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Saturday, Feb. 18 / 5:05 p.m.

Delta Mariner relocated to Paducah for dry dock

By ANGIE HATTON Staff Writer

The Delta Mariner was expected to reach its next berth in a Paducah dry dock by dawn Tuesday. The vessel was cleared to travel Monday after salvage operations were completed on the ship that struck the Eggner's Ferry Bridge near Aurora on Jan. 26.

Lt. Jennifer Jessee, U. S. Coast Guard interim public information officer, said an inspection team made up of the Coast Guard and the American Bureau of Shipping cleared the vessel for departure shortly before 8 p.m. Monday evening. The vessel was scheduled to travel overnight to a dry dock at Paducah Marine Service, a repair facility owned by James

Marine, Inc., of Paducah. Crews finished cutting away the last bits of debris from the ship's bow late Monday afternoon. Salvage operations were delayed for 36 hours over the weekend, noted Jessee, due to winds in excess of 30 mph. The

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WEATHER



Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain or drizzle before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 43. South wind 7 to 10 mph becoming west.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of rain after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 52. South southeast wind between



Happy Valentine's Day!



ANGIE HATTON / Ledger & Times

VALENTINE'S BOUQUET: Mary Ann Armstrong of Cherry Tree Florist & Gifts fills an order for a dozen roses for Valentine's Day. The shop was filled with arrangements awaiting delivery Wednesday afternoon. Staff expected to work into the evening to fulfill well over 100 local orders.

President's new budget: Higher taxes for the wealthy

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP Economics Writer

that seeks to achieve \$4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade but does little to restrain growth in the government's huge health benefit programs, a major cause of future deficits.

Obama's new budget was immediately attacked by Republicans as a retread of previously rejected ideas. The budget battle is likely to be a major component of the fall election campaign.

trillion of the deficit reductions in tax have done fantastically well over the WASHINGTON (AP) - President increases on the wealthy and by last few decades but that also benefit Barack Obama unveiled a \$3.8 trillion removing certain corporate tax breaks. the middle class, those fighting to get spending plan on Monday for 2013. Obama rejected GOP charges of class warfare. In his budget message, he said, "This is not about class warfare. This is about the nation's welfare."

In a message that repeated populist themes Obama also sounded in his State of the Union address, the president defended his proposed tax increases on the wealthy, saying it was important that the burden of getting deficits under control be a shared

responsibility. "This is about making fair choices

The president would achieve \$1.5 that benefit not just the people who into the middle class and the as a whole," Obama said.

Obama used an appearance before students at Northern Virginia Community College to unveil the budget and highlight a \$8 billion proposal that aims at boosting the ability of the nation's community colleges to train students for the jobs of the future. He told the students his budget was a "reflection of shared responsi-

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Walker's attorneys: **Due process** rights violated

By TOM BERRY Staff Writer

ttorneys for Jerry Wayne Walker A argued in Calloway

Monday morning that new charges

dismissed argued in Calloway Circuit Court against their client should be dismissed because the Commonwealth has violated his due process rights.

Walker, 35, of Paducah, is charged with second-degree manslaughter, first-degree arson of a public building, second-degree assault and 14 counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly starting a fire at MSU's Hester Hall Sept. 18, 1998. The incident resulted in the death of student Michael Minger, injury to student Michael Priddy and threatened the welfare of others, according to Kentucky State Police officials. Walker was indicted on the charges following a special-called Calloway County grand jury in September.

Walker has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

During court action Monday morning, Walker's counsel, Paducah attorney Richard Null, told Judge Dennis Foust the Commonwealth has shown prejudice against his client by a 10-year delay in filing charges since a 2001 trial in Christian County ended in a hung jury and dismissal of the case without prejudice. Null said his

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NWS: Weather advisory issued ahead of snow/ice

By HAWKINS TEAGUE Staff Writer

The National Weather Service called a winter weather advisory on Monday in anticipation of snow and freezing rain

before the morning. The advisory was scheduled to last from noon on Monday to 6 a.m. Tuesday. Greg Meffert, meteorologist with the NWS in Paducah, said Monday that snow was expected in the Murray area between 5-7 p.m. and that it would probably transition to a drizzle or freezing drizzle by midnight.

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Carville, Matalin bring excitement to MSU lecture

By HAWKINS TEAGUE

Staff Writer

While married political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin don't agree on much, they said were both impressed by the students they met during their visit to Murray State University and that today's youth would make good future

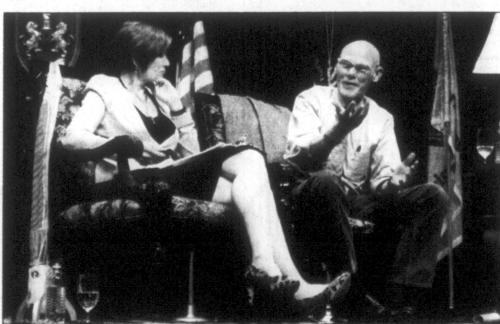
Carville and Matalin began dating in 1991, and were later that year hired as the chief strategist for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's presidential campaign and the director of President George Bush's 1992 re-election campaign, respectfully. The two are regularly seen talking politics on television and have written multiple books between them, including one together called "All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President." Their appearance at Lovett

Auditorium Monday night was part of the annual Presidential Lecture Series.

At one point in the evening, Matalin and Carville talked about how Americans consume news coverage. Carville said that many people mostly read, watch or listen to media that reaffirms what they already believe. Matalin said that while older people especially follow this trait, younger people tended to be more open-minded and were more likely to expose themselves to diverse points of view. Carville said one should try to be around as many people that are different from oneself as possible, adding that a university was a good place to do that.

"I had an opportunity today to spend some time with the young people here, and you should

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HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times

Mary Matalin and James Carville sit on the Lovett Auditorium stage Monday night as they answer questions from the audience at Murray State University's Presidential Lecture.

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■ MSU lecture...

From Front

speak very proudly of what this institution is and be very proud of the young people that live here," Carville said. "I spent 45 minutes just talking to them, and the level of engagement, the knowledge of what's going on, the interest of what's happening in the country (is great). I always tell people that our younger generations in some ways are better than we deserve."

Not surprisingly, the couple discussed their opinions and analysis of the 2012 presidential race. Matalin said presidential elections are always about how the public feels about the future and are always a referendum on the incumbent when a president is running for a second term. Since the economy is still struggling and the majority of voters have indicated that they do not think the country is on the right track, re-election should be a challenge to President Obama,

On the other hand, Matalin said members of Obama's campaign team knew what they doing and would put a great deal of effort into "micro-targeting" voters whose views most closely aligned with the president's. She said Obama had also raised a lot of money and that his "super PAC," or political action committee, would also go a long. way toward keeping him competitive with whomever the Republican nominee turns out

Carville said Obama should probably be facing a tougher reelection battle than he is right now, but that he was blessed to currently be facing a weak front-runner with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. Carville said there had been nine different Republican front-runners since the beginning of the race, so it was clear that not enough voters had rallied behind Romney yet. Matalin said it didn't help

Romney that the Republican nomination process changed so much compared to the past, with fewer winnertake-all states. She said this removed the incentive for runners-up to drop out of the race.

Toward the beginning of the lecture, Matalin said people always ask her and her husband how they manage to stay together with such strongly opposing political views.

We do it the way all successful marriages do it - we ignore each other," Matalin said. "Which is kind of hard in our situation, particularly with him being so ubiquitous. So I can't listen to him on the radio, I can't watch him on TV, I haven't read any of his books. I haven't read his half of the book we wrote

Matalin said at an earlier press conference that with their daughters being 13 and 16 years old, there are always plenty of nonpolitical topics to discuss around the house. On top of that, they both root for the New Orleans Saints, she said.

together.'



TOM BERRY / Ledger & Times

Jerry Wayne Walker, seated at left, listens as his counsel, Paducah attorney Richard Null, standing center, requests - during a hearing Monday morning in Calloway Circuit Court - that Judge Dennis Foust dismiss new charges against his client. Walker is facing revised charges related to a 1998 Murray State University dormitory fire that resulted in the dealth of one student and injured another.

Walker attorneys...

From Front

request should be granted on several grounds including fraudulent evidence, lost material evidence and records. He argued the decade-long delay, requesting the trial take place in Calloway County and lost of material evidence gave tactical advantage to the prosecution.

Commonwealth's attorney Mark Blankenship denied either he or Kentucky State Police officials who asked him to reopen and review the case have demonstrated any prejudice against Walker or intentionally delayed prosecution or were seeking tactical advantage against the accused.

"I would rather lose this case than win it by cheating," Blankenship told the court.

Blankenship said some of the factors leading up to new charges against Walker involve

new technology that gives investigators new information concerning the path and timing of the fire that swept through the dorm. Blankenship also stated he was not aware of the loss of any recordings of an interview with Walker by police that Null claims have been lost.

Blankenship also stated he would be willing to move an upcoming trial, now scheduled to begin Friday, July 6, to anotha fair trial. He noted that a review of Walker's 2001 trial showed some facts were not entered into evidence and some witnesses were not called to tes-

Following arguments from both sides, Foust said he would review the defense's motion and announce a decision concerning the request to dismiss at a later tion of guilt. date. No further hearings were

Foust has previously denied a motion to dismiss the case, but allowed an appeal. During action in Marshall County Circuit Court in November, Null argued for dismissal on the grounds the Commonwealth waited too long to proceed with charges, violating Walker's right to a speedy trial. Dismissal was also sought on double-jeopardy and improper venue grounds. Those motions were denied.

Walker, who was 22 years old in 1998 when the incident er county to ensure Walker gets occurred, was initially charged with murder and arson. The resulting 2001 trial ended with a hung jury, a mistrial and dismissal without prejudice; meaning Walker could face charges

An indictment means a grand jury has decided there is enough evidence to proceed with charges, but it is not an indica-

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.



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James Carville took time Monday afternoon before the press conference and subsequent Presidential Lecture to answer questions from a small group of students in the Curris Center's small ballroom. THEFOLK CONTRACTOR

Budget...

From Front

bility."

