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## GO RACERS!



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### Ongoing case for McManomy ends in sentence

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Circuit Judge Dennis Foust has sentenced an Indiana man charged with criminal abuse of a female Murray State University student to a total of 15 years in prison.

Brandon McManomy, 25, who had previously entered an Alford plea to first-degree criminal abuse, first-degree unlawful imprisonment and violation of an out-of-state EPO/DVO in the case, had previously asked Foust to set aside his plea agreement with Commonwealth's Attorney Mark Blankenship, under which he was sentenced,

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#### WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW
60s	70s
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#### Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

**Tuesday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 5 p.m. A high near 63. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 9 p.m., then showers and thunderstorms. Low around 60. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

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## Petition filed in wet-dry vote



Calloway County Clerk Ray Coursey Jr. looks at a stack of petitions in his office on Monday. The petitions were submitted for a local option election by the group Grow Murray, which is in favor of packaged alcohol sales in the city.

Officials scheduled to review document to determine validity of its signatures

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

A petition calling for a local option election to decide whether or not packaged alcohol sales should be allowed in Murray was turned in Friday afternoon, according to Calloway County Clerk Ray Coursey Jr.

The petition was circulated by a group called Grow Murray, which stated in an ad in late January, "The Grow Murray movement is circulating a petition to finally bring to vote the issue of selling 'packaged' alcoholic beverages in Murray. This movement consists of a large group of citizens that feel the time has come for this vote."

Coursey said County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins and County Attorney David Harrington would review the petition to determine whether or not it contains enough qualified signatures. According to KRS 242.020, a petition for a local option election must be signed by a number of constitutionally qualified voters of the affected territory equal to 25 percent of the votes cast in the last preceding general election. Coursey said around 2,500 registered voters cast a ballot in Murray last November, so at least 625 of the signatures must be from registered Murray voters to meet the qualifications for a special referendum.

Coursey said it could take several days to verify the signatures. The petition that was turned in was actually a large stack of many separate petitions that contained newspaper clippings and print-outs from the Grow Murray website, he said. If it is

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## Budget chairman foresees no major budget overhaul

By ROGER ALFORD  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — No new taxes and no pay raises will likely remain cornerstones of the next state budget, a key Kentucky lawmaker said Sunday.

House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rick Rand told reporters he expects no major overhaul of Gov. Steve Beshear's \$19.5 billion, two-year budget proposal. Lawmakers will likely do only "fine tuning" to the Democratic governor's austere spending plan, leaving state workers with no promise of bigger paychecks.

"I just don't see any way that we can

afford to do any pay increases this cycle," Rand said.

House lawmakers spent Sunday meeting privately at the Capitol to review Beshear's budget proposal, which could be presented for a floor vote within two weeks.

Plans are for a floor vote between March 6 and March 9.

Rand said he sees no way to strike the 8.4 percent in cuts that Beshear proposed for most government agencies because revenues still haven't rebounded sufficiently.

"It's going to be awfully hard to find money in this budget," he said.

Beshear declared "the day of reckon-

ing has come" when he presented his budget proposal last month. Only education, public safety and a handful of other programs would be spared under his plan to close a \$742 million shortfall for the two-year budget starting July 1.

Beshear proposed \$286 million in cuts in the first year of the biennial budget, but none in the second year.

The cuts would be especially difficult for agencies that have already trimmed their budgets by more than 30 percent over the past four years.

State economists have predicted that Kentucky's economy will grow over the next two years, and that revenues will increase as a result. But political leaders

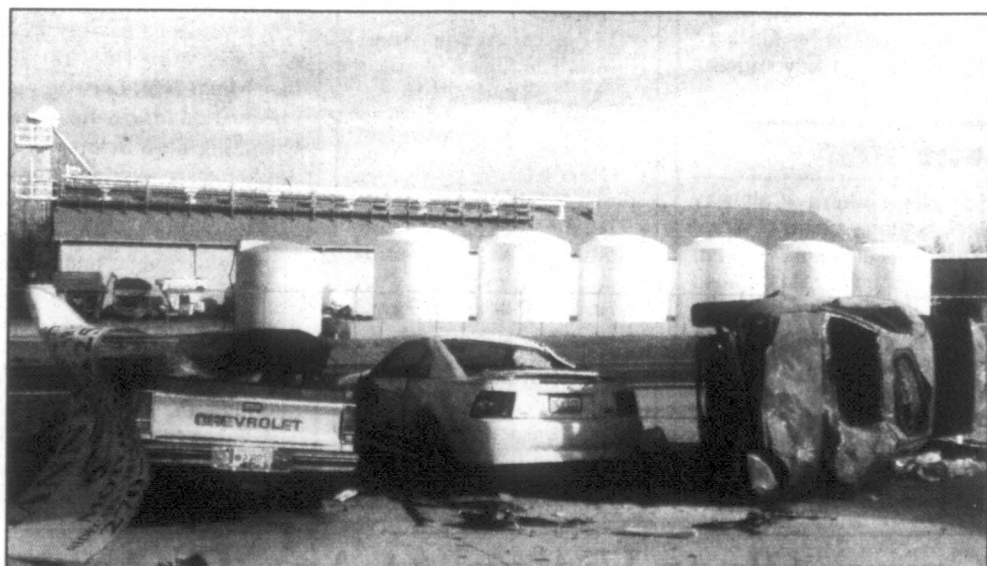
don't believe the growth will occur fast enough to head off the spending cuts.

"Our revenue streams are starting to stabilize," Rand said. "We're not getting the see-saw effect, the up-and-down effect from month to month and quarter to quarter like we were."

Beshear has steadfastly refused to consider tax increases to bolster revenue, saying that could further damage the state's still fragile economy. Rand said Sunday that tax hikes would likely not pass the Legislature even if they were proposed.

"I just don't think we've laid the

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**THREE VEHICLE CRASH:** A three-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of U.S. 641 South and Midway Road south of Murray late Monday afternoon near Hannigan Motor Sports. Kentucky State Police officials said Monday night the cause and details of the accident remain under investigation.

## Calloway County grad casualty in Afghanistan

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. John D. Loftis, one of two officers who were killed inside the U.S. Interior Ministry in Kabul, Afghanistan, had Calloway County roots.

Loftis, 44, a 1986 graduate of Calloway County High School graduate, is the son of John M. Loftis of Calloway County and Chris Jannes of Paducah. Loftis senior told the Murray Ledger & Times Monday he was notified of his son's death shortly after he was killed.

"Three Air Force officers came to the door," he said.

"When I saw them, I knew what they wanted."

Loftis, who said he was overwhelmed with loss of his son, temporarily declined an interview, but noted a funeral for his son would be scheduled in a few days.

The Pentagon identified Loftis as one of the service members killed, according to the AP report. He was assigned to the 866th Air Expeditionary Squadron in Kabul.

Loftis died Saturday during a reported Taliban attack at the headquarters, according to the

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Students exit Chardon High School Monday, Feb. 27, in Chardon, Ohio. A gunman opened fire inside the high school's cafeteria at the start of the school day, wounding four students, officials said. A suspect is in custody.

## Petition...

### From Front

determined that the petition contains enough qualified signatures, the judge-executive has between 60 and 90 days to declare a local option referendum, Coursey said.

However, Coursey added that the timeline would depend partly on the upcoming May 22 primary election because state law prohibits a special election from being held too close to a regularly scheduled election. He said he did not know how far apart the elections needed to be, but that Harrington would have to weigh in on the matter.

Coursey said the language of the referendum would be set by statute. KRS 242.050 states, "The proposition to be voted upon shall be stated without emblems and voters shall designate a 'Yes' or a 'No' vote. In any election the form of the proposition shall be, 'Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in (name of county or city)?"

Coursey said the statute concerning voting for liquor by the drink was under a separate section from the statute regulating local option elections. The ordinance permitting limited sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink in Kentucky, KRS.185, was

adopted in July 2000, and Murray voters approved the referendum in November 2000 at the same time the presidential election was held. A similar referendum was on the ballot for voters in the City of Hazel, but it did not pass, Coursey said. The last two local option elections in Murray were held in September 1988 and April 1985, he said.

Meanwhile, a group against the expansion of alcohol sales in the city continues to circulate its own petition. If certified, the petition would call for a vote of "Yes" to keep alcohol sales as they currently are in Murray; or "No" to eliminate alcohol sales in the city. Rev. Martin Severns, a spokesman for Keep It Out of Murray, said the group would continue to circulate their petition in case the Grow Murray petition is not certified. He said the group's goal was simply to stop the expansion of alcohol sales.

"(Our goal) has been simply to stop the expansion, and (the petition) seemed to be our best tactic for stopping the expansion," Severns said. "And that's why our petition read the way it did. So it either goes, 'This is the way it will stay,' or it will reverse."

## MPD: Investigation in murder case continues

### Staff Report

The Murray man who is charged with the murder of Joseph Leroy Gaskill is scheduled for arraignment in Calloway District Court this morning.

William David West, 57, was charged with murder after the Murray Police Department responded to report of a shooting at approximately 10:50 p.m. Friday at 1611 Wiswell Rd. Calloway County Coroner Rick

Harris pronounced Gaskill, 39, of Mayfield, dead at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room.

West is scheduled for arraignment in district court at 9 a.m. Tuesday. MPD spokesman Sgt. Scott Svebakken said police were not releasing any more information at this time because of the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

## 1 dead, 4 wounded in Ohio school

By THOMAS J. SHEERAN  
Associated Press

CHARDON, Ohio (AP) — A teenager described as a bullied outcast at his suburban Cleveland high school opened fire in the cafeteria Monday morning, killing one student and wounding four others before being caught a short distance away, authorities said.

A student who witnessed the attack close-up said it appeared the gunman was targeting a group of students sitting at a cafeteria table and that the one who was killed was trying to duck under the table.

Panicked students screamed and ran through the halls after the gunfire broke out at the start of the school day at 1,100-student Chardon High, about 30 miles from Cleveland.

The suspect, whose name was not released, was arrested near his car a half-mile away, the FBI said. He was not immediately charged.

FBI officials would not comment on a motive. But 15-year-old Danny Komertz, who witnessed the shooting, said the gunman was known as an outcast who had apparently been bullied. "I looked up and this kid was pointing a gun about 10 feet away from me to a group of four kids sitting at a table," Komertz said. He said the gunman fired two shots quickly, and students scrambled for safety. One of them "was kind of like hiding, trying to get underneath the table, trying to hide, protecting his face."

A Cleveland hospital identified the slain student as Daniel Parmeter, an aspiring computer repairman who was shot while waiting for the bus for his daily 15-minute ride to a vocational center.

### Town Crier

• The Murray-Calloway Transit Authority board of directors will meet at 9 a.m., Feb. 28, at the transit office, 1111 Transit Way. Board members will hear the formal presentation on the annual audit review, and they will discuss ongoing grant proposals, an ongoing management analysis and the office's drug and alcohol policy, among other items.

## Expansion proposed for regional wildlife refuge

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Wildlife officials are proposing an expansion of Kentucky's only national wildlife refuge that would more than double its size, but the plan is drawing questions from residents in neighboring communities.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this month published a 15-year conservation plan for the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Kentucky that proposed expanding the boundaries by 34,000 acres to improve habitat conservation and public access. The refuge lies along the East Fork of the Clarks River near Benton.

Michael Johnson, refuge manager, told The Paducah Sun that people have misconstrued the service's intentions and nearby residents thought they would be forced to sell their property to allow for the expansion.

"There's no validity there," Johnson said. "You don't promote interest for conservation by strong-arming or running over people. You lose the ultimate goal, which is to conserve this area and make it so that it's there for future generations."

Currently the refuge occupies only 9,000 acres. Expanding to the west fork of the river flood plain into Marshall County would mean the refuge would be close to public roadways, would allow wildlife unrestricted movement during the winter months and would create a contiguous area of bottomland hardwood forests.

"Kentucky has lost over 80 percent of forested wetlands in the last century, so when the refuge was creat-

ed, that was recognized along the east fork, but there's a substantial amount on the west fork, as well," Johnson said.

The wildlife service said the refuge is the seasonal home to over 200 different species of migratory birds.

"This area has been identified by many groups as one of the hot spots of wildlife in the entire state of Kentucky," said Tina Chouinard, USFWS natural resource planner. "It's one of the last intact bottom land wildlife areas. Really it has a lot of ecological importance and the expansion would allow for that preservation."

The proposed expansion would extend the refuge's acquisition boundary to 53,874 acres, much of that falling across homes and farmland in McCracken, Marshall and Graves counties.

The wildlife service had several public forums to discuss the plan where dozens of people came out with questions about the land acquisition process. Public comments will be collected through March 15.

While land might be marked as within the acquisition boundary, landowners can choose whether to sell the property to the wildlife service. Nearly 100 landowners have sold land to the refuge since 1997.

"For some property owners it might be to their advantage to sell and to others it might not, but it's not a forced sale and I have no problem with (the service) purchasing that land," Graves County Judge-Executive Tony Smith said.

## McManomy...

### From Front

and schedule at trial.

However during action Monday morning, Foust proceeded with sentencing McManomy to 15 years in prison while also denying a motion from Murray attorney Casey Naber concerning a continuance of McManomy's request. Foust also denied temporary probation of the defendant who faces charges in Indiana. Foust said during sentencing that he had considered McManomy's request extensively before making his ruling. However he noted that his decision may be appealed.

McManomy was initially charged with first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, kidnapping, first-degree assault and

violation of an out-of-state EPO/DVO to which he pleaded not guilty. He was charged following an alleged attack on the woman August 31, 2010 in Calloway County. He had previously pleaded not guilty of all charges.

During sentencing, the victim's father read a statement to the court concerning how the incident affected his unidentified daughter and his family.

As part of the plea agreement, McManomy entered an Alford plea to all charges. In an Alford plea, the accused does not admit guilt, but does acknowledge the Commonwealth has evidence that could lead to a conviction on stated charges. An Alford plea does not mitigate sentencing.

## Budget...

### From Front

groundwork for those things right now," he said. "It takes a long time to build that support within our caucus and within the General Assembly."

The governor had called for

some \$21 million in additional spending to reduce social worker caseloads, expand preschool programs and drug treatment and prevention programs. Rand called it "a good probability" that lawmakers will keep that in the budget.

## Calloway grad...

### From Front

report, supposedly as part of retaliation for the burning of the Quran, the Muslim holy book, and other religious materials by the U.S. military previously. The shootings prompted the unprecedented recall of NATO personnel working inside Afghan ministries, dealing a serious blow to the U.S. effort to rebuild the Afghan government through mentoring.

In a previous Murray Ledger & Times story Dec. 18, 2009, then Major John Loftis, a public information officer for Forward Operating Base Smart in Qalat, Afghanistan worked with a provincial reconstruction team with a mission to bring development, governance and security to the war-torn country. In an email interview, Loftis said he would often be surrounded by Afghan children while on foot patrol in the city. Loftis, who was fluent in the local Pashto language, had a Pashto name; "Eсан" meaning "the quality of

being generous."

After graduating from CCHS, Loftis attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he graduated in 1990. He was commissioned by the Air Force in 1996. He served in the Peace Corp for two years.

In an Associated Press report Monday, Pentagon officials reported Army Maj. Robert J. Marchanti II, of Baltimore was the second offer killed in the attack. He also was assigned to the 866th Air Expeditionary Squadron in Kabul.

Navy Capt. John Kirby, spokesman for the U.S.-led international military coalition in Afghanistan, said Monday that the gunman was still at large and that authorities are undertaking an "active search" to find him. Almost immediately after the shootings, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. John Allen, withdrew all coalition advisers from Afghan ministries. Kirby said Allen is not yet ready to send them back.

### Corrections

• In an article on Monday, Feb. 27, Murray-Calloway County Hospital board member Dave Garrison was misidentified as "Bill Garrison." The term of the new board members will also be through March 31, 2016, not 2015 as reported.

• The Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will play bridge on Wednesday, Feb. 29, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Due to incorrect information provided to the Murray Ledger & Times, the wrong date was noted in an article on Monday, Feb. 27.

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## Obituaries

### Bedford Burnel Wilson

Bedford Burnel Wilson, known to his friends in west Kentucky as "Beck," crossed the river to be with his Lord and Savior at the Marion Veterans Administration Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012.



Mr. Wilson was born in Hazel, Ky., on July 27, 1925, to Bert Wilson and Connie Paschall Wilson of Taylors Store. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Charles Hugo Wilson; two sisters, Lottie Wilson Smotherman and Sylvester Wilson Hall; and his wife, Jean Spann Wilson.

He was a veteran of W.W.II and jumped with the 101st Airborne Division as a light machine gunner on D-Day (June 6, 1944). He served in the Army from June 26, 1943, to Jan. 17, 1946, and was awarded a Parachutists Badge, Carbine and Rifle Sharpshooter Badges, W.W.II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Belgian Foudregerre, EAME Ribbon with one Silver Star for six major battles, Good Conduct Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge.

After completing his service in W.W.II, Mr. Wilson resided in Highland Park, Mich., for about 20 years while he worked in the auto industry. He returned to west Kentucky and married Jean Spann and they resided in Cadiz until he returned to Murray after her death on May 15, 1988. The couple were the original developers of Bluegrass Estates subdivision near Lake Barkley Lodge. He lived several years at the Murray Hotel on Sixth and Main and most recently was living at Fern Terrace Lodge of Murray. He was very fond of his friends at Kroger and often said that he missed having coffee with them.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his nieces, Donna Wilson Latimer and husband, James, of Troy, Mich., Judy Wilson Lee and husband, Jackie, of Ball Ground, Ga., Rhonda Wilson Howard and husband, Terry, of Simpsonville, Janice Smotherman Quarters and husband, Ron, of Auburn Hills, Mich., Tina Wilson Mcfadzean and husband, Dion, of Dubai, UAE, Nancy Hall Kelly and husband, Fred, of Orlando, Fla., Lisa Hill Ruff, of Orlando, Fla., and Connie Hall Burton, of Pensacola, Fla. He is also survived by his nephews, Charles D. Wilson, of Orlando, Fla., James Smotherman, of Morina, Calif., Steve Smotherman and wife, Laurie, of Los Angeles, Calif., Tom Hall, of Tacoma Park, Md., and Frank Smotherman and wife, Cindy, of Carbondale, Colo.

Mr. Wilson was a member of American Legion Post #73. Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is handling the arrangements and the family is planning a memorial service with full honors at the West Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Hopkinsville at a later date.

The family asks that donations be made to American Legion Post 73, PO Box 885, Murray, KY 42071 in lieu of flowers.

This is a paid obituary.

### Lanie Lois (Janie) Lancaster

Graveside services for Lanie Lois (Janie) Lancaster, 88, of Murray, Ky., were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at Wofford Cemetery in Stewart County, Tenn., with the Rev. Kerry Lambert officiating. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home.



Lancaster

Mrs. Lancaster died at 3:37 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Spring Creek Health Care. She was born Nov. 28, 1923 in Stewart County, Tenn. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was married Jan. 1, 1947 to Joe B. Lancaster and he died Sept. 24, 2004. One daughter, Marsha Jo Lancaster; one sister, Lara Paschall; and two brothers, Buford Barrow and Clifford Barrow also preceded her in death. Her parents were Henry and Lanie (Keeney) Barrow.

Mrs. Lancaster is survived by her daughter, Melia Redden and husband, Randy, of Murray; one brother, Hubert Barrow and wife, Anne, of Hazel; one grandchild, Whitney White and husband, Zach, of Murray; and one great-grandchild, Caleb Mason White, of Murray. Serving as pallbearers were Zach White, Scott Barrow, Chase Barrow, Steve Sanders, Gary Jones and Scott Marvin.

Online condolences can be left at [www.yorkfuneralhome.com](http://www.yorkfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were handled by Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home.

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## Group calls on governor to cancel prayer breakfast

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Freedom from Religion Foundation is calling on Gov. Steve Beshear to cancel an upcoming prayer breakfast in Frankfort, claiming it constitutes an unconstitutional endorsement of religion.

Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-founder of the group, sent a letter to Beshear on Thursday telling him that she considers

the annual event set for March 6 to be "unnecessary, divisive and not within the power of civil government."

The breakfast is a longstanding tradition in Kentucky. Since Beshear became governor in 2007, he has invited people of all faiths to the event.

Beshear spokeswoman Kerri Richardson had no immediate comment.



Photo provided

**TAX FRAUD DRUG BUST:** Murray Police Department investigators allegedly confiscated marijuana and cash from the home of a Murray businesswoman Monday while serving a search warrant for alleged tax preparation fraud.

## Tax investigation by Murray Police leads to drug and theft charges

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

An investigation of possible tax fraud by Murray Police Department officials has resulted in the arrest of one Murray woman on drug charges and another is sought by police.

MPD Sgt. Scott Svebakken said in a news release that MPD Officer Darrin McCuiston had been notified by a local bank concerning a possible case of tax preparer fraud Feb. 9. The investigation involved alleged questionable activity surrounding a checking account titled FO SHO DOUGH TAX.

Svebakken said several tax refunds were being directly deposited into the account. Over a period of 11 days, a reported \$14,676 labeled tax refunds was deposited into the account, he said.

"It is a violation of federal law for a tax preparer to receive a client's refund," Svebakken said in the release.

About 1:30 p.m. Monday, MPD served search warrants on the business FO SHO DOUGH and on the residence of the business owner, Silvia Jones. During execution of the warrants, MPD reported seizing computer equipment, financial documents, \$11,426 in cash and over 4 pounds of marijuana, Svebakken said.

Anna Urquhart, 20 of Murray, who also resides at the residence, was arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana. So far, Silvia Jones has not been located by police. Svebakken said Jones is wanted on charges of identity theft, second-degree forgery and willfully filing and making false tax returns. Anyone who has done business with FO SHO DOUGH is asked to contact McCuiston at 753-1621.

Individuals facing charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

## Numerous injured in nightclub shooting

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — The medical condition of the most seriously wounded survivor of a fatal Jackson lounge shooting has been upgraded.

The shooting early Sunday killed 19-year-old LeCarlos Todd of Memphis. Travis Steed of Jackson, who is 30, was airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, where a nursing supervisor said his condition on Monday morning had improved from critical to serious.

Two other shooting victims were admitted to Jackson-

Madison County General Hospital. Fourteen more were released after treatment for gunshot wounds and two others were hurt when trampled by people running for exits.

Police said at least three people shot into the crowd during a party following the Saturday night basketball game at Lane College against Lemoyn-Owen College.

Police said there was no immediate indication the shooting was gang-related.

## Obama welcomes new oil pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday welcomed a Canadian company's plan to build an oil pipeline from Oklahoma to Texas after President Barack Obama blocked the larger Keystone XL pipeline from Canada.

The new proposal by Calgary-based TransCanada does not require presidential approval because it does not cross a U.S. border.

The 485-mile pipeline is expected to cost about \$2.3 billion and be completed next year,

pending approval by federal, state and local governments.

The Obama administration had suggested development of an Oklahoma-to-Texas line to alleviate an oil bottleneck at a Cushing, Okla., storage hub.

Obama rejected the Keystone XL pipeline last month, citing uncertainty over a route that avoids the environmentally sensitive Sandhills region in Nebraska. He said there was not enough time for a fair review before a looming deadline forced on him by Republicans.

## Kentucky News in Brief

### Paducah jail inmate on the loose

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Authorities in western Kentucky are looking for a jail inmate who escaped from a work detail.

Kentucky State Police said Monday morning that William Franklin Guill was still at large.

Guill was in jail for flagrant non-support when he slipped away from the work detail from the McCracken County Jail on Sunday afternoon.

He is a white male who is just over six feet tall and weighs about 185 pounds. Guill has short brown hair, a goatee and hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a green jumpsuit.

Tips can be phoned to the KSP at (270) 856-3721.

### Mayor charged with drunken driving

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — A central Kentucky mayor is facing a drunken driving charge.

Versailles police spokesman Lt. Daniel Clark told the Lexington Herald-Leader that the town's mayor, Fred Siegelman, was charged early Sunday with driving under the influence.

The newspaper reports Siegelman refused a breath test and was taken to the Woodford County Detention Center.

VINELink, a website that lists information about jail inmates, did not have information on whether Siegelman has an attorney but said he had been released from custody on Sunday.

Siegelman has been mayor of Versailles since 1998.

