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CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING

Conn. gunman had hundreds of rounds of ammunition

By **MATT APUZZO** and **PAT EATON-ROBB**
 Associated Press

EWTTOWN, Conn. (AP) — The gunman in the Connecticut shooting rampage was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds especially deadly ammunition — enough to kill just about any student in the school if given enough time, authorities said Friday, raising the chilling possibility that the bloodbath could have been even worse.

Hours later, President Barack Obama told mourners at a vigil the nation is failing to keep its children safe. He pledged to make change in memory of the 26 teachers and schoolchildren who were killed in the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

"What choice do we have?" Obama said. "Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that politics are too hard?"

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Gunman's mother kept trials of home life hidden

By **ADAM GELLER**
 AP National Writer

EWTTOWN, Conn. (AP) — At the bar, everybody knew her name.

Ancy Lanza was the one who, if she heard you were short on cash, regularly offered to pick up the tab at My Place.

Two or three nights a week, Lanza — the mother of the gunman in Connecticut's horrific school massacre — came in for yogurt salads, but stayed for Chardonnay and good humor. The ordered mother of two — still smooth-skinned and ash blonde — clearly didn't have to work, but was always glad to share of her beloved Red Sox, gardening and a growing enthusiasm for target shooting.

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WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW
50s	50s
30s	40s

Daily Forecast

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog before a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 60.

Tuesday: Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. South wind 8 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Wednesday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Thursday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 44.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 49.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49.

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GRADUATION DAY: Ross Meloan, director of career services at Murray State University, and Katie Mantooth, career counselor, help a couple of graduates with their sashes in the CFSB Center lobby before Saturday's commencement ceremony.

Ky. law mandates school safety plans

By **JANET CAPIELLO**
 Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky has the misfortune of being a state whose residents know the horror of a deadly school shooting.

It was 1997, and a 14-year-old freshman at Heath High School in Paducah took aim at fellow students gathered in a prayer group. Three of his classmates died; five others were wounded.

It wasn't until two years later that mass shootings became less rare. Two students at Columbine High School in Colorado shot and killed 12 of their classmates, a teacher and themselves. A nation was forever changed, but in Kentucky, those changes had already begun.

A 1998 state law mandated that every public school have a safety plan, one that deals with disconcertingly endless possibilities from fires to an armed intruder to an earthquake to a train derailment to an angry parent. School doors were locked, procedures put in place to track visitors, drills were held. Metal detectors began popping up;

police officers, or school resources officers, too.

More than 600 of the state's 1,245 schools have voluntarily undergone school safety assessments from a panel of experts at the Kentucky Center for School Safety at Eastern Kentucky University, according to Jon Akers, director of the center.

Yet Akers said no plan can prevent a tragedy such as the shootings that killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Friday.

"Anybody with enough firepower can come into a school and do what that guy did," he said. "If you have enough firepower, you can go through anything. That's the reality of it that people don't want to hear but that's the truth."

Still, on Friday afternoon, Akers emailed every school superintendent in Kentucky, gently reminding them of something he tells them at the beginning of every year: Please make sure principals have reviewed emergency response plans and gone over them with local law enforcement. Please make sure you have your drills.

Akers said he heard from at least one superintendent Friday that a parent had demanded metal detectors. But he said metal detectors are only effective if there is one at every school entrance, a costly prospect.

Akers said his center recommends a slew of what he called "best practices" to prevent a tragedy: keep exterior doors locked at all times, have only one main entrance for visitors, make visitors sign in and wear identification, lock classroom doors when they are closed. In an emergency situation, barricade doors with desks and chairs, he said.

Parents won't find these emergency plans posted publicly — and for good reason, Akers said. That's to prevent someone who wants to do harm from knowing, for example, where students and staff are supposed to gather outside the school.

The Dec. 1, 1997, Heath High School shooting remains in the news in Kentucky. Michael Carneal, now 29, is waiting to hear from an appeals court whether he can take back his guilty plea and get a trial, arguing

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KSP charges New Concord man and Clarksville woman with fleeing police

Staff Report

A New Concord man and Clarksville, Tenn. woman were charged by state police Saturday with fleeing and evading police, among other alleged crimes.

According to Kentucky State Police, Trooper David Dick attempted to stop a man driving a 2001 Jeep on Lax Road in New Concord some time after 8 p.m. Saturday. At that point, police say James M. Swindle, 34, of New Concord, failed to yield, sped up and turned onto several different streets in an attempt to elude the trooper.

Swindle then stopped his vehicle and fled on foot into a nearby wooded area, KSP said. Dick



CHRISTMAS BOXES: Need Line volunteers are pictured loading a truck Saturday morning as vehicles lined up around the block during the annual pickup of Christmas boxes. For an additional photo, see Page 2.

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BRINGING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS: Volunteers from Journey Church were on hand at Ed Line Saturday to hand out candy canes and children's books with Santa Claus during Christmas boxes pickup. Pictured, from left, are Jennifer Rogers, Lei Ann Brown, Angela Nell and, of course, the jolly old man himself.

HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times

■ Ammunition...

From Front

The gunman, Adam Lanza, shot himself in the head just as he heard police drawing near to the classroom where he was slaughtering helpless children, but he had more ammunition at the ready in the form of multiple, high-capacity clips each capable of holding 30 bullets.

The disclosure on Sunday sent shudders throughout this picturesque New England community as grieving families sought to comfort each other during church services devoted to impossible questions like that of a 6-year-old girl who asked her mother: "The little children, are they with the angels?"

With so much grieving left to do, many of Newtown's 27,000 people wondered whether life could ever return to normal. And as the workweek was set to begin, parents weighed whether to send their own children back to school.

Gov. Dannel Malloy said the shooter decided to kill himself when he heard police closing in about 10 minutes into the attack.

"We surmise that it was during the second classroom episode that he heard responders coming and apparently at that decided to take his own life," Malloy said on ABC's "This Week."

Police said they found hundreds of unused bullets at the school, which enrolled about 450 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

"There was a lot of ammo, a lot of clips," said state police Lt. Paul Vance. "Certainly a lot of lives were potentially saved."

The chief medical examiner has said the ammunition was a type designed to expend its energy in the victim's tissues and stay inside the body to inflict the maximum amount of damage.

The sorrowful interfaith service was stark and spare, with a stage that held only a small table covered with a black cloth, candles and the presidential podium.

The newly re-elected president said in the coming weeks, he would use "whatever power this office holds" to engage with law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents and educators in an effort to prevent

more tragedies like Newtown. He promised to lead a national effort but left unclear what it would be and how much it would address the explosive issue of gun control.

Obama closed his remarks by slowly reading the first names of each of the 26 victims.

"God has called them all home," he said. "For those of us who remain, let us find the strength to carry on and make our country worthy of their memory."

Obama conceded that none of his words would ease the sorrow. But he declared to the community of Newtown: "You are not alone."

Privately, Obama told the governor that Friday was the most difficult day of his presidency.

Newtown officials couldn't

say whether Sandy Hook Elementary School would ever reopen. The school district was considering sending surviving students to a former school building in nearby Monroe. But for many parents, it was much too soon to contemplate resuming school-day routines.

"We're just now getting ready to talk to our son about who was killed," said Robert Licata, the father of a boy who was at the school during the shooting but escaped harm. "He's not even there yet."

Jim Agostine, superintendent of schools in nearby Monroe, said plans were being made for students from Sandy Hook to attend classes in his town this week.

The road ahead for Newtown was clouded with grief.



AP Photo / David Goldman

Cheryl Girardi, of Middletown, Conn., kneels beside 26 teddy bears, each representing a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, at a sidewalk memorial, Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, in Newtown, Conn. A gunman walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Friday and opened fire, killing 26 people, including 20 children.

■ KSP...

From Front

chased after Swindle, and after a brief struggle, Dick deployed his TASER. Swindle then became compliant and was arrested without further incident.

When Dick returned to his police cruiser, he discovered that the passenger, Shirley Hughes, 53, of Clarksville, Tenn., had left the scene in the

Jeep. Moments later, she was located in the area in the same vehicle by deputies with the Calloway County Sheriff's Office, KSP said. Hughes was arrested without further incident.

Swindle was charged with Reckless Driving, Fleeing and Evading in motor vehicle, Fleeing and Evading on Foot, Driving Under the Influence 4th Aggravated, Operating on Suspended License, Resisting Arrest.

Hughes was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Fleeing and Evading in Motor Vehicle. Swindle and Hughes were both lodged into the Calloway County Jail.

Town Crier

NOTICE

The East Calloway Elementary School Site-Based Decision Making Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Tom's Grille.

The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall. The commission will hear annexation requests from Scott and Beverly Barnes for a 1.848-acre tract of land at 1620 Martin Chapel Road and from Terry-Parker Bell for a 2.648-acre tract of land on the north side of College Farm Road just west of North 20th St. There will also be public hearings for requests to set R-2 (single family residential) for the Martin Chapel Road property and R-4 (multi-family residential) for the College Farm Road property. In addition, the commission will review a minor plat for a property at 422 South Ninth St. and 900 Sycamore St.

The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall for four public hearings. They are for the following requests: A conditional use permit for outdoor storage of merchandise at Murphy Oil, 807 North 12th St.; a conditional use permit for additional outdoor storage of merchandise for Kroger at 808 North 12th St.; a conditional use permit for additional outdoor storage of merchandise for Huck's at 411 South 12th St.; and a dimensional variance request for an 8.5-foot front yard setback on an accessory structure and additional 30-foot entrance for a Rhodes 101 store to be built at 106 South 12th St.

To report a Town Crier item call 753-1916.

■ Gunman's mother...

From Front

ut while Lanza spoke proudly of her sons and brought them in breakfast when they were nger, friends say she held one very close: home life, especially trials and setbacks, was off s.

ow, the secrets Lanza kept are at center of the questions that lop this New England town,

grieving over the slaughter unleashed by her 20-year-old son Adam, who investigators say killed his mother Friday with one of her own guns before murdering 26 children and teachers at a nearby school.

"Her family life was her family life when we were together. She kept it private. That was her own thing," said Louise Tambascio, who runs the warmly lit pizzeria and bar

with her own sons, and became a shopping and dining companion of Nancy Lanza's.

Friends had met Lanza's younger son, who stared down at the floor and didn't speak when she brought him in. They knew he'd switched schools more than once and that she'd tried home schooling him. But while she occasionally expressed concern about his future during evenings at the bar, she never complained about anything at all.

"I heard her as a parent. I always said that I wouldn't want to be in her shoes. But I thought, 'Wow. She holds it well,'" said Tambascio's son, John.

Despite those challenges, the trappings of Lanza's life in Newtown were comfortable. When she and then-husband Peter Lanza moved to the central Connecticut community in 1998 from southern New Hampshire, they bought a brand new 3,100-square-foot colonial set on more than two acres in the Bennett's Farm neighborhood. Nancy Lanza had previously worked as a stock broker at John Hancock in Boston and her husband was a successful executive.

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Generic drugs pose new threat in addiction fight

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's struggle to curtail prescription-pill abuse will suffer a setback if a wave of generic versions of painkillers reaches the market without safeguards that make them harder to crush for a quick high, political and law-enforcement leaders said.

Patents for OxyContin and Opana ER — opioid pain relievers used to treat moderate to severe pain — are set to expire next year, paving the way for generic versions of those powerful medications to reach pharmacies. Those brand-name drugs were popular sources with abusers until tamper-resistant formulations were added that made them harder to crush — a practice used by abusers to inject or snort the drugs.

Opioids are drugs that simulate the effects of natural narcotics, such as the opium poppy. They are typically prescribed for people already taking pain medications, including cancer patients, to treat severe pain flare-ups.

The fear now is that cheaper generic versions of those often-prescribed painkillers won't feature some form of abuse deterrence. Without that, they could become the new drugs of choice for abusers in a state where more people die from drug overdoses than car wrecks.

"We are running perilously close to another potential pain pill cliff," U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers wrote in a recent opinion piece.

There are limited versions of generic painkillers on the market now and more generics are expected to be introduced in the coming year. Most of the generic painkillers don't have such safeguards. The concern among Kentucky officials is that sales of the cheaper generic versions lacking the anti-abuse features will overtake the brand name drugs with the safeguards.

Rogers and his fellow Kentucky Republican, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, are pressing the Food and Drug Administration to prevent "crushable" forms of those generic painkillers from pouring into Kentucky next year.

Rogers, whose Appalachian district has been plagued by prescription abuse, said introduction of easily crushable generics would be "downright disastrous," jeopardizing painstaking gains made in the fight against abuse of drugs found in family medicine cabinets.

"We know the storm's coming," said Clay County Sheriff Kevin Johnson. "We're sitting here trying to prepare for the hurricane."

Prescription-pill abuse remains rampant in his eastern Kentucky county, he said. The

craving for pills fuels crimes — people breaking into homes to rummage through medicine cabinets and steal electronics to generate cash to obtain painkillers, the sheriff said.

"Our biggest problem here is without a doubt the controlling of prescription drugs, plain and simple," he said.

The Generic Pharmaceutical Association, an industry trade group, defends its role as a supplier of "lifesaving, affordable" medicines.

"Generic manufacturers comply fully with all FDA requirements and are committed to working with the agency to ensure the safety and quality of the medicines they make," the group said in a statement.

Kentucky lawmakers took aim at prescription-abuse woes by passing legislation this year that bolstered the state's prescription monitoring system and focused on pain management clinics. The law requires all new pain management clinics to be owned by licensed medical providers and to have medical directors in charge. It also requires all doctors, dentists, optometrists, registered nurses and podiatrists who write prescriptions to use the state's prescription monitoring system, known as KASPER.

Gov. Steve Beshear has touted the new law's impact in efforts to reverse the state's status as a "prescription playground." He has pointed to a

big drop in the amount of painkillers being prescribed and the closure of 10 pain management clinics.

The law has not impeded the ability of patients to obtain medications for "legitimate pain," the governor has said.

Pain relievers such as OxyContin and Opana ER feature extended-release formulations designed to give long-lasting effects. The problem is that when crushed, those drugs deliver hours' worth of pain relief in a matter of seconds when injected or snorted, said state Attorney General Jack Conway. He's among officials who fear an influx of easily crushable generic pain medication will result in more overdose deaths.

The FDA hasn't ruled on whether the abuse-deterrent features should be required on the generic versions.

McConnell, in a recent letter to FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, asked if there's a precedent for remov-

ing a generic drug from the market that lacks a safety mechanism included as part of the brand-name drug.

The senator also asked what steps could be taken for FDA approval of the same generic drugs to include tamper-resistant formulation.

The agency was preparing a response to McConnell's letter, said FDA spokeswoman Morgan Liscinsky. She said the agency also is reviewing citizen's petitions asking it to require abuse-deterrent forms of such opioid pain relievers when those features are available.

"The FDA understands how important it is to give guidance and appropriate support regarding the development of abuse-deterrent formulations of opioids, and also recognizes the important role that generic drugs play in our health-care system," she said in an email.

Johnson, the eastern Kentucky sheriff, said the FDA "needs to take the bull by the

horns" to avoid the influx of crushable generics.

"We can arrest drug addicts all day long, but that's not solving the problem," he said.

Rogers, who wields considerable influence as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is a leading sponsor of federal legislation that would require most pain drugs to adopt abuse-deterrent safeguards.

The congressman said inaction by FDA will shrivel demand for more expensive pain medication featuring abuse safeguards, in favor of cheaper generics that are easily crushable.

The result, he said, is "we will be right back where we were 10 years ago with pharmacy robberies, drive thru pain clinics, orphaned children and overcrowded emergency rooms. The clock is ticking and this health crisis has a partial solution, but failure to intervene by FDA will mean it has failed its basic mission."

Ky. trumpeters play in Lincoln movie

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A couple of Kentucky musicians say they enjoyed being part of Steven Spielberg's new film about Abraham Lincoln.

University of Louisville music professor Michael Tunnell and Reese Land, who is associate professor of music/trumpet at Campbellsville University, were part of the U.S. Marine Band shown in the first half hour of the movie. The Courier-Journal reports the men are part of an ensemble called the Kentucky Baroque Trumpets and played an arrangement of the Civil War era piece "We are Coming Father Abraham" with other musicians from the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., area.

"It's a flag-raising ceremony that was filmed in Petersburg, Va., which was the site of a significant battle toward the end of

the Civil War," Tunnell said.

The opportunity came about after the production team for the movie "Lincoln" contacted Kentucky Baroque Trumpets' founder, Don Johnson, who is also president of the National Association for Civil War Brass Music.

Although they were ready to shoot the scene in October 2011, filming for the scene was put back until December. Right after U of L's graduation ceremony, Tunnell and Land drove to Virginia to begin rehearsing for the shot.

Tunnell said he remembers Spielberg commenting during a rehearsal that "you guys sound great."

"He actually has us playing in the film," Tunnell said. "It's not overdubbed, but it's us playing Civil War era instruments.

Spielberg wanted as authentic a sound as possible."

Land said the scene was the final shot needed to complete the film and took three hours to shoot with 13 takes.

"It was really cold that morning, and we were all freezing to death," Land said. "It got kind of tiring, but you have to stay focused, which we all did."

Land had only positive things to say about being involved in the movie and was pleased with the final product.

"It's a great movie, and not just because I'm in it," Land said. "Daniel Day-Lewis' performance is incredible, and the movie is very emotional and touching. You wouldn't think a film featuring lawmaking would have that much emotion behind it."

Exonerated man sues Metro Louisville, police

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A man who was exonerated of murder after serving 14 years in prison has filed a lawsuit against Metro Louisville and eight police officers.

