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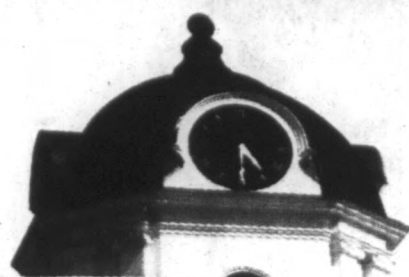
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Walker proceedings continued to May 4

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

A possible private hearing to discuss legal arguments that may be employed in the planned July trial of Jerry Wayne Walker, a former MSU student facing charges for a second time in connection with a fire at Murray State University in 1998, has been set for Friday May 4, in Calloway Circuit Court.

During a hearing Monday, Commonwealth's Attorney Mark Blankenship asked Judge Dennis Foust to consider holding the hearing "in camera," or in the judge's chamber with restrictions on media coverage, because, it was reported, discussion will likely center on possible evidence and potential witnesses in the case, that if covered by the media, could possibly influence a potential jury pool.

Previously, Walker's counsel, Mayfield attorney Dennis Null, had filed a discovery motion and a date had been set for Monday for a hearing. Blankenship said materials sought in the motion were delivered to the defense late last week, but he decided to take the opportunity to move the case forward.

"We went ahead and filed a series of motions that we had been working on for some time called 'motions in remedy,'" Blankenship said - "which is basically a way for a lawyer in a

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WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW
50s	60s
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Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

Wednesday: Patchy frost before 9 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 59.

Wednesday Night: Areas of frost after 3 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Thursday: Areas of frost before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

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TUESDAY MORNING ACCIDENT: Kentucky State Police and several local agencies responded to an accident with injuries on U.S. 641 South just south of Murray Tuesday morning. Pictured, from left, are KSP Trooper J.R. Boyd, Captain Jim Szyzskiewicz with Calloway County Fire-Rescue and Howard Brandon, who lives nearby. See story on page 4A.

Murray schools receive AdvanceKentucky grant

By ANGIE HATTON
Staff Writer

Murray Independent School District administrators hope to increase the number of students taking and earning college credit with Advanced Placement courses through an initiative coordinated by the state of Kentucky.

MISD is a part of the latest cohort of school districts in the state to receive grant money for the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) AdvanceKentucky program, an affiliate of the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI). Angie Murdock, MISD curriculum specialist, said the goal of the program is to provide training to school districts to help AP

teachers improve the way they teach, to be more inclusive in the requirements to take AP classes and to provide more materials and other resources to teachers and students for AP courses.

Murdock said most schools have in the past written their AP course requirements in a way that keeps some disenfranchised students out. If a student is not already on an honor roll track, then that student does not qualify for AP classes, she said. However, with the new initiative, MISD hopes to actively recruit students with lower GPA's and fewer early advantages to take these harder courses. She said it is important to not limit the expectations of a student.

"We have some students who don't make benchmarks on the ACT, and they have a preconceived notion of who they are and what they can accomplish. ... We need to change their mindsets," said Murdock.

With the latest addition of 16 school districts, including MISD, the program is now in use in 80 school districts in Kentucky, and in 2010 provided dramatic results for AP math, science and English qualifying scores — a three or higher on the AP test. Over two years, the first cohort of schools increased their scores by 162 percent, according to AdvanceKY data. The increase in the 2010 AP

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'Second Samuel' to open at Playhouse

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Staff Writer

The Southern comedy "Second Samuel" opens at Playhouse in the Park Friday, and the cast and director say it should leave audiences laughing and enjoying the quirky, small-town characters.

The Playhouse website describes "Second Samuel," written by Pamela Parker, as "a touching Southern comedy about family, diversity and strength with a unique blend of charm, wit and humor." The title comes from the name of the rebuilt town of Samuel, Ga., since General William Sherman burned the first town during the Civil War. The play is set in the late 1940s, and "the serenity of this sleepy little town is about to be shattered

when dark secrets are revealed and the folks of Second Samuel are in for a summer no one will ever forget!" the site says.

What those secrets are, you'll never get director Lisa Cope to tell, but that's part of the fun of a comedy. Being surprised only makes it funnier, so the less you know, probably the better. With that caveat in mind, Cope will say that the show is very funny and derives much of its humor from its dialogue and how its characters behave and react to the situations that arise in the play. The play is narrated by a character known as "B flat," but no character dominates among the ensemble cast of 11

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MES CONSTRUCTION: Contractors are pictured constructing a drainage culvert at a Fourth Street lot for Murray Electric System. MES General Manager Tony Thompson said the culvert, across the street from the MES headquarters, would allow the company to fill and level the lot, which will be used for building a warehouse and engineering offices in the future.

Lawmakers still without road budget agreement

BY ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - With time running short, lawmakers still haven't come to terms on a six-year, \$10.6 billion proposal to fund road and bridge projects across Kentucky.

State Rep. Sannie Overly, D-Paris, said Monday that House and Senate lawmakers have been working to try to mesh competing Road Fund budget proposals.

"We're still pretty far apart," she said Monday. "Overall, the plan has to balance, and right now it's not balanced. If you try to accommodate the House priorities and the Senate priorities, it's just simply out of balance, and so something has to give, something has to be cut someplace."

Lawmakers are scheduled to reconvene Thursday for the final day of this year's legislative session. That means negotiators have only two more days to work out differences in the competing proposals offered by the Democratic-controlled House and the Republican-led Senate.

Overly, the leading negotiator for the Democrats, said Monday that lawmakers also haven't reached accord on \$3.5 billion worth of road construction projects for the next two years.

The House and Senate have agreed on funding for the state's single largest project, \$2.6 billion for two bridges across the Ohio River in Louisville. Yet to be decided are the hundreds of relatively small road and bridge projects that lawmakers are pushing for in their local communities.

Budgeting has been one of the more time-consuming chores this year for Kentucky lawmakers, who last month passed a \$19 billion state government operating budget.

A slow economic rebound led to a lean state budget that forces sharp cuts on most government agencies, leaves employees without pay raises again, and erases a planned cost-of-living increase from the monthly pension checks of retirees.

The measure calls for 8.4 percent cuts to most government agencies and programs because of lingering financial woes brought on by the recession. Those cuts will account for nearly \$300 million in savings.

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Santorum suspends presidential campaign

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Rick Santorum is suspending his campaign for the GOP presidential nomination, clearing a path for Mitt Romney to become the nominee.

The former Pennsylvania senator was set to make the announcement Tuesday in his home state of Pennsylvania.

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HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times

The male cast members of "Second Samuel" are pictured in the bar and tackle shop where they hang out. Pictured, from left, are Don Fleming, Michael Andrew Castleberry, Jeremy Teague, Wayne Hogue Jr., Joshua Byrne, Bill Phillips and Brian T. O'Neill.

Playhouse... From Front

people.

"I love that they're all characters that you can latch onto and grow with," said Michael Andrew Castleberry, who plays Doc. "They all grow and have something to give in this play. Each of them has this personality that you can really latch onto. I think that's the best part about it. That's the best part of any story, is having characters you can grow with."

Playhouse veteran Bill Phillips is quick to add that not everyone grows or learns something in the play, joking, "Everybody's type-cast; I'm cast as a grumpy old man, so I don't have to change anything."

Cope said one of the biggest challenges in staging the show is that the action intercuts between three separate locations, which are visible in the Playhouse's small performing space throughout the play. One location is the beauty salon where the four women spend the entire play. On the other side of the stage is the Bait & Brew, a saloon/bait shop

where all the men hang out. The third location is the house of Miss Gertrude, a well-known woman in town who has just died, and is in the center of the stage.

Brian T. O'Neill, who plays June Cline in the show, said having the play cut back and forth between the men and women shows the different perspectives that the groups have on what happens.

"What we're saying at the Bait & Brew relates to what they're talking about at the beauty shop," O'Neill said. "The dialogue is contained for each unit, but it's almost like they're talking to each other. It's pretty cool."

O'Neill said the lighting of the show is critical because it shows the audience where to focus its attention. Castleberry said it also helps set the varying moods from scene to scene.

Cope said she recommends the show for adults and teenagers. The show will be performed April 13-22 at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call 759-1752 or visit www.playhouseinthepark.net.

Budget... From Front

Under the budget, more than 30,000 government workers will go without pay raises and some 200,000 retirees won't get cost-of-living increases in their monthly pension checks.

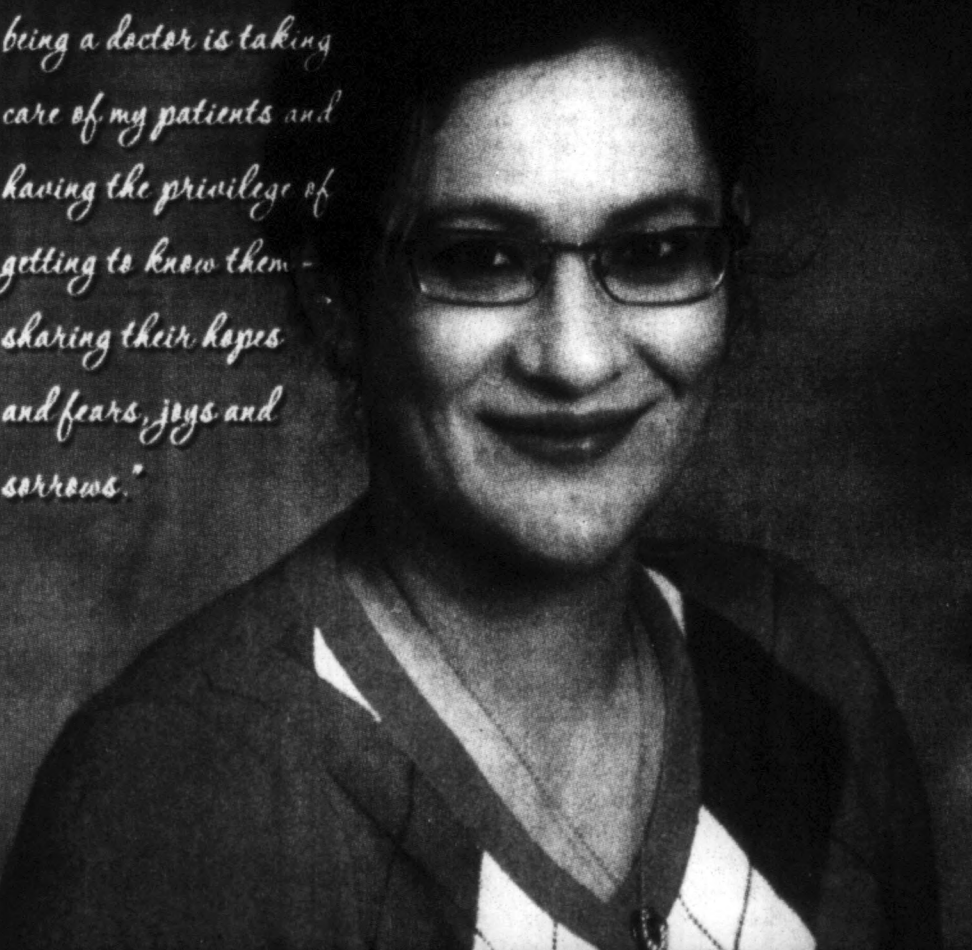
The latest budget will be especially difficult for agencies that have already cut spending by more than 30 percent over the past four years.

Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear has line-item veto power, but he hasn't said whether there are provisions he intends to strike.

Lawmakers scrapped up funding for some high priority projects, including \$2.5 million to begin design work on a proposed renovation of Rupp Arena, home of the University of Kentucky basketball team. They also agreed to pony up \$3.5 million for improvements at the Kentucky Horse Park north of Lexington.

Lawmakers also passed Beshear's tax amnesty plan that he believes could collect a badly needed \$55 million over the next two years.

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■ MISD...

From Front

exam results were seven times the national rate, it was reported.

Murdock said MISD expects to involve 40 more students in math, science and English AP classes, and increase the number of students scoring a three or higher on their AP exams by 75 percent.

"I feel very excited because I think this will be great for the kids. When I look back over six years of data, I know we can make some increases, and that we can touch kids and improve their experience," said Murdock.