### 2 dead in eastern Kentucky house fire

HYDEN, Ky. (AP) — Emergency workers say two people have died in a house fire in eastern Kentucky.

Leslie County dispatchers told WKYT-TV one person was found dead in the home Monday morning and another died after being taken to a hospital.

### UK preparing to mark 150th anniversary

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto has named a committee to plan festivities marking the university's sesquicentennial.

The university will mark the 150th anniversary of its establishment on Feb. 22, 2015.

The university says the committee's work will include planning a university-wide recognition and celebration in 2015, events and activities leading up to the sesquicentennial, an educational component to expand awareness of UK's history and mission and special recognition and development opportunities for investment in the university.

The committee is being led by chairmen Mike Richey, the vice president of development, and Deirdre Scaggs, the associate dean of special collections at UK libraries.

### Crews find body of barge worker in river

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — A western Kentucky official says crews have found the body of a barge worker who fell into the Tennessee River.

Marshall County Rescue Chief Curt Curtner told WPSD-TV that co-workers lost contact with the man around 1:30 Sunday morning. He said crews were called in to help search and the man's body was located about an hour later.

Curtner said the man's identity isn't being released pending notification of kin and the outcome of an autopsy.

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# LEARNING

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## Jackson chosen MHS February Rotary Student of the Month

By **ANDREA GRAHAM**  
MHS Black and Gold

Mariel Jackson, Senior at Murray High School, was designated by MHS Faculty as the Rotary Student of the Month for February.

Jackson is a four-year member of the Murray High School Speech Team and selected as captain by her fellow Speech Team members, participates in various events such as Duo Interpretation and Broadcasting. She has qualified to participate in the State Speech Tournament four years in a row in the "Broadcasting" category and received such placements as first in the Tornado Alley Tournament in 2012, second in the Tornado Alley Tournament in 2011 and third in the Grant County Tournament in 2011.

Jackson is also very active in Murray High School's WMHS TV13 Program, serving as a Production Crew Member since 2009 and President of the club since 2010. Through her participation with the TV program at Murray High, Mariel has received numerous awards such as first place Best Sports Story at the 2010 MSU Journalism Workshop, first place News/Feature Package and first

Place WMHS  
TV Staff

News/Feature Program at the 2011 MSU Journalism Workshop and second place 2010 Best Monthly Newscast at the 2010 WKU Mark of Excellence Awards. She also serves with the production crew & host of the Lion's Club telethon since 2009 and Rotary Telethon, Production Crew & Host of the Rotary Telethon since 2009. She also attended the 2011 Student Television Network Convention in Orlando, Fla., with the 2010-2011 TV Program members.

Jackson is a four-year member of the Murray High School Dance Team, dancing at half times of both football and basketball home games. She has also participated in Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish Club, Y-club, National Honors Society, Leadership Tomorrow, West Kentucky Mentoring and Key Club.

Jackson attended the Governor's Scholar Program in the summer of 2011 at the



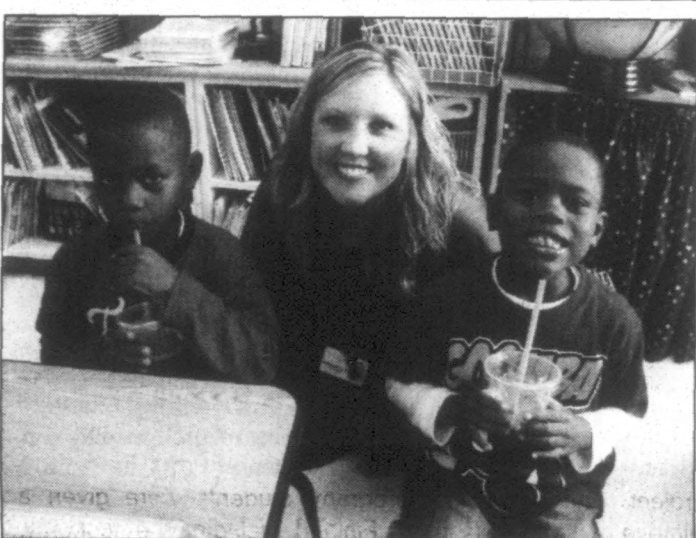
Jackson

Bellarmine University campus in Louisville.

Also an active community member, Jackson has also been involved in the community through her participation with the Girl Scouts program since 1999. In the course of her involvement with the Girl Scouts of America, Jackson has spent many hours volunteering in the local community. She has received the 2007 Bronze Service award and the Leadership Torch Pin for her efforts in both the community and the program.

Jackson has also spent a large amount of her time bettering the community and herself through her youth group at Murray First United Methodist Church. She has served as a member of the Youth Council Board since 2008 and has spent weeks of her summer vacations serving on mission trips with her youth group in 2010 and 2011.

Jackson plans to attend the University of Kentucky this upcoming fall and pursue a major in Integrated Strategic Communications. She is the daughter of Bob and Karen Jackson, of Murray.



Carol Chapman / MISD

**SMOOTHIE PARTY:** University Book and Bean teamed up with Murray Elementary School to reward the classroom with the highest attendance for the month with a Smoothie Party. The winners were the first grade students in Matlene Perry's classroom. Pictured, from left, are D. J. Barnette, Michelle Bundren of Book and Bean and C. J. Barnette.



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**SHAKESPEARE LEARNING:** Murray Middle School students enjoyed seeing the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Murray State University, along with a visit from some of the actors from the America Shakespeare Center in Staunton, Va., who performed in the play. Bridget Rue Egterhuizen and Rick Blunt led the entire seventh grade in many different skits and taught them about rhythm, shared lines, unison and space. Pictured, from left, are Livi Rogers, Egterhuizen, Blunt and Jonathan Hilbrecht.

## Wilson chosen as CCHS February Rotary Student of the Month

Special to the Ledger

Karlee Wilson, a senior at Calloway County High School, was selected as the February student of the month for the Murray Rotary Club. Wilson has a 4.0 GPA and will be a valedictorian for the 2012 graduating class.

She is a four-year starter of the Lady Laker Basketball Team and also a six-year starter for the Lady Laker Softball Team. She has been named to the All-District and All-Regional teams in both sports multiple times. She was recently named WPSD Biokinetics Player of the Week.

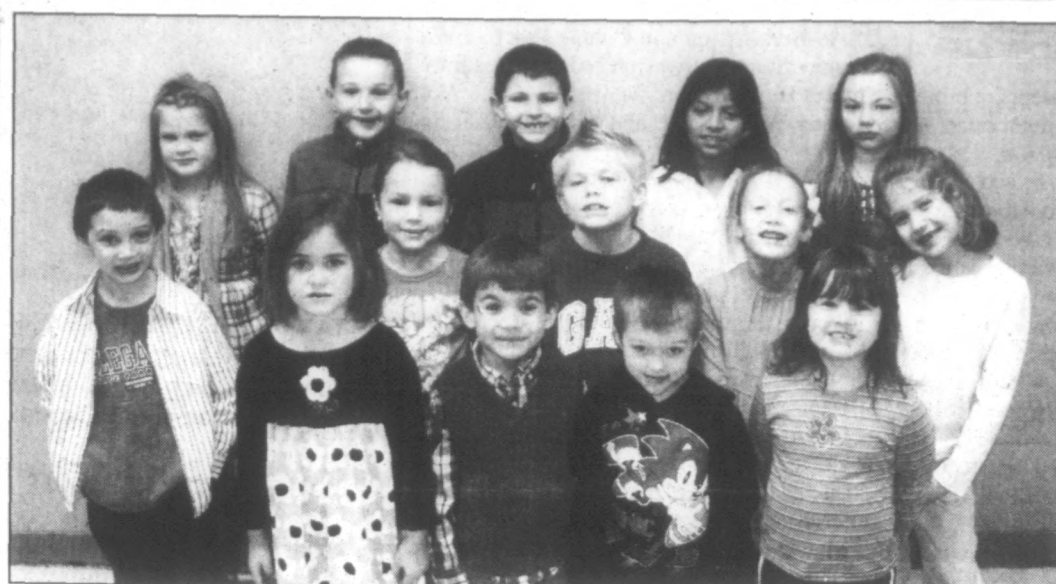
Wilson is an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America and Future Educators of America. She has been class treasurer the past three years. She is a member of Lakers for Christ and Laker Legion. Wilson was also named most athletic girl of the senior class.

When she is not at school, Wilson is either with her sports teams or working as a Lifeguard at Oaks Country Club. In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies, spending time outdoors and hanging out with friends.

She plans to attend Murray State University in the fall, and will pursue a degree in Secondary Education.



Wilson



Photos provided

**STUDENT CITIZENSHIP:** Pictured above are Kindergarten through second grade students at North Calloway Elementary School that were chosen for consistently displaying great citizenship in their classrooms. Pictured, from left, on the front row are Nathan Deitz, Jordyn Pritchett, Jonathan Therrien, Landon Danielson and Kelley Turner; on the second row are Emma Turley, Lincoln English, Sydney Naber and Averie Crick, and on the third row are Meagan Underhill, Karsen Starks, Cody Mason, Lucero Santos and Tatum Lamb. Pictured below are students chosen in the third through fifth grades. On the first row, from left, are Casey Gupton, Morgan Childress and Samantha Reardon; on the second row, are Ellis Stubblefield, Eide Scott, Melany Gabriel and Hastings Birdsong; on the third row, are Amanda Harpole, Kelly Underhill, Izzy Blanton, Madisyn Ransey and Tyler Hollan.



Carol Chapman / MISD

**BOTTLE ROCKET SCIENCE:** Students in Mike Epperson's seventh grade science class at Murray Middle School brought in a bottle and followed directions in adding cardboard to complete a rocket. The project is an experiment in force and motion. The students will launch their rockets when the weather is warmer. Pictured, Sam Lewis works on his bottle rocket.



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**DR. SEUSS READING GUEST:** The students in Reita Robinson's second grade class at Southwest Elementary School enjoyed a story read by Tommy Greer (as Dr. Seuss). Students pictured, from left, are Corbin Kiser, Kent Geurin, Bailey Provine, Matthew Stone, Nina Natividad, Bethany Fister, Joseph Roblero and Nick Tyson.

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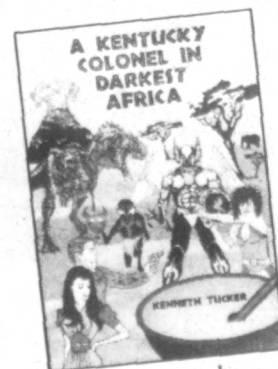
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## DATEBOOK Library to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday



**Datebook**  
Jessica Morris,  
Community  
editor

The public is invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a celebration on Thursday, March 1, at the Calloway County Public Library, 710 Main St., Murray, from 4-5 p.m. There will be activities and guest readers. Parents are asked to stay with their children throughout the event. For more information call the Murray Family Resource Youth Service Center at 759-9592 or 753-4363, the Calloway County Family Resource Center at 762-7333, the Little Laker Family Resource Center at 762-7410, or the Calloway County Public Library at 753-2288.

### Garden Department of MWC to meet

The Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday, March 1, at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse. Heather Blankenship will present a program, "Tour Arboretum Garden." Hostesses will be Pat Miller and Sue White. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Blood drive set for Wednesday

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital will hold a Wellness Center Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Health and Wellness classroom. For more information call Melissa at 753-8096. The public is invited.

### CUBS meeting set for Wednesday

Calloway United Benevolent Services will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at noon at Glendale Road Church of Christ. John Dale will give an update from the Homeless Task Force. The remainder of meeting time will be devoted to introductions and sharing by those in attendance. For more information call Donna Herndon at (270) 293-8780.

### Culture resources committee to meet

The Murray Middle School's Culture Resources Committee will meet Thursday, March 1, from 3:20-4 p.m. in the school's office conference room. All interested persons are invited 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 be made by calling 753-0929.

### DivorceCare meetings held Wednesdays

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure he or she knows about DivorceCare. It might just be the best thing you could do to help. Meetings are at Elm Grove Baptist Church, 6483 St. Rt. 94 East, beginning at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (270) 293-2509 for more information.

### Overeaters' Anonymous to meet

Overeaters' Anonymous, a 12-step recovery group for all types of eating problems, meets each Thursday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Christ Methodist Church, 1322 W. Broadway, Mayfield. For more information call Marcia at (270) 247-7414 or Jim at (270) 623-8850.

### Registration open for purity ball

Registration is now open for the second annual Father Daughter Purity Ball, to be held Friday, March 23, for young ladies grades six and up. The evening will include dinner, music, a purity ring and commitment ceremony. The cost is \$20 per couple, \$5 extra for each additional child. The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 1. To register, call 753-0700.

### Public invited to donate items to MCCSA

The public is invited to donate items to the Murray-Calloway County Bee Creek Soccer Complex on Friday, March 2, from 4-7 p.m. or by special arrangement by contacting Amanda at (270) 293-5212. The complex recently had its concession stand/storage room destroyed by fire and is asking for donations to be used in a community wide yard sale in the future.

### Veterans assistance available

Ron McClure will be in Mayfield on Tuesday, Feb. 28, and Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd., Mayfield from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For information call Regional Field Rep. Ron McClure at (270) 247-2455, ext. 73905.

### Breast Cancer Support Group to meet

The Murray-Calloway County Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom of the Center for Health and Wellness, located on the corner of South Eighth and Poplar Streets, Murray. For more information call (270) 489-2462.

### Book and Bean to host Dr. Seuss event

The public is invited to attend a Dr. Seuss event at University Book and Bean on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 4-5 p.m. The guest reader will be Coach Chris Hatcher, Murray State University football coach, along with players who will attend as special guests.

### Pinewood Derby set for March 3

The Alottawatta District will hold Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 3, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Murray State University Racer Arena. The public is invited to attend. Awards will be given for best design and fastest cars. Open to all District Cub scouts and siblings. For more information email Roy Day or John Dowdy at rhd421jr@newavecomm.net.

### PIP volunteers needed

Playhouse in the Park volunteers are needed for office and other miscellaneous duties. These tasks will assist Lisa Cope, executive director, Lisa Cope. Volunteers can work as little as two hours a month on a rotating schedule. Contact the Playhouse at 759-1752 and leave a message or email playhouse@murray-ky.net. No special training is needed.



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**HERITAGE FUND DONATION:** The Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club recently presented a \$500 donation to the Heritage Fund, a fund established to sustain the MWC clubhouse and property. Pictured, from left, are Barbara Brandon, chairman of the Zeta Department, Sheila Henry, treasurer of the Murray Woman's Club and Betty Sue Vinson, treasurer of Zeta Department.

## VITA tax preparation sessions to be held

Written by:  
**BOB MCGAUGHEY**  
Special to the Ledger

Murray State University's department of accounting and its student honor society, Beta Alpha Psi, will again conduct VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

The accounting students will be available for three remaining Fridays to assist MSU students (both domestic and international), employees, moderate-income tax payers and senior citizens.

Dr. Floyd Carpenter, professor of accounting and VITA site manager, said Murray State has conducted the program for more than 30 years. Over the past three years, the program has assisted taxpayers with about 500 returns a year.

The program has been recognized nationally for its outstanding work. Two years ago the organization received a plaque from the Internal Revenue Service for its outstanding work.

The accounting students receive training to become IRS-certified to provide the tax assistance. There are no appointments necessary. Assistance is done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The students can file both federal and Kentucky returns for eligible tax payers.

The Friday sessions will be held from 12-4 p.m. in the Business Building South Wing Room 353, on Fridays, March 9, 30 and April 6.

People seeking tax preparation assistance with federal and/or state returns should bring the following documents:

- Photo ID and social security card(s) and other identifying documents for the taxpayer(s) and any dependents.
- 2011 W-2s, 1099s and other tax records.
- Copies of completed 2010 tax returns (if available).

For more information contact the department of accounting at 809-4193.

## Elem Econ Extravaganza teacher workshop to be held

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The Elem Econ Extravaganza, presented by Murray State University, will be held Tuesday, March 13, from 4-7 p.m. at North Marshall County Middle School.

Teachers are invited to attend and choose one of three curriculum sessions: Econ and Me (grades 3-8), Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature (grades K-5) and Children in the Marketplace (grades 2-5).

Econ and Me, an award-winning DVD video series, stars four children and an invisible friend who helps them solve real-life economics problems. Five 15-minute video programs focus on basic economic concepts — scarcity, opportunity cost, consumption, production and interdependence. The 44-lesson teacher's guide includes a pre/post-test, video program summaries, discussion questions, handouts and extension activities.

Curriculum for Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature includes 21 lessons with practical, classroom-tested lesson plans to use with popular children's stories. The selected children's stories teach basic economic concepts such as goods and services, consumer, producer, productive resources, entrepreneur, scarcity, opportunity cost, trade-offs, interdependence and more.

Children in the Marketplace has lessons which stress problem-solving skills as derived from real-life situations and include participation in role-playing and storytelling, a book-mark production activity, a community business observation activity, analysis of newspaper and television advertisements, a skit, a consumer market survey and a board game.

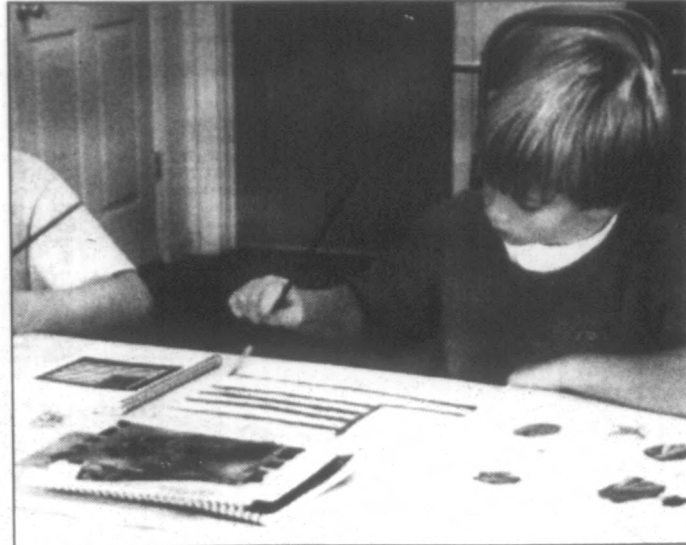


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**YOUTH PAINTING STUDIO:** The Murray Art Guild has openings in youth painting studios, for ages 10 and up on Tuesdays, from 4-5:30 p.m. through March. Participants will explore different painting styles and mediums while looking at various artists and art movements. From studying still life through abstract, students will discover and develop creative and decision making skills, according to Debi Henry Danielson, instructor. For information, including pricing, call 753-4059.



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**FINLAND 101:** Graves County Middle School seventh graders in Kelly Locker's reading block recently learned more about Finland through a program that Jan Mayes, standing left, a member of the Friendship Homemakers Club in Farmington, developed as part of the club's International Project. Throughout the program, students were given a glimpse of what life is like in Finland, including the economy, culture and food. Mayes, along with her husband, Dr. Jerry Mayes, and family, spent time in Finland as part of a Murray State University professor exchange program.

## Registration set to begin

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The Calloway County Preschool/Head Start spring registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held Friday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, March 22, from 2:45-5:45 p.m., and Friday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Calloway County Preschool.

Parents of children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Oct. 1, may call the preschool at 762-7410 to schedule an appointment to complete the registration packet. The child will also complete a developmental screening.

At the appointment, parents will need to bring the child's certified birth certificate, social security card, insurance card/medical card and proof of your income for 2011 (W-2's or Income Taxes). The child does not have to be in attendance.

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**FLAG PRESENTATION:** Woodmen of the World Lodge 592 recently presented a flag for the Weak's Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Roger Miller, Clyde Rowland, Brice Ratterree, Eric Kelleher, director of Senior Citizen Center, Amos McCarty, Earl Hudspeth, Joe Arnold, Rachel Brown and David Roos.

## MSU dean of health sciences and human services awarded for outstanding community service

### Special to the Ledger

Dr. Susan Muller, dean of the college of health sciences and human services at Murray State University, was recognized on Feb. 13, at the Sea Gull Century Scholarship Luncheon for her service to the Sea Gull Century in Salisbury, Md.

The Sea Gull Century is a nationally known cycling event for nonprofit organizations including Alzheimer's Association, Habitat for Humanity, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, Salisbury University Scholarship Fund and other local nonprofit organizations.

Sponsored by Salisbury University, the event is a 100-mile cycling tour with more than 8,000 participants riding through the scenic roads of Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Salisbury University Scholarship Fund consists of additional donations from riders to be awarded as scholarships to students. Students must participate or volunteer in the Sea Gull Century and have a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for the scholarships. This year the six scholarships will be awarded in Muller's name in honor of her



**Dr. Susan Muller**

service to the Sea Gull Century and Salisbury University for the past 20 years.

Muller explained how her past experiences is assisting her in the process of incorporating new programs into the college of health sciences and human services at MSU. "Having worked in the health education profession for more than 20 years, I have learned that within every organization there are a variety of opinions and beliefs. Once you understand the contextual infor-

mation and potential consequences of the various options available to you, it becomes much easier to make the decision that will benefit the most people ... Keeping this bigger picture in mind will be essential to succeed in moving the college of health sciences and human services forward."

Recently, Muller has been named a fellow of the American Association for Health Education (AAHE). Muller served the AAHE for more than 20 years as a member of the board of directors, through committee service and as AAHE's liaison to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

On March 16, she will be honored at the AAHPERD National Convention and will be inducted as a Fellow of the AAHE. Other awards Muller has received include Service Award-Health-U of Delmarva (2011), AAHE Presidential Citation (2008) and Salisbury University Distinguished Faculty Award (2006).

For more information about the college of health sciences and human services, contact Muller at smuller1@mur-raystate.edu.

## U.S. college grads get older, shift workplace trends

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans 60 or older are more likely than ever to have college degrees, helping redefine work and retirement as educated baby boomers swell the senior population at rates faster than young adults earn diplomas.

Census figures released Thursday highlight changes in U.S. college completion, which reached a high of 30.4 percent last year. It comes amid increasing shares of older Americans in the workplace and record drops in employment for young adults, an age twist that is historically unprecedented.

"This is an important milestone in our history," Census Bureau Director Robert Groves said, referring to the increase in people with college degrees across all age groups. "The more education people have the more likely they are to have a job and earn more money, particularly for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree."

The college gains are making it easier for older Americans to work later in life because they are more likely than their parents' generation to hold higher-skilled jobs, which are seen as harder to replace. Due to increased life expectancy, rising health care costs and other financial incentives to keep working, the government projects that 1 in 4 workers by 2020 will be at least 55 years old — up from 1 in 5 today.

"I don't know what I'd do if I didn't work. It's just so enlightening, and I love all the people I work with," said Lillian Gourley, 83, of Southbury, Conn. Spending much of her career in advertising, she decided eight years ago to return to the workforce after retirement to help pay off bills in between her daily activities of gardening, socializing and visits to her daughters and grandchildren.

Based on her work experience, she was quickly offered a job at a local newspaper as a receptionist, a position she held throughout the economic downturn. Gourley says she enjoys interacting with younger coworkers — the "kids" — and believes the workplace as a whole is enriched by having a wide group of employees who bring energy, know-how and wisdom to their jobs.

"As long as I can, I want to work, and when I stop enjoying

it then I'll stop," said Gourley, who earned an art degree in 1949. "I just can't imagine sitting around at home, doing nothing and complaining."

Demographers say the improved job fortunes for educated, older Americans are commonplace.

"Older workers gained the most and lost the least over the recession, and education was an important factor," said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston, citing their combination of experience and training.

He noted that the biggest job losses were among less-educated younger men, who struggled with reduced demand for blue-collar jobs in construction, manufacturing and transportation. "Employers for the most part over the last decade did not hire young workers, and when times got bad, they did not lay off as many older workers."

Currently, about 26 percent of Americans 60 and older have a bachelor's degree, up from 13 percent in 1992 and now an all-time high. Educational gains among older Americans are being fueled by waves of aging college graduates who attended school in higher numbers in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s following government expansions of a military G.I. bill that helped pay tuition costs. Increased enrollment in adult continuing education programs also have bolstered the gains.

Increased education levels among older Americans is a shift from their parents' generations, who didn't need a college degree to find a good-paying job in manufacturing or construction. Much of that blue-collar work, however, has since moved overseas, driving down wages for the fewer jobs that remained in the U.S.

