly wasn't one of those for the 28-year-old Guerrero.

'When they told me I was the MVP, I was very excited," he said. "I am here in the Dominican Republic in the presidential palace surrounded by my family and President Fernandez. I am very pleased to share this award with my country.

The Angels right fielder, who hit .337 with 39 homers and 126 RBIs, received 21 of 28 firstplace votes. He had 354 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Sheffield got five first-place votes and 254 points. Ramirez received one first-place vote and 238 points, and Ortiz got the other first-place vote and had 174 points.

Guerrero signed a \$70 million, five-year contract with the Angels last January after eight seasons with the Montreal Expos. He paid big dividends in his first season, leading the league with 124 runs and 366 total bases.

He probably wrapped up the MVP award down the stretch. Guerrero batted .371 in September with 10 homers and 23 RBIs, and went 14-for-30 (.467) with six homers and 11 RBIs in the last six games of the season to help the Angels win the AL West by one game over Oakland.

"To see him single-handedly carry us to the pennant was incredible," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said. "When he came to our team, our expectations were obviously very, very high, and he met every one of them."

The only other non-rookies who became MVPs in their first AL seasons were Baltimore's (1966), Frank Robinson Chicago's Dick Allen (1972) and Detroit's Willie Hernandez (1984).

Brice Vounang, San



State in the second round Arizona's Ivan Radenovic, right, dribbles in the lane through the defense of San Thursday night. The winner Diego's Brandon Gay, left, during the first half of a first-round NIT game at McKale goes to the semifinals in New Center in Tucson, Ariz. Tuesday night.

> Diego's 6-foot-8, 250-pound center with a soft shooting touch, matched his career best with 28 points and had 11 rebounds for the Toreros. Brandon Gay added 17 points.

"He had a great game," Toreros coach Brad Holland said of Vounang. "He was allconference last season, and he's taking the pressure well. He did a great job on Channing Frye. We didn't have to double him. He did a good job one-onone with him.'

playmaker who averaged just six shots a game last season, was 7-for-12 in Arizona's season opener.

"He brings a lot of energy," Frye said. "He brings a defensive presence. He is a big part of this team."

The Wildcats led 41-23 at halftime.

San Diego, coming off a 4-26 season and a 1-13 mark in the West Coast Conference, trailed only 14-10 after Vounang's 10-footer with 11:42 to play in the half. But

Shakur banked in a 3-pointer to start a 16-0 Arizona run that made it 30-10 on Radenovic's fastbreak layup with 5:15 left in the half.

AP Photo

Shakur scored eight, Stoudamire five, and Radenovic three during the surge.

From that point on, the outmanned Toreros outscored Arizona 59-50.

"One of the things I was a little disappointed in was we did not do a good job of really closing them out," Olson said.

Williams is survived by his son; brother, George Williams; mother, Luvidia Lewis; and sister, Deborah Gilchrist. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. EST Thursday at St. Stephen Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

# Eastwood enters season wtih win over Unity

#### Staff Report Murray Ledger & Times

Eastwood Christian Academy started its season Tuesday night with an easy 85-25 victory over visiting Unity Christian Academy of Clarksville, Tenn.

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ECA now heads to Hendersonville, Tenn., for the Fourth Annual Chic-Fil-A Crusader Classic that starts Thursday and runs through

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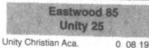
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## Elks announces date for contest

## Staff Report

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Marshall County Elks Lodge 2707 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot, a free throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 8 through 13, at Central Elementary school in Draffenville on Sunday Dec. 12th at 1 p.m.

Last year, Lodge 2707 had one state winner. The free throw contest is for three age groups, 8-9; 10-11; and 12-13. Each contestant will get 25 shots at the hoop. The winners in each group advance to a district meet at Madisonville in January.

The district winners go to a state meet at Frankfurt in February, with the state winner going to a regional meet at Paris, Tenn. These winners advance to the national finals at Springfield, Mass.

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Russell leads JSU to win over Western Carolina

## **ALL-REGION HONORS**



Five Murray High School girls' soccer players were recently named as honorable mention selections to the All-First Region Team. All-Region Team members pictured include, from left, Amy Futrell, Blair Lane, Chelsea Riggins, Katie Garland and Rachael Williams. Garland was also named to the All-Second District Team.