Murdock added that there is a potential increase of 25 percent of students on the "honors" track, because many students are currently seeking an easy A, rather than challenging themselves with tougher classes.

"We need to have a communi-

ty awareness campaign so that (we) are encouraging our students to challenge themselves due to all the of the intellectual, emotional and opportunistic needs that these courses meet," she stated.

MISD will officially start the AdvanceKY program April 18, with its first site visit from program coordinators. Teacher training will start over the summer, and be implemented in the 2012-2013 school year. Murdock noted the grant does not have a set monetary amount. Rather, it varies based on the number of students in a district and student outcomes. She said all funding for the training will come through the grant, as well as funding for teaching materials and study sessions. Additional monetary incentives will be paid out directly to teachers for improved student AP exam scores in the coming school cycles.

■ Walker...

From Front

trial to ask for advance rulings on whether he will be able to present certain evidence."

Blankenship said the move would save the court and witnesses time and expense; preventing calling witnesses from various parts of the country for testimony only to find out during trial that the evidence was not admissible.

Foust has yet to make a decision concerning whether or not he will close the hearing.

However Blankenship says he's confident about the prosecution's case.

Blankenship said the hearing and decisions by the court would also prevent motions for change of venue because of pre-trial publicity. Negotiations continue concerning where the trial will take place, according to Blankenship.

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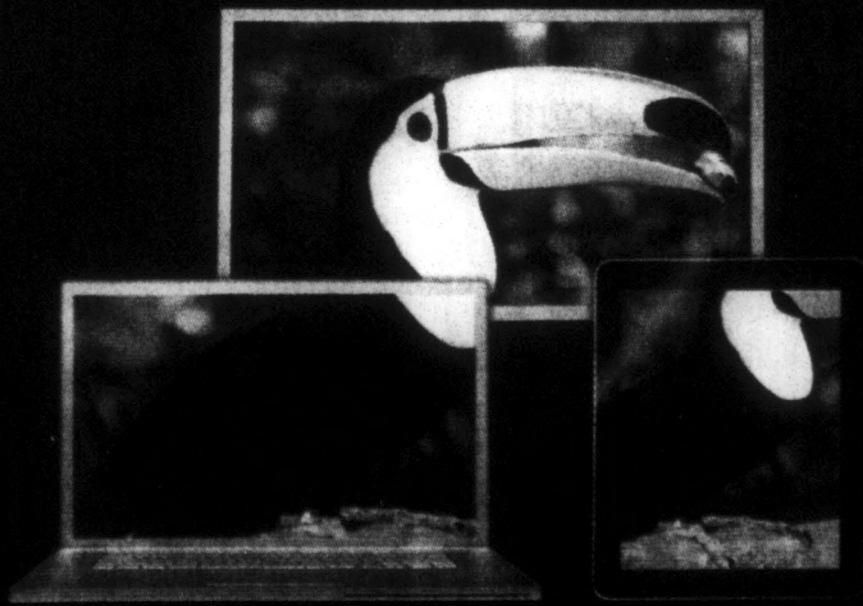
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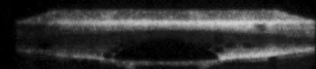
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Obituaries

Pauline Sheppard

Pauline Sheppard, 91, of Benton, Ky., died Monday, April 9, 2012, at Lakeway Nursing Home in Benton.



Sheppard

She was a homemaker and member of Fairdealing Church of Christ. She was the daughter of the late Albert Dowdy Sr. and the late Willie Mae (Edwards) Dowdy.

She is survived by three daughters, Loucretia McDougal, of Murray; Judy Moore, of Murray and Awna Strickland, of Benton; one son, Phillip J. Sheppard, of Benton; one brother, Albert Dowdy, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Collier Funeral Chapel at 3 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2012, with Lexie Ray and David Sheppard officiating. Interment will follow at Edwards Cemetery, Benton. Visitation will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of memorial contributions to the Fairdealing Church of Christ Annex, 8081 US Highway 68 E., Benton, KY 42025. Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home in Benton.

Pat Shipley Mallard

Pat (Patsy) Shipley Mallard, 74, of San Marcos, Texas, died Sunday, April 8, 2012.



Mallard

She was born July 18, 1937, in Hazel. Her parents were William Hugh and Mary Amelia Shipley. She was a homemaker and a member of University Church of Christ in San Marcos, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of ten years, Larry Hosford.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Richard (Rick) Mallard; three children, Mary Ensign Bigham and husband, Jim, Dan Mallard and wife, Lindsay and Doug Mallard and wife, Jessica Youngs; five grandchildren, Tyler Ensign, Peyton Mallard, Alannah Mallard, Lucius Mallard and Aurora Mallard; one sister, Marilyn Weatherford and husband, Max, of Murray; one brother, Billy Shipley, of Hazel; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2012, at the University of Church of Christ in San Marcos, Texas, with Buddy Martin officiating. Interment to follow at the San Marcos City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at Pennington Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.penningtonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Pennington Funeral Home, 323 N. Comanche, San Marcos, TX 78666.

New method to repair I-24 bridges in Nashville eyed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Department of Transportation will use a new construction method to repair two Interstate 24 bridges in downtown Nashville, the agency announced Monday.

The process, called accelerated bridge construction technique, will use 277 prefabricated concrete panels to replace the bridge surface decks. The method should reduce repair time because it doesn't require concrete to be poured and set.

Even with the speedier repair method, TDOT estimates that the section of I-24 along the east side of downtown Nashville will be closed completely for 13

weekends during the spring and summer. The conventional repair method could have closed the lanes for months, TDOT said.

"Trying to do major repairs to the busiest stretch of interstate in Nashville is a huge challenge," Commissioner John Schroer said in a news release. "Long-term lane closures in the area would have major impacts, not just on I-24, but also on the surrounding areas. Closing the interstate on weekends will save time and avoid delays for thousands of motorists."

The bridges haven't had major repairs since they were built in 1961, according to TDOT.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, Jaewon Kang was misidentified as "Jaewon Long" in the outline of a picture published Tuesday, April 10.

The Murray Ledger & Times strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting; however mistakes occasionally occur. It is the Ledger's policy to correct errors. To report a news mistake or error, call 753-1916.

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Roger Dale Valentine

Services for Roger Dale Valentine, 60, of Murray, Ky., will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Cole officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the funeral home.

Mr. Valentine died at 3:46 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2012, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was born May 16, 1951 in Murray, and retired from The Ford Motor Company.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Jennifer Valentine and Amy Valentine. His parents were James T. (J.T.) and Sally (Hart) Valentine.

He is survived by two sons, Greg Valentine and Jeffery Valentine, both of Murray; one daughter, Courtney Jane Kissella and husband, Eddie, of Jackson, Mich.; one brother, Jimmy Valentine and wife, Cindy, of New Concord; four grandchildren, Hanna Kissella, Hailey Kissella, Eddie Kissella, Jr. and Kenny Laraway; and his special friend, Kim Jones, of Almo.

Online condolences can be left at www.yorkfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home.

Sandra (Lamb) Clinton

Sandra (Lamb) Clinton, 59, of St. Clair Mo., died Monday, April 9, 2012.

She is survived by two sons, Anthony "Tony" Clinton, of Murray and Christopher Clinton, of Dittmer, of Mo.; one stepdaughter, Tammy Clinton, of St. Clair, Mo.; one former daughter-in-law, Juanita Clinton, of St. Clair, Mo.; one brother, Gary Lamb, of Murray; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2012, at Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair, Mo. Burial will follow in Cove Cemetery, St. Clair, Mo. Visitation will be held after 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are being handled by Russell Colonial Funeral Home in St. Clair, Mo.

Prescription drug bill faces opposition from some MDs

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — House Speaker Greg Stumbo called Tuesday for lawmakers to support legislation aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse despite opposition from the Kentucky Medical Association.

Stumbo said in a memo that doctors are prescribing high doses of painkillers that are being abused by addicts, many of whom are dying from overdoses. In Kentucky, more people die from drug overdoses than car wrecks, forcing lawmakers to take a serious look at legislation that would make it easier for police and prosecutors to identify unscrupulous doctors.

"It is a reasonable, fair and much needed law that will encourage doctors to ensure that these powerful drugs are used in appropriate cases and not freely given out and diverted to the black market," he said.

Lawmakers are scheduled to reconvene in Frankfort on Thursday for the final day of this year's legislative session. The prescription drug bill is one of several matters on the agenda.

Under the legislation, all doctors would be required to use the prescription monitoring system, known as KASPER. It also would require that pain management clinics be owned by physi-

cians licensed in Kentucky. That's an effort to root out "pill mills" run by operators who have little or no medical expertise but are doling out massive amounts of painkillers.

Stumbo's memo was in response to a KMA letter circulated over the weekend that opposed putting the attorney general's office in charge of monitoring the prescribing practices of Kentucky physicians.

Dr. Shawn Jones, president of the Kentucky Medical Association, said in the letter that physicians support closing "illegitimate pain clinics" and the proposed requirement that they be owned by doctors.

But Jones said they do not support moving the drug monitoring system to the attorney general's office from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Jones said the Kentucky Medical Association is concerned about "highly sensitive personal medical information regarding individual Kentuckians" being available to employees in the attorney general's office and to law enforcement personnel.

"Access to such data should be limited to government agencies charged with public health, not law enforcement," Jones said.

Single vehicle collision in county

Special to the Ledger

A Murray woman was injured in a single-vehicle collision just after 11 a.m. Tuesday morning. Kentucky State Police responded to the collision in the Brandon Bottoms area of U.S. 641 south of Murray.

Dean Patterson, public information officer for KPS Post 1 in Mayfield, said a preliminary investigation revealed that 20-year-old Brittany Hall, a resident of Murray, was traveling on U.S. 641 when she lost control of her vehicle for unknown

reasons. He said Hall's Honda Accord left the right shoulder of the roadway and overturned onto a residential driveway before coming to final rest.

Hall was transported to the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. He said Hall was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Kentucky State Police was assisted at the scene by the Calloway County Fire-Rescue Squad. Trooper First Class Russell Boyd continues to investigate the collision.



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DATEBOOK Murray Bank Good Life trip set for Thursday



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Jessica Morris,
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The Murray Bank Good Life will travel to the Southern Women's Show in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday, April 12. This event offers shopping, fashion shows, cooking demonstrations, makeovers and the opportunity to meet celebrity guests. Also included is an exhibition of Princess Diana's life. Afterwards the group will visit Opry Mills Mall. For more information contact Brenda Sykes at 767-3338 or bsykes@themurraybank.com.

Computer classes to continue

The public is invited to attend a free computer class, "Job Search and Skills" on Thursday, April 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. Call 753-2288 for information and registration.

Diabetes Self-Management classes offered

Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer a Diabetes Self-Management class on Thursday, April 12, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Center for Health and Wellness. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 762-1854 or 1(800) 822-1840, ext. 1806.

Glorybound entertainment to meet Friday

Glorybound Christian Entertainment Ministry will meet Friday, April 13, from 7-9 p.m. at Goshen United Methodist Church Family Fellowship Center, Stella. Special musical guests are Roxane Kaler and The Erwins. The public is invited. For more information call Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Pat Leah at 761-2666.

CCHS reunion meeting set

There will be a planning meeting for the 1972 Calloway County High School class reunion on Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at Pagliai's, Murray. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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.

VFW Post 6291 to meet Thursday

VFW Post 6291 will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on U.S. Hwy. 121 N. For more information call Flenoy Barrow at (270) 978-1052.

Ladies Auxiliary VFW to meet

Ladies VFW Post 6291 will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on U.S. Hwy. 121 N. An informal meeting with the VFW Post 6291 will be at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Loretta Barrow at 489-2436.

Kentucky Lake Flotilla to meet

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Kentucky Lake Flotilla will meet Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at Glendale Road Church of Christ, Murray. Meetings are open to the public and interested boaters are invited to attend. For more information call Sylvia Canon at 753-4934.

Epilepsy Support Group to meet

The Epilepsy Support Group, hosted by the West Kentucky Epilepsy Center, will meet Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Food and beverages are provided free of charge. For more information call 762-1566.

Ferguson Springs Baptist to hold revival

Ferguson Springs Baptist Church will hold Revival services April 9-11, at 7 p.m. nightly. The church is located one mile west of Aurora on U.S. Hwy. 402. Bro. Tim Cole will be speaking with special singing each night. The public is invited to attend.