In the last five years, the number of college graduates between the ages of 60-69 climbed nearly 55 percent, more than double the rate of increase for younger age groups, including the 25-29 age group, whose number of college graduates rose 20 percent to 6.9 million. Roughly 78 million baby boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964 and began turning 65 last year, are now aging into the senior ranks.

The increase in college grad-

uates is prominent among women 60 and older, whose shares with bachelor's degrees jumped from 10 percent in 1992 to more than 21 percent. The numbers were lifted by many students who opted to pursue college degrees following the 1960s women's movement.

Across all age and race groups, Americans holding at least a bachelor's degree increased last year to 30.4 percent; that's up from less than 25 percent in 1998 and just 5 percent in 1940. While younger women 25-29 are more likely than young men to complete college, 36 percent to 28 percent, across all age groups women still lag men slightly, 30 percent to 31 percent.

William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution who reviewed the data, said the latest trends show the senior population will be "a major player in the labor force of the future."

"The fact that a substantial segment of today's older workers are more educated and experienced accounts for their taking fewer employment hits," he said. "It suggests the wisdom of formulating government policies and incentives to keep these well-educated seniors in the labor force beyond the traditional retirement age of 65."

Other findings: —Employment among young adults 16-29 was 55.3 percent as of 2010, compared with 67.3 percent in 2000; it's the lowest since the end of World War II. In contrast, employment rates for those 55 and older increased over the last decade. Labor force participation rates also jumped eight percentage points over the last decade for Americans ages 55-74, from 42.5 percent to 50.6 percent, while rates for younger age groups declined.

—By race and ethnicity, 50 percent of Asian-Americans ages 25 and older had at least a bachelor's degree. That's compared with 34 percent for non-Hispanic whites, 20 percent for blacks and 14 percent for Hispanics. While most age and race groups saw increases in college attainment from the previous year, one notable exception was Hispanic males 25-29; their share slipped from 10.8 percent to 9.6 percent.

by Jacqueline Bigar

## Horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012:

Often, you will say one thing but do another. Others scratch their heads and wonder what might be going on, as you are sending out mixed messages. This tendency could be unique to this year. If you are single, your interactions could reflect this tendency and cause a problem in your dating life. Be more aware of your behavior. If you are attached, the two of you will emphasize your domestic life. Tame the free spirit within! GEMINI can be charming.

**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)

★★★ Confusion surrounds an issue. Give yourself time. Unexpected insights will head your way. Tension remains high and causes you to pull back frequently to see what is going on. Tonight: Chatting with a friend.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You know what is happening. A friend has the ability to mire up the works, which could cause you to shake your head. Use caution, should this person approach you about a financial deal. You know how to say "no" without hurting anyone's feelings. Tonight: Treat a friend.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Getting grounded could take some work this morning, but you will do it. Surprising news will energize you, and before you know

it, you are in your element. You display a certain skill when dealing with the unpredictable. Tonight: All smiles. Why not?

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to back off and get started on a personal project. Sometimes, interactions with others might give you a jolt. Of all the signs, you display a fine-tuned sensitivity. You also occasionally need to pull away from others. Tonight: Distance yourself from others, just for now.

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

★★★★ You know when you are in good standing with the universe. Seize the moment to further a long-term desire. Be aware that some people could be shocked, as you seem absorbed in a project they might have known very little about. Tonight: Loving the moment.

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

★★★★ You assume the role of leader. Others might be too confused to know what to do. An associate surprises you with his or her brevity and insight, which leaves you deep in thought. Tension could build if you lose your focus. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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

★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who means a lot to you. What you hear demonstrates what your imagination can create. A close associate or loved one intrigues you with his or her unpredictability. You wonder: What gives? Tonight: Think "vacation" or "mini-trip."

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

★★★★ You might want to move in another direction or try something totally different. You could be closer to a child or loved one than you realize. Events in the near future will point to the depth of this person's attachment. Tonight: Just you and another person.

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

★★★★ Forget about having any say. Someone interjects his or her opinions and kisses up to the boss. You know better, but you have little choice. Let go and play. Make the most of the moment, and take part of the day off. Hook up with a loved one. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

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

★★★★ Focus on your goals, and get as much done as possible, despite the fact that there is uproar on the home front. By now, you might be getting used to this electrifying energy. Tension builds if you hold yourself back from saying what you think. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

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

★★★★ You like excitement, and you have it. This energy could surround a loved one or child. On the other hand, it could surround jolting news. Regardless, be sure that this wave of excitement will take you in a new direction. Tonight: Come on, be spontaneous.

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

★★★ You could see some wild swings take place financially. Your bank could make a mistake, or you might buy a lottery ticket. Before you decide whether you are lucky, make sure the bank clears the check or the events are real. Tonight: Order in.

### BORN TODAY

Motivational speaker Tony Robbins (1960), inventor Herman Hollerith (1860), singer Dinah Shore (1916)

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Looking Back

Ten years ago

During Friday's reception at the Calloway County Public Library's annex, outgoing board members Walter Apperson, Clarkie Butterworth and Gail Parker were honored for their services to the library.

Bridget Swartzell, a senior at Calloway County High School, was selected February Student of the Month by Murray Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Terry and Kim Wyatt.

In high school basketball, the Murray High Lady Tigers beat Christian Fellowship 73-14. High scorer for Murray was Paige Adlich with 20 points.

Ryan Cathey received a limited edition Hot Wheels 96-car collector's pack in the youth Wal-Mart Hot Wheels Design Challenge held in Murray.

Twenty years ago

The Murray High School Black History Queen candidates are Renee Hornbuckle, Marquette Foster and Selena Graves. The Queen will be crowned during an assembly at Murray High School.

A recent birth reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Feb. 25 includes a boy to Deborah and Frankie Rogers, Murray.

Seth Curtis Brandon celebrated his first birthday on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The theme was "Baby Mickey Mouse." He is the son of Jennifer Massey of Murray.

Opal Morgan was crowned as duchess and Guy Smith was crowned as duke at a Valentine party held Feb. 14 by residents of Fern Terrace Lodge.

Thirty years ago

The Feb. 27 issue of the *Murray Ledger & Times* is the first printed on the newspaper's new six unit press, capable of printing up to 24 pages in two sections in a single press run.

Murray State is one of 20 colleges and universities in Kentucky that offers college credit through public television. Courses include computers, literature, psychology

or classroom discipline.

Fannie Scott was honored on her 80th birthday with a dinner Jan. 31 at University Branch of Bank of Murray.

In college basketball, the Murray State Racers beat Akron 78-67. High scorer for MSU was Glen Green with 19 points.

In middle school basketball, the Calloway County Middle Lady Lakers beat Benton 44-28, winning the middle school championship tournament. High scorer for the Lakers was Rhonda Lee, setting a new school record with eight field goals and 11 free throws for 27 points.

Forty years ago

Rep. Kenneth C. Innes was the youngest member of the Kentucky General Assembly and may well have been the youngest ever to serve. He was 24, the age required by Kentucky constitution, when elected.

Don E. Jones, president of Murray Bass Club, had been presented "Mr. Bass" award from Drane Shelley, past president. The award was for the most points earned during club fishing events.

Fifty years ago

Wesley Waldrop had retired Feb. 26 from service with the U.S. Post Office Department. He began his postal career Nov. 1, 1934.

Albert Lee Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, Murray, had been promoted to senior chemist in charge of production control testing and routine service testing at Tennessee Eastman Co., Kingsport.

Sixty years ago

Sgt. Billy Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Horn, Murray, was to arrive home Feb. 29 after serving since August 1950 with Signal Corps in Korea.

James Wynn, Carl Lockhart, James Kennedy, Allen McCoy, Marvin Hill, Hansford Doran and Cato Bass, Jr. were instructors for the second in series of 4-H Tractor Schools Feb. 23 at Stokes Tractor & Implement Co.

Mom cringes at bad example her boyfriend's children set

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend has proposed. I love him very much, but I'm worried about my kids. I look at his children -- his



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

son is 23 and barely made it out of high school. He got a girl pregnant at 17, has been in jail a few times and is an alcoholic. His 15-year-old daughter is immature for her age and constantly getting into

trouble at school. Their mother is an alcoholic and a drug user. Are my concerns for my children valid? -- **WORRIED IN WEST VIRGINIA**

**DEAR WORRIED:** Yes, they are, because your children will be exposed to all of the negative influences that his children will bring with them into your blended family. Be smart and hold off marrying your boyfriend until your children are old enough not to be influenced by his children.

Your first concern must be for your children's well-being.

**DEAR ABBY:** I read your answer to "Thrilled in San Jose" (Dec. 28), the couple who want to celebrate paying off their mortgage, on the same day I read an article about how middle-class Americans have sabotaged themselves by abandoning thrifty habits like saving and ... paying off their mortgages!

I disagree with your answer that the couple should celebrate privately. A generation of Americans now has no idea that paying off a mortgage is even possible. So I say to that couple: Celebrate tastefully and publicly in the same thrifty way that enabled you to pay off that mortgage. And while you're at it, be prepared to

share the tips and habits that enabled you to achieve this wonderful success. Who knows? Your party might educate and inspire.

I'D LIKE AN INVITATION

**DEAR I'D LIKE:** I was surprised at the number of readers who were fired up over my answer to "Thrilled" about burning the mortgage. Most said that this is a milestone that should be celebrated. **My readers comment:**

**DEAR ABBY:** I think it's great to throw a mortgage-burning party to celebrate paying off a home mortgage. Today we go overboard not to offend. True friends would be happy when something good happens and not jealous. How self-centered is that attitude? People need to start feeling happy for the success of others. -- **LORI IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.**

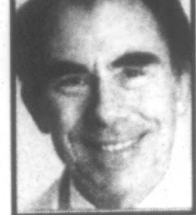
**DEAR ABBY:** I believe "Thrilled" and her husband should have their mortgage-burning party. Achievements like this should be celebrated. Too often in our country people have piled on debt they couldn't afford and made decisions purely to keep up with "the Joneses." By sharing their success story, including any struggles they may have overcome, they can be an inspiration for the loved ones in their lives to follow. -- **DEBBIE IN THE SOUTH-WEST**

**DEAR ABBY:** Please advise "Thrilled" not to ACTUALLY burn the mortgage. In California the lender has to provide a release document in the form of a Deed of Reconveyance or Satisfaction of Mortgage that must be recorded in order to remove the lien of the loan from the chain of title for the house. If the lender doesn't record it, then the borrower must do so -- copies don't count; originals do. If "Thrilled" decided to sell the house and the release has not been recorded, or if she doesn't have the original, it could delay the sale by months. -- **LINDA IN SAN FRANCISCO**

Choose the right kind of cane to offer best support

**DEAR DOCTOR K:** I recently had a right hip replacement. My doctor says I'm ready to use a cane. What's the best way to use one?

**DEAR READER:** A cane will get you on your feet and allow you to be more active. It will also help you strengthen your body and give you some independence while your hip heals.



Dr. Komaroff

By Dr. Anthony Komaroff

First, it's important to make sure you select the right cane. There are several types: standard, offset and multi-leg (quad). The standard cane has a curved handle or a T-shaped (functional grip) handle. A standard cane is good if you need help with balance but the cane doesn't have to bear a lot of weight.

An offset cane (the upper part of the shaft bends outward) can bear more weight than a standard cane. The handle is usually flat, which makes it a good choice if your hands are weak.

Multi-leg canes have three or four short legs branching from the main shaft. They offer the most support.

Try different handle designs to see which is easiest to grip and feels most comfortable when you walk. Avoid metal handles.

Make sure your cane is the right height. When you're standing straight and holding your cane upright, your elbow should be flexed at a 15- to 30-degree angle.

Walking with a cane takes practice. To start:

(1) Hold the cane in the hand opposite your affected hip (in your

cane, your left hand):

(2) Move the cane several inches ahead of you;

(3) Then move the leg that was operated on (your right leg) forward, about as far forward as the cane is, bearing some of your weight on the cane;

(4) Next, move the leg that was not operated on (your left leg) forward past the leg that was operated on.

(5) Start with Step 2 again.

I recall a patient of mine who, like you, had just undergone a hip replacement and had been given a cane. When I asked him how it was going, he said it worked pretty well at home, but that he couldn't go out. I was puzzled about why using the cane should be harder outside the home than in the home. It turned out that he was simply embarrassed to be seen in public using a cane. "Canes are for old people," he said.

So I taught him to use crutches. That way people might think he'd been skiing an expert trail in the Rockies! Since then, I've asked many of my patients facing hip or knee replacement surgery about their views on canes vs. crutches. A fair number (and not all of them men) much preferred the image of using crutches to using a cane. Both devices are fine for most patients. Choose whatever is best for your self-image. (For my hip replacement surgery, I used crutches.)

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

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Today In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2012. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth came under attack by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight.

On this date:

In 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing

gold-seekers to San Francisco.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first black Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to

serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

Ten years ago: The body of a young girl found outside San Diego was positively identified as that of seven-year-old Danielle van Dam, who'd disappeared from her bedroom about a month earlier; a neighbor, David Westerfield, was later convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. Soap opera actress Mary Stuart, who had starred in "Search for Tomorrow" for some 35 years, died.

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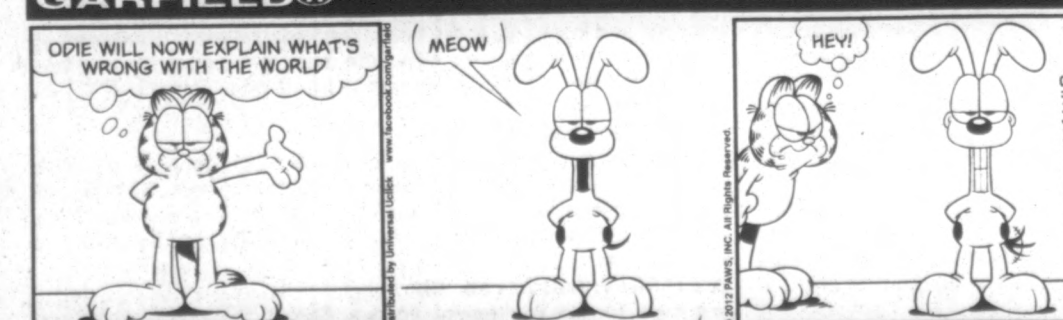
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Hints From Heloise

A TIME FOR PHOTOS?



by Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** At the recent funeral of my deceased brother, I observed a young teenager whipping out her camera and SNAPPING PICTURES of my brother in his coffin. I was horrified at this practice, and approached her and asked her to please not photograph the deceased, and said that I would prefer she remembers him in his natural state. She responded with "Yes, ma'am," and she did comply with my request.

Since I moved to the South, I've seen this done at the funeral of an affluent doctor, where several of his relatives photographed him. Because I had seen this, I had notified my relatives to be on the lookout for cameras. I could just imagine these photographs turning up on the Internet.

Is this practice indigenous to the South? How to you tell mourners "No photographs, please?" Is there some way the funeral director could have handled this situation so that I would not have to intervene? Do you agree or disagree that this is acceptable? Thank you for your response. -- **B.B., via email**

**Dear B.B.:** My condolences on the loss of your brother. This is not a practice limited to Southern states; in fact, the family determines whether photos will be taken at the service. Talk to your family members ahead of time about their preferences. If you do not want pictures taken of the deceased, but only of the flowers, it's up to the family. Speak with the funeral director. The staff can put a sign by the guest book stating "No photos, please."

Here at Heloise Central, we feel you should choose how to remember your loved ones. Perhaps photos of them during happier times would spark better memories. -- **Heloise**

TURN IT OFF

**Dear Heloise:** I've been using a wireless mouse with my computer for some time. Because I never turned it off, the batteries would not last very long. Now I turn it off when I'm finished working and lay it on the desk upside down. This reminds me when I

go back to work to turn it back on. -- **Skeeter G., Omaha, Neb.**

**Brilliant!** My husband, David, taught me to do the same thing. Your hint to turn it upside down works! -- **Heloise**

STUDY HALL

**Dear Heloise:** For those wasting valuable time while waiting in doctors' and dental offices (or anywhere else: car repairs, lining up for customer service, etc.), bring along those manuals for appliances you have been putting off studying. If you are like me and a million others, I find most of these manuals a headache to contend with. I hope this might be helpful to others in situations similar to mine. -- **Julia, via email**

Well, this is one way to use that "lost" time! I do read the manual when we get a new appliance, electronic gadget or cellphone and highlight important information. -- **Heloise**

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

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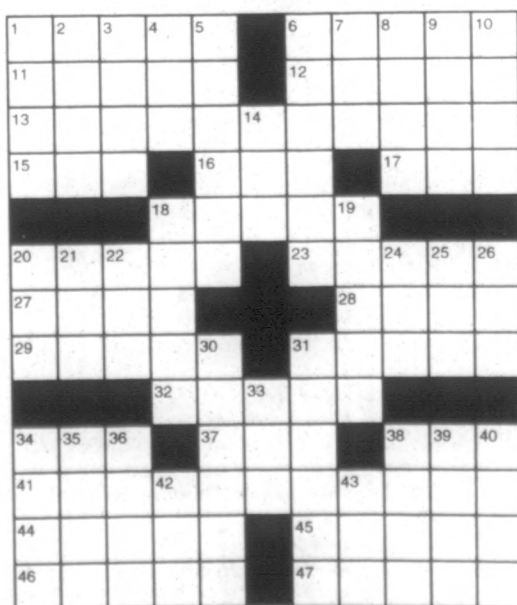
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- 29 Prepare to drive
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## SPORTS

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## 2012 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

## Eyes up

**RACERS PLAN  
TO KEEP EYES  
FOCUSED ON  
THIS WEEK'S  
OVC TOURNEY,  
NOT AT NCAA'S**

**By RICKY MARTIN**  
Sports Editor

Steve Prohm doesn't look at this week differently than any other week during his time as the Murray State head coach.

In fact, on Monday afternoon, a relaxed and good-humored Prohm said he's more tranquil than ever as the Racers prepare for this week's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

"This is just a simple week," Prohm said. "It's actually more relaxing than any (Monday) was an off day for the coaches, because the players just had weights and stretching, and then Tuesday and Wednesday will just be core practices, because we don't know who we are playing. We will just be all about us, then on Thursday we will refine a few things and we will head on down (to Nashville) and watch (Tennessee) Tech play SEMO or Eastern Kentucky."

"It will be a good week. It will be more of a relaxing week, not a stressful week."

Junior forward Latreze Mushatt, who will play in his first OVC Tournament game

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## This Week

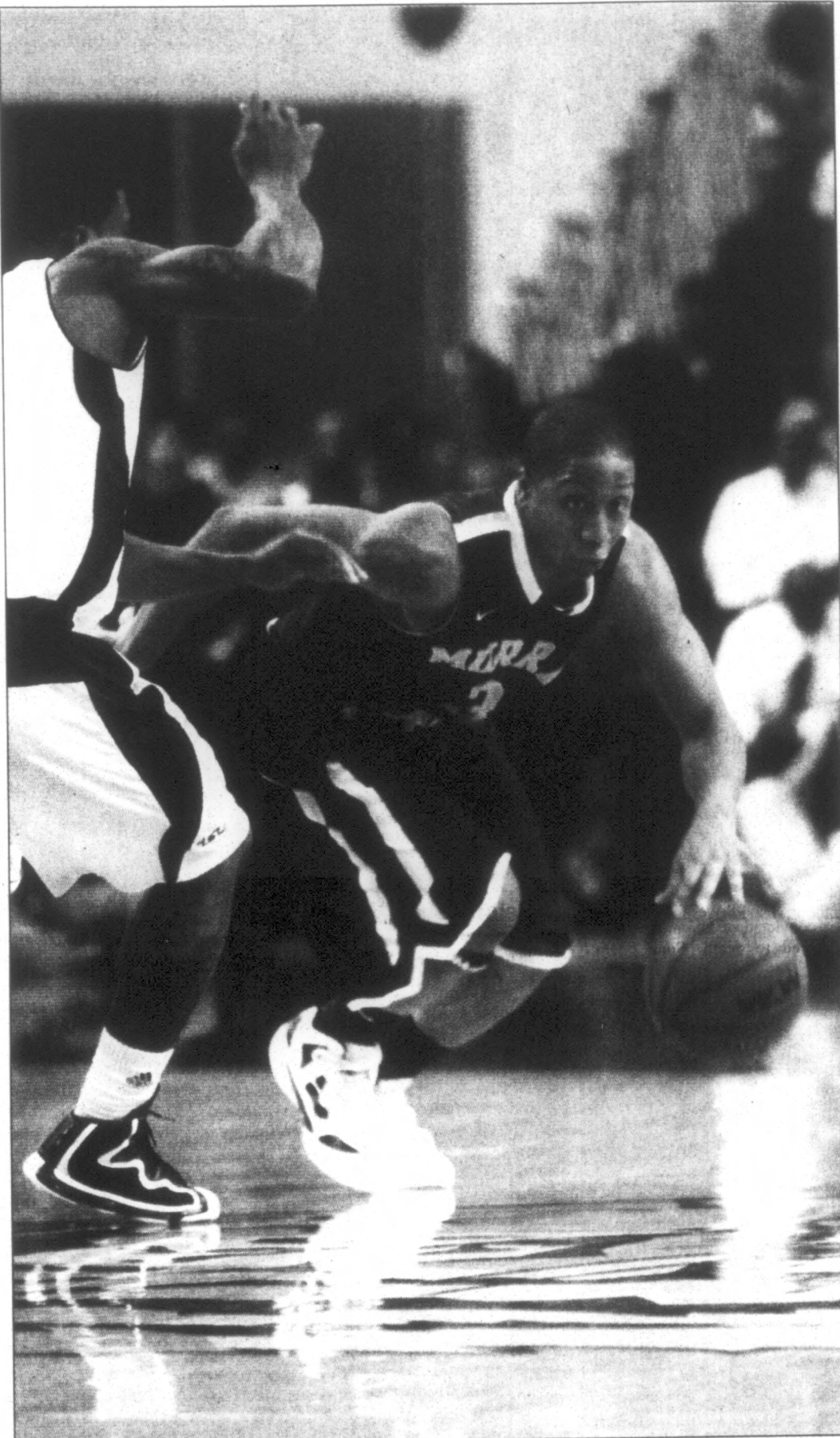
## 2012 Men's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament

**Wednesday**  
No. 5 Southeast Missouri State vs. No. 8 Eastern Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
No. 6 Austin Peay vs. No. 7 Jacksonville State, 8 p.m.

**Thursday**  
No. 4 Tennessee Tech vs. Southeast Missouri State/Eastern Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
No. 3 Morehead State vs. Austin Peay/Jacksonville State, 8 p.m.

**Friday**  
No. 1 Murray State vs. Tennessee Tech/Southeast Missouri State/Eastern Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
No. 2 Tennessee State vs. Morehead State/Austin Peay/Jacksonville State, 8 p.m.

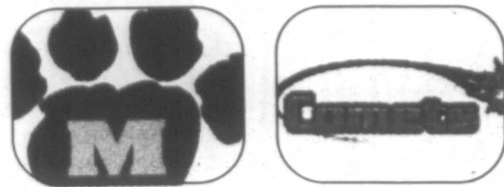
**Saturday**  
OVC Championship, 1 p.m.



