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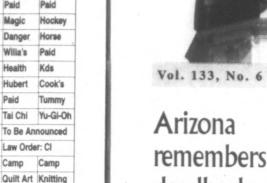
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remembers deadly day with bells, tears

By AMANDA LEE MYERS **Associated Press**

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - This time, in the supermarket parking lot, there were softly ringing bells breaking the morning silence instead of the terrible sounds of gunfire and sirens.

More bells tolled later Sunday at Tucson's packed St. Augustine Cathedral as the names of the six people killed in the shooting rampage were

With hugs and tears, southern Arizonans remembered the dead, the shattered lives and those who acted heroically after a gunman opened fire at an outdoor meet-and-greet that severely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and stunned the nation and this close-knit community.

The day of remembrance began with the ringing of church bells and hand-held bells throughout the city at 10:11 a.m., the exact time the gunman shot Giffords in the head and methodically moved down a line of people waiting to talk to her during a public event outside a Safeway supermarket on Jan. 8, 2011.

"Even in the midst of this troubling year, the healing, the courage that we have experienced in our community - each one of us can notice how our cups overflow with the blessings of our lives," said Stephanie Aaron, Giffords'

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Tomorrow

Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53

Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with

a high near 58. Tuesday Night: Rain likely, then rain and possibly a thunderstorm after midnight. Low around 46.

Wednesday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Wednesday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 34. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. Winds 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Monday, January 9, 2012

MSU Martin Luther King Jr. Day events planned

By SHERRY McCLAIN MSU Print Media

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MURRAY, Ky. - Murray State University's office of multicultural affairs will be celebrating the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance holiday with a variety of events through-

out the week, Jan. 16-20. The MLK Jr. 2012 Proclamation will be signed on Monday, Jan. 9, at the Murray City Hall. The week-long celebration begins on Monday, Jan. 16, with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. A breakfast hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is scheduled for 8 a.m. at the Woodman of

the World building on Lowery Drive in

Murray. For information on the break-

Events move to the Curris Center on MSU's campus at 10 a.m. with keynote speaker Rev. Rinzee Stansberry from Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ridgeway, S.C. Outside of his pastoring duties, Stansberry is the senior program manager in the university technology service division at the University of South Carolina. Everyone is invited to attend the address.

Stansberry has a B.A. degree in computer science from Talladega College in Alabama, and has completed graduate level coursework at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) and Payne Theological Seminary (Wilberforce, Ohio). He

accepted the call to the ministry in 1996. In 2007, he was called as the pastor of Mount Olive. Over the years, Stansberry has been active in prison, brotherhood, Christian education and preaching min-

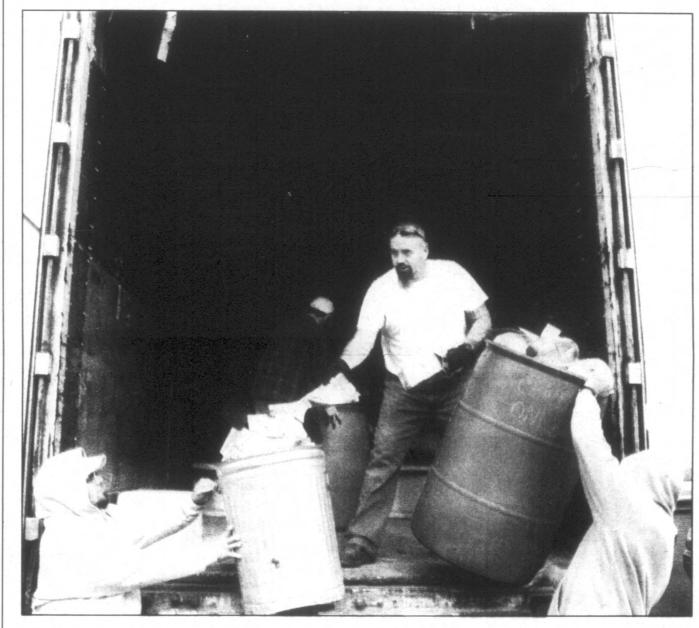
The MLK Jr. Day of Service: Racer Challenge will follow the Stansberry lecture, beginning at noon and running to 5 p.m. Check-in for community services projects begins at 9:30 a.m. on the Curris Center third floor concourse. The day of service is sponsored by the MSU Service Learning and Regional Outreach program. To register online, go to www.murraystate.edu/outreach. For more information on the projects,

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, a panel discussion on "Who Was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." will be held in the Curris Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. Dr. Steve Jones, chair of the Murray State department of social work, criminal justice and gerontology, will moderate the discussion, which is open to all.

The week wraps with the Marvin D. Mills Scholars Community Service Project on Saturday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-5

For more information about the events, contact the office of multicultural affairs at MSU at (270) 809-6836 or visit www.murraystate.edu/oma

Make A Difference Day



ANGIE HATTON / Ledger & Times

The 84th Make a Difference Day was held Saturday at the parking lot of Roy Stewart Stadium. According to Mayor Bill Wells, 469 cars came through and dropped off 18 tons of paper, plastic and tin. Organizations also collected eyeglasses, ink jet cartridges, cell phones, aluminum cans, old oil, prescription drugs, clothes, glass, book and batteries. The Kiwanis club was on sight for the first time to collect shoes. Wells reported 400 pairs were collected. Pictured are inmates with the Calloway County Jail Work Program sorting recyclables into the back of a semi-trailer. The next Make a Difference Day is scheduled for March 17.

Henley: Much to accomplish at session

By TOM BERRY

Staff Writer

The Kentucky General Assembly has a lot to accomplish during the 2012 session ending April 9 including political redistricting, budget deficits, tax reform, childprotection legislation and consideration of Gov. Steve Beshear's plan to put expanded gaming on the ballot for a constitutional referendum.

Fifth District Rep. Melvin Henley, D-Murray, says lawmakers skipped some of the preliminaries and got down to busi-

"Usually the first few days consist of swearing in formalities, locating seat assignments and meeting new members, but because of the many issues we are facing, we got down to our tasks very quickly," Henley told the Murray Ledger & Times. "This is a 60-day session and our main purpose is to pass a state budget

before a new two-year budget cycle begins in

Over the past three years, Henley said the has has Commonwealth relied upon more than \$3 billion in federal stimulus money to get through the current recession.

"But that money is now Henley

gone," Henley said. "While the state's revenues are starting to rebound, we are looking at deep cuts to services and programs in order to balance

Kentucky's budget. Other issues will require a great deal of study and discussion as hundreds of pieces of legislation are considered, Henley said.

One of those is statewide political redistricting which will have little effect on the

Fifth District. Following each census, legislators must redraw boundaries which often forces lines to be drawn outside current districts.

"We lose constituents and friends who we have known for many years and that's never easy," Henley said. "It is our hope to have decisions made on redistricting soon so we can pass the bill and get on to our other business. It is my belief that District Five, Calloway and five precincts in Trigg, will change only slightly. The change being an additional two Trigg County precincts.'

Also, Henley said the growing problem of prescription drug and illegal methamphetamine abuse has hit a level in

Kentucky that requires action. Pill mills and pain clinics have erupted throughout the commonwealth and the

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Iran reported to enrich unranium underground

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI and BRIAN MURPHY **Associated Press**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran has begun uranium enrichment at a new underground site built to withstand possible airstrikes, a leading hard-line newspaper reported Sunday in another show of defiance against Western pressure to rein in Tehran's nuclear program.

The operations at the bunkerlike facility south of Tehran, reported by the Kayhan daily newspaper, are small in comparison to Iran's main enrichment site. But the centrifuges at the underground labs are considered more efficient and are shielded from aerial surveillance and protected against airstrikes by up to 300 feet (90 meters) of mountain rock.

Uranium enrichment is at the core of the international standoff over Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. and its allies fear Iran could use its enrichment facilities to develop high-grade nuclear material for warheads.

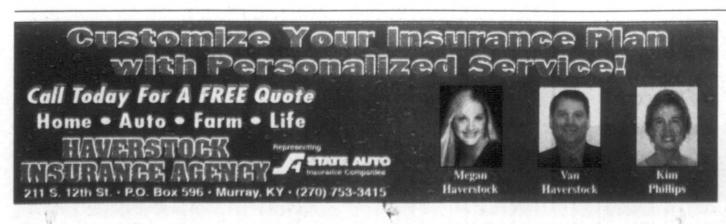
Iran - which claims it only seeks nuclear reactors for energy and research - has sharply increased its threats and military posturing against stronger pressures, including U.S. sanctions targeting Iran's Central Bank in attempts to complicate its ability to sell oil.

A senior commander of the Revolutionary Guard force was quoted as saying Tehran's leadership has decided to order the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a strategic oil route, if the country's petroleum exports are blocked. Revolutionary Guard ground forces also staged war games in eastern Iran in an apparent display of resolve against U.S. forces just over the border in Afghanistan.

Iranian officials have issued similar threats, but this is the strongest statement yet by a top commander in the security establishment.

"The supreme authorities ... have insisted that if enemies block the export of our oil, we won't allow a drop of oil to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. This is the strategy of the Islamic Republic in countering such threats," Revolutionary Guard deputy commander Ali Ashraf Nouri was quoted as saying by another newspaper, the Khorasan daily.

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TREE TRIMMING: Crews with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. of Murray trimmed trees along Highway 641 south of Murray last week. Pictured, crews work just south of the Kentucky-Tennessee state line.

GOP rivals target Romney 2 days before NH

By STEVE PEOPLES

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - With the hours slipping away before New Hampshire's presidential primary, Republican rivals fought on multiple fronts Sunday to slow Mitt Romney's march toward his party's nomi-

Their efforts were on display in a combative morning debate and in campaign stops across the state amid the growing belief that the window to stop Romney's momentum was closing. Having narrowly won last week's Iowa caucuses, the former Massachusetts governor is the overwhelming front-runner in New Hampshire's election Tuesday - the first presidential primary election in the nation and is poised to do well in the subsequent contests.

"The case for the alternative is after one term as governor in the

rapidly disappearing," Romney adviser Tom Rath said.