Zetas of MWC to meet

The Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Hostesses are Thelma Bailey, Dot McNabb and Polly Hohman. Members are asked to bring a favorite piece of glassware to share its history. Donations in the amount of baking a pie or cake for Bakeless Bake Sale will be collected. All members are encouraged to attend.

Dexter-Almo Heights Water District to meet

The board of the Dexter-Almo Heights Water District will hold a monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at the water office, 351 Almo Rd., Almo.

History research forum to be held

The next speaker for the Murray State University Department of History Research Forum will be Stephanie A. Carpenter, associate professor of history, who will speak about "The 'Pretties' in the Field: The Women's Land Army in World War II" on Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m. at MSU's Faculty Hall room 505. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Bill Mulligan at 809-6571.

PIP to host free Poetry Clinic

In honor of Kentucky Writers' Day, Playhouse in the Park is hosting a free poetry clinic for ages 16 and up on Tuesday, April 24, from 6-9 p.m. Participants will explore what makes poetry fun by discovering poems by Kentucky authors as well as writing some. Murray State University's Curris Center bookstore will also be on hand with a selection of recent works by Kentucky writers. The clinic is limited to 15 participants. RSVP by Saturday, April 21. For more information, contact Angie Hatton at (270) 217-4832 or email mynameismissunderhill@hotmail.com.

Knit-wits will meet

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.

MCCH to offer swim classes

Special to the Ledger

Due to popular demand, the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Center for Health and Wellness will once again offer swim classes for all ages with Rich Tobergte, head coach of the Murray Youth Swim Team (MYST).

Classes will be offered for specific age and skill levels. The basic class, for babies/toddlers and pre-schoolers, is for children ready to explore the water, learn primary skills and begin swim stroke development. When children reach school age, the classes focus more on advanced swim stroke development and refinement, building on the skills they have. One-on-one instruction is also available for swimmers of any age wanting to further develop and refine their swimming.

Tobergte has a level 4 certification from the American

Swimming Coaches Association and was named Oregon High School Girls Swim Coach of the Year in 2011. While in Oregon, his high school team won numerous awards, including five state championships for his relay swim teams. He has 38 years of competitive swimming experience and 11 years of coaching competitive swim teams. He has four individual Top 16 rankings and in 1980 was a member of the National Championship Swim Team.

Classes begin Monday, April 16 and will run through May 4. Depending on the level, class will meet two to three times per week. Mid-morning and evening classes are available.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Health and Wellness at 762-1348.

CCHS to take SBDM nominations

Special to the Ledger

Calloway County High School will be taking nominations for the School-Based Decision-Making Council until 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The election will be held on Wednesday, April 25.

Parents/guardians of students

who will attend CCHS for the 2012-13 school year are eligible to run. A nomination form and informational sheet may be picked up in the school's office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. For more information call Anita Harper at 293-0255.

EPA to hold safety class

Special to the Ledger

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has authorized National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) Principal Instructor Dale Fortner to conduct the EPA/HUD Certified Renovator class on Friday, April 27, at the Housing Authority of Murray, Ellis Community Center, 630 Ellis Drive.

All real estate sellers, landlords, maintenance, trade and construction workers and firms working on residential buildings built prior to 1978 must comply with the new EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule/Law. Enforcement of this law began Jan. 1, 2011, for all residential buildings and any building built before 1978

where children under 6 are present over 60 hours per year.

The class will begin at 7:45 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Students should register before Wednesday, April 25. Tuition per student is \$250, which includes text books and supplies, and is due the day of class.

For more information and to register, contact Dale Fortner at (731) 364-9900 or dfortner@frontier.com or Faye Dodd, executive director of the Housing Authority of Murray, at 753-5000, extension 305 or faye@phamurray.org.

Birthday



Photo provided

Mrs. Hilda Bridges

Mrs. Hilda Bridges, of Murray, will celebrate her 94th birthday with a reception at the home of her son, Gillis Bridges on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. at 1503 Tabard Drive, Murray. She requests no gifts, please.

Mrs. Bridges was born April 7, 1918, the youngest and last surviving of eight children of Thomas G. and Vara T. Williams. The family farm is now the entrance to Lake Barkley State Resort Park on Highway 68.

She and her late husband, Gilbert, were residents of Union County for many years. They are recognized for their historical interests and were published genealogists. She was a faculty member at Uniontown and Morganfield Elementary Schools and Union County High School. Mr. Bridges was head lockman at Lock & Dam 49. Mrs. Bridges is also known for skills in voice and piano.

The couple were natives of Trigg County and again residents thereafter retirement. She has made her home in Murray since 2007.

Ft. Heiman to conduct memorial service

Special to the Ledger

Fort Heiman Camp 1834, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Murray, will conduct a memorial service and military grave marker dedication for Pvt. Hugh Gilbert McKinney (1844-1907) on Saturday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Temple Hill Methodist Church Cemetery, Calloway

County.

McKinney is a Confederate soldier of Companies A & B of Woodward's Second (Fifteenth) Kentucky Cavalry, CSA and Morton's Tennessee Light Artillery, CSA.

To get to Temple Hill Methodist Church Cemetery, turn east of U.S. Highway 641 North of Murray onto KY Highway 464. Drive about 3.5 miles passing through Almo before reaching the church and cemetery. The public is invited to attend.

Humane Society to offer pet first aid class

Special to the Ledger

Pet First Aid is the topic of a class sponsored by the Humane Society of Calloway County to be held on Saturday, April 14, from 12-4 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Transit Authority Community Room.

Participants in the class learn the necessary skills to tend to unexpected emergencies, provide temporary care to an injured animal and to monitor their pet's health.

The \$40 class fee includes a choice of a dog or cat first aid full-color reference guidebook and DVD, other supplies and certificate of completion. Pre-registration is required to the Humane Society by Thursday, April 12, and can be made by calling 759-1884 or by mail to P.O. Box 764, Murray, KY 42071 or at the Humane Society office, 607 Poplar Street, Murray, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Payment may be made by cash, check to HSCC, credit/debit card or via PayPal at www.ForThePets.org. All participants should bring a stuffed animal, preferably a dog or cat, for demonstration purposes.

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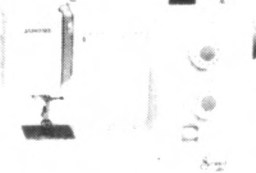
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Accessories are taking on the 60's trend. Neon oranges, limes and yellows are bright and colorful. Color jewelry is really hot this season. The last few seasons it has been all about the metals. Scarves are a huge trend as well as headbands in fabric and colorful ornate plastic.

Colorblocking is seen everywhere from tops to dresses.

Handbags are bright too. Clutch bags and crossover body bags are also very stylish.

Sequins, feathers and statement jewelry pieces are seen from the runway to the streets.

Wedges, 5-inch heels and booties are spring's choice for shoes, or cute ballet flats.

Exotic textures in tribal accents, as well as reptile, are featured on everything from dresses to jackets, shoes and handbags.

Mixing purple with teal polka dots with cheetah prints are just part of the unusual combos we are seeing - if the shapes are classic, anything goes.

Denim is not just in dark washes. It's all about color in jeans - from red, green, yellow, purple, royal blue, to the pastels - they are hot this season.

Be sure to add some zest to your wardrobe with this season's florals in everything, dresses to pants, and yes, shoes.

We have just received another big group of jewelry, scarves and handbags.

Congratulations to Melinda Long Pember, who won this week's giveaway. Go to Facebook and click "Like" or come in the store to be registered.

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MURRAY STATE BASKETBALL

Racers' seniors honored on Awards Night

POOLE, ASKA AND LONG ALL EARN AWARDS DURING THE FESTIVITIES

From MSU Athletics

The Murray State men's basketball squad was honored Tuesday evening for the greatest season in 87 years of Racer hoops at the MSU Racer Club Banquet at the CFSB Center in Murray, Ky.

MSU's 31-2 season featured a plethora of program records and firsts, with all of it coming with a rookie head

coach Steve Prohm leading the way.

"It was a great night and a great way to honor our team and our three unbelievable seniors," Prohm said when he addressed the large gathering at the Racers' home court. "When you recap this season and all the great things this team accomplished, I couldn't be more proud of the way they represented our program. The one word that I'll take from this season is 'impact', the way they impacted this program, and this community."

The team handed out honors to the trio of seniors who

leave MSU as the winningest class in program history with 104 victories: Ivan Aska (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.), Jewuan Long (Jackson, Tenn.) and Donte Poole (Las Vegas, Nev.) This group led the way as MSU posted the program's longest and best streak to start the season as MSU was also the last undefeated team in NCAA Division I at 23-0. They also helped the Racers post the program's first undefeated season in road games when they were 13-0.

"This night meant a lot to me," Long said. "To celebrate this season with my

■ See RACERS, 7A



Photo courtesy of MSU Athletics

Senior Jewuan Long earns a standing ovation at the Racer Club Banquet yesterday night. Long was awarded the Garrett Beshear Defensive Award for his play.

MURRAY STATE SOFTBALL

Double trouble

CASEY CASTILE HOMERS TWICE AND LESLIE BRIDGES BLASTS A GRAND SLAM AS RACERS PICK UP A PAIR OF WINS AGAINST MTSU

From MSU Athletics

Casey Castile homered twice on the day and Leslie Bridges hit a big grand slam as the Racers took two games from Middle Tennessee State Tuesday afternoon, defeating the Blue Raiders 5-1 and 10-5.

Middle Tennessee State (12-20) opened with a run in their first time batting. Nina Davenport led the game off with a single to second base, and moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt. She would advance to third on a passed ball and scored on a single into center field by Kaycee Popham to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Racers (17-13) got the run back in the bottom of the fourth as Megan Glosser singled on an infield hit to the shortstop to lead off the inning. Mo Ramsey followed with another infield single on a slow roller down the first base-line, and both runners moved up a base as a charging MTSU first baseman turned and threw the ball toward an uncovered first base. Leslie Bridges singled into shallow left, scoring Glosser from third before Ramsey was thrown out at the plate.

Murray State took its first lead of the game in the bottom of the sixth as Christian Cox singled to shallow left field to start off the inning. She advanced to second on an infield hit to the third baseman by Glosser. Both runners advanced as Ramsey dropped a bunt in front of the plate and reached first safely as first base was uncovered. With a runner on each base and no outs, Bridges cleared the bases on a grand slam home run, her third homer of the season, to put MSU up 5-1.

The Blue Raiders threatened in the final half inning, loading the bases and bringing the winning run to the plate with one out, but Shelby Kosmecky got the second out on a pop up behind shortstop that allowed a tagging runner from third to score, and ended the game on a strike out for the win.

Kosmecky earned the win, her eighth of the season, in 2+ innings of relief. She gave up the one run along with a pair of hits and a walk, and also struck

out three.

CheyAnne Gaskey started for the Racers, allowing an unearned run in five innings on six hits with three strikeouts.

Caty Jutson took the loss for Middle Tennessee as she was charged with all five runs on nine hits and a pair of walks.

Bridges drove in all five runs in the game for MSU, and recorded a pair of hits in two official at-bats. Mo Ramsey raised her batting average to .306 after the game with three hits on the day, and Megan Glosser tallied two hits with a pair of runs.

Middle Tennessee State got on the scoreboard first again to lead off the second game as Davenport singled up the middle. She worked over to third base on a wild pitch and a fly ball to center, and scored on a ground out to second.