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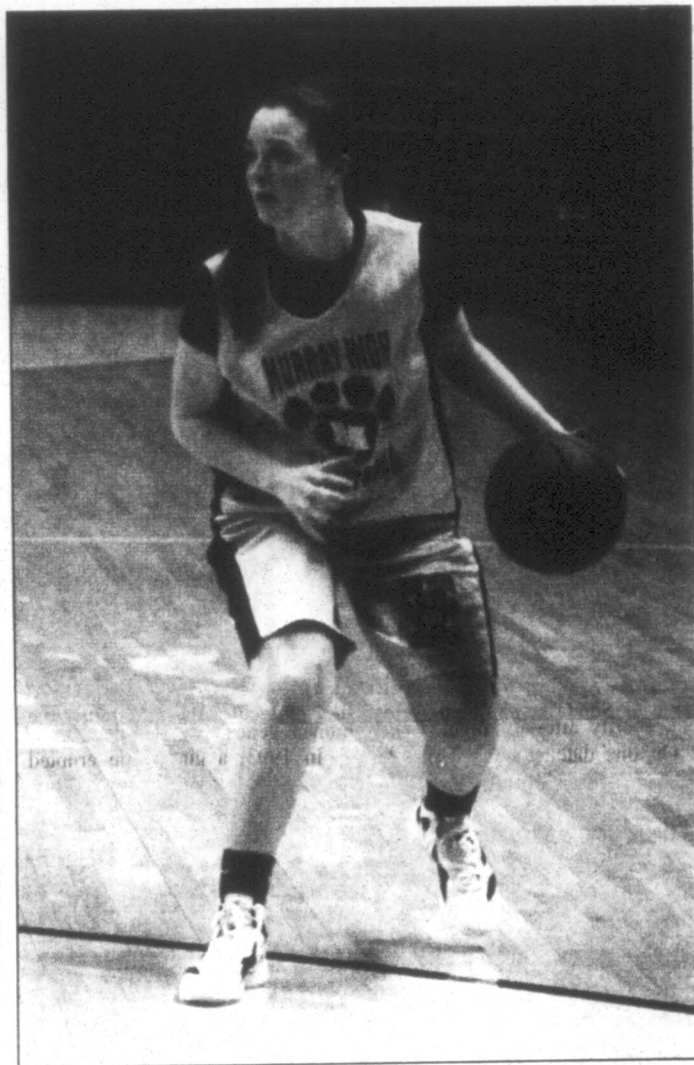
Murray State senior guard Isaiah Canaan drives around a Tennessee State defender last Thursday night in Nashville. The Racers finished the 2011-2012 season as the only team in the nation to go unbeaten on the road, and will look to continue that streak this week as the No. 1 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

## GIRLS FIRST REGION TOURNAMENT



**MURRAY HIGH VS. CARLISLE CO.  
TONIGHT • 6 P.M. • CFSB CENTER**

## Playing for keeps



GREG WADDELL / Ledger &amp; Times

Murray High senior guard Haley Armstrong directs traffic Monday afternoon during the Lady Tigers' practice session at the CFSB Center.

**LADY TIGERS  
EMBARK ON  
ROAD TO  
REGIONAL  
TITLE TONIGHT**

**By GREG WADDELL**

Assistant Sports Editor

Three months ago, Murray High head coach Rechelle Turner had a fairly straight forward goal for her team - win the regional championship. Tonight, they'll get their first crack. After narrowly falling to Marshall County in last Thursday's controversial Fourth District final, they'll have their work cut out for them as Carlisle County, Paducah Tilghman and Ballard Memorial stand in their way.

Up first will be the Lady Comets, who come to the CFSB Center boasting a 17-9 record and a perfect 8-0 mark in district play. Still, after dispatching Carlisle by 13 points just 11 days ago, Turner said both teams have a good idea of what to expect from each other. One thing that will be key though, she noted, will be the tempo at which the game is played.

"We're familiar with them," Turner said, "(so) there won't be any secrets between the two teams. They know what we've got and we know what they've got. I do think it's vital that we rev up the pressure (though) and kind of try to turn our defense into offense early. The quicker the game is played is probably in our favor."

Still, against a team that

boasts two imposing scorers in Jenna Babb (15.9 ppg) and Macy Moran (16.5 ppg), the Lady Tigers will have their hands plenty full on the defensive end. Outside of those two though, the closest offensive threat the Lady Comets hold comes in the form of Micah Ellegood, a senior guard who averages 8.7 points per contest.

In response, Murray will send a fairly talented trio of their own to the CFSB Center as Haley Armstrong (15.4), Janssen Starks (15.8) and Shelby Crouch (8.2) have done an admirable job of chipping in nearly 40 points a game between them this season.

That said, one area Carlisle may find themselves with an advantage though, is in the rebounding battle as Babb, a fairly proficient glass cleaner in her own right, outmuscled the Lady Tigers for 20 rebounds in their last meeting.

If everyone comes ready to work though, they'll be just fine Turner maintained.

"We need everyone to do their job," Turner said. "When we played at Carlisle, we didn't have Julie (Theide) except for

■ See **LADY TIGERS**, 10A

**Girls' 1st Region  
Tournament**

**All games at the CFSB Center**

**Monday**  
Lone Oak 50, Graves County 40  
Marshall County 84, Hickman County 25

**Today**

Carlisle County vs. Murray High, 6 p.m.

Paducah Tilghman vs. Ballard Memorial, 7:45 p.m.

**Semifinals**

**Friday**

Lone Oak vs. Marshall County, 6 p.m.

Carlisle/Murray winner vs.

Tilghman/Ballard winner, 7:45 p.m.

## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS SPRING TRAINING

## Cardinals' staff ready for 2012

**CARPENTER, WAINWRIGHT, GARCIA,  
LOHSE AND WESTBROOK READY TO LEAD**

**By R.B. FALLSTROM**

AP Sports Writer

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Former NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter is on track to be the St. Louis Cardinals' opening day starter, former 20-game winner Adam Wainwright is back from reconstructive elbow surgery, Jaime Garcia is a top left-hander and underrated Kyle Lohse led the staff in victories and ERA.

Then there's the slimmer, trimmer Jake Westbrook.

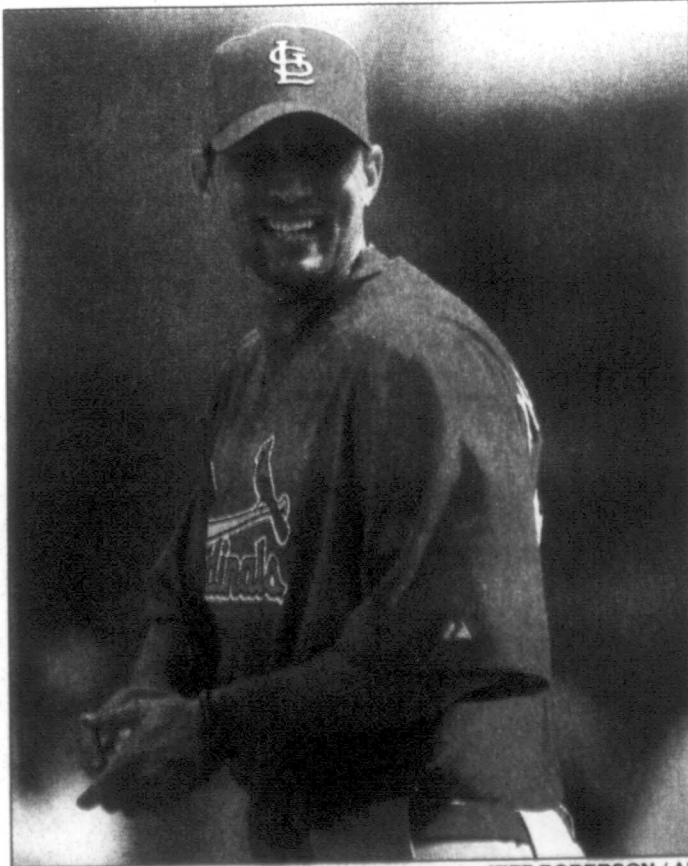
The 34-year-old sinkerballer was inconsistent last season, then virtually unused during the postseason. He shed 20 pounds at the team's urging and wants to show he can be counted

upon.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed," Westbrook said. "If that opportunity comes about again, I want to have the year where they have confidence to throw me out there. I have a lot of motivation, especially as I'm getting older, to get back to where I'm capable of pitching."

Westbrook's 12-9 record was accompanied by a 4.66 ERA and 1.51 WHIP (walks plus hits per inning), and he was bothered by plantar fasciitis on both feet. He was left off the roster for the division series and NL championship series and was

■ See **CARDS**, 10A



JEFF ROBERSON / AP

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright smiles while throwing a bullpen session during baseball spring training Sunday.



## Lady Tigers

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the first couple minutes of the game because of a stomach bug. I think that will be a big difference for us rebounding wise when we have her in there. It's just like any other night, everybody's got to do their job and everybody knows what their role is. You have to come out and go to work and get those things done."

That's definitely one thing Murray shouldn't have a problem with as Turner credited her team's penchant for playing to their strengths as a big reason for their recent string of success. With six wins in their last seven games coming by an average of 15.5 points per game, the Lady Tigers look to have hit their crescendo at just the right time.

"I feel like the past two and a half weeks have probably been the best basketball we've played all year," Turner said. "You know a season is going to have peaks and valleys, but there were times where we were in the valley way too often, especially in big games throughout the season."

"They tell you to persevere and keep working and these kids did that. They didn't get their heads down when we got back to back losses with

Calloway and Marshall; it just made us work harder and we started becoming more accountable for our play and in the past couple of weeks we've really played to the level that we need to be. Now we're going to have to take it up another notch this week if we're going to make it through."

That said, after getting to take the floor of the CFSB Center yesterday for practice, Turner said the excitement is starting to sink in. Maybe a little a too much though she added with a laugh.

"We've had a couple of kids pretend like they're Isaiah Canaan (in practice)," She said smiling. "There's just so much excitement around this building and I think that just adds to the excitement of this week. I just think that this community is buzzing about basketball right now for a lot of different reasons and we're just glad to be a part of it."

Still, with one Murray team taking to the road looking for postseason glory and the other staying a little closer to home, for her money, Turner hopes the name on the front of the jerseys isn't the only thing the two will have in common come Saturday. She's not the only one.



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Murray High junior point guard Janssen Starks shoots free throws Monday afternoon at practice inside Murray State's CFSB Center.

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## Racers

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KYSER LOUGH / For the Ledger  
Murray State senior guard Jewuan Long puts up a floater against St. Mary's on Feb. 18 inside the CFSB Center.

on Friday after sitting out last season due to NCAA transfer rules, said even he is approaching this week as any normal week.

"It's just business as usual," Mushatt said. "We like to take things one game at a time, we really want to win the tournament, so we will just focus on ourselves this week and be ready to go against whoever we play on Friday."

Monday, several of the Murray State players, as well as Prohm were around the CFSB Center, but it wasn't all about basketball.

While every player went through a weight lifting session and stretching, several of the guys were just lingering around, even playing video games against one another inside the locker room.

Most of that had to do with what Prohm called, 'a needed day off,' while some of it also had to do with the high Racers are riding right now.

After finishing the regular season with a win against Tennessee Tech on Saturday night — becoming the only team to go undefeated on the road in school history — Murray State got even more good news yesterday.

After falling out of the top ten in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll following their only loss of the season to Tennessee State on Feb. 9, the Racers jumped back in to the top of the polls this week.

Murray State moved up to the No. 9 slot in the coaches poll, and moved from No. 14 to No. 12 in the Associated Press Top 25.

Not only did Murray State's team get some love on Monday, junior point guard Isaiah Canaan was also named the OVC's Player of the Week for his performances against Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech last week.

It's the sixth time the junior from Biloxi, Miss. has earned the award this season, and Canaan is expected to be named Player of the Year this afternoon when the league office announces its yearly awards.

Canaan isn't the only Racer expected to be mentioned in today's releases.

The OVC will release the announcement of several awards via its Twitter account (@OVCSports) between the hours of 12 and 1 p.m. today.

Among those is Coach of the Year, which most expect to go to Prohm, as well as Defensive Player of the Year, which could very well go to Murray State senior guard Jewuan Long.

The conference will also release its first and second teams for the 2011-2012 season, as well as Freshman of the Year.

As the No. 1 seed of this week's tournament, the Racers — who have already unofficially locked up a spot in March's NCAA Tournament — will play the winner of game three, which will put No. 4 seed Tennessee Tech against the winner of Wednesday's first round game between Southeast Missouri State and Eastern Kentucky.

Whoever the Racers play, senior forward Ivan Aska says

Murray State is going to be ready.

"We want this championship," Aska said. "We have talked all year long about winning this thing, and whether we are already in the NCAA Tournament or not, why not leave any doubt?"

"This is the next step in our wall, so we are focused on ourselves and what we can do to get better, as well as what it will take to cut down the nets in Nashville."

Aska, Long and fellow senior Donte Poole know plenty about cutting down nets, and all agree, it never gets old.

All they hope for, is a few more chances.

"It doesn't matter how many times you get the chance to cut down a net," Aska said. "It's a great feeling every time, and hopefully the three of us have at least one more pair of nets to cut down."

## Cards

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the unlikely World Series Game 6 winner after working an inning of relief in the Cardinals' wild comeback victory over the Rangers.

Two weeks with no carbohydrates melted 14 pounds, and nutrition along with an altered training regimen took care of the rest.

"It was club encouraged," manager Mike Matheny said. "He looks good. Obviously, he's lost some weight but he's also put on some muscle mass, so that's a great combination."

Westbrook, who's entering the final year of a two-year, \$16 million deal, said he's down to 210 pounds for the first time in perhaps a dozen years and feeling a lot lighter on his feet. He's hoping it translates to an increase in confidence, and a better bottom line.

"If something's bothering you, you're not focusing as much as you possibly can on what you're trying to do. As I'm getting older, I want to give myself every opportunity to prolong my career, and I don't want to have any regrets that I didn't do everything possible."

The other spots are so solid that general manager John Mozeliak declared early in camp that the Cardinals out of

the competition for free agent Roy Oswalt.

Carpenter was just 11-9 last year, but won 10 of his last 12 decisions after struggling with command the first two months or so. Then he was 4-0 in the postseason, and beat the Rangers on short rest in Game 7 of the World Series.

At 37, he's been setting the tone in spring training. Matheny said the opening day nod is not official but added that's the plan.

"The guy's an animal," Matheny said. "That's the guy we want people following."

Wainwright totaled 39 victories in 2009-10 and appears ready to rejoin Carpenter as twin aces right around the one-year anniversary of the operation that reduced him to cheerleader throughout 2011. Though he's had no issues and is on the same program as the rest of the pitchers, the Cardinals are wary of overloading the 6-foot-7 right-hander too soon.

Mozeliak said at the start of camp that he couldn't envision Wainwright pitching 200 innings. Matheny said Monday that Wainwright was in "uncharted territory."

Garcia was third in the NL Rookie of the Year balloting in 2010 and has won 27 games his

first two seasons, flashing such promise that he earned a four-year contract last summer.

Lohse was 14-8 with a 3.39 ERA last season, finally moving past a forearm injury that led to ineffectiveness for 11 1/2 seasons. Then he survived rampant trade rumors over the winter, and gets the ball for the spring opener March 5 against the Marlins.

"There must not have been enough other things to talk about. Like people leaving the team," Lohse said, referring to departed Albert Pujols.

Westbrook won 15 games twice and 14 once with the Indians from 2004-06 before running into elbow woes. He estimates he throws the sinker 70 percent of the time, and if he keeps it down it compensates for a high 80s mph fastball.

"If my ball was straight I wouldn't be pitching now," he said. "I rely on that sinker, that movement. I live and die by it."

Notes: OF Allen Craig, rehabbing from offseason kneecap surgery, was cleared for light duty on Monday and did some running for the first

time with a series of 90-foot jogs. Craig, one of the team's surprise postseason stars last fall, is encouraged by his progress but said it's too soon to tell if he can be ready for opening day. The original timetable estimated Craig might miss the first month. "Today was definitely a good day," Craig said. ... RHP Jordan Swagerty, a second-round draft pick last year, will rest a few days until biceps tendinitis calms down. Matheny said there's no reason to push at this point.

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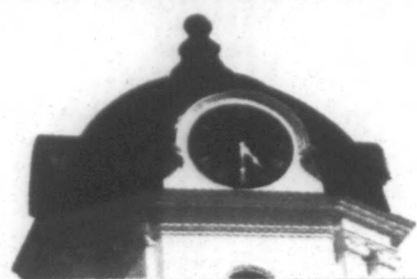
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## Murray man arraigned on murder charge

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

A Murray man was arraigned Tuesday morning in Calloway District Court on a charge of murder, following a shooting Friday night at a Wiswell Road address.



West

William West, 57, was set for a pre-trial hearing March 7 by District Judge Randy Hutchens. Hutchens also granted West's request for legal counsel

through the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's Murray office if he meets financial requirements. West was not represented by counsel during arraignment. Defendants facing felony charges do not enter pleas in district court.

If convicted on the charge, West could face 20 years to life in prison for murder, a Class A felony with a penalty of 20 years to life in prison.

Hutchens granted Calloway County Attorney David Harrington's request to leave West's bond at \$500,000. West remains in Calloway County

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### WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW
70s	60s
30s	40s

### Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 39.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 61.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy with a chance of showers. A low around 45.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 66.

**Friday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

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AP Photo/Steve Ruark

An Air Force carry team, above, moves a transfer case containing the remains of Lt. Col. John D. Loftis Monday, Feb. 27, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. According to the Department of Defense, Loftis, 44, died Feb. 25 from wounds received during an attack at the Afghan Interior Ministry in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was a graduate of Calloway County High School.

## Calloway graduate Lt. Col. Loftis always smiling, helping someone

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Calloway County resident John Loftis remembers his son, Lt. Col. John D. Loftis who was killed during a terrorist attack in Afghanistan Saturday, as a man who was always thinking of others.

"He was wanting to help people all the time," Loftis said during an interview from his New Concord-area home Tuesday.

He not only showed that concern for others

here at home, but also on his job in the mountains of Afghanistan.

"On his first tour in Afghanistan he went way out in the country somewhere and he helped them try to get their schools back together," Loftis said. "They didn't even have desks and he helped them get some of it back together."

Lt. Col. John D. Loftis was one of two high-ranking military officials killed at the Afghan Interior Ministry in Kabul, accord-

ing to an Associated Press report. He was assigned to the 866th Air Expeditionary Squadron.

Loftis funeral is scheduled to take place in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., possibly in the next few days, where he and his wife, Holly B. Loftis, and his two children, Allison and Camille, lived.

John Loftis said he was notified of his

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### ■ MURRAY CITY HIGHLIGHTS ■

## Mayor discusses recycling, annexation, other issues

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

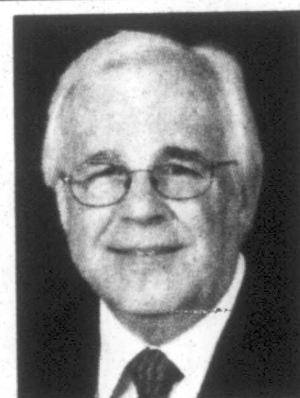
Murray Mayor Bill Wells says recycling could soon be easier for some areas in Calloway County if the county, city and Murray State University are approved for a grant they are seeking.

Wells said the grant application was a joint effort between the city, county and MSU similar to the grant that purchased the glass pulverizer that is now housed at the city transfer station. He said the city hoped to hear whether or not the grant had been approved by April 1. If

granted, it could allow the three entities to possibly place large recycling bins in Dexter, New Concord or other larger areas in the county. He said these areas might be able to have the bins open at certain times or hold regular events to collect recyclables.

"As far as Make A Difference Day is concerned, it doesn't really hurt us," Wells said. "We just want people to recycle, and that's the way the county feels about it, too. So if we get it, obviously after April 1, we'll

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Wells

## Anti-bullying campaigns seek to spread hope in city school

By ANGIE HATTON  
Staff Writer

Loving Friend said she is tired of seeing the effects of negativity in her school.

"Loving Friend" is the screen name of a student at Murray High School who set up the Twitter account "NeedAFriendMHS," and who has been leaving encouraging messages in the girls' bathrooms at the school. She requested the Murray Ledger & Times not reveal her real name because she does not want to bring attention to herself, she said.

Her project began at the beginning of February when she said she overheard a fellow student throwing up in the bathroom. Loving Friend said the student was not throwing

up because she was sick; she was doing it because other high schoolers had called her fat. Loving Friend said later that night she read a message the girl had posted online. In it the girl said maybe she would not feel so bad about herself, "if someone had done something to make my day better." The next day, Loving Friend began her campaign.

She has left notes on the mirrors and in the stalls of the girls' bathroom at MHS, she said. Examples of messages include, "You look gorgeous today," "Don't change for anyone but yourself" and "You are truly spectacular."

"At first a lot of people were responding kind of negatively," she said. "They were ripping them down, tearing them up."

However, after the first week, the notes caught on. Loving Friend said that not only did fewer people tear down the notes, but people also began putting them back up and taping back together some that were torn.

The Twitter account has also gotten a lot of notice, said Loving Friend.

"It's been really cool because people from different schools, colleges, even different states have left encouraging messages," she said.

One message says, "Loved finding a sweet note on the back of my stall door today. Thanks to @NeedAFriendMHS."

Loving Friend said she is also willing to talk to people who email her about their problems.

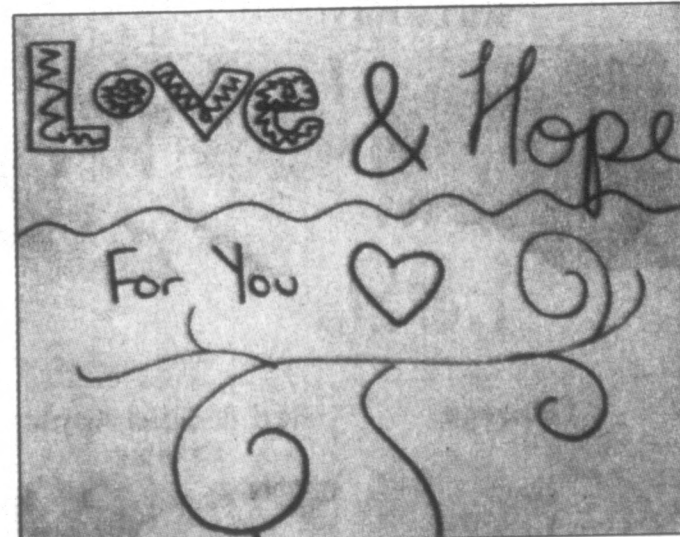


Photo provided

Pictured is a note left by "Loving Friend," the anonymous Murray High School student who has started a grassroots campaign against bullying in her school.

She takes her promise seriously, she said, even though she is involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities at school. She puts responding to emails from her Twitter account at the top of her

priority list, she stated. Susan Guess, Paducah Bank marketing director and Murray State University regent, became

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# CCHS graduate...

## From Front

son's death on Saturday.

"I saw a serviceman come to the door and I went to the door to find out what he wanted and saw two more and I knew something was wrong," he said. "He started reading off a letter and I knew before he got it read off what he was going to say."

Loftis says his son was often secretive about his work, but always told the family not to worry.

"A lot of things he couldn't tell me, and I didn't ask. He would always tell us, 'Don't worry about me. They take care of us with high security'...and it was," Loftis said. "They (the terrorists) just figured out how to beat the security."

He last heard from his son last Wednesday; on John D's 44th birthday. He last saw him alive during Thanksgiving 2011.

John D. Loftis attended Calloway County Schools from kindergarten through his senior year in high school in 1986. He attended preschool at Buchanan, Tenn., while the family was living in that area. Although he wasn't born in Kentucky, Loftis spend his childhood and young adult years in Calloway County. He went to college at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"They say he was from Paducah. Well, when he got out of Vanderbilt, his mother lived in Paducah, and I think he went up there and worked about two years at FedEx. He signed up for the Peace Corp and that was for about two years and then he went into the Air Force," Loftis said. "They said he was from Paducah, but really he was from here. He just stayed over there a couple of years after he got out of college."

Loftis' mother, Chris Jannes of Paducah, reportedly traveled to Dover, Del. Monday to claim her son's body, according to an AP report. She was not available for comment.

John Loftis said his son's funeral should be soon.

"It may be Thursday or Friday, the best I can tell," he said.

Loftis said his son could best be remembered by how much he loved his family.

"He lived for his kids and his

family. I can tell you that," Loftis said. "When he was home, he fooled with those kids all the time. He'd take them to school. They are going to miss him. I'm going to plan my life around these grandkids now because they don't have a daddy."

Meanwhile, at least two former Calloway County Schools officials remember U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. John D. Loftis as a student at the school in the early to mid-80s. When they do they remember a student that was very smart, helpful and with a constant smile on his face.



Loftis

Former Calloway County teacher Dave Foley says Loftis was one of his students in the early days of his teaching career.

He taught Loftis in a science class.

"I remember he could do anything you wanted him to do. He was a sharp kid," Foley said. "He was always smiling."

Jerry Ainley, former principal at CCMS, remembers the airman's high school days.

"After so many years, I don't recall exactly what extracurricular programs he participated in, but I do have a clear recollection of his smile as we'd meet in the hallways," Ainley said. "He was a fine student and a young man who represented his school and his family very well."