While administration officials defended the overall plan as a balanced approach, Republicans attacked it as failing to enough to restrain the deficit, which Obama had promised in 2009 to cut in half by the end of his first

"This isn't really a budget at all. It's a campaign document," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "The president is shirking his responsibility to lead and using this budget to divide.'

Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said that Obama had ducked "the responsibility to tackle this country's real fiscal problems.

Ryan is preparing an alternative to Obama's budget that will be similar to a measure that the House approved last year but failed in the Senate where many lawmakers objected to a major overhaul to Medicare.

"We do not intend on backing off on anything," Ryan said in an interview. "We intend on giving the country an alternative

and a solution to our biggest problems.'

Republicans challenged the math underlying Obama's budget, saying it double-counted deficit reductions already approved in an August budget deal and also claimed \$848 billion in savings from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan even though this money would not have been spent.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney attacked Obama's spending plan for failing to "take any meaningful steps toward solving our entitlement crisis.

This year's budget debate is expected to dominate the presidential contest and congressional elections with the issue not finally resolved probably until a lame-duck session of Congress after the November election, when lawmakers will have to decide what to do with expiring Bush-era tax cuts and looming

across-the-board spending cuts. Obama's new spending plan projects a deficit for the current budget year of \$1.33 trillion, marking the fourth straight year that the deficit would top \$1 tril-

The spending plan projects the deficit would decrease to \$901 billion in the 2013 budget year,

which begins Oct. 1. That reflects \$3.8 trillion in spending next year, an increase of 0.2 percent over this year's expected outlays, and a 17.5 percent increase in revenues.

The deficits are projected to gradually go down to \$575 billion in 2018, which would still be higher in dollar terms than Obama took office. It would be below 3 percent of the total economy, however, and thus at a level economists generally consider sustainable.

Obama's budget hewed closely to the approach he outlined in September in a submission to the congressional "supercommittee" that failed to agree on at least \$1.2 trillion in additional spending cuts to keep acrossthe-board cuts from taking effect next January.

The Obama budget stuck to the caps on annual appropriations approved in August that are designed to save \$1 trillion over the next decade. It also put forward \$1.5 trillion in higher taxes, primarily by allowing the Bush-era tax cuts to expire at the end of this year for families making \$250,000 or more per

Mariner...

From Front

equipment the crew was using to cut debris off the bow is rated for wind speeds no higher than 20 mph. Jessee said the delay was the only issue with the salvage operations, which have otherwise proceeded smoothly.

One of the things we said we wanted to do was conduct a safe operation, and it has been safe." said Suzanne Lagoni, a spokesperson for Delta Mariner owner Foss Maritime. "We've had no injuries reported. There has been no discharge of oil or anything like that into the waterway."

Lagoni said she does not know how long repairs will take in dry dock. She expected the cargo ship will continue to its destination of Cape Canaveral, Fla., once it leaves Paducah.

The ship is carrying rocket parts from the United Launch Alliance's factory in Decatur, Ala., for the U.S. Air Force and NASA. ULA does not expect the salvage and repair delays to effect scheduled rocket launches in April and August.

Calloway men face charges in connection with burglary spree

Staff Report

remain lodged in the Graves Office for questioning in con-County Jail on burglary charges nection to the case. Harness was following an arrest over the then taken to Graves County for

Graves County Sheriff Dewayne Redmon said deputies arrested Michael J. Duncan, 33, of Dexter, and Rodney Harness, 34, of Almo, for their alleged connection to several area burglaries.

Graves County Sheriff Dewayne Redmon said his office received a call of a burglary in progress on Jimtown Road Friday morning. Redmon stated that the caller remained calm and was able to get the license number and description of the car that was reported at her residence. He noted that the caller observed the individuals inside her residence but remained a safe distance away

Deputies arrived shortly after the individuals had left, stated Redmon. He said officers traced the vehicle to a house in Almo,

where Harness was taken to the Two Calloway County men Calloway County Sheriff's further questioning, it was

reported. Redmon said during the interview process, the Graves County Sheriff's Department believed it was able to link Duncan and Harness to 10 cases of burglary and thefts in Graves County and numerous cases in McCracken, Marshall and Calloway counties. Redmon estimates a burglary spree began the week prior to

Graves County has been in contact with law enforcement agencies in the other counties. Redmon added.

Redmon said the two individuals currently face several Burglary Second Degree and Theft charges and more charges are expected.

Individuals facing charges are presumed innocent until proven

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Weather...

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He said he was expecting the temperature to rise overnight and that any snow or ice that had accumulated should melt by sunrise or by 10 a.m. at the latest. He added that driving conditions on Tuesday morning would depend a great deal on the exact temperatures late Monday and early

"One or two degrees is going to make all the difference in the world," Meffert said.

Keith Todd, spokesman for Districts 1 and 2 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said in an email that KYTC crews would not be pre-treating area highways on Monday because the forecast called for rain in the approaching winter weather system and they didn't want the salt brine to wash away. However, Todd said crews still planned to prepare their equipment to be ready for immediate response as light snow showers and rain during the day changed over to sleet and snow.

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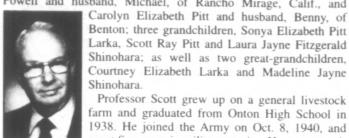
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Funeral arrangements for Professor Arlie Scott, 92, of Murray, Ky., will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home with Bro. Randy McClure and the Rev. Jim Stahler officiating. Burial to follow in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, at 2 p.m. Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, after 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Professor Scott died Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at Lourdes Hospital in

Professor Scott was born in Webster County near Onton on Dec. 1, 1919. He was the youngest child of the late John James Scott and the late Nancy Elizabeth Holmes Scott.

Professor Scott is survived by two daughters, Jayne Katherine Powell and husband, Michael, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., and



Shinohara; as well as two great-grandchildren, Courtney Elizabeth Larka and Madeline Jayne Shinohara

Professor Scott grew up on a general livestock farm and graduated from Onton High School in 1938. He joined the Army on Oct. 8, 1940, and spent five years in military service. He was wounded and taken P.O.W. on Dec. 6, 1942, near Tunis in

Larka, Scott Ray Pitt and Laura Jayne Fitzgerald

North Africa and spent two years and four and one half months as a German P.O.W. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was liberated by the Russians and separated from the Army on Aug. 30, 1945. Professor Scott married now the late Jayne Maxine Price on Sept. 9, 1945, the daughter of the

late H.B. Price and the late Mary Jayne Bilbray Price. He entered the University of Kentucky on Sept. 21, 1945, and graduated with a master of science degree in agriculture in the spring of 1949. He came to Murray State University to teach animal science and agriculture English in the fall of 1949. He retired June 30, 1984, after 35

years of uninterrupted service to Murray State University and with 41 years in the Teacher Retirement System. Professor Scott either received, served, or held positions in the following: served on the State and Calloway County United Way Boards for six years, was granted the title of "Duke of Paducah," Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture, a Kentucky Colonel, served on the State Extension Council four years and local and area extension councils for numerous years, served as vice president of State 4-H Extension Council and held all offices in local and area 4-H councils, treasurer of the Calloway County 4-H Council and Calloway Extension District Board for many years, he was a certified meat and animal live stock judge and has judged county fairs, steer shows, sheep shows and hog shows all over Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee and parts of Indiana and had the privilege of judging the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes Show and Sale and gained the nickname "Here Comes the Judge," served on Commissioner of Agriculture's Livestock Advisory Council, he stared as the first grader of first graded hog sale in Kentucky at Mayfield, and while grading the hogs trained a hog grader to take his position as he couldn't devote the time needed because of his teaching career, he graded the lamb sale in Mayfield, and judged the Sheep Show in Evansville, Ind., served as the director of the University of Kentucky Agriculture Alumni Association, served as director of Alumni for Calloway County to the Purchase Area Chapter for many years and was president of the chapter, he is a life member of the University of Kentucky Agriculture Alumni Association and Murray State University Alumni Association, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Purchase Area Chapter and the Life Time Achievement Award from the Purchase Area Alumni Chapter, he received the 55 Year Award as Friend of 4-H, served on the State Board of Kentucky Friends of 4-H, received the Epsilon Sigma Phi award as National Friend of Extension (one of three in

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Arlie and Maxine Scott Scholarship Fund, 106 Development Center, c/o Murray State University, Murray, KY 42071.

the nation), received the Life Time Achievement Award for 4-H,

received State Friend of Extension Award, he established the

Agriculture Field Day at Murray State University and co-sponsored

the Alpha Zeta chapter at Murray State University, established

Alpha Gamma Rho and formed the corporation in order to take title

to property and purchased the Beale estate which is now home to

Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho and he is number one

on the charter that granted the chapter official status, in 2007 he was

granted Murray State University School of Agriculture Support

Award, a charter member of the Murray Kiwanis Club in which he

was chartered in 1961 with 45 years of perfect attendance and

served in all offices and on the Board of Directors for 44 years and

was twice Lt. Gov. of Division Number 15, he received numerous

awards from the Kiwanis and is a life member of the Kiwanis

International, he was also a member of the First Baptist Church in

Murray where he served as the past president of his Sunday School

Online condolences can be made at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home

This is a paid obituary.

Lilburn 'Blackie' Shemwell

Lilburn 'Blackie' Shemwell, 88, of Murray, Ky., died Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, at his home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

William Edward Lightcap

William Edward Lightcap, 82, of Benton, Ky., died Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Collier Funeral Home

Judith Anne Morgan

Judith Anne Morgan, 70, of Murray, Ky., died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time at The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home

MPD January **Activity Summary**

Special to the Ledger Murray Department reports the following activity for the month of

January MPD spokesman Sgt. Scott Svebakken reported that there were 1.154 calls for service and performed 254 traffic stops. Officers wrote 164 traffic charges, with 53 of those being for seatbelt violations. The department had 43 criminal charges written with nine arrests for DUI and six charges for shoplifting. Police worked 84 traffic collisions, with eight of those resulting in injuries. There were 170 criminal cases opened during the month.





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Iva Lee 'Peggy' Knight

Iva Lee "Peggy" Knight, 83, of Murray, Ky., died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at Spring Health Care in Murray.