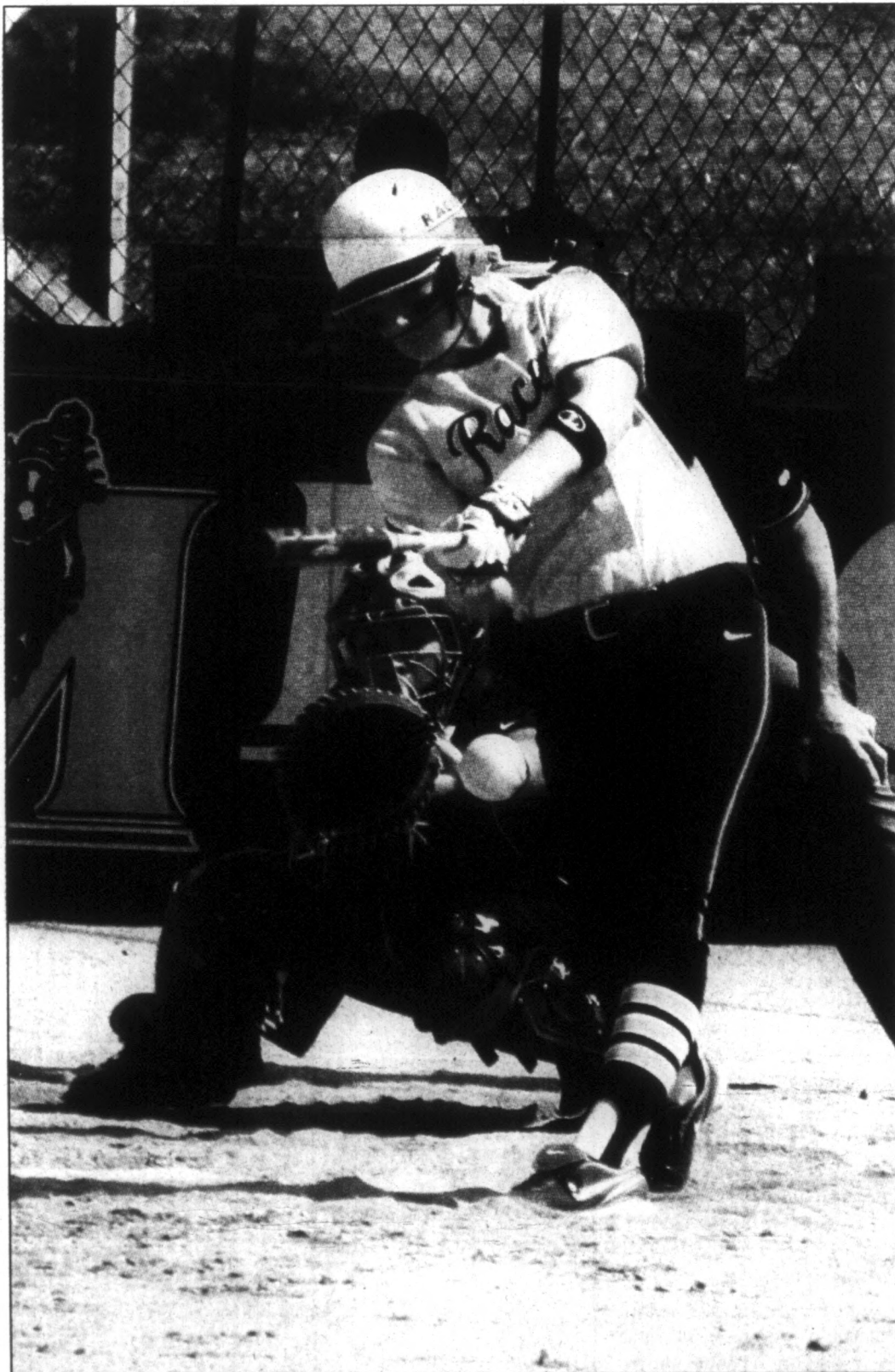
The Racers fought back in the bottom half of the inning, scoring a pair as Cox and Glosser led off the inning with singles in the infield. Mo Ramsey would drive in both on a base hit up the middle to take a 2-0 lead.

Casey Castile broke the game open for the Racers in the bottom of the third, homering to center field with Alexa Becker and Bridges on base to increase the Racers lead to 5-1. Bridges would drive in her sixth run of the day in the bottom of the fourth, drawing a two-out walk with the bases loaded to score Ellyn Troup to put MSU ahead by five.

Sarah Anderson kept the runs coming in the bottom of the fifth, scoring from third on a wild throw by the MTSU catcher on a steal by Mallory Richardson.

Middle Tennessee cut into the lead in the top of the sixth, scoring three runs on four hits, all singles, and a pair of walks to bring the game back to 7-4.

The Racers would keep the offense going in their half of the inning, scoring three more runs to extend the lead back to six. Mo Ramsey reached on an error to start the inning, moving to second on a wild pitch and advancing to third on a groundout to the left side of the infield. After a fielders' choice from Alexa Becker that found Ramsey stuck in a rundown



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Casey Castile connects with a hit during yesterday's double-header. She would finish with a pair of homeruns as the Racers would pick up two wins.

where she would end up safe at third, she would score on the second wild pitch of the inning to take the score to 8-4. Castile followed with her second home run of the day to plate Becker and give the Racers their ninth and 10th runs of the game.

MTSU pounded out three hits in the top of the seventh, scoring one run, but stranded a pair of runners in the five run loss.

Chelsey Sullivan earned the win, allowing four earned runs

on six hits and three walks. She struck out a pair in 5.2 innings.

Gaskey made her second appearance of the day, throwing the last 1.1 innings of the game. She earned the first save of the season for Murray State after coming into a bases-loaded situation in the top of the sixth.

Shelby Stinnett took the loss for the Blue Raiders, allowing six runs, three of them earned, on five hits and a

pair of walks.

Eight different Racers scored in the game, with Becker and Castile each crossing home twice. Castile drove in five runs in the game, and along with Glosser were the two Racers with two hits in the game.

Murray State returns to action Thursday afternoon, traveling to SIUE for a lone OVC contest. First pitch in Edwardsville, Ill., is scheduled for 4 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL

Murray edges Murphy

LOLLAR, ADAMS PICK UP TWO RBIS EACH IN WIN

From MSU Athletics

Taking to the road for Spring Break, the Murray High baseball team picked up a win Tuesday afternoon, knocking off Murphy, Ala., 7-4 in Mobile.

Austin Adams would lead the way for the Tigers in the winning effort, going a perfect 3 for 3 from the field with a pair of RBIs, while John Lollar would toss in two of his own as well to finish 2 for 3.

Sawyer and Carver Lawson would also register hits in the game, while Zack Grogan would add a pair of knocks as well.

Grogan would also have a good day on the mound, pitching five solid innings, while allowing two earned runs and striking out seven.

Adams would come on in relief in the sixth and throw two innings, striking out five.

The Tigers will play again on Thursday against Mobile Christian at 5 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Murray rolls past Willoughby

GROGAN PICKS UP FOUR HITS, HILL ADDS FOUR RBIS

From MSU Athletics

Liz Grogan had a big game Tuesday afternoon, collecting four hits and a pair of RBIs as the Murray High Lady Tigers rolled again during the Spring Break trip, knocking out their second win in as many days.

Willoughby South from Cleveland, Ohio was the victim this time, falling 15-1 to the Lady Tigers.

Still, with the big outburst, Grogan wasn't the only hot bat for Murray as Chelsea Hill picked up four ribbies in the win as well with Rachel Todd and Sarah Fitzer adding two each also.

Julia Curtis, Eva Moore, Maddison Cohoon and Shelby would pick one each as well.

Savannah Gorgan went the distance on the mound for the Lady Tigers, pitching five innings of four hit ball. She would also strike out four batters while allowing a run.

MSU FOOTBALL

Defense rules in scrimmage

QUA HUIZZIE AND BRANDON WICKS TEAM TO STALL RACER OFFENSE

From MSU Athletics

Murray State put on the full pads Tuesday afternoon as the Racers went through a two-hour workout that included a 50-play scrimmage. The scrimmage worked on long yardage, 3rd-and-5 and drives.

"We got a little scrimmage work in today," said head coach Chris Hatcher. "I think our defense is coming along nicely. We are a lot better on front seven. Offensively we worked on our no back set a good bit today and we looked a little rough around the edges. All in all it was a good practice. This is going to be a long week for these guys, but we just have to push through and continue to fight through to the end of spring."

The defense had the upper hand in the situational portion of the scrimmage as linebacker Qua Huzzie got things going with a sack. Fellow linebacker Chris Scurry broke through for a tackle in the back field on a screen pass. Safety Brandon Wicks had the biggest play for the defense as he met the running back in the hole, forced a fumble and then recovered it.

The offense began to move the ball as Casey Brockman found Ja-Vonta Trotter for 26 yards on the first play of down-and-distance. The duo connected two more times for 17 more yards, but the drive stalled.

The offense enjoyed its most success on its third drive as they put together a 10-play drive, but

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Atlanta	34	23	596	9 1/2
Orlando	34	24	586	10
Philadelphia	30	27	526	13 1/2
New York	29	28	509	14 1/2
Milwaukee	28	29	491	15 1/2
Detroit	21	36	368	22 1/2
New Jersey	21	38	356	23 1/2
Cleveland	19	36	345	23 1/2
Toronto	20	38	345	24
Washington	14	44	241	30
Charlotte	7	49	125	36

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L.A. Clippers	34	23	596	8
Memphis	33	23	589	8 1/2
Houston	32	25	561	10
Dallas	32	26	552	10 1/2
Denver	31	26	544	11
Phoenix	30	27	526	12
Utah	30	28	517	12 1/2
Portland	27	31	466	15 1/2
Minnesota	25	33	431	17 1/2
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New Orleans	15	42	263	27

Wednesday's Games

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Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.	Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.	Atlanta at Boston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.	

Thursday's Games

Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	
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Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Chicago	2	2	500	2
Cleveland	1	3	250	3
Minnesota	0	4	000	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	1	800	—
Seattle	3	3	500	1 1/2
Los Angeles	2	2	500	1 1/2
Oakland	2	4	333	2 1/2

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	1	800	—
Washington	3	2	600	1
Miami	2	3	400	2
Philadelphia	1	3	250	2 1/2
Atlanta	1	4	200	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	1	833	—
Houston	3	2	600	1 1/2
Milwaukee	3	2	600	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	2	2	500	2
Cincinnati	2	3	400	2 1/2
Chicago	1	4	200	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	4	0	1000	—
Los Angeles	4	1	800	1 1/2
Colorado	1	3	250	3
San Francisco	1	3	250	3
San Diego	1	4	200	3 1/2

Racers

From Page 6A

teammates, coaching staff and some of our fans. This was my last moment so I wanted to take it all in."

When the 2011-12 season awards were handed out, the seniors were front and center, just like they were during the great season.

The Jeff Martin Class & Character Award, named after MSU's all-time scorer, was given to Ivan Aska who leaves with a spot in the MSU 1000-Point Club and 78 career rebounds. During his career, Aska was the 2009 OVC Freshman of the Year, CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Freshman All-America, 2010 NABC All-District 19 and 2012 All-OVC Second Team.

Donte Poole was named to the Popeye Jones - Mr. MSU Award that goes to the student-athlete who displayed excellence in all areas on and off the court. A role player until his senior season, Poole showed that hard work and patience pays off when he was named to the All-OVC First Team and was the OVC Tournament MVP. Poole leaves MSU with 882 career points.

The Garrett Beshear Defensive Award, named after

one of MSU's all-time best defenders, was given to Jewuan Long who was also the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Long was often referred to as the "glue" that held the Racers together as they won their 23rd OVC regular season title and made their 15th trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Ed Daniel, a junior from Birmingham, Ala., was given the Racer Hustle Award. Daniel showed tremendous effort and that was particularly evident in MSU's NCAA third round game (March 17) when he had a career-high 14 rebounds.

Biloxi, Miss., junior, Isaiah Canaan was recognized for his OVC Player of the Year season in which he was also named to six All-America teams and today was named the CollegeInsider.com National Player of the Year. Canaan enters his senior season in 2012-13 with a chance to become only the sixth MSU player to reach the 2,000 career points mark.

The attending guests were also treated to a season highlight video featuring all of the great moments in MSU's season which included a championship at the Great Alaska Shootout last November.

At times, the MSU season seemed like a dream as the winning and national attention kept on rising.

MSU had their highest program rankings (Feb. 9) when they were No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll and No. 9 in the Associated Press Poll in the week of Feb. 9. The unbeaten streak set the OVC record for best start to a season and longest win streak. Fans flocked to the CFSB Center in record numbers as the Racers ended the season with six straight sellouts.

When the dust settled, MSU had its 25th straight winning season, a mark bested by only Syracuse, Kansas and Arizona. It's a streak particularly impressive when one considers that it has been accomplished under seven head coaches.

Prohm mentioned that he plans on coaching many more years, but a season like this one is rare indeed.

