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MSU's Dunn misses out on Florida ed. commissioner

STAFF REPORT

Former Indiana Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Bennett was chosen Wednesday over Murray State University President Dr. Randy Dunn to be the next Florida Commissioner of **Education**



Dunn was one of three finalists, with the third being Charles Hokanson, to interview before the Florida Board of Education Tuesday for the post. Dunn was the last to be interviewed and discussed his ideas on education reform and his experience as the former Illinois Superintendent of Education and as MSU president. The board announced its decision Wednesday morning.

In a press release, State Board Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Tony has had a tremendous impact on education in Indiana and we are delighted to have him lead Florida into the

future." Gov. Rick Scott said, "We are excited that the State Board of Education chose Tony Bennett as Florida's new Commissioner of Education. Tony has a great record of achievement in Indiana and I am confident he will be a tireless advocate for Florida's stu-

"I am honored and excited by the opportunity here," Bennett said. "I look forward to getting out, visiting schools, and meeting with and listening to students, parents, teachers, and leaders in districts across the state as we work together to ensure that every student in Florida has the kind of world-class education that allows them to flourish.'

According to the board's release, Bennett was elected Superintendent of Indiana's public schools in 2009 and promised to increase student performance, reward great teachers, increase options for parents, and strengthen school autonomy. The board

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Graves Co. man arrested after charging troopers with tractor

MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) -Kentucky state troopers have arrested a western Kentucky man who they say charged at them with a farm tractor.

A Graves County woman called the KSP Tuesday night a tire of the and said a man was threatening to destroy vehicles at her home. The man fled on a tractor, which troopers chased into

Police say the man tried to

hit their cars and came at them they followed him on foot. They shot out tractor and hit driver with a stun but device,



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Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph

Thursday night: Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 mph

Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph

Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s.

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Monday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Monday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

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Kentucky Lake region featured in Where to Retire magazine By PAIGE GRAVES

Staff Writer

Many things can be said about the Kentucky Lake region, but what Mary Lou Abbot said can hardly be refuted.

"From hikers and anglers to boater and bikers, outdoor lovers are discovering the low-

Kentucky Lake region of western Kentucky and Tennessee," Abott said. "Paducah, Murray and Paris provide ideal smalltown living with cultural and historical contributions, as well as low taxes."

Abott, editor of Where to Retire magazine, said the area

cost, fun lifestyle in the will be profiled in the January/February issue of the magazine, available nationwide on Dec. 18, 2012. The magazine aims to help individuals with retirement relocation decisions. The magazine is headquartered in Texas with a national circulation. Lindsey Lindquist of Where to Retire said for every

issue editors look across the country for communities with amenities and lifestyle options attractive for retirees.

"We look for a geographic mix in each issue," Lindquist said. "For the January/February issue, we profiled Bonita

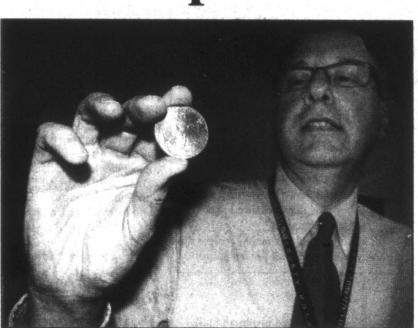
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HOLIDAY TRADITION

Gold U.S. Liberty coin again shows up in local Army kettle



Thursday, December 13, 2012

JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times Kerry Lambert displays the \$50 U.S. Liberty gold piece that was left in the Salvation Army kettle at the Murray Walmart last week.

Staff Writer

For the third time in four years, a high-value coin

has appeared in a Salvation Army kettle in Murray. Kerry Lambert, chairman of the Murray chapter's service unit, said a \$50 U.S. Liberty gold piece was discovered sometime last weekend in the kettle stationed outside the Murray Walmart. He said he has always made it a point to go public with the discovery to let the donor know that the item was received.

"That's something I feel is important, that the person knows that, yes, we did receive it, and it is safe," said Lambert, who has chaired the service unit in Murray since 1994. He said the kettle drive, which features volunteers ringing a bell to attract donations, produces \$16,000 to \$18,000 a year in Murray.

"Murray is just such a very generous community so you're not really surprised that something like this would happen, especially after it's happened the last two or three times like this in a row. We don't know if it's the same person that's done this or if it's more than one person, but that doesn't matter. We're grate-

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Sheriff ordered to turn over file in murder probe

By BRUCE SCHREINER **Associated Press**

CADIZ, Ky. (AP) - A western Kentucky sheriff offering his own reward money in three unsolved murders was ordered to turn over his investigative file in one of the deaths, the latest twist in a decade-old case that has suddenly exposed tensions pitting the lawman on one side and a prosecutor and Kentucky State Police on the other.

Trigg County Sheriff Ray Burnam drew gasps in the courtroom Wednesday when he told the judge he was reluctant to turn over his file to local Commonwealth's Attorney G.L. Ovey because the findings might implicate the prosecutor.

Circuit Judge C.A. Woodall III. replied, "Let's be clear, we're not talking about implicating anyone in the commonwealth's attorney's office in the underlying crime."

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The sheriff replied that he wasn't implicating the prosecutor in the murder, but offered no other details. Ovey was visibly shaken and called it "the

most ridiculous thing" he had ever heard. Later, the veteran prosecutor told reporters that "it's just mind boggling how he could

even claim that." The exchange came as the judge reviewed

Library Board

meets for last

time in 2012

By HAWKINS TEAGUE

Staff Writer

The Calloway County Board of

Trustees discussed several ongo-

ing issues at their monthly meet-

Pittman said she was currently

searching for someone to fill the

position of outreach librarian,

adding that someone else was cur-

rently fulfilling the duties of the

job on an interim basis. Board Chairwoman Nancy Mieure said

that although it is a new position,

several things had been added to

the job description. Mieure

requested that Pittman email the

changes to the job description

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ing Wednesday.

Library Director

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■ Library... From Front

when they are ready so she can continue the search and the board can approve the changes at the next meeting.

The board also discussed recruiting people to join a committee to discuss and plan the library's future expansion. They also discussed taking steps to stagger the terms of board members so that several members' terms will not expire at the same time in years to come.

Agencies spend all night cleaning up after semi accident

By HAWKINS TEAGUE Staff Writer

An Alabama man was injured when his semi truck and trailer left the road and fell on its side north of Hazel Tuesday night.

Emergency personnel were do called to the scene of the acciand dent on U.S. 641 South just 29 south of Brandon Road shortly before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Deputy Roger Dawson with the Calloway County Sheriff's del Office said Cecil Knowles of Samson, Ala. was driving a FIJ semi truck on U.S. 641 South when he dropped off the right shoulder of the road. When Knowles tried to correct himself, the trailer slid off the road and flipped on its side, Dawson said. He was transported to Murray-Calloway County Hospital by EMS, he said.

Dawson said Knowles was driving the American Dream Truckers semi to Florida with a delivery of products he had picked up from Morningstar Foods in Murray. Calloway County Fire-Rescue Chief Tommy Morgan said Burl's Wrecker Service of Mayfield ,46 was later called to the scene. Starting around midnight, about ^{ATO} 21 people began unloading all the dairy products assembly-Viline style out of the trailer onto another truck while CCFR guided traffic. All agencies finally Balleft the scene around 6 a.m. ga Wednesday, he said.

The Murray Fire Department his also responded to the scene, be Dawson said.

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Davis case discharged **Wed. in District Court**

By JOHN WRIGHT Staff Writer

The case of Murray State University football player Janawski Davis was discharged in Calloway District Court Wednesday morning.

Davis, a freshman wide receiver from Eight Mile, Ala., had been facing a charge of armed robbery in connection with an alleged incident at The Chase apartment complex off campus. That also resulted in two days jail time for the 18year-old player, it was reported. "My client was in an apart-

ment watching the Green Bay Packers get tarnished by the New York Giants at the time the incident in question was supposed to have happened," said Davis' attorney Rick Lamkin after Wednesday's appearance in front of Hutchens. "Also, there was not any time that Janawski was not in the presence of at least four fellow football players. He offered to take a polygraph and so, too, did the other players that were with him," Lamkin added. "These are good kids. They are fine young men. It was sad that he (Davis) had to spend a couple of days in a jail cell and hire an attorney like this, but we're very pleased with this outcome.'

Commonwealth Attorney

Coin...

Last year, Lambert said a gold

South African Krugerrand coin

showed up in the kettle at

Walmart. He said the first such

donation he remembers was a

"It's just a fun thing for us. In

fact, right before this last one

came, one of our volunteers just

happen to say, 'I think it's about

time for us to get another gold

coin.' He was right I guess," he

This year's donation came

very concealed, Lambert said. It

was discovered inside a hand-

written note listing Bible verses *

John 10:10 and John 14:6 as

well as the message "Jesus is the

reason for the season!" The note

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piece of silver.

Mark Blankenship made the motion to discharge the case at the insistence of Murray Police Department's Det. Mike Robinson, who became lead investigator shortly after the incident was reported late on the night of Nov. 25. Blankenship told Hutchens Wednesday that the alleged victim in the case had indicated he was "no longer comfortable with his identification (of Davis) in the case," and he wished for the case not to be further investigated.

A discharge does not constitute a complete dismissal in a case. Blankenship explained that a discharge means the case has reached a stopping point, but allows individuals to be reinvestigated, should evidence be found later.

"Law enforcement and the Commonwealth Attorney's office have a job to prosecute the guilty and protect the innocent and I think Det. Robinson and other officers did a good job allowing that to happen here," Blankenship said. "I hope the community now will give this young man a chance to get back his reputation."

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

was wrapped inside a \$5 bill.

The kettle campaign will con-

tinue through Christmas Eve

and Lambert said volunteers are

still needed for bell-ringing

duties. He said shifts usually

last two hours. The campaign

will continue taking donations

at Walmart from 4-9 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays and 9

That will change on Christmas

Eve, though, when a kettle will

be stationed outside the

Walgreens store near the inter-

section of 12th and Main streets

for that day only. The Walmart

kettle will remain available for

Anyone wanting to volunteer

should contact Lambert at 753-

donations that day as well.

a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

■ Dunn...

