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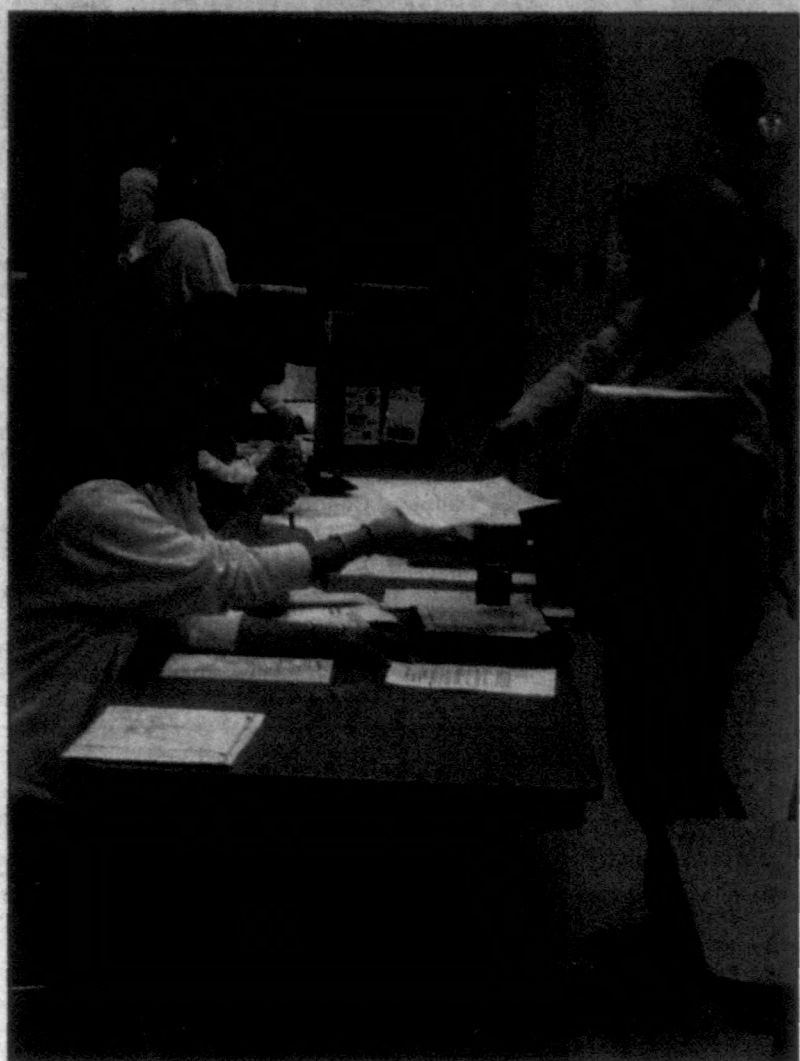
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## Relay Registration



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Dana Stonecipher (right) goes through the registration line to collect information at Tuesday night's 2006 Relay for Life kickoff meeting at the Weeks Center. A "Relay 101" crash course was held for Relay first-timers, followed by a team captain meeting. The 2006 event is set for May 5-6 at Stewart Stadium.

## Superintendent search group expects decision this month

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Members of the Murray Independent school board's superintendent screening committee say they should know within the next two weeks who they will recommend to take helm of the district.

Donnie Winchester, a committee member and spokesman for the group, said following a 45-minute meeting at the Carter Administration Building Tuesday night that the interview process involving the four remaining candidates for the job would begin soon and wrap up by the end of the month.

"We'll be meeting and starting the interviewing process in the next week — probably meeting every day, so we'll know more in about the next week to 10 days or so who we'll rec-

ommend to the board," he said. "I know that sometime in January we'll make a decision."

Winchester said committee members did a good job of screening the applicants and checking references before the candidate list was narrowed from eight to four.

"We can't really say much about what we're doing. We'll be sending notices to the four (candidates) letting them know that they are being considered, and that's where we are right now."

The committee met for the first time on January 3 to consider applications gathered from eight candidates seeking the position and cut the list in half. The meetings are not open to the public and names and other details of

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— Donnie Winchester  
Murray Independent  
Superintendent Search  
Committee member

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## Bill giving universities bonding authority clears House panel

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A bill to allow state universities to issue bonds for capital projects cleared the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee on Tuesday.

Rep. Bob Damron, the bill's sponsor, said 45 states already give universities such authority. Damron, D-Nicholasville, said his bill has safeguards to insulate the state from bearing responsibility for assuming payments on bonds issued by universities.

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"I see no downside, I see all upside to this proposal," he said.

He said there would be limits to the types of projects that universities could finance through bonds. Such projects would include building dormitories and dining halls and expanding or remodeling hospitals.

The projects would still need approval by the General Assembly, he said.

Another provision would let the state Finance and Administration secretary suspend the issuance of bonds for universities if it would hurt the state's bond rating.

## Carroll files papers

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Jeanné Carroll wants to continue at Calloway County's district judge. She filed her candidacy papers today in Frankfort to make it official.

"I'm asking the voters of Calloway County to allow me to serve them for a second term on the District Court," Carroll said. "This first term has been very successful and I look forward to continuing our progress on several fronts beyond 2006."

A Calloway County native, Carroll, 36, was elected district judge in November 2002. In her first month on the bench, Carroll cleared a backlog of some 1,300 cases left over from the previous court.

Carroll defeated sitting district judge Leslie Furches, who had been on the bench since

Jeanné Carroll

BIRTHDATE: Aug. 28, 1969

FAMILY: Daughter of Sharon Pierceall and Franklin and Carolyn Carroll; granddaughter of the late Roy Norsworthy, Dot Norsworthy Orr, Fred Carroll, Modena Carroll and Tom and Lounell Lovett; two sisters, Renee Lax, married to Tim Lax and Nikki Pierceall; one brother, Jason Carroll, married to Jennifer Carroll

EDUCATION: Earned law degree in 1993 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; earned political science degree in 1990 from Murray State University; attended Calloway County High School

EXPERIENCE: Elected district judge in 2002; operated a private law practice in Murray for seven years; served as assistant commonwealth attorney and assistant Calloway County attorney

AFFILIATIONS: Calloway County Bar Association; Murray Rotary Club; Murray Woman's Club; First Methodist Church in Murray

Carroll

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### Tomorrow's Forecast



Partly Cloudy



GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo  
Kelly Woods of Woods Plumbing in Murray and Chris Russell work to repair a well house at the residence of Brooks Barton on Scott Fitts Road after a high gust of wind caused damage in the eastern part of Calloway County Tuesday afternoon.

## Wind gusts cause damage around Cherry Corner area

By GREG TRAVIS  
Staff Writer

Residents in eastern Calloway County along and near Cherry Corner Road were cleaning up this morning after a strong wind gust caused damage in that area. Neighbors reported downed tree limbs and branches, outbuildings and well house being demolished, an overturned trailer, damage to a small boat and scattered debris.

According to Sandy Hicks of Cherry Corner

Road, "I was sitting at my desk when I noticed what was happening outside. I called a friend in town to see how the weather was in Murray when I heard a loud bang and everything was over in just a matter of seconds."

She said she then began noticing the debris outside. "I got so upset as I looked around. Several neighbors' yards had debris and their buildings

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## Guilty plea entered by sex offender

By KRISTIN TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

A man already on the state's sex offender registry for life pleaded guilty to four new counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Dennis Roy McKnight, 50, Post Oak Road, pleaded guilty when he appeared in Calloway County Circuit Court on Monday with his attorney, public defender Scott West.

Circuit Judge Dennis Foust was reviewing the case and McKnight was scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 27. McKnight was arrested Nov. 22 after Calloway County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Samantha Mighell investigated complaints that McKnight had molested a 7-year-old girl in the summer. He was indicted Dec. 15.

In 2003, McKnight began his lifetime registration as a sex offender following his conviction of two counts of second-degree sexual abuse, according to the registry that is maintained on the Kentucky State Police Web site.

Also Monday, McKnight pleaded guilty to six drug charges in three separate cases.

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## Forecast

Tonight will be mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday will be partly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s, followed by a 50% chance of rain Thursday night and lows in the mid 40s.

## Town Crier

### NOTICE

■ A special-called meeting of the Murray Independent Board of Education has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the central office boardroom of the Carter Administration Building. On the agenda for the meeting is the election of officers and two executive sessions; one concerning possible litigation and another concerning personnel actions. The sessions will be followed by a possible vote on action taken during the executive sessions. The board's regularly-scheduled meeting, previously set for 7 p.m. on Thursday has been rescheduled as a special-called meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19.

■ The Calloway County Board of Education will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the board office building.

■ The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. The agenda includes an ordinance declaring the intent to annex more than 300 acres of land to the southwest of the existing city limits.

■ Offices located in the Calloway County Courthouse will be closed on Monday in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

■ A meeting of the Calloway County eCommunity Leadership Team is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 19 in the Ohio Room on the third floor of Murray State University's Curris Center. On the agenda is progress report, plans for further action, management of priority projects and analysis of the latest broadband usage survey of Calloway County.

■ To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.

# DeGeneres, Garner, 'Star Wars' win top People's Choice honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The force was with "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith," which was named favorite movie and favorite movie drama at Tuesday night's 32nd annual People's Choice Awards.

Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres and TV star Jennifer Garner also won multiple awards. Garner, of TV's "Alias" and the action movie "Elektra," got the nod for female action star and female TV star.

DeGeneres was honored as favorite daytime talk show host and funny female star, the same awards she took home last year.

Johnny Depp again was named favorite male movie star, although Sandra Bullock took female honors over Angelina Jolie and Nicole Kidman. Last year's winner, Julia Roberts, wasn't in the running.

Brad Pitt returned as favorite leading man.

On TV, the favorites included "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "American Idol" and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" — all repeats.

"My Name is Earl" was named favorite new TV comedy and "Prison Break" won for favorite new TV drama after votes cast over the Internet during the live telecast were counted.

The People's Choice Awards were presented at the Shrine Auditorium and broadcast live on CBS.

The nominations were determined by editors at Entertainment Weekly, the People's Choice production team and a panel of pop culture fans. Winners were determined by Internet voting.

The complete list of favorites:

**MOVIES**

— Female movie star: Sandra Bullock.

— Male movie star: Johnny Depp.

— Leading lady: Reese Witherspoon.

— Leading man: Brad Pitt.

— Female action star: Jennifer



AP  
Actor Harrison Ford presents the award for favorite movie for the film "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith," to director George Lucas at the 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles Tuesday.

Garner.

— Male action star: Matthew McConaughey.

— On-screen matchup: Vince Vaughn & Owen Wilson (in "Wedding Crashers").

— Movie comedy: "Wedding Crashers."

— Movie drama: "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith."

— Family movie: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

— Movie: "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith."

**MUSIC**

— Female performer: Kelly Clarkson.

— Male performer: Tim McGraw.

— Group: Green Day.

— Tour: U2.

— Song From a Movie: "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'," as performed by Jessica Simpson in "The Dukes of Hazzard."

**TELEVISION**

— New TV comedy: "My Name is Earl."

— New TV drama: "Prison Break."

— Comedy: "Everybody Loves Raymond."

— Drama: "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

— Reality show, competition: "American Idol."

— Reality show, other: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

— Late night talk show host: Jay Leno.

— Daytime talk show host: Ellen DeGeneres.

— Female TV star: Jennifer Garner.

— Male TV star: Ray Romano.

**OTHER**

— Funny female star: Ellen DeGeneres.

— Funny male star: Adam Sandler.

— Crest Whitestrips Fans Favorite Smile: Cameron Diaz.

— Nice 'N Easy Fans Favorite Hair: Faith Hill.

— Olaf Total Effects Fans Favorite Look: Jennifer Aniston.

## Murray man arrested by State Police Tuesday

**Staff Report**  
Murray Ledger & Times  
A 19-year-old Murray man

was arrested Tuesday for allegedly supplying marijuana to Calloway County juveniles.

Samuel K. Holt was charged with two counts of second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, according to a Kentucky State Police release. Each offense carries a one- to five-year prison sentence.

KSP detectives received a complaint that a Murray man supplied two juveniles with

marijuana in the Calloway County area. After a brief investigation, Holt was charged and lodged in the Calloway County jail.

Holt remains in jail in lieu of a \$20,000 cash bond.

The Murray Police Department and Calloway County Sheriff's Department assisted KSP. The investigation is continuing by KSP Detective Russell Boyd.

## Mouse thrown in fire gets revenge

FORT SUMNER, N.M. (AP) — A mouse got its revenge against a homeowner who tried to dispose of it in a pile of burning leaves. The blazing creature ran back to the man's house and set it on fire.

Luciano Mares, 81, of Fort Sumner said he caught the mouse inside his house and wanted to get rid of it. "I had some leaves burning outside, so I threw it in the fire, and the mouse was on fire and ran back at the house," Mares said.

Village Fire Chief Juan Chavez said the burning mouse ran to just beneath a window, and the flames spread up from there and throughout the house.

## PoliceSheriffFireLogs

### Murray Police Department

• Shane Groves, 22, of Benton, was arrested at 2:15 p.m. Monday on a warrant charging him with theft by unlawful taking more than \$300 as well as new charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription drug not in proper container, second-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

• A juvenile was charged Monday with theft by unlawful taking less than \$300.

• Anthony Tyson, 22, of New Concord, was arrested at 7:29 p.m. Monday after a traffic stop at 10th and Olive streets. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• A gas drive-off was reported at the BP station on U.S. 641 North at 9:09 p.m. Monday.

• An older gray Taurus with body damage that was at Pocket's Shell at 12:49 a.m. had been involved in the theft of several cartons of cigarettes from the gas station.

