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## Council to offer business incentives

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

HAZEL, Ky. - The Hazel City Council is considering an offer of tax breaks and possibly other incentives to promote recruitment of new business.

During a meeting at the Hazel City Hall Monday night, Mayor Kerry Vasseur proposed offering tax breaks to those who may consider opening a new business. Citing the closure of the city's two largest antique malls, Vasseur said he thought the council should do what it could to encourage retail growth.

No action was taken on the proposal, however Vasseur encouraged council members to think about details of any tax incentive plan that would likely include some restrictions, time-limits and other possible requirements offered to any business that may consider taking advantage of a proposed plan.

In other action, council members accepted the resignation of Councilwoman Megan Vaughn. Vaughn, who was elected to the council in November 2010, filed an official letter of resignation. She has moved outside the Hazel city limits and is no longer eligible for a seat on the council, it was reported.

Vasseur said the council thanks Vaughn for her months of service. He asked remaining council members to make recommendations for a replacement. At least three persons have shown an interest in the post so far, he said.

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## WEATHER

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## Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 34.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 45. West southwest wind between 8 and 13 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 51.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 59. Southwest wind between 7 and 11 mph.

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## Fire claims life of Almo woman Sunday

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

An Almo woman died early Sunday morning as the result of a house fire, according to Calloway County Coroner Rick Harris.

Harris said he was called to 1154 Boggess Drive in Almo at approximately 1:43 a.m. Sunday, and pronounced Tara Hickman, 38, dead at the scene. He said he took the body to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Louisville for a full autopsy, but that the preliminary autopsy results indicated that Hickman likely died from smoke inhalation and thermal injuries, or

heat.

Calloway County Fire-Rescue Chief Tommy Morgan said firefighters were called to the house at approximately 1 a.m. and responded with more than 30 volunteers and nine trucks.

Morgan said a man was also taken from the house and transported to the hospital. No name was available Monday morning from CCFR, the Kentucky Fire Marshal's Office, the Calloway County Sheriff's Office or Kentucky State Police.

The fire is under investigation by Kentucky Fire Marshal Bill Compton. Compton said he would be returning to the scene Tuesday.



A fire at 1154 Boggess Drive overnight Sunday claimed the life of Tara Hickman, of Almo. A man was also taken to the hospital but has not been identified. Pictured at left is the garage of the house following the blaze.

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Ledger & Times

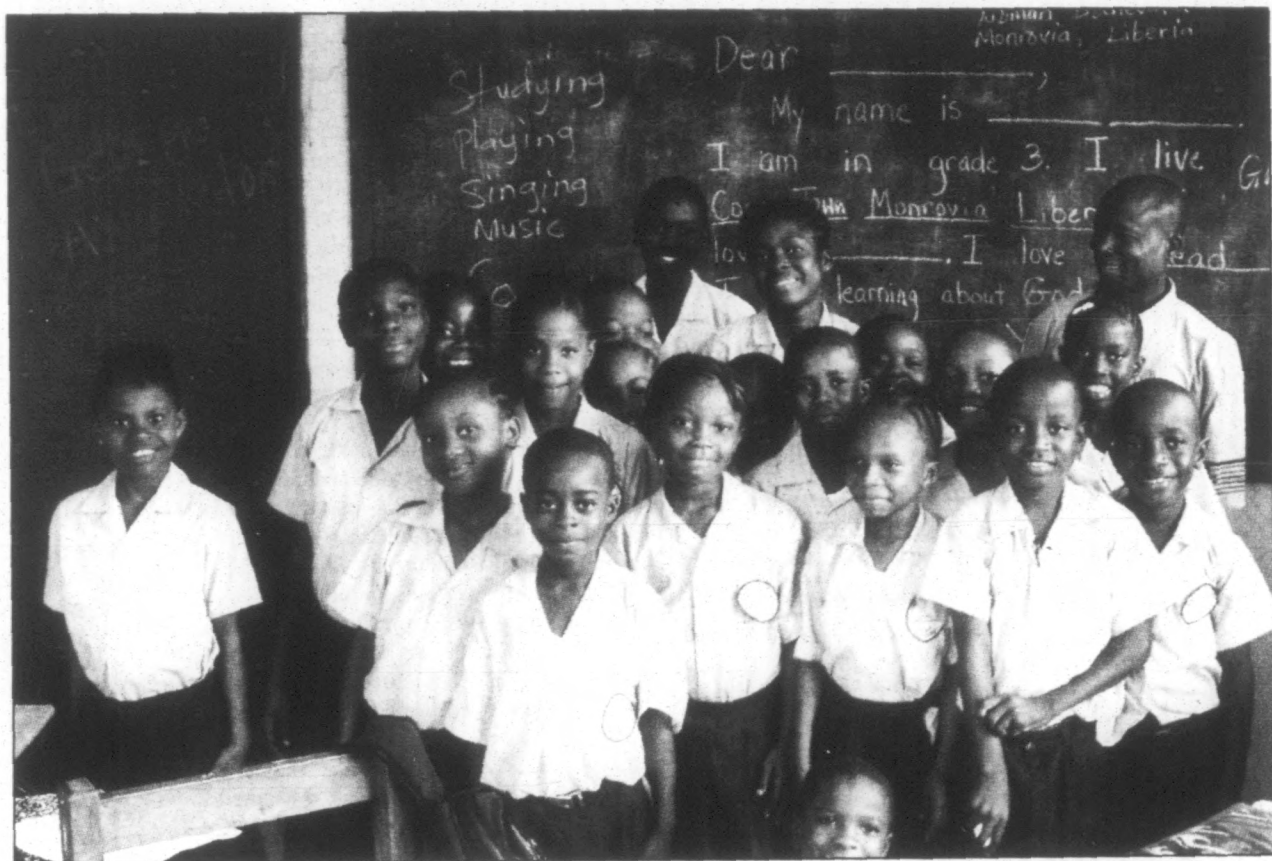


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Pictured is Edwin Gbilah, far right, a teacher at Jones Christian Academy-East in Congo Town, Liberia, with his third-grade students.

## - Helping Others - Couple sponsors Liberian school

■ Adoption process for Murrayans sparks desire to assist more students

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

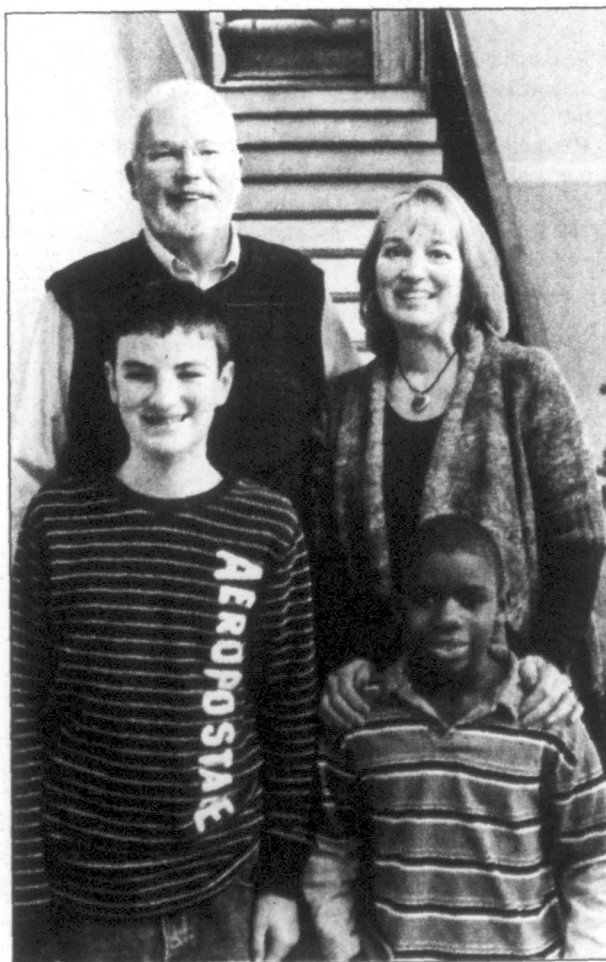
Many times in life, you meet someone who reminds you just how connected everyone is in the world. This happened recently to Pam and Rick Jones when they heard that Olympic gold medalist Lee Evans and his wife were visiting Murray to learn about farming as a means to fund a school they hope to start in Liberia.

This was because the Joneses had already started a school in Liberia more than a year ago - a mere 10 miles away from the land the Evanses had purchased.

The Republic of Liberia is located on the western coast of Africa and was colonized by freed American slaves in the early 1820s. As the Jones school's website says, the country has been destroyed by long-running instability, conflict, and two civil wars fought between 1990 and

2003. Most of the country was left with no electricity, running water, roads, or communication, and it has been difficult to rebuild with a young, uneducated population.

All of that explains why more education is needed in Liberia, but how did a family living in Murray come to start a school on the other side of the globe? Pam said the origin of the idea started when she was reading a magazine article on the plight of orphans in Liberia. She then talked to Rick about her desire to adopt a child, who would be a sibling to their only son, Benson, now 13. Rick was in favor of adoption and they began looking for a child between the ages of 4 and 6 in a variety of locations, including neighboring states and other countries. For a variety of reasons, they



HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times

Rick and Pam Jones are pictured in their Murray home with their children, Benson, 13, left, and Isaiah, 11.

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## Prep work on bridges scheduled to progress

Bids for some preliminary work could be soon

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Design planning for building bridges over Kentucky and Barkley lakes will jump ahead in 2012 with preliminary construction work at Kentucky Lake going up for bids as early as next fall.

David Graham, chairman of the West Kentucky Twin Bridge Advocacy Committee, told members late last week that engineering planning on the Kentucky Lake bridge is moving ahead of similar planning on the Barkley Lake section.

"Several decisions have been made on the Kentucky bridge that will facilitate the final design phase," Graham said. "In the meantime, there will be some additional core borings at Barkley before pier design can be completed. I am told funding is in place for all this work."

Permit packages will be sent to various agencies for approval early next year.

"Assuming timely approvals, this project could go to bid around October 2012," Graham said.

Graham said Federal Highway Administration officials have looked at the entire corridor from Aurora to Cadiz and deemed the combined projects as a "mega-project." Mega-project status deals primarily with project reviews and funding sources.

"This created a few more hoops for the (Kentucky Transportation) Cabinet to jump through," Graham said. "The cabinet anticipated this designation and had the supporting materials ready. Mega-project status has been approved at the federal level so no further delays of significance are anticipated due to this designation."

Graham said he believes KTC officials are committed to moving both bridges forward at the best pace possible.

"These are complex projects that require careful planning and design," he said. "I am sure we all wish they could be moving faster, but I am excited to

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## Ky. lawmakers kick off legislative session with divisive agenda items

By ROGER ALFORD  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Lawmakers are scheduled to convene today for a legislative session chock-full of politically divisive issues, including proposals that would legalize casino-style gambling, redraw legislative and congressional district boundary lines, and craft a budget that will almost certainly require more cuts to government agencies and services.

Richard Beliles, head of the government watchdog group Common Cause of Kentucky, said he expects political fireworks lasting into April when lawmakers adjourn and go home.

"I fear it's going to be a contentious situation, which is not in the best interest of the people," Beliles said.

Gov. Steve Beshear, who favors casino-style gambling in the state, said he expects a proposal to be filed in the Senate within days of the start of the legislative session. Beshear has been pushing the gambling issue for four years, but so far lawmakers have been unwilling to consent.

While Kentucky has a long history of betting on horses, the Bible-belt state has a longstanding constitutional ban on casino-style gambling. Beshear wants lawmakers to approve a proposed constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot to be ratified or rejected by voters.

Lexington pastor Jeff Fugate, one of the state's most vocal gambling opponents, has warned that lawmakers who vote for such an amendment would be held accountable at the polls.

Beshear said Kentucky is losing hundreds of millions of dollars to neighboring states that allow casino-style gambling. He said Kentucky could recapture

some of that money for needs within its borders by offering the same kinds of gambling here.