From Front

said he was instrumental in increasing the state's graduation rate beyond 85 percent, implementing the Indiana Growth Model detailing the amount of progress each student has made, and A-F school grades similar to Florida's grading system.

Bennett was named 2011 Education Reform Idol by the Fordham Institute and 2010 Government Leader of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Bennett holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in secondary education and a doctorate in education.

Bennett lost his re-election bid in Indiana last month.

Bennett will replace Chancellor of Public Schools Pam Stewart, who has served as the department's interim commissioner for the past three months. Former Commissioner Gerard Robinson resigned in August after about a year on the job, according to the Associated Press. He cited separation from his family in Virginia, where he previously had been secretary of education, after his wife, a law professor, was unable to find a comparable job in Tallahassee.

Dunn could not be reached for comment Wednesday. He will be present on Friday at the quarterly MSU Board of Regents meeting.

Pope hits 1M followers on Twitter account

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI hit the 1 million Twitter follower mark on Wednesday as he sent his first tweet from his new account, blessing his online fans and urging them to listen to Christ.

In perhaps the most drawn out Twitter launch ever, the 85-yearold Benedict pushed the button on a tablet brought to him at the end of his general audience after the equivalent of a papal drum roll by an announcer who intoned: "And now the pope will tweet!"

"Dear friends, I am pleased to get in touch with you through Twitter. Thank you for your generous response. I bless all of you from my heart," the inaugural tweet read

At around the same time the message was sent, the number of followers Benedict's (at)Pontifex account surpassed the 1 million mark with all eight languages of the handle combined.

Benedict actually sent his first tweet over a year ago, using a generic Vatican account to launch the Holy See's news information portal. Someone in his name tweeted daily during Lent, part of the Vatican's efforts to increase the church presence in social

A personal Twitter account for the 85-year-old Benedict has been the subject of speculation ever since the Vatican's senior communications official said in February the idea was gaining traction

Vatican officials have acknowledged the pope won't actually type the messages and that someone in the Vatican's secretariat of state will write them on his behalf. And so it happened on Wednesday: Benedict just tapped a button on the tablet to send the inaugural tweet.

Tractor...

From Front

still had to wrestle him out of the cab.

Officers charged 45-year-old Michael A. Rose with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer, evading police and resisting arrest. He was booked into the Graves County Jail in Mayfield.



MSU names Outstanding Seniors for Fall 2012

By SHERRY McCLAIN MSU Print Media

he Outstanding Seniors at Murray State University for the Fall 2012 Commencement have been announced. Alyssa Brooke Cecil and William Cole Hackett were selected for the honor.

Alyssa, the daughter of Tom and Michelle Cecil of Buckner, Ky., will receive a bachelor's degree in business with an area in accounting in December. A Dean's List student, Cecil has 3.98 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Her honors include recognition by Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Additionally, Cecil was named both the Outstanding Sophomore and Junior in Accounting. She is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma honor

Cecil's activities at Murray State include service as the vice president for Beta Alpha Psi business fraternity and as a Becker Ambassador. She also tutors athletes in business classes, was secretary and reporter for the Accounting Society, and volunteered in the university scholarship office.

As a resident adviser for Clark College for two years, Cecil coordinated programs for the residential college and served as an adviser to the students who live there. She is a student assistant in the Center for Undergraduate Business Advising on campus.

During this past summer, Cecil held an internal audit internship with the Hospital Corporation of America in Nashville, Tenn. She assisted senior auditors and managers with tasks such as audit reviews, identifying audit risks, tests controls and routine data processing.

Cecil will complete an internship with Ernst & Young, a leading firm in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services, during the summer of 2013. Following that, she will pursue an M.B.A. at Murray State University.

Cole, the son of Rod and Kelly Hackett of Paducah, Ky., will receive a bachelor's degree in biology (pre-dentistry) with a minor in chemistry in December. A Dean's List student, Hackett has a 3.79 grade point average on the 4.0 scale.

He has a number of honors including recognition by Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Hackett was the recipient of the Gamma Beta Phi Leadership Award, a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar, and a member of the All KCTCS and All State Academic Teams, and was nominated for the All USA Academic Team.

Hackett earned the associate degree from West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) in Paducah, where he was a 4.0 student, the student speaker at the WKCTC graduation ceremony and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. While at WKCTC, Hackett was president of the College Republicans, the Science Club and Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Chi and Hart College honor societies, and was vice president and treasurer of Gamma Beta Phi and vice president of Tri-Beta honor organiza-

As an active community volunteer, Hackett has worked at home and beyond including Martha's Vineyard in Paducah, helping farmers on the West Bank in Israel, and during Hurricane Katrina clean-up in New Orleans.

He is the farm manager for Mason Dixon Organic Farm and a chair-side assistant for Dr. Allen H. Moffitt Orthodontics.

Following graduation, Hackett plans to attend dental school, and then open a dental practice.

Cecil and Hackett will give valedictions at the December 2012 Commencement ceremony at Murray State University. The event begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, and will be held in the

Murder...

From Front

a subpoena motion filed by the prosecutor seeking to force Burnam to turn over his file, notes and phone logs in the Chantell Humphries shooting death. The 33-year-old mother of three was found slain in a Trigg County cattle pasture in

Burnam has offered to pay \$1,000 to anyone with information leading to a conviction in the Humphries case or two other unsolved slayings in Trigg County - one in 1980 and the other in 2008. The former state trooper was elected to sheriff in 2010 after promising to do whatever he could to solve the mysteries.

Ovey said it was the first time he had ever requested a subpoena to force a police agency to turn over findings in a case that he's prosecuting. He said the sheriff's investigation, independent of the state police probe, could jeopardize the case against the man charged in Humphries' slaying.]

"I'm not saying that the sheriff wouldn't receive information in his capacity as sheriff," Ovey told reporters after the hearing. "But all I ask is that he turn it over to me or the state police. That's not unreasonable.

Once the judge's subpoena order is entered, Burnam will have a specified number of days to turn over his file to Ovey. The prosecutor's motion asked for a Jan. 9 deadline. The judge told the men that

they were both professionals and urged them to work together. The sheriff said afterward that he would comply with the judge's order.

He declined to offer details about his comments directed at the prosecutor, citing the judge's request that he refrain from publicly discussing his investigative findings.

Asked if he would continue pursuing his own investigation in the Humphries case, Burnam replied: "I'll continue to listen to people who come talk to me about anything." Burnam has said he conducted a handful of interviews in recent days in the Humphries case after being approached by people claiming they had information.

The subpoena motion was another sign of the deepening strain pitting Burnam against Ovey and state police.

Ovey said he filed the motion after seeing an email that Burnam sent to state police Lt. Brent White. In the email, Burnam wrote: "I am close to finding out something that someone doesn't want me to know. I am getting more death threats and warnings to leave things alone."

In the same correspondence, the sheriff defiantly told White: "I have never tried to 'take' a case from KSP and I never will. However, I have said and stand by the fact that if KSP will not do what needs to be done I will. And I will not be intimidated by you or anyone. Burnam has said he sent the

email, dated Nov. 28, shortly after receiving a phone call from White, his former KSP colleague.

In a phone interview Tuesday, White said Burnam's decision to pursue his own investigation amounted to "rogue behavior."

"This is not a territorial dispute," White said. "This is about doing what is correct procedure.'

Meanwhile, the judge on Wednesday set an Aug. 19 trial date next year for Claude Russell, a local farm worker who is charged in Humphries' death.

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Obituaries

Douglas Einar Johnson

Douglas Einar Johnson, 70, of Hardin, Ky., passed away Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County

He was born Jan. 2, 194, at the Norwegian hospital in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, N.Y., to Einar Stanley and Howella McCurdy Johnson, who preceded him in death.



Mr. Johnson is survived by his cherished wife of 49 years, Carolyn Pace Johnson, of Hardin; daughter, Annette Johnson Hand; son-in-law, Charles Hand; grandson, Brennan Douglas Hand; granddaughter, Sophie Caroline Hand, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; brothers, Clifford Johnson, of Old Lyme, Conn., and Mark Johnson of Houston, Texas; nieces, Elizabeth Pace, of Houston, Texas and Amanda Pace, of Nashville, Tenn.; grandniece, Savanna Buckingham, of Houston, Texas; brotherin-law, Douglas Pace, of Washington, D.C.; "sister-

in-law," Janice Pace Miller and husband, Ron Miller, of Bonita Springs, Fla.; and extended family and many

At the age of 18, he left New York to attend Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas and later graduated from Murray State University, Murray. Over his successful 40-year career in sales management for major food corporations, he was afforded the opportunity to visit all 48 of the continental states. Thank goodness he loved to travel! After living in Houston, Texas for over 30 years, he and Carolyn retired to the beloved Pace family home on the hill in Hardin. He was thankful for his two church families, Bammel Church of Christ, Houston, Texas and University Church of Christ,

Friends may visit with the family Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home in Benton. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at 1 p.m. followed by burial at Pace Cemetery, Hardin.

Memorial contributions can be made to an organization of your choice or to Eastern Europe Mission. Since 1961, EEM has provided Bibles and biblical literature in the languages of Eastern Europe - EEM P.O. Box 670982, Dallas, TX 75367-0928. Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home in Benton. This is a paid obituary.

J.D. Teitloff

J.D. Teitloff, 87, of Murray, Ky., died at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, Dec

Mr. Teitloff was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Paducah. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant after serving his country for 23 years. He was a member of the U.S.

Air Force Aid Society and the Fraternal Order of

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Harmon and Laura Hazel (Wood) Teitloff; one sister and four brothers.