Born Sept. 29, 1929 in Trigg County, she was a member of Stewart County Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Knight Sr.; her parents, Isaiah Harris and Peachie Mae Hargrove Harris; two brothers, James Eugene Harris and Claude Henry Harris; and two sisters, Roberta Harris and Magaline Harris.

She is survived by one son, Roy Keith Knight Jr. and wife, Gail, of Murray; one sister, Shirley Stalls and husband, O.T., of Murray; one brother, Vernon Harris and wife, Sandra, of New Johnsonville, Tenn., two grandchildren Amanda Knight and Shane Knight, both of Murray; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at Imes-Miller Funeral Home with Jim Stahler officiating. Burial will follow in Murray Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at the funeral home. Arrangements are being handled by Imes-Miller Funeral Home and Crematory.

Barbara Ruth Beavers

Barbara Ruth Beavers, of Lake City, Mich., passed away Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at Lakeview Lutheran Manor in Cadillac. She was 77

She was born Nov. 18, 1934 to Treman Clint and Ruth Merle (Reed) Shekell in Murray. She moved to Detroit, Mich., in 1942. She married James P. Beavers in Detroit on Oct. 29, 1960 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 2007. She worked for over 45 years as a secretary in the automotive industry. They retired to the Lake City area in 2000. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Number 179, TOPS and attended Calvary Baptist

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, James

She is survived by two children, Johnnie D. Rose, of Michigan and Judith D. Raden and husband, Douglas, of Lake City, Mich.; two granddaughters, Erin Mallie and Nicole B. Priebe; three grandsons, Chase Leslie, Nicholas Leslie and Richard Patrick Riker; five greatgrandchildren; and one brother, Daryl Shekell and wife, Ginger, of

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Young Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Willis officiating. Burial will be at the Lake City Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 13, 2012, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Eastern Star serv-

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to a church of one's choice. To send a condolence to the family, visit www.youngfuneral.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Margaret Nell Jones

Graveside services for Margaret Nell Jones, 73, of Murray, Ky., will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Murray City Cemetery with Rob Ison officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, from 5-8 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Ms. Jones died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at Spring Creek Health

She was born in Murray on Jan. 10, 1939, to the late G.B. Jones and Pauline Ward Jones. She was a retired registered nurse and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Murray.

She is survived by one sister, Mary Ann Gardner and husband, Tony; one brother, Dan Jones and wife, Sharon, all of Murray; as well as seven nephews and one niece.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice, Murray-Calloway Endowment for Healthcare, 803 Poplar Street, Murray, KY 42071.

Online condolences can be made at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by The J.H. Churchill

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State announces Cultural District cities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) -The state has certified its first five Kentucky Cultural Districts.

The Kentucky Arts Council says the five are Berea, Covington, Danville, Horse Cave and Paducah, Independent reviewers chose the cities from a pool of 26 applicants.

Arts Council Executive Director Lori Meadows said in a statement that all the communities that applied have made headway in making the most of their cultural assets.

The Kentucky program is designed to showcase a community's character and assets. The council defines a cultural district as a "well-recognized, labeled, mixed-use area of a community featuring a high concentration of cultural amenities that attract local residents and visitors alike."

For more information about applying for certification, visit http://artscouncil.ky.gov/Opport unities/NEWaboutCulturalDs.ht

Appeals court asked to take redistricting case

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) -Kentucky lawmakers say a judge overstepped his authority in throwing out recently enacted legislative district maps and asked an appeals court Monday to reinstate the maps.

In documents filed with the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the Legislative Research Commission said Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd effectively drew a new map when he threw out the bill that

set the new lines for the 2012 elections. The lawmakers say drawing districts is a power reserved solely for them.

Shepherd ruled the new districts are out of balance and needed to be redrawn to comply with the "one person, one vote" mandate in federal and state law.

The filing also asked the appeals court to pass the case directly to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Five face charges in local marijuana trafficking case

Special to the Ledger

Murray Department and Kentucky State Police charged residents of Murray, New Orleans and Memphis, Tenn., with marijuana trafficking on Saturday.

According to spokesman Sgt. Svebakken, detectives with MPD and KSP conducted multiple search warrants Saturday looking for illegal narcotics. The first one was executed at 729 Riley Court. During the execution of the warrant, police reported locating approximately 6.9 pounds of marijuana, along with drug paraphernalia. MPD Narcotics Detective Chris Garland charged Latosha Ferguson, 24, of Murray, with trafficking in marijuana (more than five pounds), possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Garland also charged Willie Sibert, 32, of Memphis, Tenn., with trafficking in marijuana (more than five pounds), tampering with physical evidence and possession of marijuana. Sibert was also charged with two outstanding warrants of bail-jumping from Graves County.

A second search warrant was executed later in the day at 401 Maple St., Apt. 1, in Murray. During the execution of the search warrant, a large amount of marijuana was reported located along with a large sum of U.S. currency. Three people were arrested during this search warrant. KSP Detective Donald Bowman charged Dexter Durrante, 22, of New Orleans, La., with trafficking in marijuana (more than eight ounces). Patrick Robertson, 21, of New Orleans, was charged with trafficking (more than eight ounces) and Hanna McAllister, 18, of Murray, was charged with trafficking in marijuana (more









than eight ounces).

This was a combined law enforcement investigation that included MPD, KSP, U.S. Postal inspectors and the Drug Enforcement Agency. In total, more than eight pounds of marijuana were reportred seized as a result of the warrants. The estimated street value of the marijuana is over \$28,000, officials stated.

Anyone wanting to report any suspected illegal drug trafficking information can call the Murray Police Department at 753-1621 or Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

CCSO reports units, copper thefts

Special to the Ledger

The Calloway County Sheriff's Office is reporting multiple thefts within the past month of central heat and air units, as well as theft of copper wiring from such units.

The thefts have occurred at private residences, commercial buildings and churches said CCSO spokesman Sgt. Charles at callkyso@murray-ky.net.

Tidwell. Surrounding counties have received similar complaints, he said.

Anyone with information regarding these thefts or other crimes committed in Calloway County is encouraged to contact the Calloway County Sheriff's Office at 753-3151 or via e-mail

LBL has educational grants available

GOLDEN POND, Ky. (AP) Land Between the Lakes has grants available to help school

teachers pay for class field trips. The grants may be used by any public school within 100 miles of LBL, in Kentucky and Tennessee. They help cover the cost of transportation, facility admissions, program costs and dorm rentals. The grants apply during the 2012-2013 school year and the deadline for

schools to apply is April 30,

LBL programs are designed to support the Kentucky and Tennessee State K-12 curriculum guidelines for science, social studies, and arts and humanities

For more information about LBL's Educational Field Trip Grant, teachers can visit www.friendsoflbl.org and click on Education Resources or call 270-924-2038. Results will be posted by June 30, 2012.

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Democracy in action from Frankfort

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Greetings from Frankfort!

Anyone visiting the capitol this week would have enjoyed watching democracy in action, both on an individual level as well as a grander level.

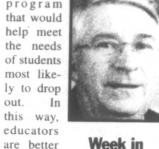
We passed legislation that made road travel safer for the Amish as well as the "English," we moved forward in education, and we found consensus on congressional redisprepared tricting even as legislative redisand at-risk tricting moved to the courts. students It was a full week. are better

First, let's look at how a small group of dedicated people can work to pass legislation meaningful to them. Senate Bill 75 which I sponsored passed unanimously from the chamber. Members of the Amish community in our area and around Kentucky felt that a current requirement for a bright-orange triangle mounted on the back of their horsedrawn buggies was a violation of their religious convictions against flashy displays. So many from our communities and others wrote to their lawmakers and worked together with them toward a safe solution that wouldn't go against their religious beliefs.

The resulting legislation allows for white or gray reflective tape to be used as an alternative. The provision requires at least 100 inches of it outlining the back of the buggy, as well as several feet of tape on both sides and the front. Supporters feel it is even safer than the orange emblem, a strong example of citizen-motivated legislation identifying even better solutions to the issues facing us. As the Chair of the Educa-

tion Committee, I was pleased to see the following important bills pass. Senate Bill 38. "Career Pathways," focusing on keeping high school students interested in school, passed unanimously. The bill creates a career and technical education curriculum in the public school system. Supporters hope the new curriculum will dropping out before graduation in local business and industry that do not require a college degree. This is also a business-friendly bill because industries need skilled labor. A companion to this legislation is Senate Bill 109. SB 109 would give local school districts the authority to adopt a policy requiring students to stay in school until age 18, or actual graduation whichever comes first. It would be a local decision, up to the school district. Districts implementing such a policy would be required to offer an approved alternative citizens equal representation.

education program that would help meet the needs of students most likely to drop out. In this way, educators



Week in Review By Sen. Ken Winters R-Murray

served. If agreed by the House, it would take effect in the 2014-2015 school year.

Last, but certainly not least, Senate Bill 102, an informed consent bill, passed from the Senate. We have passed similar legislation from the Senate for several years. The original bill passed in 1998, required communication 24 hours prior between the doctor and the woman thinking about an abortion to discuss the procedure. Unfortunately, this has been interpreted by some as a prerecorded message. A woman deserves full information provided in a face-to-face meeting with a medical professional when contemplating a surgery, especially one with such serious ramifications.