With that fear in mind, the Republican contenders fanned out across the state Sunday to deliver their closing arguments directly to voters.

Gingrich, the former House speaker, blasted Romney as a "Massachusetts moderate" and warned that a video being released by his allies would attack Romney's business

"To quote the governor, you have to have broad shoulders and you have to be able to take the heat to be in the kitchen," Gingrich said.

If Gingrich was Romney's chief critic, he was hardly alone. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum pointedly asked Romney during the debate why he hadn't sought re-election neighboring state. "Why did you bail out?"

Santorum asked. Romney fired back with a ref-

erence to Santorum's lucrative career in the six years since he lost his Senate seat. Describing politicians who lose office but stay in Washington "and make money as lobbyists or conducting their businesses," Romney said, "I think it stinks."

Romney won the Iowa caucuses last Tuesday by a scant eight votes over Santorum, but he is so far ahead in New Hampshire polls that his rivals have virtually conceded he will win. But they've also joined with an unlikely ally in fueling an evolving expectations game.

"If Mitt Romney doesn't get over 50 percent on Tuesday here, being a former governor of the state right next door and having a family home here, then there's something seriously

wrong," said Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie

Wasserman Schultz, who spoke to reporters outside the debate

An increasingly confident Romney campaign countered by highlighting the possibility of back-to-back victories in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"If Mitt wins, I think the history-making nature of that win will overwhelm all the other coverage of the race to this point," senior Romney adviser Eric Fehrnstrom said. "No nonincumbent Republican has won Iowa and Hampshire."

New Hampshire success has traditionally helped shape the outcome of the subsequent contest in South Carolina, which holds the South's first primary



Now that the holidays are over we are trying to get back to our normal routine. It takes a while to get back in the swing of things, and sometimes just to remember what day of the week it is. We started our week off with a trip to Wal-Mart. I don't know what we would do without Jill and Mitzi aking care of that for us. They seem to always know what we use and even the right brands. That within itself can be a hectic job, but they have it down pat. After our shopping trip we sat back and enjoyed Richard Dennis and his one man band perform for us. There is nothing better than kicking back and listening to good

We celebrated National Wives Tale Day on Wednesday by sharing some wives tales we knew and some we had never heard before. We actually found out that some do seem to work and there is scientific evidence to support them. Most however are just that, an old wives tale with not much truth to them. If nothing else we got a good laugh out of them. After all, laughter is the best medicine, so

We played some games this week that some of us had never played before but found out we are quiet good at. Mrs. Pat Ellegood won at Yahtzee even though she wasn't sure at first how to play. We know how to pass off these winter days by having fun. Game Day is always something different, we never know what we are going to play but we do know we will have fun playing it.

Our week ended with relaxing massages. All the holiday tension was just rubbed away by Shannon's magic hands. It sure is great to let her relieve all our stress and worries. I mean after all, what better way to end a week than with relaxing pampering and massages. Let's face it; it just doesn't get much better than that.

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Arizona remembers..

rabbi, who recited the 23rd Psalm at an interfaith service at the cathedral Sunday afternoon. Relatives of the six dead

walked solemnly down the aisle with a single red rose, placing the flowers in a vase in front of a picture of a heart.

Hundreds of people at the cathedral - including Gov. Jan Brewer - stood and chanted, 'We remember, we remember, we remember with grateful hearts." Some closed their eyes while others held each other.

Girls in white dresses and red sashes danced down the aisle as a song called "Hero in the Dark" played, and a pastor called on everyone to celebrate those who were lost and those who acted to save lives during the shooting.

Ron Barber, a Giffords staffer who survived two gunshot wounds, said he woke up Sunday dreaming about Giffords, who was severely wounded, and Giffords staffer

Gabe Zimmerman, who died.

You have to think about the six people whose loved ones don't have them today," Barber said before the church service

At the Safeway memorial, Bruce Ellis and his wife Kelly Hardesty, both 50, held each other tight and wept as the bells

"It's shocking to have a massacre like this occur in your backyard," Ellis said. "It's something that happens on the news, not in your neighborhood."

About 30 others rang bells, hugged each other and cried as the time of the shooting passed. Many bowed in prayer.

Giffords and her husband, former astronaut Mark Kelly, went to the scene of the shooting Saturday. They also visited University Medical Center, where Giffords was treated after the attack, and a trailhead outside Tucson named in honor of Zimmerman.

Iran, uranium...

From Front

The latest statements are certain to ramp up tensions with the U.S. and its allies, which are trying to increase pressure on Iran to punish it for its disputed nuclear program.

For the moment, however, U.S. officials are seeking stronger diplomatic and economic pressure on Iran rather than increasing threats of military action. A number of experts say Iran is unlikely to close the strait because that could hurt Iran as much as the West.

In an interview broadcast Sunday, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Iran is laying the groundwork for making nuclear weapons someday, but

is not yet building a bomb. Panetta reiterated U.S. concerns about a unilateral strike by Israel against Iran's nuclear facilities, saying the action could trigger Iranian retaliation against U.S. forces in the

"We have common cause here" with Israel, he said. "And the better approach is for us to work together."

Panetta's remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation" reflect the Obama administration's longheld view that Iran is not yet committed to building a nuclear arsenal, only to create the industrial and scientific capacity to allow one if its leaders to decide to take that final step.

Henley, session...

From Front

demand for pain medication is on the rise," he said. "There are several ideas to curb illegal and over-the-counter drug abuse that will generate much discussion in the weeks to come.

Also under consideration is efforts to provide more protection to Kentucky's children include legislation to strengther Kentucky's systems because of recent child-abuse deaths.

"Better transparency in finding the facts behind these cases is something my colleagues and will pursue this session," Henley said.

Also, some young children have been the subject of criminal complaints under offenses ranging from minor assault to criminal mischief.

"A proposal to move children younger than 11 out of the criminal courts and into the social services or mental health systems has been filed," Henley said.

State debt will also be front and center.

"We have a \$44 million interest debt owed to the federal government and there is no provision in the current unemployment insurance legislation that allows payment of this from monies collected from business employers," he said. "There will be much pain to employers once a compromise is reached, and I will make every effort to protect our small businesses.

Gov. Steve Beshear's "State of the Union" address last week focused on expanded gaming. Beshear is expected to propose a bill allowing a constitutional amendment be placed on the ballot next November allowing citizens to vote on allowing casinos at race tracks

"There are many sides to this issue. Revenues from casinos would help strengthen state coffers, boost race purses and allow our signature horse industry to compete with other states," Henley said. "Others argue that casinos increase gambling addictions and bring higher crime into communities. No doubt this discussion will dominate this session. Whether the bill will pass is, at best, problematical, but voting against allowing our citizens to make the decision would be a tough call. These kinds of tough issues, problems and debates will require all of us to work together and I am hopeful that we will be able to put our differences aside and reach consen-

Henley invites anyone living in the Fifth District to send comments on issues of concern directly to him or stay informed concerning legislative action in Frankfort. Those interested may go online to the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-





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Obituaries

Linda Sorey

Graveside services for Linda Sorey, 60, of Murray, Ky., will be held Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at 3 p.m. at Hicks Cemetery with Ed Clere officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sorey died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at her

She was born on Aug. 11, 1951, in St. Brides, Va. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her parents, Haywood Wilson Sorey Sr., and Stella Lou Phillips Sorey and two brothers, Richard Sorey and Billy

She is survived by two daughters, Tammy Kreski, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Charlotte Diane Dabney and husband, Kirk, of Pensacola, Fla.; two sons, Donald Ray Bowman Jr. and wife, Tracy and Billy Ray Bowman, all of Murray; two sisters,

Judy Chavis and Mary Padgett, both of Pensacola, Fla.; three brothers, Roy Sorey, of Pensacola, Fla., Haywood Sorey, Jr. and Bobby Sorey, both of Chesapeake, Va.; seven grandchildren, Billy Ray Bowman, Jr. of Pensacola, Fla., Jessica Bowman, Ashley Bowman and Donald R. Bowman III, all of Murray, Jett Moon, of Jacksonville, Fla., Johnny Duke and Heather Duke, both of

Online condolences may be made at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com. J. H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-

Hilda Mae Parks

Hilda Mae Parks, 90, of Murray, Ky., died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn.

Mrs. Parks was born May 5, 1921, in Brewers, to the late Ira and Lala Treas Joseph. She was a homemaker and a member of Sinking Springs Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Coy Haden Darnell; second husband, Otto S. Parks; and one brother, Willie Wade Joseph.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Hargis and husband, Gary, of Cleveland, Tenn.; two stepsons, Larry Parks and wife, Joella, of Murray and Jerry Parks and wife, Yvonne, of Benton; one brother, Wavil Joseph and wife, Lola, of Benton; and nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at 1 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Carl Butler will officiate and burial will follow in the Sinking Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be left at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by The J.H.

Douglas L. (Ootbeer) Draffen

Churchill Funeral Home.

Douglas L. (Ootbeer) Draffen, 64, of Benton, Ky., died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at his residence.

Mr. Draffen was a chemical operator at Air Products and was a member of Hardin Baptist Church. He was the son of the late Weldon P. Draffen and the late Martha (Cox) Draffen.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters, Jonda Gale Story and Jennie Lynn.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennie Hughes, of West Paducah and one grandchild.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at Briensburg Cemetery in Benton with the Rev. Ricky Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at the cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Collier Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hardin Baptist Church, 6867 U.S. Hwy. 641 South, Hardin, KY 42048. Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home Benton.

Larue (Dunn) Spann

Funeral services for Larue (Dunn) Spann, 91, of Murray, Ky., will be held Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at 1 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home with Richard Youngblood and Hollis Miller officiating. Burial to follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation was held from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Spann died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at the Glendale Place of

She was born in Calloway County on April 20, 1920, to the late Walter Gray Dunn and Fannie (Morgan) Dunn. She worked at South Central Bell Telephone Company and later was the owner and operator of Town and Country Dress Shop of Murray. She was a member of University Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Spann who died on Nov. 15, 1994; one sister, Frances Davis; and two brothers, John Dunn and Morgan Dunn.