He is survived by three daughters, Rebecca Teitloff Brennan, of Columbia, Md., Ellen Teitloff Stroud, of Roanoke, Va., and Carol Teitloff Sanden, of Sarasota, Fla.; two sons, Jeffrey Darrell Teitloff, of Murray and Larry David Teitloff, of Santa Monica, Calif.; two sisters, Odetta Hughes, of Paducah and Halene Teitloff, of Marion; one brother, William Charles Teitloff, of Smithland; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah with full military

honors with the Rev. Aaron Stamper officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Murray-Calloway County Hospice, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071. Arrangements are being handled by Milner & Orr Funeral

Virgie L. McKnight

Graveside services for Virgie L. McKnight, 69, of Murray, Ky.,



were held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012 at Stewart Cemetery. A meal was provided by the University Church of Christ immediately following

burial. No public visitation was held. Mrs. McKnight died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was born May 18, 1943 in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

She was retired from Mattel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Katherine Mobley Pickett; one sister, Betty

Pickett; and one brother, John Pickett. She is survived by her husband, John Edward

McKnight, of Murray, to whom she was married June 16, 1960, in Doniphan, Mo.; one daughter, Tammy Johnston and husband, Darren, of Murray; two sons, Gary McKnight and wife, Rita, of Aurora and Dewayne McKnight and wife, Janet, of Hazel; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome. Arrangements were handled by J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Luenell Hale Nixon

Graveside services for Luenell Hale Nixon, 85, of Murray, Ky., will be held Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Murray Memorial Gardens chapel with the Rev. David Allbritten officiating. Entombment will follow. No public visitation is scheduled.

Ms. Nixon died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at her home. She was born in Calloway County Feb. 25, 1927. She worked as a babysitter as well as set with the elderly and she was a member of

Goshen United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, Miley Hale and Flois Ellis Hale, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Estelle Shelton, Pauline

Jones and Mary Wilma Swift Danner; and one brother, Coy Hale. She is survived by two sons, Jerry Don Duncan and Kenneth Dale Duncan and wife, Cathy, all of Murray; four grandchildren and three

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

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Town Crier

The Murray State University Board of Regents will meet in plenary session at 1 p.m. Friday in the Jesse Stuart Room on the second floor of Pogue Library. Committee meetings will be held in the morning starting

The Murray-Calloway
County Hospital Board of

Trustees will have a special called, meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 in the board room of the MCCH North Tower. Agenda items will include the introduction of new physician, Dr. Danielle Foster, a finance report, review and approval of medical staff report and leadership report.

Indian sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar dies at 92

By MUNEEZA NAQVI and RAVI NESSMAN **Associated Press**

NEW DELHI (AP) - With an instrument perplexing to most Westerners, Ravi Shankar helped connect the world through music. The sitar virtuoso mentored a Beatle, became a hippie musical icon and spearheaded the first rock benefit concert as he introduced traditional Indian ragas to Western audiences over nearly a century.

From George Harrison to John Coltrane, from Yehudi Menuhin to David Crosby, his connections reflected music's universality, though a gap persisted between Shankar and many Western fans. Sometimes they mistook tuning for tunes, while he stood aghast at displays like Jimi Hendrix's burning guitar.

"My Dad's music touched millions of people," his daughter, musician Norah Jones, said in a statement. "He will be greatly missed by me and music lovers everywhere."

Shankar died Tuesday at age 92. A statement on his website said he died in San Diego, near his Southern California home with his wife and a daughter by his side. The musician's founda-

tion issued a statement saying that he had suffered upper respiratory and heart problems and had undergone heart-valve replacement surgery last week.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh also confirmed Shankar's death and called him a "national treasure." Ringo Star Shankar's death "a great loss musically, spiritually and physically."

Labeled "the godfather of world music" by Harrison, Shankar helped millions of classical, jazz and rock lovers discover the centuries-old traditions of Indian music

"He was legend of legends," Shivkumar Sharma, a noted santoor player who performed with Shankar, told Indian media. "Indian classical was not at all known in the Western world. He was the musician who had that training ... the ability to communicate with the Western audi-

He also pioneered the concept of the rock benefit with the 1971 Concert For Bangladesh. To later generations, he was known as the estranged father of popular American singer Norah

Sharp preliminary hearing delayed

Staff Report

The preliminary hearing for a Hazel man facing charges of leading law officers on a highspeed chase through parts of Murray and Calloway County in late September was delayed a second time Wednesday.

The hearing for Ronnie Harold Sharp, 43, was scheduled for Calloway District Court, but his attorney, Ches Clark, was unavoidably detained with a case in McCracken County, causing him to ask for the second con-Judge Randy Hutchens granted the continuance after Clark informed him of the conflict earlier in the

The preliminary hearing is now scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. Testimony from one or more officers involved with Sharp's case is expected. Hutchens will then determine if enough evidence exists for a Calloway County grand jury to consider the case for indictment. If the grand jury indicts, the case will then move to Calloway Circuit Court.

Police allege Sharp led officers on a high-speed chase on the night of Sept. 30, after Calloway County Sheriff's deputy Roger Dawson attempted to execute a traffic stop on U.S. 641 north of Murray.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.



PAIGE GRAVES / Ledger & Times WEDNESDAY FIRE: Calloway County Fire-Rescue personnel and local officials responded to a house fire on Watson Road near the county line on Wednesday at approximately 9 a.m. CCFR Assistant Chief Danny Williams reported the cause of the fire to be sparks from a wood stove. Five trucks were called to the scene along with approximately 20 members of CCFR. No injuries were reported and minimal damage was sustained, according to Williams. No other information was immediately available.

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Kentucky News in Brief

Jurors recommend 15 years in fatal crash

BENTON, Ky. (AP) - A jury has recommended a 15-year sentence for a 20-year-old western Kentucky woman convicted of manslaughter and drunken driving in a fatal crash

The Paducah Sun reports formal sentencing for Tiffany Pittman was set for Monday in Marshall Circuit Court. She was convicted last week in the 2011 crash that killed 46-year-old Stephen J.

The jury's recommendation on Tuesday came after emotional testimony from Harper's sons.

Tevin Harper, who is 18, testified that his pain is indescribable since losing his father. Staring steadily at Pittman, he said he has forgiven her, but that she deserves punishment for her actions. Dallas Harper, who is 26, said he was pleased that the jury recommended the maximum sentence.

Health officials say flu widespread in state

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Health officials say the flu level in Kentucky has increased to widespread, and they are recommending vaccinations for everyone except infants younger than 6 months old.

MPD reports Friday collision

Staff Report

Murray Police Department reported Wednesday that police investigated a head-on collision last Friday.

According to the report, an officer responded to a reported collision at the intersection at 13th and Chestnut streets at approximately 8 p.m. Dec. 7. John Mitchell, 21, of Owensboro, was reportedly driving east on Chestnut Street in a 2009 Ford Ranger and attempted to make a left turn into the shopping center at 1304

Chestnut St. Donald Fleeger, 21, of Murray, was driving west when Mitchell crossed into the westbound lane and the vehicles collided front-to-front.

Both vehicles had passengers inside. Allison Fowle, 18, of Louisville, was riding with Mitchell and Autumn Bryan, 17, of Murray, was riding with Fleeger. Murray-Calloway County Hospital spokesman Kyser Lough said Fleeger and Bryan were treated and released and that the hospital had no record of Fowle or Mitchell being admitted.

■ Retire... From Front

Springs, Fla., Ruston, La., Phoenix Valley, Ariz. in addition to the Kentucky Lake region. We've been aware of the Kentucky Lake region for years. There's hiking, biking, cycling, fishing and hunting to name a few (activities.)" The article also mentions events at the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center in Paducah, the cultural resources available at Murray State University and the World's Biggest Fish Fry in Paris."

In addition to outdoor activities and the option for a wellrounded lifestyle, Lindquist said the area also offers access to quality healthcare and a favorable cost of living. "Traditionally, Where to Retire has featured singular towns and cities in our profiles, but we have started running profiles on wider areas to give the feeling of a whole region or area," she said. "Our feature on the Kentucky Lake Region has a long intro followed by individual profiles of Paducah, Murray and Paris. We include a chart with information on population, climate, cost-of-living, taxes and so on for each city."

Local retirees Terry and Judi little are featured in the article, detailing how they selected Murray as their home after making three visits to the city. According to the article, the couple found themselves drawn to western Kentucky, and after spending a weekend at a resort on Kentucky Lake they knew the area would be their home.

"Well, we had good fortune of having plenty of time to plan our retirement," Terry said. "My wife, the research queen, got on the Internet and started looking, and we set out criteria. We knew we wanted to be within 500 miles of Chicago, wanted four seasons, and started taking states off the list after seeing their tax rates. We looked a lot in the midwest, mainly Missouri and Kentucky, and we seemed to keep going through Murray. It started growing on us and we moved in on March 1, 2004. We've always been fortunate to have friendly neighbors, but we have not been anywhere other than Murray where the total envorinment of the community was so open, friendly and helpful. We have just been really

Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development, and six times a year Where to Retire magazine profiles the best of the best. Upon hearing Murray received the Friendliest Town in America by Rand McNally, Lindquist said the uniqe criteria the area provides aided in the designation.

"It's a great place to retire, live and visit," Lindquist said.

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COMMUNITY

Project Leadership Wedding Workshop held

By BOB McGAUGHEY

MSU Print Media More than 150 students and eight teachers/advisers from six schools attended the fourth annual Project Leadership Workshop at Murray State University Dec. 3, according to Stephanie Totty, workshop director.

Project Leadership is an interactive leadership workshop led by MSU faculty and staff in conjunction with the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business and the office of recruitment.

In the first session there were four programs from which to pick - "Team Building: Strength in Numbers," Cami Duffy; "Building Super Skills and a Resume that Rocks: How to sell your skill with a great resume," Dr. Joy Roach; "It's All About Relationships: Getting along for everyone's benefit," Dr. Tim Todd; and "Power Play: Strategies for increasing your influence," Dr. Heath Keller.