In past legislative sessions, the gambling debate has been rancorous with opponents arguing that casino-style games prey on the poor and could spawn more crime in the state.

Beliles said the once-a-decade chore of redrawing political boundaries between legislative and congressional districts could generate bitter debate, too.

Redistricting occurs every 10 years to account for population changes found in the Census. In Kentucky, lawmakers have sole discretion in changing boundary lines. Beliles has pressed for lawmakers to form an independent commission to redraw the boundary lines to avoid the political games and infighting.

"We are in the final stages of putting our redistricting maps together and will be ready to go in the legislative session's opening days," House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said in a statement. "I think you will find the House and Senate will quickly find common ground on each chamber's plans for its own districts and for the Kentucky Supreme Court's. Hopefully we can reach accord quickly as well on congressional redistricting."

Drafting the state's two-year budget has proven to be challenging in the past for a legislature that has a Democratic majority in the House and a Republican majority in the

Senate. Over the past decade, they've repeatedly adjourned without having adopted a budget, forcing special sessions to continue negotiations.

Beshear has warned that the upcoming budget cycle could be the "most challenging" yet. The lingering recession has triggered \$1 billion in revenue shortfalls over the past four years. And with federal stimulus money used up and no sentiment for a tax increase, lawmakers will have to slash spending again.

The second-term governor is also pushing for tax reforms in the upcoming legislative session, but he hasn't yet made any specific proposals. He said he will be doing that in coming weeks.

While gambling and tax reforms could produce extra cash in the long term, Beshear said he doesn't expect it will come in time to substantially bolster the next two-year budget.

Beshear also intends to press lawmakers to increase the age at which students can drop out of school from 16 to 18. That, too, has been a contentious issue in the state legislature. Opponents contend such a move would keep disruptive students in classrooms. But Beshear said raising the dropout age over five years will allow school districts to develop alternative learning programs for troublesome teens.

House Democrats favor the proposal, but Senate Republicans have been unwilling to go along.

## Bridges, prep work...

From Front

think that we may begin to see some work within a year."

Graham also noted that a new 6-Year Highway Plan will be presented to the state legislature in 2012. However, he points out that the project will be in competition with proposed construction requests in other parts of the Commonwealth.

"I feel all our area legislative

members are committed to the bridges project; however there will be competition for the available funding," Graham said.

West Kentucky Twin Bridge Advocacy Committee is comprised of government, business and economic development leaders in western Kentucky working as consultants to aid in expediting the project.

## Council, incentives...

From Front

Further discussion concerning Vaughn's replacement will take place during the council's regularly-scheduled meeting in February, now set for Monday, Feb. 6.

In other business, a committee involving Councilwoman Lori Charlton and Councilman John "Scooter" Paschall was formed to look into making suggestions for replacing the city's "Welcome To Hazel" sign that was destroyed last week during

an automobile accident. Vasseur said he would like to see the sign replaced as soon as possible. The former sign had reportedly been placed by the Hazel Woman's Club approximately 40 years ago.

Afterward, the council went into a non-public executive session to consider a possible remedy to a lawsuit against the city by Hazel businessman Ray Gough. A decision concerning the matter was not forthcoming, according to Vasseur.



Photo provided

JCA-East students are pictured in their yellow soccer uniforms wearing cleats that were supplied by Bryan and Lindy McManus of Murray. Rick and Pam Jones say they have received a lot of local help in paying for supplies and equipment at the school.

## Couple, school...

From Front

eventually settled on Liberia after all and decided to adopt a boy named Isaiah, now 11.

The adoption process lasted much longer — about 18 months — than they had hoped, so Rick and Pam asked a man they had met through other parents who were adopting from the same orphanage to keep an eye on Isaiah. Pam said Bishop Emmanuel Jones often came to the orphanage to bring food and treats and minister to the children, as well as to play soccer with them. Rick and Pam corresponded through email with Emmanuel, who gave them updates on Isaiah and helped them feel secure that he was safe. Once the adoption was finalized, they wanted to show Emmanuel how grateful they were to him.

"Rick asked Emmanuel, 'What can we do for you?'" Pam said. "He came back and said, 'Well, there's a school down the road a ways where the kids really need some uniforms, so you could buy some uniforms. Or, there's this one community that just really needs a school.'"

The community in question was Congo Town on the outskirts of Liberia's capital city, Monrovia, and Emmanuel's suggestion set into motion a series of events that would lead to the school's founding. Pam had home-schooled Benson all his life and had called it Jones Christian Academy (JCA), so it seemed natural that the new school would be called JCA-East. They then renamed the school within their home JCA-West.

Emmanuel helped Rick and Pam secure a lease on an old building and the townspeople helped several contractors give it an impressive renovation. Emmanuel's wife, Ramona, acts as the principal, and the school has a total of 24 staff, including the teachers, a cook, a janitor and a secretary. The school opened in September 2010 and currently has about 210 students.

Pam was in an automobile accident, so she and Rick didn't get to visit the school until September 2011, the beginning of its second year. Pam said they were overjoyed by the experience and loved meeting the children they have been able to help.

Pam said their goal is simple: Provide as many Congo Town children as possible with a quality education rooted in a strong Christian faith so that their families will be strengthened. She said having the children in school frees their parents to try to make whatever money they can, making it less likely that the children will end up in orphanages.

"That's kind of the thinking," Pam said. "If you can somehow provide safety and an education, you can keep these families together."

A charity based in Gridley, Ill., called Lifesong for Orphans handles the school's finances. In addition to having no administrative costs, being connected with Lifesong has also proved to be a blessing because it has helped connect the Joneses to a large number of sources for charitable giving around the country. This has helped them pay for supplies and equipment like generators and the computer lab they plan to install soon.

They have also received local help, as when Murray residents Bryan and Lindy McManus supplied the JCA-East soccer team with used cleats. Matt Barnes of Bluegrass Computer Solutions also offered to set up the educational software for the computers. Another partner has been Starfish Orphan Ministry in Paducah, Pam said.

When the Joneses heard that Lee Evans and his wife, Princess, wanted to open a school near theirs, they couldn't wait to meet and talk with them. Evans had contacted Tom Lough, a Murray resident and Evans' teammate in the 1968 Summer Olympic Games, to tell him he planned to start a school and wanted to fund it with a farm. Lough introduced the Evanses to several local farmers in Calloway County, and the Joneses found a way to contact them as soon they got word of the visit.

Pam said they talked about a lot of different ideas, and she enjoyed hearing the perspective of Princess because she is a native Liberian and knows the culture. Mostly, meeting someone who was already familiar with their work seemed like an unbelievable coincidence.

"That was just so cool to sit here in our kitchen in America and have this woman, a native Liberian, say, 'I've heard about JCA. I know about this place,'" Pam said.

To learn more about the school, visit [www.jca-east.org](http://www.jca-east.org).



ANGIE HATTON / Ledger & Times

**WINTER WARM WEATHER:** Murrayans enjoyed last week's temperatures in the upper 50s. Pictured, Amber Walker, left, and Clista Scarbrough, right, push Laney Walker and Will McCoil on the swings in Central Park. The families said they were taking advantage of one of the last good park days this season.

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## Obituaries

### Dorothy Mae Alexander Sims

Dorothy Mae Alexander Sims, 84, of Paducah, Ky., died at her home Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at 5:45 p.m.

Sims was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Marshall County to the late Walter Estel and Aimee Clark Alexander. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Shirley Wright, Louise Frizzell, Mary Edwards, J.W. Alexander and Robert Earl Alexander.

She is survived by her husband of over 63 years, Willie J. Sims; three children, Joyce (Laurie) Sims of Louisville, Kenneth (Marilyn) Sims and Danny Sims, all of Paducah; three grandchildren, Terry Sims, Amy Sims Terry and Emma Sims, all of Paducah; one great-grandson; five siblings, Don Alexander, of Murray, Lena Smith, Judy Jones, Aline Reed and Earlene Reaves, all of Paducah; one cousin and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at Brooks Memorial Park Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, with the Rev. Wayne Carter officiating. Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m. Monday at Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to McCracken County Animal Shelter, c/o McCracken County Judge Executives Office, McCracken County Courthouse, 300 South Seventh Street, Paducah KY 42003. Online condolences may be left at [www.milnerandorr.com](http://www.milnerandorr.com). Arrangements are being handled by Milner and Orr Funeral Home.

### Anita Carol Morgan

Anita Carol Morgan, 70, of Murray, Ky., died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mrs. Morgan was born Aug. 17, 1941, in Murray, to the late Shorty and Roberta Devine Hutchens. She worked for Holland Drugs and retired from Quest Pharmaceuticals. She was a graduate of Murray High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James "Kenny" Morgan; and one sister, Diane Mitchell.

She is survived by two sons, Michael Morgan and wife, Jeannie Allen, of Murray; Christopher Hobbs and wife, Kristi, of Murray; one sister, Betty Harper, of Calvert City; three grandchildren, Chloe Morgan, of Ridley, W.Va., and Casey and Kinlee Hobbs, both of Murray; also several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the charity of your choice in memory of Anita Carol Morgan. Online condolences can be left at [www.thechurchillfuneralhome.com](http://www.thechurchillfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are being handled by The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

## US auto industry to post another good sales year

DETROIT (AP) — After hitting a 30-year low in 2009, U.S. auto sales are poised for a second straight year of growth — the result of easier credit, low interest rates and pent-up demand for cars and trucks created by the Great Recession.

The sales forecast bodes well for the industry's continued recovery and for the broader American economy.

In 2009, Detroit automakers were in peril. Car sales plunged as unemployment soared, and loans became harder to get. Chrysler and General Motors filed for bankruptcy protection. Ford avoided bankruptcy only by borrowing billions.

Now credit is more available, interest rates are low and Americans need to replace old cars and trucks they kept during and after the downturn. Millions of drivers in their teens and 20s are expected to buy vehicles, too. That could mean more jobs, more factory shifts and overall growth.

Vince Powell, a retiree from Winfield, Pa., recently traded in his wife's 7-year-old Chrysler 300 luxury sedan for a 2011 model. The old car had 145,000 miles on it, but it was the deal he

got that most attracted him: a low interest rate (2.7 percent per year), a six-year loan term and a big discount off the \$31,900 sticker price.

"I'm getting a \$300 per month payment," he said just before closing the sale at Beaver Motors in Beaver Springs, Pa., near Harrisburg. "I've never had a new car for 300 bucks a month."

In their effort to survive, all three automakers downsized and positioned themselves to turn profits — even if sales remained depressed. Now that sales are rising, the outlook has brightened considerably.

Automakers report U.S. sales for 2011 on Wednesday. When final figures are calculated, sales of new cars and trucks are expected to reach 12.7 million, up from 11.5 million in 2010 and 10.4 million in 2009, the worst year since 1982.

In 2012, they could climb as high as 13.8 million, close to what experts consider a healthy market — around 14 million.

December sales could reach an annual rate of 13.4 million, which would make it the second-strongest month of the year. Only November was better.

### Former Ky. New Era publisher dies

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A former newspaper publisher who was named last year to the University of Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame has died.

Robert C. Carter died Saturday at his home in Hopkinsville after being diagnosed with cancer, the Kentucky New Era reported (<http://bit.ly/w0ohzH>). He began his career at the New Era in 1953 as an ad salesman and rose to the rank of publisher before he retired in 1997, the newspaper reported. He served on the newspaper's board of directors until 2003.

Carter also served as president of the Kentucky Press Association, and "was instrumental" in getting the state to pass laws in the 1970s that made official records and meetings more accessible to the public, the newspaper said.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, and two daughters, Beth and Jini.

## Obama, Congress begin 2012 in oil pipeline dispute

By MATTHEW DALY

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and Congress are starting the election year locked in a tussle over a proposed 1,700-mile (2,735-kilometer) oil pipeline from Canada to Texas that will force the White House to make a politically risky choice between two key Democratic constituencies.