Senate Bill 47 allows for a type of "livestock-sharing." Many people want to get closer to their food source for both environmental and health reasons. Many feel this is a parental and individual right. SB 47 affirms Kentuckians' right to enter into shared ownership arrangements for livestock. Individuals entering into such contracts could use and consume products from their shared animals, such as meat, raw milk, and wool

Finally, many of you have heard the news that a Franklin County judge ruled House Bill l, the bill that laid out new state legislative district boundaries, unconstitutional. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) will appeal his ruling prevent at-risk students from directly to the Kentucky Supreme Court. The Supreme by preparing them for careers Court will be asked to dissolve the injunction of the Franklin Circuit Court and to order that legislative districts created by House Bill 1, agreed by both the Senate and the House and signed by the Governor, be used for the 2012 elections. While other issues might be put on hold, the most fundamental element of our democracy is knowing and defining who represents us. The concept of "one person, one vote" is one we hold dear. Because of population shifts, the old district lines do not afford

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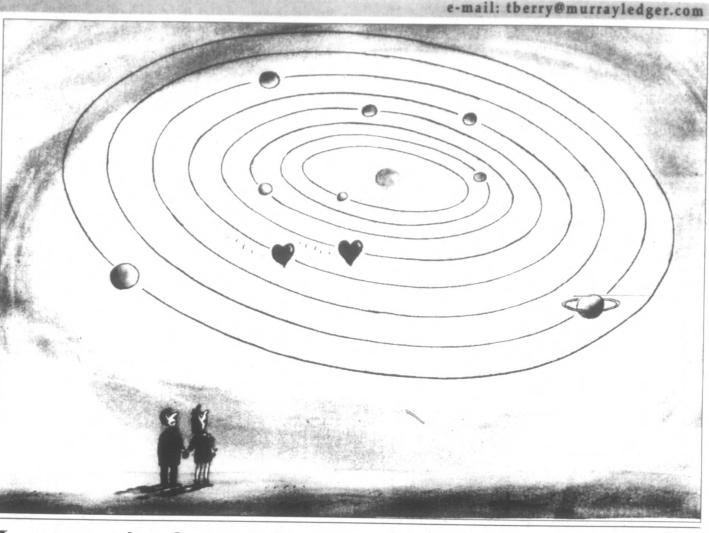
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Love stories for people who don't read love stories

The week of Valentine's Day 2006, "Main Street" readers enjoyed a charming love story that starts in New York and continues to this day in Murray. It goes like this:

Once there was a beautiful opera singer with a voice rich and thick as a milkshake. She lived in Woodstock, New York, and frequently drove the same stretch of the Thruway to Poughkeepsie where she could hop a train to Manhattan.

The routine was boring, a means to an end, until one day right before Christmas,

When she slowed to pay the toll near Exit 19, providence led her to the booth manned by an apple-cheeked toll collector with a twinkle in his eye. Cheerful and charming, he really seemed to mean it when he asked, "How are you doin'?

Their exchange was pleasant and memorable, however

Now when she describes their first meeting, she con fesses that he "was very friendly and desperately cute."

He recalls her dark eyes and 1000-watt smile. Though they exchanged only a few

words, he admits he looked forward to seeing her again.

After that fateful first meeting, Sonya Baker and Mike Fazio began a drive-by romance that stretched out over time, through a shift change for Fazio that kept them apart until he finally went back to days.

One afternoon when Sonya spotted him at his old post, she steered into his lane and the rest, as they say, is histo-

When the StoryCorps trailer came to Main Street in 2005, Sonya and Mike - now married and living in Murray - volunteered to record the account of their meeting. The story was so popular, National Public Radio aired it on Valentine's Day the following

And now Ms. Baker and Mr. Fazio's tale of true love is featured in a collection of love stories from the StoryCorps project entitled, "All There Is," edited by Dave Isay.

Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 40,000 interviews from are not used, people recognize more than 70,000 participants, and every Friday WKMS-FM airs one on NPR's "Morning Edition." According to Sto-

love is the greatest theme that has emerged in almost all the views, and "All There Is" includes three kinds

of stories: **Main Street** Falling in By Constance love, losing Alexander a loved one, Ledger & Times and unex-Columnist pectedly finding love

when it no longer seems pos-

Mike and Sonya's romantic yarn is featured in pre-publication promotion for "All There Is." Because of that coverage, they have been photographed by an AP stringer and interviewed by a reporter from the New York Post. As friends around the country have encountered the PR, Baker and Fazio get emails and phone calls. Even when their names the amazing story as Sonya and Mike's.

Other romantic adventures featured in "All There Is"

include a couple who met when they were both stationed in Iraq. Amidst the roar of mortar fire, he got down on one knew and proposed, his weapons slung on his back. Another couple met on a triple blind date and got engaged a few days later.

Now, celebrating 61 years of marriage, they still remember their honeymoon on a shoestring, where they got by on "hamburgers, beer, and love."

"These stories are also testament to love's remarkable endurance," according to a media release about the book. Publishers Weekly describes "All There Is" as "a touching and often heartbreaking collection...Love stories for people who don't read love sto-

"All There Is" is published by The Penguin Press and is available through amazon.com and other online outlets and bookstores. Sonya Baker's cd. "She Says," is available through her website at www.sonyabak-

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Romney's 'poor,' casino gambling and the dropout age

Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky. Presidents have had New Deals, Fair Deals and a "war on poverty" aimed at lifting up the poor and preventing the middle and working classes from backsliding. Even presidents and presidential candidates who probably were much more concerned with Wall Street barons and oil tycoons acted as if they cared about the poor. (Remember George W. Bush and "compassionate conservatism"?)

And now we have Mitt Romney, who began his first full day after the Florida primary victory that probably destines him to be the Republicans' presidential nominee by telling a startled CNN interviewer, "I'm not concerned about the very poor.'

Romney later insisted that the quote was taken out of context - he added that a safety net protects the poor, pledged to fix it if it's in need of repairs and emphasized aid to the struggling middle class and still later said he "misspoke" and made a "slip up on a word." (Which is it? Was he misquoted, or did he misspeak? Apparently, that's his story, and he's sticking to it - whatever it is on any given day.)

The problem is that the context of Romney's remark is actually far more troubling than the single line that has received so much attention as the latest example of his tin ear. His professed middle-income concern for "the 90, 95 percent of Americans who right now are struggling" shows appalling ignorance about the extent of poverty in this country. According to the 2010 Census, 15.1 percent of Americans - more

IN OTHER WORDS

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

than 46 million people - live in poverty. The percentage for children is 22 percent, and wildly disproportionate numbers of them will remain poor all of their lives. Those numbers turn on a definition of poverty - an annual household income of \$22,314 a year for a family of four - that is well below a floor that marks severe hardship. Yet, those are the people

that Romney, as president of the United States, wouldn't worry about. That should worry everyone else.

Herald-Leader Lexington, Ky.

Here's a news flash for Gov. Steve Beshear: The election's over, you won

The governor, who's really a pretty smart guy and knows better, engaged in the typical overwrought speech of the campaign trail on his way to a decisive victory over Senate president David Williams in the fall.

That's one thing, but it's quite another to keep the take-no-prisoners rhetoric going while he's actually trying to govern.

Unfortunately, that's what Beshear did as he assailed Williams, R-Burkesville, over a story by Herald-Leader reporter John Cheves about Sen. Damon Thayer, a proponent of casino gambling, a cause dear to the governor's heart.

Thayer, R-Georgetown, makes his living as a consultant to racing interests, who stand to benefit from casinos in Kentucky. Cheves asked Thayer both to name his clients and if any of them would benefit from casino gambling.

Thayer declined to provide the information, something which appears to be within his rights under Kentucky ethics laws. Beshear responded by implying Williams, a longtime opponent of casinos in Kentucky, had colluded with the newspaper to intimidate Thayer, an accusation that is ridiculous on its face.

Whatever the flaws of Williams and this newspaper, the history of the relationship between the two relegates Beshear's suggestion to the realm of fantasy. But that's not really the problem here. The decision about allowing casino gambling in Kentucky is a high-stakes game. In addition to whatever benefit will flow to the state, some private parties stand to make millions upon millions of dollars if casinos are approved, including racing interests.

Kentuckians have every reason to be worried about the potential for unethical, backdoor influence buying.

The Independent Ashland, Ky.

For the past three sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly, bills that would raise the minimum dropout age from 16 to 18 have been approved

by the Kentucky House of Representatives by wide bipartisan margins only to die in the Sen-

ate without even a vote. Now the Senate Education Committee has unanimously approved a dropout bill hailed as an alternative to the House bill, but it does not go nearly far enough. It is a halfway measure that would have only a limited effect on preventing teenagers from quitting high school before graduation and virtually assuring themselves of lives on the lowest rungs

of the economic ladder. The Senate bill sponsored by Republican Sen. Jack Westwood of Erlanger would give local school districts the option of raising the minimum dropout age to 18. We could just imagine what that would do.

Good school districts like Ashland and Russell that already have low dropout rates likely would raise the mandatory attendance age to 18, while districts in rural areas where more than half of adults do not currently possess a high school degree would not change the status quo. Under Westwood's bill, the poor performing student in a district that has approved the higher dropout age would simply move to the district where he or she can drop out at 16. What would that accomplish?

What is there to compromise? As we have stated previously, raising the dropout age from 16 to 18 should be a no brainer.

A woefully undereducated adult population already is a major obstacle to economic growth in this state, and with virtually all jobs requiring at least a high school degree, the problem is getting worse.



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DATEBOOK Special Olympics track, field sign-up to be held



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The Murray-Calloway County Special Olympics delegation will hold a sign-up for the 2012 track and field season Thursday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Corvette Lanes. Bowling and fellowship with other athletes and families will follow. Athletes, ages 8 years through adult with intellectual disabilities and Unified Partners (nondisabled peers who compete with S.O. athletes) are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Laura Miller at (270) 293-9054.

NAMI to meet Thursday

The Murray National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Group will meet Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Educational Services building of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, on the corner of Eighth and Elm Streets. The topic of discussion will be Crisis Intervention. This support group is for the family and friends of someone diagnosed with a mental illness such as major depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and borderline personality disorder. For more information, call (270) 748-6133 or (270) 748-6923

Library facelift committee to meet

The Calloway County Public Library lobby facelift committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the library.

DivorceCare meetings held Wednesdays

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Meetings are held at Elm Grove Baptist Church, 6483 St. Rt. 94 East, beginning at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (270) 293-2509 for more information

Wrangler's Riding Club to meet

The monthly meeting of the Wrangler's Riding Club will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, 2465 Bethel Road, off U.S. Hwy. 80, east of Murray. All members and interested people are urged to attend.