• Extra patrol was requested because Christmas decorations left in Central Park were vandalized.

• Someone came into the station to report a theft at 3:39 p.m. Tuesday.

• Two females and a juvenile were charged in a shoplifting incident reported at Wal-Mart at 7:34 p.m. Tuesday. Lisa Birdsong, 36, and Dana Dowell, 18, both of Paris, Tenn., were arrested for theft by unlawful taking more than \$300. The juvenile faces the same charge.

• A vehicle at Los Portales was reported vandalized at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday.

### Murray State University Police Department

• The fire alarm at Woods Hall was activated at 6:35 p.m. Monday. Murray Fire Department responded and said a faculty detector may have caused the alarm. The state fire marshal office also was notified.

### Calloway County Sheriff's Department

• Someone came into the department to report a credit card theft at 8:13 a.m. Monday.

• A caller from 1206 Old Salem Road reported at 1:18 p.m. Tuesday that someone stole his deer stand. A theft by unlawful taking more than \$300 case was opened.

### Calloway County Fire-Rescue

• A neighbor reported a house fire at 6:59 p.m. Monday at 688 Swift Road. The blaze started in the kitchen area. Fifteen firefighters responded to the scene and the fire was extinguished.

• An out building on Ky. 121 North at Wallace Road was on fire at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday. The blaze created a strong odor.

— Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

## Plea ...

### From Front

He will be sentenced for first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-offense possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of first-degree trafficking a controlled substance.

In unrelated circuit court cases:

■ Billy Joe Walls, 21, of Murray, was sentenced to five years for four drug charges, but an alternative punishment will likely keep him out of prison that long.

Walls was sentenced to five years for both firearm-enhanced trafficking marijuana (8 ounces to 5 pounds) and trafficking methamphetamine. Walls also was given 12-month sentences for two other charges — possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All four sentences will run concurrently should he have to serve them.

He was credited with the 106 days he has served in jail since his arrest. He will only have to serve six months in jail or at a long-term treatment facility as long as he remains out of legal trouble.

Walls and Francisco Nunez were arrested in September at Walls' 854 Center Ridge Road home. Nunez was at the residence to collect money for marijuana he had sold Walls in the past, according to Walls' statement to deputies.

Nunez's charges are pending.

■ Kelly Aaron Stevens, 41, was also given an alternate sentence after pleading to three drug charges.

Although Stevens was given a five-year sentence and two 12-month prison terms for cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants), possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking marijuana, he only has to serve 45 days in the Calloway County jail.

Stevens was arrested after KSP's air unit spotted several marijuana plants near his Irvin Cobb Road home in July. The state trooper found digital scales, marijuana joints, processed marijuana and baggies in Stevens' bedroom, according to his arrest citation.

■ Phillip Jackson, 32, pleaded innocent to first-degree fleeing and evading and 44 traffic violations stemming from the high-speed tractor-trailer chase through five counties, including Calloway, that ended near Paris, Tenn., in February.

In addition to the felony fleeing charge, he faces 14 counts of reckless driving, eight counts of failure to signal, nine counts of disregarding stop sign, five counts driving on the wrong side of the road, six counts of speeding, one count of refusing to let cars pass and one count of improper passing.

Jackson is scheduled for a pre-trial conference Feb. 13 in circuit court.

## Carroll ...

### From Front

1987, by 258 votes in 2002. Her only other political attempt was a failed bid for commonwealth attorney in 2000.

Since being elected, Carroll worked hard to develop a first-of-its-kind juvenile drug court for Calloway County. The drug court monitors and assists local teenagers who come before the court in various stages of drug dependence.

The program began in 2003 with four youths and was largely funded by local groups and organizations. Since then, 15 teenagers have been involved

and 10 of them have graduated from the program.

"The drug court offers local teens a structured plan to become sober and to stay sober, while staying out of trouble," Carroll said. "By addressing this issue now, we are preventing future crime and monetary cost in Calloway County."

Throughout her first term, Carroll attended several seminars with her colleagues from around the state to remain current on changing law and up to date on issues facing the Kentucky courts system. Carroll was invited to teach one seminar in spring 2005.

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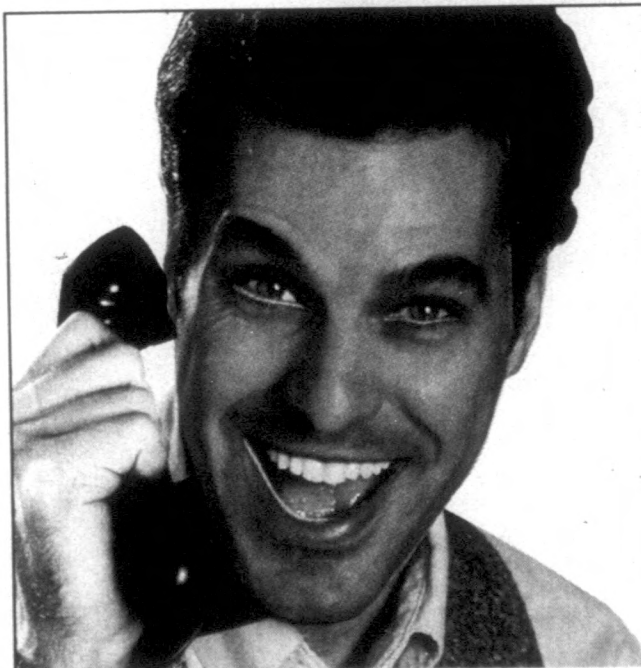


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A tree branch is shown after being ripped from a tree in high winds Tuesday. GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo

## Winds ...

### From Front

were messed up."

She said it all started between 2 and 2:30 p.m. and that the high winds lasted for two or three minutes. "There was a big clap of thunder and then it was over. It was so fast. It was just over and gone."

Hicks said it seemed like a large burst of wind hit and immediately blew sheds, outbuildings and well houses away. "It was a mess. Oh, what a mess!" She said she could see damage at neighbors' homes and could spot debris from their yards scattered throughout a field.

"There were items blown everywhere, yet one neighbor's place doesn't appear to even be touched," she added.

Brooks Barton, who lives on Scott Fitts Road,

said he came home from work to discover the damage. "When I got home I found one of the neighbor's sheds in the field by my house. I had no idea at the time what had happened, so I asked the neighbors. That's when I learned about a large wind gust hitting this immediate area."

After viewing the damage, Barton said it must have been a "powerful burst of wind." He said that in addition to a well house being destroyed that caused him to lose water to his house, a large tree in his front yard was split, shingles were ripped off the roof of his home, a boat was crushed and bent and a satellite dish sustained damage.

Similar damage was evident at adjoining neighbors' homes, Hicks said.

"We wanted to make sure everyone was okay. Now we'll have to wait on the insurance companies."

## Search ...

### From Front

the search will remain confidential until the process is completed to protect the privacy of those that applied.

Other than Winchester, who is also a member of the district's board of education, members of the committee include Judy Muehleman, the district's director of special education; Murray High School teacher Dee Bishop; Murray High School Principal, Teresa Speed; parents Herman Felton and Mark Peebles; and Gwen Wolff, a classified employee at Murray Head Start.

The superintendent search

officially kicked off in November when board attorney Chip Adams advised the district to declare the superintendent post officially vacant and search to permanently fill the post previously held by Dale Reid, now the district's director of pupil personnel.

The job has been filled since April by Acting Superintendent Bob Rogers; however Adams told the board that state education officials would prefer that school districts not leave the superintendent's job in temporary hands for more than one year.

Rogers told the Murray

Ledger & Times in December that he was undecided about whether he would apply for the job and it is unknown whether he filed an application. However committee members have praised the quality of the eight applicants who did apply for the job.

Part of the process also includes choosing a candidate based on a list of qualification criteria provided by the MIS Board of Education. The criteria includes, but is not limited to, education credentials, past history, job-related experience, and other matters related to the position.

## Murray Police's Citizens Police Academy to start new class

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray Police Department is continuing its community awareness effort with new crime prevention seminars for local merchants and the third Citizens Police Academy class.

In February, MPD will offer "Crime Prevention and Awareness for Business and Retail Establishments" twice. The seminar addresses with robbery and burglary prevention, workplace violence prevention, shoplifting and theft prevention, merchant fraud, counterfeiting and internal theft.

The three-hour seminar will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon

Feb. 13, and again from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 16.

Citizens Police Academy Class 003 gets under way March 6. The 10-week course touches on all aspects of law enforcement and how it relates to the community. Classes meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

Registration for the class is limited.

Applications for both the business seminars and the Citizens Police Academy can be picked up at the Murray Police Department on Poplar Street. Applications for the citizens academy also can be accessed online at [www.murrayky.gov](http://www.murrayky.gov).

Contact Sgt. Jim Osborne at 753-1621 for more information.

## Clarification

In addition to working with refreshments with the Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry, Renee Taylor, senior sound person, is the voice of Glory Bound radio. She is a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Murray.

## Energy, ag proposals outlined

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky would establish a federal energy research laboratory and look for alternative fuels under a plan House Democrats proposed Tuesday.

The measure would also funnel \$5 million in energy assistance to low-income Kentucky

families to help them cover the rising costs of natural gas.

Meanwhile, caucus leaders also outlined a plan aimed at helping Kentucky farmers. The plan, among other things, would expand bio-diesel fuel development and protect private property rights.

## Jackson, Breathitt school districts reach agreement

JACKSON, Ky. (AP) — Two school districts in Breathitt County have reached an agreement in a student-transfer squabble.

The agreement allows Jackson Independent Schools to resume getting state funds for a limited number of students that transfer there from the Breathitt County district.

Because of a dispute over the transfer issue in 2003, the Breathitt district opted to cancel an agreement allowing about \$4,900 per student in state funding to transfer to the Jackson district with each pupil. The Jackson district appealed to both the Kentucky Board of Education and Franklin Circuit Court.

A judge ruled that school districts can only receive state money for out-of-district students if they reach a transfer agreement among themselves. So, without an agreement, neither district would receive state money for those students.

In 2004, nearly two-thirds of Jackson's 604 students lived in the Breathitt County district.

The agreement reached Monday put a cap of 410 students on the Jackson district and does not allow Jackson to enroll any students from the Breathitt district without written permission from the Breathitt board.

## Revenue receipts may drop in second half of fiscal year

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's General Fund took in \$857 million in December, but state budget officials warned that pace could be dropping off. Some tax cuts initiated by the 2005 General Assembly would be kicking in for the first time during the second half of the fiscal year ending June 30. That could mean a drop in state revenue, state budget director Brad Cowgill said.

"A significant reduction in the individual income tax obligations for millions of Kentuckians will equal increased refunds and tax reductions in the upcoming months," Cowgill said.

The general fund is also expected to drop because the corporate license and intangible property taxes were repealed as of Jan. 1, according to a statement.

So far, Kentucky's general fund has grown by 11.6 percent during the current fiscal year.

Meanwhile, the state's road fund increased by 6.5 percent during December, and collected more than \$83 million.

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Nothing makes me more nervous during the course of a semester than final examinations.

For me, final exams mimic life itself. I think I remember my anxiety as a student years ago, four years as an undergraduate and then several more years as a graduate student, enduring the anxious anticipation and then the fretful week itself.



**Home and Away**  
By James Duane Bolin  
Ledger & Times Columnist

hours of sleep.

So I would hunker down in my dorm room or in a lonely corner of a library or perhaps at the end of a spring term in an isolated nook outdoors in the quadrangle. There I would pore over classroom notes, neglected textbook chapters, or stacks of note cards all arranged chronologically or topically. I committed these cards to memory, a practice few students seem to use anymore. And I tried to anticipate essay questions, forming in my mind and in scribbled outlines a possible plan of attack.

I think that once I was in that zone, that intense study mode, all pepped up on steaming cups of coffee laced with cream, unshowered and unkempt, eyes glazed over outwardly, but mind active and even burning inwardly, once I found myself in that

state, I actually enjoyed myself, though I would never admit it.

And then when the time came for the examination itself, if I had prepared properly, if I had committed the time required, if I had covered all the bases of textbook reading, note-taking, and organization, then it all came pouring out in one mad exhilarating rush. Finished, I breath again, place my pencil on the desk, look over the thing one more time, check my name at the top right side of the first page, gather up my book bag, and unload the examination on the professor's desk at the front of the room.

Now, on his or her side of the desk, he or she sat, reading calmly sometimes, or working on who knew what, or simply staring vacantly out over the room. I used to imagine a slight smirk on the professor's face or a look of bored, but satisfied control. Now I know better. Now that I sit on the professor's side of the desk, I know that the professor, all pepped up on steaming cups of coffee laced with cream, is anticipating lonely hours in a coffee shop corner, or all holed up in a home study or in a campus office, poring over the students' offerings, administering a combination of justice and mercy, and waiting, like the student, for the holiday break, a welcome respite from days of anxious toil and worry and busyness.

I don't know which side of the desk has made me more anxious, but I do know this. Final exams are like life itself. And I do know this. Final exams always presage new beginnings.



## Alito silence speaks volumes

WASHINGTON TODAY

By Tom Raum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Samuel Alito is no John Roberts.

Roberts wooed senators of both parties with a dazzling command of legal precedent and social ease to win confirmation as Chief Justice of the United States.

And, as Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee kept reminding Alito on Tuesday, neither is he another Sandra Day O'Connor, the retiring justice whom the conservative jurist would succeed.

O'Connor's moderate views on abortion and other social issues often made her the swing vote on a host of crucial 5-4 rulings.

"You are replacing someone who has been the fulcrum on an otherwise evenly divided court," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told Alito.