Mrs. Spann is survived by one daughter, Julia Spann Hoard, of Pleasant View, Tenn.; one son, Bob Spann, of Murray; one brother, Jim Dunn and wife, Margaret, of Murray; sister-in-law, Dorothy Dunn, of Murray; three grandchildren, Matthew Spann, Michael Hoard and Shelby Hoard; one great-grandchild, Devin Eli Spann; as well as a dear friend, Ethel Johnson of Murray.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to New Pathways for Children, PO Box 10, Melber, KY 42069. Online condolences can be made at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com.

J. H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. This is a paid obituary.

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Arab League tells Syria again to halt violence against defectors

By AYA BATRAWY and **ZEINA KARAM**

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) - The Arab League demanded Sunday that the Syrian government immediately stop all violence and allow more monitors in, as activists reported at least 10 more civilians, including two teenagers, were killed by regime forces.

Fierce clashes in the south between government troops and military defectors left 11 soldiers dead, activists said. The Arab League also called on other armed parties to halt all bloodshed, an apparent reference to the defectors.

Qatari Foreign Minister Sheik Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jabr Al Thani said the ministers did not agree to call for U.N. experts to join the observers' mission in Syria, but said U.N. experts will train the monitors in Cairo before they leave. Even had they called for the U.N. experts to go in, Syria's regime may well have blocked them.

The success of the mission, said Al Thani, who heads the committee, "depends on the government of Syria, and that means stopping the killings, withdrawing troops from the cities, and allowing journalists to work and enter Syria."

The ministerial committee called on "the Syrian government and various armed groups to immediately halt all forms of violence and to return to protesting peacefully for the success of

the Arab League observers' mission in Syria.

At the meeting, the head of the observers issued his first report on the mission, sharing photos, maps and initial findings.

The five foreign ministers from the 22-member Arab League, who met in Cairo, said the 165 Arab League monitors now on the ground need greater independence from President Bashar Assad's regime.

The monitors are supposed to be ensuring Syrian compliance with a plan to end the government's crackdown on dissent. The Arab League plan calls on Syria to remove heavy weaponry, such as tanks, from all cities, free all political prisoners and allow in human rights organizations and foreign journalists. Syria agreed to the plan on Dec.

Opposition activists say around 450 people have been killed by Assad's regime since observers began work in Syria nearly two weeks ago.

A Syrian activist in Cairo, Thaer Al-Nashef, told The Associated Press that the regime is misleading the observers and that the mission has done nothing to resolve the crisis. He said the issue should be dealt with at the U.N. Security Council.

"The monitors have not moved the situation forward or backward in Syria. At the same time the regime is killing the Syrian revolution," he said. "The Arab League should stop this staged

performance, because the Syrian regime is not adhering to the agreement."

Arab League Secretary General Nabil Elaraby said observers will continue their monthlong mission in Syria, despite claims by activists that the mission is giving cover to Assad's crackdown on protesters and delaying further action.

He also defended the choice for head of the mission, Sudanese Gen. Mohammed Ahmed Al-Dabi, saying his military experience was useful on the ground. Al-Dabi has drawn criticism because he served in key security positions under Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who is wanted for crimes against humanity in Darfur. Although the Arab League

said it needs more monitors in Syria, ministers on Sunday did not name an exact number. Initially, the League had requested to send 500 monitors, but so far Syria has allowed in only 165.

The Qatari foreign minister told reporters after the meeting that the League is aware that the mission has not fulfilled its goal of stopping the bloodshed.

"Is what happened, ideal? We want to do more," he said. "We know that the Syrian people have made a decision, but what we want is to lessen the losses, human losses.'

According to the U.N., more than 5,000 people have been killed since March.



Pictured are members of WMHS TV

WMHS TV benefits from new teleprompter

Special to the Ledger

Members of the WMHS TV 13 finalized their 2011 Tiger Stripes Holiday Show with a new teleprompter. Dr. Ron Cella, Murray Foundation For Excellence president, and Dr. Wayne Bell, Murray Foundation For Excellence treasurer, were on hand when the students used the piece of equipment for the first time during their final taping segment of the show. Through donations made to the

MISD Foundation, grants are allotted to numerous MISD academic programs. Purchasing the new teleprompter was made possible through a grant the MISD Foundation awarded to the WMHS TV 13 program. "We are excited about this example of foundation contributions being put to good use," Cella said. Sherry Purdom, WMHS TV 13 Broadcast Journalism advisor, said the students are excited that this much-

needed piece of equipment is now available for their use in each show the class produces. "We are extremely grateful for this to help enhance all our efforts each time we film our final segments," she said. "A huge thank you is sent from us here at WMHS TV 13." For more information on making donation to the Murray Foundation For Excellence contact Dr. Ron Cella, or Dr. Wayne

Bits of Russia space probe set to fall Jan. 15

MOSCOW (AP) - Fragments of a failed Russian space probe are now expected to fall to Earth on Jan. 15, officials said Wednesday.

The unmanned Phobos-Ground probe was launched Nov. 9 on what was supposed to have been a 2 1/2-year mission to the Mars moon of Phobus to take soil samples and fly them back to Earth, but it became stuck in Earth's orbit and attempts to send commands that could propel it toward the Mars moon were unsuccessful.

As the probe's orbit slowly deteriorated, space officials predicted it would come crashing down between late December and late February.

A precise date was given Wednesday by a spokesman for the air and space defense troops, who said any fragments that do not burn up in the atmosphere are expected to fall to Earth on Jan. 15.

The date could still be affected by external factors and Defense Ministry troops are monitoring changes in the probe's orbit, Russian state news agencies quoted Alexei Zolotukin as saying.

The failed spacecraft weighs 13.2 metric tons (14.6 tons). Most of that weight, about 11 metric tons (12 tons), is highly toxic fuel. Experts have said that if the fuel has frozen, some could survive the plummet to Earth, but that if it is liquid it will likely combust from the heat of re-entering the atmos-

KSP seeking robbery suspect Staff Report

LEDBETTER, Ky. — The Kentucky State Police is seeking information on an armed robbery that occurred Friday, Jan 6, at about 9:40 p.m. at the Minit Mart in Ledbetter.

Troopers believe a white male, armed with a handgun, robbed the Minit Mart and took an undetermined amount of money before fleeing the scene.

At this time KSP report the suspect is a white male approximately six feet tall. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt or hoodie, had a blue bandana partially covering his face, and was wearing a multi-colored baseball hat.

The suspect should be considered armed and dangerous and citizens are reminded to not approach or attempt to apprehend him, but to call law enforcement. KSP was assisted on scene by Livingston County Sheriff's Office and McCracken County Sheriff's Office K-9

Police ask anyone with information to contact the Kentucky State Police Post 1 at (270) 856-3721. or if they wish to remain anonymous call 1-800-222-

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GOP race has yet to fully test Romney

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

By CHARLES BABINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) -Mitt Romney's surprisingly easy rise to the top of Iowa presidential polls, aided by his GOP rivals' in-fighting, masks vulnerabilities he will have to confront eventually.

Even if he wins, Romney has yet to excite his party's restless conservative base.

His rivals' focus on each other has let Romney skate along with minimal focus on his contentious health care record and his changed positions on abortion, gay rights and other issues since his days as Massachusetts governor.

Romney has run a smart, nearly mistake-free campaign so far. But his string of luck and efficiency might have a dark lining.

He hasn't been forced to hone incisive answers to tough questions certain to rise in debates if he faces only one or two remaining GOP opponents, or Obama.

Romney appears testy on the rare times when pressed about his policy shifts and his Massachusetts program that required residents to obtain health insurance.

Democrats enjoy replaying a Nov. 30 Fox News interview of Romney expressing irritation at such questions.

But Romney has benefitted from a relatively weak field of rivals who, from the start, mostly criticized each other in hopes of becoming the party's conservative alternative.

Those candidates' various problems have left them "too weak to exploit Mitt Romney's vulnerabilities," which include his tenure at a corporate takeover firm and "the number of times he has reinvented his positions," said Jen Psaki, a former Obama White House

"But regardless of when the field narrows," she said, "there will be plenty of time to explore his record in more depth."

Allies say Romney will come under hotter fire in New Hampshire, whose GOP primary is

"New Hampshire is the perfect state to have a debate over Romneycare and to have a debate about tax-paid abortions, which he signed," Gingrich told reporters.

"And to have a debate about appointing liberal judges, which he did."

It's not clear that Gingrich will have enough money to wage an effective campaign prove long-lasting.

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against Romney in New Hampshire or South Carolina, which votes on Jan. 21. But Romney's consistent failure to galvanize the GOP base leaves a door open for the others to keep asking conservatives to coalesce around an alternative.

If that fails, and Romney becomes the nominee, then Democrats can hope right-wing disenchantment will depress Republican turnout in November. Many Republicans scoff at the idea. Animosity toward Obama and his economic record will unite conservatives, they

Playing off that idea Monday, former Sen. Rick Santorum urged Iowa's undecided Republicans to nominate a true conservative, himself. Alluding to Romney, Santorum implored voters to "not settle for someone as your nominee who might be able to win the election but it might be a pyrrhic vic-

In the type of second-tier squabbling that has shaped the campaign for months, Romney didn't need to counter-attack Santorum by himself. Texas Gov. Rick Perry called Santorum a weak candidate who can't defeat Obama. On MSNBC, Perry noted that Santorum badly lost his 2006 Senate re-election bid in Pennsylvania, proving "he can't win races when it matters against a liberal Democrat."

Romney held an overwhelming lead on one key question: who is most electable next fall. He trailed far behind Gingrich on "who is most knowledgeable." Iowa Republicans ranked Romney fifth when asked who is "best at relating to ordinary

The flip-flop issue might be less useful to Obama than to Romney's Republican rivals, who are trying to woo staunchly conservative voters in the primary. By reminding general election voters that Romney once supported legalized abortion and gun control, Obama might make the former Massachusetts governor more attractive to all-important independent voters.

If that happens, Romney's campaign savvy and luck will

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Drug reform, Ky. agriculture and ID theft

Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. The most recent installments

in "Prescription for Tragedy," The Courier-Journal's ongoing investigative series into the state's prescription drug epidemic, turned its focus to overmedicating doctors and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that is supposed to protect the public.

