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## Funding is secured for Murray State

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Murray State University will receive \$300,000 in federal funding for a math and science teaching program.



Whitfield

Congressman Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., announced Monday that Congress passed a bill that provides \$300,000 for M S U 's Center for Teacher Excellence in Science and Mathematics. Whitfield requested the money in the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report.

"These funds will continue to ensure that our classrooms are

filled with quality math and science teachers," Whitfield said in a release. "All of western Kentucky will benefit from the work done by the center. Murray State has provided an excellent service by improving our teachers' ability to better educate students in math and science. I am pleased to have been able to secure these important funds for Murray State."

The center is designed to develop projects that incorporate new interdisciplinary content-based teacher preparation courses and laboratory experiences; modified and refined courses primarily taken by pre-service teachers; and outreach and summer institute courses for teachers and their students in the public schools through demon-

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JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Marshall County's Donald Ellis removes a portion of plastic covering from some of the tobacco that was auctioned at Farris Loose Leaf Floor this morning on the first day of air-cured sales in Murray. Nearby Growers Loose Leaf Floor also participated in those sales.

## Guilty pleas entered on forgery, theft charges

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

A 41-year-old Murray woman pleaded guilty last week to forgery and theft charges stemming from a workplace embezzlement.

Carmen Todd Summerville pleaded to 39 counts of third-degree forgery and 29 misdemeanor counts of theft by unlawful taking less than \$300 in Calloway District Court on Nov. 23.

She was arrested Nov. 9 on felony theft by unlawful taking more than \$300 and second-degree forgery charges. In the plea agreement, Summerville is to serve 90 days of a 365-day sentence for the amended charges. The remaining days are suspended pending a probationary period.

The bulk of the charges are from Summerville being accused of

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## Health departments receive more flu vaccine

MAYFIELD, Ky. — The Purchase District Health Department has received additional supplies of influenza vaccine for distribution in our area. Those persons meeting the high risk criteria may receive the vaccine during clinics being scheduled throughout the 7 counties covered by the health department.

The CDC continues to rec-

ommend that flu vaccine be given only to the following persons they consider being at high risk:

- All children 6 to 23 months of age
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Persons 2 to 64 with long term health problems such as: heart disease, kidney disease, lung diseases like asthma, meta-

bolic diseases like diabetes, blood diseases like anemia, or a weakened immune system due to HIV/Aids or such things as cancer treatment with x-rays or drugs

- Women who are pregnant in their second or third trimester
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Household contacts and

out-of-home caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age

■ Persons 2 to 18 years of age on long term Aspirin treatment

■ Health care workers involved in face to face patient care

The Health Department will provide flu vaccine at the fol-

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## U.S. Supreme Court rejects challenge to gay marriage law

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to the only state that allows gay marriages, declining to hear an appeal aimed at overturning the Massachusetts law that prompted a national debate on the legality and morality of same-sex unions.

The decision ended the legal fight over a 4-3 Massachusetts high court ruling last November giving gay couples the right to marry. But both sides say the U.S. Supreme Court's unwillingness to intervene means there will be more fights in courts and legislatures around the country.

President Bush has promised to make passage of an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment a priority in his second term.

"Activist judges are seeking to redefine marriage for the rest of society, and the people's voice is not being heard in this process," said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan.

"That's why the president is committed to moving forward with Congress on a constitutional amendment that would protect the sanctity of marriage."

Lambda and other gay-rights groups were heartened that the Supreme Court let the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court stand. In the past year, at least 3,000 gay Massachusetts couples have wed.

"The bottom line is nobody is being harmed by the Massachusetts state law treating all couples equally," said David Buckel, Lambda's legal marriage project director.

Lambda currently is suing in four states — California, New Jersey, New York and Washington — on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage.

Liberty Counsel, the Florida-based conservative group that filed the challenge to the Massachusetts law, argued the state Supreme Court ruling violated the U.S. Constitution

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— Scott McClellan  
Spokesman for President Bush

because state judges had made a decision more properly decided by elected legislatures.

The high court rejected the appeal without comment.

Liberty Counsel is continuing the fight elsewhere, lobbying more than two dozen states to pass state amendments banning gay marriages.

"We will see legal battles around marriage hashed out in state courts, state legislatures and in state referenda," said Chai Feldblum, a civil rights law professor at Georgetown University.

Gay marriage is opposed by a majority of Americans, accord-

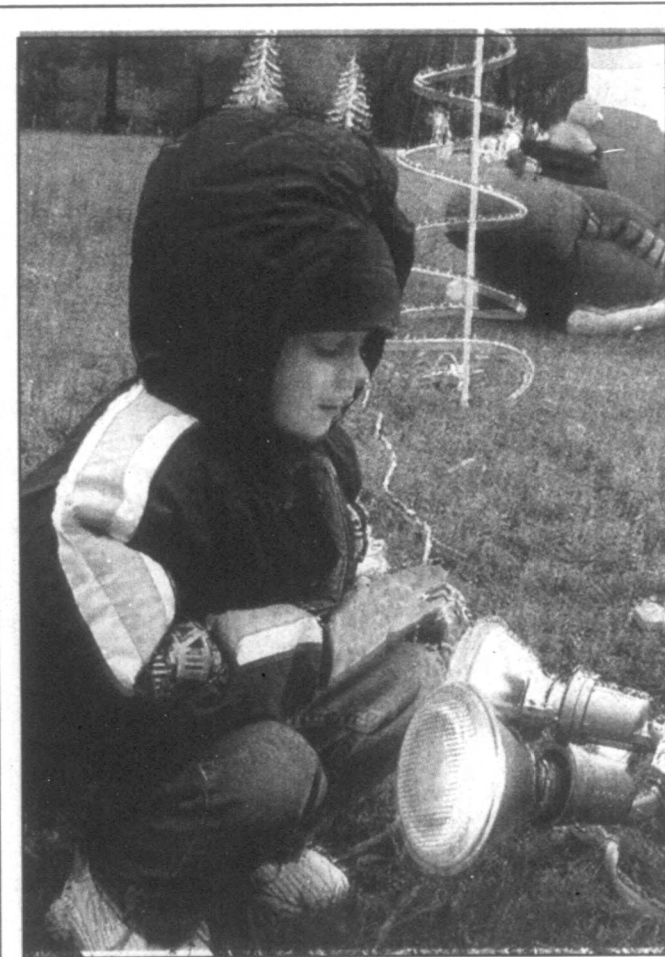
ing to an AP-Ipsos poll. The poll taken Nov. 19-21 found that 61 percent oppose gay marriage and 35 percent support it.

People are about evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them many of the same legal rights as marriage, other polls have found.

Earlier this month, anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives passed in all 11 states that had them.

Massachusetts voters may have a chance next year to change the state constitution to

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The testing of these green and red lamps at this Christmas in the Park display gave 6-year-old Matthew Vigen of Murray the chance to warm his hands.

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Town Crier

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Correction

A man in a photo regarding Murray Main Street was misidentified in a cutline Monday. The man was David Morgan...

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WEATHER

Tonight will be rainy.

HIGH: 50 Wednesday will be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s.

LOW: 35 Wednesday night will be mostly clear with lows in the upper 20s.

Stay must be lifted for inmate's scheduled execution to proceed

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Barring any last-minute court action, a state execution scheduled for tonight likely won't take place as planned.

Thomas Clyde Bowling was scheduled to be executed by lethal injection at 7 p.m. CST. However, two courts moved last week to at least temporarily block the execution of Bowling's death sentence until pending cases can be decided.

"Everyone that I know of who's concerned with this issue is assuming that the execution is off, and we did get a notice from the prison that they've stopped all preparations ...." Susan Balliet, one of Bowling's attorneys, said Monday. "It's not happening tomorrow."

Bowling was convicted of the 1990 murders of Edward and Tina Earley, who were shot to death outside the couple's Lexington dry-cleaning business. Their then-2-year-old son was also shot but survived.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher set Bowling's execution date for Tuesday. However, the Kentucky Supreme Court and a Franklin County Circuit Court judge last week both moved to at least postpone Bowling's execution.

The Supreme Court issued a stay of execution, while the Franklin County court issued a temporary injunction on Bowling's execution.

Kentucky's high court is considering a claim by Bowling's lawyers that he should not face the death penalty because they believe he is mentally retarded. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled it is illegal to execute a mentally retarded person.

The case in Franklin County Circuit Court questions whether Kentucky's method of administering lethal injections is constitutional.