The Courier-Journal reports the lawsuit says officers wrongfully conspired to convict Kerry Porter of a murder in 1996 by

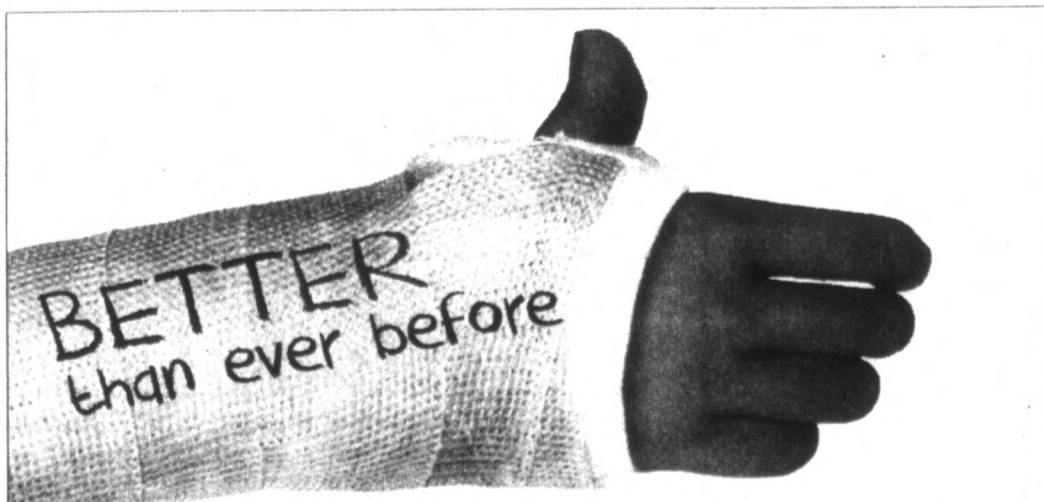
fabricating evidence, using improper identification procedures and hiding evidence that would have cleared him. The suit says the city condoned the behavior by failing to track and identify officers who were repeatedly accused of misconduct.

A spokesman for Mayor Greg

Fischer said the city doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Police spokesman Sgt. Robert Biven said the department is aware of Porter's concerns and is reviewing them with the county attorney's office.

Porter was freed from prison last year.



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Obituaries

Pat Hodges Sr.

Services for Pat Hodges Sr., 63, of Murray, Ky., will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at 1 p.m. at Imes-Miller Funeral Home with the Rev. Brett Miles officiating. Interment will follow at Barnett Cemetery in Calloway County. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at the funeral home.

Mr. Hodges died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was born in Calloway County Aug. 9, 1949. He was a mechanic at PTL. He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Hodges and Essie Morris; one sister, Judy Thorn; and one granddaughter, Macey Travis.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hodges; two children, Ronald Hodges, Jr. and wife, Shanna, of Murray and Rena Travis and husband, Brad, of Benton; one brother, Bobby Hodges and wife, Barbara, of Murray; and seven grandchildren, Zachary and Tyler Dunn and Makensie, Zach, Katelyn, Cody and Emerson Hodges.

Arrangements are being handled by Imes-Miller Funeral Home & Crematory.

Mary Maxine Burkeen

Mary Maxine Burkeen, 79, of Murray, Ky., died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mrs. Burkeen was born in Murray Oct. 21, 1933 to the late Robert "Bob" Tilmon Orr and Minerva Ellen Erwin Orr. Mrs. Burkeen was a retired school teacher from Southwest Elementary, a member of the South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Burkeen is survived by her husband, Ronald Evans Burkeen, of Murray, to whom she married Oct. 10, 1953; three daughters, Karen Burkeen Guthrie and husband, Ronnie, of Hazel, Marilyn Jo Vailes and husband, Alan, of Murray and Rhonda Orr McGinnis and husband, Dennis, of Murray; four grandchildren, Shannon Michelle Ordunez and husband, Jesse, Jacob Clay McGinnis, Heather Renee McGinnis and Robert James Guthrie and wife, Shawn; as well as one great-grandchild, Caroline Rosemary Ordunez.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at the South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eugene Nichols and the Rev. Glenn Hill officiating. Burial will follow in the South Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be made at www.thejhchurchillfuneralhome.com. The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

This is a paid obituary.

WKU student jumps from dorm window

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — Campus police at Western Kentucky University say a student has jumped from a dorm window at Pearce Ford Tower.

Police told WBKO-TV that emergency crews found the 19-year-old male on the ground still breathing.

The Daily News posted a state-

ment from the school that says the student jumped about 1 a.m. Saturday and was flown to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., where he remained in critical condition.

Students at the dorm told the TV station that they heard glass break, then saw a body on the ground.

The school's website says the co-ed dorm has 27 stories and is located on the south end of the campus.

The school said no further details were immediately available. Campus police are investigating.

Nelson Garland

Nelson Garland, 78, of Almo, Ky., died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Born Oct. 22, 1934 in Calloway County, Mr. Garland was a line-man for Murray Electric for over 40 years and was a member of the Murray congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

In addition to his parents, Bert and Lucille Garland, he was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Garland; and one sister, Martha Rains.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marian Ferguson Garland; one son, Mark Garland and wife, Sabrina, of Murray; one daughter, Geneva Karanja and husband, John, of Murray; five brothers, Jimmy Garland, Bert Garland Jr., Dickie Garland, George Garland and Clayton Garland, all of Murray; four grandchildren, Mathai and Andia Karanja, Noah and Seth Garland.

The family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at Heritage Family Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1052 State Route 121 North, Murray, KY 42071 with Jeff Steen officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Heritage Family Funeral Home.

Donna Kaye Humphrey Thurmond

Donna Kaye Humphrey Thurmond, 69, of Murray, Ky., died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Mrs. Thurmond was born Feb. 24, 1943 in Marshall County. She worked at the Murray Walmart Super Center before retiring.

In addition to her parents, Rex Humphrey and Ruby Rule Humphrey, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edd "Hamburger" Michael Thurmond, who died in 2009; and three brothers, Kenny Humphrey, Jerry Humphrey and Joe Neal Humphrey.

She is survived by two daughters, Melissa Bevil and Tina Hodges, both of Murray; one son, Dennis Thurmond and wife, Penny, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one sister, Diane Butler, of Paducah; four brothers, Ronnie Humphrey and wife, Nancy, of Benton, Rexie Dale Humphrey and wife, Rheaneta, of Kirksey, Carlis Humphrey, of Possum Trot and Michael Humphrey, of Marshall County; and four grandchildren, Sarah Hodges, Dustin Bevil, Courtney Hodges, all of Murray and Ella Thurmond, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the Murray City Cemetery with the Rev. Kerry Lambert officiating. Burial will follow. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

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

Christine Susan Amaro

Christine Susan Amaro, 50, of Murray, Ky., died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012 at her home.

No public visitation or services are scheduled at this time. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

New director improves animal shelter

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — A western Kentucky animal shelter has cut its euthanasia rate to just 5 percent.

The Humane Society of Henderson County's President Josh Williams told The Gleaner that he credits the persistence of Josh Cromer, who has been director of the organization's facility for about a year.

"Josh brought in a fresh perspective and challenged what was possible," Williams said.

"He has put forth tremendous effort and that has paid off greatly."

Cromer said his goal when he came on board last October was to cut number of euthanized animals in half. In the first nine months of 2011, the shelter put down 862 animals, or 45 percent of those taken in.

He's gone way beyond that — lowering it to just 65 euthanized animals through October.

"I was hoping I could get it to 400, and we did way, way better," he said "Looking at it percentage-wise, we're rocking."

Cromer said the reduction is a combination of no longer accepting out-of-county animals, sending more animals to rescue groups and adopting more out to local homes.

The biggest factor was not accepting animals from outside Henderson County.



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John D. Caruthers, Jr.

John Dexter Caruthers, Jr., 76, of Paducah, Ky., died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at his home.

Mr. Caruthers was born Feb. 13, 1936 in Nashville, Tenn. He served in the United States Air Force for four years, achieving the rank of Airman First Class. He was the owner and operator of Ferguson Automotive Supply from 1972-95 and was past president of Kentucky Automotive Wholesalers Association. He was of the Baptist faith and attended Gospel Mission Worship Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John D. and Annie Elizabeth Allen Caruthers.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean Towns Caruthers; two sons, Christopher Caruthers and wife, Terri, of Rex, N.Y., and John D. Caruthers, III and wife, Kathy, of Paducah; two daughters, Kimberly Wright and husband, Vince, of Nashville, Tenn., and Karen Bell and husband, Allen, of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Marianne Grusheski, of Falling Waters, W. Va.; nine grandchildren, Shannon White and husband, Rick, Kayla and Nicholas Caruthers, both of Dexter, Patrick and Katie Caruthers, Blake and Alexandra Lovan and Elizabeth and Jack Bell; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with the Rev. Jim Wright and the Rev. Jim Greenwell officiating. Entombment with military honors will follow at Maplelawn Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Gospel Mission Worship Center Building Fund, 6905 Benton Road, Paducah, KY 42001; or Lourdes Foundation, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003. Online condolences may be made at www.milnerandorr.com. Arrangements are being handled by Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

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'Hobbit' bests 'Rings' with \$84.8 million opening weekend

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit" led the box office with a haul of \$84.8 million, a record-setting opening better than the three previous "Lord of the Rings" films.

The Warner Bros. Middle Earth epic was the biggest December opening ever, surpassing Will Smith's "I Am Legend," which opened with \$77.2 million in 2007, according to studio estimates Sunday. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" also passed the December opening of "Avatar," which opened with \$77 million. Internationally, "The Hobbit" also added \$138.2 million, for an impressive global debut of \$223 million.

Despite weak reviews, the 3-D adaptation of J. R. R. Tolkien's first novel in the fantasy series was an even bigger draw than the last "Lord of the Rings" movie, "The Return of the King." That film opened with \$72.6 million. "The Hobbit" is the first of another planned trilogy, with two more films to be squeezed out of Tolkien's book.

While Jackson's "Rings" movies drew many accolades —

"The Return of the King" won best picture from the Academy Awards — the path for "The Hobbit" has been rockier. It received no Golden Globes nominations on Thursday, though all three "Rings" films were nominated by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for best picture.

Particularly criticized has been the film's 48-frames-per-second (double the usual rate), a hyper-detailed look that some have found jarring. Most moviegoers didn't see "The Hobbit" in that version, though, as the new technology was rolled out in only 461 of the 4,045 theaters playing the film.

Regardless of any misgivings over "The Hobbit," the film was a hit with audiences. They graded the film with an "A" CinemaScore.

"What's really important, what makes this special is the CinemaScore," said Dan Fellman, president of domestic distribution for Warner Bros. "All these things point to a great word of mouth. We haven't even made it to the Christmas holidays yet. Kids are still in school this week."

Ky. safety plans...

From Front

schizophrenia made him incompetent and unable to accept responsibility for the crime.

Meanwhile, Akers said his center has a 60-school waiting list for safety assessments and never has enough money.

"I would like to do 100

schools a year, and I'd like to have schools on a five, six year rotation," Akers said.

Akers said 221 public schools have school resource officers, or police officers assigned directly to the school.

"And we need 1,245," he said, because they help prevent incidents before they happen.

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Legion officers giving help

Bill Cowan and Mark Kennedy, service officers of American Legion Post No. 73, will be available each Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. to assist veterans of Calloway County with the completion of forms and the filing of claims with the Veterans Administration at the Legion Post, 310 Bee Creek Dr. No appointment is necessary and veterans are served on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call Kennedy at 752-3333.

Storytime Tuesdays offered by church

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

Angel alert issued

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.

TOPS meeting Tuesday at FCC

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

Bingo to be held Tuesdays at KoC

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

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.

Poinsettia sale to be held

Murray State University Horticulture is now taking orders for poinsettias. Email hblankenship1@murraystate.edu or call 767-0467 or to order. Delivery is available for large orders.

ALS Support Group to meet

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Support Group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Center for Health and Wellness Classroom. For more information call Mitzi Cathey at 293-1748.

Christmas decorating contest to be held

Judging of the annual outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest for residents of Hazel has been set for Monday, Dec. 17, at approximately 6:15 p.m. so residents are asked to have their lights on by 6 p.m. Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. All residents in the city limits of Hazel are invited to participate.

CCHS SBDM to meet

Calloway County High School-Based Decision-Making Council will hold a special-called meeting Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the library media center. The public is invited to attend.

FCC Reading Group to be held

The community is invited to attend the next session of First Christian Church's reading group, "Charter for Compassion," Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the parlor of First Christian Church, 111 North Fifth St., Murray. For more information call 753-3824.

Quilt Lovers will meet

The Quilt Lovers quilting group will meet Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Calloway County Public Library. Members are reminded that dues should be paid at this meeting. There will be a social hour during the meeting. All members are to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. Contact Paula Hulick at 753-0323 for more information. Members should provide their own drink. Any quilter is invited to attend and join.

Alphas of MWC to sell books

The Alpha Department of Murray Woman's Club has copies of the Calloway County Pictorial History book and the Calloway County Family History book for sale. To purchase a book, call Brenda Call at 753-7870.

MHS archery to sell flowers

The Murray High School Tiger Archery is selling flowers for a year. Participants can purchase certificates to earn a free bouquet of flowers each month from A Festive Touch, Murray. For more information call Randy Louis at 753-5202.

Charity drive set

Shining Stars, 309 Chestnut St., Murray, is holding a voluntary charity drive, the aim of which to collect old or unused clothes, toys, books, shoes and more to be donated to those that need them. To donate, call Thomas Hornbuckle Jr., director, at 759-0010 or (270) 873-9000.

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SAXOPHONIST ENTERTAINS LIONS: Reggie Lafaye, a self-taught saxophone player who has performed professionally in Las Vegas, Nashville, Branson and Pigeon Forge, recently entertained the Lions Club at its annual Christmas party at the Murray Woman's Clubhouse. Lafaye's unique arrangement of the Lord's Prayer earned him fame and led to his being a guest musician at over 1,000 churches across America. He received a standing ovation from the Lions for his performances on the sax, harmonica and as a singer.

Mid-Continent names honor society inductees

Special to the Ledger

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Undergraduate and graduate students from Mid-Continent University's Advantage were inducted as members of Sigma Beta Delta Dec. 1.

Winter 2012 local inductees include Julie L. Castleberry, of Benton and Dawn Romaine Espinosa, of Murray. Mid-Continent University faculty also inducted included Col.

Andrew Stratton, of Mayfield and Prof. Kelli Heinz, of Murray.

Sigma Beta Delta was established to recognize students who have attained superior academic scholarship in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation. The university extends the invitation for membership to students ranked in the top 10 percent based on GPA. Candidates who are members of the honors society

are recognized by the green and gold cords. Today, over 340 chapters have been established in 47 states, along with three international chapters.

Mid-Continent University is a private, non-profit, Southern Baptist affiliated organization. MCU is regionally accredited and headquartered in Mayfield. For more information, email advantage@midcontinent.edu, visit www.midcontinent.edu or call 1(888) MCU-GRAD.

Zumba classes set at WKCTC

Special to the Ledger

PADUCAH, Ky. — Get in shape after the holidays with Zumba classes at West Kentucky Community and Technical College beginning Monday, Jan. 7.

Zumba is a dance fitness program that combines Latin and international music with dance in an effort to make exercise fun. The music has beat and tempo changes that move the workout from one toning,

strengthening or cardio move to another and targets every major muscle group in the body. Zumba uses dance styles such as salsa, merengue, mambo, hip hop, tango and more.

WKCTC Zumba will end Monday, April 8. Classes meet every Monday from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in the Haws Gymnasium. The cost is \$20. Class will not meet Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 21, or President's Day, Feb. 18.

Zumba instructors for the 12-

week class will be Suzanne Glisson and Bonnie Mayolo.

"Participating in Zumba is a great way to keep those New Year's resolutions to get in shape," said Kevin O'Neill, WKCTC continuing education coordinator. "We want to fill Monday afternoons with exercise that is both fun and healthy for all who participate."

To register, call WKCTC Workforce Solutions at (270) 534-3335.

Merryman House has need for items

Special to the Ledger

Merryman House Domestic Crisis Outreach Office of Calloway County has requested help for items needed to assist clients that have been misplaced from their permanent homes due

to violence. Many of these individuals have children. Current items needed are kitchen trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, razors, feminine hygiene products, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent,

bleach, cleaning supplies and old cell phones. For more information on how and where to make a donation, call 759-2373. All donations are tax deductible. Merryman House is a United Way agency.

Polar Plunge to be held Feb. 16

Special to the Ledger

Western Kentucky Polar Plunge, one of the biggest Special Olympics fundraisers of the year, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, beginning at 10 a.m. Participants solicit donations to

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by Annita Peeler

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We played gingerbread relay this week which was really fun. Mitzi is always coming up with new games for us to try. Afterwards we had cookies and boiled custard.

The Murray High Band came out this week and performed for us. Those young people did an outstanding job! We also had Rachael Brown and her young violinists perform for us. They were the cutest little violinists! We hope they make regular visits to perform for us.

First Methodist choir came out and caroled for us. We really enjoy all of this entertainment coming to us.

Saturday we were honored to get a "sneak preview" of Westside Baptist Church's Christmas program. After all of these programs it is difficult not to get in the Christmas spirit.

In between all of the Christmas activities we have tried to exercise and read our books that the book mobile brought us. However, I think we are getting a little behind in our reading due to so much going on. We can catch up later on when there's snow and bad weather.

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Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Horoscope by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012: This year you often encounter challenging people with very different ideas. Take the best of those suggestions and use them to strengthen your life. Use care with your finances, as you frequently are a risk-taker; otherwise, you could be unhappy with the results. Look to restructuring your life on a more regular basis. If you are single, from summer 2013 on, someone very special could enter your life. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other even more. You socialize more with friends, yet you also enjoy private weekends together. PISCES often gets emotional.

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)
★★★ Pull back, and new insights will emerge. Incorporate them once you are sure that they are applicable. With so much on your plate, tension could soar. The time has come to choose a stressbuster. A close associate suddenly might become controlling. Tonight: Get a nap first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Others need to know them if you want to have their support. A respected person in your life might be cynical no matter what you say. Decide not to internalize his or her comments; however, do evaluate them. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ A boss or older friend pushes you to such an extent that you might want to ditch him or her and leave the scene. A control game might be running amok because you are not OK with it. That decision honors who you are. The only way to win is not to play! Tonight: Start celebrating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Savor the music, the people and even today's shopping frenzy. Remain optimistic and detached. Enjoy yourself and those around you. Trust your intuition, and you will make good decisions. Tonight: Out caroling with friends and loved ones!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are encouraged to be kinder and more understanding in general by a key person in your life. Relate to each individual directly in order to achieve better results. Pressure comes

from someone's attitude. Know when to let go. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. You will enjoy this popularity, both professionally and personally. An opportunity enters your life, though you might want to review what is being offered first. Consider the circumstances and potential complications. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mind is full of creative ideas and solutions, but you might not be demonstrating and applying them. As a result, an opportunity could be lost. Listen to what is being shared. Refuse to be drawn into a grand drama. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Allow your imagination to freely wander, but be careful. If you burst into laughter, everyone will want more information than you choose to give. Just smile instead, and let others be intrigued by the twinkle in your eye. Tonight: Pretend that it's the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Comparing you with a stick in the mud generally does not apply, but today is different. When you're out, you want to be in. When you're in, you want to be curled up. When you're curled up, you want to take a nap. Adapt your schedule accordingly. Tonight: Play the role of couch potato.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ No one can say that you aren't expressive in letting others know what's on your mind. Nevertheless, someone just does not get it. Doing nothing might be more effective. You finally will get this person's attention. Tonight: Run an errand on the way to meet a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Know that you aren't the only one trying to stretch a dollar. Talk to friends if you are in a jam, and get suggestions on how to complete your holiday shopping. You might love some of the ideas that come up. Don't take a comment personally. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be surfing the wave of life, as you feel content and valued. Take a second to enjoy these feelings. Remember these moments, and know that they can happen again. A family member demands attention. Make it your pleasure! Tonight: Your wish is someone's command!