The five-month examination produced a troubling picture: "a pattern of permissiveness" toward troubled physicians, liberal doses of second and third chances for doctors who have run out of chances in other states, a severe drop in the number of serious sanctions imposed on physicians - and an unwillingness on the board's part to answer questions about its disciplinary cases and its policies.

Prescription drugs kill about 1,000 Kentuckians each year, and "Prescription for Tragedy' detailed how some physicians and the board responsible for stating medical licenses have been players in that tragedy. The board's 15 members include 12 doctors and osteopaths.

As one former drug trafficking official told reporter R. G. Dunlop of the apparent toothlessness of the board, "It boils down to this: Doctors want to police themselves - and it doesn't work.

If the licensure board was sketchy in its answers to Courier-Journal questions, Gov. Steve Beshear told the newspaper that the board plans to take "swifter, more decisive action" against "drug-dealing doctors who are no longer practicing medicine but who are instead enabling IN OTHER WORDS

The following are editorials from newspapers across Kentucky offering divergent points of view about issues of importance.

devastating addictions."

House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he would offer legislation to strengthen and streamline the state's prescription monitoring system and to require the board to take "prompt action to curtail the prescribing privileges of anyone convicted of inappropriate prescribing.

The state also needs to look at bringing physicians' standards in line with those of lawyers and pharmacists, who can lose their licenses permanently after a felony conviction and who can be given suspensions of three to five years.

Herald-Leader

Lexington, Ky.

The industry fought back vigorously against demonic government scientists and misguided local critics, tarring both with charges they were threatening the very fabric of Ken-

tucky's life and livelihood.

In 1991 when a Miss Kentucky endorsed the Great American Smokeout to encourage people to stop smoking cigarettes she came under fire from the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association. "I don't think it is appropriate for Miss Kentucky to speak out against smoking," Danny McKinney, chief executive officer of the association, said at the time. "I would hope that more people would appreciate what

tobacco has done for Kentucky." Two years later the director of the University of Kentucky's tobacco and health research program assailed an Environmental Protection Agency report that classified secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen, saying the agency had used "bad science," and predicted dire consequences if the trend toward smoke-free workplaces continued. "I don't know where all this is leading, but to me it's scary. It's almost back to prohibition."

Sound familiar? No wonder coal has been so quick and effective in battling back against the legions of scientists and citizens who question the impact it has on both human and envi-Twenty years ago the tobac- ronmental health and who advoco industry was under siege. cate for a diversified energy strategy. Tobacco had already written the playbook Tobacco did decline but the

world did not come to a crashing end, not even in Kentucky.. Kentucky agriculture has survived, and thrived. A more diversified Kentucky agricultural sector will top \$5 billion in cash receipts for the first time this year. Change is hard and it's scary, but the story of life after tobacco proves it can be for the best.

Daily News Bowling Green, Ky.

Crime prevention at its most basic level begins with all of us. An alert store clerk at Best Buy helped thwart a woman

who claimed to be working a scam in this area with a group of people from Chicago. The people were allegedly attempting to open fraudulent credit accounts using stolen identities. The clerk who was processing the woman's credit application noticed when she asked the woman for personal identifying information such as her birthday, the woman had to look at her cellphone before providing the clerk with an answer. City police were called and arrested the woman.

On the surface, this type of crime seems like just another scam to help line the pockets of a greedy crook and may. in fact, be just that simple in this case.

But what if it's not? Identity theft and credit card fraud are often used to fund terrorism. The actions of any group depend largely on the availability of money. Long before 9/11 and the word "terrorism" became a household term, authorities intercepted a coupon fraud ring in 1987 One of the people involved was a cell leader of a terrorist network, according to a 2007 FBI Law Enforcement

Bulletin. Because we know that fraud and identity theft can be used to fund terrorism, it is important that regular people, from a store clerk processing a credit application to the average citizen keeping tabs on his or her credit report, be vigilant.

We may never know the full story about who orchestrated this alleged scam or why But we do know that the actions of one person gave investigators a starting point.

What to watch for in

By Joe Gandelman Cagle News Service

The political pundits and psychics - which most assuredly are almost the same if you look at many pundits' actual track records — are now making self-assured predictions or poking fun at psychic predictions.

But there are indeed some things to look for politically this year, which could give us a clue to where America is heading as it zooms further into the 21st century.

• The Political Center: After Barack Obama's election it became clear that America's political center that had shifted right over the past decades was under attack

Since the New Deal coalition days the center shifted right due to Democratic liberals' poutiness and political ineptness which helped the GOP gain some solid, agenda changing victories. Both parties' bases the Republicans' conservative base and the Democratic left — often diss centrists and on various occasions have tried to run them out of their party. Few moderates exist anymore

in Congress.

Republicans talk about RINOS (Republican in Name Only) and Dems about DINOS (Democratic in name only). Which way will the center shift by June? And why?

The center moderates and conservatives are important in elections. An August Gallup poll found that things have not changed much since 2009 and 2010: 41 percent self-identify as conservative, 36 percent say they're moderate, and 21 percent describe themselves as lib-

Clearly, neither conservatives nor liberals can win without moderates - you, know, those people they say are mushy, ignorant, don't stand for anything. He who woos the moderates has a better chance to win.

· Mitt Romney Tip Toeing Back to the Center: Watch the former Massachusetts Gov. if as many expect — he is the GOP nominee for President. He'll likely move back to the center as much as possible and try to spin it so he doesn't lose GOPers such as Tea Party members. Which is

what conservatives fear.

· The Right: Will conservatives embrace onetime moderate Romney when they spent the whole last year frantically trying to find somebody anybody — else?

Last week, as former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was on his way to Hermancainland and Rickperryland, conservatives seemed to be smiling on former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum. Will their thirst to defeat Barack Obama and watch him concede still hold or will ideological purity cause many to stay home?

·Liberals: America's liberals over the years decided they'd teach their party a lesson when they didn't like policies or candidates and stay home.

They sure did: they taught their party a lesson by losing the hold on the federal bureaucracy had during the New Deal, New Frontier and Great Society; they taught their party a lesson by giving Republicans a chance to appointment GOPers to courts and dominate the Supreme Court; they taught their party a lesson so badly that they won't use the word

"liberal" and now insist they are "progressives." ("Liberal? What liberal?").

Now many can still only talk about being mad at Obama because there was no "public option" on health care or applaud the retirement of centrist Democrats.

Will they gift the GOP with a majority to eliminate "Obama care" and close the deal on the Supreme Court? Will Democrats pout away more power again?

· Barack Obama to the Center: Obama has been edging closer to the center during 2011 while GOPers running for President, conservative websites and blogs and conservative radio and TV show hosts have been in a race to show who is more purely conservative.

If Republicans keep this up Obama can stand still and own the center.

And the psychics? Several are already predicting an Obama win (one predicts a GOP sweep).

But in 2012 forget about the tea leaves. Keep an eye on the important trends.

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DATEBOOK Wellness seminar to be offered at HCMS



Datebook Jessica Morris, Community

Take Shape for Life, a weight loss and wellness program, will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Henry County Medical Center classrooms 2 and 3. The seminar is free, but pre-registration is encouraged by calling (731) 644-3463 or online at www.hcmc-tn.org. HCMC is located at 301 Tyson Avenue, Paris, Tenn.

Polar Plunge Rebate Night

Special Olympics is hosting a Rebate Night Wednesday, Jan. 11, at The Big Apple Café, Murray, from 11 a.m. to midnight. The Apple will donate 10 percent of all receipts put in the Polar Plunge bucket

CCHS SBDM Council will meet

The Calloway County High School-Based-Decision-Making council will meet in regular session Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 3:30 p.m. in the media center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

to help support Special Olympics. The public is invited to attend.

Storytime Tuesdays offered by church

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 100 South 15th Street, offers Storytime Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. for children from birth to 5 years of age. In addition, there's music interaction, snacks and crafts plus a coffee bar for moms, grandmothers and caregivers. Call 753-6712 for more information.

Active Parenting classes offered

Active Parenting Now classes will be held Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9,16 and 23; March 1 and 8, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calloway County Extension Office, Murray. A one-time fee of \$35 per person or \$45 per couple will be due, which covers the meal served and book. A certificate will be provided upon completion of all six classes. No childcare will be available. For information, call 753-1452.

Calloway County Schools survey online

The 2012-13 Calloway County Schools Calendar Survey has been posted on the Calloway County Schools website. The purpose of the survey is to solicit input from Calloway County School District stakeholders regarding the school calendar. To participate, visit www.calloway.k12.ky.us and click on "District Calendar" on the left navigation bar. The survey link and draft calendars will be open through Monday, Jan. 16.

Applications available for board members

The Calloway County Public Library is currently accepting applications to fill an unexpired term for the Calloway County Library Board of Trustees. Application packets are available in the office of Judge-Executive Larry Elkins or at the library. All applications will be reviewed by the Library's Board of Trustees. The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, Jan. 18. For more information, call Mignon Pittman at 753-2288.

TOPS meeting Tuesday at FCC

Murray Chapter #616 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at First Christian Church. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Sheila at (270) 227-1723.

Bingo to be held Tuesdays at KoC

The public is invited to Bingo Night, held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 332 Squire Rd., Murray. Please note the building is a non-smoking facility. For more information, contact Kevin at (270) 293-7061.

Parkinson's group will meet Tuesday

Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, at noon at the Weaks Community Center. Persons coming for lunch should arrive by 11:30 a.m. For information, call Dixie Hopkins, 753-6001.

Murray Star Chapter #433 to meet

The Murray Star Chapter #433 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. in the dining room of the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call Connie Stalls, RN, at 753-0576.

MMS SBDM Council will meet

The Murray Middle School-Based-Decision-Making council will meet in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m. in the Media Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Genealogical Society to meet

The Calloway County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at Pogue Library. Mr. Bob Valentine will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Martha at 753-5624.