Ainley said Loftis' death is a terrible loss to his family and community.

"I try to keep track of all the Calloway County alums who are serving in the armed forces, and I believe he's the first former student we've lost in the war in Afghanistan," Ainley said. "It's a terrible loss for his parents, his wife and children, and for our country."

Before deploying in March 2011, he was assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Training Center at Hurlburt Field.

Gov. Steve Beshear Tuesday ordered flags in all state office buildings lowered to half mast in Loftis honor.



U.S. Air Force photo

Major John D. Loftis is pictured in this 2009 photo on patrol in Qalat, Afghanistan. Loftis worked with a provincial reconstruction team to bring development, governance and security to the war-torn country. He was very popular among the children of the city for his effort in rebuilding schools.

# Mayor Wells...

## From Front

have many more details."

Talking about other issues that specifically concern the city, Wells said he was glad that the council last week passed the second reading of an ordinance to ban the sale and possession of certain types of cannabinoids — or synthetic marijuana — in Murray. The substance contains chemicals that are used to mimic the effects of marijuana when smoked.

Wells said that at a recent community education meeting he attended, the group recognized the city for taking action and setting the tone for municipalities in the region. He added that Paducah had also been dealing with the problem because stores started selling it there earlier. He said City Attorney Warren Hopkins had crafted the language of the ordinance to deal with Murray's specific issues.

"It's amazing that some outlets would even sell this to our young people, so I'm glad that we've taken that lead," Wells said. He gave credit to Police Chief Jeff Liles and narcotics detective Chris Garland.

The city has also recently considered the annexation of several subdivisions into the city limits. The Finance/Personnel

Committee discussed the issue last week and council members were also briefed on the subject. The proposed annexations include The Crossings, Woodgate Estates, Preston Heights, Gatesborough, Newton Heights, Timber Trails and Saratoga Farms.

Those areas already receive utility services, which include gas, water and sewer. Wells said that since there had been problems in the past over deciding which sections of Gibbs Store Road — and other roads that cover both the county and city — were appropriate to maintain, the city planned to avoid those issues with any new annexations.

"There are a couple of areas with roads where one side is the county and one side is the city, so when we take (the new areas) in, we're going to take care of the roads so that situation doesn't develop," he said.

Wells said he is also excited for an event in which the city will dedicate the signs for the newly named Rushing Way in honor of the late Mayor Tom Rushing. He said the ceremony would be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Sid Easley Alumni Center. He said Joyce Whitney at the alumni center had been very helpful in setting up the event.

# West...

## From Front

Jail.

On Friday, Feb. 24, Murray Police Department officials responded to a report of a shooting at 1611 Wiswell Rd., the Zimmerman Apartments, around 10:50 p.m. Calloway County Coroner Rick Harris identified the victim in the shooting as Joseph Leroy Gaskill, 39, who was listed as living on Ky. 464 in Mayfield. Gaskill was pronounced dead Friday night at Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room by Rick

Harris, coroner. Harris said West had suffered two gunshot wounds to the chest and two to his face.

Police obtained an arrest warrant and West was arrested and charged for his alleged involvement in the incident, Svebakken said.

The incident remains under investigation, and Murray Police have so far released no information concerning West's relationship to Gaskill or what they believe happened at the apartment complex where West was a renter.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

# Anti-bullying...

## From Front

involved in speaking out against bullying when her daughter, Morgan, was bullied at the start of her third grade school year.

"I began to suspect that something might be happening ... and so I asked her, and only at that point did she admit that indeed a child in her class was pinching her behind the neck, pulling her hair, really restricting her movement — and that's what at first was concerning to me, was the control issues."

Guess said school administrators separated the two girls to protect Morgan. However, Guess said the incident motivated her to want to speak up for other children who faced bullying, and to teach her daughter to be part of the solution to the problem by openly talking about it. She and her daughter have done YouTube videos to tell their stories, and Guess said she hopes to do an area-wide anti-bullying event in the coming months.

She said this incident opened her eyes to the prevalence of the bullying problem.

"Every day there's a story about kids that are fearful to go to school. One-hundred-sixty thousand student didn't go to school today. ... Every seven seconds a teen is bullied. (And) to me this is the most startling, one out of every five bullies by the age of 25 will serve time in jail. So for all the people who

want to say this is a school problem, that school's need to fix this, I think we're quickly seeing this is a societal problem, and even though we may not be facing it today, we will tomorrow," Guess stated.

Loving Friend believes the volume of responses she's received to her notes and her online messages shows the need for people to stand up against bullying.

Teresa Speed, Murray High School principal, said she is very proud of Loving Friend for what she is doing.

"I'm very excited that someone is taking the time to send the message out," Speed said. "And I agree with what they're doing. ... It exemplifies doing a good deed without expecting anything in return."

Karen McCuiston, director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety at Murray State University, said any anti-bullying campaign needs to be tailored to the school it serves, and "grassroots" efforts are an example of that.

"Those involved in forming policy and planning training or marketing activities will be empowered to encourage others to get involved and spread the word. As grassroots anti-bullying programs pop up, it is an exciting opportunity to seize the moment and add these energetic young people and highly interested community members as involved allies to overcome our schools bullying crisis," said McCuiston.

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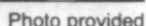
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## Child safety not always a priority? AP NEWS ANALYSIS

By VALERIE SPEARS

LEXINGTON, KY. (AP) — There were warning signs that Michael Utley was a danger to his toddler son.

Utley had been charged with assaulting the mother of his child 18 months before the Gallatin County man attacked his live-in girlfriend and then shot and killed their 3-year-old son and himself in February 2009.

When the mother attempted to drive her "trashed" partner home from a local bar in September 2007, Utley slapped her hard enough to give her a black eye as 17-month-old Owen James Utley sat in the back seat.

A state adult-protection worker substantiated "partner abuse." But social workers never considered Owen's safety, according to an internal review of the boy's death conducted by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, which handles child and adult protection in Kentucky.

Social workers should have formally assessed the "risk of harm" to Owen after the domestic violence episode, according to the internal review that focused on the handling of the case before the deaths.

That oversight was one of several problems related to domestic violence documented in internal reviews completed after children with whom the cabinet had previous contact died or were seriously harmed in 2009 and 2010.

A Lexington Herald-Leader analysis of the 85 reviews found that domestic violence in the family was mentioned in 48 of them and that an episode of domestic violence played a direct role in the injury or death of a child in five instances, including the death of Owen, who was killed shortly after his father had beaten his mother.

Among the shortcomings identified in the reviews:

- Social workers don't always emphasize the safety of the child when domestic violence is discovered in a family.

- Social workers sometimes fail to thoroughly assess whether domestic violence has occurred.

- People living in some rural areas don't have convenient access to domestic violence shelters.

According to a 2011 report on deaths and near-deaths from child abuse and neglect in Kentucky, domestic violence was identified as a risk factor in 68 percent of cases from 2007 to 2011.

Another report released in

January 2011 said studies have shown that there is an overlap of 30 percent to 60 percent between violence against children and violence against women in the same families.

In Kentucky, police must send the state a report of all incidents of domestic violence, and adult-protection workers are supposed to investigate those cases, although people are not required to accept the workers' help. Additionally, state regulations say that the cabinet must conduct an assessment to see whether a child is at risk of harm from domestic violence.

According to Jim Grace, assistant director of the cabinet's Division of Protection and Permanency, simultaneous child protection and domestic violence investigations are launched under a variety of circumstances, including if the child has been harmed, is prevented from leaving the premises by an abuser or is considered at risk of being harmed.

But cabinet officials conducting the fatality reviews said workers sometimes missed opportunities to protect children whose families experienced domestic violence.

For example, the cabinet's review of one 3-year-old's death raised questions about why the state found in a case involving the child's family that "there are no child-protection issues" even though a female relative told authorities, "I'm scared for my life and my child's life." The woman said she was being physically abused on a regular basis.

The review of Jeffrey B. Fields' death also questions whether a child-protection investigation should have been initiated after a report said, "Child has seen mother's paramour beat mommy up."

In the end, Jeffrey died in a traffic accident in 2010 when he was thrown from a car driven by a woman who was not his parent and who allegedly could not pass a drug test after the crash, according to the review of his death. There were previous reports of domestic violence in the child's family and the driver's family.

In an April 2009 case in Larue County, a child was taken to Hardin Memorial Hospital with 16 fractures and "multiple brain bleeds" and nearly died. A man in the child's home — his relationship to the mother was not made clear in documents — was criminally charged, and the cabinet found that the mother was neglectful for not protecting her child.



## The Civil War may never be over

Celebration is not the right word to describe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which began on April 12, 1861, when Confederates at Fort Sumter attacked federal soldiers after South Carolina had seceded from the Union.

Inevitably, such observances are complicated by the deep cultural divisions and ongoing arguments about the causes of the war.

In 1913, when Northern and Southern veterans assembled to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, soldiers from both sides embraced each other and Woodrow Wilson gave a speech that declared, "the old quarrel has been forgotten."

Nevertheless, Wilson was way too optimistic in at least one fundamental way: Black veterans were excluded from that reunion and were not even invited to participate.

Fifty years ago, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the war, the Civil Rights Movement was in full swing, adding to ongoing racial tensions between North and South and within many states on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line.

At the Fort Sumter commemoration events, protests erupted when a black delegate to

a Civil War Centennial meeting in South Carolina was not allowed in the segregated hotel where white delegates were staying.

Even 150 years after the schism, there are heated arguments about the causes of the war and its impact on the country.

There are even those who argue that slavery and its abolition had nothing to do with the Civil War, and everything to do with States Rights. On occasion, there are rumblings about states contemplating leaving the Union, Texas being the most recent of that rabble.

One way to acknowledge the Civil War and its impact on the country even today is encompassed by "This Republic of Suffering," a non-fiction book by Drew Gilpin Faust, an historian and also president of Harvard University. This thoroughly researched and beautifully written study does not take sides, but emphasizes the unparalleled losses suffered between 1861 and 1865.

Some Civil War statistics are staggering: Two percent of the U.S. population died in uniform — 620,000 men, North and South.

That total is about the same as those lost in all of Amer-

ica's other wars from the Revolution through Korea combined. Today, the equivalent toll would be an astonishing six million. In addition, civilians, especially in the South, suffered loss of life and property.

While serving their causes, soldiers were as likely to die from illness as battle. Epidemic disease decimated both sides. Measles, mumps and smallpox invaded the armies in the early months of the war, and because the role of germs and antisepsis was not yet understood, other illnesses swept through camps unabated. Diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid and malaria claimed lives, with contaminated water supplies contributing to the problem.

"Nearly three-quarters of Union soldiers suffered from serious bowel complaints in every year of the war," Drew Gilpin reports. "By 1865, the

sick rate for diarrhea and dysentery was 995 per thousand."

Added to those horrors, physicians routinely spread infections with unclean instruments and dressings. Faust refers to the Battle of Perryville in 1862, where water was so scarce, Union surgeons performed non-stop amputations without washing their hands.

As a result, most military hospitals needed special wards or tents to quarantine those suffering from gangrene.

According to "This Republic of Suffering," "No one expected what the Civil War was to become. Southern secessionists believed northerners would never mobilize to halt national division or that they would mount nothing more than brief and ineffective resistance." Moreover, when the conflict actually began, both sides "expected it to be of brief duration."

Of course, the Civil War may never be over, for every time there is a rebel yell the battle begins anew. A quieter way to reflect on the Civil War and its aftermath would be to read "This Republic of Suffering," published by Alfred A Knopf in 2008.

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## The art of Kentucky politics

Even as a book on the "Bosses of the Bluegrass" looks backward to Henry Clay, an early nineteenth century model of "the art of American politics," such a study also fills in the seam of time before the twenty-first century. It is impossible to understand the present political landscape in Kentucky—a red state with a strong "Tea Party" movement where 56 percent of the registered voters are Democrats, 37 percent are Republicans, and 7 percent are designated "Other"—without considering the past political story.

Turn-of-the-century politics in Kentucky, at least on the local level, mirrored politics in other larger urban areas around the country. In Boston, for example, the ward boss said it clearly and with conviction: "There's got to be in every ward somebody that any bloke can come to—no matter what he's done—and get help. Help, you understand, none of your law and justice, but help."

The shenanigans of machine politicians in Boston, the Tammany Tiger in New York, and the Daley machine in Chicago are legendary, but from the late nineteenth century to well into the twentieth century Kentucky was a bossed state too. And it was all of Kentucky—urban and rural; western, central, northern, and eastern—that boasted powerful political rings and machines.

The Whallen brothers, Michael Brennan, and later Miss Lennie McLaughlin in Louisville, Percy Haly in Frankfort, Thomas Rhea in Logan County, Allie Young in Morehead, Ben Johnson in Bardonia, and Dennis Mulligan and Billy Klair in Lexington—Democrats all—and Republican Maurice Galvin in Covington provided Bluegrass versions of political bosses and political machines.

Town and county courthouse rings complemented the urban machines of Louisville, Lexington, and Covington, and sometimes statewide organizations flourished in the Commonwealth as well. As Maurice Galvin illustrated, political machines were not characteristic of only one party. Indeed, at times Republicans and Democrats teamed up in a "bipartisan combine" to elect state officials willing to play ball with the "interests."

Bourbon distillers and the Jockey Club often benefited from these connections as business and politics formed what reformers considered to be unholy alliances for mutual support and profit.

Kentuckians generally exhibited an intense interest in politics and money during the Gilded Age (roughly the 1870s

through the 1890s). When my father asked me if I would be interested in going through papers stored in an old safe in the back of Bolin's Drug Store in 1992 I jumped at the chance.

Dad was preparing to sell our family-owned, western Kentucky, county-seat business, yet another casualty to the big chain stores. He didn't want to leave anything of real value to be heaped into a dumpster in the back alley when the new managers took over. I carefully went through the papers and old ledgers, a treasure trove for an aspiring historian.

Among the yellowed scraps and clippings I found several gems. One was handwritten in pencil, a list of "isms," terms ending in -ism. This 1940s scrap of whimsy indicates the humorous cynicism of the writer, a cynicism penciled in terms that a western Kentucky small town school girl or boy could understand. The



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scrap also indicated prevailing attitudes toward government and control:

"Isms"

Socialism: If you have two cows, you give your neighbor one.

Communism: If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you some milk.

Facism [sic]: If you have two cows, you keep the cows, and give the milk to the government and the government then sells you some milk.

New Dealism: If you have to [sic] cows, you shoot one and milk the other and pour the milk down the drain.

Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows.

Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Because I happened to be—in 1992—already at work on my research on southern political machines, I associated many of those definitions with my particular "ism" of interest—bossism. And I concluded that political bosses sometimes appropriated similar definitions for their own particular uses. Join me next week as we continue an overview of political bossism in the Bluegrass State.

ers in our daily lives.

Help drive much needed change that will bring acceptance and inclusion to our community. March 7, 2012, is the annual day of activation for the R-word campaign. I encourage you and your readers to honor this day and this commitment by taking the pledge at [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org).

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To the Editor:

As MLT is a leader in driving local culture, we need your support, and the support of your readers, in our Spread the Word to End the Word™ campaign to help make a stand against a word that has gained popularity in culture, but is offensive to many.

The "R-word" or "retard(ed)" has found a place in common language and seems to be accepted by most, despite the fact that its use is hurtful to

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Obituaries

Joseph Leroy Gaskill

Joseph Leroy (Joey) Gaskill, 39, of Farmington, Ky., died at 11:41 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. He was born Dec. 10, 1972, in Happy Valley-Goosebay, Labrador, Canada and he was a mechanic. His parents were Enos Wade and Violet Josephine (Clark) Gaskill. Mr. Gaskill is survived by three sisters, Abigail Badura, of Shelburn, Ind., Carol West and husband, Brian, of Plainsfield, Ind., and Darlene Harvell, of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; one brother, Thomas Gaskill, of Murray; three nieces and one nephew. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be left at [www.yorkfuneralhome.com](http://www.yorkfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are being handled by Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home.

Bedford Burnel Wilson

Bedford Burnel Wilson, known to his friends in west Kentucky as "Beck," crossed the river to be with his Lord and Savior at the Marion Veterans Administration Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. Mr. Wilson was born in Hazel, Ky., on July 27, 1925, to Bert Wilson and Connie Paschall Wilson of Taylors Store. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Charles Hugo Wilson; two sisters, Lottie Wilson Smotherman and Sylvester Wilson Hall; and his wife, Jean Spann Wilson. He was a veteran of W.W.II and jumped with the 101st Airborne Division as a light machine gunner on D-Day (June 6, 1944). He served in the Army from June 26, 1943, to Jan. 17, 1946, and was awarded a Parachutists Badge, Carbine and Rifle Sharpshooter Badges, W.W.II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Belgian Fourregerre, EAME Ribbon with one Silver Star for six major battles, Good Conduct Medal and Distinguished Unit Badge. After completing his service in W.W.II, Mr. Wilson resided in Highland Park, Mich., for about 20 years while he worked in the auto industry. He returned to west Kentucky and married Jean Spann and they resided in Cadiz until he returned to Murray after her death on May 15, 1988. The couple were the original developers of Bluegrass Estates subdivision near Lake Barkley Lodge. He lived several years at the Murray Hotel on Sixth and Main and most recently was living at Fern Terrace Lodge of Murray. He was very fond of his friends at Kroger and often said that he missed having coffee with them. Mr. Wilson is survived by his nieces, Donna Wilson Latimer and husband, James, of Troy, Mich., Judy Wilson Lee and husband, Jackie, of Ball Ground, Ga., Rhonda Wilson Howard and husband, Terry, of Simpsonville, Janice Smotherman Quarters and husband, Ron, of Auburn Hills, Mich., Tina Wilson Mcfadzean and husband, Dion, of Dubai, UAE, Nancy Hall Kelly and husband, Fred, of Orlando, Fla., Lisa Hill Ruff, of Orlando, Fla., and Connie Hall Burton, of Pensacola, Fla. He is also survived by his nephews, Charles D. Wilson, of Orlando, Fla., James Smotherman, of Morina, Calif., Steve Smotherman and wife, Laurie, of Los Angeles, Calif., Tom Hall, of Tacoma Park, Md., and Frank Smotherman and wife, Cindy, of Carbondale, Colo. Mr. Wilson was a member of American Legion Post #73. Ines-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is handling the arrangements and the family is planning a memorial service with full honors at the West Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Hopkinsville at a later date. The family asks that donations be made to American Legion Post 73, PO Box 885, Murray, KY 42071 in lieu of flowers. This is a paid obituary.

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College-readiness scores show small increase

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's 8th and 10th graders showed slight improvement last year on tests looking at their progress toward college. The Kentucky Department of Education on Tuesday released the scores for the EXPLORE and PLAN tests taken in 2011 by tens of thousands of public school students in the state. The two tests measure English, math, reading and science. Between 2010 and 2011, scores either remained the same or showed incremental increases, the department's figures show. The figures show at least 60 percent of the 8th and 10th graders met goals in English but students are struggling to reach the benchmarks in math, reading and science. Both tests were developed by ACT, Inc., the company whose college entrance exam is taken by millions of high school students across the country, including Kentucky.

Gingrich targets victory in Super Tuesday states

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — Trying to mount another comeback, Newt Gingrich skipped Tuesday's Republican presidential primaries in Michigan and Arizona to make a stand in the South and urged supporters in his home state to help him jumpstart his campaign. Gingrich spoke before polls closed in the two primaries and made no reference to either contest. Next week, on "Super Tuesday," 10 states with a total of 419 delegates at stake will vote in the GOP race, including Georgia. He represented the state in the House for 20 years. "I think re-electing Barack Obama will be a disaster," Gingrich said at the University of West Georgia, where he taught during the 1970s. "The challenge for us is to present a clear and compelling alternative so that the country has a really clear sense of what the difference is."

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DR. SEUSS OATH: Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins visited Murray Elementary School on Monday to administer the Dr. Seuss oath for reading on Tiger Cub News. The school is celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with a full week of activities. Pictured, from left, are Elkins, Allen Stribling, Alexis Hilt, Kaden Gibson, Grace Kelly and Tina Dunn, media specialist.

AP sources: Israel wouldn't warn U.S. on Iran strike

By KIMBERLY DOZIER  
AP Intelligence Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli officials say they won't warn the U.S. if they decide to launch a pre-emptive strike against Iranian nuclear facilities. The pronouncement, delivered in a series of private, top-level conversations with U.S. officials, sets a tense tone ahead of meetings in the coming days at the White House and on Capitol Hill. Israeli officials said that if they eventually decide a strike is necessary, they would keep the Americans in the dark to decrease the likelihood that the U.S. would be held responsible for failing to stop Israel's potential attack, said one U.S. intelligence official familiar with the discussions. The U.S. has been working with the Israelis for months to convince them that an attack would be only a temporary setback to Iran's nuclear program. Israeli defense officials confirmed that there are no plans to alert the U.S. ahead of time about any operation against Iran, though they stressed no decisions have been made on whether to attack. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were discussing a confidential security matter. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak delivered the message to a series of high-level U.S. visitors to the country, including the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the White House national security adviser, the director of national intelligence and top U.S. lawmakers, all trying to close the trust gap between Israel and the U.S. over how to deal with Iran's nuclear ambitions. Netanyahu delivered the same message to all the Americans who have traveled to Israel for talks, the U.S. official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive strategic negotiations. The White House declined to comment, as did the Pentagon and Office of Director of National Intelligence.

Murray, Almo residents face alcohol charges

A Murray woman and an Almo man face alcohol-related charges after the woman was stopped by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. On Saturday, Feb. 25, Deputy William Strader received a call in reference to a vehicle reportedly being driven erratically and having no taillights, according to MCSO public information officer Trista Lovett. The vehicle stopped in the roadway without being prompted, Lovett said, adding that the woman told the officer she had been drinking and was drunk. Amber E. Brown 23, of Murray, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, License to be in Possession, Failure to Notify Address Change to Department of Transportation and Failure on Non-Owner to Maintain Required Insurance. As Brown was placed into the cruiser, she broke out the side window, Lovett said. Brown was then charged with Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree and lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center. The passenger in the vehicle, Joshua E. Mohler 31, of Almo, was also arrested and charged with Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place, Lovett said. Individuals facing charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Caterpillar	115.82	+0.13
Chevron Texaco Corp	109.61	-0.02
Daimler Chrysler	61.90	+0.13
Dean Foods	12.23	-0.10
Exxon-Mobil	87.14	-0.09
Ford Motor	12.25	-0.05
General Electric	19.15	+0.09
GlaxoSmithKline ADR	44.88	+0.35
Goodrich	126.12	+0.14
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HopFed Bank*	8.26	-0.19
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Kroger	23.78	-0.10
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J.C. Penney	41.34	+0.12
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Bank moves to oust Dippin' Dots CEO

By BRETT BARROUQUERE  
Associated Press  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Novelty ice cream maker Dippin' Dots is running out of cash and needs a \$2 million credit line to be able to pay its bills, according to court documents filed Tuesday. The company is running out of money because the bank that had been its main source of funding is refusing to loan Dippin' Dots more money until CEO Curt Jones is ousted. Alabama-based Regions Bank says it wants a judge to appoint a third-party trustee to run the company instead of Jones. Jones, in a filing Tuesday, said Fischer Ventures LLC of Edmond, Okla., has offered to finance the company provided it gets first priority on any money Dippin' Dots makes until the loan is paid off. The money is needed to keep the company afloat until the warm-weather season that is peak for selling the beaded ice cream, Jones said. Regions Bank said Jones, the Brentwood, Tenn., creator of the ice cream, is acting in his own interest and not that of the company or the creditors waiting to recoup debts owed by Dippin' Dots. Regions is the largest creditor of Paducah, Ky.-based Dippin' Dots, having loaned the company \$10.8 million before November's bankruptcy protection filing in federal court in Kentucky. It also loaned Dippin' Dots another \$200,000 to keep the company operating after the filing. Regions filed a motion in federal bankruptcy court asking Judge Thomas H. Fulton to remove Jones as the decision maker for Dippin' Dots. Fulton set a hearing for Wednesday in Louisville on the request by Regions. In filings Tuesday afternoon, Dippin' Dots said that Regions Bank's request is unnecessary and that Jones is acting in the best interest of the company while looking for investors or buyers. Dippin' Dots attorney Todd Farmer said the company plans to file a reorganization plan this week that, if approved, would result in creditors being repaid in full within 36 months. "It is now only when Mr. Jones will not pursue sale opportunities that he does not believe is in the company's long-term best interest, that Regions alleges that Mr. Jones is exercising undue influence," Farmer wrote. Dippin' Dots filed for court protection in November as it sought to reorganize assets and debts rather than face foreclosure on more than \$11 million in loans. The company asked Fulton to allow it to use cash collateral to continue operations while the case plays out. The company said in a filing that allowing it to use the cash collateral and stay functioning will not harm creditors, including its largest single creditor, Regions Bank.