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Actress Katie Holmes (1978)

Turning sweet sorghum to ethanol

By BOB MCGAUGHEY
MSU Print Media

Delta BioRenewables LLC, a sustainable feedstock producer and bioenergy project developer, has with its collaboration partner, Commonwealth Agri-Energy LLC, successfully produced ethanol from sweet sorghum sugar at its corn ethanol facility in Hopkinsville.

The industrial-scale evaluation, which utilized fermentable sugars from improved sweet sorghum hybrids developed by Ceres Inc. marks the first step in demonstrating the commercial viability of integrating the new feedstock into existing domestic corn ethanol facilities.

Sweet sorghum is on the pathway for acceptance as an advanced biofuel feedstock

under the Renewable Fuel Standard, thus providing an additional financial incentive for corn ethanol facilities to adopt the crop.

Sweet sorghum is a drought-tolerant, low-input crop, well adapted to most regions of the United States. It serves as a companion crop to corn and soybeans in an annual crop rotation system.

For the coming season, energy crop company Ceres, Inc. is working with Delta BioRenewables and Commonwealth (which has 2,300 farmer members) to expand plantings of its improved sweet sorghum marketed under its Durasweet trade name.

The project was funded in part

by the United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP), a farmer-funded organization that invests in the research, marketing and outreach to expand markets for sorghum.

Strategic planning support for the project was made possible through the partnership of Murray State University, West Kentucky AgBioworks, Memphis Bioworks Foundation, Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, and USDA Rural Development.

The Regional Business and Innovation Center's West Kentucky AgBioworks initiative served as an early catalyst to develop cooperation between Memphis BioDimensions and

Commonwealth Agri-Energy in the Sorghum to Ethanol project, according to RBIC director, Loretta Daniel.

Sweet sorghum has been one of the several foundational new crop opportunities researched on the MSU Hutson School of Agriculture's Hutson Farm and on several individual farms throughout the region through the WKABW Farmer Network.

Murray State has conducted, or is in the process of conducting, preliminary research on using the sorghum bagasse (remains after squeezing the sugar juice out) as a potential equine bedding material in its equine operation and as a biomass incineration fuel source at its Garret Center Bioburner application.

Owner of Rivera plane being investigated by DEA

PHOENIX (AP)—The company that owns a luxury jet that crashed and killed Latin music star Jenni Rivera is under investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the agency seized two of its planes earlier this year as part of the ongoing probe.

DEA spokeswoman Lisa Webb Johnson confirmed Thursday the planes owned by Las Vegas-based Starwood Management were seized in Texas and Arizona, but she declined to discuss details of the case. The agency also has subpoenaed all the company's records, including any correspondence it has had with a former Tijuana mayor who U.S. law enforcement officials have long suspected has ties to organized crime.

The man widely believed to be behind the aviation company is an ex-convict named Christian Esquino, 50, who has a long and checkered legal past. Corporate records list his sister-in-law as the company's only officer, but insurance companies that cover some of the firm's planes say in court documents that the woman is merely a front and that Esquino is the one in charge.

Esquino's legal woes date back decades. He pleaded guilty to a fraud charge that stemmed

from a major drug investigation in Florida in the early 1990s and most recently was sentenced to two years in federal prison in a California aviation fraud case. Esquino, a Mexican citizen, was deported upon his release. Esquino and various other companies he has either been involved with or owns have also been sued for failing to pay millions of dollars in loans, according to court records.

The 43-year-old California-born Rivera died at the peak of her career when the plane she was traveling in nose-dived into the ground while flying from the northern Mexican city of Monterrey to the central city of Toluca early Sunday morning. She was perhaps the most successful female singer in gruperio, a male-dominated Mexico regional style, and had branched out into acting and reality television.

It remained unclear Thursday exactly what caused the crash and why Rivera was on Esquino's plane. The 78-year-old pilot and five other people were also killed. Esquino was not on the plane.

The late singer's brother, Pedro Rivera Jr., said that he didn't know anything about the owner or why or how she ended up in his plane.

Esquino told the Los Angeles Times in a telephone interview from Mexico City that the singer was considering buying the aircraft from Starwood for \$250,000 and the flight was offered as a test ride. He disputed reports that he owns Starwood, maintaining that he is merely the company's operations manager "with the expertise."

Esquino is no stranger to tangles with the law. He was indicted in the early 1990s along with 12 other defendants in a major federal drug investigation that claimed the suspects planned to sell more than 480 kilograms of cocaine, according to court records. He eventually pleaded guilty to conspiring to conceal money from the IRS and was sentenced to five years in prison, but much of the term was suspended for reasons that weren't immediately clear.

He served about five months in prison before being released. Cynthia Hawkins, a former assistant U.S. attorney who handled the case and is now in private practice in Orlando, remembered the investigation well.

"It was huge," Hawkins said Thursday. "This was an international smuggling group." She said the case began with

the arrest of Robert Castoro, who was at the time considered one of the most prolific smugglers of marijuana and cocaine into Florida from direct ties to Colombian drug cartels in the 1980s. Castoro was convicted in 1988 and sentenced to life in prison, but he then began cooperating with authorities, leading to his sentence being reduced to just 10 years, Hawkins said.

"Castoro cooperated for years," she said. "We put hundreds of people in jail."

He eventually gave up another smuggler, Damian Tedone, who was indicted in the early 1990s along with Esquino and 11 others in a conspiracy involving drug smuggling in Florida in the 1980s at a time when the state was the epicenter of the nation's cocaine trade.

Tedone also cooperated with authorities and has since been released from prison. Telephone messages left Thursday for both Tedone and Castoro were not returned.

Esquino eventually pleaded guilty to the lesser offense of concealing money from the IRS.

Joseph Milchen, Esquino's attorney at the time, said Thursday the case eventually revolved around his client "bringing money into the United States without declaring it."

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Looking Back

Ten years ago
Murray Mayor Freed Curd received a plaque from Incoming Mayor Tom Rushing, honoring Curd for his service to the city and state during the City Council meeting. Curd then presented a plaque to Cherry, recognizing his years of service with the city.

Murray-Calloway County Hospital honored its medical staff at the Medical Staff Services awards celebration. Physicians recognized included Christopher Poor, M.D.; Jon Gustafson, M.D.; Prue Kelly, M.D.; Charles Tucker, M.D.; Conie Lowry, M.D.; John Yezerski, M.D.; Daniel Butler, M.D.; Dewey Dean, M.D.; H.S. Jackson, M.D.; and Ronald Cavanagh, M.D.

Kids Krew Constructive Learning Center on Whitnell Avenue held a ribbon cutting ceremony. Owners are Amy Hodges and Amanda Warren.

In high school basketball, the Murray High lady Tigers beat Marshall County 61-56. Senior guard Sherri Sexton had 34 points.

Twenty years ago
The Murray High School drama team earned its sixth straight championship at the 65th annual state drama tournament at Western Kentucky University. Members are Stacey Smith, Beth Rose, David Graves, Rob Carpenter, Michael Robinson, Ginger Crouch and Jay Howell.

Second and third graders at Southwest Elementary that participated in a friendship activity include Jared Evans, Justin Tidwell, Tiffany Cunningham, Brian Gallaway and Sara Bryant.

Tyson Chandler Matheny celebrated his second birthday Sept. 30 at his home. He is the son of John and Angie Matheny.

Recent births reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for Dec. 13 include a girl to Jacqueline and John Jr Devries, Murray; and a girl to Michelle Canty, Paris, Tenn. For Dec. 14, a

girl to Connie and Danny Dolack, Murray; a boy to Sandra and David Cunningham, Murray; and a boy to Althea and Charles Douff, Calvert City.

Thirty years ago
Dr. John C. Quertermous is president of the Kentucky Medical Licensure Board, which is assigned to investigate complaints regarding dangerous doctors and other medical abuses.

Three Murray High School students, Joy Hina, Rebbe Houston and Jon Billington, were among the participants in a recent Murray State University workshop on advanced leadership development.

Forty years ago
Fred Gillum, Calloway County 4-H Extension Agent, was elected president of the Purchase Area Extension Workers Professional Improvement Association.

An early morning blaze destroyed the Ryan Milk Co.'s largest warehouse used for storing cartons and shipping cases belonging to 100 dairies in 19 states.

In high school basketball, Murray High beat St. Mary 72-64. Andy Parks had a game-high 21 points and 14 rebounds.

Fifty years ago
An open house is scheduled today for the School of New Hope. This is a project of the Murray Civitan Club and the Calloway County Association for Mentally Retarded Citizens.

One sucker type 35 tobacco sales for Dec. 14 on the Murray tobacco loose leaf floors were reported. A total of \$162,900 pounds were sold for \$56,039.19 for an average of \$34.30 per hundred weight.

Sixty years ago
Mrs. Eaf Hule, Murray florist, designed the seasonal decorations at Holiday House, sponsored by the Garden Department of the Paducah Woman's Club.

Mrs. J.C. McCuiston was hostess at her home for a meeting of the Pottertown Homemakers Club.

Man buying his own gifts is selling his wife short

DEAR ABBY: Twice in recent years my husband has bought a gift for himself for Christmas, wrapped it, put it under the tree and then opened it on Christmas morning, gleefully exclaiming that it was just what he wanted.

The first time he did it, he wrote my name on the gift card as the giver. The second time he didn't bother. When I asked him why, he said it was something he saw in the store and wanted. When I asked why he didn't just ask me to get it, he didn't have an answer.

He has also bought cards for himself for Valentine's Day. On both of them he wrote, "To Larry from 'Hon,'" his pet name for me. I was flabbergasted and upset and asked him why he would do such a thing. He said he ran across the "perfect card" for him while looking for one for me.

I don't know what to make of his behavior, but it is demeaning and I feel angry for days afterward. What's wrong with him? - PERPLEXED IN FLORIDA

DEAR PERPLEXED: It appears you married someone who likes to buy on impulse and is insensitive to how his words and actions affect others. Look on the bright side: He's solved the problem of what to get the man who has everything for you!

DEAR ABBY: I have received several invitations to parties recently in which I was asked to do part of the work or participate in some of the expenses.

The one that really took the cake was to a party hosted by my boss. She had decided to celebrate her birthday at her house, and when I and my co-workers RSVP'd, we were asked what type of dish we planned to bring. We also discovered that only invited EMPLOYEES were asked to bring food. Her "real friends" weren't asked to bring anything. Needless to say, all but one employee remembered they had a "conflict."

If someone doesn't have the time or money to host a party, there are plenty of inexpensive foods, disposable tableware, etc., that can be used in a pleasant, cost-effective event without burdening -- financially or otherwise -- invited guests. What matters is getting together to celebrate and socialize and have a good time with friends and family. Abby, your thoughts? -- UNHAPPY "GUEST" IN MISSOURI

DEAR "GUEST": I'm glad you asked. I agree with your sentiments. Your boss should be ashamed of herself for trying to use you and the other employees in the guise of having you as guests at her birthday party. How tacky!

DEAR ABBY: I'm attending a wedding in a few months. The bride has requested that all female guests not wear heels because they're a short couple. I don't have any flats that will go with my dress, so I will have to either buy new shoes or "disappoint" the bride.

I've been hearing stories about wedding guests being told what colors to wear. I think brides (and couples) like this are going too far. What do you think? -- PUT OUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEAR PUT OUT: I think that if the bridal couple would like to feel a few inches taller on their big day, and buying a new pair of shoes would stretch your budget, you should consider having an old pair of flats dyed.

CRP blood test is not of use to everyone

DEAR DOCTOR K: The last time I had blood work, my doctor didn't check my CRP level. Wouldn't my CRP level have given him a better idea of my risk of heart disease?

DEAR READER: You ask a good -- and controversial -- question. Let me say up front that this test has been developed and studied by a colleague of mine at Harvard Medical School, and revenue from the test comes to my colleague and to the hospital where I practice.

Also, I'm talking only about the use of the CRP test to screen for future heart disease in people who are not known to have heart disease. I'm not talking about using the test in people who already have heart disease.

The C-reactive protein (CRP) blood test measures inflammation in the body. What does that have to do with heart disease? We now know that many heart attacks and strokes occur because cholesterol-rich plaques of atherosclerosis rupture. When that happens, blood clots form that can cut off the blood supply to part of the heart or brain. Plaques rupture because of inflammation inside them.

Many studies have shown that the CRP test does, indeed, help estimate a person's risk for heart disease. The question is whether the test should be used in everyone and how much additional information it gives.

A recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that checking CRP levels may not

tell us much about cardiovascular disease risk after all, at least in the average person. The review article looked at 52 studies that included 240,000 people. The researchers added the CRP results to standard risk factors, such as diabetes or high cholesterol. Using all of this information, they classified people by their risk of cardiovascular disease and whether they needed preventive treatment.

It turned out that the CRP tests would have prevented only one heart attack or stroke for every 400 to 500 people screened. In other words, the CRP test added little information about cardiovascular disease risk, beyond what the standard risk factors already showed, in the average person.

Several authoritative groups recommend that the test be performed in people who are at intermediate risk for heart disease based on other risk factors: high blood pressure (hypertension), smoking, high levels of LDL cholesterol, diabetes, or close relatives who have developed heart disease at a young age.

The logic in this recommendation is straightforward. If you are at high risk, according to these other risk factors, knowing your CRP level won't change your doctor's advice; you really need to eliminate these risk factors to protect your health.

And if you are at low risk, according to these other risk factors, finding that you have a high CRP level won't lead to any additional testing or treatment that is likely to help protect you. But if you're at intermediate risk, knowing your CRP level can be valuable.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)

Today in History

By the Associated Press
Today is Monday, Dec. 17, the 352nd day of 2012. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 17, 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies.

On this date:
In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial in Washington of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the

World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford. (She was paroled in Aug. 2009.)

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Hints From Heloise



by Heloise

A NO-WIN SITUATION
Dear Readers: Here is a response to a SOUND OFF about new customers getting the best deals:

Therese (Huntsville, Ala.) Times ran a letter where someone complained about companies giving new customers the best deal.

"I almost cried when I saw this letter. 'I am a small-shop owner in Alabama. We had a sale over the Labor Day weekend -- a basic discount for everyone who walked in the door, and a bonus discount on selected merchandise to our newsletter subscribers. The newsletter contained a coupon for them to bring in for their bonus discount. We use this coupon program to thank our repeat customers and newsletter subscribers. 'Wouldn't you know I received a nasty email from someone (a new day prior to your column) who was offended that other customers in the shop were getting a better price than she was (she got the newsletter but couldn't be bothered to read it all the way

through)? 'It's an absolutely no-win situation. If we entice new customers, we're not rewarding our regular customers, and if we reward our regular customers, newcomers are insulted. What's a shop owner supposed to do?' -- Frustrated Shop Owner in Alabama"

I'm not sure of a "win-win" solution, except to do the best you can. It's impossible to make everyone happy all of the time.

FAST FACTS
Dear Readers: Things to do before leaving on a long trip:
* Stop the mail.
* Turn off the ice maker.
* Stop the newspapers.
* Take out the trash.
* Unplug unnecessary appliances, like a toaster oven or a coffee maker.

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SWITCHING DOG FOOD
Dear Heloise: Do you have any advice on switching my dog over to a new food? -- Lou, via email

Lou, most dog-food manufacturers and veterinarians recom-

mend that you gradually switch a dog's food. Take at least a week to 10 days to make the switch. For the first few days, mix 3/4 old food and 1/4 new food. Then move to mixing 1/2 and 1/2 for a few days, and so on. If your dog seems to be adjusting well, you can then start feeding only the new food. Be patient, and make the change gradually.

If at any time your dog starts vomiting, having loose bowel movements or acting strange, slow down on switching the food. If problems continue, contact your veterinarian. -- Heloise

P.S.: Check with your veterinarian before changing pet food.