As of Monday night, the Kentucky attorney general's office had not appealed either court's execution postponement, a spokeswoman for the agency said.



Ray Schwera of Louisville, holds a sign during an anti-death penalty rally at the front steps of the state capitol building in Frankfort, Ky., Sunday.

It would take late court action Tuesday for the execution to proceed as originally planned.

Balliet said such court action was "very unlikely" to occur Tuesday. As of late Monday, Balliet said she had not received any notices of appeals to either stay.

"The Kentucky Supreme Court said that it was staying the proceedings to allow that court to decide the mental retardation appeal ...." Balliet said. "I've never seen them decide a case of

that magnitude in anything less than six months."

The Supreme Court did not offer a timetable for making a decision.

Fletcher had an unplanned meeting on Sunday with Bowling's mother, Iva Lee Bowling, during an anti-death penalty rally at the capitol. Bowling's mother told the governor her son was innocent and that he should "give this a lot of consideration."

Fletcher said he appreciated and respected her concerns.

Judge rules on foundation, donor names

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A judge has ordered the University of Louisville Foundation to make public the names of corporate and foundation donors to the university. The Courier-Journal reported Monday.

Jefferson County Circuit Judge Steve Mershon's Nov. 24 ruling is his second finding that corporate and foundation donors to U of L don't qualify for "personal privacy" under Kentucky's Open Records Act.

The ruling also requires the foundation to specify the amount given.

The foundation receives and invests all money donated to U of L. The newspaper sued the foundation over the matter. Mershon's ruling is the latest in a series of court decisions in the lawsuit.

Foundation and university officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment. The foundation can ask for a stay of Mershon's ruling pending an appeal.

Court ...

From Front

bar gay marriages but allow same-sex couples to form civil unions that make them eligible for the same benefits as married couples.

Legal analysts said the Supreme Court's decision to stay out of the battle wasn't surprising, because the lawsuit made a rarely used claim that

activist Massachusetts judges had violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a republican form of government.

Legal challenges elsewhere in state and federal courts — including whether other states must recognize Massachusetts' gay marriages — are likely as the nation grapples with the issue, said Charles Fried, a Harvard law professor who sat on the Massachusetts high court from 1995-99.

C.J. Doyle, executive director of the anti-gay marriage Catholic Action League, called the Supreme Court decision "one skirmish, one battle in a

much larger issue."

Liberty Counsel filed the lawsuit on behalf of Robert Largess, the vice president of the Catholic Action League, and 11 state lawmakers. The group had persuaded the Supreme Court in October to consider another high profile issue, the constitutionality of Ten Commandments displays on government property.

Last May, the Supreme Court refused to intervene and block Massachusetts clerks from issuing the first marriage licenses.

The case is Largess v. Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Massachusetts, 04-420.

Sheriff/Police Logs

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A caller from Poor Farm Road reported at 3:47 p.m. Wednesday she found additional items missing. A second-degree burglary case was previously opened. An injury accident was reported at 4:37 p.m. on Pottertown Road. Extra patrol was requested Wednesday evening in the Lone Circle and Flood Drive area because of criminal mischief. A caller from Coy Lane reported at 3:50 a.m. Thursday someone set off a flare in the front yard. An incident report was filed. A caller from Rowland Road reported stolen saddles at 4:11 p.m. Thursday. A house fire was reported at 12:47 a.m. Friday at Ky. 121 South and Allbritten Lane. Murray Police Department reported an injury accident on U.S. 641 North near Paschal Truck Lines at 12:05 p.m. Friday. MPD notified Murray Fire Department and EMS. Calloway County Fire-Rescue was also notified. A stolen vehicle was reported at 6:48 p.m. Friday from a caller on Bagwell Drive. A field fire was reported at 8:12 p.m. Friday on Ky. 121 South about three miles out. CCFR was notified. A fight was reported at 11:56 p.m. Friday at a Pottertown Road residence. One male was arrested. A barn fire was reported at 9:52 a.m. Sunday on Scott Fitts Road.

Murray Police Department

- Someone came into the station at 10:35 a.m. Monday to report a forgery incident. Someone came into the station to file a theft by unlawful taking report at 10:38 a.m. Monday. Benjamin Leatherman, 29, of Murray, was arrested Monday on two warrants for fraudulent use of a credit card. Officers were investigating that case when Leatherman was arrested Nov. 10 for third-degree burglary for entering the Murray-Calloway County Hospital cafeteria and taking a few dollars from a cash register. Ronnie Triplett, 26, of Murray, was arrested for theft by unlawful taking more than \$300 after an officer responded to 418 S. Ninth St. at 12:30 p.m. Monday. Someone from a Forrest View residence complained of stalking at 10:49 p.m. Monday. Extra patrol was requested. Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

Mayfield pair arrested on shoplifting charges

Staff Report Murray Ledger & Times

A Mayfield man and woman were arrested after allegedly leaving JC Penny here with stolen merchandise valued at almost \$800 Monday evening.

Francisco Starks, 27, and Hallie McCampbell, 31, were arrested at 6:32 p.m. Monday after their white Toyota was stopped on Ky. 121 North near Bailey Road, according to a release from the Murray Police Department. They were charged with theft by unlawful taking more than \$300, a class D felony.

MPD received a call in reference to possible shoplifting at JC Penny at 6 p.m., according to the department's call log. The caller said the suspects fled the store in the white Toyota.

MPD Capt. Jimmy Potts stopped the vehicle at Holmes Restaurant on Ky. 121 and then officers Byron White and Tim Fortner discovered \$776.75 worth of stolen merchandise from the store.

Starks and McCampbell were both lodged in Calloway County jail.

Guilty ...

From Front

embezzling nearly \$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 Department on 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.

Funding ...

From Front

stration programs and interaction with mathematicians and scientists as a way of encouraging the study of science and math.

University faculty will collaborate on an outreach program with teachers and students throughout the region in public elementary and secondary schools and community colleges.

Flu ...

From Front

lowing clinics: Ballard County Health Center by appointment Calloway County Health Center by appointment Carlisle County at Bardwell Baptist Church on December by appointment Fulton Co. Health Center in Fulton by appointment

Fulton Co. Health Center in Hickman on December 1 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Graves Co. on December 2 from 1-5 p.m. at Mayfield-Fairgrounds Expo Indoor 2 Building Hickman County Health Center by appointment McCracken Co. at the Executive Inn on December 1 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Obituaries

Mitchell D. Ellis

Mitchell D. Ellis, 54, North Sixth Street, Murray, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at 12:39 p.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah. He was born Jan. 19, 1950, in Puryear, Tenn. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Charletter Radford Ellis, to whom he was married July 9, 1977; two daughters, Ashley N. Ellis and Amanda M. Ellis, one son, Adam D. Ellis, and one grandson, Jayden Ellis, all of Murray. Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hazel Underwood

The funeral for Mrs. Hazel Underwood will be today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. at Hazel Baptist Church, where she was a member. The Rev. James Garland will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jay Underwood, Barry Paschall, Rodney Dunlap, Scott Paschall, Ted Hart and Cassidy Underwood. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is now at Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Hazel. Mrs. Underwood, 75, Hazel, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at 11:10 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray. Her husband, Herbert Underwood, preceded her in death. Born Dec. 19, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Richard Johnson and Mamie Thorn Johnson. Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Elaine Paschall and husband, Tommy, and Mrs. Christy Walker and husband, Terry, all of Murray, Mrs. Marsha James and husband, Mike, Eva, Tenn., and Mrs. Teri Brawner and husband, Richie, Missouri; one son, Jimmy Underwood and wife, Fay, Puryear, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Jimmy D. Downing

The funeral for Jimmy D. Downing will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert McKinney and the Rev. Deborah Webb will officiate. Music will be by the Gospel Echoes. Active pallbearers will be Eric Ramsey, Max Gore, Dale Woodall, Ricky Woodall, Keith Mitchell, Joey Ramsey, Jeff Ramsey and Ronnie Conner, all nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be Marshall County Fiscal Court employees from the refuse department and the road department. Burial will follow in the Brooks Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday). Mr. Downing, 67, Trout Road, Hardin, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at 7 a.m. at his home. A member of Brooks Chapel United Methodist Church, he worked with the Marshall County Fiscal Court in the Refuse Department. Mr. Downing had ran and operated his own car dealership before starting with the Refuse Department. Born Oct. 25, 1942, in Calloway County, he was the son of Earline Smith Downing and the late Lonnie Downing. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Donna Ramsey Downing, to whom he was married Dec. 30, 1960; his mother, Mrs. Earline Smith Downing, Hardin; one sister, Mrs. Betty Hottell and husband, Dave, Loxley, Ala.; one aunt, Evelyn Jordan, Hardin; one uncle, Minus Smith and wife, Verdean, Paducah; several nieces and nephews.