In addition, two students representing each school participated in the case-study competition

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In the second session, students could pick from "It's All Greek to Me: How fraternities, sororities and student organizations can give you the chance to change the world," Jason Hinson-Nolen; "Break the Ice: Warm up your meetings with these great icebreakers," Trevor Patton; "What's in It For Me?: Understanding and leading a multi-generational workforce," Teri Ray; "Digital Leaders vs. Digital Losers: Find out the big mistakes you are probably already making that can make or break you now and in the future," Dana Howard; and "What It Takes to Successfully Manage a Project: Working Smarter, Not Harder," Robin

In addition, two students from each school participated in the essay competition. After lunch, all attendees received a presentation on Murray State University.

For more information on the workshop and student winners, contact Totty at stotty@murraystate.edu or at 809-4196.

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FOR A SPECIAL WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maechling Briana Telese Patton, of Brandon, Fla., and Thomas Norbert

Maechling, of Brandon, Fla., were united in marriage Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at Grande Pointe Pavilion at Inlet Beach in Panama City, Fla. The Rev. Don Goodrum officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Lisa Wallin Patton, of Savage, Minn. She is the granddaughter of E.C. and Bernice Wallin, of Murray, the late Jo Ann Houstan, of Paris, Tenn., and Cledis Patton, of Madisonville.

The groom is the son of Mark Maechling, of St. Louis, Mo., and Annette Hurdle, of St. Louis, Mo. He is the grandson of Norb and the late Carol Herdler, of St. Louis, Mo., and the late Betty Maechling, of St. Louis, Mo.

The maid of honor was Emily Peck, of Eureka, Mo. Bridesmaids were Alisha Hinds, of Ashland, Mo., and Erin Green, of Tampa, Fla. The best man was Andrew Silver, of Las Vegas, Nev. Groomsmen were Drew Degeare, of Ellisville, Mo., and Brandon Mangiapanello, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Music was provided by Jessica Cohee, soloist and Michael Cohee, guitarist. A reception followed at Grande Pointe Pavilion.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Eureka High School, Eureka, Mo., and a 2008 graduate of Missouri State University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. She is employed by State Farm

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Pattonville High School and a graduate of Missouri State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is employed by R.J. Reynolds.

style analysis, presentations on the Agriculture Economy, Intellectual Property Soybeans, Soybean Traits & Product Development, Weed Resistance and tours of DuPont Pioneer's research facilities. Participants also gave presentations on their farm operation and **Brewer receives** networked with the other producers and their spouses. Class members will complete phase Walmart scholarship two of their training Feb. 26-March 2, in Kissimmee, Fla., in conjunction with the annual Special to the Ledger

Commodity Classic Convention & Trade Show. Young Leaders

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Landon Brewer, of Benton, was recently honored with the Walmart Scholarship at Southern College of Optometry. The award recognizes an optometry student demonstrating excellent promise in his or her studies, and comes with a \$1,000 monetary

A native of Benton, Brewer is the son of Bret and Cardra Brewer. He is a graduate of Marshall City High School and Murray State University.

Each year, Southern College of Optometry recognizes its most outstanding students at a convocation ceremony in the fall semester. This year, 80 students were honored with awards

and scholarships worth nearly \$100,000 for the 2013 school

College Southern Optometry was established in Memphis, Tenn., in 1932. SCO is an independent, not-for-profit institution of higher education with nearly 500 students from 40 states. The Eye Center at SCO serves nearly 80,000 patients annually, helping make the college one of the top in the nation for clinical optometric education. SCO's Community Outreach Program reaches more than 12,000 children through vision screenings provided annually to Shelby County, Tennessee, students in public, private and charter schools. For more information on SCO, visit www.sco.edu.

Students earn honors at Mid-Continent

Special to the Ledger

MAYFIELD, Ky. - Five Mid Continent University students from Calloway County earned president's list and dean's list honors in the ADVANTAGE programs.

Earning president's list honors were Angie Hanks, of Murray, a member of the Murray 4F Cohort; and Stacey Orr, of Hazel, a member of the Murray 5F Cohort.

Earning dean's list honors were Fimothy Brakie, of Murray, a member of the Murray 4F Cohort; Kristi Hobbs, of Murray, a member of the 4F Cohort; and Chasity Jones, of Murray, a member of the 4F Cohort.

To achieve the president's list,

students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale term. To achieve the dean's list, students must maintain a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99 on a 4.0

ADVANTAGE is an accelerated degree completion program. Adults 24 and above with approximately two years of college can earn the last half of their bachelor's degrees by attending class one night per week for 18 months of instruction. Upon completion, students earn a bachelor of science in business management and/or Christian ministry.

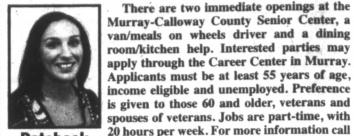
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DATEBOOK **Openings** at the **Senior Center**

There are two immediate openings at the

Murray-Calloway County Senior Center, a

spouses of veterans. Jobs are part-time, with



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Angel alert issued

(270) 247-4046.

The Calloway County Family Resource Center is in need of a working vehicle to be donated for a family consisting of a single mother with three school age children. Call Michelle Hansen at 762-7333

Free flu shots available

Free flu shots are available at the Angels Clinic, 1005 Poplar St. Murray. For more information call 759-2223 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

FCC to host Christmas programs

First Christian Church, 111 North Fifth St., Murray, will host a Choir Cantata at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. A Children's Christmas program, "A Super Christmas" will be held at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 753-3824.

4-H club to attend trip

The 4-H Teen Club will go ice skating and shopping in Nashville, Tenn., Friday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. If attending, all reservations should be made by Friday, Dec. 14. Call or text Vi Wood at 227-4943.

Alphas of MWC to meet

The Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11:30 9:30 a.m. at clubhouse for a program on 'The Spirit of Giving." Hostesses will be Janet Dees and Marlene Beach with a devotional by Donna Herndon. Members are asked to bring finger foods. All members are encouraged to attend.

NBSG to meet Saturday

The New Beginnings Support Group will meet Saturday, Dec. 15, at Westside Baptist Church, 207 Robertson Road South, Murray, with LoTarsha Lee as speaker. A potluck meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Parking is available in the rear of the building. The public is invited. For more information call Ron or Linda Wright at 753-0156.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday at Edgewood Baptist Church. At 5:40 p.m. a meal is served, at 6:40 p.m. is large group and at 7:40 p.m. are small groups. For more information call (270) 886-4461.

WATCH needs aluminum cans

WATCH Center at 702 Main St., Murray, needs aluminum cans for an on-going fundraising project. Peggy Williams, director, said, "These may be taken to the center during regular hours or persons may drive through the driveway on the west side of the center and place them in the cotton wagon there anytime day or night."

KSP to collect food items

The Kentucky State Police will be collecting non perishable food items until Friday, Dec. 14, to be distributed to local food pantries for distribution to families in the Post 1 district. Anyone wishing to make a donation may visit the post in Mayfield or call (270) 856-

Toy drive underway

Lake Chem Credit Union, 112 North 12th St., Murray, will hold a toy drive until Monday, Dec. 17. Participants who bring in any new, unwrapped toy may register to win a pair of tickets to see Little Big Town. Toys will be donated to Murray-Calloway County Need Line.

MHS football banquet set

The 2012 Murray High Football Banquet will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Murray State University Curris Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. Football players, cheerleaders and coaching staffs will be free but will need to RSVP. All other tickets will be \$15. Contact Greg Carter at greg.carter@lataky.com to RSVP and/to order tickets no later than Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Santa Claus is coming downtown

Santa Claus is coming downtown Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1:30-4 p.m. Make plans to visit with Santa and the elves at his house on the Courthouse lawn this coming weekend.

Mother to Mother to meet

The breastfeeding support group, Mother to Mother, will meet Friday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at Pagliai's, Murray. All ages of children are welcome. For more information call Tricia Foster at 753-6712 or Valarie Douglas at 227-1693.

Glorybound entertainment to meet

Glorybound Christian Entertainment Ministry will meet Friday, Dec. 14, from 7-9 p.m. at Goshen United Methodist Church Family Fellowship Center, Stella. Featured will be The Hallelujah Singers and Ethylene Darnell. The public is invited. For more information call Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Pat Leah at 761-2666.

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.

Reformers' Unanimous to meet

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

Christmas services set

St. John's Episcopal Church, 1620 W. Main St., Murray, will hold a Christmas Eve service Monday, Dec. 24, at 8 p.m. The Christmas Day service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend both services. For more information call the Rev. Rose Bogal-Allbritten at 293-9490.

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'A Christmas Carol'

HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times Playhouse in the Park presents Charles Dickens' immortal classic, "A Christmas Carol" for its final weekend at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Pictured above, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Don Fleming, angrily ignores a group of carolers outside his office window. For more information or tickets, call 759-1752 or visit www.playhouseinthepark.net.

Hazel Woman's Club hosts Christmas decorating contest

Special to the Ledger

HAZEL, Ky. — The date for the judging of the annual outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest for residents of Hazel has been set. This year the judging will be Monday, Dec. 17. Judging will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m., so residents are asked to have their lights on by 6 p.m.

Club President Lucretia Veazey said, "The judges will

all the homes that are decorated and to make sure they are impartial, the judges do not live in Hazel nor are they members of the Hazel Woman's Club."

Veazey noted that Paschall's Magical Christmas Light Show will not compete for the prizes saying that "the club gives a donation to the Magical Christmas Light Show." Additionally members of the

drive around Hazel and look at Hazel Woman's Club that live in Hazel are not eligible to win

> This annual contest has been sponsored for many years by the Hazel Woman's Club. Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. The winners will have signs placed in their yards until the end of the year. All residents in the city limits of Hazel are invited to participate.

Wastelanders host New Year's Eve party, reception

Special to the Ledger

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Paducah Wastelanders, a group of regional artists which are either native or longtime residents of the Paducah area, will be hosting their sixth annual New Year's Eve Art Exhibition and party at the Yeiser Art

Center, 200 Broadway, in downtown Paducah.