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Civil War meeting  
to be held March 15

## Special to the Ledger

The next Fort Donelson Civil War meeting will be held Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Cumberland Room of the Stewart County Visitors Center, U.S. Hwy. 79, Dover, Tenn. The speaker for March, Anthony Hodges, will speak about "Bite the Bullet: The myths and realities of Civil War Medicine."

"This will be a great presentation on a topic that is often misunderstood, even by many of the modern day medical practitioners," said John Walsh, founder and president of the Round Table. "Things like non-sterile procedures, amputations, bullet biting, and the fact that there were more lives taken during the war from disease and infection that were taken by the bullet itself make it a topic of interest for nearly everyone. In fact, the number of deaths from the Civil War may be a lot higher than the common figure of 660,000 since many veterans would die after the war as a result of their wounds and the attempt to treat

them."

Hodges is a well known historian and collector originally from Chattanooga, Tenn., who attended the University of Alabama, UT-Chattanooga and U.T. Center for Health Sciences in Memphis, Tenn., graduating with DDS degree in 1981. He practiced general dentistry in Chattanooga, Tenn., for the past 31 years. He married a dental school classmate, Dr. Jill Hodges, who is an orthodontist. Together they have three children, Rachel, 25, an attorney in Chattanooga, Tenn., and twin sons Ben and Jeb, 22, who are seniors at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Hodges became interested in the medical aspects of the war while in dental school and after graduating spent several years in intense study of military medical practices and collecting military medical artifacts. In the intervening thirty years, he has lectured on Civil War medicine at colleges, medical schools, roundtables and historical societies. Additionally, he has given living history medical lectures at various National Park Service sites including Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain, Fredericksburg/Chancellorsville and Fort Donelson.

He has, in the past, served on the board of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association and the East Tennessee Historical Society/Museum of East Tennessee History in Knoxville. He is a past president and current stewardship chairman of the Friends of Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP, a "color bearer" member of the Civil War Trust, past commander general of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (descendants of the Confederate Officer Corps) and a past commander-in-chief of the Order of the Southern Cross, a philanthropic group which bestows grants for the preservation of Confederate flags, monuments and related historical artifacts.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Walsh at (931) 801-5129.

Senior Citizens  
invited to stop by  
senior center

## Special to the Ledger

Persons sixty or older are invited to stop by the Senior Citizens center, located in the Weaks Community Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. The center offers Meals on Wheels, congregational meals, education opportunities, health promotions, exercise classes, transportation, information and referrals, entertainment and more.

For more information call 753-0929.

## Engagement



## McCallister and Mathis

Randy T. Mathis and Christina A. McCallister will be united in marriage Saturday, March 17, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Kenlake State Resort Park. All friends and family are invited to attend. A reception will immediately follow.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Buchanan, of Hamlin. She is a 1991 graduate of Calloway County High School and a 2000 graduate of Murray State University. She is employed at Murray State University as an account specialist and has two wonderful children.

The groom-elect is the son of Mary and Gillard Mathis, of Benton. He is a 1991 graduate of Marshall County High School and a 1997 graduate of Murray State University. He is employed at Pella Corporation as a tooling design engineer.

Bowman to be POINT  
speaker in March

## By BOB MCGAUGHEY

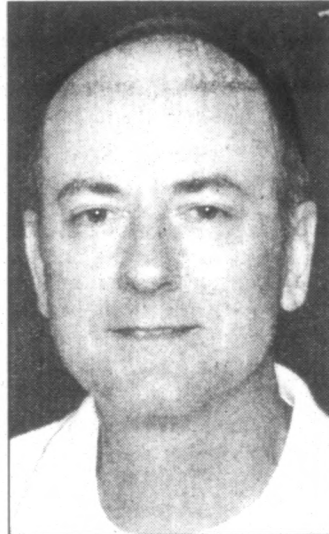
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Dr. Mike Bowman, associate professor of telecommunications systems management at Murray State University, will be the speaker for the March meeting of 2012 of Professional Organization for Information and Network Technologies (POINT). The meeting will be held at Pagliai's Restaurant, Murray, from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6.

Bowman, a member of the Murray State college of business faculty since 2005, will discuss security issues associated with the use of public and shared access computers.

Bowman, who has graduate work at the master's level at the Naval Post-Graduate School and the U. S. Army War College, earned his doctorate at George Mason University.

POINT was started in Feb. 2009 by the Regional Business and Innovation Center (RBIC), the MSU department of computer science and information systems, and the Center for Telecommunications Systems Management.



Dr. Mike Bowman

The mission of POINT is "to introduce and share knowledge in the high-tech fields of software development and information technology while providing environments for professionals to network on a regular basis."

Membership is free and admission to the meetings is a business card. Lunch will be provided and attendees need to RSVP to msu.point@murraystate.edu. For more information contact Beth Ward at the RBIC at 809-6074.

DATEBOOK  
Fohs Hall to host  
'Hitler and the Artists'Datebook  
Jessica Morris,  
Community  
editor

Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will host a fireside chat entitled "Hitler and the Artists" on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Nunn Room at Fohs Hall. Local artist and art historian, Kathleen Guess, will share information and lead discussion about artwork produced in Germany during the Nazi regime. She will discuss the Nazis looting art, where it is now, their "degenerative" art shows, how many artists fled and came to America and how others stayed, etc. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

## Knit-wits will meet Friday

The Knit-wits knitting group will meet Friday at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Calloway County Public Library. Knitters of all levels are welcome. For more information call Dot at 753-4803.

## WNKJ to honor family prayer day

WNKJ Christian Radio will honor Spring Family Prayer Day on Thursday, March 1, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 1100 East 18th St., Hopkinsville. Participants are invited to call in or come by with prayer requests and/or answers to prayer. Call 1 (877) 885-9655 or visit www.wnkj.org for more information. Tours and refreshments will be available.

## Active Parenting Classes offered

Active Parenting Now classes will be held Thursdays, March 1, and 8, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calloway County Extension Office, Murray. A meal will be served. No childcare will be available. For more information call 753-1452.

## 'Living Well' workshops to continue

The next meeting of the "Living Well" workshops will be held Thursday, March 1, at the Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizen's Center (Weaks Community Center) 607 Poplar St., Murray. Living Well workshops are evidence-based programs for individuals struggling with chronic conditions such as arthritis, depression, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, lung disease, pain and other conditions. For more information call 753-0929.

## Dexter-Almo Water District to meet

The Dexter-Almo Heights Water District will hold its monthly business meeting Thursday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at the water office located at 351 Almo Rd.

## Reformers' Unanimous to meet

Reformers' Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, meets every Friday from 7-9 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. The public is invited. Child care is provided. For more information or a ride, call the church office at 753-1834.

## Registration open for purity ball

Registration is now open for the second annual Father Daughter Purity Ball, to be held Friday, March 23, for young ladies grades six and up. The evening will include dinner, music, a purity ring and commitment ceremony. The cost is \$20 per couple, \$5 extra for each additional child. The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 1. To register, call 753-0700.

## Garden Department of MWC to meet

The Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday, March 1, at 1 p.m. at the Pullen Farm classroom. Alex Griggs will present a program on breast cancer detection and Matthew Chadwick will update members on the progress of the arboretum. Hostesses will be Pat Miller and Sue White. All members are encouraged to attend.

## History Research Forum to be held

The next speaker for the Murray State University Department of History Research Forum will be Terry W. Strieter, professor of history and department chair, who will speak about "Louis-Napoleon's Coup d'etat and the French Police," on Thursday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. at MSU's Faculty Hall room 505. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Bill Mulligan at 809-6571 or wmmulligan@murraystate.edu.

## Blood drive set for Wednesday

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital will hold a Wellness Center Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Health and Wellness classroom. For more information call Melissa at 753-8096. The public is invited.

## CUBS meeting set for Wednesday

Calloway United Benevolent Services will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at noon at Glendale Road Church of Christ. John Dale will give an update from the Homeless Task Force. The remainder of meeting time will be devoted to introductions and sharing by those in attendance. For more information call Donna Herndon at (270) 293-8780.

FUN & FASHION  
By D.K. Kelley

We are loving the warm weather and the store is full of great new styles in buy now - wear now.

It seems early for spring but it is almost March and the daffodils are blooming...so let's do spring!

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The soft flowing smocked tops in the bright prints are also a young contemporary trend.

Dresses and tops in floral patterns, mixed prints, offbeat colors and quirky details are all the rage for spring.

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Warm colors like camel look stylish when paired with red and mustard colors. Sage and army green also pop with bright colors as an accent.

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Don't forget one of this season's biggest trends is colored jeans. We have them in lower rise and the regular 9 inch rise that comes to the waist. When you find a pair of jeans you love buy two. Hem one for heels and one for flats.

New colors and lengths in the Lisette pants (that we love) are here, and in long shorts as well - shorts in all lengths are also trendy now.

Congratulations to Phyllis Baurer who won this weeks giveaway.

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**TRAINING PROGRAM:** Members of the 15-week Murray Half Marathon Training Program have been meeting every Saturday to train together for the upcoming Murray Half Marathon on Saturday, April 21. In addition to running together, the group has sessions with athletic trainers and a registered dietician, along with participating in running clinics. For more information, visit [www.murrayhalfmarathon.org](http://www.murrayhalfmarathon.org).

## MCCH hosts Colorectal Cancer Month events

### Special to the Ledger

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and Murray-Calloway County Hospital has several free community events to help spread awareness of colorectal cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The events kick off at 9 a.m. Friday in the South Tower with a Dress in Blue Day reception and proclamation signing. MCCH employees will be wearing blue as part of the statewide Blue Star Campaign to create awareness about colorectal cancer. Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins and Murray Mayor Bill Wells will be present for a proclamation signing recognizing March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Murray and Calloway County. Refreshments will be provided, and Hemocult screening kits will also be available for attendees.

The Incredible Colon Display, currently making its way across Kentucky, will stop in Murray on Friday, March 16, from 9-11 a.m. at the George Weaks Community Center. Visitors will have the chance to walk through a life-sized inflatable colon and see what a polyp and other abnormalities look like. Educational information will be available, as well as Hemocult screening kits.

Jamie Smith of the Kentucky Cancer Program will present "Colorectal Cancer: Just the Facts, Please" twice in March. Smith will speak on current screening methods for colorectal cancer, as well as prevention methods, risk factors and symptoms. The presentations will be held Thursday, March 8, at noon in the Barkley Room in the Curris Center at Murray State University and Thursday, March 22, at noon at MCCH's Center for Health and Wellness. Hemocult screening kits will be given to all attendees.

Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer — cancer of the colon or rectum — is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer is also one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the U.S. Colorectal cancer can be detected by early screening and research suggests as many as 60 percent of deaths from colorectal cancer in those ages 50 and older could be avoided with regular screenings.

For more information about colorectal cancer and the events of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, contact the MCCH Marketing Department at 762-1381.

## Murray in Motion activities planned for 2012

### Special to the Ledger

Murray In Motion is hosting a free "Try-Athon" on Mar. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at Racer Arena on the Murray State University campus. The Try-Athon will provide children and families the opportunity to "TRY" different activities in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Activities include football, soccer, disc golf, yoga, gymnastics, badminton, running and more. There will be prizes and giveaways. All residents of Calloway County are invited.

Murray In Motion is a collaborative effort of several organizations in Calloway County whose mission is to promote physical activity, educate on a variety of health issues and increase awareness of healthy community resources. The 2012 strategic initiative of Murray In Motion is to serve as a clearing house and networking resource for all healthy activities in the community.

In the past, Murray In Motion has hosted events such as the 2008 and 2009 Fitness Festivals where more than 800 participants completed health screenings and other healthy activities each year. Murray In Motion has also hosted two "Second Sunday" events which taught more than 200 family members how to increase physical activity in fun and productive ways, such as raking leaves. Amelia Dodd with the Murray State University Wellness and Therapeutic Sciences department was one of the facilitators of the Murray In Motion initiative in 2007. During the first few years, Murray In Motion concentrated on educating residents about health issues, but now the focus has changed.

"There are so many opportu-

nities for families to improve their health and get active, but many of our residents don't know how to access that information," said Amy Ferguson, health educator for the Calloway County Health Department and chair of Murray In Motion. "Our goal is to establish a web-site that is easy to navigate in which any organization can list their healthy community activities."

Murray In Motion is also working closely with the Murray Calloway County Parks department.

"The parks department just seems to be a natural hub for compiling and disseminating information to the community about all the programs, resources, and opportunities available community-wide that promote health," Ferguson said.

The Murray In Motion web site is under construction with the help of the Technology Students at Murray Middle School. Once up and active, organizations can log in and place their activities on a central community calendar.

"We wanted a media resource that organizations can use to not only list their activities, but also see what other organizations are doing in the community," said Keena Miller, Director of Health and Wellness at Murray Hospital and member of the Murray In Motion marketing committee. "This should help with coordination of services and planning."

According to Miller, it will also make it easier for Calloway County residents to identify activities in which to participate, by accessing one web-site. Residents can quickly identify healthy activities by looking for the Murray In Motion logo.

Calloway County organizations involved in the Murray In Motion initiative include: Calloway County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Calloway County Extension Office, Calloway County Health Center, Calloway County Family Resource Center, City of Murray, Murray Calloway County Chamber of Commerce,

Murray-Calloway County Hospital, Murray Calloway Parks Department, Murray Independent Schools, Murray State University, and the USDA Forest Service. For more information, visit the Murray in Motion Facebook page, the Murray In Motion website at [www.murrayinmotion.com](http://www.murrayinmotion.com) or call 762-1830.



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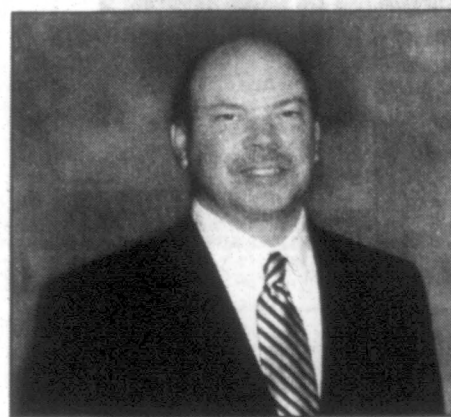
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## Divided We Stood: Kentucky in the Civil War

## 'The most significant event for Columbus park since it opened'

By BERRY CRAIG



Craig

WEEK OF MARCH 2nd - On this date in 1862, the Confederate army was retreating southward from Columbus.

They may have left behind a Civil War relic hunter's dream that ended up buried below a 40-foot dirt bluff at Columbus-Belmont State Park for 55 years.

That dream came true for Eddie Roberts. It took him 14 years and two tries. But the retired school teacher unearthed a 7,545-pound Civil War cannon that toppled off the Mississippi River bluff in a 1943 landslide.

The old ordnance has been a park feature ever since he found it in 1998.

The iron-barreled, Model 1829 Navy 32-pounder gun was buried 42 feet deep in the dirt. "We dug for three days before we found it," said Roberts, who lives near Clinton, the Hickman County seat. The state park is in Hickman County.

Early in the war, the Rebels strongly fortified Columbus. They dug deep trenches, planted 140 cannons - mostly atop the bluffs - and blocked the river with a heavy anchor and mile-long chain. Confident Confederates dubbed their bastion "the Gibraltar of the West." Like the anchor and short section of the chain, the cannon Roberts found was a favorite with tourists when the park opened in the 1930s.

He started hunting for the big gun in 1984. He dug unsuccessfully for it in 1991. He finally hit pay dirt, thanks to excavating equipment furnished by Tim Schwartz and his son, Jason.

Many people believed the cannon was a Confederate orphan,

abandoned when the Rebels forsook their "Gibraltar." "But when the Yankees occupied Columbus [in early March, 1862], they used the town as a shipping point for captured Confederate cannons," said Clinton historian John Kelly Ross. "They were shipped in and out of Columbus from all over. All we can say for sure is the lost cannon was here in 1865 when the war ended."

Ross said the cannon's discovery was "the most significant event for Columbus park since it opened." There were vain searches for the cannon at least two other times, said John Adams, a longtime park manager.

The Schwartzes scraped out a hole 42-feet-deep, 24-feet wide and 40 feet long to help Roberts find the cannon. While the barrel survived the cave-in, the gun's one-ton oak carriage did not.

Crews from the Civilian Conservation Corps - one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs for fighting the depression - built the gun carriage to exact Civil War specifications while they were helping construct the state park.

Roberts thinks he knows why nobody tried to retrieve the gun when it was lost. "World War II was going on, and people had their minds on that and not on some old Civil War cannon," he suggested.

Roberts extensively surveyed the area before he started digging. In 1991, the Army Corps of Engineers supplied a dozer and a backhoe. "They dug down about 24 feet," he remembered. "We didn't have any luck. Then my permit to dig ran out, and that was about it."

Unknown to Roberts, the last hole he had dug was on top of where he would find the cannon seven years later. "We were just not deep enough." He used a powerful metal detector called a magnetometer to pinpoint the cannon in 1998.

Berry Craig is a professor of history at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah and is the author of *True Tales of Old-Time Kentucky Politics: Bombast, Bourbon and Burgoon*, *Hidden History of Kentucky in the Civil War*, *Hidden History of Kentucky Soldiers* and *Hidden History of Western Kentucky*. The books are being sold to raise money for scholarships at WKCTC. They are available by contacting Craig by phone at (270) 534-3270 or by email at berry.craig@wkctc.edu.

## Remains of some 9-11 victims went to landfill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon revealed Tuesday that partial, incinerated remains of some 9-11 victims that could not be identified were sent to a landfill.

The number of victims involved was unclear according to a Pentagon report, but it involved some of those killed when a terrorist-hijacked airplane struck the Pentagon, killing 184, and another crashed in Shanksville, Pa., killing 40, in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The Pentagon released the report by an independent committee that was asked to examine practices at the military's mortuary at Dover, Del.

## MSU's Richmond to host panel discussion

By AUSTIN WILDMANN  
MSU Print Media

MURRAY, Ky. - In an effort to further integrate Murray State University's international students, Richmond College and the department of modern languages are holding a panel discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, in the South Commons Room at Richmond Residential College.

The topic of discussion is multilingualism and the "importance of learning a foreign language," according to Dr. Leon Bodevin, professor of Spanish

and Richmond college head.

The panel includes Murray State educators and one student. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Neal Messer, assistant professor of Spanish. Panelists include Kaitlyn Farlee, marketing major; Dr. Luis Canales, director of the Institute for International Studies; Dr. David Pizzo, assistant professor of history; Dr. Michael Morgan, professor of English; and Dr. Therese Saint Paul, assistant professor of French.

When asked why she made the decision to participate, Farlee

said, "I chose to be a part of this panel because I think globalization is unavoidable; therefore, people working in the business field are going to have to develop a more global culture in order to cope. Learning a foreign language is a great start to building this global culture and helps break down barriers to doing international business."

The panel discussion is just one in a series that will take place in Richmond College this semester.

## MCTA hears audit report, OKs transit proposal with LBL

By ANGIE HATTON  
Staff Writer

The annual audit report and a proposal to transport Land Between the Lakes employees to and from work topped the agenda at the monthly meeting of the Murray-Calloway County board of directors Tuesday at the transit office.

E. L. "Red" Howe, of Alexander Thompson Arnold Certified Public Accounts, presented a summary of the system's audit report for Fiscal Year 2011, which ran July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. MCTA ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$207,558, up from a deficit of \$92,134 for Fiscal Year 2010.

Howe noted that revenue remained flat over the two years, while expenses increased by roughly 10 percent. The two areas of major increase have been salaries and benefits and fuel expenses, he said. Retirement benefits were \$36,000 in 2010, Howe stated, and \$51,000 in 2011 due to a required increase in employer contributions. The rate of benefits is also increasing in 2012, from 16.9 percent to more than 18 percent, he said.

Howe added that MCTA's records show the system is taking a number of steps to reverse the current financial trend.

Bjarne Hansen, MCTA executive director, brought a proposal before the board to contract with LBL to provide a group ride to between 15 and 30 employees to and from work. Hansen said he was contacted by LBL officials to provide the service following the collapse of the Eggners Ferry Bridge over Kentucky Lake. The employees are some who work at LBL's central office at Golden Pond.

The board approved the proposal to be sent to LBL officials, which would offer a "park and

ride" system with a single pick up and drop off location. Hansen said the contract could begin in March.

The board also approved a recommendation by MCTA employees to eliminate the system's call-ahead policy for on-demand transportation services. Previously, riders were required to schedule transportation pick ups 24 hours in advance to avoid a \$1 penalty fee for day-of scheduling. Board member Darrel McFerron said eliminating the fee was one recommendation brought to the board by employees during a recent board retreat. McFerron remarked that the policy may have alienated some riders, and staff did not believe it saved any money.

The policy will be eliminated beginning March 1.

In other business:

The board approved reallocations to MCTA's 5309 capital grant. Instead of spending \$485,000 on construction of a maintenance facility, MCTA will seek federal approval to reallocate the money for replacement of four vehicles, and to update to its current Route Match fleet management system to include GPS and on-board data devices to make vehicles more efficient. The reallocation would also include covered parking.

Recommendations by the board's finance committee were approved. McFerron, committee chair, made the recommendation that MCTA adjust staffing once a management analysis ordered by the board is complete. The board will also seek a one-party listing to sell a tract of land MCTA owns to bring in extra funds.

The board approved an update to the system's Drug and Alcohol Policy to meet current standards set up by the Department of Transportation in October 2011.

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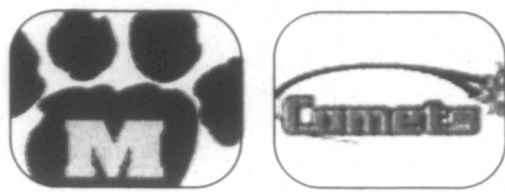


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## GIRLS FIRST REGION TOURNAMENT



MURRAY HIGH 53, CARLISLE CO. 22

# Here we go again

## LADY TIGERS ROLL PAST CARLISLE COUNTY IN 1ST REGION OPENER

By GREG WADDELL  
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into the First Region tournament Tuesday night, the Murray High Lady Tigers knew they would be in for a challenge. With eight of the best teams the area has to offer ready to square off for one bid to Bowling Green, that much was all but certain. That challenge wouldn't come in the first round though.

Taking to the floor against a Carlisle County team they edged by 13 points two weeks ago, the Lady Tigers looked like a totally different team in their return to the CFSB Center, throttling the hapless Lady Comets out of the gate.

Janssen Starks would get the party started for Murray, rattling home a pair of three pointers to the open the scoring before Shelby Crouch would knock down six straight points of her own to push the lead to 12. From there, things would only get worse for Carlisle, as Murray would watch their lead balloon to as much as 19 points heading into the intermission while holding the Lady Comets to just nine.

That said, Murray head coach Rechele Turner pointed to the first four minutes of the game as a crucial stretch for her team. Once they were able to provide some disruption, it was off to the races.

"We just really concentrated on the first four minutes of the game," Turner said. "We wanted to continue with the pressure and keep the pressure up as much as possible. We felt like that that defense could turn to some easy offense for us and I thought the defense was the catalyst to that. Janssen made two big threes to start us off which really got us going, but I felt like that the intensity that we played with the four minutes what was what allowed us to continue throughout the game and be comfortable and relax in the way we played."

The biggest beneficiary of the strong opening push would be Crouch though, as the Murray senior would assert herself as the best player on the floor over the first 16 minutes, wracking up 16 points and seven rebounds before the break.

That would be huge, her head coach pointed out.