Tax assistance now available

Free tax assistance will be available at the Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. Trained AARP volunteers will prepare taxes for those with low and moderate income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers will be available each Wednesday through April 4. Appointments are necessary and can by made by call-

Volunteers needed for Operation Preparation

Volunteers are still needed for Operation Preparation Advising, a community-based advising initiative where eighth-grade and 10th grade students meet with a community volunteer to discuss their career aspirations, to be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Curris Center, alongside the MSU Reality Store. Interested volunteers may contact Conda Wilson as soon as possible at 762-7374 ext. 320 or conda.wilson@calloway.kyschools.us.

Bank of Cadiz plans trip to Hollywood

The Bank of Cadiz is planning a trip to Hollywood, Calif. June 18-23. Highlights include the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, famous Hollywood landmarks, Universal Studios behindthe-scenes VIP tour, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive, Sony Studio tour and a live TV show taping. To reserve your seat, a deposit is due by Wednesday, Feb. 15. For more information, contact the Murray office or visit www.bankofcadiz.com.

CCMS SBDM Council will meet

The Calloway County Midde School-Based Decision-Making Council will meet in regular session Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 3:30 p.m. in the school's library/media center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

MES SBDM Council will meet

The Murray Elementary School-Based Decision-Making Council will meet in regular session Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 3:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. All interested persons are invited to attend.

MHS baseball to host Rebate Day

The Murray High School baseball team will have a rebate day at The Big Apple Café on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to closing. The Apple will donate a percentage of the receipts to the baseball team. Participants are asked to put a copy of their receipt in the box on the counter.

Teen outreach to be held Wednesday

The Main Street Youth Center, 513 South Fourth St., Murray, will hold an outreach for teens ages 13-18, on Wednesday, Feb. 15. This free event, which lasts from 6-8 p.m. will be taught by Ricky Lamkin, who will be speaking on subjects pertaining to youth. Snacks will be provided. For information, call 753-1820 or 753-8336.

Civil War meeting to be held

The next Fort Donelson Civil War meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Cumberland Room of the Stewart County Visitors Center in Dover, Tenn. Ft. Donelson Civil War round table meetings are free and open to the public. For information, contact John Walsh at (931) 801-5129.

email: communitynews@murrayledger.com

Doggie Day Spa, Pet ID clinic set for Feb. 18 Special to the Ledger

The Humane Society of Calloway County and Murray State University's Animal Health Technology/Pre-veterinary club will host a Doggie Day Spa and Pet ID Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Carmen Pavilion, located on College Farm Road, directly across from Calloway County High School.

Murray State animal health technology and pre-veterinary students will bathe a dog for \$7, clean ears and trim nails for \$4, or provide "the works," bath, ear cleaning and nail trim, for \$10. The Humane Society will

microchip dogs for \$10 each. A microchip the size of a grain of rice is inserted between the shoulder blades of a dog in a relatively painless and quick procedure. Each microchip transponder has a unique number which enables a shelter or veterinary clinic to scan the animal for this number, which will be registered with a national database, allowing the owner to be contacted when the pet is



The son of Ronnie Harrison new hiking trail, a new metal

service project was to clean up Community Church. Troop 77 is

Concord, which is under the Men's Fellowship at First

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Christian Church in Murray, and

Department. In addition to is part of the Allottawatta

cleaning up the accumulated District of Shawnee Trails

Murray State University animal health technology and preveterinary students Krsitine Bruss, left, and Chelsea Jones, right, pause during a spa treatment for one of their canine customers at a recent Doggie Day Spa and Pet ID Clinic. The

found. Local veterinary offices, Society have scanners to read

next clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 18.

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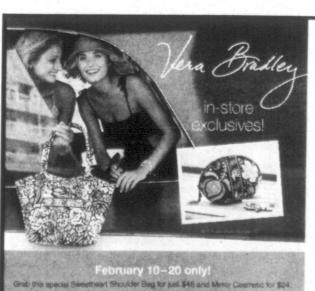
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Martin named to **BCTC**

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LEXINGTON, Ky. Bluegrass Community and Technical College is proud to recognize Jeremiah Martin, from Calloway County, who has achieved Dean's List honors for the 2011 fall semester. The college recognizes academic excellence by naming to the Dean's List full-time students who have earned an overall semester grade point average of 3.5 or better in courses numbered 100

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MOST FAIR STUDENTS: Pictured are students in Kindergarten, first and second grades at North Calloway Elementary School who were chosen as the "most fair" in their classrooms. On the first row, from left, are Caleb Darnell, Madison Byassee, Amaya Hendricks and Sophie Lax; on the second row, from left, are Bailee Nall, Kayla Holmes, Ryleigh Duvall, Kaden Johnson and Chevelle Henson; on the third row, from left, are Dalton Puckett, Tyler Carpenter, Cara Ahart, Matthew Ray and Kaylie Beene.



Carol Chapman / MISD

HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION: Murray Middle School fourth and fifth grade 4-H club members collected items for the Humane Society as a service learning project. Students brought in cat and dog food to be donated for the winter months. Leaders for the club are Sherri Bazzell and Lindsay Weaks, fifth grade teachers. Pictured, at back, from left, are Whitney Dawson and Lily Vanover, in front, from left, are Coleman Austin, Rachel Thompson, Chloe Lovins and Parker





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Two Calloway County High School choir students have been

chosen to participate in the Kentucky Music Educators Association All-State Choirs.

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Both are members of the Concert Choir at Calloway and both will be singing in the SSAA Choir in Louisville. The SSAA choir, one of three alldirected this year by composer/conductor Christi Miller of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Three days of rehearsals will culminate in a concert Friday evening in the Kentucky Center for the Arts in downtown Louisville. Mark Dycus is the choir director at Calloway County High School.



SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS: Murray Middle School students for the month for January were chosen according to the character trait "Success Is Up To Me." Teachers feel that these students will be as successful in life as they are successful in the classroom. Pictured are Greyson Janow, Ally Hathcock, Will Miller, Sarah Fitzer, Hannah Lawson, Ysabel Lavitz, Bindy Patel, Tesla Like, Hayden Holcomb, Audrey Renick, Nate Weber, Hannah Derby, Lily Sanchez, Katherine Renick, Jonathon Baker, Janet Pacheco, Dennie Hoffacker, James Boone, Gabe Davis, Alex Shultz, Sydney Coons and Celeste Siquerios. Also chosen but not pictured are Caitlyn Cooper and Grace Campbell.



CHARACTER MATTERS PROGRAM: The first grade students at North Calloway Elementary recently performed the play "Character Matters" which focused on the six pillars of character.

Healthcare degree scholarships deadline is Feb. 20

MAYFIELD, Ky. deadline to apply is Feb. 20, for two Jackson Purchase Medical Center scholarship opportunities for students interested in pursuing a degree in a professional healthcare field.

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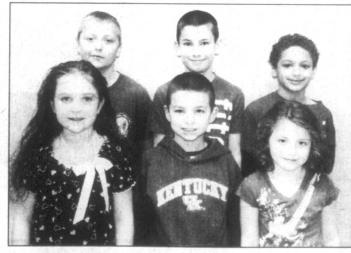
in our own backyard get an education and a career," said Vanessa McNeely, JPMC director of marketing.

One scholarship is open to a student interested in any professional healthcare field and is a onetime \$1,000 award; the other is a renewable scholarship for a student wishing to pursue a

degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. The second scholarship is renewable for four to five years, and is specifically for those students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in

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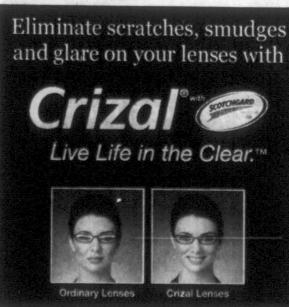


JANUARY BEST BEHAVIOR: Pictured are North Calloway Elementary School students who were chosen for their excellent behavior during the month of January. Pictured, from left, are Rayghan Long, third grade; Justin Barton, fourth grade; Josh Darnell, first grade; Will Benson, fifth grade; Yasminka Dedic, kindergarten, and Montrell Rogers, second grade.



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CCMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: The seventh grade teachers at Calloway County Middle School have recognized the following students as January Students of the Month, from left, Jackson Rejent, Lauren Wagner, Camryn Hepner and Summer Waggoner.



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RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times Murray State senior guard Mallory Schwab (24) makes a pass Monday night against Austin Peay's Kaitlyn Hill.

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AUSTIN PEAY 85, MURRAY STATE 72

Racers fall to **Austin Peay**

MURRAY STATE STRUGGLES AS LADY GOVS PICK UP BIG ROAD WIN OVER RACERS

By RICKY MARTIN

Sports Editor Rob Cross didn't have any excuses for why Murray State against rival Austin Peay.

Cross admitted his team didn't show up, but for what reasons?

Even he didn't know.

"We just didn't show up for the game," Cross said. "You have to give Austin Peay a lot of credit. I don't know what the reason is, there are no excuses for anything, but there are reasons, and I don't know what

Perhaps the biggest reason the Lady Govs (6-20, 3-10) were able to pull out an 85-72 victory on Monday night on the road inside the CFSB Center, had to do with their hot shoot-

Austin Peay finished the night 9-for-14 from beyond the arc, with Leslie Martinez and Shelby Olszewski combining for six, while neither is known particularly well for their sweet stroke from distance.

That, coupled with a lack of defensive intensity on the part of the Racers (11-15, 7-6), Cross said, allowed the Lady Govs to get a crucial, confidence-boosting win in a stretch of the season they desperately needed it.

"We had a pitiful defensive effort," Cross said. "We allowed them to drive to their strong hand repeatedly for layups, and that's all that we really have to

'We have to show up, and if

we don't, we are in trouble." Whitney Hanley led the Lady Govs in scoring on Monday night with a game-high 22, while Kaitlyn Hill added 19 points and four rebounds in the

Hill, a junior center, played sparingly in her first two and a half seasons under head coach Carrie Daniels, but stepped in for an injured Meghan Bussabarger a few weeks ago, and has been on a tear, giving Austin Peay even more depth than they already had at the forward position.