"I may coach another 30 years, I don't know," he said. "I don't know what our teams in the future will do. We might go to the Sweet 16, we might go to the Final Four, I don't know. But I'm going to remember this season for the rest of my life."

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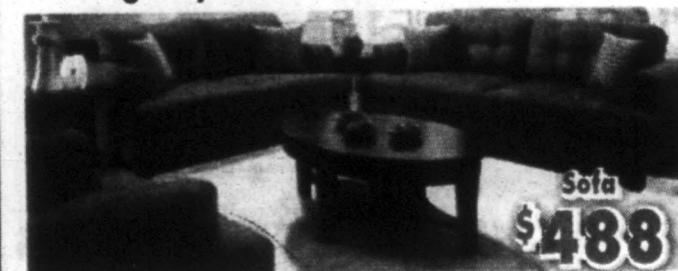
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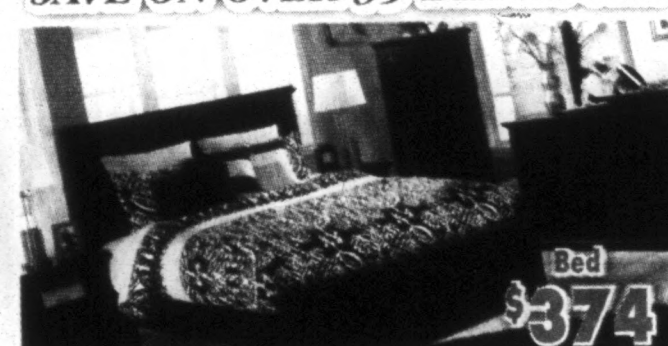


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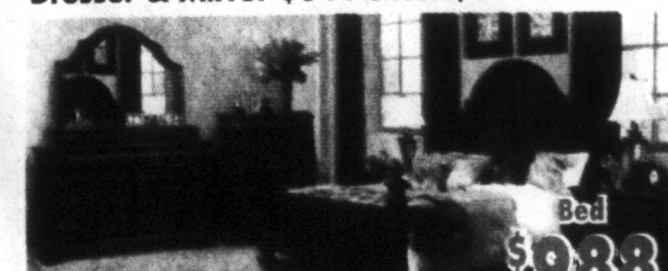


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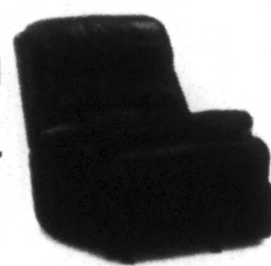


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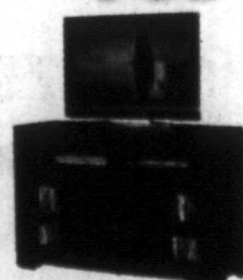
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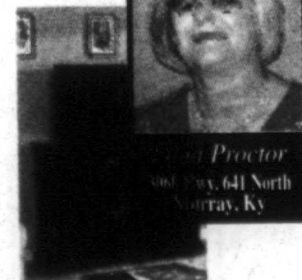


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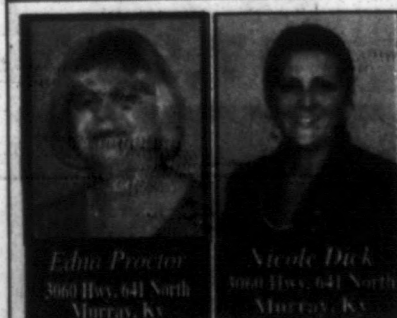
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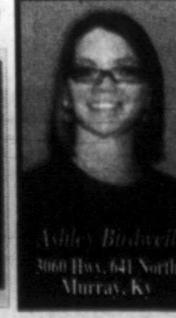
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BUNNY DONATIONS: Murray State University senior students from the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority donated stuffed bunnies to Murray-Calloway County Hospital's pediatric patients in celebration of Easter recently. Pictured, from left, are Aleshia Knight, RN at MCCH; Layne Hardison, Tri Sigma at MSU; Abigail Long, Tri Sigma; Andi Lawson, Tri Sigma; and Sheila Cannon, RN at MCCH.

Elite runners returning for Half Marathon

Special to the Ledger

Several elite runners will be making their way to Murray on April 21 for the second Murray Half Marathon.

Among those are two runners from the Larisa Mikhaylova Running Club: Lilian Mariita and Tatyana Byelovol. Mikhaylova said she had runners in last year's inaugural event and they enjoyed the experience.

"We enjoyed the race, the people working the race were so kind and everything was fine," Mikhaylova said. "So we decided to come again. (First-place finisher) Tatyana Mironova is not able to come again but I have good runners for the race

this year and hope they will be lucky."

Mariita, 23, is from Kenya and her best half marathon time is 1:14.30, which she ran in Philadelphia in 2011. In January, she won a half marathon in Miami, Fla. with a time of 1:16.05.

Byelovol, 42, is from the Ukraine and has a personal best half marathon time of 1:12.02, which she ran in 1996. She won a full marathon race in February 2011 in Jacksonville, Fla. with a time of 2:43.55.

Several other elite runners are registered for the race, according to Susan Davis, coordinator.

"When we first envisioned

the Murray Half Marathon we wanted it to attract not only the casual runner but also the elites," Davis said. "We wanted to offer people the opportunity to run among some of the best runners in the world while at the same time providing a small-town atmosphere and friendly race. We are so happy to have elite runners not only participate but give us praise for the course, the race staff and the overall experience."

For more information on the half marathon or to register, visit www.murrayhalfmarathon.com. Registration is open until the day before the race, April 20.

MCCH encourages 'Kangaroo Care' method for parents of newborns

Special to the Ledger

For a newborn baby, there is an importance in skin-to-skin contact with the parents. It helps ease the transition to the outside world, fosters a bond and studies show babies with frequent skin-to-skin contact cry less, sleep more and become sick less during the first six months.

At Murray-Calloway County Hospital, staff in the Miracle Moments Maternity Care unit are encouraging this skin-to-skin contact in a program called Kangaroo Care.

"The name comes from the way a kangaroo carries its young," said Elisha Burgess, Registered Nurse at MCCH. "It is a special way for a mother to hold her infant and promotes immediate bonding and encourages breastfeeding. We are already seeing positive results. We start in Labor and Delivery and continue to encourage Kangaroo Care in Postpartum."

In Kangaroo Care, the newborn is placed chest-to-chest with the mother after birth, wearing only a diaper and a hat. The mother's body keeps the infant warm, and in many cases the baby will begin breastfeeding during this time. During the postpartum period, Kangaroo

Care is encouraged throughout the day, and may also be done with the father.

"Both the mother and the child stand to benefit greatly from Kangaroo Care - in stabilization of vital signs, decreasing of stress and an overall calming effect," Burgess said. "It also decreases postpartum bleeding for the mother."

The Labor and Delivery and Postpartum staff at MCCH

recently completed training in Kangaroo Care and have been encouraging it for all new mothers. The Kangaroo Care method was originally started for premature babies but then expanded into all newborns after the positive results were recognized, Burgess said.

For more information on Kangaroo Care or giving birth at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, call 762-1940.

Perkins celebrates long life

Special to the Ledger

Janette Perkins, a resident of Spring Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Murray, will soon be celebrating her 100th birthday.

Born on April 22, 1912 in Springfield, Tenn., she later married the late Herman Efton Perkins. They had one son. Her occupations included factory work, making parts for Ford cars, and working as a nurse's aide in Tennessee and at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Her past interests and hobbies were cooking, croch-

ing, gardening, reading, going to church, watching TV, fishing and playing high school basketball. She had a special interest in growing a large strawberry patch, an apple orchard, okra and sweet potatoes.

Perkins said her secret to longevity is "God. I did a lot of studying the bible and scripture."



Perkins



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DOCTORS' DAY: Murray-Calloway County Hospital celebrated Doctors' Day on March 30 with a reception for physicians and staff and by holding a "celebrity physician" contest that raised more than \$1,100 for Relay for Life. Pictured, from left, MCCH CEO Jerry Penner speaks with Dr. Jackie Milo, Dr. Casey Hines and Dr. Adam Lyles during the reception.

Wellness Center continues swim classes for all ages

Special to the Ledger

Due to popular demand, the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Center for Health and Wellness will once again offer swim classes for all ages with Rich Tobergte, head coach of the Murray Youth Swim Team (MYST).

Classes will be offered for specific age and skill levels. The basic class (baby/toddler and pre-school) is for children ready to explore the water, learn primary skills and begin swim stroke development. When children reach school age, the classes focus more on advanced swim stroke development and refinement, building on the skills they have. One-on-one instruction is also available for swimmers of any age wanting to further develop and refine their swimming.

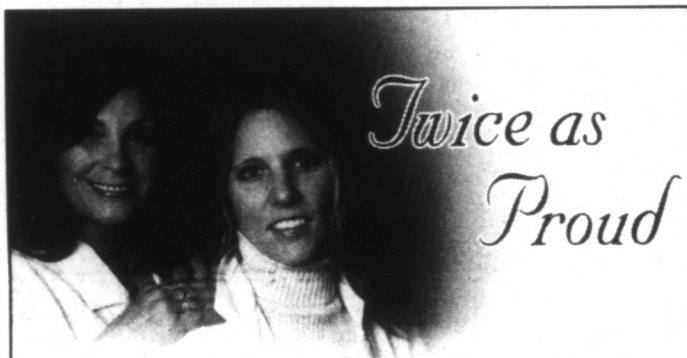
Tobergte has a level 4 certification from the American Swimming Coaches Association and was named Oregon High School Girls Swim Coach of the Year in 2011. While in Oregon, his high school team won numerous awards, including five state championships for his relay swim teams. He has 38 years of competitive swimming experience and 11 years of coaching competitive swim teams. He has four individual Top 16 rankings and in 1980

was a member of the National Championship Swim Team.

Classes begin April 16 and will run through May 4. Depending on the level, class will meet two to three times per

week. Mid-morning and evening classes are available.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Health and Wellness at 762-1348.