Some unions say the Keystone XL pipeline would create thousands of jobs. Environmentalists fear it could lead to an oil spill disaster.

A law Obama signed just before Christmas that temporarily extended the payroll tax cut included a Republican-written provision compelling him to make a speedy decision on whether to build the pipeline. The administration is warning it would rather say no than rush a decision in an election year.

It's a dicey proposition for Obama, who enjoyed strong support from both organized labor and environmentalists in his winning 2008 campaign for the White House.

Environmental advocates, already disappointed with his failure to achieve climate change legislation and the administration's decision to delay new smog standards, have made it clear that approval of the pipeline would dampen their enthusiasm for Obama in the upcoming November election.

Some liberal donors even threatened to cut off funds to Obama's re-election campaign to protest the project, which opponents say would transport "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract.

If he rejects the pipeline, Obama risks losing support from organized labor, a key part of the Democratic base, for thwarting thousands of jobs.

Obama appeared to have skirted what some dubbed the "Keystone conundrum" in November when the State Department announced it was postponing a decision on the pipeline until after this year's election. Officials said they needed extra time to study routes that avoid an environmentally sensitive area of Nebraska that supplies water to eight states.

The affected area stretches through the Sandhills region of northern Nebraska, but the concerns were serious enough that the state's governor and senators opposed the project until the pipeline was moved.

Republican Gov. Dave Heineman, who opposed the initial route, says he supports efforts to accelerate the project, noting that provisions in the payroll tax bill allow the project developer to find a new route avoiding the Sandhills.

The new route would have to be approved by Nebraska environmental officials and the State Department, which has authority because the pipeline would cross an international border.

The pipeline would carry oil from tar sands in western Canada to refineries in Texas, passing through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. The project's developer,

Calgary-based TransCanada, says the pipeline could create as many as 20,000 jobs, a figure opponents say is inflated. A State Department report last summer said the pipeline would create up to 6,000 jobs during construction.

The payroll tax cut law gives the Obama administration 60 days to decide whether to allow

construction of the pipeline.

An "arbitrary deadline" for the permit decision would compromise the process, short-circuiting time needed to conduct required environmental reviews and preventing the issuance of a permit, the State Department warned in a written statement on Dec. 12. Obama administration officials confirmed that view after the payroll tax bill was approved.

Republicans call the threat little more than an excuse that allows Obama to placate environmental groups while not rejecting the pipeline outright.

"The only thing arbitrary about this decision is the decision by the president to say, 'Well, let's wait until after the next election,'" said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. Boehner and other Republicans say the pipeline would help Obama achieve his top priority — creating jobs — without costing a dime of taxpayer money. They hope to portray Obama's reluctance to approve the pipeline as a sign he favors environmentalists over jobs.

Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and chief executive, said his company would do whatever is necessary to make sure the project is approved.

"We've had more than enough surprises on this," said TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard.

In Nebraska, where the pipeline faces strong resistance, state officials are awaiting an environmental study that will determine a new route. Officials have said the review will take six to nine months.

Some landowners in the Sandhills celebrated the decision to reroute the project, but the pipeline's strongest opponents say they still have concerns about the prospect of the government using its power of eminent domain to seize land, as well as liability issues in case of a spill.

"Republicans have bullied their way to get a reckless rider attached to a bill that was supposed to be about helping middle-class families," said Jane Kleeb, executive director of the group Bold Nebraska, which opposes the pipeline.

With the bill signed into law, Obama "must do the right thing for our land, water and families' health by denying the pipeline permit," Kleeb said.

Project supporters say U.S. rejection of the pipeline would not stop it from being built. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said TransCanada could pursue an alternative route through Canada to the West Coast, where oil could be shipped to China and other Asian markets. "Canada is going to develop this no matter what, and that oil is either going to come to the United States or it's going to go to a place like China. We want it here," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Opponents call the West Coast option farfetched, noting that Canadian regulators have announced a one-year delay for a similar project that would carry tar sands oil to British Columbia, on Canada's western coast.

Native groups strongly oppose both the Keystone XL and the Northern Gateway pipeline proposed by TransCanada rival Enbridge.

## Cadiz woman victim of weekend fire

Special to the Ledger

CADIZ, Ky. — A Cadiz woman died in a house fire Saturday. A press release from the Kentucky State Police says a trooper responded to a call just before 11 a.m. of a residential fire at 3987 Princeton Road in Cadiz. When emergency responders arrived at the scene they found the house fully engulfed in flames.

Mamie L. Banister, 87, of Cadiz was pronounced dead at the scene by the Trigg County Coroner. The victim's daughter was at the scene and was rescued from the fire. She was transported by Trigg County EMS to Trigg County Hospital and was treated and released for smoke inhalation. The daughter's name has not been released.

Senior Trooper Billy Over was assisted on scene by the Cadiz Police Department, Trigg County Sheriff Department, Cerulean Fire Department, Montgomery Fire Department, Trigg County EMS, Trigg County Coroner and the Kentucky State Fire Marshal.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Kentucky State Fire Marshal.

## 8 injured in 41-vehicle pile-up on I-75

DRY RIDGE, Ky. (AP) — Police say eight people have been injured in a 41-vehicle pileup that shut southbound Interstate 75 for hours on a day when scattered snow showers pelted northern Kentucky.

Kentucky's Kenton County police department issued a statement saying six of the injured were taken to hospitals, but none of the injuries was life-threatening. It said cars and other vehicles collided on southbound lanes at 12:22 p.m. Monday just north of Crittenden and south of Cincinnati.

Police say 23 vehicles had to be towed before southbound lanes reopened at 2:45 p.m. A news photo showed cars sprawled across several lanes and beside a shoulder with accumulated snow. Authorities say the cause is under investigation.

Meteorologist John Denman with the National Weather Service in Louisville said snow showers fell around the state Monday.

## Well in Ohio triggered earthquakes

CLEVELAND (AP) — A northeast Ohio well used to dispose of wastewater from oil and gas drilling almost certainly caused a series of 11 minor quakes in the Youngstown area since last spring, a seismologist investigating the quakes said Monday.

Research is continuing on the now-shuttered injection well at Youngstown and seismic activity, but it might take a year for the wastewater-related rumblings in the earth to dissipate, said John Armbruster of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, New York.

Brine wastewater dumped in wells comes from drilling operations, including the so-called fracking process to extract gas from underground shale that has been a source of concern among environmental groups and some property owners. Injection wells have also been suspected in quakes in Arkansas, Colorado and Oklahoma, Armbruster said.

Thousands of gallons (liters) of brine were injected daily into the Youngstown well that opened in 2010 until its owner, Northstar Disposal Services LLC, agreed Friday to stop injecting the waste into the earth as a precaution while authorities assessed any potential links to the quakes.

After the latest and largest quake Saturday at 4.0 magnitude, state officials announced their beliefs that injecting wastewater near a fault line had created enough pressure to cause seismic activity. They said four inactive wells within a five-mile (8 kilometer) radius of the Youngstown well would remain closed. But they also stressed that injection wells are different from drilling wells that employ fracking.

Armbruster said Monday he expects more quakes will occur despite the shutdown of the Youngstown well.

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## Algebra workshops to be held

### Special to the Ledger

EDDYVILLE, Ky. —The Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative has invited Borenson and Associates, the parent company of Hands-On Equations®, to train over 30 teachers of third through 12th grades on how to demystify the teaching of algebraic equations and verbal problems by making them visual and hands-on.

The workshops will take place Wednesday, Jan. 4, and Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative Conference Center in Eddyville from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dr. John Helfen will be the instructor for the event.

A student demonstration with local elementary school children will take place from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Children will learn how to solve an equation such as  $4x + 3 = 3x + 9$  in about 20-30 minutes, according to Dr. Henry Borenson, inventor of Hands-On Equations.

"Many students have difficulty with algebra and abstract word problems," Borenson said. "When the concepts are made visual and kinesthetic, they experience a high level of success, even in the lower grades."

The Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative's goal is to assist school districts in maximizing resources to prepare students to excel. Currently 28 school districts use the cooperative to expand the educational opportunities of their students.

Borenson and Associates, Inc., the company started by Borenson, has provided the basic Making Algebra Child's Play workshop to more than 50,000 educators nationwide since 1990. The company provides hands-on algebraic learning materials to school districts and parents nationwide, as well as complimentary webinars. More information can be found at [www.borenson.com](http://www.borenson.com).

## DivorceCare meetings held Wednesday

### Special to the Ledger

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about DivorceCare. It might just be the best thing you could do to help.

Meetings are at Elm Grove Baptist Church, 6483 St. Rt. 94 East, beginning at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (270) 293-2509 for more information.



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**MUSIC STUDIO FEATURES STUDENTS:** Linda Wright recently featured her music students in recital at Westside Baptist Church. Pictured, front row, (left to right) are Charlie Graves, Meredith Wright, Maci Phillips, Samantha Molle, Kailyn Burkeen, Whitney Phillips and Hastings Hale. Back row (left to right) are Logan Wilson, Wright, Cynthia Wilson, Ciarra Alderman and Gabriel Reed. The next recital is scheduled for May 20.



Photos provided

**CONCERTS AT NORTH:** The MANIA (Music At North In Action) students and the Murray State University Strings at North students presented a concert of various selections and holiday songs recently, at North Calloway Elementary School. These students are under the direction of Tracy Leslie and Rachel Brown.

## Need Line lists items needed for pantry

Need Line has issued a new list of items needed to replenish the pantry for its clients. They are peanut butter, salmon, tuna, oatmeal, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, pasta, spinach, cereal, carrots, mixed veggies, tomato juice and canned pasta;

freezer/cooler items needed are eggs, fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables, frozen meat, milk; personal hygiene and cleaning supplies needed are dish liquid, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, baby diapers sizes 4 and 5; also large

brown paper bags.

These items may be taken to the Need Line building at 638 South Fourth St., Murray, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Need Line is an United Way Agency. For information, call 753-6333.

## DATEBOOK

### 'Make a Difference Day' set for Jan. 7



**Datebook**  
Jessica Morris,  
Community  
editor

The Murray and Calloway County community will host the 84th "Make A Difference Day" Saturday, Jan. 7, at Murray State University's Roy Stewart Stadium parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paper and cardboard of all types, to benefit both resource centers, will be collected. The Lion's Club will collect eyeglasses, the WATCH Center will collect aluminum cans, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will collect cell phones, West KY Mentoring Inc., will have a bin for ink jet cartridges and Angel's Attic will collect clothes. The police and sheriff's department will combine efforts to take in prescription drugs. Plastics, tin cans and glass will also be gathered, as well as bins provided for used motor oil. Battery collection of A, B, C, D will be available. Books will be gathered for recycling to benefit Community Education. The Kiwanis Club, partnering with Edge Outreach, will collect unwanted shoes.

### LBL Winter Wanderers Tour set for Jan. 14

Winter brings some of the best wildlife viewing experiences as eagles, mergansers, loons and more converge on Land Between the Lakes Saturday, Jan. 14, and Sunday, Jan. 15, the public is invited to search for wintering eagles during a History of Eagles LBL Tour and a Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Tour. Tickets are \$40 and lunch is included. The tour is limited to 16 visitors. On Sunday, an optional Eagle River Cruise will be offered for an additional \$60 per person. The cruise leaves from Kenlake State Resort Park Marina. Reservations are required. For more information, call (270) 924-2020 or visit [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org).

### Kentucky retirees will meet

The Purchase Area Chapter of Kentucky Retirees will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Pizza Inn, 1001 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, for a combined luncheon and business meeting. All retirees of the Kentucky Retirement System and the Kentucky State Police Retirement System are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (270) 898-7289 or (270) 527-9531.

### Robotics Team looking for new members

The Murray-Calloway Robotics Team is looking for new members. All high school students from Murray and Calloway County are encouraged to join. The Regional competition will be held March 1-2, at the Convention Center in Knoxville, Tenn. For more information, visit [www.team3843.com](http://www.team3843.com).