Besieged with such comparisons, Alito navigated his way through Day Two of his confirmation hearings with mild manners and a course that seemed charted to not upset his chances of Senate confirmation, which now seems likely.

His day's mission — hour after hour — seemed to be to say nothing particularly attention-grabbing, out of character, or reflecting anger or lack of preparation.

When he defended his writings and opinions of the past, including divisive ones on abortion, presidential powers and strip searches, he sought to provide context — and to signal flexibility.

He dryly recited case law and details.

"He was quite confident," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. "He's smart, articulate and polite."

"And unless there is a major stumbling or bombshell, I think he will be confirmed," Thurber said.

Outnumbered Democrats appeared to lack the muscle to stop the nomination, and seemed increasingly unlikely to mount a filibuster to delay the vote, which could give Alito opponents more time to try to rouse

the public, and senators, to block the nomination.

Alito defended past opinions in his 15 years as a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and his writings as a Reagan administration lawyer before that. But in some instances, Alito seemed to be hedging on them.

He opposed abortion as a Reagan administration official in the 1980s. Yet he testified that the Constitution protects the right to privacy, a basis for the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. If confirmed, he would approach the issue of a woman's right to abortion with an open mind, he said.

But he also defended his 1991 dissent in a Pennsylvania case in which he supported a requirement that women seeking abortions must notify their husbands.

Alito said he agrees with retiring O'Connor's assertion in 2004 that President Bush does not have a blank check to wage war. But Alito stopped short of commenting on the legality of the president's warrantless domestic eavesdropping program or harsh treatment of terror-war detainees.

Fred McClure, a Republican attorney who worked in the Reagan and first Bush administrations and helped shepherd through the Senate the nominations of Justices Antonin Scalia, David Souter and Clarence Thomas, said Alito exhibited "a calmness that is holding him in good stead."

Still, McClure cautioned, "It's a marathon type of experience" and the hearings could still get much more tense. "There will be other rounds," he said.

Alito sidestepped repeated questions on the court decision that settled the 2000 election in favor of Bush. He disputed Democratic charges of a bias toward favor-

ing broad executive-branch authority.

And he sought to distance himself from his membership in a Princeton alumni group known for its opposition to opening the school to women and minorities — even though he cited that membership in a 1985 application for a Justice Department job.

Although not as smooth as Roberts, Alito did show "a mixture of being totally non-confrontational while also standing up for his position and being able to summon up a lot of detail," said Fred Greenstein, a Princeton political science professor.

Alito couldn't do much about senators singing the praises of Roberts and O'Connor. But there was one former Supreme Court nominee he clearly didn't want to be linked to: Robert Bork.

He told senators he disagreed with some of Bork's writings, even though he once praised him lavishly.

And he managed to avoid the kind of answer that helped sink the Bork's nomination 1987. Asked why he wanted to serve on the nation's highest court, Bork startled even some supporters when he said because it would be an "intellectual feast."

Asked the identical question by supportive Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz, Alito was ready.

"This is a way for me to make a contribution to the country and society," Alito said.

While the courts have an important role to play, he said, it is a limited one. "So it's important for them to do a good job of doing what they're supposed to do, but also not to try to do somebody else's job."

Something there for everyone.

Tom Raum has covered Washington for The Associated Press since 1973.

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## Lessons learned (and not learned) from the French riots

PARIS - The French have had two months to sort out the lessons of last fall's riots in predominantly Muslim neighborhoods. Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin says the rioting was caused by racial bias, lack of business opportunity and insufficient education for immigrant children. He vows tax breaks for business, better education for immigrant children and tougher enforcement of anti-bias laws. For this conclusion, the French media, which is more left wing than the American press, praised him.

The founder and leader of France's Front National (FN) party, 77-year-old Jean-Marie Le Pen, has reached the opposite conclusion, as might be expected of a man who has warned for decades about the dangers of unrestrained immigration.

Le Pen claims that the French media marginalized him, even during the riots, though FN has made immigration the center of its platform. During a recent interview with me at his home, Le Pen said, "The politically correct forbids any link be established between immigration and the riots. Everybody knows it, but you can't say it."



**Cal's Thoughts**  
By Cal Thomas  
Syndicated Columnist

immigrants are young and have a higher birth rate than the French. There are about 200,000 abortions a year in France and the government has begun offering to pay French women to have more babies. At current rates, the Muslim population in France will grow from its current 8 percent - that's about 5 million of France's 60 million people - to a majority in 25 years. French culture, possibly French secularism and liberty, cannot be sustained in the face of such demographic facts.

I asked Le Pen what he would do should he become president in next year's election.

To Le Pen, the facts are indisputable. The migration of Muslims to France since the 1950s from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Senegal is larger than any other influx in France's history. New

He told me he would immediately stop all immigration and "change the law of nationality" so that being born in France does not automatically make one a French citizen. He also would make it more difficult for an immigrant to bring all of his or her relatives to France, as is now allowed.

Le Pen, who has been called a fascist, racist, xenophobe and other things that cannot be printed here, says, "We are currently subsidizing everybody, including the illegals. It is costing us the equivalent of \$500 billion annually."

Le Pen fears that not only France, "but all of Europe will be submerged by all these people if nothing is done. There are no jobs for them and most won't work, preferring a government check. Many live by dealing in drugs, or stealing. They have created their own ghettos. We have places where there are no schools, because they have set them afire and the police and firemen are attacked when they go there. Civilization is slowly evaporating from this country."

Le Pen denies he is any of the things his detractors call him, but he protests what he calls the censorship of his views by the French media. He tells

me the French media spend more time talking about him than allowing him to speak for himself. During the rioting last fall, he says 50 foreign journalists interviewed him, but no French reporters. As a result, he maintains, most French people know little of his views and he is dismissed as a fringe character.

Despite the odds, Le Pen made it to the second round of voting in the 2002 presidential election and is likely to do so again in the 2007 race. But, he says, all of the parties, including the communists, quickly united against him last time and he expects a similar strategy next year. A poll in Paris Match found support for Le Pen increased 5 percent after the riots. He hopes to increase those numbers, if he can be heard.

Le Pen has been fighting for his issues since first being elected to office in 1956. Getting elected president of France is his biggest battle (if you don't count the Indo-China and Algerian wars in which he fought).

Asked his chances next year, he told me, "the next election is up to God," then quickly added, "or more riots."



## Obituaries

### Mrs. Wilma June Prescott

Mrs. Wilma June Prescott, 81, Murray, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at 9:50 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital long-term care unit.

A homemaker, she was a member of New Jenny Ridge Pentecostal Church.

She was married June 1, 1941, to Major Prescott Jr., who died June 24, 1989. Two brothers, W.C. Wells and James Wells, also preceded her in death. Born Jan. 10, 1925, in Lyon County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Coleen Wells.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Ann Kaiser and husband, Robert, Mrs. Janice Holland and husband, Charles, Mrs. Wanda McKendree and husband, Bob, Ms. Jeannie Garland and friend, Gary Soloman, and Ms. Lynn Clayton and friend, Sam Rickman, and six sons, Robert Prescott and wife, Peggy, Ronnie Prescott and wife, Sharon, Joe Prescott and wife, Linda, Jack Prescott and wife, Sherrie, Mark Prescott and wife, Dana, and Ricky Prescott and wife, Lori, all of Murray; two sisters, Mrs. Juanita Murray, Benton, and Mrs. Iahale Whitney, Eddyville; three brothers, Henry Wells and wife, Ruth, Louisville, and Leonard Wells and wife, Shirley, and Raymond Wells, all of Eddyville; sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Prescott, Murray; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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

### Mrs. Inez Lorene Bridges

Mrs. Inez Lorene Bridges, 91, Maple Grove Road, Cadiz, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at 11:19 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A homemaker, she was a member of Donelson Creek Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death were one son, Clayton Earl Bridges; one sister, Offie Spurlin; and five brothers, Otis, Lloyd, Loyce, Jessie and Denny Lancaster. Born Dec. 12, 1914, in Trigg County, she was the daughter of the late Ezekiel Lancaster and Jennie Wiles Lancaster.

Survivors include her husband, Clifton Earl Bridges, Cadiz; two grandchildren, Teresa Wicker and husband, Keith, Almo, and Kenny Lynn Bridges and wife, Davida, Murray; five great-grandchildren, Denisha, Jordyn and Shania Bridges, all of Murray, and Whitney and Shauna Wicker, both of Almo.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home, Murray. The Rev. Irvin C. Darnall will officiate. Burial will follow in the East End Cemetery, Cadiz.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday).

### Mrs. Irene Grogan Young

Mrs. Irene Grogan Young, 86, North Eighth Street, Murray, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at 8 p.m. at Hospice House South, Fort Myers, Fla.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Robert (Robbie) Banker

Robert (Robbie) Banker, 28, Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Murray, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Coconut Creek.

His age was listed incorrectly on Tuesday.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Mrs. Thelma Outland Griffin

A graveside service for Mrs. Thelma Outland Griffin will be today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery. The Rev. Carl Butler will officiate.

Pallbearers will be John Hoffman, Jeff Knight, Guthrie Grogan, Lowell Key, Ronnie Pool and Hafton Garner.

Visitation is now at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Griffin, 94, Murray, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at 10:08 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

A homemaker, she was a life-long member of Sinking Spring Baptist Church.

Her husband, Ansel Edward Griffin, died May 9, 2000. Also preceding her in death were one sister, Pauline Outland Atkins, and three brothers, Carmon, Sandy and Seamon Outland. Born Nov. 6, 1911, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Roy Outland and Fruzzey Surrent Outland.

Survivors include two nieces, Jane Outland Flanery, Paducah, and Jessie Atkins Fongler, Boca Raton, Fla.; one grand nephew, Jeff Knight, Murray; one great-nephew, John Hoffman, Paducah.

### Herbert Clayton

The funeral for Herbert Clayton will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home, Hazel, Ky. The Revs. Stephen Webb

and Randy Lowe will officiate. Burial will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Puryear, Tenn.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Mr. Clayton, 83, Buchanan, Tenn., died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at 12:20 p.m. at his home.

He worked in antique restoration and as a carpenter, and served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. He had served as a song leader and Sunday school teacher for 25 years at Mt. Pleasant Church, but was now a member of Mason's Chapel United Methodist Church.

One sister, Gladys Wells, and one brother, Raymond Clayton, both preceded him in death. Born June 12, 1922, he was the son of the late Chalmus Clayton and Brondle McCuiston Clayton.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eddie Green Clayton, to whom he was married Dec. 23, 1946; one daughter, Mrs. Joy Ferguson and husband, Richard, Hazel; one son, Jeff Clayton and wife, Gail, Henry, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Andy Clayton, Buchanan, Dustin Clayton, Fort Benning, Ga., Amy Ferguson, Kirksey, Ky., Russ Ferguson, Hazel, and Dana Cowell Garland, Longmont, Colo.; one stepgrandson, Jason Webb, Hazel; two great-grandchildren, Joe and Taylor Clayton, Buchanan; several nieces and nephews.

### William Clark Cothran

William Clark Cothran, 67, Grand Prairie, Texas, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joanne Jones Cothran; one sister, Mrs. Jean Rudolph and husband, Joe, Dexter, Ky.; one brother, Danny Cothran, Germany; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Betty Miller and husband, Ewin, Flemingsburg, Ky., and Mrs. Annette Danner and husband, Donnie, Murray, Ky.; one brother-in-law, Larry Jones, Hardin; five nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bean-Massey Burge Funeral Home, Grand Prairie, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

## Roof collapse kills coal miner

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A roof collapse at an eastern Kentucky coal mine killed one miner Tuesday, a state official said.

The rock fall occurred about 900 feet inside the Maverick Mining Co. LLC mine in Pikeville, near the Virginia line, said Chuck Wolfe, spokesman for the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing.

Wolfe said Tuesday night the miner who was killed was the only person harmed. The miner was identified as Cornelius Yates, 44, of Shelbyana in Pike County, Wolfe said.

Yates was operating a roof bolting machine when a section of the mine roof approximately 20 feet wide, 4 1/2 feet thick and 10 feet long fell, according to a statement from the state Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

Suzi Bohnert, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, said federal officials were on the scene.

Wolfe said a nine-person rescue crew was sent to the mine when the accident was reported shortly after 3 p.m. EST.

A person who answered the phone at Maverick Mining in Pikeville declined comment.

Last week, 12 miners died after an explosion in a coal mine in West Virginia.

The Pikeville mine has received 114 citations since November 2004, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Wednesday, citing records.

Last Nov. 29, the mine received a violations requiring



The Pike County, Ky., coroner enters the Maverick Mining Co. LLC mine in Pikeville following recovery efforts after a roof collapsed and claimed the life of a Pike County miner Tuesday. Chuck Wolfe, spokesman for the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing, identified the miner as Cornelius Yates, 44, of Shelbyana, Ky.

protection against falls from the mine roof, sides and mining area.

"No person shall work or travel under unsupported roof," the violation said.

Not all citations have been settled or assessed a fine yet, the newspaper said. The company has paid \$1,788, or 26 percent, of \$6,925 in proposed fines, records show.

The mine, operated by James H. Blevins of Robinson Creek, had a regular safety and health

inspection Jan. 3, records show. The inspection's end-date is listed as "ongoing" but no violations were issued.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who planned to visit the mine Wednesday, issued a statement Tuesday promising to try to improve safety in the mines.

"We have added additional

mine safety inspectors, and intensified our training efforts," Fletcher said. "We have increased the numbers of inspections and closure orders in the past two years. We will continue to explore every avenue to improve miner safety in Kentucky."

## 101st soldier killed in blast

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — Cindy Upchurch had just put the care package full of cookies and candy in the mail when she heard the terrible news — her soldier son would never be able to open it.