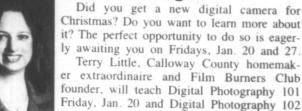


CHRISTMAS MUSIC: The Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club met recently for a gift exchange. Pictured is Joanne Bowker, who presented a program of piano Christmas music. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Hostesses will be Susan Strong and Norma Frank. Strong will also give the Thought for the Day. David Hudspeth will present a program on The Main Street Youth Center.

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The ladies of the Oaks Country Club held their regular bridge play Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m. with Shirley Jenstrom as hostess.

Winners were Patsy Neale, first place and Melva Hatcher, second place.

Bridge will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 9:30 a.m. You must sign up in advance for play. Call Judy Hooper at 753-6498. All members are welcome.





A VERY KAPPA CHRISTMAS: The Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club recently held their Christmas Party. Pictured, from left, are Dorinda Craig, Pat Miller, Jamie Helton, Gay Evans, Jennifer Ernstberger, Cathy Pigg, Kim Grasty, Evelyn Wallis, Sharon Bybee, Martha Roberts and Vicky Holton.

American Legion to Adrenaline Fitness: offer scholarships

Special to the Ledger

American Legion posts in western Kentucky are getting ready to host the 2011/2012 Oratorical Scholarship contest for high school students, to be held Sunday, Jan. 22, at the George Weaks Community Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. Student registrations begins at 1 p.m. and orations begin at 1:30 p.m.

The scholarship contest is open to all high school students in western Kentucky who are under the age of 20 and currently enrolled in a school (public, parochial, private, military or home school) that has a curriculum considered to be of high school level commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12. Complete rules can be found at www.legion.org/orator-

Participants are required to give a "Prepared Oration," which is an original speech on any aspect of the U.S. Constitution. This speech must be between 8-10 minutes in duration and emphasize the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Participants are also required to speak for 3-5 minutes on any of

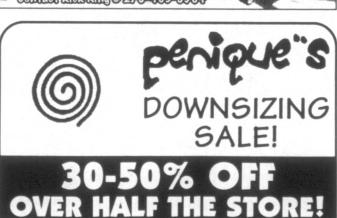
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The American Legion First District contest winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. The Department of Kentucky (State) winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; second place receives \$800 and third place receives \$600. State winners who participate in the national contest's first round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. Scholarships awarded at the National Contest include \$18,000 for first place; \$16,000 for second place; and \$14,000 for third place.

Any student interested in participating can register or for more information, contact Mark Kennedy, First District coordinator, at 752-3333 or e-mail usmc1965@bellsouth.net. Registrations will be accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 18.

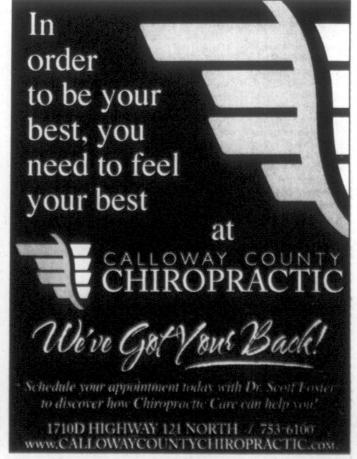




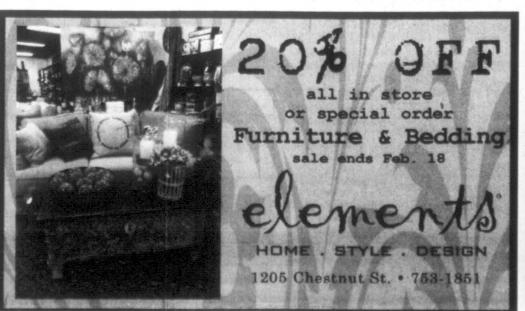


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Tricks for avoiding dry, itchy winter skin

NEW YORK (AP) — If it's dry and cold where you live, work or play, it's winter skin season, but the fixes may not be as obvious as they seem.

Rather than bide your time until April, The Associated Press er. asked dermatologists for tips on seasonal care and protection to to stay hydrated but cautions stave off itchy, flaky and that moisture from the extra flucracked skin

-Don't take extra hot showers. As much as you want the comfort of that heat when it's chilly, there's less moisture in the air during winter and hot showers can further dehydrate your skin, said Dr. Neil Sadick, clinical professor of dermatology at Weill Cornell Medical College.

"Make showers as tepid as you can tolerate," he said. If you can't stand the chill, find a space heater safe for bathroom use.

Dr. Alicia Zalka, associate clinical professor of dermatology at Yale, put it this way: "Take shorter, fewer, cooler or soap free showers." By soap free, she means stay away from products that contain detergents

because they can remove protective, essential oils.

—Don't assume that drinking water or replacing fluids internally is enough to keep your skin healthy during cold weath-

Zalka is all for drinking water ids can evaporate if not trapped by the epidermis, the skin's outer layer. Moisturizing is so important this time of year because it protects the outer layer from winter's wrath while retaining natural moisture from

"If you've got the driest of dry skin, the best defense for that is a couple of days of plain old Vaseline, as a a sealer and a protectant," she said. "If the skin is already cracked, it does not

Remember that certain beverages are dehydrating, such as those containing alcohol or caffeine, so consume them in moderation, said Clinique dermatologist Dr. David Orentreich.

-Don't necessarily stick to

the same skin products for face and body. Orentreich said a skin care regimen that worked during the warm, humid days of summer may not provide the same results in cold weather.

Change your cleanser from a strong to milder formulation. gentler and your moisturizer proper moisture. She said B from light to richer, he suggests.

"Humidify the air in your home, especially in your bedroom so that healing and repair can take place while you sleep," Orentreich said.

—Don't forget sunblock. It's just as important during winter as it is in summer, experts say, especially during winter sports like skiing at high altitude.

"In the winter it feels cold because very little infrared light reaches the earth," Orentreich said. "The opposite is true in the summer. However, in the winter ultraviolet light is 90 percent as strong as it is in the summer but since we can't feel or see it we mistakenly think it's absent,

Application of a broadband

screen once a day should suffice, Sadick said.

Don't ignore hair and nails. They're made of the same basic compounds as the skin and crack and split in similar fashion, Zalka said. "I don't think people realize that when nails your exfoliator from strong to split it's 90 percent from lack of vitamin supplements improve skin, hair and nails.

> especially during winter. "They're better for the skin when ingested, rather than when vou put them on the skin topical-

> ly," Zalka said. Orentreich said clothing can protect exposed, sensitive skin such as the cheeks and hands but be careful of fabrics like rough wool that can further irritate

> chapped skin. Zalka said wearing slightly loose cotton gloves to bed after applying a sealant will speed the healing process for hurting hands and nails.

For hair, Sadick said use a conditioner more frequently during winter.

by Jacqueline Bigar

A key relationship will deepen, encouraging greater trust and caring. You also could be involved with this person financially. If you are single, you will meet someone quite significant. Greet a sudden change with optimism -- in the long run, you will see many benefits. You could opt for changes around your home and family. Some of you will add to your household, remodel your home or change residences. The new factor will reflect where you are in life. LEO understands you nearly too well.

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*** You have answers when others don't. Your natural ingenuity emerges no matter what you are doing. Allow more play and fun into your life. An idea might strike you as off-the-wall, even if it is your idea when you look at it. Tonight: Go with your heart.

★★★ Honor your priorities, and you will find that you won't be thrown by a sudden insight. Make family and your personal life your highest priority. Check out an investment carefully. Understand what is happening beyond the obvious, then decide. Tonight: At your pad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You have pushed far and beyond the obvious. You might not be sure what to do next. Use self-discipline and timing. It is through setting an example that you can instrument change. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Understand your liabilities if you follow the suggested course What might be excellent for the majority might not be workable for you. Be more open to the unusual path. Listen to a respected boss or friend. This person understands you well. Tonight: Just don't go overboard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You seem destined toward excess. Surprising news comes forward, allowing for unthought-of possibilities. A boss or authority figure could be demanding, but he or she also means well. Take this person's behavior in the spirit in which it is meant. Tonight: Let the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ You might be inclined to play down a situation, making less of it than need be. Once relaxed, you can move forward and make a big difference. Listen to what is being shared. In your head, you might wonder why certain information was given. Tonight: Play it low-key.

*** A meeting easily points to a new direction. You might want to reverse a present situation. A sense of well-being and confidence occurs naturally when dealing with people, making you more inclined to take a risk. Think before you leap. Tonight: Zero in on what is

★★★★ You could feel betrayed in some sense or pushed to the max. You might want to get more of an impression as to where someone else is coming from. An unanticipated development could color your day. Stay true to yourself. Tonight: Follow the crowd. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Keep reaching out for more information. You will get just that.

but you might need to detach a little, too. Your perspective could change radically given a few hours. Take as much time as is wise. Don't jump the gun. Tonight: Get tickets to a play or a concert.

★★★★ A direct interaction confirms many of your thoughts. Both you and the other party will flourish. A situation kindles greater insight. Don't overreact to this newness. Keeping a perspective could be equally as significant. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Sometimes others are challenging and difficult. Today is no exception. Don't take another person's comments personally, even though you are sure they are directed at you. Unexpected words, conversations and interactions in general are scheduled for today

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Get as much accomplished as you can. Sooner rather than later, you will find a reason to let your mind wander. Live life to the fullest, and you will only gain. Grow with the moment and be willing to adjust. You are about to have a lot land on your plate. Tonight: Honor your energy levels.

L00 years after sinking Titanic items to be sold

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -Items as small as a hairpin and as big as a chunk of the Titanic's hull are among 5,000 artifacts from the world's most famous shipwreck that are to be auctioned in April, close to the 100th anniversary of the disas-

Nearly a century after the April 15, 1912, sinking of the ocean liner that hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic, a New York City auction is being readied by Guernsey's Auctioneers &

That auction house has garnered headlines in the past by selling off such historical curiosities as prized Beatles photos, famous jewels of the late Princess Diana, beloved Jerry Garcia guitars and a police motorcycle used in the Texas motorcade when John F. Kennedy was slain. But nothing as titanic as the so-called Titanic

On April 11, all of the salvaged items are to be sold as one lot in what Guernsey's President Arlan Ettinger describes as the most significant auction ever handled by that house.