### Smoking Cessation classes offered

The Cooper Clayton Smoking Cessation Classes, one of the most effective ways to stop smoking, begins Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Center for Health and Wellness. The class will meet each Tuesday for 13 weeks. For information and to register, call 762-1348.

### Bank of Cadiz announces trip

The Bank of Cadiz Travel Club is planning a day trip to Paducah to see John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party" at the Carson Center on Friday, Feb. 10. At over two hours, "Winter Dance Party" is an authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour. The trip includes tickets to the performance, Deluxe Motorcoach transportation and a snack supper. Deadline to register for the trip is Friday, Jan. 6. For more information, call Jennifer Eidson at 759-4852.

### Donations needed for Need Line program

Food items are needed for the Need Line Back-Pack Children's Food program, including gallon size Ziploc® bags or lunch size brown paper bags, individual size 100 percent juice boxes, fruit cups or apple sauce cups, 8 ounce size shelf stable milk, individual serving size cereal boxes, pop tarts, peanut butter crackers or cheese crackers and cereal bars. If you or your group would like to help with the Back-Pack Children's Food program, call 753-6333. Donations can be dropped off at Need Line, 638 South Fourth St., Murray.

### Legion officers giving help

Ron Hubbard and Mark Kennedy, service officers of American Legion Post #73 will be available each Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. to assist veterans of Calloway County with the completion of forms and the filing of claims with the Veterans Administration at the Legion Post, 310 Bee Creek Dr. No appointment is necessary and veterans are served on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call Kennedy at 752-3333.

### Temple Hill Masonic Lodge will meet

Temple Hill 276 Masonic Lodge will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. A first degree ceremony is scheduled. Master Richard Crittendon urges all master masons to attend.

### Angels Attic seeks items

The Angels Attic Thrift Shop, 972 Chestnut Street, is in need of items as they continue to provide funding for Angels Healthcare Clinic for those who have no medical insurance in Murray and Calloway County. Specifically, they are in need of men's, women's and children's clothing, furniture, appliances, household items and toys. Items can be received Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call for pickup at 762-0505.

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## SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★

## Country stars reveal New Year's resolutions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Like the rest of us, celebrities are thinking about their goals for next year.

Taylor Swift is looking to change things up.

"I think my goal for the next couple of years would be to make departures in little ways and do things a little differently," said the Grammy-winning singer, "and try to maintain a balance between always providing your fans with what they've always liked from you and continuing to write all my own songs, but I'd love to make collaborations in different directions that aren't exactly expected."

The three members of country group Lady Antebellum are resolving to find balance in their personal and professional lives. It will be more of a challenge than ever with their first headlining tour resuming in January and two weddings to plan. Dave Haywood proposed to girlfriend Kelli Cashiola, 29, by hanging Christmas lights on her house that spelled out "Will You Marry Me?" Singer Hillary Scott got engaged in July and is planning to marry fiancé Chris Tyrell in the spring. Singer Charles Kelley is already married.

"Next year we've got a pretty heavy touring schedule, but we've learned this fall how to balance that, how to have a good time at home," said Haywood. "All of us are good and cognizant about having our loved ones out with us when we can and being able to get home when we can. So I think continuing to find the balance, which is where we get our inspiration and where our songs come from, is this personal life."

Miranda Lambert wants to focus on songwriting. Her Grammy-winning hit "The House That Built Me" was a game-changer in her career. The problem? She didn't write it.

"I'd love to actually write a song that was nominated for song of the year. That would be a huge thing to me," said Lambert, who is kicking off her "On Fire" tour Jan. 12 in Rockford, Ill. "Eventually over the next five years I'd maybe like to win entertainer of the year — when I've earned it."

The resolutions Lambert's husband, Blake Shelton, is making have nothing to do with self-improvement. He has high hopes for other people in his life, including two of the singers he mentored as a judge on NBC's "The Voice," Dia Frampton and Xenia Martinez.

"I really would like to see Dia's record take off and do well, and Xenia has made a great record. My heart is there for them," he said.

Perhaps more than anything, Shelton said he hopes his wife's new single, "Over You," makes an impact on fans and country radio. The couple wrote the song together about the death of Shelton's older brother, Richie, who died in a car accident in 1990.

Brad Paisley's goal is to set new ones. He spent 2011 on tour as the reigning Country Music Association entertainer of the year. He reunited country supergroup Alabama for his song "Old Alabama," and he wrote a book. He said he has some ideas "to reinvent" and "have some fun with the success" he's had, but he's also learned a lot about himself along the way.

"I have a career that's on a bit of autopilot in the sense that I feel I can rest easy a little bit more. ... I don't feel that people are just going to leave me. They're not going to just move on. We do well, and it's a great feeling," said Paisley. "I guess I've just learned to be a little more comfortable with who I am."

## Oklahoma foundation buys Woody Guthrie archive

TULSA, Oklahoma (AP) — A Tulsa-based foundation has purchased the comprehensive archive of folk singer Woody Guthrie's writings, recordings and artwork and plans to display the collection in a new center dedicated to the Oklahoma native.

The Tulsa World reports that the George Kaiser Family Foundation will open the Woody Guthrie Center in downtown Tulsa by the end of 2012, to mark the centennial of Guthrie's birth. The four-building arts hub

will feature public displays from the Guthrie archives and research space for scholars.

The foundation didn't disclose how much it paid for the collection, which includes a handwritten copy of Guthrie's anthem, "This Land is Your Land."

Guthrie died of Huntington's disease in 1967.

The archive had been housed in the Mount Kisco, New York, home of Nora Guthrie, the songwriter's daughter.

## Oil price falls as Saudis trump Iran threat

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices fell on Wednesday, as Saudi Arabia said it will offset any loss of oil from a threatened Iranian blockade of a crucial tanker route.

In New York benchmark crude fell 77 cents to \$100.57 a barrel. Brent crude fell 82 cents to \$108.45 a barrel in London.

Iranian officials have said that Iran might close the strategic Strait of Hormuz, if western nations embargo the country's

oil because of its ongoing nuclear program.

A Saudi oil ministry official told The Associated Press that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf producers are ready to provide more oil if necessary. Some analysts think the Iranian threats are more posturing than a real concern.

Meanwhile in the U.S. the average price of gas rose a penny to \$3.24 a gallon.

## Take care mixing cats and houseplants

By the Associated Press

Cats like houseplants, but houseplants don't like cats. Or, at least, cats don't do houseplants any good.

Take my ponytail palm, for example. My cat is an outdoor cat, but I know that if she came indoors, what a grand time she would have jabbing her claws playfully at the ends of the palm's wispy leaves. She'd do the same for my orchid's flower stalk, now weighed down with a row of delicate blooms. Either plant would emerge from such play worn and frayed.

There's not much you can do once a plant catches your cat's fancy, except maybe get some mice to provide greater feline entertainment. A catnip-stuffed toy or a few stems from a kiwifruit vine — another favorite of cats — might also do the trick.

### AN APPEALING LITTER BOX

Cats' horticultural trouble-making extends to flower pots filled with potting soil, especially fresh potting soil; they make attractive litter boxes.

Besides being offensive to us humans, a pot of soil used as a cat's litter box is not good for the plant growing in it. Horse or other manure is great stuff outside in the garden, but a single cat working over a pot of soil ... well, that's just too much fertilizer for one plant. The roots will get burnt, perhaps to the point of killing the plant.

All sorts of tricks can keep cats from using flowerpots as litter boxes. Poking toothpicks vertically into the soil or spreading thorny stems, stones or seashells over the surface is sometimes effective. A barrier of wire mesh is 100 percent effective,

as are barriers of plastic wrap or aluminum foil, but those barriers are unattractive, and you have to remove plastic wrap or aluminum foil each time you water.

Sometimes — just sometimes — temporarily thwarting your cat can get it permanently out of the habit of playing with a particular plant or using a flowerpot as a litter box. It's important to provide other diversions, as well as romps outdoors or a nice litter box indoors.

### MOST HOUSEPLANTS ARE NEITHER PLAY-THINGS NOR FOOD

Not only can cats be bad for houseplants, but some houseplants aren't good for cats. Part of a cat's frolicking, after all, involves chewing on, perhaps even eating, some greenery. This is natural: Cats, although carnivorous, do occasionally eat plants

outdoors, either as is or in the intestines of the animals they eat.

Faced with a limited menu of indoor greenery, a housebound cat might be driven to some unwholesome varieties. Cat's livers are relatively poor in dealing with toxins, and some houseplants have been known to kill cats. The most serious offenders are lilies and mistletoe.

Other common houseplants that might harm cats include dumbcane, philodendron and dracaena. Poinsettia, has been exonerated as a culprit in poisoning either humans or cats.

If you suspect that a plant has poisoned your cat, contact your vet or the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center, <http://www.aspcapetcare.org/pet-care/poison-control/> or at 888-426-4435.

by Jacqueline Bigar

pens. Your anger comes out in being judgmental rather than addressing the issue.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn from dealing with a partner. Part of the fatigue is the result of employing unusual self-discipline. You could be reading more into a situation than exists. Others are not as clear as you would like.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Defer and make it a little easier on yourself. A friend who generally is easygoing drives a hard bargain. In fact, this person is nothing less than pushy. Be willing to nix what doesn't seem like a good idea.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ You work well with others and get to the bottom of problems quickly and effectively. The problem lies in the fact that a boss isn't getting your message and confusion surrounding the instrumenting of an idea. You have a strong sense of direction when you relax.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★ Sometimes you might seem stern to others. Tap into your imagination, and understand what is happening with a co-worker or a friend you see nearly every day. Trust yourself to choose the right direction in which to head.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★ You might not want to stay focused on a personal matter, but until it is resolved in some form, it could prevent you from tossing yourself into anything else. A partner gives you strong feedback, whether you like it or not.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ You can and will make the needed difference. Though you might not be sure of yourself or able to get past an important detail because you aren't hearing all the facts, let go of the issue for now. Make calls; clean up a project; do what you do well.

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## Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for  
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012:  
You easily could go overboard

this year. This behavior might shake you up as you let your normal self-discipline melt

away. Look at this period as a phrase: You haven't lost the ability to rein yourself in; you simply choose not to, as you are enjoying yourself. You have a lot of vigor and excitement. If you are single, many people are drawn to you. So many choices lie ahead. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other more and more. You enjoy being with TAURUS.

**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 could have a disagreement with someone you are dealing with financially. At times, you need to -- and must -- say "no." A discussion about what is practical has the decision tumbling into your space.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ A morning tiff might set you off, but let it ride right on by. What is at the base is a misunderstanding. Be gracious, and you'll discover the situation works itself out. You magnetize others right now. Be specific in your interactions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You are able to do more than many people once you pick yourself up from a little stumble this morning. Understand that your effectiveness comes from thought and research. Ask for opinions before solidifying plans.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities in a meeting. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Play it like you don't know, and keep discussions flowing. You will enlist many supporters in your cause. If you relax and work with others, your popularity will flourish.

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

★★★★ Others look to you to take the lead. You might not be in the mood, and you let others know it in no uncertain terms. You are tired and drained. Perhaps you need to take better care of yourself. Be careful with your funds -- you could make an error or overspend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Break past your normal thinking. Try walking in another person's shoes. You might be confused by everything that hap-

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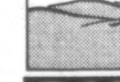
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## Looking Back

### Ten years ago

Alexander Lee Spears, four pounds, 10 ounce son of Terry and Janice Spears, was born at 8:44 a.m. Jan. 1, making him the couple's first baby as well as the first baby born in Calloway County.

Cain's Cubs Cheerleading Team competed Dec. 8 at the six annual Kentucky Quad-State Regional Cheer and Dance Competition and were awarded first place in their division.