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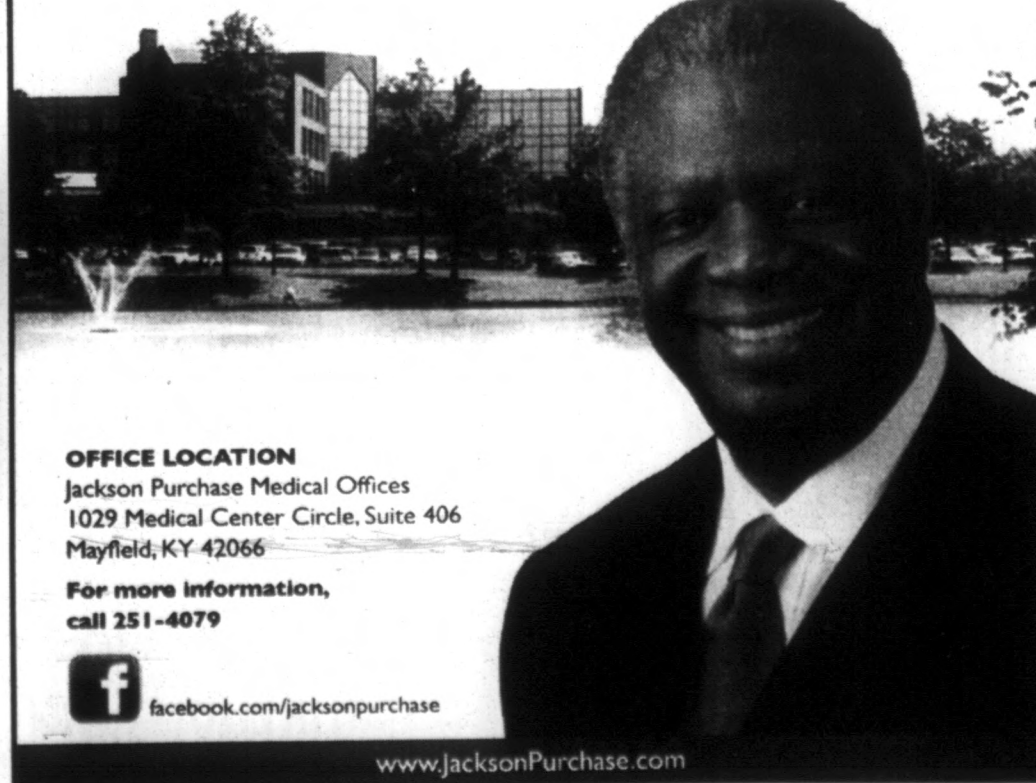
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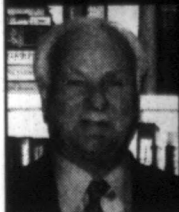
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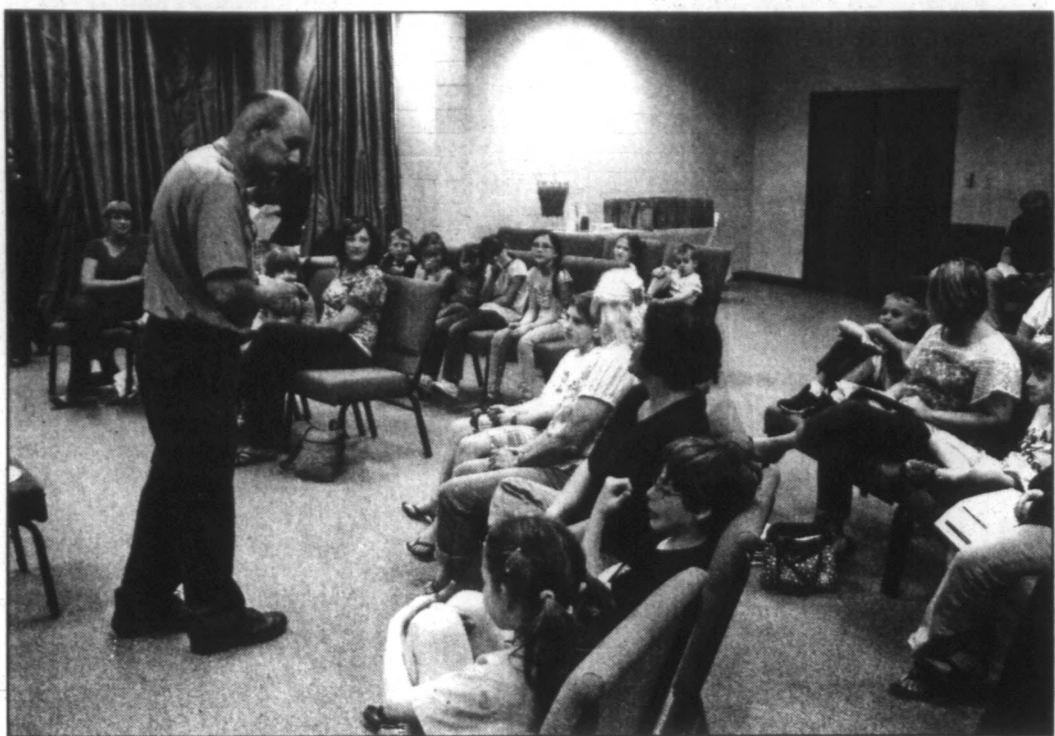
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JUNIOR RANGERS: The Calloway County Public Library hosted a junior rangers program for spring break on Monday. Doug Richardson, standing left, chief of interpretation at Fort Donelson National Battlefield, speaks to children and their caregivers about what he does, and about the National Park Service. Children also watched and discussed the 2010 movie, "Yogi Bear."

After \$1B, experts see progress on autism's causes

By **MIKE STOBBE**

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — More than \$1 billion has been spent over the past decade searching for the causes of autism. In some ways, the research looks like a long-running fishing expedition, with a focus on everything from genetics to the age of the father, the weight of the mother, and how close a child lives to a free-way.

That perception may soon change. Some in the field say they are seeing the beginning of a wave of scientific reports that should strengthen some theories, jettison others and perhaps even herald new drugs.

"I do think over the next three to five years we'll be able to paint a much clearer picture of how genes and environmental factors combine" to cause autism, said Geraldine Dawson, a psychologist who is chief science officer for the advocacy group Autism Speaks.

The effort has been infused with new urgency by a recent federal report that found autism disorders are far more common than was previously understood, affecting 1 in 88 U.S. children. Better diagnosis is largely responsible for the new estimate, but health officials said there may actually be more cases of autism, too.

If autism's causes remain a mystery, "you're not going to be able to stop this increase," said Irva Hertz-Picciotto, a researcher at the University of

California, Davis who is leading a closely watched study into what sparks autism disorders.

In the past week, a spate of studies released during National Autism Awareness Month has offered tantalizing new information about potential causes. Research published in the journal *Nature* widened the understanding of the genetic roots of some cases and confirmed the elevated risks for children with older fathers. Another study, released online Monday in *Pediatrics*, suggested maternal obesity may play a role.

To be sure, finding the causes of autism — an umbrella term for a variety of disorders that delay children socially or intellectually — remains daunting. The causes are believed to be complicated, and not necessarily the same for each child. Some liken autism to cancer — a small word for a wide range of illnesses. In many cases, autism can be blamed on both genetic problems that load the gun and other factors that pull the trigger.

It's been a growing public concern for two decades, as studies have found it to be more and more prevalent. The U.S. government dramatically increased funding for research of it in the last decade, and now budgets about \$170 million a year through the National Institutes of Health.

More than a half-dozen foundations and autism advocacy groups have been adding to the pot, putting annual research

spending in recent years at more than \$300 million. About a third of that has been devoted to finding autism's causes.

The lion's share of money for finding a cause has been spent on genetics, which so far experts believe can account for roughly 20 percent of cases. The earliest success was in the early 1990s and involved the discovery of the genetic underpinnings of Fragile X syndrome, a rare condition that accounts for just 2 to 4 percent of autism cases but is the most common form of inherited intellectual disability in boys.

The focus on genetics has been bolstered by dramatic improvements in gene mapping as well as the bioengineering of mice with autism symptoms. Dozens of risk genes have been identified, and a half-dozen drug companies are said to be working on developing new treatments.

"We've made some very significant progress on the genetics end of this search," said Dr. Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Scientists have used autistic mice to test new drugs. Among the most promising is a small, white, strawberry-flavored pill that is so experimental it doesn't have a name. Developed by a Massachusetts company called Seaside Therapeutics Inc., the drug is aimed at a problem area in the brains of autistic children, where neurons connect and conduct signals through the nervous system.

It's a bit like the way tree-hopping ants might cross the twig ends of one tree branch to another. In Fragile X syndrome, scientists have noted the branches are thinner and the twigs too numerous. The experimental drug thins the twigs and strengthens the branches, allowing a more solid and centralized bridge.

Ahead of nuclear talks, Iran floats compromise

By **NASSER KARIMI**

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's nuclear chief signaled Tehran's envoys may bring a compromise offer to the talks this week with world powers: promising to eventually stop producing its most highly enriched uranium, while not totally abandoning its ability to make nuclear fuel.

The proposal outlined late Sunday seeks to directly address one of the potential main issues in the talks scheduled to begin Friday between Iran and the five permanent Security Council members plus Germany.

The U.S. and others have raised serious concerns about Iran's production and stockpile of uranium enriched to 20 percent, which could be turned into weapons-grade strength in a matter of months.

But the proposal described by Iran's nuclear chief, Fereidoun Abbasi, may not go far enough to satisfy the West because it would leave the higher enriched uranium still in Tehran's hands rather than transferred outside the country.

Abbasi said Tehran could stop its production of 20 percent enriched uranium needed for a research reactor, and continue enriching uranium to lower levels for power generation.

This could take place once Iran has stockpiled enough of the 20 percent enriched uranium, Abbasi told state TV. The 20 percent enriched material can be used for medical research and treatments.

The enrichment issue lies at the core of the dispute between Iran and the West, which fears Tehran is seeking an atomic weapon — a charge the country denies, insisting its uranium program is for peaceful purposes only.

Uranium has to be enriched to more than 90 percent to be used for a nuclear weapon, but with Iran enriching uranium to 20 percent levels, there are concerns it has come a step closer to nuclear weapons capability.

Abbasi said production of uranium enriched up to 20 percent is not part of the nation's long-term program — beyond amounts needed for its research reactor in Tehran — and insisted that Iran "doesn't need" to enrich beyond the 20 percent levels.

"The job is being carried out based on need," he said. "When the need is met, we will decrease production and it is even possible to completely reverse to only 3.5 percent" enrichment levels.

It was not immediately clear whether Abbasi's comments reflect what will be Tehran's official stance when the negotiations begin in Istanbul more than 14 months after the last round collapsed.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi was quoted on

the Iranian parliament's website on Monday as saying he hopes for some progress in the upcoming talks but warned Iran would not accept any preconditions.

"We will honestly try to have the two sides conclude with a win-win situation in which Iran achieves its rights while removing concerns of five-plus-one group," he said. "But imposing any conditions before the talks would be meaningless."

Iran insists it has full rights under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty to enrich uranium to create nuclear fuel and says it only seeks enrichment levels to power reactors, but the U.S. and others worry that the same process can be used to make weapons-grade material.

Ahead of Istanbul, there are signs Tehran is confident it may have beaten back the toughest Western demands for a complete halt to uranium enrichment and that some bargaining room has now been opened for new proposals.

Abbasi's remarks follow a show of bravado last-week from Iranian lawmaker Gholam Reza Mesbahi Moghadam, who claimed Tehran has the know-

how and the capability to produce a nuclear weapon but would never do so.

Moghadam also said that Iran has the means to produce 90-plus percent enrichment, though he did not elaborate.

After a protracted flap over the venue for the talks, Iranian state TV reported Sunday that both sides had agreed on Istanbul. It said a second round would be held in Baghdad but that its timing would be decided during the meeting in Turkey.

The venue still has to be formally confirmed by EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton.

But speaking from a European Union capital, a diplomat familiar with the preparations for the talks confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday that Istanbul had been chosen for the first round.

The diplomat demanded anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information ahead of the formal announcement.

Facebook buying photo-share app Instagram for \$1B

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is spending \$1 billion to buy the photo-sharing company Instagram in the social network's largest acquisition ever.

Instagram lets people apply filters to photos they snap with their mobile devices and share them with friends and strangers. Some of the filters make the photos look as if they've been taken in the 1970s or on Polaroid cameras.

"This is an important milestone for Facebook because it's the first time we've ever acquired a product and company with so many users," CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page. "We don't plan on doing many more of these, if any at all."

Facebook said it plans to keep Instagram running independently. That's a departure from its tendency to buy small startups and integrate the technology — or shut them down altogether just so it can hire talented engineers and developers.

"We think the fact that

Instagram is connected to other services beyond Facebook is an important part of the experience," Zuckerberg wrote. "We plan on keeping features like the ability to post to other social networks, the ability to not share your Instagrams on Facebook if you want, and the ability to have followers and follow people separately from your friends on Facebook."

Facebook is paying cash and stock for San Francisco-based Instagram and hiring its roughly 10 employees. The deal is expected to close by the end of June.

Menlo Park, Calif.-based Facebook is expected to complete its initial public offering of stock next month. Getting Instagram is big win for Facebook as it works to harness people's growing obsession with their mobile devices and sharing every moment of their life.

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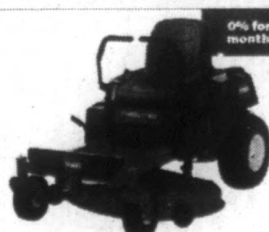
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT Civil Action No. 11-CI-00049

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, PLAINTIFF,
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
DANIEL B. KEE, LISA M. KEE, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on February 27, 2012, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$74,662.36, plus interest, costs, attorney fees, 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, April 13, 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 865 Howard Road, Murray, Kentucky 42071, and being more particularly described as follows:

Legal description of a tract of land located at 865 Howard Road, in the County of Calloway, State of Kentucky, being a part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 1, Range 3 East, and being further described as follows: Beginning at a point a the Southeast corner of the herein described tract and 30.00 feet West of the centerline of Howard Road, in the centerline of a creek, and on the East line of the Govie Ward property (Deed Book 99, Page 88), said point being located 689.31 feet North of the centerline of Swan Road and North 62 degrees 15' 59" West a distance of 33.53 feet from a railroad spike set in the centerline of Howard Road;

Thence along the East line of the Ward property and along the centerline of a creek downstream the following bearings and distances: North 62 degrees 15' 59" West for a distance of 18.33 feet to a #4 rebar w/cap #3175 set;

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Thence along the West line of Howard Road, South 01 degrees 13' 18" West for a distance of 398.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record. This tract contains 1.232 acres according to a survey by VL associates on February 3, 2006.