'Who on this planet doesn't

know the story of the Titanic and isn't fascinated by it?" he asked. "Could Hollywood have scripted a more tragic or goose-bumpraising story than what actually happened on that ship?"

"It is as poignant to my 12year-old son as it is to me and generations before me. There's no end to the fascination about

The auction will be conducted 100 years plus a day after the Titanic set sail Southampton, England, embarking on the ill-fated maiden voyage that had New York as its destination.

The collection was appraised in 2007 at \$189 million, including some intellectual property alongside the myriad items plucked by remote controlled probes from the pitch-black depths, some 2 and 1/2 miles below the ocean's surface.

Those artifacts include the massive hull section called "The Big Piece" as well as personal belongings of passengers and crew, such as a mesh purse and eyeglasses. A bronze cherub that once adorned the Grand Staircase is also among the collection, as are fine china, table

settings, bottles and ship fittings even the stand upon which the ship's wheel stood.

By court order, the items cannot be sold individually and must go to a buyer who agrees to properly maintain the collection and make it available for occasional public viewing. The sale is subject to court approval.

Ettinger and officials with RMS Titanic Inc., which salvaged the artifacts from the Titanic wreck, spoke to The Associated Press in advance of a media preview Thursday in New York. The AP first reported on the auction Dec. 29, based on financial filings by RMS

The planned sale also could include a trove of archaeological data and visuals of the wreck, as well as the only detailed map of the vast ocean floor where all the artifacts were scattered after the Titanic's sinking

The Titanic's sinking claimed the lives of more than 1,500 of the 2,228 passengers and crew An international team led by oceanographer Robert Ballard located the wreckage in 1985, 400 miles about Newfoundland, Canada.

The research materials could be a road map to future salvage expeditions because of the new information they provide on the wreck site.

"We are opening the door of opportunity for the future of the Titanic," said Brian Wainger, a spokesman for Atlanta-based Premier Exhibitions Inc., of

which RMS Titanic is a division. But the clock is ticking on thousands of additional artifacts embedded in a 3-by-5-mile section of ocean floor around the wreck, an area subject to a century of extreme ocean conditions such as cold temperatures and treacherous currents.

"I think it's fair to say that we have only touched the surface," Wainger said.

The deteriorating hulk of the Titanic is off limits to salvage.

The auction is subject to approval by a federal judge in Virginia whose jurisdiction for years has given oversight to legal issues governing the salvage of the Titanic. The Titanic treasures were amassed during seven risky and expensive trips to the wreck.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012: You could feel touched by the many gestures of good will this year.

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Looking Back

Ten years ago The 2002 Calloway County High School Homecoming Court was Megan Rogers, Janessa Morton, Anne-Marie Dunlap, Casey Cornelison, Laura Holt and Tera Rica Murdock. A queen will be crowned during half-time of the boys varsity basketball game again Marshall County.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy A Hammack, Murray, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 12, with a reception at University Church of Christ.

The Murray State Lady Racers beat Tennessee State 66-58 at the Gentry Center. Senior forward Susan Tackett scored 25 points for MSU.

The Calloway County girls' swim team placed fourth among nine teams during a meet last week. In the 200-meter relay events, Rachel Barber, Lora Hopkins, Kayla Simmons and Serena Brittian comprised the fourperson relay squad.

Twenty years ago

Pictured were people lining up at 6 a.m. by the Department of Employment Services office to file new employment applications for Briggs and Stratton. Officials at the employment services office said they did not know how many jobs, if any, were available.

Recent births at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Jan. 6, include a girl to Mitzi and Michael Jones, Cadiz, a boy to Jeri Weatherford, Murray and a boy to Margaret and Jim Keatts.

The Rev. and Mrs. Randolph Allen, of Murray were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 24, at the home of their daughter, Nancy Jackson, of Normal, Ill.

A long-time resident of Calloway County, Reba Beasley, will celebrate her 100th birthday Jan.

Pictured is Danny Joe Hutson, celebrating his third birthday on Jan. 8. He is the son of Donny

and Lisa Hutson, of Hazel. The D.A.R.E. program for Murray and Calloway schools was the theme of the Jan. 2 meeting of the Murray Civitan Club. Mel Jones, Murray police officer, and certified D.A.R.E. train-

er, was guest speaker. Thirty years ago

Workers continue with the renovations of the old post office into the courthouse annex. A combined district court-circuit court clerk's office was given top priority for completion in the renovation project.

Recent births at Volunteer Hospital, Martin, Tenn. for Dec. 16 include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hargrove, Martin, Tenn.

Pictured is Bobby Allen, Jr., 13, displaying his first geese taken on Ballard Count Waterfowl area. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen.

Forty years ago

A grant of \$52,201 had been awarded to Murray State University by National Science Foundation to conduct a summer science institute for junior and senior high school teachers of gen-

Fifty years ago

Randy Patterson had been named the winner of 1961 Soil Conservation Essay Contest, according to Lowell Palmer, chairman of the Calloway County Soil Conservation District.

Murray State College Thoroughbreds beat Easter 82-80 in basketball. Eastern had been undefeated this season. Jim Jennings had 25 points for Murray.

Sixty years ago

Ensign John Mack Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.Z. Carter. had been called to active service in the United States Navy. He had been assigned to minesweeper, USS Toucan, homeported at San Francisco.

Joe H. Spann was a junior at Friends University, Wichita, Kan. where he was majoring in health and physical education.

Name change is a roadblock on couple's trip to the altar

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'Kip," and I are being married next year and we have only one disappointment. It's about my keeping my last name. I don't want to take Kip's last name.

I have had the same name for 33 years and I do not believe a



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

man who neither of us knows, and who had no positive influence on our lives. I'm part of a close-knit family. and I am proud to bear the name of my father -- a hardworking, dedicated Vietnam veteran.

Am I out of line? We will accept your answer because we are unable to resolve this our-STANDING MY GROUND

DEAR STANDING: While most women still change their names to their husband's (or hyphenate them), those who don't usually have established themselves in a career in which they are known by their maiden name. Others fear that if they change their names they'll lose their iden-

No one can or should decide this for you. However, if Kip did know his dad and the man was a fine, upstanding citizen, would you feel differently? Remember. you are marrying Kip, not his father, and I assume your fiance is a wonderful person. Given your logic, because he had no relationship with his father, should he change his name to yours? Please make no decisions about this until

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, you two have talked this out more

DEAR ABBY: My siblings and I never hear from my grandmother unless she's in town, and then it's usually for one day out of the two weeks she's here. She never calls on holidays, birthdays or just to say hello. Yes, we call her on these special days.

We have other grandparents who wouldn't let a week go by without calling to ask how we are or just to talk.

My mom is a grandma to my oldest sister's children and when she doesn't see or hear from them within a week, she'll call or visit them. (By the way, my grandmother is retired, very healthy and travels.) What's wrong with her? -- HURT FEELINGS

DEAR HURT FEELINGS: I agree that you didn't get the standard-issue doting, cookie-baking grandmother. Not knowing her, I can't explain the reason for her distant behavior, but probably it has nothing to do with you. She may be preoccupied, or have something to do with the relationship she has with your parents. If you really want the answer the person you should ask is your grand-

DEAR ABBY: When I'm out in public, there's always someone saving, "Oh, you're so TINY!" or, "I didn't see you down there," or, You're so CUTE!" Abby, I am 83 years old with white hair. I was never tall to begin with, and I have lost close to 4 inches due to osteoporosis.

Please remind your readers to abstain from making remarks about a person's size. I don't feel "cute," and I don't appreciate the constant reminders about my disability. Am I too sensitive? -- VER-TICALLY CHALLENGED

VERTICALLY DEAR CHALLENGED: I don't think so. You have stated your feelings very well, but I'm pleased to remind readers.

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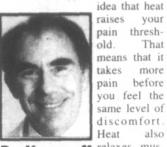
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a lot of discomfort from osteoarthritis. A friend suggested heat therapy. What is heat therapy, and does it work?

DEAR READER: Yes, heat therapy can help relieve the pain and stiffness of arthritis.

Heat therapy is based on the idea that heat



Dr. Komaroff relaxes muscles.

By Dr. Anthony Komaroff

One of the best things about heat therapy is that you can do it yourself You don't necessarily need professional treatments.

For example, warm baths (hydrotherapy) are used by many physical therapists, but hydrotherapy can also be done at home A hot tub or a bathtub equipped with water jets can closely duplicate the warm-water massage of whirlpool baths used by profes-

Of course, oversized tubs are expensive. For most people, the bathtub works nearly as well. Soaking for 15 to 20 minutes in a warm bath exposes the body to warmth and allows the weightbearing muscles to relax.

A warm shower may also help. Consider getting an adjustable showerhead massager. They're inexpensive and easy to install. It should deliver a steady. fine spray or a pulsing stream, with a few options in between. One thing I emphasize with

my patients is to dress warmly

after a shower or bath to prolong the benefit. You need to hold in the heat.

I remember a patient of mine. a man in his 50s, who suffered from muscle spasms and loved to take long, hot baths and showers. Whenever he got out of the bath or shower, he felt so great that he celebrated. He did this by doing stretching exercises "in the buff" (he lived alone). The stretching exercises were a great idea: When relaxed by heat, muscles are stretched more easily. But the "in the buff" thing was a bad idea. With his body needing to keep a temperature of 98.6 degrees F, and his apartment at 70 degrees, his loosened muscles tended to stiffen pretty fast.

A heating pad is another good idea -- and keep in mind that moist heat penetrates more deeply. You can purchase hot packs and moist/dry heating pads, but a homemade hot pack works just as well. Heat a damp, folded towel in a microwave oven for 20 to 60 seconds or in an oven set at 300 degrees F for five to 10 minutes.

To prevent burns, always test the heated towel on the inside of your arm before applying to a joint: It should feel comfortably warm, not hot. To be extrasafe, wrap the heated towel in a thin, dry one before placing it on the skin.

We have a lot more information on other self-help strategies for osteoarthritis besides heat in our Special Health Report, 'Arthritis: Keeping Your Joints Healthy." You can find out more 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.)