Presenting the program at the December meeting of the Zeta Department of the, Murray Woman's Club were the Missing Links Barbershop Quartet, Pat Miller, Ruth Eversmeyer, Martha Crafton and Joanne Cavitt.

Pictured were awarded participants of Din's Martial Arts America, Edsel Beale, Twila Howard and John Withee, at the banquet held to recognize its students from Fall 2001 Ultimate Bodyshaping Course.

Ashley Lowe, of Murray, just finished a term in Strasbourg, France, as part of Centre College's study abroad program.

OVC basketball statistics as of Dec. 31, include Justin Burdine, MSU, in fourth place in scoring with 19.8 points. In rebounds, James Singleton, MSU is second with 8.8 and Antione Whelchel, MSU, with 7.3 rebounds. In field goal percentages, Singleton has an average of .640 and Cuthbert Victor, MSU has an average of .535.

### Twenty years ago

Jordan McCord Benton, eight pounds, five ounce son of Larry and Terri Benton of Murray, was the first baby born to Calloway County in 1992. He was born at 2:16 p.m. Jan. 1. He has an older brother, Joseph, who is four.

Recent births for Dec. 30, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital include a boy to Sharon and Stevie Butts, Cadiz and a girl to Mary and Jeffrey Yates, Benton. For Dec. 31, a boy to Vicky and

Braxton Winfrey, Dover, Tenn., a girl to Vickie and Gary Quillin, Paris, Tenn., and a girl to Kelly and Gary Dowdy, Hickory. For Jan. 1, a boy to Terri and Larry Benton, Murray.

Murray State football assistant Rob Christophel was named as the new offensive coordinator at Idaho State University.

### Thirty years ago

Jamie Don McClure, six pounds, 1.14 ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McClure, was the first baby born to Calloway County in 1982. Jamie, who was born at 9:13 a.m. Jan. 1, made his parents winners of the First Baby Contest.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 12.

New members of the Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club include Patti Hosford, Nikki Blanchard, Diane Charette, Martha Andrus, Paula Alcott and Phyllis Robinson.

Murray High Lady Tigers ranked second, with a Region I rating of 84.7 while Boone County's 86.7 rating led the state.

### Forty years ago

An open house was planned Jan. 9, at the new Murray High School building, according to Eli Alexander, principal.

Murray Mayor Homes Ellis listed several accomplishments of city administration over the past four years, which were achieved through efforts of the mayor and city council.

### Fifty years ago

Retiring Calloway County Court Clerk Randall Patterson said 2,997 statewide hunting licenses were sold during 1961, and 2,951 five-day fishing licenses were issued.

Susan Munday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Munday, was a freshman at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo.

### Sixty years ago

Max Hurt had been appointed executive vice president of the national Woodmen of the World.

## Fate of frozen embryos puts couple at crossroads

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 11 years. We went through eight years of fertility treatments before having our twins. When they were a year old, we discovered I was pregnant with our third child. The twins are now 2 1/2 and the baby is almost a year old.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

We have two embryos left and need to decide what to do. We either use them or destroy them. I think we need to give the embryos the chance they were meant to have. However, my husband is concerned only with the financial side of it as we have been living on one salary and things are tight.

My heart aches over this. Do I do what I believe is right and stand by my religious and moral beliefs, and take the chance my husband will resent me for the rest of our marriage? I'm afraid I'll resent him if I have to destroy them. I'd appreciate some words of wisdom. -- DEADLOCKED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DEADLOCKED: This isn't an either/or question. I discussed it with Diane Goodman, the past president of the Academy of California Family Formation Lawyers, who suggests a third option. Your embryos could be donated for embryo adoption by a couple who have been unable to conceive, and who would love to raise them. For more information, you should contact an attorney who specializes in family formation, or contact the Snowflakes Frozen Embryo Adoption and Donation Program. Its phone num-

ber is 714-693-5437 and its website is [www.nightlight.org](http://www.nightlight.org).

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 and met my birth mother last month for the first time. She abandoned two other children besides me. "Angie" is an alcoholic and has cirrhosis of the liver. When I met her she was in rehab and had been sober for two weeks. The day after she was released she was rearrested for driving with a revoked license. The following day she was arrested for DUI.

It's obvious that my birth mother has a major addiction, and my heart breaks for her because she has no support system. Should I reach out and help her or continue on with my life? My friends and family are afraid I'll get hurt, but it's hard to sit back and do nothing. Any words of wisdom will help. -- CONFUSED AND TORN IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR CONFUSED AND TORN: Before involving yourself any further with Angie, take some time to visit Al-Anon (listed in your phone directory) and Adult Children of Alcoholics ([adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org)). That you want to help her is laudable, but it's important that you fully understand what you're letting yourself in for if you do.

Much as you might wish to, you cannot "fix" other people -- only they can do that. The Serenity Prayer from AA says it clearly: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." It applies to you.

DEAR ABBY is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.Dear-Abby.com](http://www.Dear-Abby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Women can prevent heart disease using these guidelines

DEAR DOCTOR K: For years I thought I was at lower risk for heart disease than men because I was a woman. Now I know better. I'd like to take steps to reduce my chances of developing it. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Heart disease has carried a reputation as a "man's disease" for years. But it is not now -- nor was it ever -- a disease that mainly targets men. In fact, these days more women die each year of cardiovascular disease than men. (Cardiovascular disease refers to heart disease, stroke and related blood vessel conditions.)

Like you, a lot of my patients don't think of heart disease as a problem for women. Here's a pop quiz: Are women more likely to die of breast cancer or heart disease? The answer: More women die of heart disease each year in the United States than from all types of cancer combined. That includes breast, ovarian and cervical cancer, plus lung, stomach and colon cancer, plus leukemias, lymphomas and melanoma -- all types of cancer.

Why do I make such a point of heart disease being the No. 1 killer of women? Some disease has to be No. 1, you might say. The reason is that many deaths from heart disease in women are preventable.

The American Heart Association (AHA) offers advice for women like you who want to prevent heart disease. The guidelines aren't for women who already have heart disease or early warning signs of it. Although many of the recommendations would

also apply to those women, they generally need more intense efforts to prevent a heart attack or stroke.

The AHA urges women to talk with their doctors about their risk for developing heart disease. The guidelines stress lifestyle changes over medications.

The updated prevention guidelines for women list strategies proven to work and those that probably work. Virtually all of these apply to men, too.

**PROVEN STRATEGIES**  
-- Avoid tobacco.  
-- Exercise for at least 30 minutes a day, more if trying to lose weight.  
-- Adopt a healthy eating plan.  
-- Maintain a healthy weight (a body mass index between 18.5 and 24.9).  
-- Control blood pressure, with medication if needed.  
-- Control cholesterol, with a statin if needed.  
-- Control blood sugar with exercise, dietary changes and medications if needed.

**PROBABLY EFFECTIVE**  
-- Screening for depression.  
-- Raising protective HDL with medications such as niacin or a fibrate.

In the past, some practices were recommended for heart disease prevention that I don't think have stood the test of time: vitamin E, beta carotene, folic acid and aspirin (in women under age 65). There is still controversy about hormone therapy and heart disease (to be discussed in a future column).

You can also read more about heart disease prevention in women in our new book, "Smart at Heart: A Holistic 10-Step Approach to Preventing and Healing Heart Disease for Women." You can find out more about it at my website.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. Go to his website to send questions and get additional information: [www.AskDoctorK.com](http://www.AskDoctorK.com).)

## Today In History

### By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2012. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1861, more than two weeks before Georgia seceded from the Union, the state militia seized Fort Pulaski at the order of Gov. Joseph E. Brown. The Delaware House and Senate voted to oppose secession from the Union.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that

states had the right to ban closed shops.

In 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House.

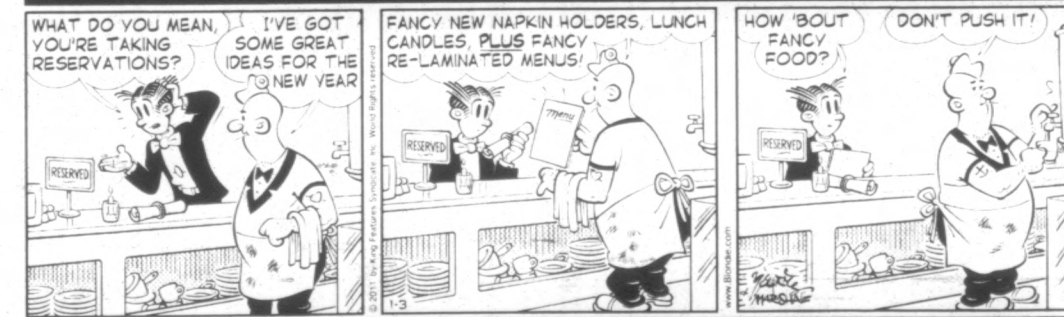
In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced the United States was formally terminating diplomatic and consular relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

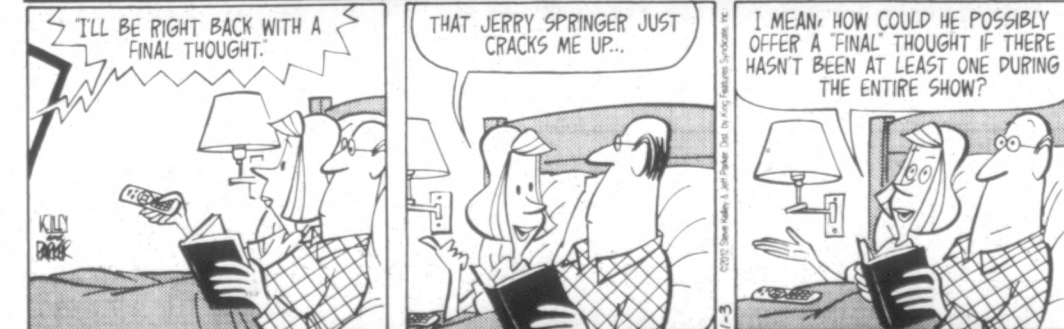
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## Hints From Heloise



by Heloise

most important hint is to be prepared by having lifesaving supplies in your car! A plastic bin with a lid makes a good container. Some items to have:

- \* Gloves, socks, hats and blankets.
- \* Bottled drinking water and a few snacks, like nuts.
- \* First-aid kit.
- \* A flashlight with fresh batteries and flares.
- \* Cellphone charger.
- \* If applicable, baby food and diapers.

Visit me on Facebook and Twitter! Go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) for direct links and hints, photos and more. Come join the fun! -- Heloise

**NEWSPAPER NEED**  
Dear Heloise: Take your old newspaper to the vet. Every time I take mine to the vet, people in the waiting room are amazed that the vets need old newspaper. Some vets have to buy newspaper for

their kennels. -- Linda in Poteet, Texas

Cabbie, our mini-schnauzer, agrees: "Woof, woof." -- Heloise

**CALL-CENTER KUDOS**  
Dear Readers: The following letter concerns our ongoing dialogue about telephone customer-service representatives:

Dear Heloise: Call-center employees are tethered by headset to the phone, desk and computer for hours at a stretch, which can become stressful. I've worked at a few call centers. I'm sure that customer compliments helped me thrive in those positions.

Advice for all customer-service reps, if management permits: When a client or caller is particularly complimentary, make the offer to introduce or transfer him or her to your supervisor. You're not fishing for the "attaboy" if it's spontaneously offered.

This will allow the supervisor to check the record of your transaction to help document the compliment. I no longer work in customer service, but I try to include a compliment in my calls to call centers to brighten a representative's day and in case a rep's managers are monitoring. Remember also to compliment the service personnel you meet by telephone, email, mail, etc. -- G.M. in San Antonio

You are right, and I've said this repeatedly! Give a compliment when warranted; it takes only a few moments. -- Heloise

**ADDRESS LABELS**  
Dear Heloise: I attended a funeral, and afterward thought about the big job the family had ahead of them with writing thank-you notes.