The Army announced Tuesday that Spc. Clinton R. Upchurch, 31, of Garden City, was killed Saturday near the predominantly Sunni Arab town of Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad. He was the gunner on one of three Humvees that were escorting higher-ranked officials.

He is the 22nd Kansan to die in the war in Iraq.

"(The Army representatives) said he died a hero, that he saved his guys," Cindy Upchurch said. "Knowing Clint, I'm not surprised he died defending them. He did his mission. That's just the kind of guy he was."

It was the end, Upchurch said, of her son's lifelong dream. She had tried to talk him out of the service but couldn't, maybe because it was in his blood. His father served in Vietnam; his grand-

father and great-grandfather were veterans too.

"It's been something he and I have been fighting about since he was 17," she said. "But I knew he would enlist, and I knew he was doing something he wanted to do. He loved the service and defending his country."

The soldier was killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee and enemy forces fired on him. He joined the Army in August 2004 and was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky., last March. Before that, he worked for the Finney County Sheriff's Office.

"As a mom, you know there's danger involved. But to me, he wasn't in any more danger over there than here," Upchurch said.

Now, Upchurch waits for the body to arrive home and for her youngest son — husband of Kari, stepfather and foster father, high school football player, Christian and fourth-generation Garden City resident — to be laid to rest.

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## Graduation recital performed by Dean

Hailey Dean, 15-year-old daughter of Dewey and Robin Dean, recently performed a graduation recital in the Suzuki method at Farrell Recital Hall of Price Doyle Fine Arts Center, Murray State University.

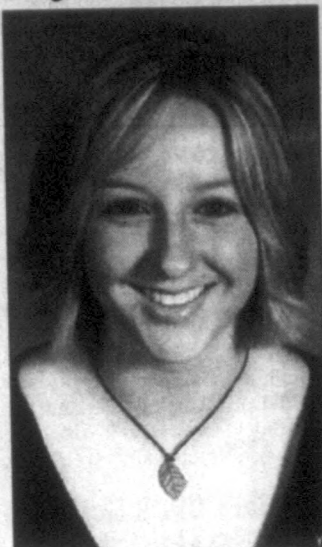
Her program included selections from J.S. Bach's "Anna Magdalena Notebook" as well as repertoire of Schumann, Lichner, Hummel, von Weber and Mozart from the classical and romantic eras of music history. She selected repertoire by Czerny and Kabalevsky to round out her program.

Performing memorized pieces from each completed Suzuki book in a recital setting is a requirement of the Suzuki method which stresses musicianship and musicality by developing the memory, ear, hand position and touch from the beginning lesson.

Note reading is introduced in the second book and is developed in subsequent Suzuki books and supplementary progressive reading materials.

Hailey has earned superior performance recognition in Murray Music Teacher Association's Sonata Saturday, Kentucky Baptist Convention's Hymn Festival, Kentucky Music Teacher Association Student Workshop, and Music Teacher National Association Keyboard Festival events.

In addition she attained the



Hailey Dean

highest level of points and a special award for performing a memorized 10-piece national program for five consecutive years in the National Guild of Piano Teachers auditions.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Hailey is active in the youth program and serves as a member of "Congregational Care." She is a sophomore at Murray High School where she is a member of the National Beta Club, Key Club, Speech Team, French Club and Tennis Team.

## Dyslexia, reading clinic is scheduled

MAYFIELD, Ky. — The Shedd Academy of Mayfield will host an educational screening clinic on Friday, Jan. 27, to help identify students showing potential problems with dyslexia, reading problems, and attention deficit disorder (ADD).

If your child has difficulties with reading, comprehension, and writing skills you may wish to sign up. Many of these children also have problems with being organized, paying attention and concentrating. Some have trouble with reversing letters and numbers. They are often inattentive, overactive and/or distractible.

Shedd offers tutoring programs and a full-time school. Parents will receive immediate feedback following the screening.

For an appointment or for more information, call Judy Brindley, admission's office at Shedd Academy in Mayfield, or call 1-270-247-8007. Scholarship funds are available based upon need.

## Anniversary



## Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barrow

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barrow of Puryear, Tenn., were honored with a reception in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 8.

The event was held at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Danny Herndon. About 30 persons attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow were married Jan. 8, 1946, by the late Henry Hargis at the home of Frank Hargis in Murray.

Mrs. Barrow, the former Juanita Mathis, is the daughter of the late Curn Mathis and Edith Sills Mathis. She is retired from food service at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

Mr. Barrow is the son of the late George Mathis and Mintie Noel Mathis. He is retired from Holley Carburetor Plant, Paris, Tenn.

They have one daughter, Gail Herndon and husband, Danny, of Hazel, and two sons, Tommy Barrow and wife, Janie, and Steve Barrow, all of Puryear, Tenn.

Their five grandchildren are Deborah Sadler, Jeff Barrow, J. Paul Herndon, Jana Ward and Joshua Herndon.

Their four great-grandchildren are Andrew and Tyler Starnes, Maggie Barrow and Isaac Ward.

## Need Line had 7,362 applicants requesting help

During the year of 1005, Murray-Calloway County Need Line had 7,362 applicants asking for assistance, according to Tonia Casey, executive director.

They were 5,509 for food, 851 for utilities, 26 for rent, 192 for medication and medical transportation, 3,892 for personal and hygiene products, 927 for unemployed, 6,232 for low income, 133 needing money management or having an emergency, seven for transient, 48 for homeless, 309 referrals and 592 receiving Christmas food baskets.

Figures and help for the month of December were 1,214 applicants; 555 for food, 51 for utilities, 17 for rent, six for medication and medical transportation, 251 or personal and hygiene products, 92 for unemployed, 1,110 for low

income, 11 needing money management or an emergency, one homeless, 13 referrals and the 592 for Christmas food baskets.

Casey has released the list of items that Need Line is low on for the preparation of the food sacks for the clients.

For the pantry they are beef stew, tuna and spaghetti sauce.

For personal hygiene and cleaning supplies they are bath tissue, dish liquid, both men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, and both super and regular sanitary pads.

For the cooler/freezer they are bread and eggs.

Also large brown paper bags are needed to fill for the clients.

These items may be taken to the Need Line office on the first floor of the Weaks Community Center during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information call 753-6333.

## Realtors sponsoring contest

The Murray Calloway County Board of Realtors in cooperation with the Kentucky Association of Realtors (KAR) is sponsoring a Fair Housing Calendar Contest. Entries are being sought from fourth and fifth grade students to be included in the selection process from which illustrations will be chosen for the 2007 calendar. Anyone interested should contact the Board of Realtors at 759-1177 for entry requirements and particulars. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 13, 2006.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales Kickoff will be on Thursday

Jo's Datebook  
By Jo Burkeen  
Community Editor

Girl Scouts of Murray and Calloway County will have their annual Cookie Kick-off on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Murray Elementary School.

Sales of Girl Scout cookies will start on Friday for the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

A new cookie this year will be the Cafe' Cookie, a gourmet-style crisp cookie made with caramelized brown sugar and a hint of cinnamon spice. Other cookies will be Samoas, Thin Mints, two peanut butters, trefoil shortbreads, lemons cookies and all abouts.

## Military Parents to meet

Military Parents, a support group for all parents, spouses, children, etc., with children in the Armed Services, will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the party room of Ryan's Steak House, Murray.

## Glory Bound will be Thursday

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry will meet in the new Goshen Family Fellowship Center, 4726 Ky. Hwy. 121 North at Stella on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Featured groups will be The Grants and Margie Black. The public is invited and there is no charge. Items for Need Line will be taken. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643 or Renee Taylor at 753-1824.

## TOPS Club will meet Thursday

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Club will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. For information call 753-7732.

## CCHS committee will meet

The Discipline committee of Calloway County High School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in room 811 at the school.

## Grief Recovery Group to meet

Grief Recovery Group will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the annex conference room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For information call MCCH Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274.

## Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer vision and glaucoma screenings and blood pressure and pulse checks on Thursday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Cheri Theatre, Murray; on Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Wal-Mart, Benton.

## Zeta meeting on Thursday

Zeta Department of Murray Woman's Club will meet Thursday at 2 p.m. at the club house. Hostesses will be Anne Vinson, Cathryn Garrott, Helen Foley and Dorothy T. Rogers.

## Registration for class being held

Registration for the GED Fast Track Class will continue through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Career Center. Calloway County Adult and Family Education will offer the class starting Jan. 19 at the Career Discovery Center, U.S. Hwy. 641 North, Murray. Classes will be held every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Since the class will move quickly, some qualifications will have to be considered. It is very important to pre-register. For information call 759-5525.

## SS representative here Thursday

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the Calloway Public Library Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to assist persons in filing forms. For information call 1-800-772-1213.

## MMS seeking nominees

Murray Middle School is seeking nominees for the Site-based Decision Making Council. Anyone interested in nominating someone may pick up a form in the MMS office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Nominations must be received by Friday.

## Band boosters plan promotion

Murray Band Boosters will have a rebate day at Captain D's today. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the band boosters. Proceeds will benefit the band programs at MHS and MMS.

## MHS Backboard Club to meet

Murray High School Backboard Club will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in room 202. Basketball Homecoming will be one of the items discussed. All members and interested persons are urged to attend and to note the later time.

## CCMS Council will meet

Calloway County Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in the media center. All interested persons are invited.

## CCHS Council will meet

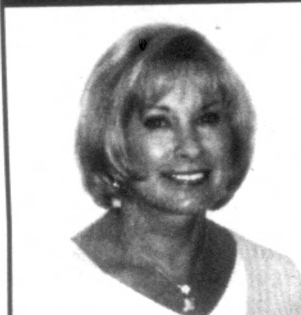
Calloway County High School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in media center. Yvette Pyle, principal, invites all interested persons.

## Need Line has promotion

Back Yard Burgers at Hwy. 121 Bypass, Murray, has a promotion for Need Line. A customer buying one burger will get one free with a donation of a non-perishable food item from now through Jan. 15. All food will be donated to Need Line to help fill the needs of the community.

## FUN &amp; FASHION

By D.K. Kelley



The gemstone for January is the garnet. The January birthstone garnet symbolizes faith and truth. The ancients believed that it had the power to heal and ease tensions between enemies, and to protect the traveler from danger on his journey. "Since ancient times people have been superstitious and have thought of some things as lucky and others as bad luck. Many actions are believed to influence our luck. These may involve specific objects or, as in meeting certain animals, demand that something be done to neutralize the ill effects of some accidental occurrence."

Whether odd numbers are more lucky than even ones depends on both culture and custom, but there are many variations. The objects and actions associated with certain numbers are significant too, whether your counting magpies or run of accidents.

Just as we give three cheers for a fortunate event and believe that we can be third time lucky, so it is commonly held that accidents happen in runs of three then stop for awhile, at least.

For the superstitious, crossing the fingers, specifically the index and second fingers of the right hand, is the way to avert bad luck or to bring about a lucky event.

We knock on wood to protect ourselves from tempting fate or to bring a wish to fruition.

We hang up a horseshoe for luck, but it must be hung with the open end up or the good luck will fall out. It's also lucky to find a cast horseshoe, pick it up and keep it.

A black cat in Britain that crosses your path is lucky, unlucky if it is white, while in most places just the reverse is true.

This information is from "Love Luck and Lessons for Life" by Ruth Binney.

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Congratulations to Kathy Pierce who won the jewelry last week.

Stay tuned to next week's Fun & Fashion report.....

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## Birth Announcements

### Alexander Jay Compton

Kevin and Svetlana Compton of Bowling Green are the parents of a son, Alexander Jay Compton, born on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at The Birthing Center of Greenview Regional Hospital, Bowling Green.

The baby weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Paula Compton of Murray.

Maternal grandparents are Gregory and Lilia Kravets of Ukraine.

### Aries Skii Holskey

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel James (D.J.) Holskey are the parents of a daughter, Aries Skii Holskey, born on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at 10:45 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19 inches. The mother is the former Belvia Louise Clark. A brother is Logan Jay Holskey and a sister is Chelsea Marie Long. Grandparents are Jeri and Gerry Requarth of Murray and Judy and Jim Armstrong of Almo.

Great-grandparents are Gloria and Jim Jones of Coshocton, Ohio, and the late Mary and Lloyd Wilkerson of Dexter.

Aunts are Lisa Franklin and husband, Jay, of Dexter, and Sheila Stokes of Lynn Grove.

### Emma Kate English

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English of Dexter are the parents of a daughter, Emma Kate English, born on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

The mother is the former Jenny Martin.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Pam Naylor of Elkton and Dennis Martin of Eddyville.

Paternal grandparents are Judy and Frank English of Murray.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garland of Dover, Ark.

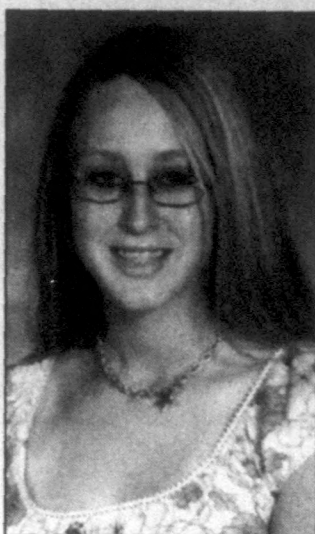
### Fike named award winner by publication

Tiffani Fike has been named a national science award winner for the third straight year by the United State Achievement Academy.

Fike, a student at Calloway County High School, was nominated for the award by her teacher.

Her biography will appear in the academy yearbook.

Fike is the daughter of Tommy Fike of Murray. She is the granddaughter of Bobbie and Dorthy Fike of Murray.