DECORATING HINT
Dear Heloise: My wife came up with a timesaving decorating strategy covering the various holidays throughout the year. She and our son decorate almost every room in our home according to the season -- Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. To expedite the decorating process, she had me photograph each area that was decorated. When the next season comes around, all she has to do is open the cartons and look at the photos. Sure saves a lot of time and hassle. -- Frank in Florida

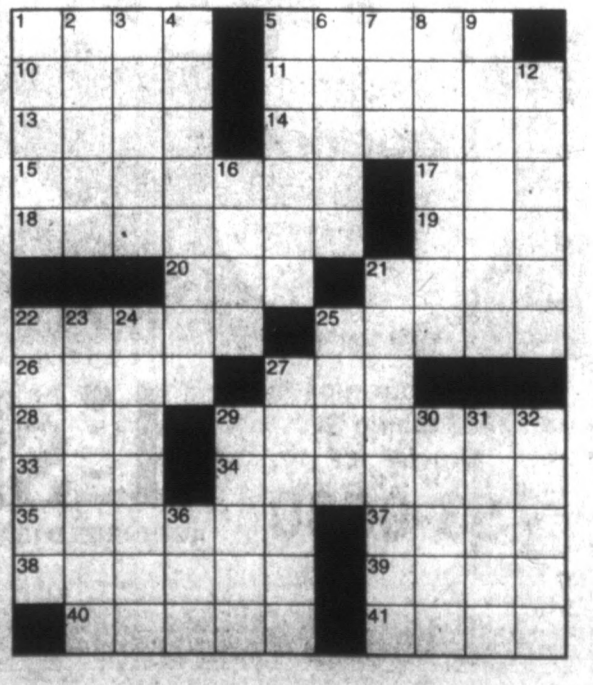
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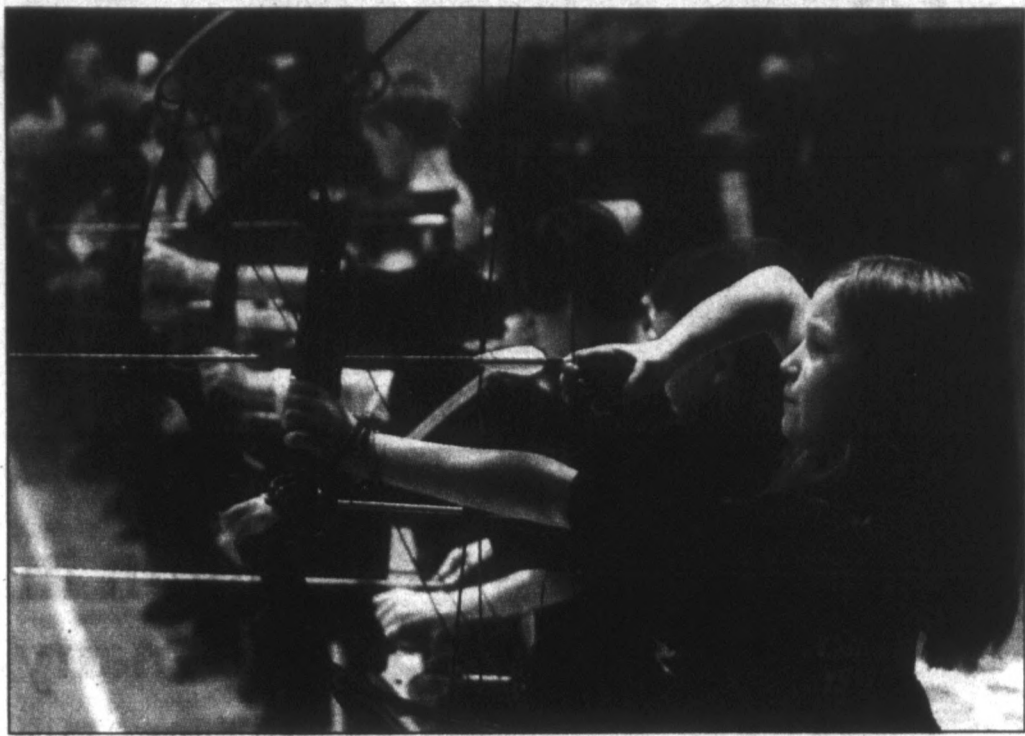


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Sport Shots



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Murray Elementary School fifth grader Emma Stallins lines up her next shot during an archery match at Murray High on Saturday morning inside Tiger Gymnasium.

NFL: VIKINGS 36, RAMS 22

Peterson runs for 212 yards in victory

By R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adrian Peterson peeked up at the video board at the end of his 82-yard touchdown run and saw St. Louis Rams players trailing far behind him.

And with each fancy high-step to cap it off, the Minnesota Vikings running back moved closer to the NFL rushing record.

Peterson piled up a season-best 212 yards on 24 carries in a 36-22 victory Sunday that

wasn't as close as the score indicated. He has a career-best 1,812 yards rushing, leaving him 294 shy of breaking the NFL's single-season mark of 2,105 set by Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams in 1984.

Women ...

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played," he said. "Especially the way we responded after a slow start, a rusty start. We came out and we certainly looked like we hadn't played a game in 10 days, but we recovered from it and we kept our composure late."

Mariah Robinson scored a game-high 19 points, while three other starters reached double-figures.

Erica Burgess had 13 points, six assists and five rebounds, while Kelsey Dirks added 11 points and six boards in the win. Freshman Erika Sisk added 10 points, as the Racers wrapped up a six-game home stand with an unblemished record.

A big reason for the Racers recent success has been their

work at the foul line, but Murray State had an uncharacteristically bad day at the free throw line, knocking down just 23-of-33 for 69.7 percent.

"We got to the line 33 times, which was very good, that exceeded our goal, but we didn't make them at the clip we needed too," Cross said. "There for awhile, we were going 1-for-2, and it really kept Alabama A&M in the ballgame."

"If we had gone 2-for-2 during that stretch, we would have been up 24 points or more; but we let them hang around and we were able to hold on."

Alabama A&M (1-4) was led in scoring by Jasmine Sanders, who pitched 18 points and five rebounds in the loss. The Racers outrebounded the Lady

Bulldogs 39-36, and held the visitors to just 4-of-18 shooting from the three-point line.

"It was an exciting game," Cross said. "I thought we definitely played well in stretches, and there were stretches where we just looked rusty. We still managed to hold on for the win, though, and that's all you can ask for."

Murray State 30 39 - 69
Alabama A&M 24 30 - 54

Murray State (7-3) — Robinson 19, Burgess 13, Dirks 11, Sisk 10, Watson 7, Elkins 6, Winfrey 3.
FG: 20-51. 3-pt.: 6-16. FT: 23-33.
Reb: 39. TO: 16. Assists: 12.

Alabama A&M (1-4) — Sanders 18, A. Strickland 13, Robertson 7, Johnson 4, O'Neal 4, Moore 3, Harper 2, Hopper 2, B. Strickland 1.
FG: 18-52. 3-pt.: 4-18. FT: 14-24.
Reb: 36. TO: 19. Assists: 5.

Racers ...

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line, finishing 12-for-20, the Racers made them when they had to, knocking down 5-of-6 over the final minute of action for the win.

"We are just glad to get this win," Prohm said. "This is a fun game to be a part of, this is a good rivalry, the fans love it and I think both schools enjoy it."

"It was a great game, and you have to give a lot of credit to Western Kentucky."

Murray State 33 42 - 75
Western Kentucky 28 42 - 70

Murray State (8-1) — Canaan 21, Daniel 16, Fields 14, Wilson 13, Garrett 8, Moss 3.
FG: 27-55. 3-pt.: 9-18. FT: 12-20.
Reb: 35. TO: 8. Assists: 12.

Western Kentucky (8-3) — Harris 23, Akol 14, Fant 10, Drane 8, Anyigbo 6, Crook 4, Blade 3, Akamune 2.
FG: 29-67. 3-pt.: 5-25. FT: 7-12.
Reb: 41. TO: 8. Assists: 9.



KYSER LOUGH

For the Ledger Murray State forward Ed Daniel drives the rim against the pressure of Western Kentucky's George Fant during the second half of Sunday's rivalry game at the CFSB Center. Daniel had 16 points and eight rebounds in the win.

OVC BASKETBALL EKU can't hold off Illini late

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Eastern Kentucky coach Jeff Neubauer had a good feeling halfway through Sunday's game against Illinois.

"At halftime, I really felt we'd win the game," Neubauer said. "Our defense was good enough to win the game."

Brandon Paul scored 17 points, Tracy Adams added 13 and the No. 10 Illini pulled away late to remain unbeaten with a 66-53 victory over Eastern Kentucky.

In a game between undefeated teams, the Illini led by 11 early but needed a late 12-2 run to gain control and help John Groce become only the second coach in Illinois history to win his first 12 games. Groce matched the school record for the best start by a first-year coach set by Fletcher Lane in 1907.

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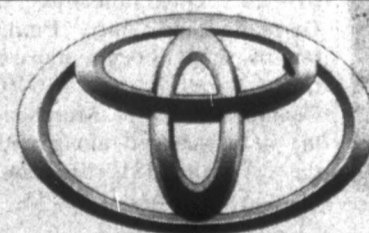
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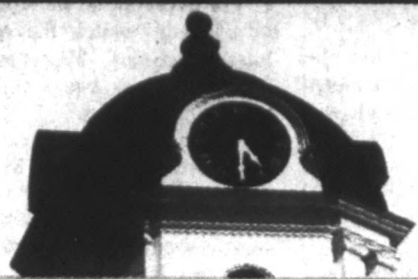
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PSC selects overlay for new western Ky. area code

Current 270 numbers remain unchanged; 10-digit local dialing to begin in 2014

Special to the Ledger

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A new area code 364 in western Kentucky will occupy the same geographic area as the current area code 270, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) announced Monday.

The overlay option is the least disruptive for all customers and imposes the smallest cost on businesses in the area, the PSC said in its order. This is the first area code in Kentucky created by an overlay. Area code 270 was created in 1999 by splitting area code 502.

"This decision means that everyone who now has an area code 270 phone number can keep that number," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said. "The only thing that will change is that 10-digit

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MSU's institutional advancement wins top CASE awards

Special to the Ledger

Murray State University's institutional advancement (IA) division was the recipient of 12 CASE-Kentucky (Council for Advancement and Support of Education-Kentucky) Awards — three Grand Champion Awards, six Awards of Excellence and three Special Merit recognitions — at its winter conference held in Lexington.

"I could not be prouder of the recognition Murray State University received at the annual CASE-Kentucky conference,"

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WEATHER



TODAY

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TOMORROW

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as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then occasional showers and possibly a thunderstorm after midnight. Low around 52. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 55.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 46. West wind 8 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Southwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 50. West southwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming north northwest after midnight.

Daily Forecast

The Associated Press

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Light south southwest wind increasing to 6 to 11 mph in the morning.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. South wind around 8 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. South wind 8 to 14 mph, with gusts

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KSP reports arrest in jail escape case

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

One of two people Kentucky State Police were seeking in connection with the escape of three inmates from the Calloway County Jail Sunday night was arrested Monday in Calloway County.

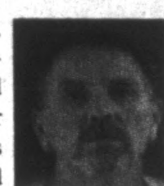
KSP said Ashley Bessette, 23, of Hazel, was arrested sometime

Monday on Hummingbird Lane near Murray. KSP said she was charged with complicity to escape 2nd degree and was taken to the Calloway County Jail. No other details were available in regards to her arrest.



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Meanwhile, area law officers continued their search for the inmates who escaped from the Calloway jail



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workhouse Sunday evening. They are identified as:

- Terry W. Hardin, 23, of Bowling Green, who is

described as a black man, 5 feet 7 inches, 174 pounds, with a shaved head, last seen wearing a black Carhart hooded jacket, red Fila or Nike shoes and light-colored blue jeans.



Hardin

They are identified as:

- Terry W. Hardin, 23, of Bowling Green, who is

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Bee Creek building on track for January completion

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer



Danny Dunn of Dunn's Electric in Murray works with wiring in the rafters of the new concession building Monday morning at the Bee Creek soccer complex.

The anticipated rebuild of the concessions building at the Bee Creek soccer complex in Murray is expected to be completed sometime in January.

Tab Brockman, director of Murray-Calloway County Parks & Recreation, said Monday that the construction has progressed without many hitches since beginning in earnest in late September. The building — measuring 1,100 square feet — will replace a smaller structure that was destroyed in a February fire that caused about \$150,000 in damage, particularly to equipment used by the Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association.

"I'm going over there at least every other day right now and it's looking really good," said Brockman, who added that he receives updates from the contractor of the project, Danny Steele of the W.D. Steele firm of Murray. "Danny told me they've really moved along well, but we've dealt with them before and that's what you would expect. They're a really good company."

The facility is expected to house three

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Buses remain a safe way to get to school

By PAIGE GRAVES
Staff Writer

According to an Associated Press analysis of data provided by the Kentucky Department of Education, an average of 1,434 school bus incidents occurred per school year from 2007-08 to 2010-2011. Officials and advocates still say buses remain one of the safest ways to get kids to school.

Records show the state's 10,000 school

buses are involved in hundreds of incidents each year, ranging from major wrecks to simple scrapes with a mailbox. Tommy Futrell, director of transportation for Calloway County Schools, says constant monitoring of buses and drivers keeps children on the way to school safe. Futrell said the most common problems he sees are individuals passing stop arms or people pulling out in front of buses. In order to keep bus drivers updated on the most recent safety standards, Futrell said the school system

does an eight-hour update course every year.

"Before any drivers are actually hired, they are educated on a series of safety issues," he said. "The qualifications to be a bus driver are actually pretty high. They have to go through all kinds of criminal background checks, health checks where they have to pass a physical and then they go through different courses that we have for them to be qualified."

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Gun control debate begins to simmer after massacre

By ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say meaningful action in the wake of the school shootings in Connecticut must include a ban on military-style assault weapons and a look at how the nation deals with individuals suffering from serious mental illness.

Several Democratic lawmakers and Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman said it was time to take a deeper look into the recent spate of mass shootings

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JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times
SNEAK PREVIEW: Diners are shown Monday inside the new Fazoli's restaurant in Murray. Fazoli's hosted an invitation-only grand opening event in advance of today's official opening for business at 507 Rushing Way.

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■ Jail escape case...

From Front

Hardin was in jail after being charged with burglary.

• Tab Delancey, 47, a native of Arkansas, who is described as a white man, 5 feet 7 inches, 185 pounds, last seen wearing a tan state-issued jacket, black boots and stone-washed jeans. He also was in jail after being charged with burglary.

• Bradley Cathey, 23, of Murray who is described as a white man, 5 feet 11 inches, 205 pounds, last seen wearing a camouflage sweatshirt, tan boots and possibly jeans. He was in jail on a probation violation.

"This one was a complete surprise. There was really no indication that they were planning anything," said Calloway County Jailer Phil Hazle, adding that the escape occurred between the 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. head counts for the 34 inmates kept at the workhouse, a facility built 12 years ago that is about a block away from the main jail, he said.

"We know now that they jumped a fence to the workhouse. We saw that later on a security camera," Hazle added.

Along with Bessette, Lasey Jones (age and hometown unknown) is also sought for involvement in the escape and could be driving a red 1997

Pontiac Grand Prix with Kentucky license 952-NPL. Hazle said they visited two of the inmates Sunday at the jail.

Hazle said this is the third time inmates have escaped from the workhouse since it went into service. Freedom time for those escapees was short-lived, he said. The most recent was in June when Bradley Watkins of Mayfield escaped from the workhouse and remained on the run for 20 minutes before he was captured in Mayfield.

Hazle said he is confident that the current crisis will be similarly resolved.

"They will be found and they will be prosecuted. I'm sure of that. I think they're going to regret this decision," he said, noting that KSP is the lead agency for the case "because these are state inmates, but both (Murray police and Calloway sheriff's deputies) are involved and we've issued an advisory to all departments in the area."

If captured, Hazle said all three will face escape second-degree charges that could add one to five years, and possibly five to 10 years to their sentences.

Individuals facing charges are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

■ Bee Creek...

From Front

main components — restrooms, the floors of which were expected to be painted this past weekend, storage for soccer equipment and a small area for concessions. Brockman also said he is expecting water lines to be established to the site soon.

In addition, a security camera, similar to one now in place at Murray-Calloway County Central Park, is planned for the Bee Creek site. Brockman said that installation could happen later this week, but timing is not exact.

Also, Brockman said there is

one other aspect to the project that was established in recent days.

"We now have an official address," he said of the site now carrying the identification of 1000 Rickman Way, named for Murray resident Jimmy Rickman who made a \$40,000 donation to the park board in October. "We worked with both the city and the county on that and also had to go through the 911 register, but we've got it now."

Brockman said a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled for the new building after construction is completed.

■ CASE awards...

From Front

said Jim Carter, vice president of institutional advancement. "For three straight years, we have shown brightly among our peers in Kentucky. These awards validate the vision, hard work and expertise of the institutional advancement team."

CASE-Kentucky is a statewide organization that serves advancement professionals at all levels working in alumni relations, communications and development at more than 70 colleges, universities, private secondary and elementary schools, and other educational

organizations. Specific awards for IA included:

- Grand Champion - Pink Glove Dance video partnership with Western Baptist Hospital
- Grand Champion - Points of Pride 2011 annual report
- Grand Champion - Murray State Anthem campaign
- Award of Excellence - Crisis Communication plan (social media component)
- Award of Excellence - 1922 Society letter
- Award of Excellence - MSU Comprehensive Plan
- Award of Excellence - MSU Facebook
- Award of Excellence - MSU Pinterest
- Award of Excellence - The Blue & Gold magazine
- Special Merit - Spirit Fatheads
- Special Merit - Take Your Place video
- Special Merit - Where Do You Blue & Gold contest

Correction

Due to a production error, the name of Angela Darnell was partially cut off in a photo description in Monday's Ledger & Times.

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



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■ Bus safety ...

From Front

The AP report detailed the state broadly tracking incidents that might occur. The high was reported at 1,584 in 2009-2010, and the low a year later at 1,343.

Futrell said he believes distracted drivers are contributing to the accidents.

"Not everyone is watching out as close as they should be, so we try very hard to make sure our drivers and buses are as safe as they can be," he said. "We have a monthly check for safety where the bus goes through a safety inspection. That details checking tires, brakes, steering and then for further safety checks we have our drivers do a pre-trip every morning where they walk around the bus and check everything."

Futrell said that includes checking lights, brakes and air pressure. After a bus has completed its route a second check is done as well. When buses are classified as unsafe, they are replaced.

"We get new buses every year, depending on the schedule they ran and how many went out," Futrell said. "Actually after 15 years a bus won't be used any more. One reason we do that is because of depreciation from the state and you won't get as much money back, and that money gets us new buses."

Futrell again wants to remind drivers to keep a close eye out for school buses stopping to pick up or drop off students.

"For everyone in the community, always watch the school buses," he said. "Pay attention and don't pass buses that are unloading children."

Dr. Tom Rendek, director of transportation for Murray Independent Schools, agreed with Futrell as far as what he sees in accidents.

"In my five years, I think we've had three or four fender-benders, and that's typical in a smaller place like Murray," Rendek said. "The biggest problem is when school is in session and people get anxious, and they want to go around the bus when the stop arm is down. That's against the law, and the most critical time for a student is when a bus is loading and unloading. Things can happen so quickly and that's one of our biggest concerns."

MISD also insists on having properly trained bus drivers who are prepared for any situations that may arise.

"Kentucky may have the most stringent training requirements in the nation when it comes to training school bus drivers," he said. "Additionally, once a driver is successfully trained, he or she is required to attend annual updates concerning many topics, including passenger safety. School buses are built for passenger safety. According to the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration, school buses are seven times safer than traveling by car or truck. School buses are designed to be safe."

■ Gun control...

From Front

and what can be done to prevent them. Gun control was a hot topic in the early 1990s, when Congress enacted a 10-year ban on assault weapons. But since that ban expired in 2004, few Americans have wanted stricter laws and politicians say they don't want to become targets of a powerful gun-rights lobby.

Gun-rights advocates said that might all change after the latest shooting that killed 20 children aged 6 or 7. Police say the gunman, Adam Lanza, was carrying an arsenal of ammunition and used a high-powered rifle similar to the military's M-16.

On Monday, Sen. Joe Manchin, a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association, said it was time to discuss gun policy and move toward action on gun regulation. The conservative West Virginia Democrat said Monday he agrees with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has advocated banning the sale of assault weapons.