An easy way to simplify this is to enclose a mailing-address label with your address on it in your sympathy card. All they will have to do is stick it on the envelope, instead of hunting for an address. I read your column every day and love it! -- Jane in Wabasha, Minn.

### EASY MIX

Dear Heloise: I keep all my vegetable scraps in a plastic coffee bucket in the refrigerator (there are only two of us in the household). Once a week, I grind the scraps in my blender with water added and pour it onto my compost pile. It makes compost much faster than just dumping the scraps into the pile. -- Marilyn in San Antonio

Send a money-saving or time-saving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or e-mail it to [Heloise\(at\)Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise(at)Heloise.com). I can't answer your letter personally but

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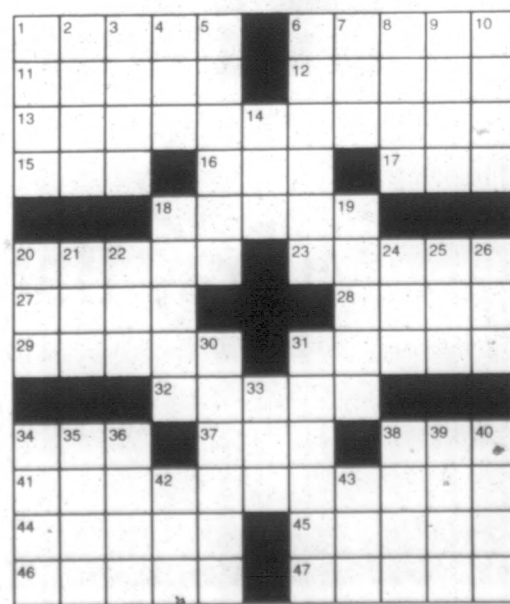
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- 45 Perfect
- 46 Stopwatch button
- 47 Acknowledge, in a way

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- 3 Destroy
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- 5 Bank worker
- 6 Clueless
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- 21 Dove call
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- 24 Island souvenir
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- 35 Doughnut feature
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- 42 Skating surface
- 43 Wedding words





# Hoof Beats

MURRAY STATE VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY  
WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M. • CFSB CENTER

## EASTERN KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
11-7	at Mississippi St.	L, 76-66
11-12	at Winthrop	W, 71-59
11-14	at Presbyterian	L, 78-50
11-18	at Liberty	W, 73-65
11-19	vs. William & Mary	W, 63-44
11-20	vs. Lehigh	L, 76-51
11-27	at Norfolk State	L, 70-63
11-29	at Delaware State	L, 57-43
12-3	BRESCIA	W, 107-43
12-6	NC CENTRAL	W, 75-62
12-10	GEORGIA SOU.	W, 63-59
12-17	at Jacksonville St.	W, 59-53
12-20	at Arkansas	L, 71-57
12-29	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 67-65
12-31	TENNESSEE ST.	W, 73-68
1-4	at Murray State	7:00
1-7	SE MISSOURI	6:00
1-12	at Austin Peay	7:00
1-14	at Morehead State	6:30
1-19	TENN-MARTIN	6:00
1-22	LONGWOOD	1:00
1-26	TENNESSEE TECH	6:00
1-28	at Tennessee State	7:00
2-2	at Eastern Illinois	7:00
2-4	at SIU-Edwardsville	7:00
2-7	MID-CONTINENT	6:00
2-11	MOREHEAD STATE	6:00
2-15	at Tennessee Tech	7:00
2-18	BRACKETBUSTER	TBA
2-23	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	6:30
2-25	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6:00

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

School	OVC (Overall)
Eastern Kentucky	3-0 (9-6)
Murray State	2-0 (14-0)
SE Missouri State	2-0 (7-7)
SIU-Edwardsville	2-0 (4-7)
Tennessee Tech	1-1 (9-6)
Tennessee State	1-1 (8-7)
Morehead State	1-1 (7-8)
Eastern Illinois	0-1 (6-6)
Austin Peay	0-2 (3-12)
Jacksonville State	0-3 (5-11)
Tennessee-Martin	0-3 (3-13)

**Monday**  
Southeast Missouri State 74, Jacksonville State 57

**Wednesday**  
Eastern Kentucky at Murray State, 7 p.m.  
Eastern Illinois at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Southeast Missouri State at UT-Martin, 7 p.m.  
Morehead State at Jacksonville State, 7 p.m.  
Tennessee State at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.

# Racers, Colonels battle for top

## MURRAY STATE SET TO HOST EASTERN KENTUCKY IN EARLY BATTLE OF TOP TWO TEAMS

By RICKY MARTIN  
Sports Editor

After an undefeated start and plenty of national attention heading into the end of 2011, the only thing Murray State really could have wanted for Christmas is good health.

Instead, the Racers were welcomed into the New Year faced with the reality that senior forward Ivan Aska will be out for an undisclosed amount of time with a broken hand — exactly the opposite of what the streaking Racers needed.

Now, down their biggest offensive post presence, Murray State prepares for one of its toughest games of the season, welcoming Eastern Kentucky into the CFSB Center Wednesday night, setting up a battle of the league's top two teams.

Even though it's still early in the conference season, senior guard Jewuan Long said Wednesday's contest is an important one from a confidence standpoint.

"We want to go out and take care of business on our home floor," Long said. "Even though the conference season just started, we want to be at the top, so we know to do that we have to beat (Eastern Kentucky)."

In order to do that, however, first-year head coach Steve Prohm said his team will have to be ready to tackle the many faces that is the Eastern Kentucky defense.

"The hardest thing to deal with preparing for them is their changing defenses," Prohm said. "They throw a lot of different looks at you that we are going to have to be ready for."

Eastern Kentucky is led by senior guard Jaron Jones' 14.6 points per game, but the Colonels have plenty of others

that can put the ball in the basket.

At least five Eastern Kentucky players, including Jones, are averaging over eight points per game, and three are averaging over nine per contest.

Among those is junior guard Mike DiNunno, who at 5-foot-11 leads the Colonels in rebounds per game (2.9) and is fourth on the team in points, averaging nine per contest.

Prohm said he wouldn't consider Wednesday's contest a matchup between contrasting styles, but said he does anticipate Eastern Kentucky slowing down the tempo whenever possible to limit the Racers' transition opportunities.

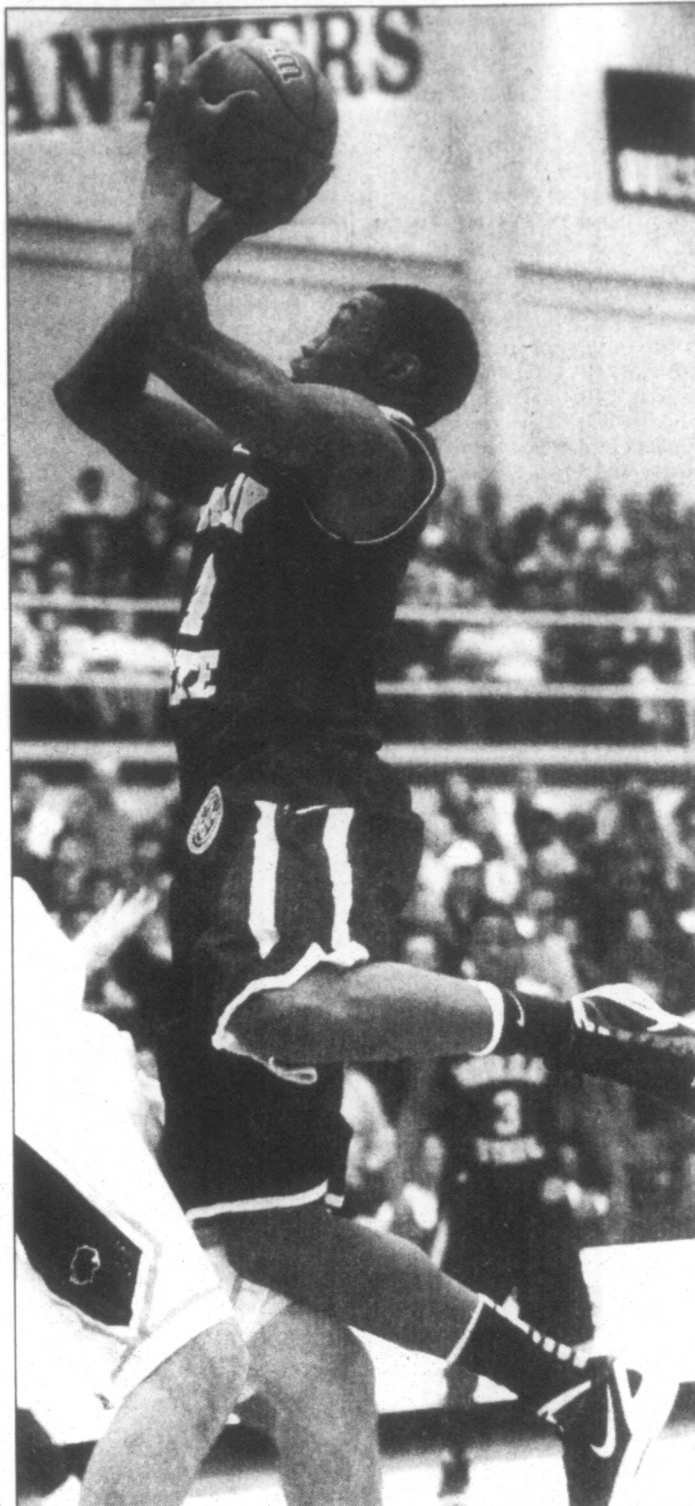
"I'm sure they would like to slow us down," Prohm said. "They are very good in their half-court offense, but we are just focusing on us and what we are going to do to make sure we play our style of basketball."

Eastern Kentucky is second in the OVC in scoring defense, holding opponents to just over 63 points per game on the season. The only team the Colonels trail is Murray State, who boasts a 58.9 average.

Eastern is also just behind first place Murray State in margin of victory and turnover margin, setting the plate for what on paper appears like the first top-tier matchup of the still young conference season.

Murray State swept the season series from Eastern Kentucky last year, getting a two-point victory in Richmond early in the season, then defeating the Colonels 66-56 in the season finale at home on Feb. 26.

"It's always a close game when we play," Long said. "They have a good program and team and we are ready for that."



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Murray State junior guard Latreze Mushatt flies to the rim last Friday against Eastern Illinois. Mushatt, a transfer who sat out last season, will be thrust into the starting lineup Wednesday against Eastern Kentucky.

## MURRAY STATE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
11-11	HARRIS-STOWE	W, 76-49
11-14	at Morgan State	W, 80-69
11-17	TENN. TEMPLE	W, 83-41
11-20	at UAB	W, 62-55
11-23	Alaska-Anch.	W, 64-62
11-25	San Francisco	W, 70-67
11-26	So. Miss.	W, 90-81(2OT)
12-1	at Western Ky.	W, 70-59
12-4	DAYTON	W, 75-58
12-11	at Memphis	W, 76-72
12-15	LIPSCOMB	W, 89-65
12-17	ARKANSAS ST.	W, 66-53
12-21	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W, 78-54
12-30	at Eastern Illinois	W, 73-40
1-4	EASTERN KY.	7:00
1-7	at Austin Peay	7:00
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2-23	at Tennessee State	7:30
2-25	at Tennessee Tech	7:30

^ - Great Alaska Shootout, Anchorage, Alaska

## ROSTER

No.	Player	P	Cl.	Ht	Wt
1	Stacy Wilson	G	Jr.	6-3	185
2	Edward Daniel	F	Jr.	6-7	215
3	Isaiah Canaan	G	Jr.	6-0	193
4	Latreze Mushatt	G	Jr.	6-5	210
10	Zay Jackson	G	Fr.	6-0	175
11	Donte Poole	G	Fr.	6-3	190
13	Brandon Garrett	F	Jr.	6-9	200
14	Jordan Burge	G	Jr.	6-0	162
23	Dexter Fields	G	Jr.	6-2	190
32	Jaylen Bland	F	Fr.	6-3	202
33	Jewuan Long	G	Sr.	6-1	175
34	Harley Nussman	F	Fr.	6-10	228
42	Ivan Aska	F	Sr.	6-7	230

## STATISTICS

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass	TO	Bt St
CANAAN, Isaiah	17.7	3.6	57	36	0
ASKA, Ivan	12.6	6.0	11	23	7
POOLE, Donte	12.7	3.2	24	22	2
LONG, Jewuan	8.4	3.1	51	27	7
DANIEL, Ed	6.6	3.9	5	19	22
WILSON, Stacy	5.6	1.2	6	15	3
MUSHATT, Latreze	3.6	3.8	13	19	2
BLAND, Jaylen	3.3	1.3	1	3	1
JACKSON, Zay	3.1	1.7	34	21	4
GARRETT, Brandon	3.3	2.8	4	16	11

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EASTERN KENTUCKY AT NO. 18 MURRAY STATE

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# Out but not down

**MURRAY STATE SENIOR IVAN ASKA  
LOOKING TO CONTRIBUTE WHILE  
SITTING OUT WITH BROKEN HAND**

By **RICKY MARTIN**  
Sports Editor

Prior to the start of the 2011-2012 season, Murray State first-year head coach Steve Prohm said he was going to rely on his veteran players' experience to get him through his rookie season.