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 Daniel B. Kee and spouse Lisa M. Kee who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Titu Taylor and spouse, Nga Taylor, dated May 31, 2007, filed June 5, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 698, Page 45, County Clerk's Office, Calloway County, Kentucky.

Parcel Number: 007-0-0008-A
The aforementioned property shall be sold on a cash or credit basis of a period of thirty 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 20th day of March, 2012.
Respectfully submitted,
MAX W. PARKER
Master Commissioner
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT Civil Action No. 11-CI-00349

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
STEPHEN OSMENA, JOE G. OSMENA, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF STEPHEN OSMENA, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on March 12, 2012, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$292,567.78, 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, April 13, 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 23 Kaitlyn Lane North, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 1 as shown on the Final Subdivision Plat of Kamden Estates Subdivision, Unit 1, of record on Plat Book 40, Page 15, at Slide 3831, in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

The property conveyed herein is subject to those restrictions of record on Plat Book 40, Page 15, at Slide 3834, in the Calloway County Court Clerk's Office.

This conveyance is subject to all applicable governmental laws and regulations and any easements, restrictions, rights-of-way and prior mineral reservations and mineral conveyances of record; and (1) a 20' x 20' easement for a Kamden Estates Subdivision sign near the northeast corner of the herein conveyed property, the center of which easement is the center of the existing Kamden Estates Subdivision monument sign and access to the easement to permit Grants, the subdivision developers, their heirs, successors and assigns, to maintain and/or replace the Kamden Estate Subdivision sign; and (2) Grants have planted trees on or near the north and west property lines of the property and retain an access easement for the purpose of watering, fertilizing and replacing the trees and Grantees covenant that they will not do anything intentionally to prevent the trees from continuing to grow.

Being the same property conveyed to Joe G. Osmena and Stephen Osmena by deed from Richard Price, et ux., dated February 8, 2010, of record in Book 820, Page 113, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court.

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.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COURT OF JUSTICE CALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT Civil Action No. 11-CI-00116

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, PLAINTIFF,
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
LINDA YOUNGER, ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on March 12, 2012, in the above cause, to satisfy the Judgment of the Plaintiff in the approximate amount of \$96,535.65, 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, April 13, 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 809 North 19th Street, Murray, KY 42071, and being more particularly described as follows: Lot 5 in the Roberts and Rickman Subdivision as shown by Plat recorded in Deed Book 111, at Page 71, in the office of the Calloway County Court Clerk in Murray, Kentucky.

This lot is sold subject to the protective covenants and restrictions as recorded on the recorded Plat in Deed Book 111, at Page 71. Grantees and their heirs and assigns take title subject to said restrictions.

Being the same property conveyed to Dudley R. Younger, and wife, Linda Younger, by deed from Bobby R. Allen, et ux., dated December 21, 2005, of record in Book 627, Page 206, in the office of the Clerk of the Calloway County Court. (Dudley R. Younger deceased on April 9, 2011, and upon his death all right, title and interest vested to Linda Younger.)

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.

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Looking Back

Ten years ago

The Calloway County Fiscal Court recently received \$7,686 in Area Development Funds to assist in the renovations of the courthouse.

Tyler Spann recently received an award for the district AARP Kentucky Grandparent of the Year Essay contest. Her grandmother is Dean Spann.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, Hardin, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 21.

Kentucky Project Learning Tree honored Dr. Terry Wilson and Dr. Joe Baust as Facilitators of the Year at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association annual meeting in Louisville.

Members of the Calloway County High School boys basketball banquet honored were Mitchell McClure, Jimmy Bynum, Terry Adams, Jay Boggess, Todd Sexton, Clay Lamb, and Seth Barrow. Members of the CCHS cheerleading team honored were Laura Holt, Rebecca Boyd, Michelle Young and Anne-Marie Dunlap.

Twenty years ago

Recent births reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for April 9 include a girl to Angela Price, Hardin; a girl to Jennifer Keating, Murray; and a girl to Debra and Ryan King, Murray.

Jeremy Scott Miller celebrated his first birthday March 25 at his home in Almo. The theme of the party was "Old McDonald."

Pictured is Michael Parrish, of Murray, who was flying his kite in the Murray-Calloway County Park.

Thirty years ago

A feature story about Karen Barnett, a violinist who teaches 24 children, ages 3-8 years, old as part of the String Project at Murray State University was on the front page.

Pictured are Sherrie Paschall, foods chairman for Calloway County Homemakers and Nadine Wortham, cookbook chairman, sorting through hundreds of home-

maker recipes to be included in the Calloway County Homemaker cookbook to be published in April.

In college tennis, the Murray State University women's team beat Austin Peay 7-2, making their record 18-10 overall.

Murray State University's archaeology program has been awarded a research grant for a major study in the Jackson Purchase, according to Kenneth C. Carstens, assistant professor of anthropology.

Forty years ago

Sandra Hargrove, student at Calloway County High School, had received a superior rating at Kentucky High School Speech Tournament April 7-8 at the University of Kentucky. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hargrove.

Sammy S. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, had been named as recipient of Outstanding Note award by Kentucky Law Journal.

Fifty years ago

A small airplane, owned by Walter Hutchens and Jimmy Dunn, piloted by Dunn, had made a forced landing in a field near Shiloh in Calloway County. Little damage was reported to the plane and no injuries were reported to the pilot and a passenger.

Bill Ferguson and Buddy Hewitt of Murray State College coaching staff had spoken at a meeting of Murray Lions Club held at Murray Women's clubhouse.

Sixty years ago

Buddy Anderson of Kirksey School had been named the winner of 4-H Tractor Driving Contest April 5 at Murray Livestock Company.

Murray State College Debate Team, composed of Jim Sholar, of Hopkinsville, Nolan Shepherd, of Water Valley, Tom Adams, of Murray and Henry Ramey, of Lamascos had won honors at Tau Kappa Alpha national conference at Cleveland. Professor J. Albert Tracy was MSC coach.

Comments on her hair color will make wild child feel blue

DEAR ABBY: What's the best thing to do when someone insults me for being myself? My hair has been bright blue for the last two semesters of college. I like it. I'm young, and my family is letting me express my "wild" side while I'm in school.

Six months ago I went to meet my ex-boyfriend's mother, and the first thing she said to me was, "You're one of my son's phases, right? Boys don't actually bring girls with blue hair home to M a m a . . . Abby, it was with my ex's encouragement that I dyed my hair this bright color."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

My family, my church and most of my teachers think it's OK. Is there a social stigma attached to exotically dyed hair? And what's the best way to react when someone insults me for just being myself? -- NICE PERSON IN WALLAND, TENN.

DEAR NICE PERSON: Whether there's a stigma attached to looking different depends on who is doing the looking. Some people -- your ex-boyfriend's mother, for instance -- find it off-putting. Did you tell her that it was with her son's encouragement that you dyed your hair blue? It would have been interesting to see her reaction. It would also be interesting to know what shade his current girlfriend's hair is.

When others comment about the unusual color of your hair, instead of treating it as an insult, smile and say, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My husband

and I have been married for 26 years. I love him, but he's a terrible listener. He's not that way with everyone. When we're out socializing, he's a good conversationalist and a polite listener. It's when we are home that he never lets me finish a sentence. When we're alone, I can't express a complete opinion or thought without being interrupted halfway through a word or sentence. He just cuts me off and starts talking on the subject.

I'm an intelligent woman with valid opinions, but he would rather hear the sound of his own voice than mine. How do I get him to let me speak and not interrupt? -- SILENCED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SILENCED: Is your husband controlling in other aspects of your relationship? If not, the problem may be that you have been together so long he thinks he knows where your sentences are going, so he responds before you complete your entire thought. One way to handle this would be to tell your husband how patronized it makes you feel when he does it. Another would be to interrupt HIM by saying, "Excuse me! I wasn't finished talking." Or, "You finished my sentence, but that wasn't what I was going to say. What I meant was . . ."

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Premature babies now have better chance of survival

DEAR DOCTOR K: My sister recently gave birth prematurely, at 33 weeks. Thankfully, the doctors think my new niece will do well and should not have developmental problems. I know that doctors are able to save more premature babies these days than they used to. What determines whether a "preemie" survives?



Dr. Komaroff
By
Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Adam Wolfberg, who was in training here at Harvard Medical School. He wanted to become an obstetrician specializing in high-risk pregnancies. He also wanted to conduct research into ways to improve the survival and function of "preemies." He and his wife, Kelly, had two kids, and Kelly was pregnant with their third.

Suddenly and ironically, Kelly went into labor very early, at six months. Their new daughter, Larissa, weighed less than 2 pounds at birth. She clung to life for several months -- and finally made it. I asked Wolfberg about your question.

Most babies are delivered about 40 weeks after the mother's last menstrual period. Labor starts with a perfectly timed cascade of hormonal signals between the developing fetus and the mother. Contractions develop, the cervix dilates, and before long, out comes a well-developed, healthy newborn.

But sometimes labor comes early. Early labor can be caused by complications such as bleeding between the placenta and the

uterus, or infection of the placenta that threatens the fetus. Sometimes, for reasons that we don't fully understand, the cervix dilates early, triggering labor.

When bleeding or infection is the trigger, labor is an adaptive response. Simply put, it is the body's attempt to end the pregnancy in an effort to save the mother's life.

Babies born prematurely at 32 weeks or beyond, like your niece, tend to do very well. Sometimes they suffer mild behavioral or learning disabilities during childhood. But the risk of serious complications is relatively low. And almost every baby survives.

Between 24 and 32 weeks of pregnancy, more than 80 percent of babies survive. With each passing week in the womb, babies become less likely to suffer major complications related to their prematurity. Wolfberg's daughter was born a little after 24 weeks, so she was at great risk of neurological and physical impairments, and of dying.

Unfortunately, babies born before 24 weeks, weighing about 1 pound, are more likely to die than survive. Those babies that do live often suffer significant complications. These include severe lung injury, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, injury to their intestines requiring emergency surgery, and any of a host of less-severe injuries. We can hope that one day research will help to improve the prospects for such severely premature babies, as it has in the past 40 years for less severely premature babies.

Dr. Wolfberg tells the story of the struggle to save his daughter, and the science behind it, in the new book "Fragile Beginnings: Discoveries and Triumphs in the Newborn ICU." You can find out more about it at my website: www.AskDoctorK.com.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School.)

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2012. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 11, 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Pulaski in Chatham County, Ga., ended a day after it began as the fort fell to Union forces.

On this date: In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1912, Crosley Field, the longtime home of the Cincinnati Reds,

had its opening day under its original name, Redland Field.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1962, The New York Mets played their first game, losing to the host St. Louis Cardinals 11-

4. In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

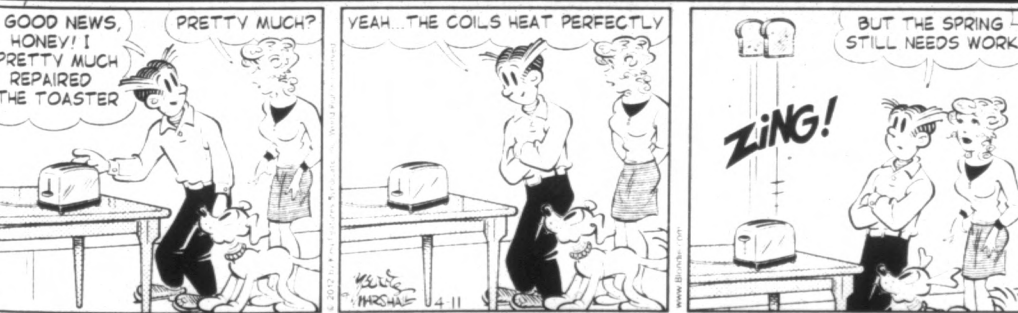
In 1981, President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from the hospital, 12 days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt.