Tiffani Fike

### Civil War Roundtable will meet at Clarksville

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — The Civil War Roundtable will meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the cafe of Borders books in Governor's Square Mall. This is located on Wilma Rudolph Blvd. (Hwy. 79) south of exit 4 off 1-24. The public is invited.

Historian and Author Mike Peake of the Clarksville Civil War Roundtable will present the program on "Germans in the Civil War/The 32nd Indiana Infantry."

Peake said "it is estimated that one third of the Union Army were German-Americans and fully 200,000, or 10 percent

served in either all-German regiments or in regiments largely made up of Germans."

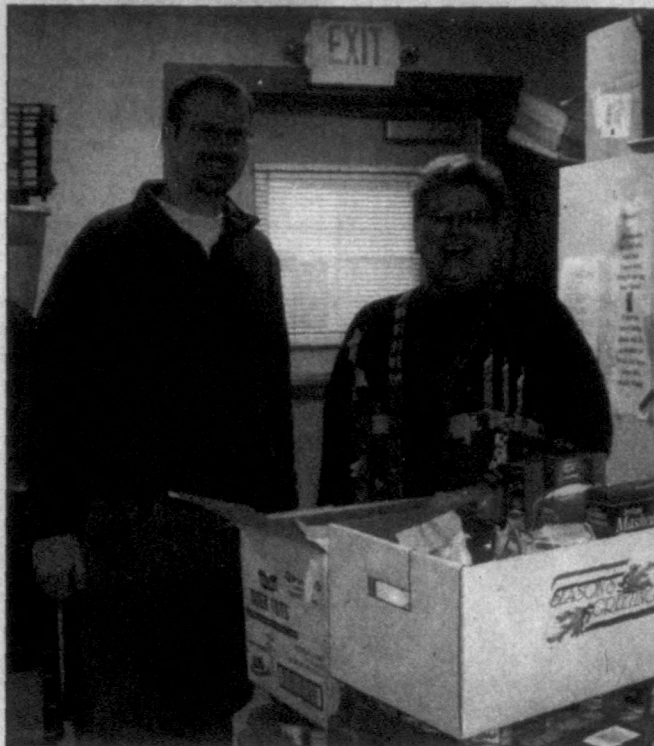
Peake retired from government service in 1996. He is a native of Louisville, Ky., now living in Woodlawn, Tenn. He has been researching and writing about the First German/32nd Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry and their role in the Western Theater for over a decade. He has published a book, "Indiana's German Sons/32nd Volunteer Infantry: Baptism of Fire: Rowlett's Station, 1861" which will be published by the Indiana Historical Society.

## Music Ensemble Entertains for Alzheimer's Group



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The Ensemble of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club recently entertained with a program of music, including a sing-a-long, for members of the Alzheimer's Disease Education/Support Group potluck meal at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Pictured (from left) are Kay Ray, Pat Miller, Martha Crafton, Gale Vinson, Kathy Mowery, Sondra Rice and Norma Paschall, singers, and Oneida White, accompanist.



Tonia Casey (right in left photo) executive director of Need Line, and William Rasinen, Murray-Calloway County Parks program director, are shown with canned goods collected during Christmas in the Park. Brad Steels, parks director, (right in right photo) is pictured with Tracy McKinney and Steven Dabs in front of the building donated by their firm for the 2005 event.



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## Building donated for Christmas in the Park

A donation of a building for Christmas in the Park has been made by Tracy McKinney Insurance Services to the Murray-Calloway County Parks.

The building is a 12x12 climate controlled and lit to function as year-round usable storage space for Christmas displays. It will also be used for donation collection during future Christmas in the Park events.

Park officials said over 1,700 canned goods were collected

and donated to Need Line during the Christmas season by he many people who drove through Central Park to see the light displays during 2005 Christmas in the Park.

Over 40 businesses, churches and organizations setup their displays in the park this year to be a part of a special event

that adds to the seasonal beauty of Murray during the holidays. Over 10,000 vehicles drove through to view the lights sponsored by these dedicated community organizations.

o request information about being a part of the 2006 Christmas in the Park, contact the park office at 762-0344.

William Rasinen, Murray-Calloway County Parks program director, said "the Christmas in the Park program was a success because of the donation of the building and the participating businesses for their participation in the lighted displays."

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## HEALTH

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## Seven physicians honored for service

Murray-Calloway County Hospital honored its medical staff at the 16th Annual Medical Staff Services Awards Celebration last month. Seven physicians with a combined total of 150 years of services were recognized at this event held at Murray Country Club.

The physicians were honored through donations in their name to the Medical Staff Scholarship Program. The Medical Staff Scholarship, which was established in the fall of 1989, benefits junior and senior pre-med students at Murray State

University.

The interest earned funds the scholarships for those deserving students who are awarded one. Murray State's pre-med faculty selects the scholarship recipients with approval made by a committee of the Medical Staff and Hospital Board.

The most recent scholarship recipients include Alli Nance of Farmington, Matt Kelleher of Murray, and Richard Blalock, Jr. of Murray.

The following physicians were honored at the celebration:

Houston, Jr., M.D., general surgery; and Robert G. Marquardt, M.D., family medicine

■ Twenty-Five Years — Dan M. Miller, M.D., internal medicine; and Robert T. Williams, M.D., general surgery

■ Fifteen Years — Henry C. Hines, M.D., radiology/diagnostic

■ Ten Years — Steve McCuiston, M.D., emergency medicine

■ Five Years — Michael L. Bobo, M.D./D.D.S., oral/maxillofacial surgery.

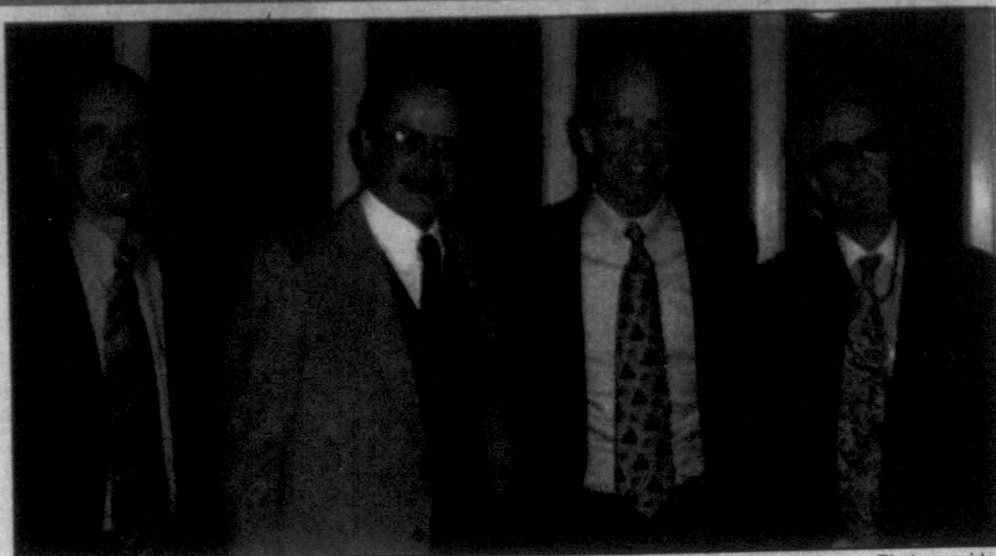


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The physicians who were recognized at the awards celebration included (from left) Michael L. Bobo, M.D./D.D.S.; Robert G. Marquardt, M.D.; Robert T. Williams, M.D.; and Hal Houston, Jr., MD. Those not pictured who were also recognized included Dan M. Miller, M.D.; Henry C. Hines, M.D.; and Steve McCuiston, M.D.

## Study: Being fat, healthy at same time not possible

By LINDSEY TANNER  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Middle-age people who are overweight but have normal blood pressure and cholesterol levels are kidding themselves if they think their health is just fine.

Northwestern University researchers tracked 17,643 patients for three decades and found that being overweight in mid-life substantially increased the risk of dying of heart disease later in life — even in people who began the study with healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

High blood pressure and cholesterol are strong risk factors for heart disease. Both are common in people who are too fat, and often are thought to explain why overweight people are more prone to heart disease.

But there is a growing body of science suggesting that excess weight alone is an independent risk factor for heart attacks, strokes and diabetes. The new study fits with that evolving school of thought and contrasts with a controversial government study published last year that suggested excess weight might not be as deadly as previously thought.

"The take-home message would be pay more attention to your weight even if you don't have an unhealthy risk factor profile yet," said lead author Lijing Yan, a researcher at Northwestern and Peking University.

Participants were Chicago-area men and women in their mid-40s on average who had no

heart disease or diabetes when the study began. They were followed for an average of 32 years. The researchers tracked deaths from cardiovascular disease and diabetes, and hospitalizations for those conditions, starting at age 65.

A total of 1,594 heart disease deaths occurred, 31 of them in people who started the study with normal blood pressure and cholesterol.

Among participants with normal blood pressure and cholesterol at the start, those who were obese — or grossly overweight — were 43 percent more likely than normal-weight participants to die of heart disease later on. They were also four times as likely to be hospitalized for heart disease.

Participants who were modestly overweight but had normal blood pressure and cholesterol still ran a higher risk than the normal-weight people.

A total of 1,187 participants — 494 of them overweight or obese — had normal blood pressure (120 over 80 or lower) and cholesterol levels (under 200) at the outset. Standard body-mass index categories were used to define weight — BMIs of 25 to 29 were considered overweight and 30 and above was obese.

Yan said it is possible that some overweight participants developed high blood pressure and cholesterol problems during the study, which could have contributed to their deaths. But she said researchers increasingly believe that being too fat causes other cardiovascular problems, too.

## Maine gets perfect marks vs. tobacco

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine, which a decade ago had the nation's highest teen smoking rate, has become the first state to win a perfect score from the American Lung Association for its tobacco-fighting efforts.

Maine's grades contrasted sharply with those of the United States as a whole, which received mostly F scores in the lung association's annual report card on anti-tobacco progress, released Tuesday.

The United States received F scores for Food and Drug Administration regulation of tobacco, programs to quit smoking and cigarette taxes. The federal tax is 39 cents for a pack of 20.

The country also received a D grade in the fourth category, which dealt with the global anti-tobacco treaty known as the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The United States signed it in 2004, but it has yet to be sent to the Senate for ratification.

The lung association ranked states in four categories: anti-tobacco program funding, smoke-free air, cigarette taxes and youth access.

Forty states got an F grade for anti-tobacco funding. States made the most progress in the category of smoke-free air.

Maine won A's in all categories. The report card praises the state for laws that restrict

smoking at work sites and schools and ban it in bars and restaurants. It also cites the state for laws making it difficult for minors to get cigarettes. It makes special mention of Maine's cigarette tax, which was doubled from \$1 to \$2 last year, the largest tobacco tax increase among the states in 2005.

Maine is among five states, along with Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Washington, that have taxes of at least \$2 per pack.

"In the 1990s Maine had one of the highest youth smoking rates in the country among teenagers — and between 1997 and 2005 it declined almost 60 percent," said John Kirkwood, president of the American Lung Association.

Edward Miller, who heads the lung association's Maine chapter, credited Maine's comprehensive approach to tobacco control, which has been held up as a national model. Maine spends more of the money it has won in tobacco suit settlements than any other state, on a per capita basis, on smoking control and treatment, Miller said.

The distinction of having the nation's highest rate of young adult smokers in 1996 "was really a wake-up call for public health organizations," Miller said.

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250 Mobile Home Lots For Rent  
260 Mobile Homes For Rent  
270 Business Rentals  
280 Apartments For Rent  
290 Rooms For Rent  
300 Houses For Rent  
310 Storage Rentals  
320 Pests & Supplies  
330 Livestock & Supplies  
340 Public Sale  
350 Land For Rent or Lease

430 Real Estate  
435 Lake Property  
440 Lots For Sale  
445 Farms For Sale  
450 Acreage  
460 Homes For Sale  
470 Motorcycles & ATVs  
480 Auto Parts  
490 Sport Utility Vehicles  
495 Used Cars  
500 Used Trucks  
510 Campers  
520 Boats & Motors  
530 Services Offered  
540 Free Column  
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PLACE YOUR LINE AD AND IT WILL APPEAR ON  
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To Place Your Ad Call the Classified Department at 753-1916 ask for Jill Stephens or Julie Brown  
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## Homework Frustration?

Is your student's homework creating frustration?  
Introducing an exciting New solution!

HOMEWORK SUPPORT CAMP  
by  
SYLVAN of MURRAY

Homework Help for your student is now available at  
Sylvan Learning Center.

- Class sizes are small (max., 5 students to teacher) allowing your Student the benefit of personal attention.
- Cost comparable to in home tutoring.
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There is limited enrollment and classes fill up quickly.  
Register Now!!!

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Coming soon SYLVAN Math, Writing and the all popular  
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DISCLAIMER:  
SYLVAN CAMPS NEITHER SUBSTITUTE  
NOR REPLACE OUR FULL TIME  
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Learning.  
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Lose weight now!  
Stimulant free products  
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local distributor. Call  
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Full Set: \$20  
French: \$25

Fills: \$12  
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Upper Cuts  
1104 Story Ave.  
753-2887

**OUR Tamales** covered  
with mom's chili is  
wonderful. Sandra D's  
293-3816

**TOBACCO** land and  
bam for rent. 489-2116

050 Lost and Found

Found: black retriever-  
like female dog on new  
Hwy 80. call 293-  
5438.

**JUST give us a call,**  
we'll be glad to help.  
Your loved one we'll  
try to find.  
'Cause we all have  
Furry or Feathered  
Friends Here at the  
Ledger & Times.