Now, as the Racers enter perhaps one of the toughest stretches of their Ohio Valley Conference schedule, Prohm won't have that luxury at his full disposal.

Senior forward Ivan Aska, who is one of only seven Racers in history to reach both the 1,000 point and 600 rebound plateau, broke his fourth metacarpal in his right hand in Friday night's 73-40 drubbing of Eastern Illinois, putting the big man on the shelf for at least one game, if not several more.

"Right now Ivan is day-to-day," Prohm said. "The most important thing is getting the swelling out of it and things like that, then we will continue to rehab the hand and from there it will be about comfort and pain management for him and then conditioning."

"There's no timetable right now for his return. We just have to take it one day at a time."

Aska said he wouldn't be available for Wednesday's game against visiting Eastern Kentucky, and said that the likelihood of returning prior to Saturday's clash at heated-rival Austin Peay is slim.

"Right now it hurts a lot and it's still pretty swollen," said Aska, who was at Murray State's practice Monday morning in street clothes, sporting a bulky cast that stretched from his forearm down to the tips of his middle and ring fingers. "I can't do much with it right now, I just have to wait for the swelling to go away and then manage the pain."

The biggest pain for Aska right now, however, is simply not being on the court.

Aska, who was named OVC Freshman of the Year in his first season with the Racers, has been a key cog in the Murray State lineup since his arrival on campus, and had managed to avoid the injury bug quite well during his tenure up until this point.

Aska will graduate as one of the winningest players in

**Wednesday  
Eastern Kentucky at  
No. 18 Murray State**

When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Where: CFSB Center, (Murray, Ky.)  
Radio: WFGS, 103.7 FM  
Records: Murray State 14-0 (2-0, OVC); Eastern Kentucky 9-6 (3-0, OVC)

Murray State history, and his absence, regardless of how long, is somewhat of a concern for Prohm.

"Ivan has grown into an amazing player and leader for this basketball team," Prohm said. "He has matured and he has helped me out so much in my first season as head coach."

On Monday morning Prohm wasn't ready to announce his full-time plans for replacing Aska, but hinted that junior transfer Latreze Mushatt will most likely step in and start for Aska.

Mushatt, who was practicing and running sets with Murray State's other four starters on Monday, will give up some size in the middle for the Racer, but will provide Prohm with the option to open up different sets offensively, as Mushatt's ability to knock down the three makes him a legitimate inside-outside threat at 6-foot-5, 210 pounds.

Mushatt's ability to stretch the Eastern Kentucky defense on Wednesday could be an advantage for the Racers.

"Latreze has really grown since last season when he was sitting out," Prohm said. "He's matured a lot and he is really starting to understand his role on both ends of the floor. He's getting better the more comfortable he gets, and this is only going to help him continue to grow."

Junior Ed Daniel still provides stability in the paint for the Racers, and junior Brandon Garrett, the team's tallest post player that sees frequent action, will also get an increased role during Aska's absence.

Aska said his primary job right now is to take care of his injured hand, while also help-

■ See RACERS, 10

**For more coverage  
of Wednesday's  
game see 8A**



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Murray State senior forward Ivan Aska (42) injured his hand in last Friday's victory over Eastern Illinois, forcing the All-OVC big man to miss an undisclosed amount of time starting Wednesday against league-leading Eastern Kentucky.

ST. LOUIS RAMS

## Rams fire Spagnuolo after dismal season

**GENERAL MANAGER BILLY DEVANEY DISMISSED AS  
WELL FROM STRUGGLING ST. LOUIS TEAM**

By **R.B. FALLSTROM**  
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams fired coach Steve Spagnuolo and general manager Billy Devaney on Monday, a day after the team wrapped up a 2-14 season that matched the worst record in the National Football League.

The Rams made a six-win

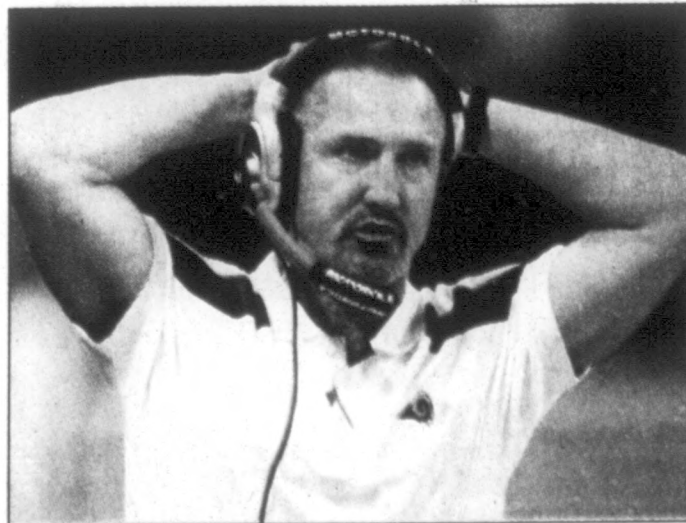
improvement last season and played for the NFC west title in the finale, but were just 10-38 overall in three seasons with Spagnuolo and Devaney calling the shots.

Devaney had joined the front office a year earlier in 2008; the Rams were 12-52 in his four years as GM. He said in a statement Monday that while the

record was disappointing, "I wouldn't trade that time for anything."

Owner Stan Kroenke fired both men with one year remaining on their contracts, and with fan interest dwindling. The Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis was little more than half full in

■ See RAMS, 10



TOM GANNAM / AP

The St. Louis Rams have fired coach Spagnuolo and general manager Billy Devaney. The team made the announcement Monday, a day after the team wrapped up a 2-14 season that tied for the NFL's worst.

## Inside the Stables

Racer Sports in Brief

**Racer women  
drop 76-51  
decision at  
Eastern Illinois**

From **MSU Athletics**

The Murray State women's basketball team fell to 1-1 in Ohio Valley Conference action with a 76-51 loss to Eastern Illinois at Lantz Arena in Charleston, Ill.

The Racers (4-9, 1-1 OVC) were led by juniors Mariah Robinson and Tessa Elkins. Robinson tallied a team-high 11 points, while Elkins made it two-straight games in double figures, with 10. Freshman Beth Mahurin again led the defense with five rebounds and added four points.

The Panthers (9-4, 1-0 OVC) started the first half on a 6-3 run in the first four minutes. However, the Racers pushed back to take an 8-6 lead with just under 13 minutes to play. Then EIU took control of the stanza, going on a 16-3 run over a six-minute span. The run gave the Panthers a 24-13 advantage that they increased to 37-23 in the final minutes of the half.

EIU opened the second half with a 9-0 run, which the Racers then countered in the first 6:30 minutes of the stanza. However, the Panthers then used strong shooting to increase its lead to as many as 28 points on the way to a 76-51 win.

Shooting percentages and rebounds were keys to the game, with EIU holding advantages in both columns. The Panthers shot 44.8 percent to the Racers 30.5 percent from the field and .350 to .250 from beyond the arc. EIU also out-rebounded MSU 50-29, including a 14-9 mark on the offensive glass.

The Racers will wrap up their current six-game road trip, Saturday, Jan. 7 at Austin Peay. Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Dunn Center in Clarksville, Tenn.

OVC SPORTS

## Conference names new Players of the Week

EKU's JONES

EARNs WEEK'S

TOP HONOR

From **OVC Sports**

The Ohio Valley Conference released its Adidas Players of the Week awards Monday for the basketball week ending on Jan. 1.

**Player of the Week**

Jaron Jones, G • Sr., 6-5, 180 • Lexington, Ky. • Eastern Kentucky

Jones led Eastern Kentucky to a pair of OVC victories last week in averaging 21.5 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.5 steals/game and hitting 69.6 percent (16-of-23) from the field and 73.3 percent (11-of-15) from the free throw line. Jones started the week by scoring 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting in a 67-65 victory over pre-season OVC favorite Austin

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## 2012 ROSE BOWL: OREGON 45, WISCONSIN 38

## Oregon wins Rose Bowl

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Oregon Ducks had waited 95 years to win another Rose Bowl, and the last few seconds stretched for an eternity. The players in mirrored helmets held each other back on the sideline, waiting on tiptoes for video review to confirm Wisconsin was out of time.

The call went Oregon's way. The Ducks stormed the hallowed field.

The most futuristic team in college football had buried another bit of history, and that revolutionary offense finally has a shiny trophy that will look right at home among those eye-catching uniforms.

Darron Thomas passed for three touchdowns, De'Anthony Thomas scored on runs of 91 and 64 yards, and the No. 6 Ducks earned their first bowl victory under coach Chip Kelly, holding off the Badgers 45-38 Monday night in the highest-scoring Rose Bowl ever played.

"We had no doubt this year that we were going to come out and do big things," said Darron Thomas, who passed for 268 yards. "It's a big statement for the Oregon program."

Indeed: The last time Oregon won the Rose Bowl, beating Penn 14-0 in 1917, the players wore leather helmets, not those shiny numbers that exemplify every innovation the Ducks have created during Kelly's three-year tenure.

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ing out his teammates and coaches.

"I'm going to be there helping them and coaching and things like that," Aska said. "I'm not the team, we have really good players, and guys

## Rams

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the later part of the season.

"No one individual is to blame for this disappointing season and we all must hold ourselves accountable," Kroenke said in a statement. "However, we believe it's in the best interest of the St. Louis Rams to make these changes as we con-

## OVC

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Peay, Jones also had two rebounds and a steal in 33 minutes of action against the Govs. In a 73-68 win over Tennessee State on Saturday, the senior reached the 20-point plateau for the third time this season, tallying 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting and hitting 6-of-7 at the free throw line. Jones also had five rebounds, a season-high four assists, two steals and a block in the victory that pushed his team to 3-0 and first place in the OVC standings. On the season Jones ranks second in the OVC in field goal percentage (57.8%) and sixth in scoring (14.6 points/game).

## Newcomer of the Week

Jerome Jones, F • Jr., 6-6, 215 • St. Louis, Mo. • SIUE

Jones, a transfer from Indian Hills Community College, averaged 18.5 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.0 assists/game last week as SIUE opened its first season of OVC play with victories over Tennessee Tech

Oregon (12-2) showed off that creativity with 621 total yards — second-most in Rose Bowl history — against the tough Badgers, playing at its usual frantic pace until the final whistle. Lavasier Tuinei caught eight passes for 158 yards and two TDs for the Ducks, who had no postseason success to show for Kelly's otherwise wildly successful three-year tenure until this landmark offensive performance.