Lloyd Smith

Lloyd Smith, 86, Golf Course Road, Benton, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, in the long-term care unit of Marshall County Hospital, Benton. Retired from Standard Oil, he was owner of Smith Radiator. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of Mayfield Post of Disabled American Veterans and of Union Hill Church of Christ. Preceding him in death was one brother, Noble Smith, and his wife, Charlene. He was the son of the late Cleavie Smith and Ersy Crouse Smith. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cora Mae Smith, to whom he had been married for 58 years; one daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Walker and husband, Joe, Kuttawa; one son, Dennis Smith and wife, Kim, Benton; two sisters, Mrs. Odell Norsworthy, Allen Park, Mich., and Mrs. Mary Nell Colvin, Athens, Ala.; one brother, Henry T. (Curly) Smith, Taylor, Mich.; four grandchildren, Lindsey Smith, Ripley, Tenn., Jana Smith and wife, Stephanie, all of Benton, and Lana Walker, Birmingham, Ala. The funeral will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Bill McCormick and Andy Walker will officiate. Burial will follow in the Edwards Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today (Tuesday).



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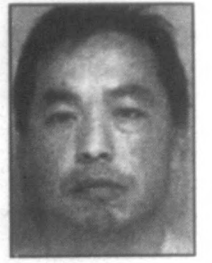
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Kay Lynn Winning 5-13-44 — 10-19-04

Our dear sister, aunt and friend, Kay Lynn Winning (Katy) peacefully passed away on Oct. 19, 2004. She was born to Rosa and Edwin Thraikill on May 13, 1944, in Carbondale, Ill. Daddy Edwin was killed in World War II when Katy was still a baby. Rosa re-married Pete Winning, who then adopted Katy and her sister, Carmen. At the age of 10, Katy and family moved to Murray, Ky. She graduated from high school in Tucumcari, N.M. Katy attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., where she graduated with a degree in physical education. She then taught P.E. in Lovington, N.M., for two years. Katy moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where she took a job in a cabinet shop and stayed with that profession as a cabinet designer for 20-plus years. In June of 2004, Katy moved to Ryegate, Mont., to spend her last days with her dear friends, George and Mary Lu Ringler. Katy was preceded in death by her father, Daddy Edwin, her mother, Ma Rodie, and stepfather, Pa Pete. Katy is survived by a sister, Carmen Spencer of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, John Winning of Clarksville, Tenn.; three nephews, Tommy Spencer, Durham, N.C., Tony Spencer, Columbia, S.C., and Ken (Kristie) Spencer, Charlotte, N.C.; a niece, Sandy Spencer, Hillsborough, N.C.; an aunt, Bruna Scarber, DuQuoin, Ill.; cousins, Ricky and Terry Scarber; sisters and brothers of F.O.E. Osborn 2843 in Glendale, Ariz., and many many friends and extended family. Cremation has taken place and as per Katy's wishes, her ashes will be scattered with the fish. Our dear "Little Bit" you are very loved and will be so missed.

Hunter slaying suspect charged with murder

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A nearby courthouse because of security concerns, authorities said. The gun-fire broke out Nov. 21 after Vang was caught trespassing on a hunting platform on some of the victims' land. According to the complaint, Vang said that he opened fire after the others took a shot at him first and berated him with racial slurs. He allegedly told investigators he shot some of the victims because he thought they were going for guns or had guns, and that he did not shoot at others although he could see they were armed. Vang also told investigators he saw one of the hunters still standing, yelled "You're not dead yet?", fired a shot and ran.



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Defense spokesman: U.S. doesn't share Red Cross view of 'torture'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon spokesman said Monday that Red Cross officials have "made their view known" that the indefinite detention of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, amounts to torture. Lawrence Di Rita, Pentagon spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said, "It's their point of view," but it is not shared by the Bush administration. He noted that the administration believes it has the legal

right to detain such suspects until the end of the war on terrorism because they are unlawful combatants not subject to the protections of the Geneva conventions. The New York Times reported Monday that the International Committee of the Red Cross has accused the American military of using techniques "tantamount to torture" on prisoners at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo. Red Cross inspectors who visited the site in June said inter-rogators used "humiliating acts, solitary confinement, temperature extremes, use of forced positions" to break the will of prisoners, according to the article on the Times Web site. The Red Cross accusations came in a report to lawyers at the White House, Pentagon and State Department and to the commander of the Guantanamo facility, the Times said. Di Rita said he could not comment on specific Red Cross reports because they are provid-

Suicide bomber rams U.S. convoy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives next to a U.S. convoy on Baghdad's dangerous airport road today, and several casualties were seen lying next to a damaged vehicle, witnesses and authorities said. In the northern town of Beiji, a car bomb exploded near a U.S. patrol today, killing four Iraqi civilians and injuring 19 people, two of them American soldiers, the military said. Another soldier from the 1st Infantry Division was wounded when insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a tank south of Beiji.

The attacks came as the military announced that a U.S. Army soldier died from injuries suffered after a roadside bomb exploded late Monday next to his patrol north of Baghdad, bringing to 134 the number of American troops killed in Iraq this month, according to an unofficial count. This makes November the deadliest month for the U.S. military since last April when 135 troops died. Amid the violence, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi prepared to travel to Jordan to meet with Iraqis living outside the country to encourage them to take part in the Jan. 30 election.

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## CAPITOL IDEAS

By Joe Biesk

# New slogan could put an end to smiley-face license plates

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's new logo could mean the sun is setting on the state's smiley-face license plates. Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced last week that Kentucky's new brand slogan and logo would be "Kentucky: Unbridled Spirit." The logo, which features a sleek horse, was the public's ultimate choice in a nearly monthlong competition against three other finalists, Fletcher announced.



State officials are currently "evaluating" to see whether the state can afford adding the new logo to state license plates, Fletcher said.

"It needs to be on there," Fletcher told reporters.

Currently, Kentucky's main license plate, which was unveiled in December 2002, features a smiley-faced sun rising above green hills. The plate has a tourism slogan on it that says "Kentucky: It's that Friendly," and the plate also has the state slogan, "The Bluegrass State."

It's been unpopular among residents. During the General Assembly's session last spring, some lawmakers proposed legislation calling for additional specialty license plates, while others wanted to replace or somehow mask the smiling sun.

However, this summer the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association named Kentucky the 2003 Best License Plate Award winner.

During the announcement of Kentucky's new brand, state Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash joked about the current license plate.

"When (Fletcher) came into office, he

noticed that state government was giving all kinds of messages, all kinds of signals, as it were, in statements and logos," Fiveash said. "Things like: 'We're That Friendly,' 'Education Pays,' 'Think Kentucky' and 'The state with the smiley face on the license plate.'"

The media packet released last week announcing the new brand, included two examples of how the new brand might look on a license plate. It included a disclaimer that a "new design has not been selected."

While new plates may not be in the immediate future, Fletcher said administration officials were mulling the idea to estimate how much a change might cost the state. He estimated it could cost "about \$2 million" to make the change.

"The new plates are not due for a little while to be replaced. We're evaluating that," Fletcher said. "Of course that might cost some money ... but I do think that we obviously want to transition and get this logo out on as many things as possible, including the license plate. But we'll have to transition that as money allows us."

For now, the idea was for the state to begin using the new logo and slogan in its advertising and on signs along highways and rest stops across Kentucky. The state is also selling apparel — including hats, T-shirts and sweat shirts — emblazoned with the new image at <http://www.kentuckyunbridledspirit.com>.

State government will be using the new brand image in tourism and economic development. It will also be used on "advertising, marketing, brochures and other materials," according to a letter from the governor.

The governor said he hoped people would relate Kentucky with the spirit of an unbridled horse.

"I think it relates to the fact that we have a wonderful equine history and that it is a state, as I see it, where you can reach your full potential," Fletcher said. "And that we really do unbridle the potential of people in Kentucky and let them be free and be all they can be."

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

## Tiger Tales share simple facts of life

There is something very special about the cover art for this year's Tiger Tales, the annual publication of prose, poetry and art by students from Murray



**Main Street**  
 By Constance Alexander  
 Ledger & Times  
 Columnist

Elementary School. Madison Connell's rendition of the school mascot graces the front of the book and — with a slightly furrowed brow and mouth primly shut — this is not the cat that ate the canary.