## **CCMS** comes away with sweep at South Marshall

#### Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times Calloway County Middle School's seventh and eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball teams completed doubleheader sweeps of South Marshall Tuesday night.

The seventh grade Lakers captured a 40-24 victory to move to 3-1 on the season, while the eighth graders completed the sweep with a 31-19 decision in the nightcap. The eighth grade team is now a perfect 4-0 on the season.

In the seventh grade contest, the Lakers led 12-2 after one quarter of play and 22-9 at the halftime break. Calloway kept a substantial lead (30-18) after three periods of play despite being outscored 9-8 in the third stanza. CCMS capped the victory with a 10-6 scoring edge in the final quarter.

Tyrell Willis paced the Lakers with 18 points, while Josh Humphreys and Wes Hounsell each tallied six. Austin Lilly tossed in four points, while the trio of Justin Hill, Denham Rogers and Ben Hudson had two apiece. Calloway led throughout the eighth grade game, building an 8-6 edge after one quarter and leading 15-6 at the intermission. Jamie Gream led the way for the Lakers with nine points. Willis followed with eight, while Joseph Kelly tossed in six. Casey Brockman and Jordan

Bumpus each scored four points to round out the CCMS scoring. In girls' action, the seventh

Kristin Boggess' driving layup as time expired lifted the Lady Lakers to the victory.

Averee Fields paced Calloway with seven points, while Boggess followed with four. Layla Choate, Ellen Morgan Robinson and Smotherman each scored two points. Haley McCuiston, Allison Jones, Emily Chrisman, Whitney Gardner and Haley Edwards all played but did not score

In the eighth grade game, the Lady Lakers improved to 2-1 with a 27-26 triumph over South Marshall.

Karra Jones was CCMS' leading scorer with 13 points. Brittany Fox tallied six, Kayla Seavers tossed in four, Tiffany Govern had three and Shauna Wicker added one. Fields, McCuiston, and Katie Tindell all played but did not score. Amber Ward led South Marshall with 12 points. The seventh graders play at North Marshall on Thursday, while the eighth graders host North Marshall on Friday.



## **MURRAY HOME & AUTO**

grade Lady Lakers improved to 2-0 with a 17-15 victory over South Marshall.

MILWAUKEE (AP) Walker Russell scored 30 points Tuesday to lead Jacksonville State to a 90-74 victory over Western Carolina in the Black Coaches Association Classic.

Jeremy Law, Carlos Lumpkin and Anthony Wilson all added 9 points for the Gamecocks, who improved to 1-2 after losing their first two games in the tournament hosted by Marquette. The victory gave Jacksonville State seventh place in the eightteam, three-day BCA Classic.

Rans Brempong scored 15 points, Corey Muirhead 14, David Berghoefer 13 and Antonio Russell 10 for Western Carolina (0-3), which lost all three games in the tournament.

The teams were tied 42-42 at the half, and the game was tied three more times in the second period, the last at 50-50 on a 3-

pointer by Western Carolina's Kyle Greathouse.

Rod Venner stole the ball and raced downcourt for a layup with 16:33 to give the Gamecocks the lead for good at 52-50. Venner's basket started a 9-4 scoring run capped by a Russell 3-pointer with 14:05 remaining for a 59-54 lead.



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## **Close relationship could put** State Department front and center in U.S. foreign policy

#### By BARRY SCHWEID **AP** Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Condoleezza Rice has been both protege and mentor to President Bush in his first four years in the White House. So he is bound to feel comfortable with the former Stanford University provost running the State Department.

They chat easily and interchangeably, without a hint of divergence, about perceived threats to U.S. national security. There is no reason to expect that comity to falter.

The outlook is for a more secure Bush, spared Secretary of State Colin Powell's steady stream of reminders about the impact that a unilateral and aggressive foreign policy might have on friends and foes around the world.

"She is very able," Zbigniew Brzezinski, former President Carter's national security adviser, said of Rice on Tuesday.

But in a cautionary note, Brzezinski questioned whether the complexity of America's situation in the world should be reduced to "grand formulas" that are hostile to nuances.

"You cannot reduce everything to the global war on terror-ism," Brzezinski said in an interview

Rice, who mentored Bush on foreign policy and national security, has never indicated publicly any difference in view with him. She helped Bush respond to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by declaring war on terrorism, and she had a hand in plotting the war on Iraq.

The faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein had hidden caches of weapons of mass destruction passed through her hands to the president, but that is unlikely to slow her confirmation.