"Shelby has just taken it upon herself to realize that regardless of where this ride ends, this is it for her," Turner said. "She's just taken a lot of pride in being the best player that she can be. We've known Shelby has been capable of this all along, it's just now that she's finally found her groove. She is a huge key for us

■ See LADY TIGERS, 10A

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**Monday**  
Lone Oak 50, Graves County 40  
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**Friday**  
Lone Oak vs. Marshall County, 6 p.m.  
Murray High vs. Paducah Tilghman, 7:45 p.m.



GREG WADDELL / Ledger & Times

Murray High's Shelby Crouch played a large role in the Lady Tiger's big win Tuesday, notching 16 points and seven rebounds in the first half.



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Murray High junior Janssen Starks tries to complete a pass while taking a fall Tuesday night against Carlisle County. Starks would finish with 11 assists.

## MURRAY STATE MENS' BASKETBALL



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Murray State guard Isaiah Canaan rises up to nail a three against Austin Peay on January 7. The junior was named the OVC's Player of the Year Tuesday.

## Four Racers, Prohm garner All-OVC honors

### ACCOLADES ROLL IN FOR MURRAY STATE AFTER BEST REGULAR SEASON IN SCHOOL HISTORY

By RICKY MARTIN  
Sports Editor

Tuesday afternoon was kind to the Racers.

Days after wrapping up the regular season as the only team in the nation with a perfect road record, the accolades began to pour in for the No. 9 ranked Racers, starting with first-year head coach Steve Prohm.

Leading his team to a 28-1 record, the best start in school history and the third-best record for a rookie coach in NCAA history, Prohm was announced as the Ohio Valley Conference's Coach of the Year on Tuesday afternoon.

Even though most felt Prohm was a lock for the award after his stellar first-season, which saw him lead Murray State to the OVC's best start in history as well as the school's best regular season in the program's 87-year existence, Prohm said the credit should really go to those around him.

"This is a tremendous honor," Prohm said, "but it's a credit to the special program that I'm fortunate to be a part of and the players and tremendous staff that I work with everyday."

"When you have special seasons, there are so many people that aid in the success, and they're a huge part of this award."

Perhaps no one's impact was bigger than that of junior point guard Isaiah Canaan's.

Canaan averaged 19.4 points per game through the regular season, a mark which ranks him 22nd nationally.

For his efforts — in another case of not-so-surprising — Canaan was named the OVC's Player of the Year on Tuesday

afternoon.

Canaan scored more than 30 points on four separate occasions this season, including his career-high 36-point output against Southern Mississippi in the title game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Canaan was named OVC Player of the Week six times throughout the regular season, and is also a finalist for the Lou Henson Award, the Oscar Robertson Award and the Bob Cousy Award.

The Biloxi, Miss. native is poised to break Murray State's program record for most three-pointers made in a season, and Canaan is third in the nation in three-point field goal percentage, shooting 48.4 percent from distance.

"I'm really proud of Isaiah," Prohm said. "He took the next step (this season) and that's what you do in great programs. As players grow from being freshman, to sophomores and then to upperclassmen, you want them to take the next step, and Isaiah has done that."

"He has been a leader on this team from day one, and his best attribute is his unselfishness. He has shared the basketball, and I'm proud of the way he had handled himself with great humility through all of his success."

Joining Canaan on the All-OVC First Team was senior guard Donte Poole, who filled into the role as the Racers' second scorer quite nicely this season.

Poole, who hadn't been relied on heavily up until this season, had a break-out senior campaign in which he averaged 13.9 points per game.

The Las Vegas native's 402

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## ■ Lady Tigers

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and a huge key to the success that we're having."

In the second half, not much would change as Murray would extend its lead to 30 through three quarters and coast from there, forcing Carlisle into 28 turnovers on the night. More than that though, Murray would make those turnovers count, cashing in 28 points off the Lady Comets' miscues.

Overall, though, Turner would praise her team's focus as a determining factor in how far they've come.

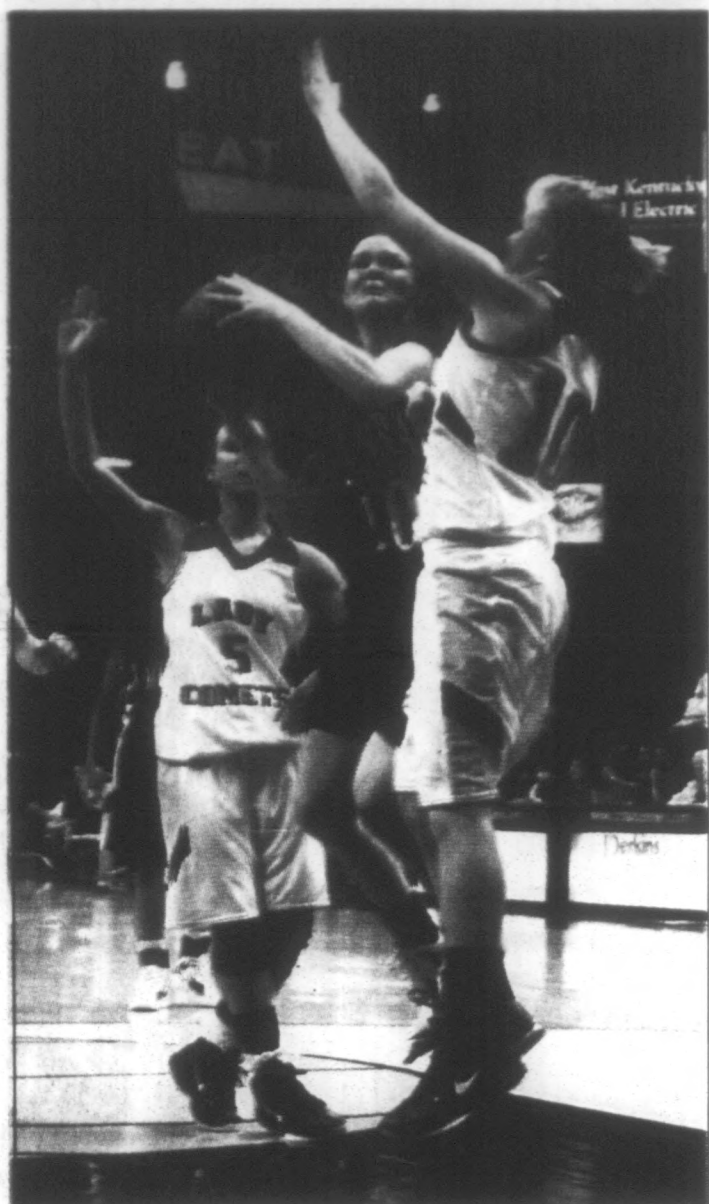
"They have goals and they want to achieve those goals," she said. "We came up short on some of our goals earlier in the year and went through some valleys at some different times but this team has taken personal accountability and they've also held their teammates accountable. Once we started doing that, we became a very good team."

They'll find out how good Friday night as they advance to take on Paducah Tilghman in the semifinal tilt at 7:45 p.m.

Murray High 20 8 16 9 - 53  
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Murray High (24-8) — Crouch 22, Starks 11, Armstrong 8, Thiede 5, McAlpin 4, Vogt 2, Sholar 1.  
FG: 20-53. 3-pt.: 3-11. FT: 10-13.  
Rebounds 37. Turnovers: 8.

Carlisle Co. (17-10) — Babb 8, Moran 6, Garrett 3, Odaniel 2, Sams 2, Ellegood 1.  
FG: 9-38. 3-pt.: 1-8. FT: 3-5.  
Rebounds 33. Turnovers: 28.



GREG WADDELL / Ledger & Times

Murray High senior guard Haley Armstrong takes the ball to the hoop against Carlisle's Macy Moran.

## MURRAY STATE BASEBALL

# 'Breds knock off WKU 10-2

KOZLOWSKI PICKS UP FOUR HITS AS MURRAY STATE WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME

### From MSU Athletics

Mike Kozlowski went 4-for-5 with a pair of RBIs and Bryan Babin allowed just two unearned runs over six innings as Murray State won its fourth-straight game with a 10-2 victory over WKU Tuesday afternoon at Reagan Field. The victory was just the second for the Breds in the past 17 matchups.

The Breds (6-3) got the offense going in the fourth inning as Kozlowski delivered a one-out single up the middle. Dylan Wheeler followed with a double down the left-field line. Cody Larson followed with an RBI single to right field. After a sacrifice bunt by Brandon Eggenchwiler, Luke Daugherty delivered a two-run single up the middle. Ty Stetson drove in the fourth run of the inning with a hard grounder through the left side that rolled all the way to the fence for an RBI triple.

MSU added another run in the fifth as Travis Isaak singled off the glove of the third baseman and went to second when Jacob Rhodes drew a walk. Kozlowski loaded the bases with a single to right, and Wheeler drove in Isaak with a

groundout to the right side.

WKU (2-6) took advantage of a two-out fielding error to push across two runs in the sixth inning. After the error, Justin Hageman singled off the glove of the third baseman and Ryan Hutchison drove in both runners with a triple off the top of the fence in right center.

The Breds broke it open in the eighth by sending nine hitters to the plate and scoring five runs. They loaded the bases with one out on an Eggenchwiler single through the right side, a Daugherty single through the left side and a Stetson walk. A passed ball scored the first run of the inning before a Paul Ritzheimer walk reloaded the bases. Isaak drove in a run with a fielder's choice, and a fielding error allowed another run to score. Kozlowski delivered the big hit of the inning with a two-run double off the base of the fence in left field.

Babin (1-0) allowed the two unearned runs on just three hits over six innings. After allowing a one-out single in the first, Babin did not allow another hit until their were two outs in the

sixth inning. He had retired eight-straight after the first-inning single before hitting the leadoff batter in the fourth. He retired the next three hitters to get out of that inning. The fifth started with a leadoff walk, but a fielder's choice and a double play quickly ended that inning.

Luke Shuemaker (2) earned the save by allowing three hits and striking out four over the final three innings. He needed just 11 pitches to retire the side in order in the seventh. He fanned the first two hitters of the eighth, but then gave up back-to-back singles. He ended the threat by striking out the next hitter he faced. Shuemaker struggled to start the ninth as he gave up two hits, but got a double-play ball and a flyout to end the game.

Austin Clay (1-2) took the loss after allowing five runs on seven hits in 1.1 innings.

Kozlowski led the offense by going 4-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Daugherty went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. He has hit safely in all five games he has played this season.

The Breds return to the diamond this weekend as they travel to face Central Arkansas in a three-game series. First pitch is set for 6 p.m. Friday evening.

## ■ Racers

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points this season nearly eclipse his total from his first three seasons combined, but his defensive intensity has maybe been even more impressive.

Poole had 58 steals in 29 games this season, putting him 37th in the nation in take-aways.

"Great moments are made from great opportunities," Prohm said. "Donte had the opportunity this season to step into a new role, and he took advantage of that from the first day and never looked back."

"Donte embodies what this program is all about, and that is character, toughness, accountability and leadership. He has been terrific, and he's done what you want your seniors to do."

While Poole was good defensively, the league's head coaches and sports information directors decided Tuesday morning that no one was better than Poole's teammate Jewuan Long.

Long, a senior from Jackson, Tenn., was the Racers' top defender all season long, and drew the other team's top scorer practically every game.

Long is the first Racer to receive the OVC's Defensive Player of the Year award since its inception in 2009, and his lock-down defense was responsible for Murray State's ability to lead the OVC in both field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage defense.

"If you defined (Long) in one word, he's a winner," Prohm said. "It's a credit to the people that have seen what he brings to our team. For him to be recognized as OVC Defensive Player of the Year, people noticed how important he is to us."

"It's not all about points all the time or the highlight plays. There is more to having a successful team, you have to have guys who buy into their roles. He's done a great job of selling out to stopping the opponent's best player, and I couldn't be more proud of Jewuan."

The final Racer recognized on Tuesday afternoon was as familiar as anyone to the OVC's awards.

Despite missing six games with a broken hand, senior forward Ivan Aska was named to the OVC's Second Team for his performance this season.

Aska averaged 11.3 points per game and 5.8 rebounds per contest, and he is one of only seven Racers in history to eclipse both the 1,000 point and 600 rebound plateau.

Murray State will return to play Friday in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament.



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Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which has been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.

Being the same property conveyed to Richard D. Thorn, Jr., by Deed of Conveyance from L.B. Parrish and wife, Shirley Faye Parrish, dated January 16, 2007, in Book 678, Page 262, in the office of the Clerk of Calloway County.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of thirty (30) days, but if sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, the purchaser shall deposit with the Commissioner one-third of the purchase price and execute bond with good and sufficient surety for the remainder, same to be paid in two equal installments bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable within thirty days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes, if any, shall be ascertained and paid by the Commissioner, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 23rd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner  
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00556

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF,  
VS. NOTICE OF SALE  
MICHAEL P. BYRD, SHELLY BYRD, CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CALLOWAY, CITY OF MURRAY, DEFENDANTS,

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on February 13, 2012, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$91,148.58, plus interest, etc., I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 1104 Sycamore Street, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West side of South 11th Street with the intersection of the North edge of State Highway, thence West with the North edge of the State Highway right of way 233 feet to a stake on said right of way; thence, North parallel with the West edge of South 11th Street 295 feet; thence, East 233 feet to the West edge of South 11th Street; thence South with the West edge of said 11th Street 295 feet to the beginning corner, and same being a part of the S.E. Qr. Of Section 27, T. 2 R. 4. East.

LESS AND EXCEPT A certain tract conveyed to E.G. Neale, et ux., by deed dated May 6, 1936, of record in Deed Book 61, Page 541, of the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael P. Byrd, and wife, Shelly Byrd, by deed dated June 29, 2006, of record in Book 652, Page 69, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of 30 days, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the commissioner ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance to be paid in full within thirty (30) days, with sufficient surety bond, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 23rd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner  
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00240

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS. NOTICE OF SALE  
ANITA L. ROSS, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on July 12, 2010, and subsequent orders, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$80,998.81, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 407 North Sixth Street, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being one town lot in Murray, Calloway County, State of Kentucky, and further described as Lot No. 1 in Barnett Addition, being a part of the N.W. Qr. Sec. 26, T.2 R.4. East bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the west line of Water Street (now 6th Street) 100 feet north of the north line or edge of Buford (now Pine) Street, where said Buford Street intersects with Water Street; thence North 108 feet; thence West parallel with Buford Street about 180 feet to the East edge of a 12 foot alley to be left for public use, halfway between Water and Cemetery Street; thence South with the east side of the 12 foot alley 108 feet to a stake 100 feet north of the north edge of Buford Street, which is the corner of Thos. Bynum Lot; thence East about 180 feet to the West edge of Water Street, the point of beginning; except 8 feet off of the South side of above described parcel of land.

Being the same property conveyed to Anita Ross by deed from Rex Donelson, et ux., dated September 25, 2007, of record in Deed Book 716, Page 246, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of 30 days, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the commissioner ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance to be paid in full within thirty (30) days, with sufficient surety bond, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 2nd day of February, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner  
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00518

TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,  
VS. NOTICE OF SALE  
JENNIFER GROGAN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER GROGAN, SOUTHERN TAX SERVICES, LLC, CITY OF MURRAY, AND CALLOWAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on January 9, 2012, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Defendant, Southern Tax Services, LLC, in the approximate amount of \$2,352.18, plus interest, etc., I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 502 North Fifth Street, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Banks lot on the East edge of North 5th Street; thence East with the North line of Bank's lot 75 feet to a stake in the corner; thence North with the Thomasson line 50 feet to a stake in the John Cole line; thence West 75 feet to the East edge of north 5th Street; thence South with the East edge of North 5th Street 50 feet to the point of beginning.

This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way and prior mineral reservations and mineral conveyances of record.

Being that property conveyed to Jennifer Grogan by deed from J.D. grogan and wife, Treva Grogan, dated October 30, 2002, and of record in Deed Book 454, Page 197, in the Clerk's Office of the Calloway County Court.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of 30 days, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the commissioner ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance to be paid in full within thirty (30) days, with sufficient surety bond, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 2nd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner

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This notice is intended to inform the residents of Hazel, Kentucky that the City of Hazel is in the process of closing out the Hazel/South 641 Water District Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Rehab Project 07-039. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held in the City Hall on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance.

Written comments on the project may be submitted to the Mayor's attention at his office located at 215 Main Street, Hazel, Kentucky 42049 until close of business on March 7, 2012

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Murray State University is accepting bids from qualified contractors for the Applied Science 1st floor renovation for Career Services Project, on the campus of Murray State University. There will be a pre-bid conference at 10:00 AM, March 8, 2012. Bids will open March 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM. Contractors may receive a copy of the bid advertisement by contacting Steven Stapleton (270) 809-4099 and referencing CC-256S-12.

Murray State University is accepting bids from qualified vendors for the commodity of fresh Maki Rolls, on the campus of Murray State University. Bids will open Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. Vendors may receive a copy of the bid advertisement by contacting Rhonda Lamb at 270-809-4157 and referencing MUR263R-12.

The Housing Authority of Fulton will receive sealed bids for the installation of solar water heating systems in 11 buildings until 1:00 p.m. prevailing time on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., at the office of the Housing Authority of Fulton, P.O. Box 1497, 201 North Highland Drive, Fulton, KY, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Interested parties should contact the Housing Authority of Fulton, 201 North Highland Drive, Fulton, KY 42041, for a full bid package. Copies of the documents may be purchased from the Housing Authority, 270-472-1115, for \$50.00 per set, refundable on return in good condition. A Pre-Bid optional meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012, you much call and register for the Pre-Bid Site visit at 270-472-1115.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00473

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, who are the Heirs or devisees or Legatees of DENNIS ABELL, and their Spouses and any Unknown Person who may have an interest in the Property which is the subject matter of this action,

DEFENDANTS,

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on August 9, 2010, and subsequent orders, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$67,511.27, plus interest, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 8871 State Route 121 North, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Highway No. 121 with Old Murray and Mayfield Road; thence West with the South side of the Highway right-of-way to a creek; thence with the meanders of a creek to Old Murray and Mayfield Road; thence in a Northerly direction to the point of beginning, containing one acre more or less.

Except a tract of land conveyed to Hugh Dowdy by deed dated the 21st day of February, 1962, and of record in Deed Book 114, Page 503, in the office of the Clerk of Calloway County.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which has been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Being the same property conveyed to Dennis Abell, unmarried, by deed dated October 4, 2006, of record in Deed Book 665, Page 25, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court. (Dennis Abell died on October 30, 2009.)

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of forty-five days, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the commissioner ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance to be paid in full within thirty (30) days, with sufficient surety bond, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 23rd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner  
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT  
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00031

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

SUSAN F. WILLIAMS, DAVID M. WILLIAMS,  
REPUBLIC BANK & TRUST COMPANY,

DEFENDANTS,

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on March 9, 2009, and subsequent orders, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$91,370.80, plus interest, cost, etc., I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., local time, or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 709 Poplar, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows:

A part of what was formerly known as the Matthews Place in Murray, Kentucky, and being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2, Range 4 East and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning on the South edge of Poplar Street, between South 7th and South 8th Streets, at the Northwest corner of a lot recently sold by Nat Ryan, Jr., to Joe Ward; thence South with said Ward's line 235 feet to Luther Jackson's North line; thence West about 70 feet to Price Lassiter's East line or extension thereof; thence North with Price Lassiter's East line 235 feet to the South edge of Poplar Street; thence East about 70 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Susan F. Williams, and husband, David M. Williams, by deed from Com-Stor, Inc., dated February 15, 2006, of record in Deed Book 633, Page 68, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of thirty (30) days, but if sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, the purchaser shall deposit with the Commissioner one-third (1/3) of the purchase price and execute bond with good and sufficient surety for the remainder, in two equal installments, bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable within thirty days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes, if any, shall be ascertained and paid by the Commissioner, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2012 ad valorem taxes.

This 23rd day of February, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
MAX W. PARKER  
Master Commissioner  
Calloway Circuit Court

## Ordinance Number 2012-1562

An ordinance prohibiting the possession or sale of AM Cannabinoids, CP Cannabinoids, JWH Cannabinoids and HU Cannabinoids, a plant material laced with chemicals, sold as herbal incense products, which are not approved for human consumption by the FDA and marking such products unlawful to possess and or traffic.

## SECTION VI: PENALTIES

1. Any person who violates the provision of this Chapter concerning Possession of AM Cannabinoids, CP Cannabinoids, JWH Cannabinoids or HU Cannabinoids shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$250.00) and jail time not to exceed 90 days.

2. Any person who violates the provision of this chapter concerning Trafficking in AM Cannabinoids, CP Cannabinoids, JWH Cannabinoids or HU Cannabinoids shall be guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$500.00) and jail time not to exceed 90 days.

3. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense and no additional notice other than notice of the original offense shall be required to convict a person for multiple violations resulting from a continuation of such offense.

s/s Bill Wells

Attest:  
s/s Harla McClure  
Harla McClure, City Clerk

Summary prepared by: Warren Hopkins, City Attorney

## Ordinance Number 2012-1563

An ordinance amending Chapter 110, General License Requirements, of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances by creating new classifications and rates.

## \$110.99 PENALTY

(A) A City Police, Citation or Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a violation notice containing the necessary information of said violation as prescribed by the City.

(B) A Police Officer, or Citation or Codes Enforcement Officer, may (but shall not be required to) issue a warning, allowing the offender ten (10) days within which to obtain a city business license, without penalty.

(C) Each person carrying on or conducting any business, as defined herein for which a license is required without having first obtained a license on or before May 31st of each year to carry on and conduct such business shall be issued a citation for violation of this ordinance.

(D) If after the citation is issued the offending party wishes not to contest the citation, the minimum fine to be assessed shall be \$100.00 and in addition to paying the fine, the offending party shall purchase the required business license.

(E) If the citation is contested and a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board is required, the penalties that may be imposed at the discretion of the board shall be one hundred (\$100.00) to (\$500.00) for each offense. If after the citation is issued, the offending party wishes to contest the citation, notification must be delivered pursuant to the requirements of the City of Murray Code Enforcement Ordinance, Chapter 40. If the offending party fails to respond to the citation within the requisite period of time, the offending party shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing to contest the citation and a determination by the Code Enforcement Board that a violation was committed shall be considered final. In this event the Code Enforcement Board shall enter a final order determining that the violation was committed and imposing the civil fine set forth in the citation. This shall be in addition to requiring the offending party to purchase a business license.

(F) All final orders by the code enforcement board as a result of violation of this ordinance shall accrue interest at the judgment rate of interest as established by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(H) A lien may be filed enforcing any final order of the Murray Code Enforcement Board as a result of a violation of this ordinance.

s/s Bill Wells

Attest:  
s/s Harla McClure  
Harla McClure, City Clerk

Summary prepared by: Warren Hopkins, City Attorney

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## 060 Help Wanted

## TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL LABORER

04/25/2012 THROUGH 12/31/2012 KY0446802  
Johnny Smith Farms - Kirksey KY - 4 openings

The prevailing hourly wage or piece rate for the state, agreed upon collective bargaining rate or federal/state min. wage Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWF) whichever is higher is guaranteed as a minimum for all work contained in this order, at the time work is performed.

PLANTING, GROWING, AND HARVESTING TOBACCO. \$9.38 HR. 3/4 CONTRACT HOURS GUARANTEED ALL TOOLS AND EQUIP. AT NO CHARGE, HOUSING PROVIDED FOR THOSE BEYOND COMMUTING AT NO COST. TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE PAY, AFTER 50% OF CONTRACT COMPLETED. TRANSPORT DAILY TO WORKSITE. MUST MEET PRODUCTION STANDARDS

LISTED IN JOB ORDER. CONTACT LOCAL SWA OFFICE (EMPLOYMENT OFFICE) 205 S. 6TH ST. MURRAY, KY 270-753-5362

USING JOB ORDER NUMBERS ABOVE, TO SET UP INTERVIEW. SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TEST AT EMPLOYERS COST, POST EMPLOYMENT

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## Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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2		1		5		4		
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		3		8				
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	9	8		3	7	6		
			4	5				
				9				

Difficulty Level ★★★

## Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	4	8	2	9	5	6	1
1	6	5	4	3	7	8	2	9
9	8	2	6	1	5	3	4	7
7	2	8	9	6	3	1	5	4
5	3	9	1	4	8	6	7	2
4	1	6	5	7	2	9	3	8
6	4	3	2	8	1	7	9	5
8	9	7	3	5	4	2	1	6
2	5	1	7	9	6	4	8	3

Difficulty Level ★★

## 060 Help Wanted

TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL LABORER  
04/25/2012 THROUGH 12/01/2012 KY0446776  
Dwain Bell - Murray KY - 2 openings

The prevailing hourly wage or piece rate for the state, agreed upon collective bargaining rate or federal/state min. wage Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWF) whichever is higher is guaranteed as a minimum for all work contained in this order, at the time work is performed.