The feline created by the seven-year-old artist pads in gracefully like fog and rubs against your ankles, purring. The eyes, with their diffident stare, the eyes say it all.

As always, Tiger Tales says a lot about the world in general, as viewed by kids between Kindergarten and grade 3. There is humor, as in Tyler Greer's "When I Got Sick on Christmas."

"I felt like I was going to throw-up ten frogs," the 9-year-old confessed, creating a unique simile for a universal feeling.

Damian Boldt, age 7, echoes poet and mystic William Blake by asking, "Tiger, tiger ... what school has that mascot?"

Unlike Mr. Blake, Damian answers his immortal question by declaring, "M.E.S. that's who."

In the chapter entitled "Transportation," Lucas Stubblefield's "Doom Buggy" has razor-sharp wings. Caleb Batts' untitled drawing depicts what appear to be a boat, a hot air balloon, an airplane and a parachutist all in one extraordinary frame. Coleman Riley's "Shiver-Me-Timbers" is a pirate ship, complete with crow's nest and a Captain Hook look-alike.

The child artists and writers in Tiger Tales appreciate the natural world, the simple facts of life. Elizabeth Wall rhapsodizes about rain. "It smells like flowers," the eight-year-old says.

Tyler Smith likes the sea "becas there are sharks and fish and the plants are net." Brittany Lamb loves her mom simply because "she does the dishes for us."

As always, one of the most charming aspects of Tiger Tales is that spelling and punctuation have not been corrected. Words are created from the sounds they make, not the rules they follow.

So Chaney Curd's granddaddy T is "specil," and when Amber Clinton's little sister "crys" a lot, 9-year-old Amber finds it "enouing."

Five-year-old Mathai Karanja was proud when he "became a big bruthr" when baby Andeya was born in a "Pudoka hospitil."

And then there is writer extraordinaire Brendan Parker, age 7, who describes his piano recital with poetic flair. "The grand piano looked like a whale with its jaws wide open," he says. "It was about to swallow me."

Undaunted, Brendan "dove into" the music and played "Indian Song," "Allegretto," and "Undercover Adventures."

"Pretty soon I was swimming with the whale," he declares.

The chapter on Fantasy is a combination of characters from popular culture, like Sponge Bob and Shrek, and figures straight from kids' imaginations. Tanna Roberson, age 5, drew an out-of-this-world vision called, "I Think Carrots in a Cup."

Another 5-year-old, Dillon Balthrop, created a more down-to-earth fancy entitled, "Bikini Bottom."

The current edition of Tiger Tales is dedicated to the school's PTO. The organization is described in the introduction as: "Parents and teachers, working hand in hand, help each child be successful."

Costs associated with the annual literary/art publication are paid by the loyal PTO and the Murray Foundation for Excellence.

The acknowledgement section declares, "What a wondrous thing to see the world through a child's eyes and this edition of Tiger Tales gives us a peek."

To get a closer peek at the '05 Tiger Tales, contact principal Janet Caldwell at [jcaldwell@murray.k12.ky.us](mailto:jcaldwell@murray.k12.ky.us).

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## While we looked away, Czar Putin stole Ukraine



**Morris Advisory**  
 By Dick Morris  
 Syndicated  
 Columnist

Would-be czar Vladimir Putin has taken a giant step toward reasserting the regional hegemony of the former Soviet Union by stealing the election in Ukraine right under our noses.

As an unpaid, volunteer adviser to Viktor Yushchenko, the democratic candidate for president, I have seen, firsthand, how Viktor Yanukovich, the Putin candidate backed by a coalition of the Russian Mafia, oil barons, former KGB officials and communists stole the election and thwarted the obvious will of the voters.

While the former Soviet Union was composed of many smaller nations, now independent, the key was the

### We, in the West, are at best distracted and at worst willing to cede to Putin regional control in return for his assistance in the war on terror. ... Freedom may be on the march in the Middle East, but it is in full retreat in Eastern Europe.

combination of Russia and Ukraine.

Russia's 145 million people and Ukraine's 45 million are the core of what was the Soviet empire.

Reuniting them has to be the primary goal of any aspiring Russian czar. But the Ukrainian people don't want Russian domination.

The election contest pitted Yushchenko, who got the virtually solid support of the 60 percent of the population that is Ukrainian by ethnicity, against Yanukovich, who won equally united backing from the 40 percent that is ethnically Russian.

The result was obvious: Exit polls (more accurate in Ukraine than when our own TV networks do them) showed Yushchenko winning

by more than 10 points.

But the final results, announced by the government, which supported Yanukovich, showed a small margin in favor of the Russian-backed candidate.

Putin regarded the contest as so important that he personally visited Ukraine in the weeks before the election to campaign for his candidate, a clear violation of the most elementary standards of independence and protocol.

His former KGB henchmen — and once and future communists — combined with Russian organized-crime figures and oil barons to pump money into the race and to intimidate voters on the ground.

Yushchenko, a pro-Western former prime minis-

ter, survived two assassination attempts to make the race.

At the start of the contest, he was run off the road while driving in Ukraine.

When he walked away from the wreck, the opposition poisoned him. Hospitalized in Vienna, his doctors diagnosed the poison, which mimicked a stroke in its symptoms, and nursed him to recovery.

If they couldn't commit murder, Putin's boys decided to commit larceny and did all they could to stack the election.

Their totally controlled print and television media — all the information outlets in the nation — refused to give any favorable coverage to Yushchenko and biased all

their news toward Yanukovich. We couldn't even buy advertising space in any mass-media outlet.

But, undaunted, Yushchenko's supporters got their message out by hand, distributing leaflets and fliers to every single household in the nation several times each week.

When, finally, the forces of freedom won the election, Putin's operatives rigged the count and released totally phony results showing their stooge to be the winner.

The stakes could not be higher. If Ukraine and Russia combine, as Putin clearly wants, the old Soviet Union will be back on the road to regional domination and the old ambitions of global power will return.

And 45 million people will be cheated of the right to determine their own future.

We, in the West, are at best distracted and at worst willing to cede to Putin regional control in return for his assistance in the war on terror.

This is a mistake of the same order of magnitude as the allies made in the 1930s in dealing with Hitler.

The theft of the Ukrainian election is parallel to Germany's decision to march into the Rhineland. And our refusal to notice or act is akin to the French and British policy of turning the other way.

Freedom may be on the march in the Middle East, but it is in full retreat in Eastern Europe.

So, again the echo of the Nixonian question about China: Who lost Ukraine?

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## Christmas Family Night planned for WOW Lodge 827



**Jo's Datebook**  
By Jo Burkeen  
Community Editor

Lodge 827 of Woodmen of the World will have its Christmas family night on Monday at 6 p.m. at the New Service Center at 330 C.C. Lowry Dr., Murray.

All lodge 827 members and their families are invited. All reservations were requested by Nov. 26 by contacting Linda Fain at 489-2577 or Field Representative Nancy Buchanan at 767-0077.

Members of the lodge were also sent invitations about the change of date and location for the Christmas Family Night.

### WKDNUG meeting tonight

Western KY .NET User Group (WKDNUG), an open membership of local software developers interested in Microsoft's .NET development Tools, will host Jon Box as guest presenter tonight at 6:30 p.m. in room 152 of the MSU Business Building South. Box is a nationally recognized author and software developer. For more information visit [http://home.dev-source.net/wkdnug/wkdnug\\_novemer.mht](http://home.dev-source.net/wkdnug/wkdnug_novemer.mht).

### MHS Fastpitch Club will meet

Murray High School Fastpitch Club will meet Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the school.

### Music Chorus practice tonight

The Chorus of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have a practice tonight at 7 p.m. at the club house. Members are asked to note the change in date. The chorus will also practice Saturday at 11:15 a.m. in preparation for the Holiday Open House on Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Garden Department will meet

Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have a Christmas potluck luncheon Thursday at noon at the club house. Each one should bring a \$5 wrapped gift for the Chinese auction, and items for Need Line. Hostesses will be Marlene Beach, Martha Crafton, Cathy Mathis and Sally Leedom.

### Shrine Club and Ladies of Nile to meet

Murray Shrine Club and Ladies of The Nile will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the club building on Highway 121 North. Officers for Shrine Club for 2005 will be elected. All members are urged to attend. A meal will be served.