Call 753-1916

**LOST:** Boston Terrier.  
Fixed, female, collar  
and tag, britt collar and  
white. Reward. 226-  
9056

**LOST:** White gold ear-  
ring, oval hoop, twist  
design. Reward. 759-  
1012

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**BARTENDERS** want-  
ed. Apply in person at  
J. Edwards, 1901 N.  
12th St., Murray.

**CABLING Technician:**  
Candidate must have a  
minimum of 1 year  
experience in the  
installation, test, and  
repair of twisted pair,  
coaxial and fiber optic  
cabling systems. BICSI  
installer certificate is a  
plus. Salary of \$30,000  
up depending on expe-  
rience. Thirty year old  
company. Send  
resume to: Shoemaker  
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467, Murray, KY 42071

**RELIABLE** person to  
pick up 2 Southwest  
Elementary children  
and keep until 6PM 4  
days a week. \$100 per  
week. Send references  
to P.O. Box 674,  
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060 Help Wanted

**CHILDCARE** center  
looking for full time/part  
time hard working indi-  
viduals to help shape  
the minds of children  
ages birth to 12 years  
old. Must be flexible.  
Apply 109 S. 15th St.,  
Murray.



Hiring daytime  
cook and servers.  
Apply in person  
Mon.-Fri. at 616 N.  
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**FULL OR PART** time  
housekeeping. Murray  
Plaza Hotel. Apply in  
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**PAINTING** contractor is  
recruiting experienced  
professional journeymen  
painters. Must have 4-years profes-  
sional painting expe-  
rience. Position includes  
benefit plan including  
Health, Retirement &  
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apply call 753-6895 &  
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No walk in applicants  
accepted. This compa-  
ny is an equal opportu-  
nity employer.

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Adecco will be at the Murray  
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from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. accepting applications.  
To be considered, please bring 2 forms of  
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identity and one that establishes your right  
to work in this country).

Questions? 1-800-403-9970

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Family practice physician has openings for  
4 positions. Each must have 1 year medical  
office experience.

- Medical Records Director
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Receptionist
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Send resumes to:  
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**RANDY** Thornton Co.,  
Inc., established in  
1937, seeking Service  
Technicians. Minimum  
3 years experience in  
commercial restaurant  
HVAC & refrigeration  
tools required.  
Excellent salary,  
benefits and retirement  
package. Send  
resumes to 802  
Chestnut St., Murray,  
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If you are team orient-  
ed and love to work  
with the elderly, we'd  
like to talk to you! We  
have a full time 6AM-  
2PM position. You get  
every other weekend  
off. We offer competi-  
tive salaries and bene-  
fit packages. Apply in  
person at Green Acres  
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**SHINING** Stars  
Daycare is currently  
accepting applications  
for the following posi-  
tions: toddler teacher/  
preschool teacher,  
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and substitutes.  
Experience desired. If  
you are interested in  
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\$2500 month, manager  
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Company will train. Call  
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Murray-Calloway County Hospital (MCCH) is a  
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long term) hospital located in Murray, Kentucky.  
With a staff of approximately 1000 people, plus a  
Medical Staff of 65 physicians, MCCH offers a wide  
range of services to the communities it serves.

CMS/RAI Specialist  
Long Term Care Division

## Qualifications:

- MCCH is seeking an RN with 3-5 years CMS/RAI  
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- Must be knowledgeable of CMS guidelines including  
HIPPS codes, RUGS, PPS, Case Mix and Medicare  
reimbursement.
- Effective management/interpersonal skills in  
supervision of others is required.
- Licensed with the Kentucky Board of Nursing.
- A baccalaureate degree is preferred.

## Lactation Consultant

## Qualifications:

- Current licensure by the Kentucky Board of Nursing  
with extensive post education training in the area of  
lactation.
- BSN preferred; if not BCLC certified, must work  
towards and achieve certification within 18 months  
of employment.
- Minimum of two (2) years experience as a Registered  
Nurse in obstetrical area is required.
- Must be certified in CPR, PALS certification or  
ACLS certification.

## Occupational Therapist

## Qualifications:

- Responsible for Rehab Services Department as a  
whole, including evaluation of the patient, conception  
and delivery of the treatment program, follow-up  
evaluation and discharge planning.
- Treats patients in Acute Care, LTC and Outpatient.
- Must be registered/licensed occupational therapist in  
the state of Kentucky.
- One year experience is required.

For more information on available positions, please  
visit our website at:  
[www.murrayhospital.org](http://www.murrayhospital.org)

We offer a comprehensive compensation and benefits package.  
Interested applicants, resume preferred  
electronically to: [hr@mcch.org](mailto:hr@mcch.org)

Resumes can be sent to: Attn: Human Resources  
Murray-Calloway County Hospital, 803 Poplar Street,  
Murray, KY 42071.

Please reference job when sending resume.

MCCH is an Equal Opportunity Employer

FOOD PREPARATION  
CENTER COORDINATOR

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile  
Justice is seeking applications for the  
above position at the Mayfield Youth  
Development Center in Mayfield,  
Kentucky (Graves County). This position  
supervises the preparation of food and pro-  
vides general cooking; prepares menus,  
maintains records and forms as required.

**Minimum Requirements:** (100%  
Written Exam) Must be a high school  
graduate and have four years of sub-  
professional or professional experience  
in a food service operation. Applicants  
are required to complete and submit an  
application prior to the deadline to the  
Personnel Cabinet to be approved to  
test for this position by an employment  
counselor. In addition, applicants  
MUST test and be placed on an employ-  
ment register by the deadline to be eligible  
for consideration.  
**Salary:** (Min-Mid) \$1892.80 - \$2507.70  
per month

The deadline to submit applications is  
February 10, 2006. Inquiries regarding  
this position should be directed to Cindy  
Chalker, Department of Juvenile  
Justice, 3179 State Rte. 45, Mayfield,  
KY 42066, 270-247-3237. For applica-  
tion information, you may contact the  
Personnel Cabinet at 200 Fair Oaks  
Lane, Suite 517, Frankfort, KY TTY:  
502/564-4306, or visit the Personnel  
Cabinet's website:  
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Adecco Employment Services is taking  
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A/P clerk- previous experience mandatory.  
Customer Service/Dispatch Personnel-  
previous experience in trucking industry  
helpful. Recruiting Personnel- outgoing  
personality and previous phone sales  
helpful.

All positions require drug screen.  
Call 800-403-9970 for an appointment.  
Please send resume to 1-270-575-3618 for  
immediate review

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**OTR DRIVERS** NEED-  
ED. COMPETITIVE  
WAGES AND BENE-  
FITS PACKAGE.  
HOME WEEKENDS.  
MUST HAVE CLASS A  
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YEARS OTR EXPERI-  
ENCE. CLEAN MVR.  
(800)468-6087

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\$15.67 to \$21.98/hr,  
now hiring. For applica-  
tion and free govern-  
ment job info, call  
American Association of  
Labor 1-913-599-  
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Employment service.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Coordinator, WKMS-  
FM, Murray State  
University.** This is a  
full-time non-tenure  
track position to begin  
March 2006.  
**Qualifications:**  
Bachelor's degree in  
communications or a  
related field required.  
Successful candidate  
must demonstrate  
excellent public rela-  
tions skills in writing  
and speaking; must  
have at least one-year  
experience related to  
fundraising that  
includes direct market-  
ing by mail, telephone,  
and internet.

Experience using  
spreadsheet and data-  
base applications and  
familiarity with  
fundraising for non-  
profit or public broad-  
casting preferred.

**Responsibilities:**  
Responsibilities  
include, but are not lim-  
ited to developing,  
directing and participat-  
ing in membership  
fundraising operations  
including on and off air  
station activities. Other  
duties may include  
organizing member-  
ship activities with  
other units of the radio  
station, working with  
station manager and

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promotion/develop-  
ment director to devel-  
op a major donor pro-  
gram and represent the  
station in community  
activities, speaking  
engagements, and on  
the air, which may  
involve some weekend  
or after-hours assign-  
ments. **Application  
Deadline:** January 27,  
2006. To Apply: Send  
letter of application,  
current resume with  
contact information for  
three references, three  
relevant writing sam-  
ples, along with an  
audio self-introduction  
and a statement of  
interest in the position  
on cassette or CD to:  
WKMS Membership  
Search, 2018  
University Station,  
Murray State  
University, Murray, KY  
42071. Women and  
minorities are encour-  
aged to apply. Murray  
State University is an  
equal education and  
employment opportuni-  
ty, M/F/D, AA employer.

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Experienced and refer-  
ences. Call 753-0513

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dependable in Murray  
home child care. Call  
Donna at 227-0750

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Detail  
housecleaning and  
construction clean up.  
26 years experience.  
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ed, please call  
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NEED your home or  
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**BABYSITTER** needed  
approximately 3-4 days  
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**SHINING** Stars  
Daycare is accepting  
enrollment applications  
for children ages 8  
weeks to 12 years of  
age. Our hours of oper-  
ation are 6AM-6PM. If  
you are interested in  
applying, please call  
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100 Business Opportunity

**HIRING FOR** Postal  
positions \$18.50-  
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training and vacations.  
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A+ Certified Technician  
Service/repairs.  
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**ANTIQUES/OLD** stuff.  
We buy 1 or all. Call  
Larry at 753-3633

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**CASH** paid for  
good, used guns.  
Benson Sporting  
Goods, 519 S. 12th,  
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**WANT to buy:** Junk Car  
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Six days a week.

**The Place to  
Start.... Murray  
Ledger & Times  
(270)753-1916**

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Open Mon-Fri. 9-5; Sat. 9-2

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We buy and sell good used furniture  
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1. Select Comfort  
Adjustable Firmness  
Sleep System mattress  
and springs with pillow  
top cushion. Digital  
remote control for air  
adjustment. Queen  
Size, \$125. Call  
(270)527-0869 or  
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55 inch high definition  
T.V. Maytag Washer,  
Kenmore Dryer  
\$150.00. Must sell. Call  
705-9630

**CINDERELLA** prom  
dresses. 1 size 4 yel-  
low, 1 size 8 blue. \$150  
each. 270-492-8614

**MEAL WORMS** 1000  
\$12 post paid. Rex's  
Worm Farm, 4600 Irvin  
Cobb Road, Murray,  
KY. 270-436-2189

**NEW** power wheel-  
chairs, scooters.  
Absolutely no cost to  
you. Call toll free 1-  
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**OAK** gliding rocker, red  
computer desk, red TV  
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bed, chair & ottoman,  
2-seater go-cart, coffee  
table. Call 293-9387

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Get the New Year's  
Hottest Styles!  
Great Prices!!  
Great Quality  
Peddler's Mail Booth  
40

(Behind Sirloin  
Stockade).

**TWO 10"** Rockford  
Fosgate subwoofers  
and one 640-watt  
Profile California amp  
for sale. Used, good  
condition. \$100 or best  
offer. 293-6824

**WHITE** satin wedding  
dress w/ capped  
sleeves, size 16, \$200.  
Call 270-753-6909  
after 5PM.

155 Appliances

**KENMORE** washer &  
dryer. Electric, used.  
\$150 OBO. 753-0080

**Large Selection  
USED  
APPLIANCES  
Ward-Elkins  
on the square  
753-1713**

160 Home Furnishings

3 piece living room  
suite. Earthtone color,  
cloth. Like new, 2 years  
old. Paid \$1,200, ask-  
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**270-753-8556**  
**TDD 1-800-545-1833 - Ext. 283**  
 One and Two Bedroom Apartments  
 Central Heat and Air  
 Accepting Applications  
**Office Hours 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

### 200 Sports Equipment

COWBOY guns, Vaquero 45's, Super Blackhawk 44's, lever rifle 44. 492-6260

### 260 Mobile Home Lots For Sale

COMPLETELY set up. 1/2 acre, \$10,500. 753-6012

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1981 14X48. Needs floor work. \$500. Must be moved. 270-314-8551

1994 16x80 3 BR 2 bath, w/d hookup, \$16,500 furnished or \$14,500 unfurnished. Must be moved. Will be available in March 2006. 435-4088 after 6:00PM

**2005 CLOSE OUTS** - Singlewides and Doublewides - Buy today and save \$1,000's. WE OWN THE BANK - Call today at **731-642-6438**

2BR 2BA 1993 Clayton. Stove, dishwasher, micro, some furniture, front steps, and rear deck. Call 492-8192

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**TAKE YOUR PICK** - Need 5 Bedrooms and 3 Baths or how about 4 Bedrooms and 2 Baths? Both priced in the \$50's. Call **731-642-6438** today!!

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LARGE 3BR, 2BA \$295. 753-6012

NICE 2BR. No pets. 753-9866

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LOTS for rent. 753-9866

### 300 Business Rentals

2,822 sq. ft. office or retail. 1306 N. 12th. 753-2905 or 293-1480

### 320 Apartments For Rent

1 and 2 BR furnished apts. Coleman RE 759-4118

1 bedroom, 1 bath 2 bedroom, 2 bath All appliances furnished. NO PETS! Venture Property Mgt. 767-9111

1 BR, 1 year old, no pets. \$300 deposit. (205)361-4763. (334)419-6066

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1, 2, 3 apts. 753-1252 or 753-0606

1,2, & 3BR apts. available. Please call 753-8221.

1BR apt available, all appliances furnished. Mur-Cal Realty. 753-4444.

## NEON BEACH MINI-STORAGE



•All Size Units Available  
 •Now Have Climate Control  
**753-3853**

### 320 Apartments For Rent

NOW LEASING 1, 2 & 3bedroom Apts. We accept Section 8 vouchers. Apply at Mur-Cal Apts. 902 Northwood Dr Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Phone 759-4984. Equal Housing Opportunity TDD #1-800-648-6056

### RED OAKS APTS. Special

\$100 Deposit 1BR From \$280 2BR From \$325 Call Today! 753-8668.