Exhibiting artists include: E.J. Abell, David Brown, Paula Danby, Mark Donham, Nancy Flowers, Juanita Gilliam, Kristi Hanson, LaNelle Mason, Jane Viterisi and Jerry Watson. Music

This two-day exhibition will be on display during the opening reception on Monday, Dec. 31, from 6-9 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Josh White or John Paul will be performed by Nathan Henry at (270) 442-2453.



CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT: The Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club met on Nov. 26. It was reported that the Holiday Bazaar raised \$1,500 for the Annette Schmidt scholarship at MSU, K-12 Student Art Show and High School Summer Art Workshops at Murray State University. The members decorated the downstairs of the MWC Clubhouse, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, for the holiday season. Mary Henderson, pictured at left, and Diane Taylor, right, department co-chairs, were the hostesses. The next meeting of Creative Arts will be Monday, Jan. 28, 2013 at the Red Bug Yard Shop at 108 Third Street in Murray. Owner Jill Courtney will be presenting, "With Ewe in Mind ... New Fun Yarn Ideas." Hostesses will be Gale Vinson and Joetta Kelly. New members and guests are always

Badgett Playhouse offers 4 Christmas shows

Special to the Ledger

GRAND RIVERS, Ky. The Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers presents four different Christmas shows this month. For tickets or information, visit www.grandriversvariety.com or call 1-888-362-4223.

• "A Tuna Christmas In this hilarious sequel to "A Greater Tuna," it's Christmastime in the third smallest town in Texas. Its wacky citizens parade across the stage in a cavalcade of eccentric personalities all played by two actors. You'll howl when you meet all kinds of eccentric characters such as Joe Bob Lipsey, whose production of "A Christmas Carol," jeopardized by unpaid electric bills. This is a total delight for any season.

"A Sanders Family

In this sequel to the everto see how their friends from popular New York hit "Smoke on the Mountain," the Sanders family returns to Mount Pleasant, N.C., home of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Factory. It's Christmas Eve 1941. Reverend Oglethorpe has invited them to the Baptist church to sing and witness, getting the congregation into the downhome holiday spirit before the boys, including one of the Sanders' own, are shipped off to World War II. More than two dozen Christmas carols, many of them vintage hymns, and hilarious yuletide stories from

the more or less devout Sanders

family keep the audience laugh-

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"Smoke on the Mountain" have been getting along. Christmas

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The shooter, who wore a mask, was a young man who fired randomly, investigators said. The only person wounded was a young woman, Kristina Shevchenko, whose age could not be confirmed. She was in serious condition at Oregon Health & Science University

Hospital in Portland. Police said they had tentatively identified the gunman but would not release his name or give any information on a possible motive.

"It really was a killing of total strangers, to my knowledge at this point and time. He was really trying to kill as many people as possible," Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts told "Good Morning ABC's

America:" People at the mall were heroic in helping get shoppers out of the building, including off-duty emergency room nurses who rendered aid, Roberts said.

shootings elsewhere, the first arriving officers were trained to form teams and go inside instead of waiting for SWAT. Employees at the mall also received training to handle such

"This could have been much. much worse," Roberts said.

The first 911 call came at 3:29 p.m. Tuesday. The first officers arrived a minute later. By 3:51 p.m., all the victims and the gunman and rifle had been found. clearing the 1.4 million squarefoot mall, leaving shoppers and workers to hide in fear.

The mall Santa, Brance Wilson, was waiting for the next child's Christmas wish when shots rang out, causing the mall to erupt into chaos.

About to invite a child to hop onto his lap, Wilson instead dove for the floor and kept his head down as he heard shots being fired upstairs in the mall.

"I heard two shots and got out of the chair. I thought a red suit was a pretty good target," said Wilson, 68. Families waiting for Santa scattered. More shots followed, and Wilson crept away

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Witnesses said the gunman fired several times near the mall food court until the rifle jammed and he dropped a magazine onto the floor, then ran into the Macy's store.

Witnesses heard the gunman saying, "I am the shooter," as he fired rounds from a semi-automatic rifle inside the Clackamas Town Center, a popular suburban mall several miles from downtown Portland.

Some were close enough to the Four SWAT teams spent hours shooter to feel the percussion of his gun

Police rapid-response teams came into the mall with guns drawn, telling everyone to leave. Shoppers and mall employees who were hiding stayed in touch with loved ones with cellphones

Kayla Sprint, 18, was interviewing for a job at a clothing store when she heard shots.

"We heard people running back here screaming, yelling '911,'" she told The Associated

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past people who had dropped for cover and glass littering the "I figure if he's shooting a gun,

he's gonna run out of bullets," DeCosta said, "and I'm gonna take him."

DeCosta said when he got to the food court. "I saw a gentleman face down, obviously shot in the head.'

"A lot of blood," DeCosta said. "You could tell there was nothing you could do for him."

He said he also saw a woman on the floor who had been shot in the chest

Austin Patty, 20, who works at Macy's, said he saw a man in a white mask carrying a rifle and wearing a bulletproof vest. There was a series of rapid-fire shots in short succession as Christmas music played. Patty said he dove for the floor and

His Macy's co-worker, Pam Moore, told the AP the gunman was short, with dark hair.

Kira Rowland told KGW-TV that she was shopping at Macy's with her infant son when the "All of a sudden you hear two

shots, which sounded like balloons popping," Rowland told the station. "Everybody got on the ground. I grabbed the baby from the stroller and got on the ground."

Rowland said she heard people

screaming and crying. "I put the baby back in the stroller and ran," Rowland said.

Kaelynn Keelin was working two stores down from Macy's when the gunfire began. She watched windows of another store get shot out. She and her co-workers ran to get customers inside their own store to take

"If we would have run out, we would have run right into it," she

Shaun Wik, 20, was Christmas shopping with his girlfriend and opened a fortune cookie at the food court. Inside was written: "Live for today. Remember yesterday. Think of tomorrow."

As he read it, he heard three shots. He heard a man he believes was the gunman shout, "Get down!" but Wik and his girlfriend ran. He heard seven or eight more shots. He didn't turn around.

"If I had looked back, I might not be standing here," Wik said. "I might have been one of the ones who got hit."

Clackamas Town Center is one of the Portland area's biggest and busiest malls, with 185 stores and a 20-screen movie

Holli Bautista, 28, was shopping at Macy's for a Christmas dress for her daughter when she heard pops that sounded like firecrackers. "I heard people running and screaming and saying 'Get out, there's somebody shooting," she told the AP.

She said hundreds of shoppers and mall employees started running, and she and dozens of other people were trying to escape through a department store exit.

Boehner: 'Serious differences' remain in negotiation talks

WASHINGTON (AP) -House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that "serious differences" remain between him and President Barack Obama in negotiations on averting automatic spending cuts and tax increases that economists fear could send the U.S. economy over a "fiscal cliff."

Boehner's comments came as top Democrats pushed back on GOP demands for tough steps like raising the Medicare eligibility age and curbing the costof-living adjustment for Social Security.

Boehner and Obama spoke on the phone twice Tuesday, a day after the president offered to reduce his initial demand for \$1.6 trillion in higher tax revenue over a decade to \$1.4 trillion. But Obama continued to insist that much of the revenue come from raising top tax rates

on the wealthy. Boehner countered later Tuesday with another offer that aides to the Ohio Republican said stuck close to a document delivered to the White House a

week ago. A top White House aide, Rob Nabors, came to the Capitol to respond.

Boehner on Wednesday offered a sour assessment less than three weeks before the cliff would strike the economy with \$500 billion worth of spending cuts and higher tax rates if left in place through September.

"There were some offers that were exchanged back and forth yesterday and the president and I had pretty frank conversations about just how far apart we are." the Ohio Republican said after a closed-door meeting with fellow GOP lawmakers in which he advised them not to make plans for the week after

Leading lawmakers expressed pessimism that a deal was close, despite increasing angst about a Dec. 31 deadline to stop the expiration of Bush-era tax cuts and separate across-the-board spending cuts that are the result of Washington's failure to complete a deficit-reduction deal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY This year your sixth sense pro-

vides you with flashes of insight. Be willing to let go of what no longer works. Put your energy where it makes a difference, and you will feel more satisfied as a result. Honor a need for more private time. If you are single, someone interesting appears from out of the blue. Keep in mind that this person could leave just as quickly. Let time decide whether a relationship is long-term. If you are attached, reintroduce more unpredictability into your bond. Given time, you could see your bond strengthen. CAPRICORN knows much more about money than you realize.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Be responsive to a boss or older relative, and communication between you will open up more. You'll be able to share what has been making you uncomfortable and finally clear the air. Tonight: It's Friday night! djust your plans accordingly. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

though a comment or situation

could trigger a desire within you to do something differently. Sudden insights also might trip you up just as you are walking out the door. Honor your priorities. Afterward, you finally can relax. Tonight: Take in new vis-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Deal with others directly. You will be most effective if you follow that guideline. You might not be OK with a change in attitude from a key person in your life. You can talk around it all you want, but you need to accept what is happening. Tonight: Add spice to your

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Defer to others, and let them run the show. Understand that you can't always maintain a high level of control. Someone you respect might do or say something that is out of character for him or her. Don't read too much into this. Just go with the flow. Tonight: Say "yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Good intentions go a long way, but couple them with endurance, and you can't seem to lose. You deal with the unexpected well. In fact, you enjoy change. You must adapt your schedule to these changes. Do not become rigid. Tonight: Join a friend for eggnog and cheer. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your creativity comes out when dealing with what is

starting to be the customary unpredictability of key people in your life. You are starting to become a pro at dealing with chaos. Stay direct, and know what you want to achieve.