Manchin is the most prominent gun rights advocate to speak after the shooting, telling MSNBC that he is a "proud outdoorsman and hunter, but this

doesn't make sense."

At a Sunday night service in Newtown, Conn., the site of Friday's massacre, President Barack Obama did not specifically address gun control. But he vowed, "In the coming weeks I'll use whatever power this office holds to engage my fellow citizens, from law enforcement to mental health professionals to parents and educators in an effort aimed at preventing more tragedies like this."

He added: "Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard? Are we prepared to say that such violence visited on our children year after year after year is somehow the price of our freedom?"

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the nation "could be at a tipping point ... a tipping point where we might actually get something done" on gun control. He and other Democrats, as well as Lieberman, said they want to ban the sale of new assault weapons and make it harder for mentally ill individuals to obtain weapons. Lieberman said a new commission should be created to look at gun laws and the mental health system, as well as violence in movies and video games.

"Assault weapons were developed for the U.S. military, not commercial gun manufacturers," Lieberman said before the Newtown vigil Sunday night.

"This is a moment to start a very serious national conversation about violence in our society, particularly about these acts of mass violence," said the Connecticut senator, who is retiring at the end of the year.

"It's a good place to be. I enjoy the peaceful, outdoor scenery, the animals and the fishing pond."

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The Honorable Larry Elkins, Calloway County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Ray Coursey, Jr., Calloway County Clerk
Members of the Calloway County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Calloway County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2011. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the **Audit Guide for County Fee Officials** issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with **Government Auditing Standards**, we have also issued our report dated October 5, 2012 on our consideration of Calloway County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with **Government Auditing Standards** and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Calloway County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

October 5, 2012
State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Area code...

From Front

dialing will be required for local calls beginning in early 2014."

Ten-digit dialing means that an area code must precede the seven-digit phone number for all local calls within the current area code 270 territory. Long-distance calls within area code 270 will require 11-digit (1 plus area code plus number) dialing, like any long-distance call to outside the area. Ten-digit dialing also will be required for all calls where local calling areas span the boundary between area code 270 and adjoining area codes.

With more than a year until final implementation, there will be ample time for a smooth transition that will allow everyone to become familiar with the new dialing rules, Armstrong said.

The PSC noted in its order that public comments received in the case overwhelmingly favored an overlay. The other option was to split area code 270 and designate a portion as area code 364, with both landline and wireless customers in the affected portion required to change their area code as a result.

"Public opinion has shifted dramatically in the six years since the PSC last considered this matter," Armstrong said. "It appears that the public is much less concerned about 10-digit dialing than about the possibility of having to change phone numbers."

Comments from the business community noted that a split would force businesses in the area receiving the new area code to change printed materials, signage and anything else bearing their phone number, the PSC said in its order.

In selecting an overlay, the PSC noted that it has become the preferred method for creating new area codes. Overlays pose the fewest technical issues for implementation by an increasing complex telecommunication industry, the PSC said.

Overlays have been used for all but one (in New Mexico) of the last 24 area codes created nationwide, the PSC noted in today's order.

For example, the West Virginia Public Service Commission in 2008 at first opted to split the state's sole area code. But opposition from the public — especially the business community — forced it to reverse course a month later and create a statewide overlay.

The Kentucky PSC was formally notified in April of the need for a new area code by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the agency that distributes blocks of phone numbers to providers and tracks number exhaustion in area codes.

NANPA originally said a new area code would be needed in early 2015, but later revised that projection to early 2014.

"The need for a new area code

is driven largely by demand for new numbers associated with wireless devices, but also is suggestive of increasing economic activity," PSC Chairman Armstrong said. "As such, it is a positive development."

The PSC opened the area code case in August. Public information sessions were conducted in October in Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Glasgow, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, and Paducah. PSC staff also spoke to civic or business organizations in Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Murray.

Today's PSC order sets an implementation schedule for the overlay that extends over the next 13 months. Telecommunication providers are ordered to begin preparing their networks for the change no later than Feb. 2, 2013.

Landline and wireless local service providers also are required to prepare customer education plans, submit them to the PSC by mid-February and begin implementing those plans in February as well.

A permissive dialing period will begin on Aug. 3, 2013. During that time, calls may be made using either the current seven-digit dialing rules or the new 10-digit dialing rules.

The permissive dialing period is intended both as a transition period to the new dialing patterns and as an opportunity for private telephone systems to be reprogrammed and tested in preparation for mandatory 10-digit dialing.

Mandatory 10-digit dialing will go into effect on Feb. 1, 2014. At that point, calls using the current dialing rules will no longer be connected.

The first numbers using area code 364 may be assigned beginning March 3, 2014. Area code 270 numbers can be assigned after that date, but their availability will depend on how many remain in the inventory of each individual service provider.

In addition to the education programs required of the service providers, the PSC also will work to educate customers about the new area code and what it will mean for them.

PSC staff will be available to make presentations to local governments, chambers of commerce, civic groups and other organizations. To schedule a presentation, contact Andrew Melnykovich, public information officer for the PSC.

All records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number in the current proceeding is 2012-00129.

10 Things to Know About Kentucky's New Area Code

1. All current area code 270 numbers remain unchanged. Everyone with a 270 area code number can keep it. Nobody is required to change their area code or phone number.
2. The overlay affects both landline and wireless services.
3. Area code 364 will be overlaid on top of area code 270. That means that area codes 270 and 364 will occupy the same physical space beginning March 2014.
4. In order to distinguish between phone numbers with area code 270 and those with area code 364, 10-digit dialing will be required for all local calls within the overlay.
5. Ten-digit dialing also will be required for local calls into or out of the overlay in those areas that now allow seven-digit local calling across the area code 270 boundary.
6. Ten-digit dialing means dialing the area code before dialing the number itself — for example: 270-555-1212 or 364-555-1212.
7. Long-distance calls within the overlay will require 11-digit (1-plus) dialing, just as long distance calls to other area codes do now.
8. A transition period, known as permissive dialing, will begin on August 3, 2013 and end on January 31, 2014. During that time, local calls can be made using either seven-digit or 10-digit dialing.
9. On February 1, 2014, 10-digit dialing for local calls will become mandatory in the area code 270/364 territory.
10. Numbers with area code 364 may be distributed beginning March 3, 2014. Telecommunication service providers may continue to distribute 270 numbers for as long as they have any remaining in their inventories.

A Timeline of Area Code 270

- April 1999 — Area code 270 takes effect after split from area code 502, giving Kentucky three area codes.
- June 2001 — PSC petitions FCC for mandatory number pooling in area code 270.
- July 2001 — NANPA first suggests need for new area code in 270 territory
- July 2006 — NANPA update triggers PSC case for creation of new area code
- May 2007 — PSC decides to split area code 270 by creating area code 364. The start date is set for April 2008.
- May 2007 — FCC authorizes mandatory number pooling in area code 270.
- June 2007 — PSC postpones split until July 2008 to assess impact of number pooling.
- Nov. 2007 — PSC postpones split until January 2009.
- May 2008 — PSC postpones split until April 2010.
- June 2009 — PSC postpones split until January 2012.
- April 2010 — NANPA says area code 270 no longer in jeopardy of number exhaustion.
- Aug. 2010 — PSC suspends implementation of split and use of area code 364.
- Oct. 2010 — NANPA update shows no need for new area code until late 2014.
- Dec. 2010 — PSC rescinds decision to split area code 270.
- April 2012 — NANPA tells PSC new area code will be needed by third quarter of 2014.
- Aug. 2012 — PSC opens case to consider new area code options. A telecommunications industry group recommends overlay.
- Sept. 2012 — NANPA revises projected number exhaustion to first quarter of 2014.
- Dec. 2012 — PSC selects overlay as relief option for area code 270.
- Feb. 2014 — Mandatory 10-digit dialing to begin in area code 270/364.
- March 2014 — Area code 364 numbers may be distributed.

Newtown plans burials as school's future is debated

By MATT APUZZO and PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — A grieving Connecticut town braced itself Monday to bury the first two of the 20 littlest victims of the school gunman. Authorities could not say when or whether the school, now a crime scene and forever a place of tragedy, would reopen.

State police Lt. Paul Vance said that it could be months before police turn Sandy Hook Elementary School back over to the district. The people of Newtown, consumed by loss, were not ready to address its future.

"We're just now getting ready to talk to our son about who was killed," said Robert Licata, the father of a student who escaped harm during the shooting. "He's not even there yet."

Classes were canceled Monday, and Newtown's other schools were to reopen Tuesday. The district made plans to send surviving Sandy Hook students to a former school building in a neighboring town but could not say when.

On Sunday, President Barack Obama pledged to seek change in memory of the 20 children and six adults slain Friday by a gunman packing a high-powered rifle. The president slowly recited the first names of the children.

"What choice do we have?" he said. "Are we really prepared to say that we're powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard?"

Authorities said Sunday that the gunman, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of especially deadly ammunition, enough to kill just about every student in the school if given enough time.

The shooter decided to kill himself when he heard police closing in about 10 minutes into the attack, Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said Sunday on the ABC program "This Week."

The first funerals were for two 6-year-olds: Jack Pinto, a year-old New York Giants fan who might be buried in wide receiver Victor Cruz's jersey, and Noah Pozner, who liked to figure out how things worked mechanically. His twin sister, Arielle, who was assigned to a different classroom, survived the shooting.

"He was just a really lively, smart kid," said Noah's uncle Alexis Haller, of Woodinville, Wash. "He would have become a great man, I think. He would have grown up to be a great dad."

With more funerals planned this week, the road ahead for Newtown, which had already started purging itself of Christmas decorations in a joyful season turned mournful, was clouded.

"I feel like we have to get back to normal, but I don't know if there is normal anymore," said Kim Camputo, mother of two children, 5 and 10, who attend a different school. "I'll definitely be dropping them off and picking them up myself for a while."

Jim Agostine, superintendent of schools in nearby Monroe, said plans were being made for students from Sandy Hook to attend classes in his town this week.

Newtown police Lt. George Sinko said he "would find it very difficult" for students to return to the same school where they came so close to death. But, he added, "We want to keep these kids together. They need to support each other."

Connecticut Education Commissioner Stefan Pryor said state construction employees are giving their advice on renovating Sandy Hook, which serves grades kindergarten through four.

It wasn't just Newtown concerned about the next steps for its schoolchildren. Across the country, vigilance was high.

In an effort to ensure student safety and calm parents' nerves, school systems asked police departments to increase patrols and sent messages to parents outlining safety plans they said are regularly reviewed and rehearsed.

Teachers girded themselves to be strong for their students and for questions and fears they would face in the classroom.

"It's going to be a tough day," said Richard Cantlupe, an American history teacher at Westglades Middle School in Parkland, Fla. "This was like our 9/11 for schoolteachers."

Communities were on edge. In nearby Ridgefield, Conn., schools were locked down after a suspicious person was seen near a train station.

At an interfaith service in Newtown on Sunday evening, Obama said he would use "whatever power this office holds" to work with law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents and teachers to prevent more tragedies like Newtown.

The president met privately with families of the victims and with the emergency personnel who responded to the shooting. Police and firefighters got hugs and standing ovations when they entered for the public vigil, as did Obama.

Town Crier

NOTICE

• The City of Murray will conduct a public hearing regarding the cable television franchise of Murray Electric System at noon Wednesday, Dec. 26. The purpose of the hearing is the commencement of proceedings, which, pursuant to 47 USC 546, will afford city residents appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (a) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests and (b) reviewing the performance of Murray Electric System under the company's franchise during the current franchise term. All interested parties will have the chance to speak at the hearing, and additional written comments may be sent to 104 North Fifth St., attention City Clerk, Cable Franchise Agreement.

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Obituaries

Jack Fredrick Davidson

Jack Fredrick Davidson, 84, of Madison, Miss., died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012. Arrangements are incomplete at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Margaret Smith

Margaret Smith, 88 of Hamlin, Ky., died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at Spring Creek Health Care. Arrangements are incomplete at Imes-Miller Funeral Home & Crematory.

Donna Kaye Humphrey Thurmond

A graveside service for Donna Kaye Humphrey Thurmond, 69, of Murray, Ky., will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the Murray City Cemetery with the Rev. Kerry Lambert officiating. Burial will follow. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Tuesday at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.



Thurmond

She died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was born Feb. 24, 1943 in Marshall County. She worked at the Murray Walmart Super Center before retiring.

In addition to her parents, Rex Humphrey and Ruby Rule Humphrey, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edd "Hamburger" Michael Thurmond, who died in 2009; and three brothers, Kenny Humphrey, Jerry Humphrey and Joe Neal Humphrey.

She is survived by two daughters, Melissa Bevil and Tina Hodges, both of Murray; one son, Dennis Thurmond and wife, Penny, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; one sister, Diane Butler, of Paducah; four brothers, Ronnie Humphrey and wife, Nancy, of Benton, Rexie Dale Humphrey and wife, Rheaneita, of Kirksey, Carlis Humphrey, of Possum Trot and Michael Humphrey, of Marshall County; and four grandchildren, Sarah Hodges, Dustin Bevil, Courtney Hodges, all of Murray and Ella Thurmond, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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

Mississippi River blasting may start today

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Barge operators along a key stretch of the Mississippi River braced Monday for months of restricted shipping as crews prepared to begin blasting large rock formations impeding navigation on the drought-plagued waterway.

Contractors from Iowa and Ohio could begin drilling holes into the troublesome Mississippi River bedrock south of St. Louis and detonating explosives inserted inside as early as Tuesday, the Army Corps of Engineers said. They expect to remove enough rock to fill about 50 dump trucks, possibly more.

Dwain Tubbs

Dwain Tubbs, 44, of Dexter, Ky., died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital.

He was born March 25, 1968 and was a deputy jailer for Calloway County Jail.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry D. Tubbs Sr. He is survived by his wife, Rachel Ann Garland Tubbs, of Dexter; one daughter, Hannah Tubbs, of Dexter; one son, Dakota Holland, Naval Base in Japan; his mother, Margaret Lovett Thorn and husband, Bobby, of Benton; two sisters, Melissa Parchman, of Mayfield and Donna Perez, of Murray; and two brothers, Daryl Tubbs, of Benton and Scott Tubbs, of Hardin.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home and Crematory. Elijah Balentine will officiate. Friends may call after 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at the funeral home. Arrangements are being handled by Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tilmon Cowan

Tilmon Cowan, 86, of Buchanan, Tenn., died at 11:55 p.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born Nov. 30, 1926.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Alice (Meadows) Cowan; three sisters, Anita Perry, Almedia Mercer and Augusta Walker; and two brothers, Thomas Cowan and Talman Cowan.

He is survived by three daughters, Anita Lewis and husband Michael of Buchanan, Tenn., Annette Steward of Chicago, Ill., and Adriane Jackson and husband Greg of San Antonio, Texas; one son, Clark Cowan and wife Toni of Ohio; one brother, Thurman Cowan of Chicago; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Western Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Buchanan. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery in Buchanan. Friends may visit from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour at the church.

Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Maxine Burkeen

Funeral services for Mary Maxine Burkeen, 79, of Murray, Ky., were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at the South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eugene Nichols and the Rev. Glenn Hill officiating. Burial followed in the South Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Born in Murray Oct. 21, 1933 to the late Robert "Bob" Tilmon Orr and Minerva Ellen Erwin Orr, she was a retired school teacher from Southwest Elementary and a member of the South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Evans Burkeen, of Murray, to whom she married Oct. 10, 1953; three daughters, Karen Burkeen Guthrie and husband, Ronnie, of Hazel, Marilyn Jo Vailes and husband, Alan, of Murray and Rhonda Orr McGinnis and husband, Dennis, of Murray; four grandchildren, Shannon Michelle Ordunez and husband, Jesse, Jacob Clay McGinnis, Heather Renee McGinnis and Robert James Guthrie and wife, Shawn; and one great-grandchild.

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



Burkeen

Dale Melugin

Dale Melugin, 92, of Paducah, Ky., died at 12:46 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.

He was retired from the Construction Engineering Department of Union Carbide/Martin Marietta in Paducah after 34 years of service. He worked on the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tenn., prior to the end of World War II.

He was a graduate of Murray State University with a B.S. Degree, majoring in Physics and Mathematics. His teaching career consisted of being a civilian instructor at the U.S. Army Signal Corp School in Lexington, teaching a night school class in Electronics in Oak Ridge, instructor in Physics and Principles of flying at the U.S. Navy V-12 pre-flight school and veterans class in Practical Electricity at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

He was a volunteer for Lourdes Hospice, Paducah-McCracken County Senior Citizens, Crime Stoppers and Easter Seals of West Kentucky, board member of the American Cancer Society and a graduate of the Paducah Police Department Citizen's Police Academy. He also helped organize the Paducah Outboard Boating Club in the 1950s, serving as its first commodore. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah, where he served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Jewel Gingles Melugin.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Delphine Elliott Melugin of Paducah; son, Roger Melugin and wife Marilyn of Paducah; daughter, Laura (Robert) Herndon of Paducah; brother, Bob Melugin of Kingston, OK; three grandchildren, Reid Herndon, Colin Herndon and Kristi Tilley and her husband Chris; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at Immanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Jamie Broome officiating. Burial will follow at the Murray City Cemetery in Murray. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah and after 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 in the Immanuel Baptist Church parlor. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: Murray State University Foundation, Office of Development, 200 Heritage Hall, Murray, KY 42071.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. *This is a paid obituary.*

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Police: man held after LA schools threatened

JEFF WILSON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California man was arrested and nine guns were seized after threats were posted on Facebook against Los Angeles elementary schools, police said Monday.

Kyle Bangayan, 24, of Pomona was booked into the downtown jail Sunday for investigation of making criminal threats, police Cmdr. Andrew Smith said. He remained in jail with bail set at \$500,000.

Police detectives and FBI agents went to the east Hollywood home of Bangayan's father after a resident notified authorities about the threatening Facebook postings that referred to the deadly school shootings in Connecticut, Smith said.

"When we get information like this, we take it very seriously, even more so now in light of the Connecticut school shootings," Smith said.

On Friday, Adam Lanza, 20, shot and killed 20 children and six adults before killing himself at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.

The names of the Los Angeles schools and details about the threats were not immediately released.

Detectives and the FBI were still investigating. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller didn't immediately return telephone messages on Monday.

When Los Angeles officers and FBI agents arrived at the suspect's home, the father gave permission for a search, authorities said. Nine weapons were confiscated, but Smith said details about the firearms and ownership weren't being released.