### Church youth plan promotion

The Youth of Russell Chapel United Methodist Church will have a rebate day on Thursday at Captain D's. Customers are asked to place their receipts in the box on the counter marked for the Youth. Also the Youth will have a bake sale on the downtown courtsquare during the Christmas parade.

### Art Guild plans Christmas open house

Murray Art Guild will have its Holiday Open House and opening reception of the Members' Exhibit on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the guild, located at 103 North Sixth St., Murray. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 17 during regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, or by appointment. The public is urged to attend. For more information call 753-4059.

### Dickens holiday dinner planned

Murray State University Chamber Singers will welcome the holiday season with their Dickens holiday dinner on Dec. 3 and 4. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of MSU Curris Center. Caroling by the North Calloway Elementary School chorus, directed by Tracy Leslie, will begin at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Bradley Almquist is director of the Chamber Singers. The public is invited, but no tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by calling 762-6936.

### Al-Anon meeting is tonight

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

### Singles will meet tonight

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. Plans will be discussed for the Christmas Dance to be Dec. 3 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Gibson building, Mayfield. For information call Vicky at 753-3128, Laverne at 753-0181 or Jackie at 1-270-247-7754.

### Schools Calendar Committee to meet

Calloway County Schools Calendar committee will meet Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in room 1 at the Calloway County Board of Education to discuss the 2005-2006 school calendar.

### Santa Claus will be on courtsquare

Santa Claus is coming to downtown Murray. He will be at his home on the courthouse square located on the north side of the courthouse. His hours will be 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4; noon to 3 p.m., Dec. 11; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 18, 22, 23 and 24. Persons may come and also get a picture made with Santa. For information call Murray Main Street at 759-9474.

### Family Service needs help

West Kentucky United Methodist Family Services still need people, classes, groups etc. to adopt foster children for their wish list. The service would like to have \$200 to cover the wish list and \$20 for stockings. If you wish to donate, call Elizabeth at 1-270-443-9004.

## 'Live Nativity' to be Friday and Saturday



Photo provided

Pictured is one of the scenes from the 20th annual "Live Nativity" scene to be Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Coles Camp Ground United Methodist Church, three miles north of Murray on Highway 1429 off U.S. Highway 641 North. Visitors may come and walk through the six scenes, including live camels, depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. There is no admission. Refreshments will be served. Other United Methodist churches assisting in the event are Independence, Kirksey, Palestine and Temple Hill. For information contact Cecil Lovett at 753-5081.

## 'The Nutcracker' will be presented here Friday

The Jackson Purchase Dance company has included a special treat, "The Nutcracker," for their 2004-2205 production season through partial funding from the Murray Tourism Commission and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Karen Balzer, director, said 250 students from schools within the region will participate in workshops and perform "the Nutcracker" with JPDC dancers at the

Regional School Assembly for 2,000 students on Friday at Murray State University Lovett auditorium.

A public performance of "The Nutcracker" will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Thirty-five dancers with the JPDC will be featured in the program. The performance ensemble is composed of dancers from Calloway, Graves and Marshall counties in Kentucky and Weakley and Henry

counties in Tennessee. The JPDC is the only non-profit regional dance company in West Kentucky and is based in Murray.

Tickets may be purchased at the door and no reservations are required. The Lovett auditorium will be open for seating at 6:30 p.m.

For more information call JPDC Artistic Director Karen Balzer at 767-0579.

## AARP honors Sen. Jackson



JO BURKEEN/Ledger & Times photo

Nancy Manning, right, president of Murray/Kentucky Lake Chapter of AARP, presented Senator Bob Jackson with a certificate of appreciation from the chapter at its November meeting at Pagliai's. Manning said the chapter appreciated the efforts Sen. Jackson had made for the AARP during his tenure of service in Frankfort. Jackson chose not to run for another term.

## Lawson memorial service held in Henry County

A memorial service and grave marker dedication of James Lawson was held Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at Old Conyersville Cemetery, Henry County, Tenn. Lawson was a Revolutionary war soldier serving with the 8th Penn. Regiment of the Continental Army.

The ceremony included bag

pipes music.

Lawson, born in 1758, died in 1852. He was an ancestor of Max T. Canady of Murray.

The James Lawson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Centerville, Tenn., was in charge of the service.

## Kentucky Cheer and Dance Classic will be here Saturday

The ninth annual Kentucky Cheer and Dance Classic (KCDC) cheerleading competition will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at Murray State University Racer Arena.

The KCDC is the largest regional cheerleading competition in Western Kentucky. It is open to all elementary, middle, high school and all-star cheerleading squads and dance teams.

This year's competition has attracted squads from Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Indiana. Cheerleaders from Murray State University will be assisting with the competition.

The KCDC organization will provide status trophies, ribbons for every participant, and cash prizes for the grand champions of the school and all-star divisions.

Some of the participants will be performing during the half-time of Murray State University vs. Western Kentucky Uni-

versity basketball game Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at MSU Regional Special Events Center.

Sherry Fuqua, director of the classic, said "Cheerleading and dance are no longer just pastimes for girls. They are true sports which require a great deal of skill, athleticism and training. Like other sports, colleges and universities now award scholarships to cheerleaders and dancers."



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## Progress in Motion

# Cronin pleased with progress of youthful Racers

Murray State will host Texas-San Antonio Wednesday at the RSEC

By SCOTT NANNEY  
Sports Editor

On Sunday, the Murray State Racers faced their most difficult test to date at Big 12 member Missouri.

The end result of that test — a 59-55 loss to the Tigers — said the Racers failed. However, MSU head coach Mick Cronin is willing to grade this one on a curve.

"I thought our guys competed at Missouri. That's the main thing I was looking for," he said. "In a game like that, you get to see how your team responds under fire and what your guys are made of.

"I thought we made progress (Sun-

day). If we continue to do that, then our opponent eventually becomes irrelevant."

Perhaps even more encouraging to Cronin is the way the Racers competed through adversity. Battling early foul trouble and poor shooting, Murray (2-1) fell into a 20-5 hole midway through the first half but fought back to actually take a 26-25 lead with just seconds to go before halftime.

MSU trailed 27-26 at the intermission, but raced to a seven-point advantage (46-39) with only 7:53 remaining in the contest. The Racers led until the 4:57 mark, when Jimmy McKinney put Mizzou in front for good at 50-48 with a 3-pointer. The Tigers (3-3) then held on to break their three-game losing streak.

The Racers managed to stand toe-toe with the Tigers despite getting just 20 minutes out of starting point

guard Keith Jenifer, who went 0-for-6 from the floor and was forced to the bench with early foul trouble.

Jenifer's predicament forced fellow guard Trey Pearson to play 36 minutes. Pearson did manage a game-high 16 points on 6-of-12 shooting. But Cronin pointed out that the extra minutes took a toll on his transfer guard.

"With Keith being out, it kept us from getting into any kind of flow offensively," said the second-year MSU coach. "The main problem is that it forced Trey to play 20 minutes at the point. That takes his legs away from him. He actually got better shots in the second half, but he was only 1-for-6. ... We still haven't seen all (Pearson) has to offer."

Murray was able to stay in the game despite shooting just 36 percent (22-of-60) from the field, including a 5-of-18 effort from beyond the 3-point

arc. Perhaps overlooked in the defeat was the play of center Pearson Griffith, who scored only five points on 2-of-7 shooting but tallied eight rebounds and a blocked shot in his 22 minutes of action.

Cronin said the raw 6-foot-10 junior, who redshirted last season, made a difference for the Racers in the paint before fouling out.

"Pearson has made tremendous progress," Cronin noted. "(Sunday) was the best he's physically played.

"Last year, I thought we were physically overmatched at times. But with Pearson in there, I thought physically we matched up (with Missouri) pretty well. It really hurt us when he fouled out."

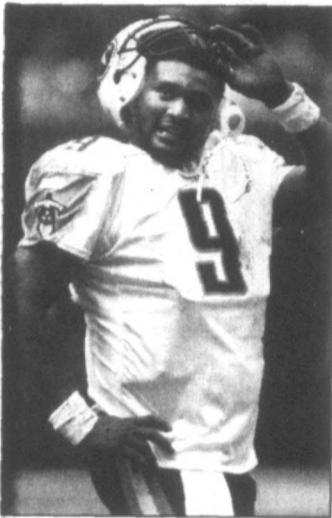
The Racers don't have much time to put the loss behind them with Texas-

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Mick Cronin was pleased with the Racers' efforts despite their 59-55 loss to Missouri over the weekend. The Racers (2-1) host Texas-San Antonio Wednesday.