Tonight: Ever playful. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might want to try a different approach when faced with a recurring conflict between home base and a relationship. You'll need to rethink your priorities beyond the conventional mode. Refuse to become easily triggered. Tonight: Happiest at

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to stay focused on several important issues. Situations around you could pry you away from your agenda, but at what cost? Stay strong and centered on your objectives. A loved one could need more of your time and

attention. Tonight: Easy works;

vou deserve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Be aware of the financial consequences surrounding a risk. Unfortunately, you could witness a big backfire, unless you take the time to assess the situation. Sometimes less spontaneity is good. Verbalize your thoughts. Tonight: Off doing

some holiday shopping. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. You are coming from

by Jacqueline Bigar a position of strength, and others will concede. Discuss your objective in a meeting and with key friends. You will experience change, but you will endure.

Tonight: Only where the action

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Listen to what is not being said. Stay on top of your goals, holiday shopping, important events and whatever else might be filling your plate. Listen and share more. You have a sound sense of direction. Use it. Tonight: Read between the

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You are full of fun and energy. You also are optimistic, and what appeals to you are thoughts that are a little more accepting and less emotional. Follow through with the knowledge of where you need to head. Your comfort is a high priority. Tonight: Play a favorite hol-

BORN TODAY Actress Patty Duke (1946), author Shirley Jackson (1916). seer Nostradamus French (1503)

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Looking Back

Murray City Council members Jay Morgan, Bill Wells, Hugh Massey, Lance Allison, Bill Adams and Jane Brandon are pictured taking the oath of office during the Murray City Council meeting in the new council chambers. Murray's new mayor, Tom Rushing, was also sworn in.

Donnie Winchester was elected as a Murray board member. The board will vote in a new chair in January.

World War II veterans Walton Fulkerson, J.B. Burkeen and James Morton received honorary diplomas from the Calloway County School System thanks to a new law passed by the Kentucky General Assembly allowing diplomas to honorably discharged vet-

Twenty years ago

Kala Dawn Seavers, daughter of Joe and Melissa Seavers, of Murray, was the winner of two trophies at the Little Miss Kentucky Oaks Mall Christmas Pageant.

Kellie Overbey, of Murray, will be featured in the television show, 'Quantum Leap" scheduled for Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. on NBC.

In high school basketball, Calloway County beat Hickman county 52-37. Senior Jason Greer led the scoring and had six rebounds.

L.D. McKnight harvested a 10point, 140 pound buck in southern Calloway County after daughter Dawn, 16, bagged a doe in Livingston County, which followed brother, Adam, 14, who bagged a doe on opening day in southern Calloway County.

Thirty years ago A feature story about local magician Jimmy Gingles was included on the front page of today's edition. It was written by Jennie Gordon, staff writer.

Members of Cub Scout Dens 2 and 5 and Pack 57 Carter School include Bart Wilder, Ryan Peckenpaugh, Chris Norsworthy, Jason Stevenson, David Nowak,

Chad Windsor, John Sales, Paul Russell, Nick Jones, Christopher Brandon, Chad Turner, Mark Simmons, James Oakely and Josh Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Jones Sr., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and open house at their home, hosted by their children and grandchil-

North Elementary School students who participated in plays, "John Paul Jones" and "1621 A Day of Thanks" included Andrea Crick, Michael Hopkins, Beth Hale and Loren Wisehart, Scott Buchanan, Michelle Clayton, David Sledd, Angie Miller and Julie Tucker.

Forty years ago

In high school basketball, Murray High beat Mayfield 45-36. High team scorers were Don Faughn for Murray and Roger Fields for Mayfield.

Births reported include a boy to Dr. and Mrs. David Parker, Nov.

Eight couples were evacuated from the World War II Barracks at Orchard Heights, Murray State College, after fire damaged one end of the barracks yesterday.

Ed Frank Jeffrey and Danny Kemp, students at Murray College High School, won honors at Debate Tournament at Isaac Litton High School, Nashville, Tenn.,

Sixty years ago

Eltis Henson, Paul Gholson, Dr. J.A. Outland, Mrs. E.C. Parker, Rue Overy, S.V. Foy and the Rev. Paul Lyles were members of a panel on "Minimum Foundation Program of Education in Kentucky" at a meeting of the Murray High School Unit of Parent-Teacher Association.

In high school basketball, New Concord beat Lynn Grove. High team scorers were "Speedy' Mathis for New Concord and Bobby Kemp for Lynn Grove.

Dental school would welcome tooth fairy's treasure trove

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DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Always His Mom" (Sept. 26), who asked what to do with her grown son's baby teeth. She can contact the college of dentistry close to her and ask if the school would like to have the baby teeth the Tooth Fairy collected.

When I was in dental school, deciduous

Dear Abby

would make these a good learning aid By Abigail for students. Van Buren When I was

in school, the deciduous teeth were nearly smooth because of the number of students who had handled them, making them very difficult to identify. -- DOUG FROM SOLON, IOWA

DEAR DOUG: Your suggestion to contact a dental school and ask if they would be interested in using the baby teeth as learning aids is sensible. Other readers offered some "unique" ideas on the subject:

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment about what to do with those baby teeth. The original reasoning behind the tooth under the pillow custom was to keep witches from getting ahold of them and casting a spell on the child. The traditional disposition of those teeth was straight into the fire! -- LADAWN IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: I had a neighbor with five children. She also kept their baby teeth and was inspired to use them to make a present for her father. At the time, we were into casting things in plastic, so she bought a mold for a toilet seat and embedded all the teeth neatly into it. Her father refused to use it because he said it would be like sitting in a shark's mouth. -- CAROLE IN GILFORD,

DEAR ABBY: My son passed away. His girlfriend was pregnant and had the baby four months later. We had a DNA test done using his baby teeth, which I had saved. It proved he was the father, and the baby, our grandson, is now 10 years old.

Also, with this information, the boy was able to get Social Security benefits for survivors. It was a bit of a struggle, but well worth it. How's that for a good use for baby teeth? -- GRANDMA IN NEWBURGH, N.Y. DEAR ABBY: As I was clean-

ing out my father's dresser, I found an envelope with a drawing that I had done in kindergarten and another envelope containing a tooth and a note to the Tooth Fairy written in my childish hand.

Imagine how touched I was when I found it -- knowing he had kept these things for nearly a half a century. I think putting the teeth in an envelope for "Always'" son to find later on would be a lovely thing to do. SISSY IN LAUSANNE, **SWITZERLAND**

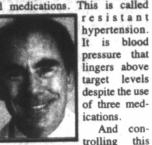
DEAR ABBY: My favorite Tooth Fairy memory is when my 6-year-old daughter asked if she would hear the "Tooth Fairy's wings flapping" when she came to collect the tooth that had been placed under her pillow. Kids do say the darnedest things, and yes, I still have her teeth and the notes she wrote to the Tooth Fairy. -KARIE'S MOM IN ENCINO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter did a science fair project on tooth decay, I let her have the jar of saved teeth for her experiments. She did a thorough research job and a beautiful presentation, earning a blue ribbon. JANICE IN ROCHESTER,

Review the best ways to control resistant hypertension

DEAR DOCTOR K: I've made lifestyle changes and take three blood pressure medications, but my blood pressure still isn't where my doctor wants it to be. What else can I do?

DEAR READER: Sometimes high blood pressure (hypertension) doesn't respond to lifestyle changes and medications. This is called



trolling Dr. Komaroff matters. Heart disease, for By example, is Dr. Anthony much more Komaroff

common in people with resistant hypertension than in people with controlled blood pressure.

One factor that may be contributing to your resistant hypertension is sleep apnea. In this condition, there are pauses in your breathing while you sleep. If you do have sleep apnea, a type of drug called an aldosterone blocker may help.

Some additional steps you can take:

-- Know your true blood pressure. Check your blood pressure at home a few times a day. Home blood pressure machines are very accurate these days; they're also easy to use and relatively inexpensive. Home measurements are helpful because sometimes people have normal blood pressures except when they come to their doctor's office. It's called "whitecoat hypertension." Believe it or not, it even happens with my patients.

-- Optimize your medications. You're probably already taking a thiazide diuretic; most people with high blood pressure should be

Many types of drugs can be added to the diuretic. Some people respond better to certain drug types than others. The time of day you take your medications may make a difference. So might taking one long-acting drug versus several short-acting medica-

-- Beware other pills and potions. Some drugs and supplements can boost blood pressure. Ask your doctor if anything you are taking may be having this

-- Get a checkup. In particular, get checked for conditions that contribute to resistant hypertension, such as several adrenal gland diseases, silent kidney disease and sleep apnea.

-- Shake the salt habit. People with resistant hypertension may be especially sensitive to the pressure-boosting effect of sodium. Keep your daily intake of sodium under 1,500 milligrams

(about 2/3 teaspoon of salt). -- Stick with the standards:

*exercise *weight control

pressures.

*eating more fruits and vegetables *no smoking

*alcohol in moderation, if at *stress-relieving activities

A personal anecdote: I have mild high blood pressure that has been easily controlled with medicines for many years. Several months ago, my blood pressure started to go up. None of the conditions that can cause resistant hypertension turned up when I was tested. Increasing the doses of my medicines didn't drop the

The only thing that was different was I had gained about four pounds on a vacation that was short on exercise and long on eating. When I lost 8 pounds over the next three weeks, my blood pressure dropped to nor-

Today in History

By the Associated Press Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 2012. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later. On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its char-

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to

visit Europe while in office. In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains as many as 300,000 people died; Japan says the toll was far less.)

In 1944, during World War II,

the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives

In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

One year ago: Early sound recordings by Alexander Graham Bell that were packed away at the Smithsonian assistation for more than a century were played publicly for the first time using new technology that read the sound with light and a 3D camera.