The home is in a working-class neighborhood about eight miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Pomona is about 30 miles to the east.

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DATEBOOK Red Cross to hold blood drives Dec. 20, 21



Datebook
Jessica Morris,
Community
editor

Upcoming blood drives for the American Red Cross will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Murray and Friday, Dec. 21, from 2-6 p.m. at Aaron's Sale and Lease of Murray. To donate blood, call 1(800) RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Blood donors must be at least 18 years of age (or 16-17 with parental consent), be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and pass the brief physical and health history exams given prior to donation.

Bell ringers still needed

The local Salvation Army service unit is still in need of bell ringers for Wednesday, Dec. 19, through Saturday, Dec. 22, at Walmart, Murray. To volunteer, text or call and leave a message with Kerry Lambert at (270) 227-9068.

Grace Baptist to hold concert

Grace Baptist Church, 617 South Ninth St., Murray, will feature Christmas In America with Eric Horner in concert Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. A love offering will be received. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 753-7599.

Holiday event to be held

Emeritus at Murray, formerly Glendale Place, will hold a premier holiday event to celebrate their new name and look Thursday, Dec. 20, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Santa returns to make final appearances

All children are invited to visit with Santa Claus Thursday, Dec. 20, from 1-4 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 22, from 12-3 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 23, from 1:30-4 p.m. when he returns to his house on the Courthouse lawn in downtown Murray.

Home Department of MWC to meet

The Home Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 11:30 a.m. for a "Chinese Auction" of toy items at Tom's Grille, Murray. Hostess will be Rose Whitt. Devotion will be led by Louise Pool. All members are encouraged to attend.

Civil War meeting to be held

The next Fort Donelson Civil War meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Cumberland Room of the Stewart County Visitors Center in Dover, Tenn. The program will be "Santa Claus in the Trenches: Celebrating Christmas in the American Civil War." Ft. Donelson Civil War round table meetings are free and open to the public. For more information contact Walsh at (931) 801-5129.

Senior CSFP pick up food day Thursday

Senior Commodity Supplemental Food Program pick up food day will be Thursday, Dec. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call Need Line at 753-6333.

Puppet show to be held

The Immanuel Youth group will present a puppet show "The Christmas Story," a pageant of lessons and carols Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free however the youth will ask for donations to help fund their December project. Proceeds will be used to purchase pet food to be given to the local humane society. Participants may also bring dry dog or cat food to the show.

DivorceCare meetings held Wednesdays

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. DivorceCare For Kids is a weekly support group for children ages 5-12 who needs help dealing with the separation or divorce of their parents. Meetings are at Elm Grove Baptist Church, 6483 St. Rt. 94 East, beginning at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. Call 293-2509 for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous to meet

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

ALS Support Group to meet

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Support Group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Center for Health and Wellness Classroom. For more information call Mitzi Cathey at 293-1748.

Registration open for story time sessions

Registration for the Calloway County Public Library spring 2013 story time session, including Parents with Ones and Twos and Preschool Story Time, is now open. For more information call 753-2288.

Angel alert issued

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.

Journey with Jackie and CFSB

Journey with Jackie and CFSB to see the UK vs. Eastern Michigan basketball game Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. Tickets are \$169.99 and seating is limited. Call (270) 527-4643 for tickets.

Bethel Cemetery donations needed

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Students earn honors at Mid-Continent

Special to the Ledger

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

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NAMI to meet Thursday

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The Murray NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support Group will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Educational Services building of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, on the corner of Eighth and Elm streets.

The support group is for the family and friends of someone diagnosed with a mental illness such as major depression, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic

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First Christian Church will hold The Longest Night — Service of Light, a special candlelit service of music, scripture and words of hope Friday, Dec. 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at the church, 111 North Fifth St., Murray.

For more information call 753-3824.

Cancer Society offering program

Special to the Ledger

The American Cancer Society has a free, transportation assistance program operating in Calloway County so cancer patients won't have to worry about how to get to and from their needed treatments. It is called "Road to Recovery" in which trained volunteer drivers will take cancer patients to and from their life-saving treatments. To request assistance or information on how to volunteer to be a driver, call the American Cancer Society 24-hour information line at 1(800) 227-2345. For additional information on Road to Recovery, visit www.cancer.org.

Donations needed for upkeep

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The New Concord Cemetery is in need of tax deductible donations to help with the upkeep of the cemetery. Mail donations to Mac Coleman, 296 Buchanan Lane, New Concord, KY 42076.

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Pictured above is the Calloway County Middle school quick recall team. Front row, from left, is Sierra Todd, Joza Mikulcic, Brianna Madden and Kati Beth Wyant. Back row, from left, is Coach Pile, Lauren Hale, Cole Emerson, Claire Umstead, Nic Hawkins, Chance Roberts and Coach Hultman.

Challenger Learning Center Calendar includes designs from local schools

Paducah, KY - The Challenger Learning Center at Paducah, located on the campus of West Kentucky Community and Technical College, has chosen 12 mission patches created by area students to be featured in a 2013 calendar.

The students created the patches in class while preparing to fly a simulated space mission at the center.

The schools and students represented in the calendar include:

- January- Lakyn Bachuss, Lone Oak Middle School
- February- Ann Taylor, Murray Middle School
- March- Shaina Magness, Wingo Elementary, Graves County
- April- Johnathon Kirkpatrick, Lone Oak Elementary
- May- Khalil Griffin, Ballard Middle School
- June- Breanna Patterson, Murray Middle School
- July- Taely Freeman, Caldwell Middle School
- August- Zach McLeod, Reidland Elementary
- September- Olivia Heath, Lowes Elementary, Graves County
- October- Kaylynn Campbell, Hailey Stafford, Robbie Edmonds, South Livingston Elementary
- November- Emma Humphreys, Jackson Christian School, Tennessee
- December- Kristen Micketto, Southwest Calloway Elementary (currently in the 6th grade at Calloway Middle School)

McLeod's mission patch, which shows a space shuttle leaving the Earth, was also chosen as the cover of the 2013 calendar and the center's annual 2013 holiday card.

Each student, school, teacher and superintendent will receive a calendar. They will also be given to the many people who have helped make the Challenger Learning Center a success.

"This is the sixth year we have produced a calendar. We are very proud to be able to showcase our students' artwork in such a useable format for all to see," said Mellisa Duncan, center director.

CCMS team competes in WKCTC Bowl

On Nov. 16 the Laker Middle School Quick Recall and Future Problem Solving (FPS) teams competed in the WKCTC Bowl in Paducah. In the third season of the event, 15 middle school teams participated in the tournament that was hosted at the West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

The CCMS Future Problem Solving team competed against five other Western Kentucky teams—Community Christian Academy, St. Mary's, Paducah Middle and Heath Middle who submitted two teams. The teams were given two hours to address a futuristic scenario. In their booklet, each team was assigned to compose eight challenges related to the scenario, one underlying problem, eight solutions to the underlying problem, and finally an

action plan that has a noticeable impact in solving the scenario. In Calloway's evaluator scoring, the FPS team received four ranks of first place, which put them on top of the FPS competitive portion of the WKCTC tournament. The Laker FPS team is coached by Whitney Pile and Abigail Bourland.

Additionally, teams from around the region competed in both pool play and bracket elimination play to determine a Quick Recall champion team. Calloway County finished the Quick Recall pool play portion of the tournament with an unbeaten record and then third overall. They defeated in pool play Paducah Middle (19—17), St. Mary's (19—16), and North Marshall (23—15). This allowed Calloway Middle to earn one of the four "one

seeds" for the afternoon tournament. In the round of sixteen, the Lakers defeated Livingston Middle (29—4), and in the quarterfinals they defeated Hickman County by a score of 32—17. In the final four, the Lakers met another one seed, Lone Oak Middle School. After a competitive round of quick recall, Lone Oak beat the Lakers 30—31 by getting the last question of the match correct. In the consolation match, the Lakers rebounded by defeating Heath Middle School by a score of 34—25. It was a successful day as the Laker squad accumulated six wins and only one close loss. The Calloway County Middle School varsity quick recall team is coached by Scott Pile and Mitch Hultman.



HOMEPLACE VISIT:

Murray Elementary School third grade students recently visited the LBL Homeplace 1850s for their "Appalachian Folkarts Festival." Murray Elementary School Arts and Humanities teachers Kim Black, Tina Dunn, Stoya Hastings and Michael Conley received a Foundation for Excellence mini-grant to fund this project to integrate the arts and social studies. The Morgan Family, guest music artists, played Appalachian folk-songs.

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Bangladesh probe: Fire sabotage, owner negligent

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A Bangladesh government committee investigating the garment factory fire that killed 112 people last month said in its findings Monday that the blaze was sabotage, probably by someone who worked there.

But the panel said that no matter who set the fire, the owner of the factory also should be punished for the deaths because he neglected worker safety.

"If someone is responsible for such a huge number of deaths, that's his. He has failed to ensure safety," committee head Mainuddin Khandaker said of factory owner Delwar Hossain.

Some government and garment industry officials had alleged soon after the Nov. 24 fire that it was an act of sabotage, though a fire official said casualties would have been greatly reduced if the factory had followed safety rules.

The factory lacked emergency exits and Hossain has said only three floors of the eight-story building were legally built. Surviving employees said gates had been locked and managers had told them to go back to work after the fire alarm went off.

The four-member committee submitted its report to the government Monday. At least two other investigations are continuing.

Khandaker, an official with the Ministry of Home Affairs, told The Associated Press that committee members believe some people who worked at the factory were involved in the sabotage.

"Otherwise, how come they locked the gates? How come they asked the workers to go back to work even after the fire alarm?" he said.

Three factory officials suspected of locking workers inside the building were arrested days after the fire and remain in custody.

Khandaker said the panel recommended further investigation through a "powerful intelligence agency" to unearth the insiders.

No matter who is responsible for setting the fire, Khandaker said, "We can't spare the owner of the factory. He is responsible for his failure to ensure safety. I have recommended specifically to bring the owner under the purview of law."

Hossain "tried to defend himself" under questioning from the committee, Khandaker said. "But I can tell you clearly that he had serious negligence as he has failed to follow existing building code and safety rules."

A phone call seeking comment from Hossain rang unanswered Monday night.

The committee recommended that the government form a "powerful task force" to ensure safety at garment factories across the country. The garment industry accounts for about 80 percent of Bangladesh's exports, and workers' rights groups say existing regulations have gone unenforced because officials fear the industry's power.

The Tazreen Fashions Ltd. factory made clothing for several major U.S. retailers, including Wal-Mart, which had received a 2011 audit warning about the factory's conditions. Wal-Mart and other companies said suppliers had used the Tazreen factory without their knowledge.

Retailers, fashion labels, labor groups and local officials meeting in 2011 in Dhaka, the capital, had discussed an agreement to improve fire safety at Bangladesh's roughly 4,000 garment factories. The proposal went nowhere after a Wal-Mart representative said it was "not financially feasible," according to meeting minutes and witnesses.

Khandaker said the government would now examine his committee's report and take further steps in line with their recommendations.

Israel pushes on with east Jerusalem building plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Monday said it was pushing forward with plans to build hundreds of homes in a Jewish settlement of east Jerusalem, risking renewed tensions with the Palestinians and its Western allies over the contentious project.

The announcement was part of a new Israeli settlement push announced earlier this month as retaliation for the Palestinians' success in winning U.N. recognition for a state at the United Nations. Israel was widely criticized internationally for the settlement plans, though actual construction would be far in the future.

An Interior Ministry committee on Monday approved an intermediate stage of planning for the construction of 1,500 apartments in the Ramat Shlomo neighborhood, a part of the city Palestinians claim for a future capital. The plan had been in the pipeline since it was first announced in 2010 during a visit to Israel by Vice President Joe Biden, causing a major diplomatic rift with Washington that took months to mend.

Ministry spokeswoman Efrat Orbach said the project still must go through several additional planning stages, and it could be years before final approval and construction.

The announcement was nonetheless expected to anger the Palestinians and even Israeli allies who oppose settlement construc-

tion in the occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem.

Israel announced plans early this month to build thousands of settlement homes, including in Ramat Shlomo, in response to the U.N. General Assembly's recognition of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. The U.S., Israel's closest ally, condemned the construction plans, and several European allies summoned Israeli ambassadors to lodge formal protests.

Israel strongly objected to the Palestinian's U.N. bid, saying it was an attempt to bypass negotiations. Israel rejects a return to its 1967 lines.

Israel annexed east Jerusalem following the 1967 war and claims the area, home to sensitive Jewish, Christian and Muslim holy sites, as an inseparable part of its capital. The Palestinians also claim east Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state. About 200,000 Jews and roughly 250,000 Palestinians live in east Jerusalem.

While Israelis consider its east Jerusalem enclaves to be neighborhoods like others in the city, the international does not recognize Israel's annexation of the area and rejects the sections as illegal or illegitimate settlements.

Hollywood hacker honed his skills for years

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Long before Christopher Chaney made headlines by hacking into the email accounts of such stars as Scarlett Johansson and Christina Aguilera, two other women say he harassed and stalked them online.

The women, who both knew Chaney, say their lives have been irreparably damaged by his actions. One has anxiety and panic attacks; the other is depressed and paranoid. Both say Chaney was calculated, cruel and creepy: he sent nude photos they had taken of themselves to their family members.

Their accounts as cybervictims serve as a cautionary tale for those, even major celebrities, who snap personal, and sometimes revealing photos.

Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, Fla., is set to be sentenced Monday and could face up to 60 years in prison after pleading guilty to nine felony counts, including wiretapping and unauthorized access to a computer, for hacking into email accounts of Aguilera, Johansson and Mila Kunis.

Aguilera said in a statement that although she knows that she's often in the limelight, Chaney took from her some of the private moments she shares with friends.

"That feeling of security can never be given back and there is no compensation that can restore the feeling one has from such a large invasion of privacy," Aguilera said.

Prosecutors said Chaney illegally accessed the email accounts of more than 50 people in the entertainment industry between November 2010 and October 2011. Aguilera, Kunis and Johansson agreed to have their identities made public with the hopes that the exposure about the case would provide awareness about online intrusion.

The biggest spectacle in the case was the revelation that nude photos taken by Johansson herself and meant for her then-husband Ryan Reynolds were taken by Chaney and put on the Internet. The "Avengers" actress is not expected to attend the hearing, but she has videotaped a statement that may be shown in court.

Some of Aguilera's photos appeared online after Chaney sent an email from the account of her stylist, Simone Harouche, to Aguilera asking the singer for scantily clad photographs, prosecutors said.

Chaney forwarded many of the photographs to two gossip web-

sites and another hacker, but there wasn't evidence he profited from his scheme, authorities said.

For the two women, who were only identified in court papers by their initials, their encounters with Chaney went from friendly to frightening.

One of the women, identified by the initials T.B., said she first met Chaney online in 1999 when she was 13 years old. She began talking with a girl named "Jessica" that later turned out to actually be Chaney.

Chaney figured out his victims' email passwords and security questions and set a feature to forward a copy of every email they received to an account he controlled.

The woman said that in February 2009 her friends contacted her and let her know that several nude photos of her were uploaded to a public gallery. A year later, Chaney sent a link to a photo-sharing website he created and had her nude pictures sent to her father.

She said she spends several hours a week monitoring the Internet for her personal information and breaks into a sweat whenever she receives a Google alert email notifying her that her name has been mentioned online.

In her letter to U.S. District Judge S. James Otero, she said she thinks Chaney won't stop and she still feels like he has control over her reputation, relationships and career.

Chaney was arrested in October 2011 as part of a yearlong investigation of celebrity hacking that authorities dubbed "Operation Hackerazzi." Chaney's computer hard drive contained numerous private celebrity photos and a document that compiled their extensive personal data, according to a search warrant.

Chaney has since apologized for what he has done, but prosecutors are recommending a nearly six-year prison sentence for him. They also want him to pay \$150,000 in restitution, including about \$66,000 to Johansson.

The second woman, identified in court papers only as T.C., said she was a close friend of Chaney's for more than a decade. As early as 2003 she noticed her passwords were being reset and email she hadn't looked at had been read by someone. She also said Chaney forwarded an invitation to an online photo gallery to her brother, who eventually saw naked pictures of her.

Horoscope

by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012:

This year you often are inspired to live out a dream or go for what you really want. Sometimes this path can be confusing. Friends and family who are observing you might become cynical. Don't worry - you know what you are doing. If you are single, you could be drawn to a Capricorn or a very strong-willed individual. Working out this relationship might be important, but only you can make that decision. If you are attached, share more of your newfound inspiration by living it. ARIES has a bull in a china shop.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You might react in a resistant manner to someone's proposal. Whether it is good or bad, think about the consequences that your reactions might bring. Take a stand, but explain your reasoning behind it. Pressure could build as a result. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Act quickly, or you could miss out on an important opportunity. A conversation with an adviser points to making a more solid decision about present facts. You might have strong feelings for a new friend. If you are not ready to share, don't. Tonight: Take some personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Zero in on a goal. The unexpected surrounds a revelation, which allows you to move forward. A partner or loved one supports and even pushes you toward the finish line. Tension builds until you opt to jump right in and go for it. Tonight: Only where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Others look up to you. A surprising event occurs, which will force you to regroup. Understanding evolves after a conversation. You might not like how assertive a friend or loved one is, but at least this person gets the action moving. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Work with a partner directly. Unusual information could toss your thinking into "revamp" mode. Verify that what you are hearing is legitimate and factual. Appreciate someone's efforts, and say "thank you" in a way that he or she can hear. Tonight: Only where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Others dominate the scene and want control. That's OK -- you have other fish to fry. While others express their power, you might have some extra time off to go holiday shopping. A loved one lets you know that he or she expects more time with you. Tonight: Remain sensitive to a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Easy works, but not everyone is in agreement with you. A family member knows how to push you hard. Your options are: fight, go along with his or her demands, or flee the scene. It is your decision. Honor your needs, even if one of them is to buy this person a muzzle! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might want to move past a problem involving someone talking too much. You already have tried to isolate yourself by screening calls. How creative can you be in telling someone you don't want to hear any more, and not damage your bond? Tonight: Silence is nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Tension easily could get the best of you. Do you feel as if someone is "dragging you down"? You suddenly might decide to toss the shackles and free yourself, which could result in a mouth-gaping audience. Ultimately, does this act serve you? Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You might be coming off stronger than you realize. If someone backs away, he or she probably has good reason. A little softness goes a long way. Go for a walk. Reduce high energy to a level that's easier to manage. Respond to a close friend. Tonight: Relax with a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You can flex your budget, or you could consider robbing Peter to pay Paul. The best solution would be to pare down remaining gifts. Brainstorm with a friend. Remember that it isn't the cost, but the thought that counts. Tonight: Rethink your shopping list.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You can try positive thinking, but that might not bring you what you want. It is too late to write to Santa. Go out, and lasso in exactly what you would like. Someone appreciates your directness and finds it flattering. Tonight: Keep wishing on a star, but only if you must.