On Tuesday, there was no ign of any serious opposition to Rice's nomination in the Republican-controlled Senate.

"She may have a few bumps in the road," incoming Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid said Wednesday. But the Nevadan, appearing on NBC's "Today" show, also said "she should be approved."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pledged to speed her approval, saying Rice "brings extraordinary talents and a gamut of experience to her new responsibilities." He is trying to arrange a confirma-tion hearing for sometime between Dec. 6 and Dec. 8. The senior Democrat on the

committee, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, called Bush's selection of Rice a "sound choice" and said he looked forward to working with

But in Europe, Rice has raised some eyebrows, especially last year with her suggestions of how Washington should treat European opponents of the U.S.led invasion of Iraq.

"Punish France, ignore Germany and forgive Russia," ignore Rice was widely quoted as telling associates in the spring of 2003

At Stanford, Rice's specialty as Soviet and Eastern was European policy, as it was for her on former President Bush's National Security Council. Those areas receded in importance with the end of the Cold War and the rise of anti-U.S. terrorism and the proliferation of dangerous weapons technology as primary concerns.

Lee Feinstein, who worked for former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in the Clinton administration, said the choice of Rice "is in keeping with the retooling of the second Bush administration in which the top posts are going to Bush's confidants.

Feinstein, who is at the Council on Foreign Relations, rejected any suggestion that Bush, in his second term, would take a more moderate approach, as the late President Reagan did the second time around.

"The choice of Rice is a clear signal the president believes he was re-elected to do more of what he did in his first term. which is to pursue a foreign policy that seeks to limit constraints America's freedom of on action," Feinstein said.

Dimitri Simes, president of the Nixon Center, said there was no question Rice had grown in her job and was very close to the president. Simes said that was essential for any secretary of state

"The problem with Powell, for whom I have great admiration, is that while he was pragmatic he never quite fit into the team," Simes said. "There were a number of times when it was not just his views but his aloof standing that undermined his effectiveness.

Richard Perle of the American Enterprise Institute said, "Her most obvious and greatest strength as secretary of state is her close relationship to the president." That closeness, Perle said,

will be "highly advantageous for her and for the orderly conduct of foreign policy." This was never the case between Bush and Powell, he noted.

Perle said he rejected the idea there were two competing camps in the government, ideologues and realists. "Every one of he foreign challenges we face has a practical component that is overwhelming," he said.

Brzezinski said, meanwhile, "Her appointment means the center of gravity in foreign policy-making is shifting to the Department of State."

Vice President Dick Cheney will remain a player, Brzezinski said, but Rice "will have a platform. She will be the voice, and she has a very special relationship with the president."

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President Bush, right, looks on as National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, left, speaks to the press after Bush announced that Rice is his nominee for Secretary of State Tuesday. Bush turned to his most trusted foreign policy adviser, Rice, to replace Secretary of State Colin Powell.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004: You have the gift of getting past people's natural resistances. You sometimes use money, but most of the time, your intuition leads you in the right direction. Your

sixth sense remains strong. Learn to trust your feelings more often and be less active. Your family and domestic security star as high priorities. Give a full 100 percent. If you are single, someone you meet might become very special to you, but not a person you are willing to share with others. He or she could be married or attached. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish because of your new concern for family and home. Express your vulnerabilities more often. AQUARIUS can be an albatross.

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)

\*\*\*\* You say what you want, but be prepared to hear news that might be uncomfortable, at best. Read between the lines with a request. You might also need to check out the facts for yourself. You will get a better perspective that way. Others, especially friends, pitch in. Tonight: Do only what you want. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Others take charge. You

might as well bend like a willow rather than fight the inevitable. Assume a more positive view at work. A partnership helps you zero in on your priorities and helps win bonus points with "the boss." Tonight: Out late working, and maybe a late lunch GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

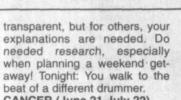
\*\*\*\* Use your finely tuned 21) mental abilities to read between the lines. In fact, for you, the actions of others might be quite

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Men • Women • Children

Tacky Formals 50's-70's Styles • Maternity • Nursing



CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Your ability to zero in on what is important helps a partner. Your efficiency earmarks the quality of your work. Basics count. Do not lose sight of your priorities. You have a strong, sound basis of ethics. Tonight:

**Togetherness** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Others knock on your door like there's no tomorrow. The unexpected marks your decisions -- at least to others it appears unexpected. Your expectations and willingness to take risks emerge again. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Let no one make a mistake -- you're about work and getting the job done. Others admire your consistency and

well-developed efficiency. You get much more done than others expect or could get done themselves. Let someone treat you to a meal, if not more. Tonight: Relax all you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Your creativity comes through when others fall flat. You have answers, ideas and the energy to follow through. Your charming manner draws many to you. Pick and choose from your admirers, or decide to play the field. Tonight: Hop out of the office

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*. Basics count. You'll come to a better understanding if you're willing to discuss your obligations and needs. A loved one might not be sharing all that he or she needs to. You cannot

force his or her hand, either. Tonight: Hang close to home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

\*\*\*\* Your ability to state your case makes all the difference in the response you get. Others dote on you and want to pitch in to make your job easier. Why not? Lengthy conversations about the pros and cons could take up your time if you let them. Tonight: Visit with your pals.

Minor

given.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Investigate what needs to happen financially. You might want to spend money on or dote on someone, but you need to refrain for a while. Your instincts lead you in the right direction. Make an important meeting. Tonight: Your treat. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your personality \*\*\*\*\* switches to high, making you close to unstoppable. Your efforts to read between the lines

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The makers of the popular Bowflex fitness machine are recalling nearly 800,000 units after dozens of people reported injuries from mechanical probthe government lems, announced.

This marks the second large recall of Bowflex equipment this year. In January, the machine's manufacturer issued a voluntary recall of about 420,000 units after reports of similar mechanical problems.

The latest recall affects 680,000 Bowflex Power Pro systems and 102,000 Bowflex Ultimate Fitness Machines, manufactured by The Nautilus Group, of Vancouver, Wash.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the machine's seat can unexpectedly break on the Ultimate model and Power Pro with "Lat Tower." There were 46 reports of such incidents and two of those were serious injuries requiring stitches to the head.

Another failure involves the machine's backboard bench unexpectedly collapsing when it is in the incline position on Power Pro models without the "Lat Tower." There were 42 reports of this failure and subsequent injuries to the back, neck and head, none of which were serious.

The company issued its recall in January after reports of more than 70 injuries due to the backboard bench failure and problems with the "Lat Tower."

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## by Jacqueline Bigar

pay off. Be generous and give others the benefit of the doubt. Aim for what you want. Take an overview. Tonight: As you like it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Take your time making a decision. You see many pros and cons within a decision. If you're not sure which way to go, then don't take action yet. Use time as a gift. A partner gives you worthy feedback. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

#### BORN TODAY

Actor Owen Wilson (1968), astronaut Alan Shepard Jr. (1923), actress Linda Evans (1942)



#### **COMICS/FEATURES**

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## Gout prevention is important

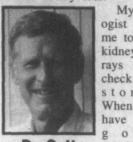
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woman, 82, with gout that occasionally causes great pain in one of my toes.



Dr. Gott

By care physi-Dr. Peter Gott cian scribes

Tylenol with codeine. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

I'm going to alter my usual hesitancy about judging other doctors because, if your brief description is truthful and accurate, you are receiving inappropriate therapy.

First off, kidney X-rays may miss gouty uric acid kidney stones, which --- unlike calcium stones --- do not show up well on X-ray tests. Also, I'm not convinced that you need X-rays every six months, because this is a significant exposure to radiation.

Second, there is a medication called allopurinol that protects against gout. It should not be taken in the presence of an acute gout attack, but is very useful in preventing such attacks and protecting against ùric acid kidney stones. In my view, this would be an entirely appropriate preventive. Ask your physician about allopurinol.

Finally, although codeine is a reasonably effective analgesic, other drugs - such as Indocin and Motrin - may be equally (or more) effective and do not have significant side effects.

In summary, ask your physician about allopurinol, request that he consider alternatives to

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am narcotics if you have an acute attack, and question your urologist about the necessity of X-ray studies at such close intervals.

ogist sends To give you related informe to have mation, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report kidney X-"About Gout." Other readers to for who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to I Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure have acute gout attacks, my to mention the title. primary

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently had an acute attack of gastritis and was sent to the emergency room with severe upper stomach pain resembling a heart attack. Please give me some information on this condition.