"None of us were around 95 years ago, and we never talked about it," Kelly said. "We're a forward-thinking operation, and we're always looking ahead."

Maybe so, but it's unlikely anybody from Oregon will forget how this one ended.

With two long passes, Russell Wilson moved the Badgers to the Oregon 25, but with 2 seconds left and no timeouts. After waiting for the ball to be set, he spiked it to set up a last-ditch heave to the end zone, but the clock hit zeros while he did it.

The Ducks were winners after video review, holding Wisconsin scoreless in the fourth quarter.

"It would have been nice to have a chance there," said Wilson, who passed for 296 yards and two scores. "With 1 second left, I think we could have capitalized."

The Ducks don't doubt it: The 98th Rose Bowl was that kind of game. The Granddaddy of Them All had never seen this many points, beating the record 80 scored by Washington and Iowa in 1991.

like Ed and Latreze and Brandon will have to step up, and I think they will."

After the Racers host league-leading ECU (9-6, 3-0) on Wednesday and get past Austin Peay (3-12, 0-2) on Saturday, their schedule won't

inue our quest to build a team that consistently competes for playoffs and championships."

Kevin Demoff, vice president and chief operating officer, said the search for both positions should be concluded in the next few weeks and that it didn't necessarily matter which position was filed first.

and Jacksonville State. The junior hit 70 percent (14-of-20) from the field and was a perfect 8-of-8 from the free throw line. Jones opened the week with his second 20-point outing of the season, hitting 8-of-11 shots on his way to 20 points. Jones also pulled down seven rebounds in the game. In the victory over Jacksonville State, he added 17 points on 6-of-9 shooting, while also hitting all four of his free throw attempts in the game's final 29 seconds to secure the 66-61 victory. Jones also added five rebounds, two assists and a steal in the game. Jones has now scored in double figures in nine-straight games and ranks 12th in the OVC in scoring (13.2 points/game) and fifth in rebounding (7.1 rebounds/game).

## Freshman of the Week

Kris Davis, G • Fr., 6-2, 179 • Detroit, Mich. • SIUE  
Davis averaged 15.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.0 assists/game last week as SIUE

"We knew we had to score almost every time we touched the ball," Wisconsin tailback James White said.

Montee Ball rushed for 122 of his 164 yards in the first half for the Badgers (11-3), who lost the Rose Bowl for the second straight year despite managing 508 yards of their own. Ball tied Barry Sanders' FBS record with his 39th touchdown of the season, but the Heisman Trophy finalist was held to three carries for no yards in the fourth quarter.

Wisconsin had two drives to tie it after Oregon kicked a field goal with 6:50 to play, but Jared Abbrederis fumbled near the Oregon sideline after making a long catch. The ball plopped onto the turf without even bouncing, and Oregon's Michael Clay jumped on it with 4:06 left.

That video review went the Ducks' way, too.

"I have to be more careful with the ball," said Abbrederis, who made a TD catch on the opening drive. "They made a big play. I can't dwell on this. I have to move forward and look towards next year. We're all human. This will make me better."

The Ducks and Badgers produced the highest-scoring first quarter (14-14) and first half (28-28) in Rose Bowl history, eventually surpassing the 80 scored in Washington's 46-34 win over Iowa in 1991. Oregon's yardage fell just short of USC's 633 yards against Illinois in 2008.

Sure, Baylor's 67-56 win over

get much lighter.

After a home tilt with Jacksonville State on Jan. 12, the Racers will welcome Tennessee Tech into the CFSB Center two days later on Jan. 14. From there, Murray State will hit the road for a two-game

Names of potential replacements for Spagnuolo began to surface weeks ago as the season unraveled, with former Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher and former Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden mentioned as natural fits.

Demoff said a report that Fisher had already been sched-

Washington in the Alamo Bowl last Thursday might have packed bigger sheer numbers. But Wisconsin and Oregon commanded a much bigger stage — and the Ducks unleashed every bit of their formidable offensive power.

Tuinei was named the Ducks' offensive player of the game, but their flashiest star in those futuristic helmets was De'Anthony Thomas, the freshman from Los Angeles who showed off his electrifying athleticism on the longest scoring run in Rose Bowl history in the second quarter, going 91 yards up the middle. He added a 64-yard scoring run in the opening minute of the second half as Oregon won the matchup of the last two losers of the Rose Bowl.

Wisconsin lost 21-19 to TCU last season, and the Ducks lost to Ohio State two years ago before losing the BCS title game last year.

"It almost felt like there was some sort of magical force keeping us from getting it done in bowl games," Oregon guard Carson York said. "Glad we did it today."

LaMichael James rushed for 159 yards and an early TD in his likely college finale for the Ducks, and Kenjon Barner caught a TD pass from Darron Thomas.

Nick Toon caught a TD pass for Wisconsin, and defensive end Louis Nzegwu returned a fumble 33 yards for a score in the second quarter.

swing against Morehead State on Jan. 18 and SIUE-Edwardsville on Jan. 21.

"This is a crucial stretch of games for us," Prohm said. "The quicker Ivan can get back, the better off we are going to be."

uled for the first interview was "100 percent false." But he added that Fisher was a "potentially attractive candidate."

The Rams will have the second pick of the NFL draft in April, the fourth time in five seasons the team has had the No. 1 or 2 selection.



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College Basketball			
ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll			
Top 25			
Jan. 2, 2012			
Record	Pts	Pvs	
1 Syracuse (30)	15-0	774	1
2 Kentucky (1)	13-1	739	3
3 Duke	12-1	679	5
4 North Carolina	13-2	670	6
5 Baylor	13-0	638	7
6 Missouri	13-0	620	8
7 Ohio State	13-2	593	2
8 Connecticut	12-1	580	9
9 Georgetown	12-1	515	12
10 Louisville	12-2	454	4
11 Michigan State	13-2	442	17
12 Indiana	13-1	423	15
13 Michigan	12-2	368	16
14 Florida	11-3	367	10
15 Kansas	10-3	318	18
16 Mississippi State	13-2	300	14
17 UNLV	15-2	263	20
18 Murray State	14-0	236	21
19 Wisconsin	12-3	230	11
20 Marquette	12-2	196	13
21 Harvard	12-1	156	23
22 Kansas State	11-1	127	25
23 Virginia	11-2	125	24
24 Creighton	11-2	67	19
25 San Diego State	12-2	260	NR
Others receiving votes: Gonzaga 57, Saint Mary's 17, Vanderbilt 16, Middle Tennessee 9, New Mexico 9, Stanford 7, Pittsburgh 6, Alabama 3, Purdue 3, Seton Hall 3, Saint Louis 2, Southern Mississippi 2, Illinois 1.			
College Basketball			
The Associated Press			
Top 25			
Jan. 2, 2012			
Record	Pts	Pvs	
1 Syracuse (60)	15-0	618	1
2 Kentucky (5)	13-1	554	3
3 North Carolina	13-2	451	5
4 Baylor	13-0	389	6
5 Duke	12-1	354	7
6 Ohio St.	13-2	277	2
7 Missouri	13-0	255	8
8 UConn	12-1	199	9
9 Georgetown	12-1	172	12
10 Michigan St.	13-2	92	16
11 Louisville	12-2	97	4
12 Indiana	13-1	974	13
13 Florida	11-3	753	10
14 Kansas	10-3	663	17
15 Mississippi St.	13-2	644	15
16 Michigan	12-2	641	18
17 UNLV	15-2	611	19
18 Wisconsin	12-3	506	11
19 Murray St.	14-0	454	20
20 Marquette	12-2	447	14
21 Virginia	12-1	292	23
22 Harvard	12-1	269	24
23 Kansas St.	11-1	229	—
24 San Diego St.	12-2	196	25
25 Gonzaga	11-2	121	—
Others receiving votes: Creighton 86, Ohio 28, Stanford 12, Pittsburgh 8, Vanderbilt 8, Xavier 8, Cincinnati 6, New Mexico 6, Purdue 6, Saint Louis 6, Texas A&M 4, Saint Mary's (Cal) 3, California 2, Seton Hall 2, Alabama 1, Wagner 1.			
KHSAA Sports			
Prep Boys Basketball			
Monday			
CCA 59, Christian Fellowship 41			
Hickman Co. 66, Fulton Co. 48			
Lyon Co. 71, Caldwell Co. 56			
Today			
Calloway Co. at Mayfield, 7:30 p.m.			
Christian Fellowship at Carlisle Co., 7:15 p.m.			
South Fulton, Tenn. at Hickman Co., 7:30 p.m.			
Marshall Co. at Lone Oak, 7:30 p.m.			
Livingston Central at Lyon Co., 7:30 p.m.			
Paducah Tilghman at Reidland, 7:30 p.m.			
Heath at St. Mary, 7:30 p.m.			
Crittenden Co. at Trigg Co., 7:30 p.m.			
KHSAA Sports			
Prep Girls Basketball			
Monday			
Carlisle Co. 52, Mayfield 45			
Hickman Co. 40, Fulton Co. 34			
Today			
Calloway Co. at Graves Co., 7:30 p.m.			
South Fulton, Tenn. at Hickman Co., 6 p.m.			
Marshall Co. at Lone Oak, 6 p.m.			
Livingston Central at Lyon Co., 6 p.m.			
Paducah Tilghman at Reidland, 6 p.m.			
Heath at St. Mary, 6 p.m.			
Crittenden Co. at Trigg Co., 6 p.m.			
OVC Sports			
Men's College Basketball			
Monday			
Southeast Missouri 74, Jacksonville State 56			
Wednesday			
Eastern Kentucky at No. 18 Murray State, 7 p.m.			
Eastern Illinois at SIUE-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.			
OVC Sports			
Women's College Basketball			
Monday			
Eastern Illinois 76, Murray State 61			
Southeast Missouri 66, Jacksonville State 48			
Austin Peay 66, Eastern Kentucky 63			
SIUE-Edwardsville 62, Tennessee Tech 54			
Tennessee-Martin 114, Tennessee State 105			
Wednesday			
Eastern Illinois at Xavier, 6 p.m.			
NFL Playoff Glimpse			
All Times EST			
Wild-card Playoffs			
Saturday, Jan. 7			
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.			
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.			
Sunday, Jan. 8			
Atlanta at New York Giants, 1 p.m.			
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:30 p.m.			
Divisional Playoffs			
Saturday, Jan. 14			
Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m.			
Cincinnati, Pittsburgh or Denver at New England, 8 p.m.			
Sunday, Jan. 15			
Pittsburgh, Denver or Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.			
Detroit, Atlanta or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.			
Conference Championships			
Sunday, Jan. 22			
TBD			

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**HAPPENINGS**

by Jenise Howard

Christmas is over and we can sure tell it around here. We ate way too much, played too much and celebrated until we were all give out. This week we have tried to catch up on our rest and recuperate from all the festivities. The decorations are coming down and so are we.

We continued our study of the states talking about Iowa and all the famous people who came from there. We watched a documentary about Buffalo Bill Cody and his Wild West Show. We enjoyed learning about his exciting life and the fact he was a millionaire in the late 1800's. We talked about John Wayne and the fact he was an Iowa native. There is nothing better than a good old western starring The Duke to pass the time.

Believe it or not some of us actually sat on the front porch and soaked up the sunshine. The weather has been so nice and warm we just couldn't resist. We all know it is just a matter of time before winter weather comes back to visit us. We are so glad to have a great warm place to spend those cold winter days in. We look forward to all the winter activities we know are planned for us to do.

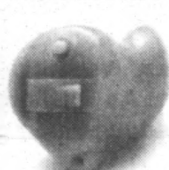
We finished the week and the year up with a big New Year's Eve Party. We sent out the old year and toasted in the new one with our great punch and snacks. We talked about all the events of 2011 and made new resolutions for the incoming 2012. We just hope that all the good health and prosperity continue for all of us and our family in the New Year. We also want to wish the same for all of you. We hope that 2012 brings you much happiness, good health and fulfillment of dreams.

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