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Looking Back

Ten years ago Nicky Lovett harvested a 16-point buck with a 21 1/2 inch spread during the LBL Quota Hunt Nov. 24.

Santa Claus made a stop to talk with youngsters in the Dexter and Almo area during Santa's Train Ride on the Hardin Southern Rail Road out of Hardin.

Area post offices and postmasters include Almo, Tom Sales; Dexter, Peggy Smith; Hazel, Sherri York; Kirksey, Barbara Bucy; Murray, Mark Kennedy; and New Concord, Charity Wilson.

Murray High School's cross country, golf and volleyball teams members honored during the fall sports banquet were Meagan Pember, Max Bishop, Cassie Scarborough, Christina Dunn, Angela DeBella, Zack Rayburn Ashley Patterson, Carley Faughn, Kelly Dick, Sam Schneiderman, Allyson Zimmerman, Kayla Hurt, Breanna Volp, Kelli Voorhies and Lauren Peal.

Twenty years ago Pictured are Calloway County eighth graders in the Teens Who Care T-N-T program, eating lunch with residences from Fern Terrace and Westview Nursing Homes. The teachers are Debbie Rogers and Christi Walker.

John Dale, minister at Glendale Road Church of Christ, has been named to the advisory board of Freed-Hardeman University.

David Shawn Merrell was honored on his birthday Nov. 8 with a party at his home at Paris Landing. He is the son of David Dean and Rebecca Merrell.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCuiston, of Puryear, Tenn., will observe their 61st wedding anniversary Dec. 20.

Thomas R. Phillips, son of John and Lenora Phillips, of Murray, enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Sgt. Keith D. Hall, Air Force recruiter.

Four members of the Calloway County High School Band,

Bethany Call, Leah Stuart, Jeremy Long and Blu Norsworthy, were named to the All-State Band Concert to be held Feb. 6.

Thirty years ago Arkansas assistant coach Houston Nutt has landed the head football coach's position at Murray State University. He is the 13th head coach for the University.

A recent birth reported at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, for Dec. 1 includes a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Thorn, Almo.

Receiving awards at the Murray High School 1982 district co-champion football team awards banquet included Mark Boggess, David McCuiston, Steve McDougal, John Nix Purdum, Jason Billington, Marcus Cavitt, Kritt Allbritten, Jon Mark Billington and Jeff Downey.

Forty years ago David Lanier, Tommy Shirley and Johnny McDougal were in charge of the Radio Auction by Murray Lions Club, Rex Thompson is club president.

The Billy Graham movie "Time To Run" will be shown at the Capri Theatre Jan. 31-Feb. 3. This is being sponsored by area local churches.

Fifty years ago The Murray State College Racers beat Kansas State 67-44 for the fifth win of the season. Al Vernon was high point man for Murray.

Plain skirts, sweaters and trousers are advertised as being cleaned for two for \$0.95 in the ad for College Cleaners this week.

Sixty years ago Coach Harlan Hodges' Racers beat Union University for their fifth win of the basketball season. Garrett Beshear was high point man for Murray and J.M. Parks was high for Union.

Mrs. C.S. Lowery, Miss Oleen Williams and Josiah Darnall will direct the Christmas program on Dec. 18 at Murray Training School.

Woman looking ahead wants boyfriend to adopt her view

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 and have been with my boyfriend, "Griffin," for five years. He recently gave me a beautiful promise ring. I would like to spend the rest of my life with him, but I think I have a problem.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

I am going to become an adoption professional, and I plan on adopting one day. Griffin knows I'm pursuing this career and that I want to adopt, but I don't think he understands how serious I am about it.

We don't plan on being married until after college, when we'll both be 25. How do I let him know I'm serious about this? I don't want to wait five more years and find he's not on the same page and that I wasted my time. When I try to discuss it, Griffin says we're "too young to think about it."

What do I say to that? -- MAPPING OUT MY FUTURE IN L.A. DEAR MAPPING: It appears you are more mature than your boyfriend. Because you are determined to eventually adopt a child, I agree that it's important for you to know whether Griffin has any negative feelings about adoption because some people are unable to accept a child who is not their own.

The next time he says you're too young to think about such things, explain that. There is a vast difference between a "promise ring" and a little gold band. Because Griffin presented you with a promise ring is no guarantee that in five years the two of you will make it to the altar together. You may need to be with someone who, like you, is more geared to mapping out a future and wants to settle

down.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Annie," is a single mother, holds a full-time job and trains for triathlons. Her son, "Cooper," is 3. Annie has him enrolled in day care from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day while she's at work. Afterward, she picks up Cooper from day care and checks him into the gym's child care service while she works out.

I have offered to pick my grandson up from day care once a week and keep him until Annie finishes her workout. My other daughter has offered to pick him up twice a week so he can play with his cousin at her house.

Annie has become defensive. She says we're offering because we think she's neglecting him. Actually, I DO think so. It breaks my heart that my grandson spends 12 hours a day in day care. Do you agree with me? What should I do? -- WORRIED GRANNY IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR WORRIED GRANNY: Annie may be defensive because she feels some guilt, or because you need to become a better actress and transmit less disapproval.

Apologize to her if that will smooth things over. Explain that you would like Cooper to spend time with you because you love him and want him to develop warm childhood memories of his grandmother. Tell Annie that her sister wants him to spend time with his cousin so they will have a closer bond when they're older. Then cross your fingers and hope she'll accept the offers.

DEAR ABBY: What is your definition of a committed relationship? -- TRYING FOR ONE IN TEXAS

DEAR TRYING: A committed relationship is one in which both parties agree that it will remain mutually exclusive.

Scarring from inflammation can lead to infertility

DEAR DOCTOR K: I have pelvic inflammatory disease, and I'm worried this could affect my fertility.

DEAR READER: You're right to be concerned. Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) is the most common preventable cause of infertility in the United States. The more often a woman gets PID, the greater her risk of becoming infertile.



Dr. Komaroff By Dr. Anthony Komaroff

PID, the greater her risk of becoming infertile. Most cases of PID develop from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), usually gonorrhea or chlamydia. These two different kinds of bacteria can be passed by a man to a woman during sex. First, they infect the cervix, the part of the uterus that extends into the vagina. From there, they can move through the opening of the cervix into the uterus. Then they can enter the fallopian tubes, which carry an egg that has been released by the ovary into the uterus. The bacteria can work their way up the tubes to the ovary. (I've put an illustration of this on my website, AskDoctorK.com.)

PID is insidious: Not all women with PID have symptoms. This is particularly true for infection with chlamydia. Those who do get symptoms may experience:

- pain in the pelvis and lower abdomen
- vaginal discharge with an unpleasant odor
- fever and chills
- nausea and vomiting
- pain during sexual intercourse

If you have symptoms that might indicate PID, it's important to see a doctor right away. If the doctor diagnoses PID, you should begin treatment immediately. PID is treated with antibiotics.

Most cases clear up after 10 to 14 days. Finish the entire course of antibiotics, even after your symptoms go away, as the infection can still be present after the symptoms disappear. Stopping treatment early may leave you with an ongoing infection. You may not have symptoms, but the continuing infection can damage your tissues.

If your infection is more severe, you may need to be hospitalized and given antibiotics intravenously. You can relieve pain and discomfort with pain medication, hot baths and heating pads. If the infection causes an abscess, or collection of pus, you may need surgery.

PID can cause infertility by producing scarring that damages or blocks the fallopian tubes. If an egg released by the ovary can't pass through the fallopian tubes, it can't get to the uterus to be fertilized.

How can you prevent future attacks of PID and the infertility that it can potentially cause? If you are in a relationship with one uninfected partner, you are unlikely to be reinfected. If it's not clear whether your sexual partner or partners are free of these infections, always use a condom during sexual intercourse to prevent another episode of PID. And make sure your sexual partners have been treated for STDs.

If you and your partner want to have kids and you are having trouble getting pregnant, see your gynecologist. You may need to have special testing to see if your tubes have been scarred by PID. If they have, there are surgical procedures that may help. Finally, in vitro fertilization can be an answer for infertility due to scarring from PID.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)

Today In History

By the Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 2012. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 18, 1912, the Pittsdown Man made his public debut as fossil collector Charles Dawson reported to the Geological Society of London his discovery of supposedly fragmented early human remains at a gravel pit in Pilttdown.

On this date: In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S.

Constitution. In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her Washington home.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union.

In 1944, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1962, "Mister Magoo's Christmas Carol," an animated musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens story, first aired on NBC-TV.

In 1971, the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced in Chicago the founding of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity).

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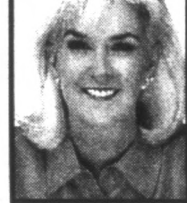
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



Hints From Heloise



by Heloise

hints for how to eliminate the odor? -- Karen L., Oak Grove, Calif.

Sure do, and I love it, too! When you cook broccoli in a kitchen, turn on the air vent over the stove or open the windows, if weather permits. Turn on ceiling fans to help circulate air.

Or, the old homestyle hint is to place a bowl of vinegar out on the counter near where you cook the broccoli. It's yet another reason I love vinegar so much and wrote my pamphlet Heloise's Fabulous Vinegar Hints and More! To receive a copy, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Clean your ceiling fans with full-strength

BROCCOLI SMELL

DEAR Heloise: We love steamed broccoli but don't like the smell it gives off while cooking. Do you have any

DEAR Heloise: Recently, I read about people looking for a COMPUTER to use without owning one. Here in Gackle, N.D., the community worked together under a grant program assisted by North Dakota State University and provided a computer for the community of 300 residents to use at the local bank.

If users have a question, usually someone is available to assist. Small communities do have opportunities to take advantage of grants when the people step up and get the ball rolling. Gackle was very fortunate to have someone willing to spearhead the project with help from the community.

Many vocational centers and community colleges offer public use of their libraries and computers if they are located close by. -- Ann Knecht, via email

Ann, thanks for writing. Maybe this will get other small communities interested, and they can form a committee and try

for a grant for a computer, or there might be a business in the city that would donate one. How about it, folks? -- Heloise

TWO KEY FOBS

DEAR Heloise: We have two vehicles from the same manufacturer, with the company logo deeply imprinted on the key fob. I was always trying to use the wrong key in whichever vehicle I wanted to drive. Nail polish in the color matching each vehicle fixed that. I simply painted in the logo with the proper color for each vehicle. No more guessing! -- Deb, via email

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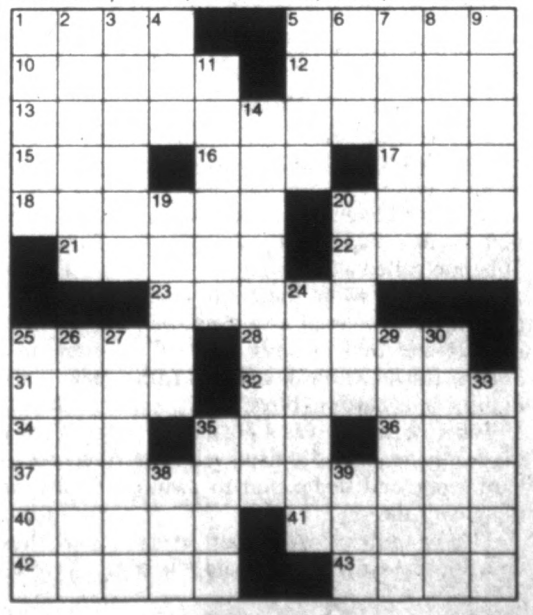
DEAR Heloise: Here is a great hint that my wife and I came up with: To help make sure that we get the right credit card returned to us in stores and restaurants, we mark ours either with a permanent marker (me) or nail polish (my wife) in the corner of our cards. At a quick glance, we can make sure someone else doesn't walk off with our cards! -- Tim and Val in Omaha, Neb.

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Crosswords

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PREP WRESTLING

Calloway wrestling builds for the future

LAKERS HOPE TO SEND MANY ATHLETES TO STATE TOURNAMENT

By JACK KEES

Assistant Sports Editor

The Calloway County wrestling team will be looking to repeat last year's success of sending two members to the state championship, as well as having one regional champion, however they will have to do so in, what head coach Dickey Walls calls, a rebuilding year.

Walls said the Lakers will still be OK this season, but they will have to work extra hard to be able to have the success they enjoyed last season.

"It's kind of a rebuilding year, we're very young, but we have good numbers," he said. "I have guys who have come all the way through the program from kindergarten on up, so we're getting guys who have wrestled for nine or ten years,

and that's all they've done."

Walls says the Lakers have had success this season through five matches, but have had some struggles with things they couldn't control.

"We're having a good year so far, but we've been plagued by some sicknesses so far," he said, "but we're competing very well. We are about 15 matches in this season, and we have guys that are 13-2 and majority of the team has winning records.

"We have one senior, Ray Bowman, who wrestles at 106 pounds and is the only senior, but we have a bunch of good kids that are good wrestlers, so we have a bright future."

The team is coming off an interesting weekend, where they traveled to Caldwell County, but had to forfeit in four different weight classes, and gave up 24 points due to the sick members of the team. Walls said the sickness really hurt the chances of a team win, but the guys who were there went 4-1 on the day.

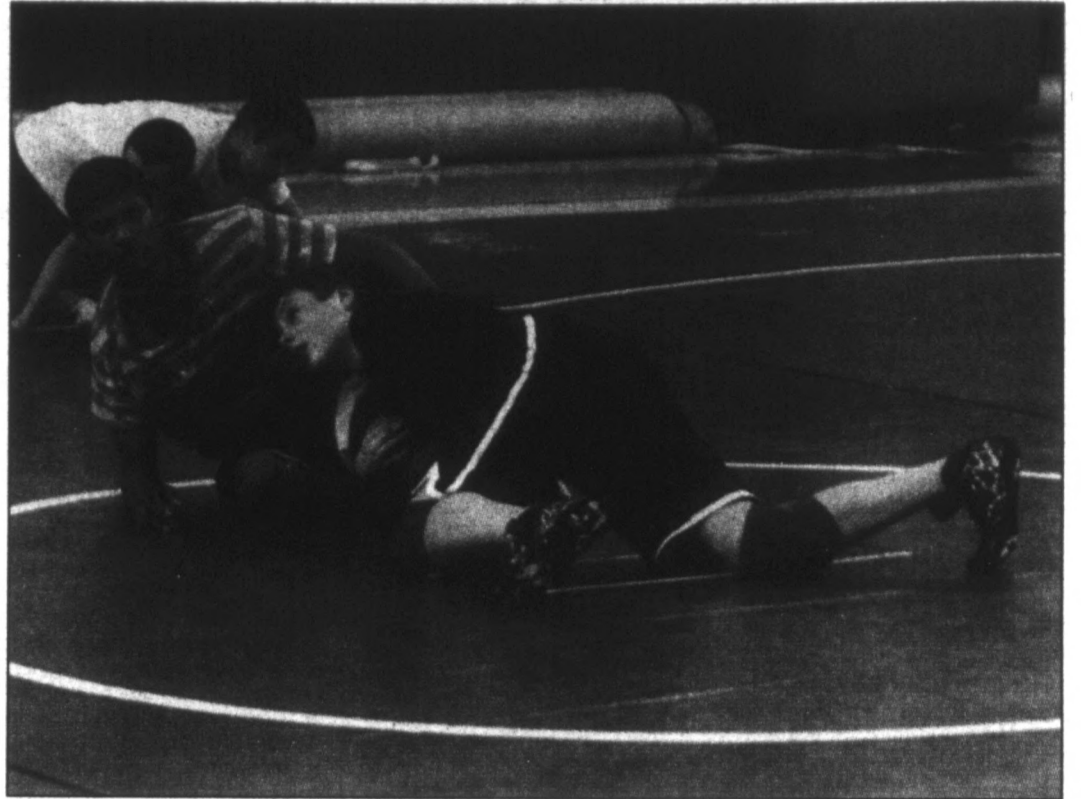
The team will travel to

Owensboro Thursday to take on the Red Devils and Hopkinsville, and Walls expects all of the team to be ready to go, but that's as far as they are looking when it comes to the long haul of a season that doesn't end until the middle of February.

"We're taking it one day at a time," Walls said. "With the young guys, and as far as they have come since the start of the season, it's kind of a waiting game to see how far we come along over the next five or six weeks. We have several guys who are in their first year wrestling, but if they progress like they have been, I'm confident we will be finishing strong and the guys that have wrestled before are improving dramatically, wrestling very hard and being very mature about it.