AP photo

Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair walks to the sidelines during the fourth quarter against the Houston Texans on Sunday.

## McNair ponders future with Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — To be clear, Steve McNair never used the word retirement.

But the co-MVP of the 2003 season sent a clear message that he's hurting, and this time the physical pain mixed with a losing season has the Tennessee quarterback ready to think about quitting.

"I feel like at this point in time you have to take a hard look at it," McNair said after a 31-21 loss to the Houston Texans on Sunday that ended the Titans' playoff hopes and put them in the AFC South cellar.

"Back in the days, I used to play and play well when I was hurt, but at the same time it has taken a toll. I just have to look at it and evaluate myself, but I'm going to continue to work hard this season and do the best I can do to try and win five ballgames."

Coach Jeff Fisher didn't hear of McNair's comments until the team was on the way to the airport in Houston. He spoke with his quarterback Sunday night and again Monday and feels McNair, who turns 32 on Feb. 14, was simply frustrated.

"I know how he feels. When you go from where he was last year to the situation that we are in as a team, there's frustration. And then you add the physical issues with him, I was not surprised whatsoever. He does not like losing football games," Fisher said.

McNair, who was not available Monday, has become known for his ability to play through pain. He has a full page in the Tennessee media guide that details his 24 separate injuries and six operations or procedures before this season.

He went 5-0 in December 2002 despite not practicing once with back spasms, turf toe and strained ribs. Six weeks after back surgery in 1999, he led the Titans to their only Super Bowl appearance.

This season hasn't come anywhere close to what McNair wanted as an MVP follow-up.

## KENTUCKY vs. TENNESSEE TECH - 6 P.M.

# Fighting the temptation

Smith does not want Wildcats looking past Tech, despite showdown with Tar Heels

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — With a showdown against North Carolina looming later this week, Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith wants his team to focus on the matter at hand: playing Tennessee Tech.

Tennessee Tech, coached by former Smith assistant Mike Sutton, will visit Kentucky on Tuesday, four days before the eighth-ranked Wildcats receive what figures to be their first real test of the season, a road game against No. 9 North Carolina.

Kentucky veterans like Chuck Hayes and Kelenna Azubuike have reminded their younger teammates to listen to Smith's entreaties to prepare for Tennessee Tech. But Azubuike said it's difficult to resist the temptation to look a little bit ahead.

"We'll talk about North Carolina sometimes and try to watch some of their games," Azubuike said. "But I don't think it will be too much of a problem to not overlook our next game. We've got to come to play every night."

Tennessee Tech of the Ohio Valley Conference is the fourth straight Kentucky opponent that could charitably be referred to as little-known, following Coppin State, Ball State and Georgia State. Kentucky (3-0) has won those games by an average margin of 23 points, and only Ball State stayed with the Wildcats for any length of time.

That's not enough to satisfy Smith, who gave a long list of areas in which he thinks Kentucky needs to improve, including defending the 3-point shot, scoring more points and better shot selection. Kentucky is averaging 75.7 points a game but shooting only 45.4 percent from the field.

"We have a lot to work on," Smith said. "It's not like a veteran team (we had) last year with five seniors. This year, we're very young and still a team that's trying to find its identity and learning to mature."

Sutton said any perceived Kentucky shooting questions might be answered against his team, which is allowing opponents to shoot 55.4 percent from the field.



AP Photo

Tubby Smith, head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats, is impressing to his team the importance of tonight's game with Tennessee Tech.

"We are not defending well at all right now," Sutton said.

Some have theorized that Smith purposely designed an easier early-season schedule so that the Wildcats' four heralded freshmen could gain confidence heading into the North Carolina game. Smith said that wasn't necessarily the case.

"It wouldn't matter who the next opponent was," Smith said. "We wanted to bring guys along the right way and give them the opportunity to play. It wouldn't matter whether it was Carolina or Morehead (State) the next game. You just want to get better each game. I think we're seeing that type of progress, but it's not enough."

Tennessee Tech (1-2) has lost to Mississippi and

Appalachian State and defeated Virginia Intermont of the NAIA. The Golden Eagles' best player is senior forward Willie Jenkins, a transfer from Massachusetts. Jenkins averaged 19.5 points and 7.2 rebounds last season, earning OVC newcomer of the year honors as Tech finished 13-15.

Sutton is in his third season with the Golden Eagles after eight years as Smith's assistant at Tulsa, Georgia and Kentucky. He brought Tech to Lexington last season and lost 108-81.

"You have to play well and hope for them not to play well," Sutton said of his team's chances against the Wildcats. "The problem is, they are not going to be subpar on defense or subpar on rebounding."

**Tennessee Tech vs. Kentucky**  
Date: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004.  
Tipoff: 6 p.m. CST.  
Site: Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky.  
Series record: Kentucky leads 3-0.  
Last meeting: Kentucky 108, Tennessee Tech 81, Nov. 28, 2003, Lexington, Ky.  
Coaches: Mike Sutton (34-29, third season); 34-29, third season overall, Tennessee Tech; Tubby Smith (194-52, eighth season); 318-114, 14th season overall, Kentucky.  
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Kentucky (3-0): F-Kelenna Azubuike, 9.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg; F-Chuck Hayes, 12.7 ppg, 11.0 rpg; C-Randolph Morris, 10.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg; G-Rajon Rondo, 8.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg; G-Patrick Sparks, 12.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg.

## Brooks looks for silver lining in dark clouds

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Few expected much success this season for Kentucky's NCAA-sanctioned program, but coach Rich Brooks saw some good in a second straight losing season.

"This has not been an easy season in any way, shape or form," Brooks said last week. "But the resilience the players have shown is outstanding."

The Wildcats finished 2-9 overall — the third time in five seasons they've closed with that record — and 1-7 in

Southeastern Conference play, but this time, those numbers seemed worse than usual.

Even with a solid performance in a season-ending loss to No. 15 Tennessee, Kentucky's offense ranked 115th out of 117 NCAA Division I-A teams, a statistic that led to the resignation of offensive coordinator Ron Hudson. The Wildcats' leading rusher, quarterback Shane Boyd, had just 297 yards, and as a team, Kentucky had just 1,185 rushing yards.

The defense wasn't much better, ranking 112th against the run and 102nd overall.

By season's end, 20 players who appeared at some point on the team's two-deep depth chart had missed a total of 77 games because of injury. The injuries proved particularly devastating to a team that already had depth issues because of NCAA sanctions in 2002, which included the loss of 19 scholarships over a three-year span.

## Tigers start season on wrong foot

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

PRINCETON, Ky. — Fifth District foe Caldwell County is looking to make a name for itself in the Second Region this season. Even if that means the Tigers have only one starter returning.

Although it helps when that one starter is standout sophomore Matt Fralix.

The 6-foot-4 guard, who led the team in scoring as a freshman, scored a game-high 23 points as Caldwell flexed its muscles in a 75-37 win over Murray High School Monday night.

It was the first win of the season for new coach Michael Fralix. Caldwell turned the program over to the former Tiger and Western Kentucky University star after letting Greg McQueary go after a 7-19 season a year ago.

Tiger freshman guard Kenneth Trice led Murray (0-1) High with 11 points.

Caldwell County (1-0) shot 72 percent from the free throw line, hitting on 16-of-22 shots. The Tigers took an 11-point (33-22) halftime lead.

"It's going to take us a while to figure out our team's identity," Murray head coach Dan Hudson said. "As the season progresses, we'll see who fits where the best."

Caldwell extended its double-digit halftime lead by outscoring Murray 19-8 in the third quarter to lead 52-30.

Brooks Hudson scored nine points, while Tim Masthay and Hugh Rollins each chipped in with five points. Zak Taylor added three points and Blake McCuiston finished with two. Todd Buck and Joey Jackson finished with one point each.

Murray High will return to action Friday when its hosts Lone Oak at 7:30 p.m.

## Petrino, LeFors differ on BCS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville coach Bobby Petrino and quarterback Stefan LeFors have communicated seamlessly all season, engineering the nation's No. 1 offense.

But they respectfully disagree when it comes to whether college football should have a playoff.

The No. 7 Cardinals (9-1, 7-0 Conference USA) are ninth in the latest Bowl Championship Series rankings — locked out of any chance at a national championship or a top-tier post-season game.

Louisville took the Conference USA champion's automatic bid to the Liberty Bowl after Saturday's 70-7 thrashing of Cincinnati.

Petrino said Monday he opposes a playoff that might've earned his team a national-title shot it can't get under the current system.