SMALL 1BR, no pets, water paid. 753-5980 VERY roomy, 2br, 2 bath, garage, C/H/A. All appliances, 1 year lease, 1 month deposit, no pets. 753-2905.

### 330 Rooms For Rent

1BR, use of common areas. Utilities furnished. Near MSU. Coleman RE. 753-9898

### 340 Houses For Rent

2BR 1BA, C/H/A, wd hookup on quiet street in Murray. No pets. Lease, deposit, & references. 489-2266 or 759-4218

2BR, 1BA in lake area. Furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Lease, deposit, & references. 489-2266 or 759-4218

2BR house on 2 acres with barn. Taylor Store Rd. References. No pets. \$400 + deposit, or will sell \$58,000. 435-4226

### 360 Storage Rentals

A&F Warehousing Near MSU \$20-50. 753-7668

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### J&L RENTALS MINI-STORAGE

Now renting Located at 720 S. 4th St. **270-436-5496** **270-293-6906**

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•Inside climate control storage  
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 •We sell boxes!  
 •We rent U-Hauls. 753-9600.

### 370 Commercial Prop. For Sale

PARIS, TN. Best location, court square, west side. 2 story, 2,500 sq. ft. per floor. (270)489-2116 leave message.

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COMMERCIAL or retail 750 up to 3,000 sq. ft. C/G/H, restrooms, plenty of parking, excellent location near judicial building. 404 N. 4th St. complex. 759-3772.

VERY large warehouse on approximately 3 acres. Office space, 2 bathrooms, equipped with gas heat, air hookup, steel hoist beam, great lighting, extra large overhead doors, excellent location. Call 753-2905 or 293-8595.

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APB registered Pit Bull puppies. 3 males & 2 females left. \$100. Born 11/29/05, ready for your home soon. Have first shots and wormed. 753-1500

DOG Obedience. Master Trainer. 436-2858.

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REG. TWH 12 years mare. Black, good papers, trail rode and shown. \$1,200 OBO. 270-705-3607

### 430 Real Estate

1-285 acres. Owner financing available. (270)489-2116 - leave message.

1BR duplex, excellent investment opportunity, can be residential or commercial. Available today! Call Grey's Properties 293-8462

TWO story brick apartment building with 5 two-BR units. Excellent income-producer. \$125,000. 270-753-4109, 270-227-1545

### 450 Farms For Sale

RANCH Style House & 10.5 acres, 1 mile from SW school, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 30x40 heated shop, 4 stall horse barn, 22x40 equipment shed, \$224,900. Shown by appointment 753-9212, 753-3992

### 460 Homes For Sale

3BR, 2.5 baths on 1.5 acres of privacy, lots of extras. Call 489-2652 or leave message.

FOR sale by owner: New Crossfield home to be completed in February. 3,400 sq. ft. \$305,000, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths plus bonus room. 270-293-9312

NEW custom built 3 bedroom brick & 2 baths. Hardwood tile & carpet floors. All kitchen appliances, Murray City School District. 293-1524

### 465 Barn For Rent

TOBACCO land and barn for rent. 489-2116

2003 S-10 V6 auto, \$6,500  
 2000 S-10 ext. cab 4x4 V6 auto, \$8,900  
 1998 Escort Wagon, nice car, \$2,900  
 1998 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 6 cyl. auto, \$4,900  
 1994 S-10 ext. cab 4x4 V6 auto, \$4,500  
 1993 Buick LeSabre, leather, moonroof, \$2,250  
**753-1522 or 293-3124**

### 485 Sport Utility Vehicles

'99 Mitsubishi Montero Sport. Runs great, good condition. Must see. \$3,500 OBO. Call 227-2738

### 490 Used Cars

'96 Pontiac Bonneville, 4-door, 173,xxx miles, needs engine. \$800 OBO. Call (270) 247-3447 or 227-0998.

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## Horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursdays, Jan. 12, 2006:

Others often prove challenging, yet at the same time, they are a source of happiness. Work on establishing stronger boundaries. You know your limits and need to let people understand them. You command respect and admiration. Unpredictability marks your daily life, emphasizing how important it is for you to remain flexible. Your popularity soars, as you seem to bring excitement wherever you go. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special the second part of this year. This relationship might develop from a friendship. If you are attached, don't be surprised if your sweetie reacts to your newfound unpredictability. CANCER can challenge you.

**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)

\*\*\* Center yourself, if you can. Don't take on any more work or projects. In fact, you might need a day off by yourself. Feel free to do just that. You cannot always be a workhorse. You might get a sudden insight that could change a domestic situation or impact an investment. Tonight: Happy at home.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Speak your mind and talk about what you want. You could be surprised by a friend. A result that you thought was predictable might not happen. Open your eyes to different styles and ways. You could be delighted if you do. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Your possessive side

could impact you more than you think. Investigate new ways of handling your finances. You might want to spend money on your public and/or professional image. Be willing to follow another's lead. Tonight: Gather your bills.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Your dynamic personality emerges. You have been unusually resourceful. News from a distance could invigorate your energy and cause much excitement. New possibilities knock on your door. Detach before making a decision. Tonight: You are personality plus.

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

\*\*\* Know when you need to lie back. Taking an assertive stand could be the wrong action right now. A key person in your life could be surprisingly unpredictable. Listen more carefully to someone's suggestion. You will learn where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Lie back.

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

\*\*\* Instigate a surprise, and you could be delighted by a special person's reaction. You seem to be tuned in to what works and when to act. A meeting might be key to your success. Do whatever is necessary here. Tonight: Where your pals are.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Be flexible and willing to try someone's idea. A responsive attitude draws positive feedback and a sense of camaraderie. You might want to accept greater responsibility if you can still remain flexible. Excitement surrounds a decision. If you're feeling nervous, take a walk.

### Tonight: In the limelight. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Through using your intellect and ability to detach, you might come up with a surprising idea. Your emotional response tells you where you need to stand back. Your ingenuity soars. A relationship could be exciting, especially if making unusual plans. Tonight: Think "vacation."

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

\*\*\* Deal with others more directly. You find that a one-on-one discussion is much more successful than you'd anticipated. Have confidence and be willing to adjust and flex. You will add a spring to your step. Tonight: Be a duo.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Others want to be close to you. You might have difficulty dealing with your popularity. Many calls and requests come in. Listen to others, but feel free to define your boundaries. You might even surprise yourself. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Focus on each task at hand, and you'll get way ahead. Expenses are a bit higher than you thought. Listen to an associate; you'll get powerful feedback. You accomplish a lot more than you expected to. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination and creativity allow you to walk a different path. You come up with ideas and are more ingenious and creative than you ever imagined. A new acquaintance or child requires a lot of your time. Tonight: Be more childlike.

### BORN TODAY

Radio personality Howard Stern (1954), singer Rob Zombie (1966), author Jack London (1876)

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## LookingBack

## 10 years ago

Unplowed streets and roads and alternately melting and freezing snow have combined to keep some hilly country roads inaccessible to school buses and the mail.

Murray State University Racers won 71-67 and Lady Racers lost 66-57 in basketball games with Tennessee State. High team scorers for Murray were Marcus Brown and Chastity Fields.

Murray High School Tigers lost 52-41 and Lady Tigers won 61-46 in basketball games with Fulton City. High team scorers for Murray were Ethan Crum and Sara Williams.

## 20 years ago

Briggs & Stratton began this week employing about 100 Murray State University students to fill regularly operational jobs on a six-hour second shift from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Births reported include twins, a boy and a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Lynn Pritchard, Dec. 28; a boy to Robert and Mary Crocker, Jan. 7; a girl to Hal and Belinda Perry, a girl to Darrel and Cyndi Higgins and a boy to Robert and Sandra Clark, Jan. 8.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers won 66-62 over Ballard Memorial and Murray Tigers won 70-54 over Reidland Greyhounds. High team scorers were Mickey Garrison for Lakers and Mark West for Tigers.

## 30 years ago

Published is a picture of a Fort Campbell helicopter landing on the south end of Murray-Calloway County Hospital grounds to take a patient with a possible cerebral hemorrhage to Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Hill.

An ordinance raising the rates

paid by customers of Murray Natural Gas System has been approved by the Murray City Council.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lady Lakers won 44-40 over Fulton County Pilots and Calloway Lakers won 71-60 over Henderson. High Team scorers for Calloway were M. McKenzie and Futrell.

## 40 years ago

The United Fund of Murray and Calloway County is nearing the total designated amount of \$29,000 with only \$690 short, according to Robert Moyer, president.

Army Pvt. Phillip D. Lassiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Lassiter of Murray, has been assigned to the 58th Engineer Company near Pulda, Germany.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sheridan.

Mrs. Harlan Hodges presented a review of the book, "A Man Called Peter" by Catherine Marshall at a meeting of the Delta Department of Murray Woman's Club.

## 50 years ago

William Hall of Murray has been named superintendent of Kentucky Lake State Park, Kentucky Dam State Park and Cherokee State Park by Kentucky Gov. A.B. (Happy) Chandler.

Published is a picture of President Ralph H. Woods, Marvin Wrather, Dean J. Matt Sparkman and Lillian Tate of Murray State College with Bob McIvor, engineer for construction of the million dollar girls dormitory on the MSC campus, looking over details of the plan for the building.

Births reported include a boy to Dr. and Mrs. Robert James Stubblefield, Jan. 4.

## Perplexed boss is at a loss over friendly forger on staff

**DEAR ABBY:** I have owned a business for 13 years. Recently one of my employees forged a customer's check in the amount of \$1,000.

I have tried to talk to him and ask why, and I have threatened to go to the police. We have more than just a working relationship. We did a lot of things together outside of work, but never had a sexual relationship.

**Dear Abby**

By Abigail Van Buren

This man worked for me for more than two years and, other than this crime, was a perfect employee. He insists that he didn't "forge" the check that he had cashed at the customer's bank and tries to justify it by saying he felt he "deserved" the "extra" money. I always paid him on time and gave him many extra perks. Please help me. -- LOST BIG-TIME IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR LOST BIG-TIME:** Wake up! Your "perfect employee" is a thief, a forger and a sociopath. He may be a charmer -- aren't they all! -- but that's what has enabled him to reach the point he has. For your own emotional well-being and for the sake of your business,

please tell the police what you have learned. If you don't, the next person to be burned will be YOU. Bank on it!

**DEAR ABBY:** A couple invited my date and me to an expensive restaurant for dinner. We were to meet in the lobby of the restaurant at 7 p.m. We arrived a couple of minutes before the appointed time.

Checking with the hostess, we found that a table for four had been reserved, and she offered to seat us even though our friends had not yet arrived.

My date said we should have been seated so we could wait for our friends, who were 10 minutes late. I disagreed, pointing out that for us to be seated would have been a breach of etiquette because it emphasized that our friends were late. Who's right? -- TOM IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR TOM:** It appears you were more concerned about the comfort of your hosts than the comfort of your date. As hosts, the couple who invited you should have been on hand to greet you. How long did you intend to stand around? After all, you had no idea if they'd be held up for 10 minutes or for 30 minutes -- and your date was probably standing there in high heels.

To have taken the hostess up on her kind offer would not have been a breach of etiquette; it would have shown consideration for your date.

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiancé, "Thornton," and I are being married in two months. This is a second (and final) marriage for both of us. We dated for several years and went to counseling so that this marriage would last and our love would stay strong. We both have children from our first marriages who are excited about the wedding.

Thornton and I are in disagreement, however, about whether or not to invite our ex-spouses -- although we remain friendly with them. Please tell me the appropriate thing to do. -- ABOUT TO BE WED IN HOUSTON

**DEAR ABOUT TO BE WED:** Generally speaking, if the relationship between the ex-spouses is cordial -- and emotionally disconnected enough -- I see nothing wrong with inviting them to the wedding. However, in your case, because there is disagreement on the subject, it would be the better part of wisdom to set sail on the sea of matrimony without the exes standing on the dock.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

## Sinus infection leaves few options

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** In November 2004, a sinus infection started in my system, and I was put on Augmentin, 875



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

lots of junk coming out, etc. A CT scan was taken 30 days ago and again recently. They showed infection on one side. The specialist changed my prescription to Ketek (telithromycin), 400 milligrams, and that made no difference. Just before I switched to Ketek, I took Augmentin, 875 mg, for another 30 days with no improvement.

My doctor said that medicine will not help, only surgery, and I could tell he was not anxious for that, and I am not anxious for it after reading about the results that may happen. Even if all is normal, it does not sound good. I live alone, am a widower and work 32 hours a week as a courier for a local bank. I am 83 years old and otherwise in very good health. I work out nearly every day at a health club, etc.

He said I had two choices: Put up with the problem, which is not easy, especially in sleeping at night, or have the sur-

gery. But the more I think about it, the less I want surgery.

My daughter is an OB/GYN, and she does not encourage me to have the operation. I do wonder if it will get worse. What should I do?

**DEAR READER:** A sinus infection can be very difficult to cure because antibiotics do not readily enter the sinus cavities in the cheeks and forehead. In addition, sinus-lining irritation and/or polyps can cause blockage of mucus, which is an ideal culture medium. That is, the area is moist, warm and dark, a perfect environment for bacterial growth.

Rather than deciding whether surgery is necessary, I recommend that you consider other options. These include a prolonged course of antibiotics (six months or more); the use of a steroid nose spray; and a second opinion from another otolaryngologist.