PLANTING, GROWING, AND HARVESTING TOBACCO. \$9.38 HR. 3/4 CONTRACT HOURS GUARANTEED ALL TOOLS AND EQUIP. AT NO CHARGE, HOUSING PROVIDED FOR THOSE BEYOND COMMUTING AT NO COST. TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE PAY, AFTER 50% OF CONTRACT COMPLETED. TRANSPORT DAILY TO WORKSITE. MUST MEET PRODUCTION STANDARDS

LISTED IN JOB ORDER. CONTACT LOCAL SWA OFFICE (EMPLOYMENT OFFICE) 205 S. 6TH ST. MURRAY, KY 270-753-5362

USING JOB ORDER NUMBERS ABOVE, TO SET UP INTERVIEW. SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TEST AT EMPLOYERS COST, POST EMPLOYMENT

TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL LABORER  
04/25/2012 THROUGH 12/05/2012 KY446804  
Ward Farms Inc. - Hazel KY - 2 openings

The prevailing hourly wage or piece rate for the state, agreed upon collective bargaining rate or federal/state min. wage Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWF) whichever is higher is guaranteed as a minimum for all work contained in this order, at the time work is performed.

PLANTING, GROWING, AND HARVESTING TOBACCO & DIVERSIFIED CROPS. \$9.38 HR. 3/4 CONTRACT HOURS GUARANTEED ALL TOOLS AND EQUIP. AT NO CHARGE, HOUSING PROVIDED FOR THOSE BEYOND COMMUTING AT NO COST. TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE PAY, AFTER 50% OF CONTRACT COMPLETED. TRANSPORT DAILY TO WORKSITE. MUST MEET PRODUCTION STANDARDS

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Murray State University is  
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Supporting Brothers and Sister  
II Sister Cultural Leadership and  
Empowerment Conference on  
March 2-3. The conference wel-  
comes students, faculty and the  
community's participation to  
become informed on issues  
related to leadership.

Sponsored by the Murray  
State University office of multi-  
cultural affairs, the conference  
strives to enlighten the commu-  
nity on the significance of giv-  
ing back to society. The theme  
for this year's conference is  
"Excellence is Not Accidental:  
Leadership by Example ...  
Service through Sacrifice."

The conference begins on

Friday, March 2, with the OMA  
Lecture and Grand Conversation  
at 7 p.m. in Wrather West  
Kentucky Museum with keynote  
speaker Vincent Southerland,  
assistant counsel in NAACP's  
Legal Defense and Educational  
Fund's Criminal Justice  
Practice, representing death sen-  
tence prisoners in post-convic-  
tion proceedings and engaging  
in advocacy around other crim-  
inal justice policy issues. He is  
based in Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Southerland will discuss the  
conference theme and the impli-  
cations for the community. This  
lecture is open to the public.

The conference continues on  
Saturday, March 3, from 8:30  
a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Curris  
Center. During the conference,  
there will be various speakers

and presentations including S.G.  
Carthell, director of the office of  
multicultural affairs; Kevin  
Woodgett, chair of Health  
Collation of Delaware County  
Inc. and senior pastor at the  
Church of the Living God; Dr.  
Robert F. Long, Visiting  
Distinguished Professor of  
Nonprofit Leadership at Murray  
State University; Dr. Steve  
Jones, chair of the department of  
social work, criminal justice and  
gerontology at MSU; and Dr.  
Jakobi Williams, assistant pro-  
fessor in the department of his-  
tory and American studies at the  
University of Kentucky, who  
will deliver the closing lunch  
keynote address.

Participants will receive a  
continental breakfast and lunch.  
The conference is free to Murray

State University faculty, staff  
and students, but registration is  
required. Besides the Cultural  
Leadership and Empowerment  
Conference, there are other  
events taking place during the  
week starting Monday, Feb. 27,  
to Friday, March 2. The events  
include a Sister II Sister  
Accessory Party, Brother II  
Brother "Tie" Party and  
Professional Day "Dress for  
Success." The events are free of  
charge and available to the pub-  
lic.

For more information about  
the conference, contact the  
office of multicultural affairs at  
(270) 809-6836.

To view the full schedule of  
the week, visit www.mur-  
raystate.edu/CLEConference.

Titanic auction interest rises as 100th mark nears

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - The  
April 1 auction of more than  
5,000 Titanic artifacts a century  
after the luxury liner's sinking  
has stirred hundreds of interest-  
ed calls, with some offering to  
add to the dazzling trove already  
plucked from the ocean floor.

Auctioneer Arlan Ettinger said  
his New York auction house,  
Guernsey's Auctioneers &  
Brokers, has heard from some  
descendants of the more than  
700 survivors, including one  
offer he describes as morbid:  
papers found on the floating  
body of a passenger after the  
sinking.

"Their relative was found  
floating and, when the body was  
recovered, papers were removed  
- passports and other docu-  
ments," he said. "That has  
stayed in the family's hands and  
they offered it to us."

The papers will not be includ-  
ed, but something much more  
poignant will be: a children's  
bracelet with the name Amy  
spelled out in diamonds. Only  
two Amys were listed among  
2,228 passengers, of whom  
more than 1,500 died.

"It's vey ry personal and very  
touching to see that," Ettinger  
said.

The auction will feature cloth-  
ing, fine china, gold coins, sil-  
verware and "The Big Piece" - a  
17-ton section of the Titanic's  
hull - plucked from the pitch-  
black depths 2 1/2 miles beneath  
the North Atlantic. It will be  
sold in one lot and the winning  
bid will be announced April 11.  
It was appraised in 2007 at \$189  
million.

Ettinger said Guernsey's has

had its share of high-profile auc-  
tions - treasures from the estates  
of Elvis Presley, the Beatles,  
Princess Diana and President  
John F. Kennedy - but the col-  
lection from the world's most  
famous shipwreck tops them all.  
The Titanic sank April 15, 1912,  
after hitting an iceberg the night  
before during its maiden pas-  
sage from Southampton,  
England, to New York.

"Where on this planet can you  
go and say the word 'Titanic' and  
not get some reaction?" he  
asked.

An international team led by  
oceanographer Robert Ballard  
located the wreckage in 1985,  
about 400 miles off  
Newfoundland, Canada. The  
auction will be the first of  
Titanic artifacts collected from  
its final resting place, although  
items gathered from the ocean  
surface and from survivors have  
been sold in the past.

Premier Exhibitions Inc. has  
been displaying a fraction of the  
artifacts in traveling shows  
worldwide, including a perma-  
nent exhibit in Las Vegas. RMS  
Titanic Inc., a division of  
Premier that has overseen the  
artifacts for 18 years as the  
court-recognized salvor, said the  
public company decided to auc-  
tion the collection in response to  
shareholders' wishes.

By order of a federal maritime  
judge in Virginia who has over-  
seen the case for years, the items  
cannot be sold individually and  
they must go to a buyer who  
agrees to properly maintain the  
collection and make it available  
for occasional public viewing.  
The sale is also subject to court

approval.

Ettinger said the court-ordered  
covenants governing the sale  
made this auction a unique chal-  
leng e.

"Many, many people would  
covet the opportunity to own  
this or that thing, but not the  
whole shebang," he said.

Mindful of the strings  
attached, Ettinger will be  
reviewing bids through March  
to make sure interested parties  
can abide by restrictions.

"It does certainly restrict the  
number of potential buyers," he  
said.

Still, Ettinger said he has  
heard from museums, compa-  
nies and individuals, none of  
whom he will name.

Besides the massive hull sec-  
tion, the collection includes an  
array of personal items, such as  
a mesh purse, eyeglasses and a  
waistcoat remarkably preserved  
in a leather satchel. A bronze  
cherub that once adorned the  
Grand Staircase is included, as  
are bottles and ship fittings,  
including the stand upon which  
the ship's wheel stood.

James Delgado, director of the  
National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration's  
Maritime Heritage Program,  
calls the collection a "powerful  
and compelling" record of  
Titanic's doomed voyage.

< P> "The power of the collec-  
tion as a whole speaks to the  
ship, to the people and the  
events of that night in a way that  
one item can't," said Delgado,  
who led a science team that  
recorded the wreck site in 2010.  
"They offer context - where they  
came from and what they once

represented on the ship when it  
was afloat."

The vast majority of the  
Titanic's opulent furnishings,  
recreated in James Cameron's  
blockbuster film "Titanic,"  
remain within the two main sec-  
tions of the wreck, he said. The  
wreck is considered "sacred"  
and off limits to salvors.

The Guernsey auction is also  
offering first-of-its-kind archae-  
ological data and images of the  
wreck, as well as the only  
detailed map of the debris field  
on the ocean floor. It's about 2-  
by-3 miles.

The intellectual property  
includes more than 1,000 hours  
of film footage showing where  
the artifacts were gathered,  
400,000 still images and 3-D  
footage of the Titanic's bow and  
stern, said Brian Wainger, a  
spokesman for At lanta-based  
Premier Exhibitions. The buyer  
could also have the opportunity  
to become the steward of the  
wreck site itself.

Delgado said the public's con-  
tinued fascination with the cen-  
tury-old wreck is due, in part, to  
the poignancy of the disaster and  
the human drama that played out  
on the ship's decks while it sank.  
It was also the first modern dis-  
aster to capture the public imag-  
ination through wireless trans-  
missions.

"It was the first time the world  
dealt with a disaster in real  
time," he said.

Steve Szkotak can be reached  
on Twitter at  
http://twitter.com/sszkotakap .

by Jacqueline Bigar

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for  
Thursday, March 1, 2012:

This year you open up because  
of a willingness to go within.  
Your ability to communicate  
also is heightened. Be careful  
when handling what you might  
consider to be difficult feelings,  
but do not run away from them.  
Try to express hurt before it  
evolves into anger. If you are  
single, developing a stable rela-  
tionship this year could be chal-  
lenging. If you are attached, you  
and your significant other often  
find yourselves at odds.  
Understand your feelings rather  
than interpret your sweetie's.  
Don't worry as much. VIRGO  
can express his or her anger  
through pickiness.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You might know a little  
too much. Be discreet, and keep  
your observations to yourself.  
Communication excels. You  
know what to say and when to  
say it. You understand others'  
motives better than they do. Few  
like to be read that well. Tonight:  
Hang out with your buddies.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Deal with finances directly.  
An emotional risk or monetary  
gamble could easily backfire and  
be the source of an argument.  
The smart move is to do nothing.  
Find an outlet for your feelings  
and your self-expression.  
Tonight: Your treat!  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ There is an underlying  
sense of dissatisfaction that  
keeps bubbling up from out of  
nowhere. You know what is  
going on, and you know where  
you are heading, with the excep-

tion of a property-related issue  
or domestic matter. Tonight:  
Discuss this issue with the other  
party involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
★★ You might be taken aback by  
the harshness of your words,  
even in a simple conversation.  
You might wonder what is going  
on within. Stop and root out  
some rather strong feelings,  
even if you are uncomfortable.  
Otherwise, you might not have  
the control you desire. Tonight:  
Soul-searching.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities  
in meetings and discussions.  
You could overspend without  
intending to cause yourself a  
problem. You can justify your  
spending, but still be careful.  
Someone you know very well  
supports you in any way, shape  
or form, so it seems. Tonight: Let  
your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Without intending to, you  
could be sarcastic and cop an  
attitude out of the blue. Your  
smile draws many people, and  
you do not want to push them  
away. Think about a boss or par-  
ent. Look at a problem from this  
person's point of view. Tonight:  
Burning the midnight oil.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Your ability to detach  
from a situation could earmark  
your ability to get to the root of a  
problem. Use intellect rather  
than emotion; and you will suc-  
ceed. Be careful with pent-up  
anger. It could pop out at any  
given moment. Tonight: Put on  
music and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You are driven to suc-  
ceed, but you need to work or  
brainstorm with a key associate  
or partner. Together, you are  
more likely to pull off the impos-  
sible. You also manage to get  
the support of others, even if  
there is an angry exchange at

the beginning. Tonight: An  
intense conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.  
21)

★★★★ Others continue to run  
the show. Someone could be  
irate or angry with you. You  
might try to straighten out the  
issue or choose to let it sit for a  
while. Sooner or later, you will be  
told what is going on. Make this  
day special, and make it yours.  
Tonight: So many choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might not be very sta-  
ble right now. Part of the problem  
is that new information makes  
you aware of misinformation or  
how someone created his or her  
own version of the story. Detach  
rather than get angry. Tonight:  
Go for an escape.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You can do nothing with  
a partner or associate who  
decides to go on the warpath.

You gregarious nature possibly  
triggered some of the problem,  
but there is another issue on  
another level. Let your imagina-  
tion and intellect merge when  
dealing with issues. Tonight: Be  
a wild thing.

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sonal matter and become even  
more distracted because of your  
interactions with others. In fact, a  
key associate or partner could  
be spouting too much anger for  
you to handle. You do not know  
what to do. Tonight: Be unavail-  
able.

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## Looking Back

## Ten years ago

A recent birth reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Feb. 15 includes a girl to Heath Kraemer and Marcia Ann Tatum, of Almo.

Hannah Hinton, of Murray, was crowned Friendship Queen at the Miss and Mister Valentine's pageant Feb. 2 at Calloway Inn, Murray.

The Calloway County boys' and girls' cross country teams were honored at a recent awards banquet following the 2001 season. Laker runners recognized were Kris Russeau, Karlos Feliz, Jake Tindall, David Timmons, Courtney Catlett, Jacob Roach, Sean Covington and Michael Pritchard. Lady Lakers recognized include Lindsey Miller, Crystal Brumley, Katie Bazzell, Brandy Huynh, Lora Hopkins and Amanda Hart.

## Twenty years ago

Pictured are Violet Covington and Fern Smith celebrating their '18th' birthdays. Both women were born Feb. 29, 1920, in Missouri and met in Murray while attending church.

The Murray City Council's public safety committee passed a recommendation to purchase a new pumper for the Murray Fire Department.

Murray area Girl Scout Leaders, Sue Rotterman, Debbie Jones, Denise Haugh, Kym Hopkins, Mary Paterson, Lynn Griffiths, Sandy Saddy and Karen Olson, prepare for the 80th birthday celebration of Girls Scouts of Murray. A ceremony will be held March 1 at First Christian Church.

## Thirty years ago

A recent birth reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Feb. 23 includes a girl to Rick and Nancy Jane Orr, Murray.

Pictured is retiring Murray Fire Chief Jackie Cooper, who was recently recognized for his service to the city.

Stella Grocery, Highway 121, was purchased last fall by Dallas and Mary Willoughby and underwent repairs and arrangement of inven-

## tory.

A story about Vic Milner and John Bover, two Murray State University graduates who operate the Murray Karate Center on Chestnut St., was featured.

In high school basketball, The Murray High Lady Tigers beat Fulton County 66-26, however junior point guard Velvet Jones suffered a cracked forearm in the first period of the game. The Murray High Tigers also beat Fulton County 62-49. High scorer for Murray was Jim West with 15 points.

The Calloway County Lakers beat Hickman 61-30. High scorer for Calloway was Lovett with 18 points.

Four senior employment workers were presented certificates of appreciation at the Calloway County Senior Citizens Board of Directors meeting. They were Pauline Lassiter, Una Wyatt, Albert Parker, Tripp Thurman, Louise Alton and Bill Phillips.

## Forty years ago

Edward S. Ferguson was to retire Feb. 29, 1972, as head of Murray Electric System. He had been head of the system for 25 years.

## Fifty years ago

Lowlands in Calloway County were flooded with Clark's River running far out of its banks. Most roads are open in the country, limited primarily to low fields and other areas along the river.

Rep. Frank A. Stubblefield had announced boundaries of proposed between-the-lakes recreation area should be fixed within the next couple of weeks.

## Sixty years ago

Pvt. Alvin C. Usrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Usrey, Kirksey, had been assigned to Hawaiian Infantry Center, Schofield Barracks, T.H. for army basic training.

Cpl. Joe Pay Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Anderson, was serving at Camp Edwards, Mass. He was working for the pharmacy department of the U.S. Army hospital there.

## Student is shocked to spy professor's feet of clay

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 19-year-old student taking courses at a community college. One of my classes is taught by a great professor.

After an evening class with him one night, I returned to the

classroom because I forgot something and ended up walking with him back to the parking lot. While putting stuff into my car I saw him get into another student's car. I waited without them realizing I was there and ended up seeing my professor and this student smoking weed and fooling around.

I feel angry and betrayed knowing he would put his career in danger. They are both consenting adults, but I don't know whether I should report it or not. What do you think? -- BETRAYED STUDENT ON THE WEST COAST

**DEAR STUDENT:** Unless you have ABSOLUTE PROOF that your professor was smoking something other than tobacco, I think you should keep your mouth shut. As you said, he was with another consenting adult. Are you sure your feelings of anger and betrayal aren't jealousy?

**DEAR ABBY:** A year ago my husband and I met a nice couple on a cruise. We had so much fun with them we invited them to our home for a visit.

While they were here I showed them the photo album I had made with our cruise pictures. They were in most of them. It has been three months since their visit and we can't find the album. A few weeks ago, while talking to the wife on the phone I mentioned it. She said we didn't show the

album to them but she wished we had. Abby, we know we did!

Should I mention it again or just make a new one and never invite them back? -- MISSING MORE THAN THE PICTURES?

**DEAR MISSING:** You appear to be seeing the picture clearly now. While the couple may have been charming, they're not nearly as "nice" as you assumed. If you want a record of your cruise, by all means create a second album. (Surely you don't need me to advise you to never invite them back.)

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been together for 19 years. We have three children and from the outside looking in, you would think we have a wonderful life. But my boyfriend has been unfaithful numerous times, which has caused me to have trust issues and insecurities. I took him back because I wanted our children to be raised in a two-parent home, which is hard to find these days.

The problem is, two years ago I cheated on him. He found out by tracking my phone, bugging the house and monitoring my calls and emails. He "reminds" me of it every day and we argue constantly. I'm sorry it happened, but I still have trust issues because I can't see what he has been up to. I guess my question is -- is this a relationship worth saving? -- GOOD FOR THE GANDER - GOOD FOR THE GOOSE

**DEAR GOOSE:** Let's review your letter. Nineteen years as a couple, three kids and he's a serial cheater. You cheated too, and your complaint is that you can't monitor your boyfriend's activities the way he is scrutinizing yours?

Although you say you're staying together for the children, a household filled with anger and suspicion isn't healthy for them or for you.

## Try nonsurgical options first for herniated disk

**DEAR DOCTOR K:** I have a herniated disk in my lower back. What does this mean? And what are my treatment options?

**DEAR READER:** Your spine is made up of a stack of bones called vertebrae. In between each of the vertebrae are intervertebral disks that cushion these bones.

Each disk is made of a soft gel core surrounded by a tough, fibrous outer shell. A disk's outer shell can tear. If the gel in the middle of the disk bulges out through the tear in the shell, the condition is called a herniated disk.

Herniated disks often press on nerves, causing pain, numbness and muscle weakness. This pain usually begins in the lower back, then spreads down into the buttocks and down the back of one thigh and leg.

In most cases, symptoms from a herniated disk will get better without surgery. Treatments include limited bed rest, warm baths, heating pads and medications. Medications generally include aspirin or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or muscle relaxants.

Extended inactivity can cause your back muscles to weaken, so it's best to start an exercise regimen after only a day or two of bed rest. After one to two weeks, you usually can begin a more strenuous, daily aerobic exercise and physical therapy program. The program should aim to build muscle strength in your back and improve flexibility in your back and abdomen.

You may also want to consider ultrasound, massage and acupuncture. Some people find these treatments helpful. Your back

pain should gradually lessen within four to six weeks.

If these measures don't work, steroid injections may provide temporary pain relief. Your doctor will carefully inject a long-acting steroid and an anesthetic into your lower back, near the herniated disk.

If all else fails, you may have to consider surgery to remove the injured disk. Traditional surgery can involve removing the whole disk, or just the part of the disk that is pushing on a nerve (called microdiscectomy). Microdiscectomy is today the more common procedure, because it involves a smaller incision and can be done as outpatient surgery.

There are also various minimally invasive techniques with even smaller incisions, some of which use lasers rather than knives to remove the part of the disk that is pressing on a nerve.

Does surgery work? There have been a number of randomized trials that compared surgery to nonsurgical treatments. These studies didn't involve the usual patient with pain from a herniated disk. Instead, they involved patients with persistent pain from a herniated disk who had not gotten better with nonsurgical treatments. In these studies, patients undergoing surgery seemed to do somewhat better than those not having surgery.

We have a lot more information on herniated disks in our Special Health Report, "Low Back Pain: Healing Your Aching Back." You can find out more about it at my website.

If your herniated disk is new and has not been a chronic condition, you will probably get good relief from nonsurgical treatment. If your treatment involves exercises, remember to stick with them. They really can help.

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

## Today in History

## By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2012. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

## Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 29, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white -- separate and unequal."

On this date: In 1504, Christopher Colum-

bus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1796, President George Washington proclaimed Jay's Treaty, which settled some outstanding differences with Britain, in effect.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards,

including best picture of 1939; Hattie McDaniel won for best supporting actress, the first black performer so honored.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago.

Eight years ago (2004): Facing rebellion, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and left for exile in the Central African Republic.

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## Hints From Heloise



by Heloise

\* Carol J. in Hazleton, Pa., wrote: "I've been reading your column for years, but have never written until now. I lived in the Sierra Foothills for a while, where buckeyes are wild and plentiful. I baked them in the microwave -- after putting a hole in the top and bottom with a nail. When they were cool and dry, I put my drapery cord through and tied a knot. They were wonderful drapery-cord pulls, and felt so good in my hand."

\* Donna E., via email, said: "Did you bring back some very nice memories and answer an age-old question! Buckeyes are for luck! My father's mother always kept one in her jewelry box, and it always seemed 'polished.' Every time anyone opened the box, they invariably picked up the buckeye

nut and rubbed it, thus polishing it with the oil on their fingers. My parents also kept one in our adhesive-strip box (remember the old, metal ones?). Thanks for featuring it in your column!"

\* Elinor A. in Red Oak, Iowa, wrote: "We lived in Iowa when I was growing up, and there was a big buckeye tree in the front yard. It was the only one in town. Every summer, hordes of young boys would gather under the tree to pick up the ripe buckeyes. At my 40-year high-school reunion, one of my classmates approached me and, with a smile, handed me two brown-and-tan buckeyes. He had kept them for at least 50 years."

Readers, these are only three of the many letters I received. I thought you would enjoy them as much as I did. -- Hugs, Heloise

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## CHOCOLATE DIPPING

Dear Heloise: This past holiday, I made chocolate-covered pretzels. The biggest problem was figuring out how to dip the pretzels and remove them without making

a huge mess. I used my potato masher. I would put a couple of large pretzels on the masher and then dip it in the chocolate. I removed them and set them on a sheet of foil. Worked great! -- Annie F., via email

## COOKIE DECORATING

Dear Heloise: My granddaughter and I were baking sugar cookies. To keep the mess to a minimum, I would place the cookie cutter over each cookie before she sprinkled it with colored sugar. Most of the sugar stayed within the cutout, and I didn't have sugar to clean up. Then we baked the cookies, which were delicious! -- Frankie C., Conway, Ark.

## STORING LETTUCE

Dear Heloise: Lettuce tends to get mushy quickly, but I have a solution: paper towels. In a container with a lid, fold a paper towel and place it in the container. Then place your lettuce on top, put on the lid and place it in the fridge. Keeps it just as fresh as the day I put it in the container. -- Ann M., via email

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## Crosswords

## ACROSS

- 1 Sports summaries
- 7 Ship pole
- 11 Ark's resting site
- 12 Hawaiian port
- 13 Leatherneck
- 14 Battery fill
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- 17 Touches lightly
- 20 Frost creations
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- 24 Tabloid topic
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- 27 Chum
- 28 Spanish gold
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- 31 Tantrum
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- 39 Reverberated
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- 45 Scoop
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