Hints From Heloise

SHEETS

Dear Heloise: When the kids are sick, especially during flu season, it isn't always

Heloise

the lovable bundle of germs out of the bed just to wash the sheets. Instead, I now change the pillowcases daily until the kids are feeling well. This makes them feel slightly better, and I feel better knowing I am cleaning what I can until they are well and I can get all of the bedding cleaned. Ellen G. in Illinois

Dear Heloise: A reader suggested leaving the stove dome light on as a reminder that something is cooking. I use it as a reminder that something needs further attention, such as being placed in the refrigerator after it cools. D.L. in Nebraska

PRINTER WARNING

Dear Readers: When putting paper in the printer or copier, put a piece of colored paper (like purple!) in between the last five to 10 pieces, and it will alert you that the paper is about to run

out - Heloise PREVENTING A MUSTY **SMELL**

Dear Heloise: We live in the Pacific Northwest (where it rains a lot) and leave our home for six months in the winter. We leave the heat set at 50 degrees while we're gone. When we return, the house has a MUSTY SMELL that has invaded the bed linens, drapes and carpets. It takes weeks of cleaning, laundering and airing to get rid of the smell. Is there anything we can do to prevent this from happening? - Cher in Wash-

The blame might be on mold and mildew for that musty smell. But the real key is air circulation: If you have a close friend or family member whom you trust, have that person come by monthly to open up the house and get some air moving. There also are new thermostats that you can program to come on only an hour or so a day, which in your case would be worth the investment.

If you think mold or mildew might be the problem, try installing de-humidifiers with a timer, which will take water out of the air in your home. For more recommendations on handling mold and mildew, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website at

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www.epa.gov. - Heloise APPLIANCE REPAIR

Dear Heloise: Please remind everyone that when you take an appliance to be repaired, you should make sure you record the serial number first. I took my very expensive vacuum cleaner to a manufacturer-authorized repair facility and got the wrong one back. I can't prove that it's not mine, because I did not have the serial number written down, and the repairman did not record the serial number of the machine on the repair bill. Lesson learned. Bobbie, via email

Thanks for sharing your story, and I'm sorry to hear about your vacuum! This is an important hint, though, for all - record the serial number, take a picture or mark an appliance in a way that ensures you get the right one returned to you. I say grab the red nail polish! - Heloise

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

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Summitt named outstanding contributor

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From UT Athletics

ATLANTA - Pat Summitt, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history, can add one more career achievement award to her trophy case. Summitt, the women's basketball head coach emeritus at Tennessee, was selected as the 2013 Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Women's College Basketball Award, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced Wednesday.

First given in 1999 to Margaret Summitt led the Lady Vols to eight Basketball Award," Summitt said.

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POWELL NAMED

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From MSU Athletics

continues for a pair of Racers as

the Associated Press handed out

Wednesday afternoon. Junior wide

receiver/kick returner Walter

Powell was a first-team selection

as an all-purpose runner, while

Brockman was selected to the sec-

son the Racers have had an All-

America selection from the

AP. Linebacker Nathan Williams

was a first-team selection in 2008,

while defensive end Austen Lane

was a third-team selection in 2008,

2009. Wide receiver Marcus Harris

was honored as a second-team

selection in 2010, while Brockman

took home third-team honors in

was tabbed as a First-Team All-

America by The Sports Network

on Monday, finished the 2012 sea-

son with 2,123 all-purpose yards.

His 193 all-purpose yards per

As a receiver, Powell set new

school records with 94 catches for 1,213 yards, while becoming just

the fourth player to catch 10 touch-

down passes in a season. His six

100-yard receiving games also set

a new record. Powell ranks fourth

game rank second in the FCS.

Powell (St. Louis, Mo.) who

It marked the fifth-straight sea-

ond team.

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The postseason recognition

honors

Wade, the Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Women's Basketball Award is presented annually to individuals whose extraordinary efforts have made contributions of outstanding significance and have created a long-lasting positive impact on the game of basketball. The recipients display character, integrity and dignity, and have contributed mightily to the growth, success and viability of basketball. To be eligible, an individual must have been involved with the sport in a capacity related to coaching, broadcasting, college administra-

Summitt is the only coach in NCAA history with 1,000 victories and holds a career record of 1098-208. She retired in 2012 after spending her entire 38-year career coaching at the University of Tennessee. During her tenure,

in the FCS in receptions per game

and 9th in receiving yards per

26.3 yards per kickoff return (5th

in FCS), and 15.8 yards per punt

return(17th in FCS). Powell set an

FCS record when her returned a

punt 100 yards for a touchdown in

the victory over Southeast

Missouri. He also returned a punt

71 yards for a touchdown in the

earned his second All-America

honor of the week after being

tabbed a third-team selection by

TSN. He closed out his record-set-

ting career by putting his name

atop every single game, single sea-

son and career passing record at

going 359-for-517 for 3,729 yards

and 28 touchdowns. He also

rushed for seven touchdowns.

Brockman leads the OVC in

attempts, completions, yards and

total offense, setting new single-

season records in all categories. He

threw for at least 300 yards in eight

games this season, including four

Brockman leads the FCS in com-

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(32.64), ranks second in total

offense per game (345.64) and

completion percentage (69.44),

third in passing yards and fourth in

points accounted for per game

the OVC and rank in the top five

nationally in passing offense, total

offense and scoring offense for the

third-straight season.

The duo helped the Racers lead

On the national scene,

games over 400 yards.

He finished his final season by

Brockman (Murray, Ky.) also

victory over Tennessee Tech.

As a returner, Powell averaged

tion or the news media.

Championships and 16 SEC Championships, and was named Naismith Women's College Coach of the Year five times (1987, 1989, 1994, 1998, 2004). On May 29, 2012, President Obama presented Summitt with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Selected by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Directors, Summitt will be recognized at the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Naismith Awards Banquet on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in Atlanta. The Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Men's Basketball winner is Lute Olson. He will be honored alongside Summitt.

"If it's possible to be both proud and humbled at the same time, I am at being named as the winner of the 2013 Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Women's College

National Any award associated with the name Naismith is a special award, and I look forward to receiving it in Atlanta next March. I have always enjoyed my association with the Atlanta Tipoff Club and have appreciated all they have done to grow and promote the game of basketball."

> "It's hard to imagine what women's college basketball would be today had Pat not been the pioneer that she was," said Eric Oberman, Atlanta Tipoff Club executive director. "Her contributions, both on and off the court, embody the very meaning of this award and her imprint on the sport will live on forever."

MSU MEN'S BASKETBALL Canaan cleared to return to action after head contact at Evansville

CONCUSSION-LIKE SENIOR BEGAN PRACTICE WEDNESDAY

Sports Editor

ing Sunday's tilt with Western Kentucky -- both teams will have its top guard. After suffering a blow to the head in last

"Isaiah, he will be fine. It was more his eye that was bothering him than anything, and he's doing all right. I also expect Price to be just fine for them," Prohm said with a smile. "I assume it's finals week for Western, so that means that both teams have had

"But yeah, Isaiah will be ready to go and I'm

While the backcourt has been one of the Sun Belt's best, Western Kentucky's frontcourt has been

Recent history has been on the Racers side, with Murray State claiming the last two victories over their rivals to the east. Since head coach Ray Harper took over the Western Kentucky program, however, the Hilltoppers have been on fire, claiming the Sun Belt Tournament championship last season before defeating Mississippi Valley State in the opening round of last March's NCAA

Harper has the Hilltoppers at 8-2 so far this sea-

SYMPTOMS HAVE FADED,

By RICKY MARTIN

Steve Prohm is sure of at least one thing enter-

Saturday's 82-70 victory over Evansville, Prohm says Murray State guard Isaiah Canaan will be ready to go for Sunday's rivalry game, adding he also expects the Hilltoppers to have T.J. Price back in uniform.

Price, who missed last Saturday's victory over IUPUI with a sprained right ankle, leads the Hilltoppers in scoring this season, and Prohm said both

guards should be well rested and healthy entering

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a week to get healthy and to get ready, and that should make for an exciting basketball game.

sure Price will too."

Price is averaging 16.9 points per game this season, and is one of three Hilltoppers in double figures. Senior point guard Jamal Crook, who dropped 25 in Price's absence against the Jaguars, is second on the team with a 15.5 points per game average.

impressive too.

Sophomore George Fant leads the Hilltoppers fowards in scoring and leads Western Kentucky in rebounding, averaging just over seven boards a game. Meanwhie, Teeng Akol patrols the middle for Western Kentucky at 6-foot-11, leading the team with 12 blocked shots.

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son -- their best start since the 2007-08 season --

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UK hires O-line coach

From UK Athletics

LEXINGTON, Ky. - John Schlarman, a former All-Southeastern Conference offensive guard and graduate assistant coach at the University of Kentucky, has returned to his alma mater to coach the offensive line, head coach Mark Stoops announced Tuesday.

Schlarman comes to UK from Troy University, where he has coached the offensive line for the past six years, adding the duty of running game coordinator since 2010. He has helped Troy win or share four Sun Belt Conference championships and advance to three bowl games.

Troy has had one of the nation's most productive offenses during Schlarman's term, ranking among the nation's top 26 in total offense in five of his six seasons at the school. With new UK offensive coordinator Neal Brown in the same role at Troy, the Trojans hit a No. 3 ranking in total offense in 2009 with 485.7 yards per game. Troy averaged 498.8 yards per game in 2012, ranking 13th nationally.

Featuring pass-oriented offenses, the Trojans have rated as high as No. 4 in the nation in passing

yardage, accomplished in 2009 at 336.5 yards per game. Troy was eighth nationally in passing in 2012 with 331.5 yards per game.

Troy also has had complementary running games with Schlarman, averaging at least 149 yards per game in five of his six seasons, featuring a high mark of 182.6 yards per contest in 2007. All the yardage also has resulted in point production as the team has averaged at least 30 points per game in five of his six

Individually, Schlarman has coached eight first-team All-Sun Belt selections, including at least one first-teamer each season. Two of his linemen, Dion Small and Tyler Clark, were two-time firstteam All-SBC. Another All-SBC lineman, James Brown, went on to the National Football League and currently is a member of the Chicago Bears.