Today In History

By the Associated Press Today is Monday, Jan. 9, the

ninth day of 2012. There are 357 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: In 1951, United Nations head-

quarters in New York was officially opened.

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In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

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In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from

In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes.

In 1960, on his 47th birthday. Vice President Richard Nixon became a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space

probe made a soft landing on the

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moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1995, in New York, the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other defendants accused of conspiring to wage holy war against the United States began.

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: A U.S. military tanker plane crashed in western Pakistan, killing all seven Marines on board.

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Hints From Heloise DVR! Heloise: work late and

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to watch later. I am always running low on DVR (digital video recorder) space. I have both high definition (HD) and regular TV channels. I found that if I record a show on the regular channel, it takes up less space on my DVR than a show recorded on the HD channel does. I can get more shows stored now that I figured this out. -- Michael

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Good advice, and something I've learned to do also. Thanks for writing. -- Heloise

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Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for all your readers who are moth-

REGULAR ers with small kids: Most pack-TV TOPS ages of name-brand diapers and HD -- ON wipes come with reward codes on them. You can redeem them online for coupons, toys and other prizes. Dear Rhonda in Indiana

> **FAST FACTS** Dear Readers: Empty potatochip cans can be used:

* To store uncooked spaghetti or pasta. * As a piggy bank. Cut a slit

* As a gift container. Decorate and fill with cookies to give to a friend.

* To store crochet or knitting

* To keep children's small toys.

Heloise

HEARTWORM IN CATS Dear Heloise: Thank you for spreading the word about the danger of heartworm to pets. Most people think of dogs when talking to vets about heartworm. However, it affects cats, too, and can have greater consequences. Many dogs can be cured, but there is no cure for heartworm in cats. If the worm doesn't hatch, it can still cause heart problems -- my cat developed a heart murmur. Please use a preventive (I use a topical for heartworm once a month). Make sure whatever you use not only controls fleas, ticks

and other pests, but mosquitoes

(heartworm transmitters), too. You might just be saving your pet's Diane K., Galt, Calif. **EASY CHEESE**

Dear Heloise: I have a quick and-easy recipe for cheese sauce. Mix equal parts packaged cheese product sold in a box and cottage cheese in a food processor. You can put in more cheese or more cottage cheese, depending on how "cheesy" or "light" you want it. I've used it hot over vegetables or cold as a veggie or chip dip. -- Candy in Omaha

Candy, we tested this hint in Heloise Central - both heated because it combines the two, and mixed together at room temperature. Cold, the consistency is slightly coarse and a little lumpy; heated, it is creamy. Also, using cottage cheese can help stretch therefore saving money. -- Heloise

SOUND ON Dear Readers: Recently, while making a personal appearance, I used valet parking. The attendant noticed my inspection sticker was expired and told me. I was thankful he did! He saved me a possible ticket and aggravation. He went above and beyond his job description, and I really appreciated it! And he got a big tip. too! -- Heloise

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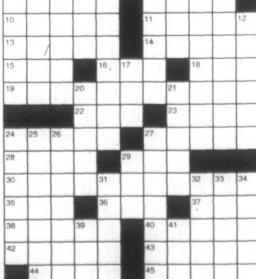
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Canaan ball!



Ed Daniel, seen here celebrating after his team's 87-75 victory, played a big role in the win, netting 19 points and 11 rebounds. Murray State now sits just one win shy of the best start in program history.

ISAIAH CANAAN SHINES, PICKING UP A GAME HIGH 35 POINTS ON SEVEN 3-POINTERS

By RICKY MARTIN Sports Editor

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. -Isaiah Canaan is the first to admit he sometimes isn't as aggressive as he needs to be.

Canaan, who entered Saturday night's contest against Austin Peay as Murray State's top scorer, says his coaches emphasized his aggressiveness

aggressive, because sometimes and finished the opening frame I back off of the gas." Canaan 10-for-11 from the field with 27 said. "They told me we couldn't have that tonight.

Dave Loos and Austin Peay the basket was as big as ever

wish they hadn't.

Canaan, who was averaging nearly 18 points per game entering Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference rivalry tilt, scored Murray State's first 16 points against the Governors, scoring a game-high 35 as the Racers dismissed Austin Peay on its home floor 87-75.

Canaan connected on all seven of his three-point

The junior point guard said

early on Saturday night, as was

"The basket was real big," Canaan said with a smile after his 35-point performance. "The shots I was taking were falling, so I was just telling my teammates to find me until I missed and it took about eight or nine shots until I missed.

"It felt like each shot that I took was going to go in, so I just kept going at it."

Canaan's first-half performance Saturday had many around the country watching on "(The coaches) told me to be attempts during the first half, ESPNU, including CBS Sports' Seth Davis, labeling it one of the the greatest halves of hasketball they had ever seen from Canaan, and about another

With Canaan rolling, the

Racers throttled the Governors out of the gate, jumping out to a 17-point lead midway through the first half.

Austin Peay would battle back, however.

Trailing 34-17 with 8:39 remaining in the first half, the Governors went on a 12-2 run, pulling to within seven at 36-29

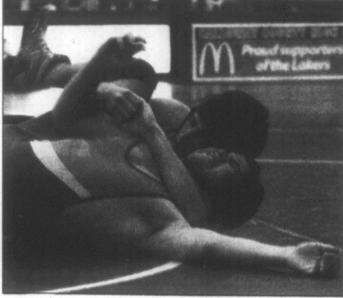
with 4:49 left in the half. Eventually, Austin Peay would knock the deficit down to just five, a lead the Racers would take into the locker room after a Canaan buzzer-beater to end the half.

From there, the game became much less about

■ See RACERS, 10

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PREP WRESTLING: REGIONAL DUALS



GREG WADDELL / Ledger & Times

Rustin Burkeen and Calloway County just could not seem to find a rhythm Saturday.

Calloway County struggles at Duals

CHARLIE COURTNEY, NICK WALLS, AND LEVI BRIGGS GO UNDEFEATED

By GREG WADDELL

Assistant Sports Editor Staying at home to compete in the Regional Duals over the weekend, the Calloway County Lakers found themselves in a bit of an unfamiliar situation Saturday as nothing seemed to go their way. Struggling to find any consistency, the Lakers dropped all three of their matches.

For a team with its fair share of success this season, the results were a little uncharacteristic as head coach Dickie Walls said his team came out of the gates a little

"There were bright points but we came up short in all three of our matches," Walls said. "We had some kids that wrestled really well; three kids went undefeated (Saturday), but most of the guys wrestled a little tentative. (I don't know if it) was the size of the tournament with as many teams as we had or it being the regional duals with the chance to go to wrestlers." State on the line or what it was, but they just seemed to come out Nick Walls (115) opened the a little timid. We're definitely improving every week on tech-

nique and we continue to improve with our execution which is vital, but if we can get a little bit of aggressiveness along with that execution we'll be where we want

With the stakes high and a chance to advance to the state tournament on the line, the Lakers struggled to gain the upper hand on the regional competition. Still, of the many factors weighing against them, the biggest may have been out of their control as a lack of wrestlers led to too many forfeits and cost Walls and his squad dearly.

Their first close match of the day, Caldwell County, was a testa-

"That was a very close match and really came down to the fact we had some weight classes empty," Walls said. "It basically came down to one weight class that we didn't have anyone in and they scored six points off on the forfeit. If we had had someone in that class then we would have won that meet. Our guys executed well against them, (but) Caldwell has a couple of really good

Scott Ruttman (108 lb.) and

■ See WRESTLING, 10

PREP SWIMMING: MURRAY NEW YEAR INVITATIONAL



GREG WADDELL / Ledger & Times

Eb Weber and Murray High managed a win in combined scoring to continue their unbeaten streak.

Murray wins meet in combined scoring

CALLOWAY GUYS FINISH 6TH IN RETURN OF O'BRYAN, ANDERSON

By GREG WADDELL

Assistant Sports Editor Another meet, another win for the Murray High Tigers. That much has become common place this season as the Tigers and head coach John Wand made waves once again Saturday, capturing the Murray New Year Invitational.

Calloway County, on the other hand, made improvement of their own, capturing a sixth place finish on the boys side with the return of Marco O'Bryan and Andy Anderson.

On the girls side, Murray High had the clear upper hand, walking away with the top spot in the competition, while Calloway finished in 9th. The boys portion, on the other hand, saw a lttle more parity as the absence of Daniel McGee weighed on the Tigers as they finished in third, while Calloway finished three places and 23 points behind in sixth. Still, overall, Murray proved to be too strong as a whole, stretching out their unbeaten streak in combined scoring with another win.

On the individual level, Murray had plenty of success as

Leading off, Lauren Erickson

See SWIMMING, 10





AUSTIN PEAY 71, MURRAY STATE 63

Comeback attempt falls just short

ASHLEIGH MCBEAN PROVIDES SPARK FOR MURRAY STATE

By RICKY MARTIN Sports Editor

CLARSKVILLE, Tenn. -Murray State women's head coach Rob Cross didn't have an answer for where his team's focus went in the final five minutes

against Austin Peay. All he knows is that it wasn't with them inside the Dunn Center Saturday afternoon.

Thanks in part to some uncharacteristic turnovers and their inability to handle Austin Peay's pressure, Murray State couldn't hold on to a halftime lead, falling to the Lady Govs 71-63 Saturday afternoon.

For Cross, the loss was one that his team may have inflicted upon itself.

"I don't have an answer," he said after the game. "We definitely shouldn't turn the ball over when other teams press us because we spend so much time in practice doing against presses. We got out of character, we were ready for them to press us and as soon as they did we got out of character and started holding the ball over our head and looked up

the court rather than attacking." Things looked much different in the first half for the Racers, however.

Freshman forward Ashleigh McBean, who Cross has had high praise for since her arrival on campus, finally showed Racer fans the offensive production that Cross has been seeing in practice, besting her previous career high in just the first half.

The 6-foot-3 Aussie had 14 points and three rebounds in the first half, and junior All-OVC guard Mariah Robinson said her presence was key in the early going, as the Racers were able to exploit a definite height advantage over the Lady Govs.

"It was big to see her come out and play that way in a game,' Robinson said. "We see it in practice, how skilled she is, and it was big for us to have her play that way early on.'