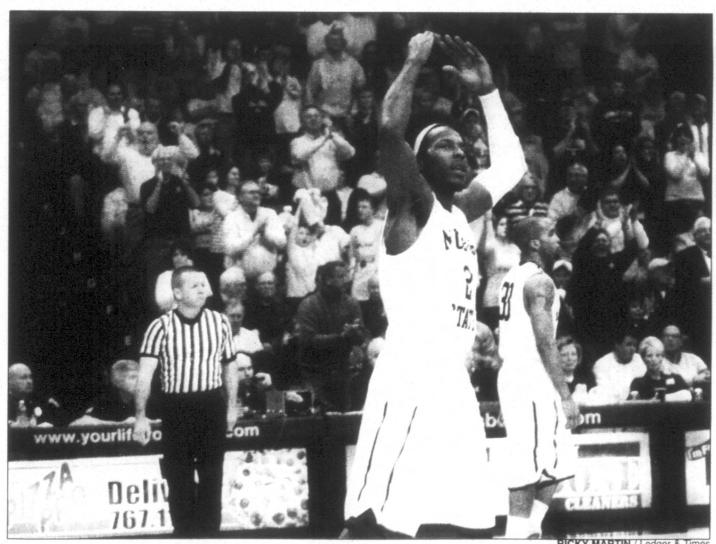
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Murray State junior forward Ed Daniel pumps up the crowd in the final seconds of Saturday night's victory over rival Austin Peay at the CFSB Center. Daniel and the Racers will travel to Southeast Missouri State on Wednesday with an opportunity to clinch the regular season conference championship

The race for first

MURRAY STATE LOOKS TO TAKE DOWN SEMO FOR CHANCE AT OVC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

By RICKY MARTIN

Sports Editor Following Murray State's 81-73 home victory over Southeast Missouri State on Feb. 2, the Redhawk players made one thing very/clear they would be ready for the

rematch in Cape Girardeau. After the Racers' victory less than two weeks ago, several of the SEMO players addressed the media, informing them that they were Murray State's biggest fans until the Racers' return visit to the Show-Me Center, a game that center-stage this Wednesday night.

Murray State first-year head coach Steve Prohm says that's nothing the Racers will use as bulletin board material, howev-

In fact, Prohm said he would expect SEMO to be hyped to play host to the No. 14 ranked Racers, regardless of what Murray State's record was this

"They should be excited to play us," Prohm said. "They want to be at the top of the league, and Murray State is one

of the elite programs." While SEMO's biggest

hopes were mostly centered around being the first team to take down the Racers this season and having a court-storming party bigger than any in conference history come Wednesday, the Redhawks still have plenty of other reasons to want to beat Murray State now that they have a loss.

Vitale coming

to Murray,

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OVC's POW

By RICKY MARTIN

Sports Editor

Legendary ESPN broad-

After a strong, grass-roots

campaign launched locally

by members of the Murray

State athletic department, as

well as fans and alumni,

Vitale announced over the

weekend he would be headed

to Murray for Saturday's

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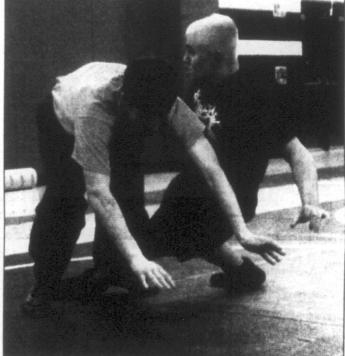
he's coming to Murray.

The first of those starts with

conference seeding. Murray State has already clinched at least a share for the Ohio Valley Conference regular season title, and a win on Wednesday night could give the Racers the championship

Meanwhile, SEMO is one game behind Tennessee State in the win column in the OVC's race for second place, and a

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KHSAA STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Calloway County's Charlie Courtney (left) and Tyler Wilson will represent the Lakers at the state wrestling championships Friday and Saturday in Lexington.

Preparing for state

LAKER HEAD COACH DICKIE WALLS REFLECTS ON

REGIONAL TOURNEY, AHEAD TO STATE

By GREG WADDELL Assistant Sports Editor

Two years ago Charlie Courtney knew this moment would come. After being denied a bid to the state wrestling tournament in 2010, the then sophomore learned what losing out felt like for the first time...he didn't like it. Now a senior, Courtney will get one last chance at a dance with the title

that's eluded him thus far. "I feel like I did very well (in the regional tournament)," Courtney said. "The first round was a pretty easy pin and the next two I won very handidly. It was still some good competition, but that was just the hard work paying off. Immediately after that win, I just thought, 'Yes, this parts over, but I have nother big part coming up soon.' (Winning) feels great, (because) haven't had a regional champion before so it's an honor to be the first won.

Make no mistake about it

though, this time he feels ready. "I feel fully capable of placing (at state) and placing fairly well at that," Courtney said. "I wouldn't want to say that I feel entitled to it because I'm a senior but I think that I've reached a point where the sheer level of experience and time I've spent wrestling has been able to qwell nerves and clear my head.'

That confidence, wrestling head coach Dickie Walls said, is exactly the edge he'll needs as he attempts to make some noise

this weekend. "It's huge when you get to the state tournament to feel like you should be there and you should win," Walls said, "A lot of people are just overwhelmed by the venue there at the state tournament. Having that confidence is extreme and really really helps alot by keeping your nerves down. At the state tournament, if you can keep your nerves down, you can perform and you have to perform the majority of the matches. The man with the better mental outlook on the match

has an advantage. The draw he got for his final hurrah won't hurt either. With the state's No. 1, 2 and 3 ranked wrestlers stacking the bracket opposite Courtney, things are already looking up for the sen-

That doesn't things will be easy though. Still, after a performance like last weekend's Courtney may have his work cut out for him as the Laker head man credited "Charlie being

That said, he wasn't the only See WRESTLING, 8A

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Cross said he was impressed with Hill's performance probably most on Monday night, but that the entire perception of Austin Peay's season is skewed as being much worse than it actually has been due to several close losses.

"Hill got an opportunity and she's just killing it right now," Hill said. "She did a great job, and the perception of their team right now is not good because they are at the bottom of the league, but they lost eight in a row coming into tonight, but every game, if they get one score or one more stop, they win the ball game.'

Kayla Lowe and Erica Burgess were the two bright spots offensively for Cross and the Racers on Monday night.

Lowe, the senior who played her next to last game inside the CFSB Center on Monday night, had 21 points on 6-for-12 shooting from three-point range.

Burgess had 19 points, but had one assist and nine turnovers in the loss.

Overall, Cross said Austin Peay - who is still simply trying to make the field for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament — was the more hungry team on Monday night.

There's no question about it, they wanted it more from the beginning," Cross said. "Sometimes you look out there that against Martin."

and you say, 'You know, they just don't have it tonight,' and tonight, they didn't have it."

The Racers will need a short memory and a much stronger performance come Thursday night, as Murray State prepares to welcome league-leading Tennessee-Martin into the CFSB Center for the final home game of the 2011-2012 season.

Martin has been on a roll over the past month, and Cross knows if his team plays the way it did on Monday night, Thursday night could be brutal.

"If we play defense against Martin like we did tonight, they'll score 120 points on us," Cross said. "We can play with them, but we have to shoot the ball better than we did when we played them at Martin to com-

"Defensively, you can do a great job on them, and still give up 80 points. They're that good."

Mariah Robinson scored 13 points off the bench for the Racers against Austin Peay, but struggled doing so, finishing the night 3-for-12 from the field.

Kyra Watson was the only other Racer to see double-figures, getting 12 points and five rebounds in the victory.

'Tonight wasn't a thing where we didn't play together,' Cross said. "We just didn't have the energy, and we will need

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win over Murray State would not only prevent the Racers from winning the tournament's No. 1 seed — but it would also give the Redhawks an outside shot of doing so.

Prohm said that's the reason Wednesday night's game is so

"It's a big game for both teams," Prohm said. "We have been fortunate to clinch a share of the conference title, but we want more than that, we want the outright conference cham-

"We want that No. 1 seed, and SEMO is playing extremely well right now, and they are going to be excited to play. It's going to be a tough environment.

As for SEMO's excitement, Prohm said he hasn't spoken with his team about the comments made by the Redhawk players after the two team's last meeting.

"We haven't said a word," Prohm said. "That's just kind of college kids being college kids right after the game."

One thing the Racers will need in order to pick up a win in Cape Girardeau on Wednesday night, will be similar bench play to what they got in Saturday night's thumping of Austin Peay.

After a dismal night for the Racer bench in the loss against Tennessee State, the Murray State role players were huge against the Governors.

Prohm said Murray State will need more of that as they go down the stretch.

"It was good that (the bench) did that on Saturday," Prohm said. "Zay (Jackson) came off and gave us great energy, particularly on the defensive end and Stacy Wilson had 10 points. Latreze (Mushatt) had nine rebounds and eight points with great energy and Brandon (Garrett) was solid in his minutes.

"I thought the bench was the difference from Thursday to Saturday, and that was big for us. We need that in every game, starting Wednesday against SEMO.

Following Wednesday's matchup against SEMO, Murray State will return home for the final time of the 2011-2012 season, as the Racers prepare to play host to No. 16 ranked St. Mary's on Saturday as part of the Sears BracketBuster game.

"It's a big stretch for us," Prohm said. "But we are ready

"It's going to be a big-time game," junior guard Isaiah Canaan said. "We will have to be ready to play, because it's going to be a tough place to pick up a win."

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BracketBuster game against St. Mary's College.

The game will be carried on ESPN2 at 5 p.m. CDT, and Vitale, as well as legendary partner Dave O'Brien, will broadcast the game to the national viewing audience from the CFSB Center.

Vitale has a devout following by thousands around college basketball, including Murray State's own Steve Prohm.

"I'm big fan of Dick Vitale," the first-year head coach said. "It's a great thing for this community and the program that he's going to be coming down here, and it will be an awesome experience for everyone at the game and for those watching from home.

"The students will get to pass him around the student section, and we will get to rub

his head and all of that fun stuff. It's going to be exciting."

Vitale originally expressed interest in visiting Murray State during a Jan. 16 ESPN broadcast of a game between Baylor and Kansas, saying he would love to have the opportunity to visit Racer Nation.