**DEAR READER:** Gastritis (inflammation of the stomach) is a common consequence of certain viral infections; it is also a manifestation of food poisoning. It can result from some medications, notably antiinflammatory drugs such as Motrin and Naprosyn that are frequently used to treat arthritis and minor pain.

Gastritis stimulates the nerves leading from the stomach, producing upper abdominal or chest discomfort that the brain cannot distinguish from the coronary pains of angina or heart attack. Other disorders that may mimic cardiac pain include aortic aneurysm, pancreatic inflammation and gallstones.

These afflictions can be differentiated using tests such as cardiograms, X-rays and blood examinations.

Evidently, in your case, the heart tests were normal and the emergency room doctor-concluded, by exclusion, that your problem arose in your stornach.

You should ask your family physician about ways of preventing future attacks of gastritis and what to do if you experience a repeat episode.

## Diamonds for 'other woman' put marriage on the rocks

found out that my husband of 20 years bought diamond earrings and something from Victoria's Secret for another

woman. His explanation? "She's just a

What do you think? --WANTS THE TRUTH IN MIN-NESOTA

WANTS THE TRUTH: Diamond earrings? That's quite an investment. When a man gives diamonds to a woman, it's a good bet that he's getting plenty in return -- or hoping to.

DEAR ABBY: Some friends of ours, "Rhonda" and "Mike," planned to be married. They have two small children together. Mike is a longtime childhood friend of my husband's; we met Rhonda through Mike. Mike and Rhonda are no longer together. It was a messy breakup. They no longer speak to each other, and they even have relatives intercede in the exchange of their children so they do not have to see each other.

My husband and I gave Rhonda \$100 as a down payment on the wedding dress that she just "had" to have. Mike and Rhonda both thanked us, and said not to buy a wedding gift, that the money was gift enough. Rhonda bought the dress and now plans to sell it.

My husband and I are not well-off, and we would like our money back. We feel that now the wedding has been canceled, the money should be returned. Rhonda has not



**LookingBack** 

10 years ago

Bernard Kane.

Nov. 11.

month.

20 years ago

Published is a picture of

Tina Sexton, mother of North

Elementary fifth grader Todd

Sexton, helping with decora-

tions for the school's annual

fall festival Nov. 18. The photo

was by Staff Photographer

Oneida White, pianist, and

Margie Shown vocalist, present-

ed a program, "Name That

Tune," at a meeting of the

Music Department of Murray

Woman's Club. Winners of the

contest to name the tunes were

Barbara Brandon and Kay Ray.

girl to Mari and Stephen Lit-

tlefield and a boy to Chrystal

and Johnny Jones, Nov. 10; a

girl to Janet and Ralph Maupin

and twins, a boy and a girl,

to Kimberly and Jay Simmons.

Charlie Lassiter has been

named to the board of com-

missioners of Murray-Calloway

County Hospital. He fills a

vacancy made by the death of

Paul Mansfield who died last

chaplain at Western Baptist

Hospital, Paducah, spoke about

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Published is a picture of

members of Murray High

School Spanish Club that won

honors at the Foreign Lan-

a meeting of the Council.

Births reported include a

Murray Woman's Club.

Stephen Hobbs, Nov. 9.

30 years ago

Reita Moody of Murray,

Births reported include a

**DEAR WANTS: Rather than** 'confront" Rhonda, remind her that when she sells the dress, you would like her to return the money. But don't hold your breath. ...

## DEAR ABBY: I have fall-

en in love with a wonderful man I'll call "Hank." Hank is everything I want in a man. We have been together for five months, and he is always very well-dressed -- which is important to me. I take pride in the way I look and want my partner to do the same.

Hank and I went out yesterday. It was cold outside and Hank said he would wear a sweater. Well, Abby, the sweater looked like something he found in a trash bin! It was stained, dirty and faded. How do I tell Hank that sweater has to go without hurting his feelings? I felt embarrassed to be with him, which I hated to admit to myself. How can I tell him not to wear it again? -EMBARRASSED IN ILLI-NOIS

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** Do NOT tell him not to wear it again, or that you felt embarrassed to be seen with him in it. When an otherwise spiffy dresser wears a garment that is "old, stained, faded," etc., it is safe to assume that the item has sentimental value. Since you prefer that he wear something nicer, buy him a sweater or two -- and as the weather grows colder, let him know how much it would please you to see him in something you selected especially for him.