McBean wasn't the only Racer doing damage on the inside against Austin Peay in the first

Senior Kayla Lowe has six rebounds in the first half alone, and the Racers out-rebounded Austin Peay 30-17 in the opening

Still, the Lady Govs trailed by only a point at 27-26 entering



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times Mariah Robinson goes to the hole looking for a basket against Austin Peay. She would finish with 17 points.

"We had great energy in the first half," Cross said. "We did a great job on the boards and I'm proud of the effort Ashleigh McBean gave. We finally got to see in a game what she's capable of doing offensively, that was good to see.

Carrie Daniels and her Lady

■ See LADY RACERS, 10

Govs made the right adjustments

at halftime, however, and were

able to hold McBean, as well as

Murray State leading scorer Erica

Burgess at bay for the final 20

points in the second half, while

McBean scored only two

minutes en route to the victory.



KHSAA Sports Prep Boys Basketball Saturday Today Fulton City at Murray, 7:30 p.m.

KHSAA Sports Prep Girls Basketball Saturday Calloway County 45, Reidland 21 Today Reidland at Murray, 6 p.m.

Hopkinsville at Calloway Co., 7:30 p.m.

NFL Playoff Glance All Times EST Wild-card Playoffs Saturday

Houston 31. Cincinnati 10 New Orleans 45, Detroit 28 Sunday New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2 Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23 (OT)

Swimming

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GREG WADDELL / Ledger & Times

Natalie Hahs had a day to remember, breaking a 200 IM record set in 2002.

won the 50 and 100 free events, breaking her own 100 free record close out the scoring. in the process, while also helping Forfeits would continue to to capture the 200 and 400 relays haunt Calloway County the rest of in dramatic fashion by teaming

Abby Gibson. Against Fort Campbell and Abby Gibson also won the 200 Ohio County, the Lakers would free while clocking in her best wrack up nine more losses via fortime and finished 4th in the 100

Still, not all was bad as Walls, Courtney and Wilson picked up pins against the Falcons and Morrison and Dinh recorded wins

the day as things didn't get much

better from there.

Against the Eagles of Ohio County, though, wins were a little more far and few between as Walls was the only wrestler to record a pin, but Courtney, Briggs and Wilson picked up wins by for-

The Lakers will return to the mat Thursday as they travel to Graves County for a 6 p.m. tilt.

50 free and 2nd place showing in the 100 free and Weber finished 2nd in the 200 IM with his best time and 3rd in the 100 butterfly.

Other top finishers for Murray include Trent Lyons, who was 6th in the 200 free and 2nd in the 100 back, and Will Shelton, who swam a best time in the 500 free and finished 5th. Shelton also added a 6th place finished in the 100 backstroke.

As a relay team, the boys in black used a comeback in the 200 Medley Relay to finish 2nd, while clocking in at 3rd in the 400 free

For Calloway, O'Bryan and Anderson made their return to the pool memorable as each found a way to impact the team from the opening whistle.

Their presence was felt immediatelty as each clocked in with important finishes to help fellow swimmer Phillip Valardo.

O'Bryan was the most impressive of the three, turning in a win in the 100 free with a time of :53.63 and a 2nd place showing in the 200 free (1:59.02) despite still battling the nagging shoulder injury. Still, that doesn't mean

Anderson and Vilardo didn't make some waves as well as Anderson clocked in 4th in the 100 free and Vilardo finished just

For the girls, Natalie Hahs, was the most impressive, capturing a 2nd place finish in the 500 free with a time of 6:04.94 and a 5th place time in the 200 individual medley.

Racers

From Page 9

experienced junior on the Racers' roster.

Forward Ed Daniel had only four points and four rebounds in the opening half of play, and Murray State first-year head coach Steve Prohm said he challenged his big man once his Racers got into the locker

Canaan said he did the same. "I told my teammates that those looks I had in the first half weren't going to be there in the second half," Canaan said. "I told them it was time for them to get open and make shots that I pass to them.

"I told Ed it was time to step up. He had been doing a great job, but I told him going into the second half we were going to need him to rebound and run the floor and he came out and did that. He did a great job of responding.

Daniel finished the game with 19 points and 11 rebounds, adding three blocks in the victory as well.

Loos said Daniel's performance was just one that stood out to him in the second half.

"They've got a terrific basketball team," Loos said. "Canaan in the first half was incredible, I've never seen anyone shoot the ball any better than that, but they have more than Canaan.

Canaan did the majority of his damage in the second half from the free throw line, particularly down the stretch as Austin Peay tried to extend the game after getting close to overtaking the Racers on several occasions.

Austin Peay first got to within a basket with 13:55 left to play, cutting the Murray State lead to 57-55 after a TyShwan Edmonson layup.

Canaan knocked down a pair of free throws, however, to spark a run that put Murray State back on top by as many as eight.

At the 11:30 mark, the Governors cut the lead back to three, but once again, Murray State had an answer, this time in the form of senior guard Jewuan Long, who knocked down a free throw and then a layup off of a steal to keep the Racers out in front.

Austin Peay made one final push with 5:55 left to play, getting to within three at 72-69, but a pair of free throws from Daniel and a jumper from Long kept the Governors on ice, allowing Murray State to sustain every Austin Peay blow.

Prohm said his team's ability to hold on to the lead in a hostile environment impressed him, but that his team is still working on dealing with the loss of senior forward Ivan

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"We scored a bunch early, and I thought then we were good in transition," Prohm said. "Then we didn't slow the game down and get better shots we had big leads. Our decision making wasn't as great as it needed to be, but our toughness and our character was.

The Racers got out-rebounded 19-15 in the first half, but eight of Austin Peay's 19 boards came on the offensive glass, somewhere Aska would have certainly been able to con-

After Daniel's huge second half, Murray State finished the night with just two fewer rebounds than the Governors, a place Canaan said the Racers could have been more vulnerable at during the second half if not for Daniel.

"He had been taking on that role to where he has to up his game to a new level," Cannan said. "He did that tonight."

Afterwards, Prohm called the Racers' victory over Austin Peay the biggest of the season.

"Great win, biggest win we have had all year," Prohm said. 'Not because of the rivalry, the rivalry is great, but because it's a road conference win. We are 4-0 in the league and that's why it's the biggest win of the sea-

"Anytime you go on the road in conference and get a win is huge, especially against a very good Austin Peay team.

The Racers' 16-0 start is tied for the best in school history. Murray State will have a chance to break the record Thursday night against Jacksonville State at home inside the CFSB Center.

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match with wins by forfeit against the Tigers, but were followed by Levi Briggs' (121) pin and two losses by forfeit in the 128 and 134 pound classes. The next wrestler, Chris Hall (140), finally picked up the Lakers first pin, dispatching his opponent in just 29 seconds.

That would be followed by two more Lakers getting pinned, though, as Bryson Elliot (147) and Rustin Burkeen (162) fell in their respective classes before a pin by Austin Holstrum (154) and wins by forfeit for Charlie Courtney (172) and Tyler Wilson (184) gave the Lakers a chance. That said, the last three classes ended the match on a bad note as Aaron Morrison (195) and Christian Dinh (222) found themselves victims of pins before a loss by forfeit (287) to

> PREP BASKETBALL

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STAFF REPORT

Fresh off their overtime thriller against Marshall County Friday, Calloway County took their show to the road Saturday, traveling to nearby Reidland where they dispatched the host Lady Greyhounds 45-21.

Abby Futrell led the charge this time for Scott Sivills' balanced squad, pouring in 13 points.

Alysaa Cunningham the two key Calloway players against the Lady Marshalls, turned in another solid performance Saturday, notching nine points, while Karlee Wilson (6), Lauren Benson (4), Darien Maness (4), Summer Simmons (4), Taylor Futrell (3) and Abbey Spann (1) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Lakers.

tonight as they host Hopkinsville

Lady Racers

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Burgess struggled from the beginning, finishing the afternoon with just six points on 1-for-7 shooting with six turnovers.

Meanwhile, Whitney Hanley and Leslie Martinez began to catch fire for the Lady Govs, a combination that Cross said his team simply couldn't handle down the stretch, despite his team's best efforts on the offensive end to keep things close.

"Leslie Martinez played terrific." Cross said. "Her energy and the things she did off the dribble were really the difference in the game down the stretch. Whitney Hanley, she closed out the game for them, but the energy that Martinez had and the shots that (Shelby) Olszewski hit were the difference in the game.

Hanley finished the night with a game-high 26 points, while Meghan Bussabarger added 18 and Martinez chipped in 14 for the Lady Govs.

Murray State was led by Robinson's 17, followed closely by McBeans' 16 points.

After falling behind by as They'll return to the court many as nine in the early stages of the second half, the Racers were able to get within four with 5:27

left to play, trailing the Lady Govs

with Celeste Sigueiros, Neely and

butterfly, while Neely Gibson was

2nd in the 200 free and 5th in the

for Murray, Siqueiros was 4th in

the 200 free and 5th in the 100

back, while Megan Wilson and

Destiny Pitsenbarger swam their

best time in the 500 free and

Wilson finished 5th in the 100

McKenna and Eb Weber did an

admirable job in leading the team

in Daniel McGee's absence as

McKenna picked up a win in the

For the Murray guys, Connor

breaststroke with her best time.

Rounding out the top finishers

From there, Austin Peay went on a 10-0 run to steal the game away from the Racers.

The biggest difference in the final push from the Lady Govs wasn't just their pressure on the Murray State offense, but Austin Peay was aided by the fact the Racers committed several unforced turnovers down the stretch, something Cross' squad generally doesn't do.

Murray State finished with 19 turnovers on the afternoon, and Austin Peay turned those 19 turnovers into 29 points, perhaps the most glaring statistic in Cross'

"We can't have 19 turnovers playing at this pace and win a ball "Not agains this team on this floor. We did some good things offensively down the stretch, making some shots to stay in the game, but in the end it wasn't enough because we didn't do what we needed to do defensively.

The Racers will return to action tonight, as they welcome Eastern Kentucky into the CFSB Center for their first conference home game of the 2011-2012 sea-





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