"I like what John has done at Troy and the very prolific offenses they have had," Stoops said. "John has built a great reputation as an offensive line coach. He's not only a great coach but part of the tradi-

Schlarman originally came to the

University from Highlands High School in Ft. Thomas, Ky., where he was an all-state offensive lineman. He was a four-year starter at Kentucky from 1994-97, earning first-team All-SEC honors as a senior. He also was a member of the SEC All-Freshman Team in 1994 and was chosen the team's most outstanding offensive lineman in 1995 and '96. Following his junior season, he was chosen for the "Unsung Hero All-America Team" by the College Football Chronicle.

Also an outstanding student, Schlarman was a three-year member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was a finalist for Academic All-America in 1997 after earning a place on the Academic All-District Team. He graduated with a degree in mathematics and later earned his master's in sports management.

Schlarman entered coaching at Bourbon County High School, coaching the defensive line in 1998 and '99, helping guide the team to the state playoffs both seasons. He returned to UK as a graduate assistant coach from 2000-02, helping with the offensive line all three seasons. He also had sole responsibility of the tight ends in the '02 cam- Joseph, Benjamin and Matthew.

paign when the Wildcats compiled a 7-5 record.

RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Murray State wide receiver Walter Powell hauls in a tough catch

in a home game against Tennessee Tech. Powell, along with

quarterback Casey Brockman were named AP All-Americans

Schlarman re-entered the highschool ranks in 2003 as head coach at Campbell County for two seasons. He moved to Newport HS in 2004-05 and had a two-year record of 19-6, including two state playoff appearances and a district title. The best season was 2005, when Newport went 11-2 and reached the state playoff quarterfinals before losing to the eventual state champion. He was named District Coach of the Year in 2005 by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association.

"It's an honor to get to come back to my home state and alma mater," Schlarman said. "I'm looking forward to contributing to making Kentucky a winner.

"Getting to coach with Mark Stoops and Neal Brown is a great opportunity. There's a lot of energy on this staff that will carry over to the players and onto the field."

Schlarman is married to the former Lee Anne Federspiel, daughter of former UK linebacker Joe Federspiel. They have three sons,

MURRAY STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Dirks named freshman of the week, third straight for MSU

From MSU Athletics

Freshman Kelsey Dirks of the Murray State women's basketball team was named as the adidas® OVC Freshman of the Week for games played December 3-9, the league office announced on Tuesday. Dirks' honor marks the third-straight week that a Racer freshman has won the award, with teammate Erika Sisk having won the two previous.

Along with Sisk, Dirks led all-scorers with a career-high 20 points in Murray State's 110-28 win over Mid-Continent last week. The freshman from Robinson, Ill., also had a game-high 11 rebounds to notch her second straight double-double.

Shooting-wise, Dirks turned in one of her best performances of the season, by going 9-for-11 or 81.8 percent. From the charity stripe, she was equally as effective, finishing the night a perfect 2-for-2.

Dirks is now the fifth MSU freshman to claim the award, according to OVC records that date back to the 2006-07 season, joining former Racer Jenny Petrie and teammates Mariah Robinson, Jessica Winfrey, and Sisk.

Murray State will return to action on Sunday when they host Alabama A&M in the final game of a sixgame home stand. Tip-off is scheduled for noon and will be immediately followed by the men's team taking on Western Kentucky.





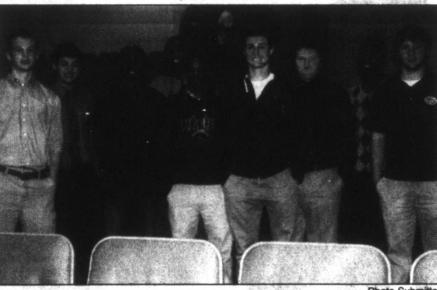
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Murray High senior defensive end Darius Catlett pulls down a running back last Saturday in Louisiville, he was selected to play in the annual Best of the Bluegrass game at St. Xavier High School. Catlett finished his senior season with 37 tackles and six sacks.



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Murray High senior Alex Ward punts the ball in the Best of the Bluegrass game in Louisville on Saturday. Ward was selected to the team as the punter after kicking for 1138 yards, for an average of 36.7 yards each. He had a long punt of 57 yards and landed 12 of his 31 punts inside the 20.



Ten members of the MHS Football team were named to the Class 2A West Kentucky Conference team. (From left) Jon Curd, Jacob Baron, Andre Phillips, Dante Howard, Jaleel Lee, Dylan Boone, Seth Carter, Desjahvonni Miles, Willie Richardson. Not pictured - Will Langford, Darius Catlett, Alex Ward. Carter, Catlett, Ward, Howard, and Boone were selected to the 1st Team All West Kentucky Conference.

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Bengals, Eagles in final TNF game

ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A midweek trip to Philadelphia should keep the Cincinnati Bengals from focusing on another Pennsylvania team for a few more days.

The Bengals (7-6) find themselves in a unique position where they're tied with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the last playoff spot in the AFC, but a loss to the Eagles (4-9) Thursday night wouldn't ruin their chances.

"This decides if we go to the playoffs or not," quarterback Andy Dalton said. "We still have to take it one at a time. We've got to get a win this Thursday, and then we'll focus on the last two." Well, the next one is far more

crucial The Bengals visit the Steelers on Dec. 23 and finish at home against the AFC North-leading Baltimore Ravens. Win or lose against the Eagles, the Bengals

have to beat the Steelers to get in the playoffs unless Pittsburgh loses both of its other games - at Dallas this week and vs. Cleveland in Week 17. "We want to finish these last

three games 3-0 and see what happens after that," cornerback Leon Hall said. "You get to losing games obviously this late in the season, you kind of take destiny out of your own hands. You don't want to be part of that." Three wins - or only two if

they're against Pittsburgh and Baltimore - guarantees the Bengals their second straight playoff appearance for the first time since 1981-82. They lost to Houston 31-10 in a wild-card game last January.

Coming off a last-second loss at home to Dallas, the Bengals had no time to dwell on a disappointing defeat in a short week. Coaches went right to game-planning for the Eagles immediately after that game and players were back at practice on Monday.

"It's a quick turnaround, and that's probably a good thing for us," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We need to improve fundamen-



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and Prohm said this year's Western Kentucky team is as good as any he's seen in his seven years in Murray.

"This is probably the best they've been since I've been here," Prohm said. "They are

tally on the things we're doing. Some of those little things, the details of our work, ended up putting us in the position to lose the football game.

The last time the Bengals played the Eagles ended in a tie on Nov. 16, 2008. Afterward, Donovan McNabb said he thought games couldn't end in ties and teams had to play to sudden death.

McNabb took plenty of grief for that mental blunder, but the six-time Pro Bowl quarterback ended up leading the Eagles to the NFC championship game that season. They won a pair of road playoff games before losing at Arizona

The Eagles haven't won a playoff game since and are headed for just their third losing season in Andy Reid's 14 years as coach.

It doesn't make them a pushover for the Bengals.

"To see the way they played last week shows they're not giving up," Dalton said. "They're still playing hard. For them to be in that situation, that's what you have to do. We've got to come out and we've got to play our best. Just because they lost (eight) in a row doesn't mean anything: We've got to come out and play our best to get a win.

extremely talented, they have a lot of great players and coach Harper has done a really good job getting that program back up to where it used to be."

Murray State will host the Hilltoppers at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

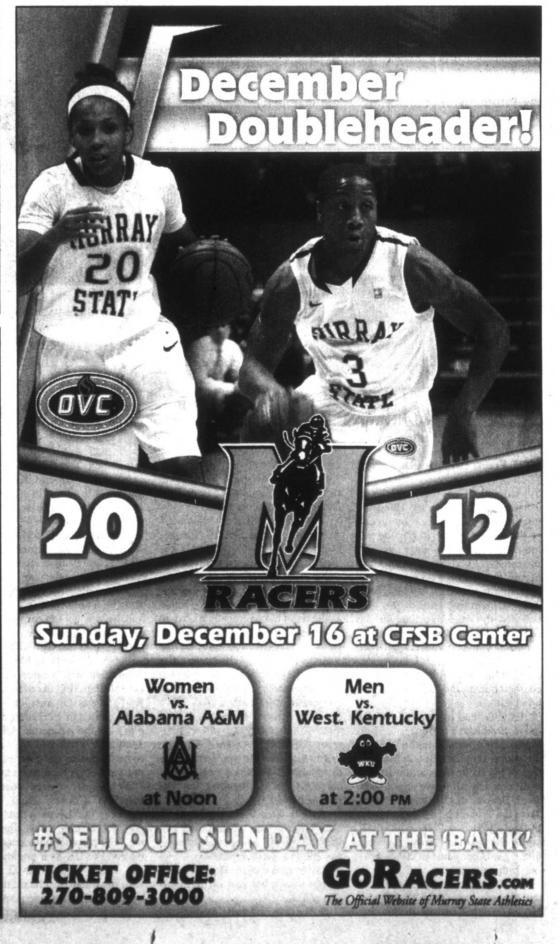
The Eagles dealt a serious blow to Tampa Bay's playoff hopes with a 23-21 comeback win last Sunday. Rookie Nick Foles led them back from an 11point fourth-quarter deficit and threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Maclin with no time left.

Foles will start his fifth straight game for Michael Vick, who along with running back LeSean McCoy remain sidelined by concussions. After a tough start, Foles has been impressive the last two games, giving fans a glimmer of hope for the future.

"We want to win every game," Foles said. "The first game is this week and it was great to get the win last week. There's a lot of things to improve on from last week so we need to go out there this week, play together as a team, keep improving, keep pushing each other, keep playing for each other, and just get the win."

Foles had 381 yards passing against the Buccaneers, who have the worst-ranked pass defense in the NFL. He could have a tougher time against Cincinnati's 11thranked unit. The Bengals also lead the league with 42 sacks, so Foles has to get rid of the ball quickly.

We need to run effectively and throw effectively. The big thing is run our offense well and execute well," Foles said.



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