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## The Disappearing Trick

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dummy's high spades. But when you lead a spade to the queen, East shows up with the ace, and your chances sink even further. East returns the diamond jack, and there you are, faced with a loser in each suit and a totally unexpected defeat. But bridge is a game of twists and

turns, and you naturally start looking for a way to extricate yourself from the deteriorating situation. And, if you work at it, you ultimately find the answer. You win the diamond with the

king, cash the king of clubs and ruff a club. Then you lead a spade to dummy's king and ruff a spade. At this point, your remaining four cards are the Q-8-7 of trumps and nine of diamonds, while East holds the J-10-9 of trumps and ten of diamonds. So far, you've lost only two tricks - a club and a spade

guage Festival at Murray State University. They include Alan Schaeffer, Stuart Cottrell, Jimmy Irby, Chris Parker, Bruce Jay, Michele Timmerman, Marsha Robertson, Tina Steele, Malinda Cochran and Kathy Miller.

#### 40 years ago

Randall Patterson, Gerald Paschall, Cooper Thomas, Thomas Scruggs, James Harmon, J.B. Dover, Bill Forres, Joe Johnston and Carman Parks are new officers of Hazel Lodge 138 of Woodmen of the World.

Army Staff Sgt. Eddie T. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Riley, is serving at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ramsey, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Gore, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edwards and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee. 50 years ago

J.N. Outland of Murray will give demonstrations on "Preparation of Tobacco for Market" at Puryear High School and Cottage Grove High School.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allbritten, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Edwards, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Culp, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Merman Hopkins.

Elected as officers of Calloway County 4-H Club were Larry Rhodes, Robert Young, Linda Lawson and Jo Ellis.

## **TodayInHistory**

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 17, the 322nd day of 2004. There are 44 days left in the vear

Today's Highlight in History

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building. On this date:

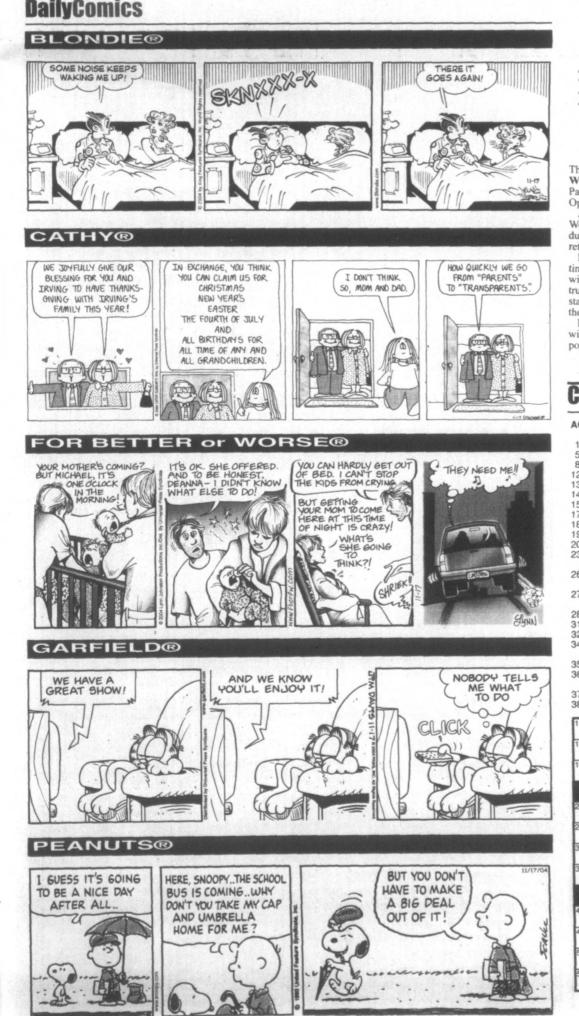
In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

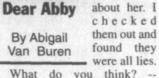
In 1917, sculptor August Rodin died in Meudon, France. In 1925, actor Rock Hud-

son was born in Winnetka, Ill. In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was







friend, and she's married to a jerk." He has told me many different stories

were all lies.

DEAR

East Pass 1 NT Pass 4 9 Opening lead - jack of clubs.

Assume you're in four hearts and West leads the club jack. East takes dummy's queen with the ace and returns the queen of diamonds.

Making the contract appears routine, but when you win the diamond with the ace and play the king of trumps, West shows out, and you start having second thoughts about the matter.