In 2009, Susan Boyle, a middle-aged volunteer church worker, wowed judges and audiences alike with her rendition of "I Dreamed a Dream."

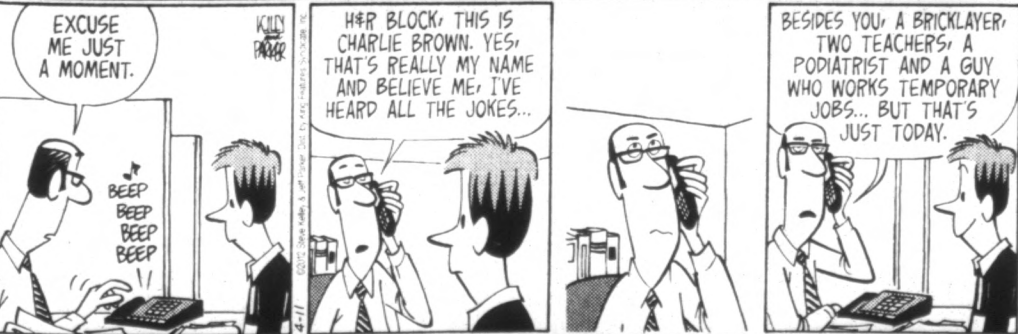
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Hints From Heloise



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into the number of pieces you want. Next, take scissors and cut the pie tin down on each side of the first piece you want out. Bend the cut tin down and use a thin spatula to remove the first piece. Now you can get under the rest of the pieces easily. -- Helen R., Austin, Minn.

LEFTOVER STORAGE

Dear Heloise: For years, I have put small bits of tomato paste, bruschetta sauce, pesto or canned pumpkin in an ice-cube tray. After it is frozen, I pop out the cubes and store them in a freezer container, separating the layers of cubes with wax paper. A plastic box is better than a freezer bag because it keeps the cubes from getting smashed.

A cube or two of canned pumpkin is great to add to a pot of

vegetable soup or beef stew. It gives the liquid a beautiful color and adds a nice, subtle taste. -- Virginia L., in San Antonio

STRAWBERRY SECRETS

Dear Readers: STRAWBERRIES are delicious, and I love them for a "sweet" treat after a meal. Of course they go in cereal, smoothies, ice cream and salads. However, here are some "very berry" hints for you:

* After being picked, strawberries will NOT ripen any further. Buy them as red as possible, because any white, nonripe part will not ripen and turn red later.

* Plan to use them within one to two days.

* Do NOT rinse berries until you are ready to use them. Rinse under cold running water, but do NOT soak them. Then dry on paper towels.

* Store in the refrigerator in the package they came in, loosely covered with either paper towels or plastic wrap. I layer them between paper towels to help prevent mold and keep them fresh a few days longer.

— Heloise

P.S.: Overripe strawberries? Smash with a fork and use on toast or waffles.

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LOW-SALT HINT

Dear Readers: Watching your salt (sodium) intake? Here's a fun hint to help! Take table salt and mix it with a few drops of food coloring (I use blue) in a bowl to change the color. Put the "colored" salt in the saltshaker you most often use. Now, when you add salt to the dish you are about to eat, you will be able to clearly see how much you're adding. -- Heloise

NO-SLIP SERVICE

Dear Heloise: When using a cutting board, lay a paper towel on the counter and put a few drops of water in the center of the towel. This will keep your cutting board from slipping, and you can throw the paper towel away when the juice of what you are cutting creeps under the board. -- Andrew W., Lexington, Ky.

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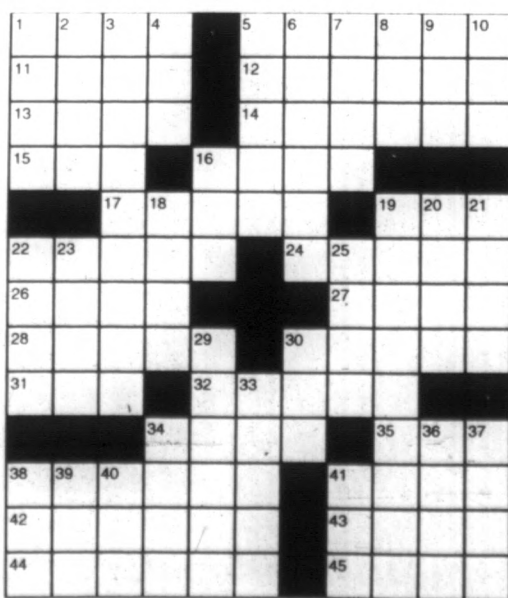
Crosswords

ACROSS

- Map region
- "Wild!"
- "It's --" (proud parents' phrase)
- Scaly pet
- Tiny opening
- Singer Brook
- Harden
- English county
- Core
- Spotted
- Like a bloodhound
- Get a goal
- Composer Charles
- Luau dance
- Monument Valley sights
- Croc's cousin
- Bank acct. addition
- "-- the Raven ..."
- Roadster
- Angled pipe
- Sartre play
- Harry Belafonte hit
- Whole
- Capital on a fjord
- Movie ad
- Flower part

DOWN

- Hits with a ray gun
- Clarinet cousin
- Washington setting
- Needle part
- Bran offering
- Reps
- Little one
- Bran bit
- First número
- Shoe shade
- Singer Starr
- "Born Free" lion
- Florida setting
- Singer Guthrie
- Dress in
- Rock's Hendrix
- Kitchen sight
- Talk
- Knight's attendant
- Sticky stuff



Trayvon Martin death won't go to Fla. grand jury

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A grand jury will not look into the Trayvon Martin case, a special prosecutor said Monday, leaving the decision of whether to charge the teen's shooter in her hands alone and eliminating the possibility of a first-degree murder charge.

That prosecutor, Angela Corey, said her decision had no bearing on whether she would file charges against George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer who has said he shot the unarmed black teen in self-defense. Corey could still decide to charge him with a serious felony such as manslaughter which can carry a lengthy prison sentence if he is convicted.

A grand jury had been set to meet Tuesday in Sanford, about 20 miles northeast of Orlando.

Corey has long had a reputation for not using grand juries if it wasn't necessary. In Florida, only first-degree murder cases

require the use of grand juries.

Corey's decision means she doesn't have to rely on potentially unpredictable jurors, said David Hill, an Orlando criminal defense attorney.

"Let's give her the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she knows there isn't enough for first-degree murder but she wants to maintain control and charge him with something else," Hill said. "What does she need a grand jury for? She cuts out the unpredictability of the grand jury. She goes where she feels she has more evidence."

Corey took over the case last month after the prosecutor who normally handles cases out of Sanford recused himself. That prosecutor, Norm Wolfinger, had originally called for the case to be presented before a grand jury.

"From the moment she was assigned, Ms. Corey noted she may not need a grand jury," said a statement from Corey's office.

Prosecutors sometimes use

grand juries to avoid the political fallout from controversial cases. But Corey was elected by voters more than 100 miles away in the Jacksonville area, so political problems are less of an issue for Corey, Hill said.

Martin was killed Feb. 26 during a confrontation with Zimmerman in a gated community in Sanford.

Zimmerman has claimed self-defense, and Florida's self-defense law gives wide leeway to use deadly force and eliminates a person's duty to retreat in the face of danger.

An attorney for Martin's parents said in a statement that he is not surprised by the decision to avoid the grand jury and hopes a decision is reached soon.

"The family has been patient throughout this process and asks that those who support them do the same during this very important investigation," said attorney Benjamin Crump.

The case has led to protests across the nation and spurred a

debate about race and the laws of self-defense. Martin was black; Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is Hispanic.

One of those protests led to the temporary closing of the Sanford Police Department offices to the public on Monday as about a half dozen student activists blocked the entrance to the building.

Police officers took no action to remove the protesters who were part of a group of students who marched from Daytona Beach to Sanford over the weekend.

Citizens wanting to do business with the police department were directed to City Hall.

"The city of Sanford hopes the actions of the students will be as peaceful and orderly as the previous rallies and marches have been," City Manager Norton Bonaparte Jr. said in a statement.

Romney faces lengthy to-do list as likely GOP pick

By THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Mitt Romney faces a daunting to-do list as he transitions into the role of likely Republican presidential nominee.

Among the tasks: Raise as much money as possible for the general election campaign against President Barack Obama. Hire more people and send them to the most critical states in the fall race. Hone his message to appeal to voters across the political spectrum.

And do it all quickly while fending off challenges from GOP rivals who refuse to quit the primary race.

Obama, with the advantages of an incumbent, is well ahead of Romney on fundraising, organization and broad pitches to voters. So Romney can be expected to spend part of his time over the next three weeks trying to catch up. There's a break in the primaries lasting until April 24, when several Northeastern states vote.

Romney also must start thinking about a running mate and strategy to amass the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House on Nov. 6.

The former Massachusetts governor must prepare to put his imprint on the Republican National Committee and figure out how to achieve unity with a conservative base that has resisted his candidacy. In the general election, party loyalists will be counted on to raise money and get out the vote.

"I do think the Romney team is thinking about how they put in place their fall campaign," said Terry Nelson, a former top aide to President George W. Bush. "But they clearly have some contests to get through, so they won't be able to turn their eyes entirely to that."

There's little question that Romney will clinch the nomination in June, if not earlier. He has a wide lead in the race for the 1,144 delegates required to secure the GOP nomination. But chief rival Rick Santorum says he'll press on at least through the end of the month. Pennsylvania, which he represented in the House and Senate, votes April 24, along with Connecticut, Delaware, New York and Rhode Island.

In hopes of convincing Republicans it's time to rally behind Romney, leading Republicans such as Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin have endorsed him recently; both are viewed as potential running mates. Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri has said he would back Romney and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad may announce his support soon.

Romney is sounding more like a general election candidate each day. "It isn't about one person or about even one party," he said last week. "We're Republicans and Democrats in this campaign, but we're all connected with one destiny for America."

After a break for the Easter holiday, Romney is expected to plunge back into fundraising in New York and South Florida. That's none too soon for Republicans, given Obama's fundraising advantage.

"Ultimately, the thing we have to focus on is getting the general election money raised," said Brian Ballard, of Florida, one of Romney's top fundraisers.

Obama, without a Democratic challenger, has been free to raise money strictly for the general election. He's so far raised more than \$300 million for his re-election campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Romney can't raise cash for the Republicans until he clinches the nomination, but he's brought in more than \$75 million for his campaign.

Romney aides said solicitations for general election donations were starting to go out.

Obama showed his fundraising clout recently by spending about \$1.4 million on TV ads in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Nevada and Virginia that criticize Romney. An outside group that supports Obama also is running ads attacking Romney in those states, as well as in Michigan and New Mexico.

Illustrating the disparity, Romney's team responded to the Obama ad with a statement promoting an Internet attack video.

It's not just money where Romney lags.

The president's re-election team has opened offices and assembled teams of workers in Ohio, Florida and other critical states. The campaign has mapped out the combination of states it will compete in as it works to reach the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

"No question Mitt Romney is the best-organized Republican I've seen in a long time, but that's not the question," said Florida Republican campaign strategist Susie Wiles, a senior Romney adviser in the state. "The question is not whether he is organized. It is whether he can identify his supporters and get them to vote better than the Obama people. I wouldn't bet against him."

Romney's team is tight-lipped about how he can get to 270. It also won't discuss when and where staff will go in the coming weeks or when it will run ads in the most contested states.

That's probably because there isn't a definitive plan — or maybe even a tentative one.

Republicans expect Romney will compete most vigorously in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Nevada, Virginia, Michigan and New Mexico, states considered among the most contested in the general election.

Obama won all eight in 2008 against Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. In 2004, all but Michigan were carried by Bush during the Republican president's re-election. Republicans say Romney sees Ohio, Michigan, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado as fertile ground this year.

Romney aides say they've lined up staff to send out to states once Romney secures the nomination, and the campaign is preparing the first floor of its three-story Boston headquarters for the influx.

Some key players have returned to states, such as Romney's Florida director Matthew Parker. And, aides point out, Romney has loyal activists and a network of supporters in key battleground states where he won primaries such as Florida and Ohio.

At the same time, the RNC is opening coordinated campaign offices in Florida and other battleground states, and has spent more than a year raising millions to support the eventual nominee.

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