"Five or six of them have a real chance of making the state tournament this year I believe, so we'll just have to see how things work out. Hopefully we can continue to improve the way we have been for the rest

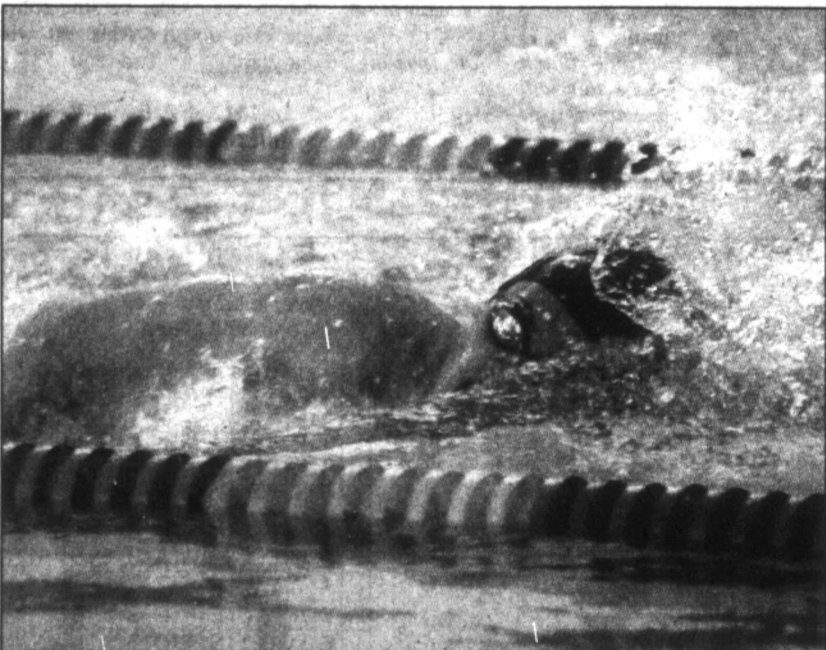
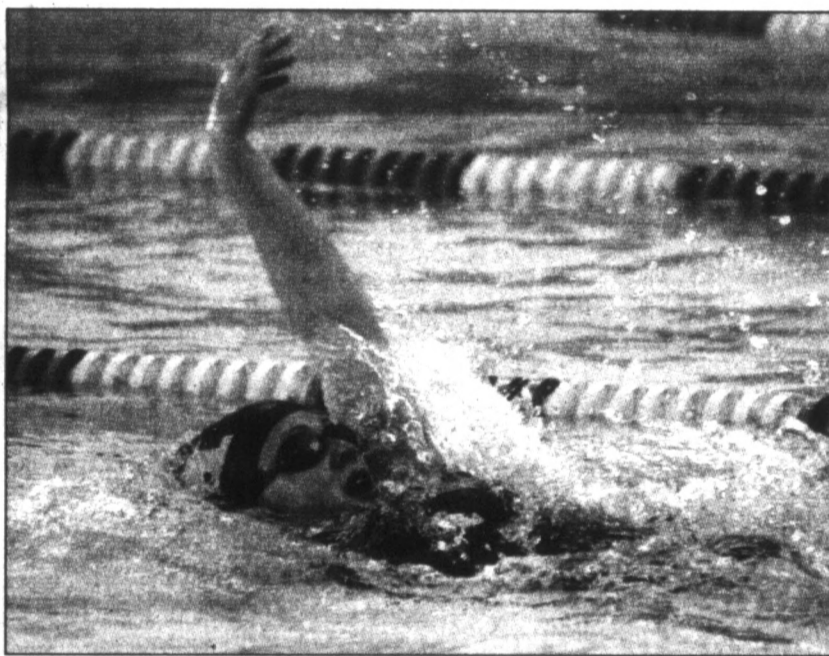
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Calloway County wrestlers, junior Isalah Frank (left) and Nick Walls look to head coach Dickey Walls for tips while working on proper take-down techniques. The Lakers have battled sicknesses by many wrestlers in the early season, but plan to bounce back.

PREP SWIMMING

Home waters



RICKY MARTIN / Ledger & Times

Clockwise from top right, Calloway County's Marco O'Bryan, Murray High's Abby Gibson, Calloway County's Audrey Jeziorski and Murray High's Trent Lyons compete during the Tiger-Laker Invitational at Murray State University on Saturday morning.

TIGER SWIMMERS SWEEP OVERALL, BOYS, GIRLS TITLES IN HOME MEET, LAKER TEAM FINISHES 4TH, BOYS 4TH, GIRLS 5TH

By JACK KEES

Assistant Sports Editor

The Murray and Calloway County swim teams were in action Saturday at the Tiger-Laker Invitational, where both teams had what coach Rich Tobergte called an excellent day.

The Tigers swept the entire meet, finishing first overall as a team, first in girls and first in boys, while the Lakers finished fourth overall, fifth in girls and fourth in boys.

Tobergte said it was a great showing for the teams, as it displayed their hard work and dedication to swimming over the year.

"These athletes work hard every day, 365 days a year," he said. "It is

great that their time and effort is starting to show at the high school level. (The Tigers) looked sharp in the water, and they hope to continue the winning trend they began Saturday."

The coach also had high praise for the Laker swimmers, saying that their good finishes will help boost the program in the future, and hopefully help in their efforts to grow the team.

"It was an awesome performance by Calloway," he said. "To step up and get fourth (overall) is a big boost for the program, and to get fourth and fifth for the boys and girls teams is a great showing."

Overall, the Tigers managed to

score 176 points, 75 points better than second-placed Lone Oak. Marshall County accumulated 86 points for third and the Lakers put up 62. Heath, St. Mary, Graves County, Paducah Tilghman, Caldwell County and Christian Fellowship rounded out the final six positions.

The Murray girls scored 95 points, 27 more than Lone Oak in second, while the Calloway girls posted 27 for fifth. The Tiger boys won their segment of the event by 21 points over Heath, accumulating 81, and the Laker boys had 35 for fourth.

In the individual events, the Murray High girls' 200-yard medley relay team of Megan Wilson, Abby Gibson, Neely Gibson and Nicole McGee, started the day with a win and a time of 2:04.63, the first Calloway team of Natalie Hahs, Michaela Brown, Audrey Jeziorski and Alex Workman finished the event

in fifth with a time of 2:21.38, and the second team of Claire Umstead, Samantha Radomski, Katie Allen and Laken Brittain finished seventh with a 2:39.3.

The second event, the boys 200-yard medley was also won by the Tiger team of Trent Lyons, Cyrus Nabavi, Eb Webber and Daniel McGee finished with a time of 1:49.52. The Calloway team of Andy Anderson, Phillips Vilardo, Marco O'Bryan and Austin Krieter finished fourth in the event with a time of 2:03.99.

Calloway's Natalie Hahs finished second in the 200-yard girls freestyle with a time of 2:14.80, Neely Gibson of Murray High finished third with a time of 2:20.73, Celeste Siqueiros of Murray high was fourth with a 2:22.67, Claire Umstead of Calloway

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MNF:

TITANS 14, JETS 10

Titans end Jets' season in MNF snoozefest

JETS LOSE PLAYOFF HOPES WITH FIVE SANCHEZ TURNOVERS



JOE HOWELL / AP Photo

Titans running back Chris Johnson wears a pair of shoes with the names of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings during warmups on Monday in Nashville.

TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The New York Jets' playoff hopes are gone, lost in a wave of turnovers by struggling Mark Sanchez.

Chris Johnson went 94 yards for the longest touchdown run in the NFL since 2006, and the Tennessee Titans beat the Jets 14-10 on Monday night to eliminate New York from postseason contention.

"Obviously, it's a devastating loss, out of the playoffs, and it hurts beyond belief," Jets coach Rex Ryan said. "I think the thing that really hurts the most is we've got no one to blame but ourselves."

Jake Locker's first touchdown run of the season put Tennessee ahead to stay late in the third quarter, and the Titans intercepted four passes by Sanchez to snap a three-game skid.

"The bottom line is we hung in there, something we haven't been able to do the last two, three weeks of hold onto a lead or find a way to win in the fourth quarter, and this time we did," Titans coach Mike Munchak said. "It's good to win again. It's been a while."

After stumbling around all night, the Jets somehow still had a chance to win when they took over at the Tennessee 25 with 47 seconds left following a 19-yard punt by Brett Kern. But Sanchez fumbled a low shotgun snap, running back Bilal Powell inadvertently kicked the ball away and the Titans recovered to seal it.

"I saw him bobbling the snap," Titans rookie linebacker Zach Brown said. "Then it just came out, and I just fell on it. I was thinking sack because it was play-action. I was thinking I'm going to get me a sack, but he fumbled the snap."

It was a fitting end to an ugly game that

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left Ryan cursing to himself as he walked off the field. Sanchez finished with five turnovers — one on each of his team's final three possessions. He has 24 this season and 50 total in the past two seasons combined.

"It doesn't feel good hurting your team like that," Sanchez said. "It's not a winning formula. It never feels good."

Ryan wasn't ready to say who his quarterback will be Sunday when the Jets host San Diego.

"I've just got to prepare as the starter and see what happens," Sanchez said.

Ryan also refused to say if he regretted not activating Greg McElroy, who came on in relief when Sanchez was benched Dec. 2 and led the Jets to a 7-6 win over Arizona. McElroy was inactive, with the Jets keeping six receivers on a banged-up unit.

"I just regret not winning this game," Ryan said. "I think that's the big thing."

The Jets (6-8) needed to win their final three games and get help elsewhere to earn a playoff spot. Instead, the Titans sacked Sanchez three times and got a fourth on Tim Tebow. Jason McCourty and Michael Griffin each had two interceptions, keeping the Jets out of the playoffs for a second straight season after reaching consecutive AFC title games.

Johnson, with the names of the victims of Friday's shootings in Connecticut written on his cleats, ran a franchise-record 94 yards for a TD in the second quarter. Johnson said he followed a block by center Kyle DeVan, the Titans' latest player at the position after replacement Kevin Matthews sprained his right ankle.

"Kind of heartbroken, so just something to try to give back and show tribute to those families knowing how much they hurt and a situation where on Monday Night Football everybody around the world is watching," Johnson said,

explaining why he wrote the victims' names on his cleats.

Locker's 13-yard quarterback keeper around left end put the Titans (5-9) ahead 14-10 with 20 seconds left in the third.

The Jets had plenty of time and opportunity in the fourth to take the lead, but Sanchez kept giving the ball away.

Griffin intercepted Sanchez with 7:09 left on a pass intended for Braylon Edwards. On the next drive, the Jets got help from a personal foul when Titans linebacker Will Witherspoon hit Sanchez in the head with his helmet on third-and-4. A couple of plays later, Sanchez threw into triple coverage for Jeff Cumberland, and Griffin picked off Sanchez again with 1:51 left at the Titans 2.

Even with the ugly night, the Jets' defense gave New York one final chance after forcing Tennessee to punt.

Kern had a 19-yarder under pressure, giving New York the ball at the Tennessee 25. But Sanchez mishandled a low snap from center Nick Mangold, and Brown recovered to finally clinch Tennessee's win.

Sanchez was 13 of 28 for 131 yards and a touchdown. He finished with his most interceptions in a game since 2009.

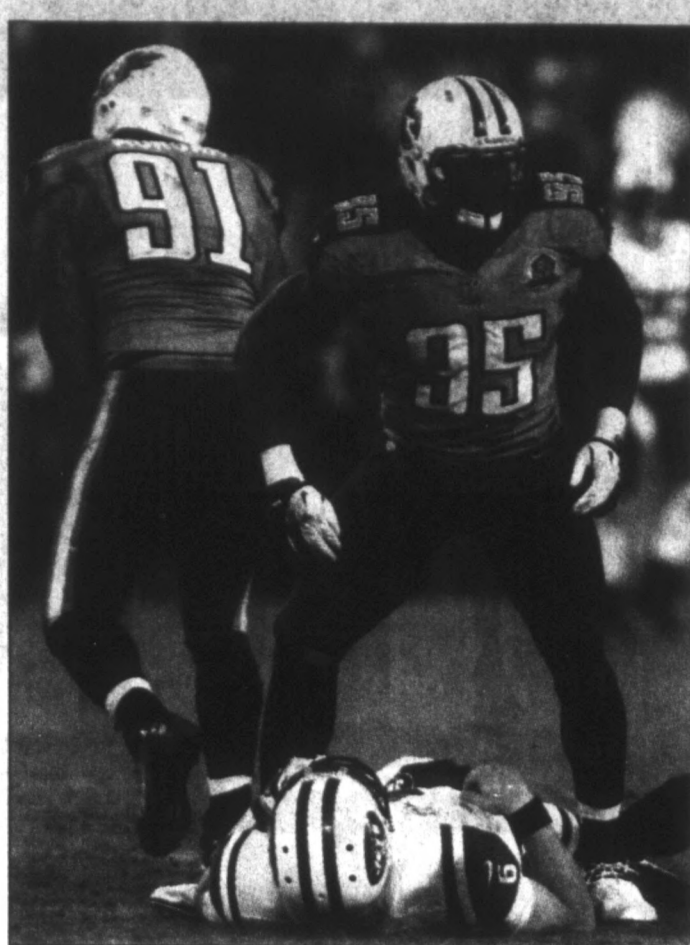
The Jets even turned to Tebow for a complete series in the second quarter. They picked up two first downs and reached their own 44, but the drive stalled from there after a sack, a delay-of-game penalty and an incompleteness.

Sanchez returned on the Jets' next series and promptly threw his first interception to McCourty.

The Jets kept Tennessee from scoring a single point off all the turnovers. But the damage already was done.

Sanchez put the Jets ahead 10-7 with a 17-yard TD pass to Cumberland with 3:19 left in the third quarter.

The Titans led 7-3 at halftime after Johnson's long scamper in the second quarter. His



Titans quarterback Mark Sanchez (6) lies on the ground after getting a pass away and being hit by Titans defensive end Kamerion Wimbley (95) in the fourth quarter on Monday in Nashville. At left is Titans defensive end Derrick Morgan (91). The Titans won 14-10.

touchdown run was the longest by any NFL player since Minnesota's Chester Taylor had a 95-yard TD in a 31-13 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Oct. 22, 2006.

After Robert Malone's 53-yard punt backed the Titans up to their own 5-yard line, Johnson rushed for 1 yard on first down. On the next play, he found a seam up the middle and appeared untouched on his way to the end zone.

It marked Johnson's sixth career touchdown run of at least 80 yards, giving him twice as many as anyone else in NFL history. Barry Sanders, Ahman Green, Hugh McElhenny and O.J. Simpson each had three touchdown runs

of at least 80 yards.

Johnson was otherwise held in check, finishing with 122 yards on 21 carries for his 32nd career 100-yard game.

The Jets grabbed a 3-0 lead when Nick Folk's 22-yard field goal capped their first possession of the night. New York appeared to reach the end zone when Cumberland caught a 4-yard pass from Sanchez on third-and-goal, but the original ruling of a touchdown was overturned after replays showed the ball hit the ground.

Johnson had the words "RIP SHES" and a cross written on each shoe. The Jets had an "SHES" decal on their helmets.

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Swimming ...

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finished seventh with a 2:47.45, and Faith Thornton of Murray High finished ninth with a time of 2:58.28.

Trent Lyons of Murray High placed second in the boys 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:10.35.

In the girls' 200-yard individual medley, Abby Gibson finished second with a time of 2:36.54.

Daniel McGee won the boys' 200 IM with a time of 2:02.24, and Marco O'Bryan finished third with a time of 2:13.75.

The Lady Tigers finished first and second in the girls 50-yard freestyle with only one one-hundredth of a second separating Megan Wilson and Nicole McGee with times of 26.85 and 26.86.

Celeste Siqueiros finished sixth in the event with a 29.65, Kathryn James of Murray High finished 11th with a time of 31.55, followed immediately by Alex Workman with a time of 31.65 and Katie Allen with a 33.18, and Kyra Vlassopoulos of Calloway County wrapped up the event with a time of 42 seconds.

placed third with a time of 7:47.35.

The girls 200-yard free relay team of Megan Wilson, Celeste Siqueiros, Kathryn James and Zuzu Houck finished fourth for the Tigers with a time of 2:01.48, and the Calloway team of Alex Workman, Michaela Brown, Laken Brittain and Audrey Jeziorski was fifth with a total time of 2:12.99.

The Murray and Calloway boys' 200 free relay teams finished first and second, respectively. The MHS team of Eb Webber, Logan Dick, Will Shelton and Trent Lyons had a time of 1:43.84, and the CCHS team of Marco O'Bryan, Austin Krieter, Phillip Vilardo and Andy Anderson had a time of 1:45.57.

Abby Gibson scored seven points for the Lakers in the girls 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:09.72, and Claire Umstead finished sixth with a 1:34.78.

Daniel McGee won the boys event by more than six seconds with a time of 55:72, Andy Anderson finished fourth in 1:13.37 and Logan Dick finished in fifth with a time of 1:15.29.

Megan Wilson led the local swimmers in the 100-yard breaststroke with a second-place finish of 1:22.21, four one-hundredths of a second out of first. Natalie Hahs was fourth with a time of 1:25.70 and Zuzu Houck wrapped up the scoring swimmers with a time of 1:27.28 and a fifth-place finish.

The boys 100-yard breaststroke was led locally by Phillip Vilardo with a time of 1:19.17 in fourth, and was followed by Will Shelton in fifth with a time of 1:20.24.

The penultimate event of the day was the girls 400 freestyle relay, where the MHS team of Nicole McGee, Neely Gibson, Abby Gibson and Megan Wilson dominated the event with a total time of 4:09.63.

The Calloway team of Natalie Hahs, Leah Feldhaus, Katie Allen and Audrey Jeziorski finished in a distant second with a time of 4:57.01.

The Murray boys team of Cyrus Nabavi, Trent Lyons, Eb Webber and Daniel McGee finished first with a time of 3:41.06 adding the final 14 points to the Tigers' total score.

Wrestling ...

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of the season."

In order for the athletes to make the state tournament, they will have to be one of the top four wrestlers from the First Region, which includes 14 schools beginning as far west as Paducah Tilghman and stretching all the way east to three of the Daviess County schools: Apollo, Owensboro Catholic and Daviess County. The region goes all the way south to include Ft. Campbell. Schools making up the rest of the region include; Calloway County, Caldwell County, Christian County, Hopkinsville, University Heights, Henderson County, Ohio County, Union County and Trigg County. The other seven regions then form to make a 32-person bracket for the state title in each of the 14 weight classes.

Calloway junior Bryson Elliot wrestles in the 160-pound class, and said that he was one of the team members who has battled strep throat in the early season, but has bounced back and will be ready to go on Thursday.

"I'm just looking to have a positive record and hopefully make it to state," he said.

On the way the early season has played out, he said: "It has gotten better, and in matches, I usually think about the first two or three moves I'm going to do, and if I can't get them, I just make it up as I go along, but mainly it depends on the person."

Junior Isaiah Frank has been to the state match for the last four seasons, and has no inten-

tions of staying home for that weekend this February.

"I've been there all the years I've wrestled, and honestly I'm looking to go back this year. I'm looking for a regional title this year, and it's going to be some tough work, but I can do it," he said.

Sophomore Nick Walls said he has been lucky enough to maintain his fitness through the early season, and has had some success so far this year.

"Right now I am 12-5, but my goal is to go to state this year, and have a better record than I did last year, where I was 29-12," he said. "I'm hoping to get better and better every day."

He says he watches his competitors before he takes them on, then tries to come up with a plan on how to capitalize on their weaknesses.

"Really, the match starts before the match starts, so I always try to watch the guys' matches before I wrestle them, and I just see what they do and work on countering that," Walls said. "Really the best counter is a good offense, so I just try to do my main three moves for takedowns and do it as quickly and efficiently as possible and just stay focused and not get my mind in the wrong place."

The Lakers will be at Jeffery Gymnasium for the next time on Jan. 26 and 31, which will be two of their final three matches before the First Region Tournament in Hopkinsville at Christian County High School.

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