It seems you'll have to find West with the ace of spades in order to dispose of your diamond loser on one of

way Tomorrow: It's all in your mind.

You next lead the seven of trumps to dummy's ace and play the six of clubs, placing East in a hopeless position. If he discards, you ruff with the eight and lose only a diamond. If East instead ruffs the six of clubs with the ten or jack of trumps, you discard your diamond loser and win the last two tricks with the Q-8 of trumps. East is a dead duck either

dedicated by President Kennedy

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remotecontrolled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod I.

In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando, Fla.: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

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# Keith doesn't stray far from Oklahoma roots

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) ---Nashville to become a country music superstar. Nashville came to Oklahoma.

Keith - who won two American Music Awards on Sunday night - has never strayed too far from his Sooner State roots, working long days in oil fields, playing semiprofessional football and raising racehorses.

"Most artists moved to Nashville," Keith said recently, lounging on a leather couch in his tour bus. "I never did have an address there. I was there for one day and never felt the need for more.

Instead of traveling to the Tennessee country music mecca. he honed his craft in the whiskey halls and bars of the Southwest for nearly a decade.

Keith began playing guitar at age 8 after receiving one for Christmas. Later, he toured with his band Easy Money, in between playing semipro football for the Oklahoma Drillers and then a short stint with the Oklahoma Outlaws.

When the Outlaws failed and his football career was finally over, Keith put his energy into his music

He toured 51 weeks a year, hitting honky tonks and music halls from Oklahoma to Texas to Colorado.

"It was the only way we could make enough money," he said. "Nothing ain't worth having if it's not worth fighting for. I was only going to do it for 10 years and it was getting pretty close.'

But before he could quit and head back to the oil fields of Oklahoma, he got a deal with Mercury Records.

"They came to me," he says with a smirk. Keith put out three albums with Mercury before switching to Dream Works, which allowed him

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the freedom to record the witty, Toby Keith didn't have to go to occasionally redneck lyrics that have become anthems for country fans and non-fans alike.

> Keith doesn't mince words when describing Nashville and the industry he says has reluctantly embraced him. Despite nearly two dozen country award nominations, he's only taken home a handful (he was two for five on Sunday night).

In 2003, the Academy of Country Music named him Entertainer of the Year - but he wasn't there to pick it up. Thinking his chances were slim, he left the ceremony to work on a song with Willie Nelson.

"The awards are kind of like the All-Star game," Keith said. "You take your turn at bat, smile and give everybody the finger and leave."

That's Keith for you - honest and blunt. That grit translates into his drinking anthems, his ballads and his collection of post 9-11 patriotic songs.

Keith has written nearly all the songs he's recorded and says he writes when he gets the inspiration.

"I'll do it for five minutes here, or I'll be thinking about while I'm in the shower," Keith said. "I never could write by appointment."

Straightforward lyrics and edgy guitar riffs have given him staying power. "It was important everybody speak their mind," Keith said. "But if you're going to speak up, at least have something to say."

Recently, Keith's been talking about a lot more than music in his home state.

As a horseman, he championed a proposal recently approved by voters that expands casino-like gambling to the state's struggling horse racing tracks. Keith also stumped for a measure to create a lottery to fund public education.

"Everybody needs to try to make a difference and they have a responsibility to stay up on current events," Keith said. "I can be a difference-maker and I try to be."

Standing 6-foot-4 with blond curls peaking out from his weathered cowboy hat, Keith was frequently seen on the campaign trail this fall. He's supported several Democrats, including Oklahoma's Democratic Gov. Brad Henry.

"I campaign for my friends, people I can trust," said Keith, who is a registered Democrat in Oklahoma but nonetheless supported Republican President George W. Bush.

"I think Toby is passionate about Oklahoma and truly wants to make state a better place," Oklahoma's governor said. "Instead of sitting on the sidelines, he's gotten involved in issues he believes are important."

Keith is keeping his wealth in Oklahoma. He and his family live near Norman, home to Keith's beloved University of Oklahoma Sooners. His latest project is a \$4.7 million restaurant and music hall in Oklahoma City's fledgling entertainment district, Bricktown.

> The venture, "Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill," will seat up to 600 people and is expected to be a stopping spot for touring acts. Keith recently opened a similar bar in Las Vegas and plans for bars in North Kansas City, Mo., and Shreveport, La., are in the works.

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