He will now get his chance, much to the pleasure of several Racer players.

"It's exciting to know he's going to be here," junior forward Latreze Mushatt said. "Dickie-V is college basketball, so it will be a great experience for all of us."

Tickets for Saturday's game have been sold out for almost a month, long before Racer fans even knew the Gaels would be Murray State's opponent.

Vitale was selected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball been with the network since its inception in 1979, just after the network launched. Vitale called ESPN's first NCAA basketball game - Wisconsin at DePaul Dec. 5, 1979.

Murray State drops after

It took 24 games for Murray State to suffer its first loss of the season, but on last Thursday night, Tennessee State defeated the Racers 72-68 in front of a sold-out, CFSB Center crowd.

The loss moved Murray State to 23-1 on the season.

On Saturday, the Racers rebounded nicely with a convincing win over rival Austin Peay, but it wasn't enough to sway national voters from across the country into keeping the Racers ranked in the top ten of each national poll.

Murray State fell to No. 14 Hall of Fame in 2008. The in the ESPN/USA Today longtime ESPN broadcaster has Coaches Poll on Monday morning, down seven spots

from last week's No. 7 ranking. In the Associated Press Top 25, the Racers fell from the No. 9 spot down to No. 16.

The Racers will have an opportunity to began the ascent back into the top ten this week, with games against Southeast Missouri State on the road on Wednesday, as well as Saturday's matchup with the No. 16/21 ranked St. Mary's Gaels as part of the Sears BracketBuster series of games.

Canaan named Co-OVC Player of the Week

Murray State junior guard Isaiah Canaan earned his fifth Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week award on Monday morning, as voted on by the league's sports information

Canaan's fifth OVC weekly award this season comes after he averaged 27.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game for the Racers against

Tennessee State and Austin Peay. Canaan hit 68.2 percent (15-of-22) from the field, 66.7 percent (10-of-15) from 3point range and 82.4 percent (14-of-17) from the free throw line last week.

He had 31 points in MSU's first loss of the season Thursday against TSU including hitting 7-of-10 3-pointers. The game marked his fourth 30-plus point effort of the season. On Saturday, the junior from Biloxi, Miss., hit 3-of-5 3-pointers and scored 23 points in MSU's win over Austin

Saturday's win over Austin Peay guaranteed the Racers at least a share for the Ohio Valley Conference regular season title.

Murray State will return to action on Wednesday night, as they prepare to take on Southeast Missouri State.

A Racer win could earn

Murray Sate the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship, earning Murray State the tournament's No. 1

Canaan scored 32 against the Redhawks on Feb. 2 at the CFSB Center, and is looking forward to playing SEMO back at their place.

"We are excited for every game, but this is a big one,' Canaan said. "Everytime you play another team that's one of the tops in your conference, you get excited for that.

"We know they are going to be ready to play, and so are we, so it should be a fun one to

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one to make some noise in the regional meet as Tyler Wilson also cashed in a bid to the dance with a fourth place finish. Although that's much lower than he expected to finish, after battling illness all week, he'll take it.

"It upset me a little, but I'm pretty proud of what I did though," Wilson said. "I went out there and did the best I could so I'm happy with the results. It's really exciting (to go to the state tournament).'

The fact that Wilson was able to wrestle at all is a testment to his heart Walls said. Add in the fact that he was very ill throughout the duration of the tournament and it get's downright Walls said. "They came out and

"Tyler had been sick all week throwing up and was sick throughout the whole tournament there," Walls said, "so for him to be able to even place was pretty amazing on his part. Hopefully we'll get healed up this week and be ready to go in state.'

Still, though Wilson and Courtney will watch their fights go on, Walls highlighted some who came to a close in Caldwell

Chief among them were Isaiah Frank, Christian Dinh and Nick Walls the Laker head man pointed out, but praise his entire team for the effort put forth.

"We came out Friday night and these guys were fired up,"

wrestled the best I've seen them wrestle all year. Everyone of them came out wrestling tremendously well. We didn't win every match on Friday night but they all wrestled better than they have all year. Isaiah Frank got a huge win when he knocked off Ohio County's Billy Moore, who is a senior that had been to state the last two or three years in a row. That was a huge win

for Isaiah." That would end shortly after though as Frank met an unfortunate match Saturday, losing by one controversial point.

"In the semifinals, Isaiah lost a really close match to Christian County," Walls said," (but) I thought he had scored two points at the end of the match and gotten a takedown. The ref

didn't see it that way (though) and we ended up losing by one point. That was disheartening, but he came back in the wrestle backs and placed six." As for Dinh, the senior ran

while taking a shot at state for the first time, meeting the region's No. 1 seed, Tim Nikaloa, for a shot at state. Things didn't get any easier for the Lakers as the younger

into an unfortunate setback

Walls would run into some trouble of his own in the opening day, squaring off with last year's state runner-up in the first match.

"That was kind of a tough way to start the tournament," Walls said, "but (Nick) went out and wrestled well against him then came back the next morning and beat the Daviess County kid but lost to Chance Collins from University Heights in the match to go (to state). We had lost to him a couple of times this year and knew that he was really good and would have a tall order to beat him."

Still, as for Courtney and Wilson, they'll get their shot to represent the First Region as they travel to Lexington Friday to compete in the state wrestling championships at Alltech Arena.



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Happy Valentines Day William Jyler Underhill Great-grandparents: Alton & Viro Collins. Grandparents Jommy & Diane Ringstaff



Colton Lampkins Hugs & Kisses Mommy & Daddy Granny & Paw Paw



Roses are red Violets are blue Breanne, you're sweet We love you! Memaw & Papa



Peyton Harper Grandparents: Sandra Harper & Gary Harper: G-Grandparents: Cullen & Alma Irvin, Brenda Harper: 9-9-Grandmother: Lavelle Usery



Hugs & Kisses to all my family! Happy Valentine's Day! Briley Stone



Happy Valentine's Day to two special boys Travis & Lee XOXOX

Granddaddy & Grandmama Lee Papaw & Nana Gore



to our sweethearts Jacob & Jarod Woods Love from Grandma & Granddaddy

Joel Smith, freshman from Murray at Western Kentucky University, won honors in two recent speech tournaments. Smith won third place in duo interpretation at the National Collegiate Honorary Tournament in St. Louis, Mo., and at the District 6 American Forensics Association Qualifying Tournament in Atlanta Ga

In high school basketball, the Calloway County Lakers beat St. Mary 69-66. High scorer for Calloway was Mitchell McClure with 20 points. The Murray High Lady Tigers beat Lone Oak 56-38. High scorer for the Tigers was Paige Adlich with a game-high 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Twenty years ago Murray Mayor Bill Cherry cast the tie-breaking vote for the second time in as many sessions of the Murray City Council to enact a secondary seat belt law in the

city effective July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Darnell celebrated 67 years of marriage on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The Murray Board of Education presented commemorative T-shirts to 28 students who achieved a grade-point average of 94 or better during their meeting.

Recent births reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Feb. 12 include a girl to Tammy and William Stacy, Murray; a boy to Kimberly and Randy Clark, Murray; a boy to Addie and Charles Alexander, Cadiz; a girl to Tammy andJames, Paris, Tenn., and a girl to Geneva and Clarence Worley,

Ashley Michelle Jackson celebrated her third birthday Feb. 6, with a party at Shobiz in Paducah. She is the daughter of Mitch and Laura Jackson, of Murray.

Thirty years ago Kentucky Department of Transportation funds are going to make

Chestnut Street straighter and reportedly safer.

Paul Kiesow, president of the Four Rivers Scout Council, announced today that Sid Easley has been named Calloway County Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America 1982 Fund Drive.

Selection processes by Murray Independent School System for a middle school principal and high school football coach continue. A two-page spread about Boy

Scout's 72 Anniversary was in this issue of the Murray Ledger & Times. It included photos and advertisements from businesses who support Boy Scouts.

In middle school basketball, Calloway County Middle School beat Fulton County Bulldogs 50-15. High scorer for Calloway was Monty Morton with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Also, the CCMS Lady Lakers beat Fulton County 55-22. High scorer for Calloway was Amberly Moss with 13 points. Forty years ago

Kathryn Glover had been presented an award as "Outstanding Woman Citizen of the Year," by Omicron Alpha Chapter of Tau Phi Lambda Sorority of Woodmen of the World. Jeanie Lamb, chapter president, made the pres-

Fifty years ago

Janet Like, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Like, of Kirksey, had been chosen as one of four top 4-H club members in Kentucky as winner of a trip to National 4-H Congress at Washington, D.C. April 21-27.

Jacquie Johnson, Murray High School art student of Betty Scott, was first prize winner in the high school art contest by the Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Sixty years ago

Lucille Ross, R.N. supervisor of medicine service and Paul Moore. laboratory technician, were pictured with a new microscope furnished for Murray Hospital by the Calloway County Heart Association.

Queen and her gallant knight have shared lifetime of love

DEAR ABBY: At this time of year I have seen letters in your column from couples describing how they met. I hope you will print ours.

During a

study break

one evening

in April 1937.

I walked to

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Park in the

Bronx to sit

on a bench

and watch the

cars drive by.



Dear Abby

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By Abigail cyclist whizzed Van Buren through the center walkway, then stopped and slowly backed up to where I was

"Hello," he said. I responded. "Who are you?" he asked. "I'm Queen Elizabeth the First," I told him without batting an eye. "Well," he replied, "I'm Sir Walter Raleigh -- unfortunately, I don't have a coat to place at your feet." Then he sat down beside me. We talked, we laughed, and he walked me

Four years later, Ben and I eloped. That was April 3, 1941.

This year we will celebrate our 71st anniversary and have, in our lifetime together, accumulated three beautiful daughters, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and another on the way.