"The season is really long.

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|--|------------------|-----|-------|--|--------------------|-----|-------|
| Rank                                       | Record           | Pts | Pvs   | Rank   | Record             | Pts | Pvs   |
| 1.   | Wake Forest (40) | 5-0 | 1,737 | 1.   | LSU (42)           | 7-0 | 1,098 |
| 2.   | Kansas (18)      | 2-0 | 1,678 | 2.   | North Carolina (1) | 5-0 | 996   |
| 3.   | Syracuse (4)     | 5-0 | 1,562 | 3.   | Notre Dame         | 6-0 | 948   |
| 4.   | Georgia Tech (7) | 3-0 | 1,550 | 4.   | Tennessee          | 4-1 | 923   |
| 5.   | Illinois (1)     | 4-0 | 1,540 | 5.   | Stanford           | 5-0 | 919   |
| 6.   | Oklahoma St. (2) | 3-0 | 1,420 | 6.   | Georgia            | 4-1 | 857   |
| 7.   | Connecticut      | 1-0 | 1,329 | 7.   | Texas (1)          | 2-2 | 840   |
| 8.   | Kentucky         | 3-0 | 1,284 | 8.   | Connecticut        | 1-1 | 805   |
| 9.   | North Carolina   | 4-1 | 1,134 | 9.   | Baylor             | 3-1 | 777   |
| 10.  | Duke             | 3-0 | 1,129 | 10.  | Duke               | 5-1 | 726   |
| 11.  | Michigan St.     | 3-0 | 1,073 | 11.  | Ohio St.           | 5-1 | 669   |
| 12.  | Maryland         | 3-0 | 1,018 | 12.  | Texas Tech         | 1-1 | 529   |
| 13.  | Pittsburgh       | 3-0 | 782   | 13.  | Vanderbilt         | 4-0 | 527   |
| 14.  | Washington       | 4-0 | 770   | 14.  | Purdue             | 3-0 | 496   |
| 15.  | Mississippi St.  | 5-1 | 743   | 15.  | Michigan St.       | 4-1 | 493   |
| 16.  | N.C. State       | 4-0 | 722   | 16.  | Rutgers            | 4-0 | 395   |
| 17.  | Louisville       | 3-1 | 584   | 17.  | DePaul             | 4-0 | 388   |
| 18.  | Texas            | 3-1 | 507   | 18.  | Minnesota          | 4-1 | 364   |
| 19.  | Florida          | 3-0 | 447   | 19.  | Kansas St.         | 3-1 | 306   |
| 20.  | Notre Dame       | 3-0 | 442   | 20.  | Boston College     | 3-1 | 294   |
| 21.  | Arizona          | 3-2 | 413   | 21.  | Louisiana Tech     | 2-0 | 188   |
| 22.  | Alabama          | 4-1 | 381   | 22.  | Maryland           | 3-1 | 169   |
| 23.  | Iowa             | 3-1 | 367   | 23.  | TCU                | 5-1 | 147   |
| 24.  | Virginia         | 4-0 | 235   | 24.  | Villanova          | 3-1 | 90    |
| 25.  | Wisconsin        | 2-1 | 114   | 25.  | UCLA               | 3-1 | 88    |

**Others receiving votes:** Gonzaga 65, Cincinnati 51, S. Illinois 46, Memphis 34, Creighton 26, Boston College 24, Vermont 18, Charlotte 16, Stanford 15, Oklahoma 14, Pepperdine 14, Marquette 13, Michigan 9, Utah 8, UAB 7, New Mexico 4, George Washington 3, Iowa St. 3, Nevada 3, Ohio St. 3, West Virginia 3, Indiana 2, Oregon 2, Rutgers 2, Holy Cross 1, LSU 1, Miami (Ohio) 1, UTEP 1.

## Cards ...

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It puts a tremendous amount of stress and fatigue on our players," Petrino said. "Everybody needs to relax a little bit and understand the players are here to get their education. Let's make the conference championships a big deal and make the bowl games a reward.

"I hope that we never do see a playoff."

LeFors, however, would relish the opportunity to face USC, Oklahoma or Auburn and prove Louisville belongs among the nation's elite.

"You always wish there was a playoff," said LeFors, the nation's most efficient passer. Petrino isn't an advocate of the BCS, either, but said teams should accept it.

"There are certainly things that aren't working out with it," Petrino said. "But, personally, when coaches complain about it, they're wrong. If you're teaching your players to follow the rules, give all your effort on the field, when the rules are set by the BCS, then we should all live by them and go by what they say.

"If you want to change them the next year, change them. But it doesn't do any good to complain about them now."

Next year, the Cardinals will be in the Big East and eligible for an automatic BCS berth.

# CCMS earns sweep over Murray

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

Calloway County Middle School's eighth grade boys and girls basketball teams earned a doubleheader sweep of host Murray Middle Monday night.

In the boys' contest, the Lakers (7-1) downed the Tigers 36-34. The Lady Lakers won the girls' matchup 36-25.

Chris Dobbins and Jordan Bumpus shared team scoring honors with eight points each for the Lakers, who fell behind Murray 8-5 after one quarter but rallied to take a 16-10 advantage entering the halftime break. Calloway never trailed again, building a 28-19 edge after three periods before hanging on for the two-point win.

Tyrell Willis tossed in seven points, while Jamie Gream added five more. Daniel Hopkins, Casey Brockman, Joseph Kelly and Kwame Duffy each had two points apiece for CCMS.

The Lakers won despite hitting only 4-of-23 free throw attempts.

No scoring information was provided for the Murray Middle squad.

In the girls' contest, the Lady Lakers improved to 4-1 on the season with the 11-point win over their crosstown rivals.

Karra Jones paced CCMS with 11 points, while Brittany Fox followed with 10. Averece Fields tossed in nine. Kayla Seavers, Shauna Wicker and Haley McCuiston added two points apiece. Tiffany Govern, Katie Tindell and Teela Etheridge all played but did not score.

Betsy Rannels led Murray with eight points. Emily Benson notched seven points and Stacey McClure had four. Leah Dielman, Sarah Crouch and Katelyn Carpenter added two points each. Courtney Perry, Katie McCallister, Dang Arneson, Katherine Noland, Emily Denham and Karlee Wilson all played but didn't score for the Lady Tigers.

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## Racers ...

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San Antonio visiting to the Regional Special Events Center for a 7:15 p.m. tip-off Wednesday.

According to Cronin, MSU needs to use its next game and the remainder of its pre-Ohio Valley Conference schedule to

develop some much-needed team chemistry.

"I don't really know that much about Texas-San Antonio because we don't have any film of them from this year," said Cronin. "But, to be honest, I'm more concerned about

our team right now. We just need to play games, and we need to strive for consistency. Championship teams compete on every play, every day. If we stay together, we can accomplish our goals."

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## Does A Sponge Bob? Quirky facts(?) about residents in Bikini Bottom

The most famous resident of Bikini Bottom, **Spongebob Squarepants**, was created by **Stephen Hillenburg**. He is the creator, executive producer, director and writer of **Spongebob Squarepants**, but previously was a marine biologist who came up with the idea of creating a cartoon sponge!



There are approximately 15,000 different species of sponges in the world. Sponges are the most primitive of the multicel-



Pictured is a barrel sponge off Malaysia.

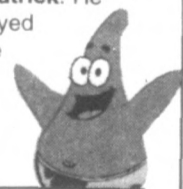
lular animals, containing neither true tissues nor organs. The outer skin is usually tough permeated by tiny pores through which water is pumped into the sponge in order to filter out the microscopic-sized food.

The water is discharged through larger holes. Sponges come in all size, shapes, and colors. Green, yellow, orange, red and purple sponges are frequently found.

Despite his name, **Spongebob foil Squidward** is actually an octopus. And despite being an octopus, Squidward only has six legs instead of eight.

The character of **Mr. Krabs**, stingy owner of Bikini Bottom eatery **The Krusty Krab**, is voiced by **Clancy Brown**, whose screen work includes menacing bad guys like the evil immortal Kurgan in "Highlander" and the prison guard boss in "The Shawshank Redemption."

**Bill Fagerbakke** supplies the voice of Spongebob pal and starfish **Patrick**. He previously played Dauber on the hit series "Coach."



Murray State University student Fidelis Muuka points out parts of the Zambia exhibit during the International Bazaar at MSU's Curris Center. Muuka is a junior from Zambia, a country on the African continent, and used items he obtained during visits back home for the exhibit.