We have shared our tears, our joys, our failures and our successes. We have worked long hours, taken vacations, participated in sports and traveled. We have enjoyed every moment. Now in our 90s, we are financially secure, have a caring family and many beautiful memories. Ben, however, has not as yet placed his coat at my feet. -- BELLA IN NEW

DEAR BELLA: No -- he took

you on a lifetime magic carpet ride instead. May you enjoy many more years of happiness togeth-

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend I went to a birthday slumber party at a friend's house. We played poker as we often do, then one girl suggested we play strip poker. She was kind of pushy about it. I wasn't comfortable with the idea and chose not to participate. I was the only one. Everybody laughed at me. They called me a prude and told me "all girls look the same "

I don't think I'm a prude. I'm not shy about undressing in front of my sister and friends. I'm just not comfortable about something like this and saw no point to it. I mean, if "we're all the same,' then what's the reason for exposing our bodies to each other? Everybody thought it was fun, and those who ended up taking it all off laughed about it.

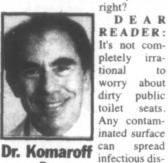
Is there something wrong with me? Now they're talking about doing it at future slumber parties, so I'm not sure how to handle it. I could just not attend, but this is the group I hang out with, and I don't like to miss out. -NO PRUDE IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR NO PRUDE: Not only is there nothing wrong with you, I applaud you for not giving in to peer pressure and doing something you didn't feel was right. It

took maturity to refuse. Because you're not comfortable playing strip poker, you should make other plans for those nights. This doesn't mean you shouldn't socialize with your friends -- but if their idea of a fun time is strip poker, consider cultivating a few more relationships with girls who have broader interests. That way you'll have something to do on nights they are playing -- until they grow bored with the game. (And they will.)

Risk from public toilets does not come from the seats

DEAR DOCTOR K: A lot of my female friends seem overly worried about sitting on public toilet seats. They think doing so could give them diseases like herpes, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV. I'm more worried about the mess left by those who "hover" over the seat unnecessarily. Who's



Bv ease. Howev-Dr. Anthony er, the real Komaroff

risk of catching a disease from a clean toilet seat is almost nonexistent.

The enormous efforts people make to avoid touching public toilets aren't really necessary. Many public toilets have a dispenser with paper to cover the toilet seat. When that is not present, many people cover the toilet seat with toilet paper. If the toilet seat is visibly clean, those precautions are of little value.

Nevertheless, many of us were taught as kids to cover the toilet seat with paper in a public bathroom. I was, and I feel a little more comfortable when I do it. Like most human beings, my brain sometimes speaks to me in two voices. The emotional voice sometimes wins out over the rational voice.

In particular, you really don't have to worry about catching the diseases you mention -- herpes, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV. These diseases are spread by unprotected, skin-to-skin sexual contact. It's very unlikely that they could be transmitted via a toilet seat. That's because the viruses or bacteria that cause them die very quickly outside the body.

HIV can also be spread through blood transfusions with infected blood products or a needle stick from a contaminated needle. Toilet seats are not on the list of likely modes of transmission.

Public restrooms, like all public places, do present risks from infectious diseases. But those risks are not from toilet seats. Surfaces you touch with your hands -- the flush handle on the toilet, the water faucet handle on the sink, the doorknob on entering or exiting the restroom -- can be contaminated with germs.

Your hands are very hospitable to bacteria, such as staph germs and E. coli. Your hands can pick up the flu virus, too. And then it's really easy for you to spread those germs from your hands to your nose and mouth. From there, they get inside your body.

So always wash and dry your hands thoroughly before leaving a public restroom. After I've washed my hands, if I still need to grab a door handle to leave the restroom, I will then use an antibacterial hand gel.

Finally, some viruses and bacteria are spread by sneezing and coughing. Especially during flu season, try to not get too close to people who are coughing and sneezing. They pose a greater threat to you than a toilet seat.

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.)

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Today In History

By the Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2012. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation. On this date:

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived

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GOOD NEWS, &

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AFTER ALL!

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood

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Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al apone's gang were gunned down.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and several nights later on ABC).

Ten years ago: Enron executive Sherron Watkins told a House subcommittee it was common knowledge at the company that partnerships were used improperly to hide debt and inflate prof-

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dishwasher. save the bottom rack. Use under a bed for shoes, etc. It rolls over carpet well. I have three under my bed, and I love them. - Ruth in Westminster, Calif.

EASY REMOVAL

Dear Heloise: I've just read in your column that you suggested using a terry towel with a little acetone-based nail-polish remover, etc., to take residue off material from a manufacturer's sticker. I have found the best and fastest way to do this is to use duct tape. Just blot the duct tape on the residue several times, and it's gone! Works like a charm. -Eileen from Florida

Dear Heloise: A woman wrote to complain about the music in stores and restaurants. I, too, am irritated by this. I have asked the clerks at a popular clothing retailer to turn it down, and now I don't shop there because of the

Hints From **Heloise** music. And in restaurants, it is

Dear Heloise: I've discovered a good use for old dishwash-

When time replace

TURN IT DOWN

hard enough to hear the conversation of table mates with all the noise of diners, let alone music background noise. Please add my voice to the complainers. Thanks for your work. - Pene, via email SPARE BED

Dear Heloise: I had my grandchildren visit for a few days and needed a quick spare bed. I came up with a great solution! I pulled out my patio-furniture cushions from storage (checked thoroughly for spiders and insects), and voila! I put them side by side and stretched a fitted sheet over them, and it was a nice, comfy mattress. -Joan C. in California

REUSE IT

Dear Readers: Have an old large, laminated wall calendar from 2011 or earlier? Hate to throw it away? Here are some ways to reuse it: As a mat for kids to color or paint on; carefully cut for individual place mats; or use to cover the driveway when spraypainting. - Heloise

THE ART OF COMPLAINING

Dear Readers: Have you had bad service or bought something that is defective? What's the BEST WAY TO COMPLAIN to get positive results? Companies really do want your feedback - in the right

Keep receipts until vou are

and collected. Don't show overzealous emotion when writing to a company or speaking to someone on the phone or in person. Here are some other Heloise Hints to

sure you are satisfied. Stay calm

* Note the name of the person who sold you the item or performed work for you.

* Indicate the serial and model numbers of defective merchandise. * Include your contact information, and the date and place of purchase.

* Make copies of your complaint letter, and give the company enough time to respond.

* Don't give up until you are satisfied!

* As a last resort, you can contact the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb. org). There also are other state agencies that protect your rights as a consumer. - Heloise

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or e-mail it to Heloise(at)Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Wed. February 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N 5th Street to review the following Dimensiona Variance and Conditional Use applications: Reques to allow retail business in a B-1 zone on Story Avenue - Paint Plus Flooring, Proposed Residential PDP's at 170 & 190 Utterback Rd., Paul Garland and Princeton Drive - Daniel Yong; Additional signage at 1621 Hwy. 121 Bypass North - Woodmen of the World and 311 N. 4th Street - Imes Miller Funeral Home. Al interested persons are invited to attend. If further information is needed, please contact the Murray Planning Department at 270-762-0330.

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

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Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012: This year keep your eye on longterm objectives. Many friends surround you, causing distraction. Juggling different elements and maintaining a high level of organization evolves in importance. In love, spontaneously you could mimic the great Gothic novel. If you are single, make conscious choices as to the tone of a romance. The person or persons you choose after June reflect your natural inclinations. If you are attached, you might choose to polish your living skills together. Romance will thrive in this milieu. Count on SAGITTARIUS.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Your willingness to forge a new path surprises everyone, including you. The status quo has many appealing elements. Power plays and games have no business in working with a project. Stay as clear as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Work with an individual on a one-on-one level. You gain insight and see life from a very different perspective. This person responds in a meaningful manner. Finally you can get a project moving. New information puts a new slant on a seemingly

reachable goal. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Deferring to others is smarter than getting into a situation where others make demands. Allow this freedom, and give and take. People who can be contrary suddenly can identify with a problem, having experienced it firsthand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Stay even and mellow with an unpredictable person who

does have impact over your life. Your gentle nature comes out at the same time. Steer away from a person who would use this special quality in you. The less involved you are, the happier you ultimately will be. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** When surprise heads in your direction, you suddenly feel

vibrant. Though the news could toss plans out of kilter, that very change reminds you that you are alive. Be open to someone very different. Knowing this person can only be a growing experi-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Be clear as to what you

want and why. Tap into your ability to move past an issue. You might need to revise your thinking. A gamble might not be worth it, when you weigh the pros and cons. Trust a caring partner or loved one. Listen to his or her

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Communications flow with a little help from you! Someone you trust could exhibit erratic behavior. You could see this change as exciting or troublesome, depending on your life perspective. Remember, you cannot change this person. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might want to be

by Jacqueline Bigar

aware of both the emotional and financial pros and cons of an offer or situation. You might not expect some of the obligations surrounding a key person. Detach and really look at this individual with new eyes, especially when interacting with oth-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

**** Greet excitement with a smile, even if it is coming from left field. Your charisma and spontaneity can turn a difficult situation into a dynamic experience. Use caution with finances, whether it is getting involved with a friend or an investment. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** You could feel off. An event or surprise could drain you or give you an adrenaline rush, depending on your makeup. Keep news and information to yourself. You could feel uncomfortable with someone's controlling nature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Enjoy what is on your plate, and do not long for what is not. Meetings, though sometimes difficult, draw excellent results. A friendship could be developing into more. Be aware of this person's feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Stay on top of work, and finish off as much as you can. A friend or co-worker could push very hard to get more of his or her desires. You might need and want to say "no." Do what is best for you. This person wants what is best for him or her.

BORNTODAY Actress Renee O'Connor (1971).



Pictured, seated, is James Harrison. Pictured standing, from left, are Cody Orr, Adrienne Johnson, Sam Morehead and Logan Eastwood.

Harrison wins CCMS geography bee

Special to the Ledger

James Harrison, an eighth grade student at Calloway County Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee, a step closer toward a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 24th annual National Geographic Bee. Sixth

grader Cody Orr placed second. be eligible to compete in their Seventh grader Sam Morehead, / state bee March 30. Adrienne Johnson and Logan Eastwood tied for third place.

The kickoff for this year's bee was the week of Nov. 14, 2011, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Harrison, will now take a written test Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will

Winners from each state will travel to Washington D.C., May 22-24, to compete for a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindbald Expeditions and National Geographic

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