## Preschools improving despite low funds

WASHINGTON — Kentucky's preschool program ranks 7th among the states in access for 4-year-olds and 3rd in access for 3-year-olds despite reductions in state funding, according to the second annual survey of state preschool programs by the National Institute of Early Education Research (NIEER).

Overall, Kentucky ranked 27th among the states in resources committed to preschool programs in the 2002-2003 school year, down from 21st in the prior year.

Of 10 quality benchmarks, Kentucky's program met seven.

The figures appear in The State of Preschool: 2004 State Preschool Yearbook which was released today. Nationally, the survey found a huge disparity in availability from state to state and even within state boundaries. The report concludes that "across our nation, high-quality and readily available state-funded preschool programs are the exception rather than the rule."

Total enrollment of 3- and 4-year-olds in state-funded programs rose in the past year, but spending per preschool student fell. Twenty-one states actually cut funding to preschool programs. Twelve states had no state-financed programs at all.

The Yearbook cited research showing that children from disadvantaged families who attend high-quality pre-school programs acquire more education, earn more money, commit fewer crimes and become more responsible citizens than children from similar families who do not attend high-quality preschool. This leads to a better-

educated, more productive workforce, enhancing the ability of states and communities to sustain economic growth and compete in the global marketplace, according to the research.

"The instability of funding is particularly disturbing and unwise, given that few other state expenditures are so important to our children's future or return so much on the state's investment," said NIEER director W. Steven Barnett of Rutgers University. "There would be

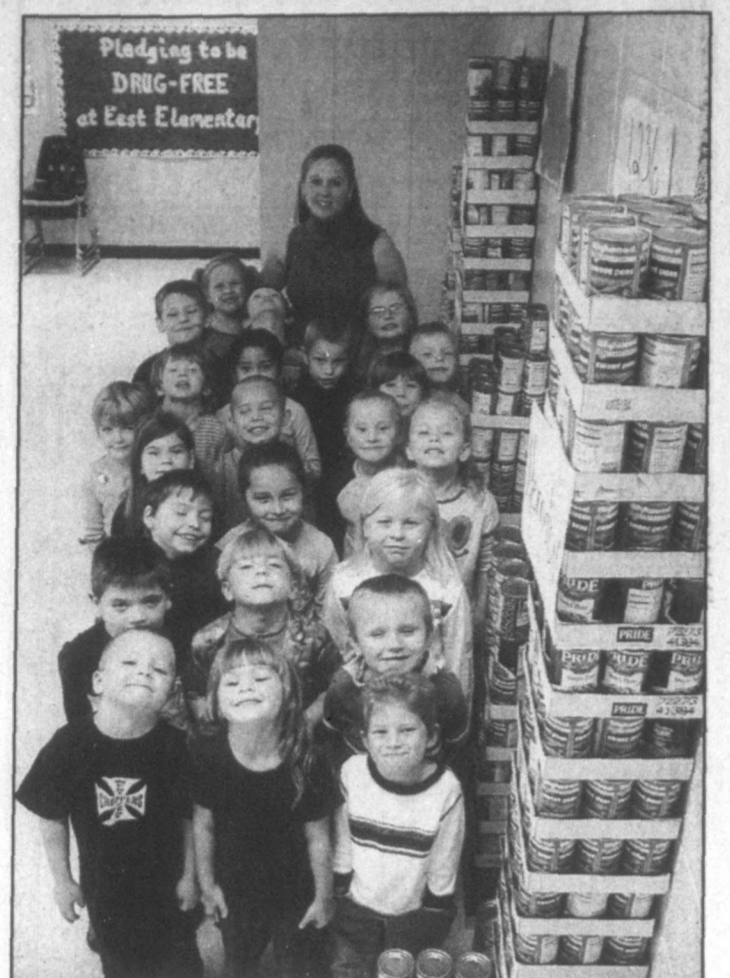
public outcry were such cuts levied on kindergarten or first grade. The education of younger children is no less deserving of protection from the year-to-year swings in the economy."

NIEER recommended that states increase funding to improve access and quality of their programs and that the federal government increase its investment in prekindergarten by offering to match state government spending that is accompanied by high standards.

## Student of the Week



Sarah Polivick, a senior at Murray High School, was recently named Student of the Week by Century 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors and WNBS 1340 AM. Polivick, the daughter of Lisa and Dewayne Polivick, is senior class president, French Club vice-president, Tri-Alpha sergeant-at-arms, and a four-year member of the band. She is pictured with MHS Principal Teresa Speed, right, and Rebecca Landolt, a representative with Century 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors.



The kindergarten class of teacher Aymee Herndon poses near its stack of 255 cans of green peas it contributed in helping East Calloway Elementary School register 1,236 total cans for its Thanksgiving drive.

## East students get the peas to please

By JOHN WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

It was a simple thing at first.

All East Calloway Elementary School students were asked to do was bring one can each of green peas for their part in Calloway County Schools' district-wide Thanksgiving food drive. That would result in a total contribution of around 300 cans, which would help Need Line of Murray-Calloway County feed needy families throughout the county, along with leave the students feeling as if they had done their part.

That was the original plan. The end result, in fact, showed the plan had not been followed at all...because when all was said and done, ECES' total registered at a whopping 1,236 cans.

"Really, after around Day 2, it was obvious we would be going over 300 as we'd planned. It just really took off here," said ECES Principal Fred Ashby, who said displaying the growing amount of cans in the school's cafeteria seemed to add to the students' motivation. "We found we had space there to display the cans as we got them, and we decided to divide them into home rooms, and that seemed to really get their attention. You could see a lot of kids talking and pointing toward them when they would walk into the cafeteria every day."

The cans were taken to the

Need Line offices at the George Weeks Community Center to be distributed in Thanksgiving baskets.

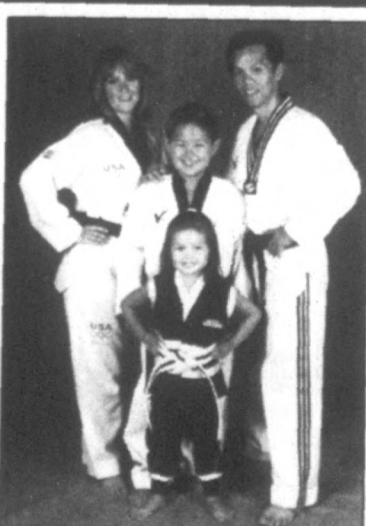
Supplying the greatest amount of that total was the kindergarten class of Aymee Herndon, who finished the drive having contributed 255 cans. She said the parents deserve a lot of credit for answering their children's requests to use their cans of peas for the event, and also admitted that it did not hurt that many of those parents do seem quite competitive in nature.

However, she also felt the parents would not have felt driven if their children had not been insistent.

"They did a good job of talking about this with their parents. Really, the only time we told them we were going to do this was when we sent them home with a news letter the day before started," Herndon said. "And I'd hear many of them talking about this, and they'd say, 'Hey! This is for people who don't have food like we do.'"

"That's good to hear."

"I think the way the members of the PTA and our teachers talked to the kids about it made them have the idea that they should be thankful for what they have. Not everybody shares in abundance, and that's what the Needline is there for," Ashby said. "I also think that idea got the kids excited; they were wanting to help people."



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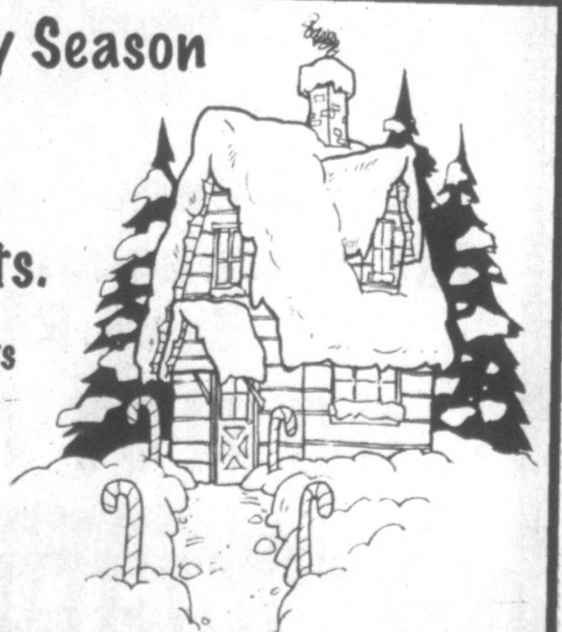
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