I would choose a compromise. Make an appointment with a second ENT specialist, and, while you await this second opinion, get back on the Augmentin, and try the spray as well. In this way, you will have exhausted nonsurgical intervention by the time you see him or her.

If the second specialist concludes that surgery is appropriate, you will need to define exactly what the surgery will entail: removal of polyps, opening up of the sinus orifices or simple sinus drainage.

This approach should open up your options as well as your sinuses. Good luck.

## ContractBridge

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♦ J 8 5

♥ Q 10 9 7 3 2

♠ Q 10 7 6

**WEST**

♦ J 9 7 6 4 3

♥ 10 7 2

♠ 6

♣ A J 5

**EAST**

♦ Q 10 8 5 2

♥ 9 6 4

♠ A

♣ K 9 4 3

**SOUTH**

♦ A K

♥ A K Q 3

♠ K J 8 5 4

♣ 8 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♥ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

5 ♦

Opening lead -- six of spades.

There are times when declarer's best chance lies in attempting to deceive the opponents. Usually, this takes the form of trying to camouflage the relative strengths and weaknesses of particular holdings. When the ruse works, it can turn a seemingly certain defeat into an unexpected victory.

Consider this deal where South, who at one point entertained thoughts of slam, arrived at five diamonds and was shocked to find himself saddled with three apparently unavoidable losers -- a diamond and

two clubs. While West's spade lead provided a momentary respite, there still didn't seem to be any way to get around the loss of two clubs, since discarding two clubs from dummy on the A-K of spades wouldn't alter the situation.

There was, however, the possibility of diverting the opponents' attention from the winning defense. And so, at trick one, declarer slyly discarded a heart from dummy instead of a club!

After taking East's queen with the ace, South next led a diamond to East's ace, and East then had to decide whether to return a club or a heart. Reluctant to make the risky-looking lead of a club away from the king, and with declarer's heart discard at trick one firmly implanted in his mind, he chose the heart return.

There was not much to the play after that. Four heart winners and the king of spades quickly followed, with three of dummy's clubs being discarded in the process. A club trick was conceded, and that was that.

Whether East should have shifted to a club in the actual situation, or whether he would have found the winning return had declarer adopted a less deceptive approach, is not really the issue here. What matters is that South, by focusing the opponents' attention on an apparent weak spot in hearts, enhanced his chances of inducing a defensive miscalculation, and he succeeded.

## TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2006. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this date:

In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander

Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the

Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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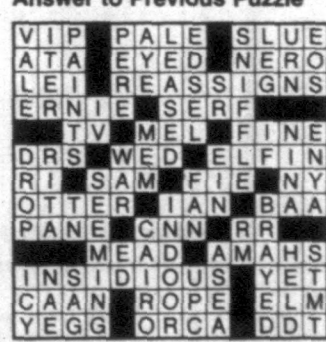
## ACROSS

- 1 Extra-large
- 4 Sugar amt.
- 7 Funky
- 12 Make a hole in one
- 13 Bowler or dadora
- 14 Diva's performance
- 15 Truckers' engines
- 17 Kind of congestion
- 18 Lion's quarry
- 19 Bed part
- 20 Stop
- 23 Finger or toe
- 26 WWW addresses
- 27 Box top
- 28 Happy feeling
- 31 Get nosy
- 32 Rousseau novel
- 35 Gloating cry
- 36 Pasture
- 37 Estate recipient
- 38 Gung-ho response (2 wds.)
- 40 Shampoo additive
- 41 Finish the job (2 wds.)
- 44 Involuntary movement
- 46 Insists
- 47 Necklaces
- 51 Mme. Curie
- 52 She-lobster
- 53 Baby beaver
- 54 Low voices
- 55 1040 agcy.
- 56 -- de cologne

## DOWN

- 1 Dog-scoolding word
- 2 Here, in Le Havre
- 3 Go right
- 4 Not now for baby
- 5 Pedro's toast
- 6 Half qts.
- 7 Tell secretly
- 8 Separate
- 9 Bulle
- 10 Wheels
- 11 Type of lock
- 16 Certain NCOs
- 20 Dorm view
- 21 Bear
- 22 Constellation
- 24 Wooden horse
- 25 Hodges of baseball
- 28 "Piano Man" singer
- 29 Great Lakes state
- 30 Long ago
- 32 Goes by, as time
- 33 Rest room sign
- 37 Cab driver
- 38 Knickknack
- 39 Significant
- 41 Doll's cry
- 42 Racetrack shape
- 43 Impudent
- 45 Free electrons
- 47 Tai -- ch'uan
- 48 Barely make do
- 49 Narrow inlet
- 50 Good name for a cook?

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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# Cronin: Racers need best vs. Gavs

By SCOTT NANNEY  
Sports Editor

The Murray State Racers were not at their best against Eastern Illinois on Monday night, but they still survived to post a narrow victory over the Panthers.

Mick Cronin knows, however, that his squad won't be as fortunate if they produce a similar effort on Thursday night against old rival Austin Peay.

"Hopefully, our attention to detail will return Thursday, or will get beat, I can tell you that," said the third-year MSU head coach when looking ahead to the prospects of tomorrow's nationally-televised (ESPNU) 6 p.m. tip-off against the red-hot Governors.

"Our guys know we're play-



ing Austin Peay; they know the crowd will be fired up. Hopefully, everybody in town will tell them how important this game is."

Depending on the outcome, the first-place Racers (9-4, 6-1 OVC) will either put some distance between themselves and the Gavs, or the Ohio Valley Conference standings will become even more jumbled.

Peay (9-5, 4-2) enters Thursday's action as perhaps the hottest team in the league, having won two straight and nine of its last 11 games, including a 62-56 home win against Eastern Illinois last weekend — a team the Racers skimmed past 66-65.

The youthful Gavs — whose roster consists of mostly freshmen and sophomores — do not

**Racers vs. Austin Peay**  
When: Thursday, 6 p.m.  
Where: RSEC  
Records: MSU (9-4, 6-1 OVC); AP (9-5, 4-2)  
Coaches: MSU, Mick Cronin, second year (54-21); APSU, Dave Loos, 16th year (242-215)  
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lead the conference in any statistical category and have just one player — senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton — that appears regularly among the list of top individual performers in the league.

However, APSU head coach

Dave Loos — the dean of OVC head coaches in his 16th season at the Clarksville, Tenn., school — has done an impressive job of mixing his young players in with the veteran savvy of Hampton and fellow senior Zac Schlader.

Hampton and Schlader are the unquestioned leaders of the Gavs, averaging 18.3 and 14.2 points per game, respectively. Hampton is second only to Southeast Missouri's Roy Booker (20.7 ppg.) in scoring and leads the OVC in steals with 27.

The 6-foot-9 Schlader, meanwhile, is seventh in the league in field goal percentage (.455) and tied for eighth in rebounding with Murray State's Pearson Griffith at 5.6 boards per game.

Peay's two conference losses have come at Tennessee Tech (78-61) and at Tennessee-Martin (84-75) — the latter of which came without the services of Schlader, who didn't play against the Skyhawks because of an illness.

"If they had had Schlader, they'd probably be tied for first place," Cronin claimed. "They have two guys who have been to three straight OVC championship games."

"When you have guys like Austin Peay who knows what it takes to get to the title fight, they start telling their teammates to listen to Coach Loos because he knows what he's talking about. Hampton and

■ See RACERS Page 2C



Bruce Sutter addresses the media during a news conference Tuesday at Turner Field in Atlanta. Sutter, whose career spanned 12 years with the Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves, became only the fourth reliever elected to the Hall of Fame.

## Sutter elected to Hall

ATLANTA (AP) — Bruce Sutter tried to treat it like just another day. He took out the garbage. He bought some cigars. He picked up the dry cleaning. He stopped by IHOP for a plate of pancakes.

Then, he settled in front of his television to watch a movie.

"I had been told 'no' 12 times," Sutter said. "You don't expect things to change."

This time, he finally got the call he thought would never come: Sutter was elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday, becoming just the fourth reliever to receive baseball's highest individual honor — and the first who never started a game in the big leagues.

The guy who perfected the split-finger fastball and was among the first generation of dominant closers received 10 more votes than he needed to get into Cooperstown. Sutter was the only player elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America; Boston Red Sox slugger Jim Rice and reliever Goose Gossage were among those coming up short.

While Sutter tried to downplay his Hall of Fame chances, his three sons figured this would be the year he finally got in. For the first time, they all gathered at his suburban Atlanta home to await the call.

"We're on the computer all the time, reading everything," said Chad Sutter, who coaches at Tulane University in New Orleans. "I felt good going to sleep last night. I just felt like it was his time. Everything came together."

When the telephone rang, Sutter figured it was the someone from the Atlanta Braves — the last team he played for — calling to say he had come up short again. Then he saw "New York" pop up on his caller ID and thought to himself, "Oh, maybe this is it."

When Sutter found out he had made it, he flashed a "thumbs-up" sign to his wife, sons and daughters-in-law. They all started screaming. He broke down and cried.

"I didn't think it would affect me or hit me as hard as it did," he said.

Sutter was listed on 76.9 percent of the ballots, collecting 400 of a record 520 votes cast by BBWAA members. Players needed 390 votes (75 percent) to gain election.

Rice fell 53 short, finishing second with 337 votes (64.8 percent), one ahead of Goose Gossage.

Sutter was the first player elected on the 13th try or later since Ralph Kiner in 1975. Rice was appearing for the 12th time and has three years remaining on the writers' ballot. Gossage was on the ballot for the seventh time.

It might be difficult for Rice and Gossage to gain votes next year, when Cal Ripken Jr., Tony Gwynn and Mark McGwire appear on the ballot for the first time. Each voter may select up to 10 players.

"Right now, I don't think I'll ever get in," Gossage told The New York Times.

## Brady, Pats look to get past deficits

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady has made a career out of leading New England to comeback victories. But even he has his limits.

The Patriots were trailing by 22 points with a quarter left and a hostile crowd in Denver enjoying the Broncos' blowout on Oct. 16.

So the quarterback went to work. In less than seven minutes, he and his teammates had cut the deficit to 28-20. Then New England got the ball back with 5:02 remaining at its 8-yard line with two timeouts.

Denver "really lives on pressuring the quarterback," Brady said Tuesday. "Once we started handling that, I thought we did a little bit better."

But not well enough.

Brady threw an incomplete, was called for intentional grounding then missed on another pass. The Patriots punted from their 28-yard line with 3:46 left, never got the ball back and lost 28-20.

A 28-6 deficit — whittled from 28-3 on Adam Vinatieri's field goal with 5:53 left in the third quarter — was too much to overcome even for Brady, who has 21 successful comebacks from ties or deficits in five seasons.

"It was just poor execution," he said. "There were plays there to be made. We just didn't come up with them. It was a frustrating flight home realizing that ... you're within one score and you have the ball with an opportunity to go down and tie the ball game. We just didn't get it done."

The Patriots fly back to Denver on Friday with much more at stake in Saturday night's rematch with the Broncos — a spot in the AFC championship game.



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady kneels on the field during team practice at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., Tuesday. The Patriots play the Broncos on Saturday in a divisional playoff game in Denver.



## Vandy 57, Cats 52



Vanderbilt's Demarre Carroll tries to break away from Kentucky defenders Randolph Morris, left, and Rajon Rondo during the first half of Tuesday's game at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The Commodores won claimed their first-ever win at Rupp, 57-52.

## 'Dores stun scuffling UK

### Vandy gets first-ever win at Rupp Arena

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — If Randolph Morris was going to save the season, Kentucky might need a Plan B.

Vanderbilt spoiled the sophomore center's return from a 14-game suspension by beating the Wildcats 57-52 Tuesday night, its first victory in 29 games at Rupp Arena.

Shan Foster had 16 points for the Commodores (11-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference), who beat Kentucky in Lexington for the first time since Jan. 28, 1974, at Memorial Coliseum — the longest drought of any SEC team.

"It's only one game,"

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. "As much as we would like for it to count for 10 — and some of our fans think it does count for 10 — it only counts for one."

Kentucky (10-5, 0-1) entered the game reeling from the worst loss in coach Tubby Smith's nine-year tenure just three days earlier at Kansas, a defeat the dropped the Wildcats out of the Top 25 for the first time since February 2001.

Is Smith worried about his team?

"Oh yeah, a lot of concern," he said. "We really haven't played a good game."

The Wildcats had some reason for hope with the return of Morris, who was originally suspended for the season by the NCAA because of his association with a sports agency,

but had the penalty reduced to 14 games.

Morris had 10 points and seven rebounds, providing a first-half spark, but Kentucky continued to struggle with its outside shooting. The Wildcats shot 35 percent from the field and at one point had made only one of 12 3-point attempts.

"We're just not clicking," Morris said. "We've got to get away from playing as individuals and play as one unit."

Foster was 4-of-6 from 3-point range. DeMarre Carroll had 15 points for the Commodores, while Derrick Byars had 12 and Julian Terrell 11.

Vanderbilt built a 14-point lead in the second half, but Kentucky, behind the 16 points and four 3-pointers of Ravi Moss, regained the lead for the last time at 42-41 on a dunk by

Sheray Thomas with just under seven minutes to play.

Two free throws by Julian Terrell gave the Commodores the lead for good.

"They were hungry," Moss said. "They were going to come in here and beat us tonight."

In the second half, every big shot Moss made seemed to be topped by a bigger one from Foster.

"For some reason, the second half is when I make most of my shots," Foster said. "Why? I don't know, but I was trying to be more aggressive."

UK had a chance to tie with seven seconds left, but Joe Crawford missed a 3-pointer.

"I hope some of their struggles tonight had something to do with us," Stallings said. "I'll have to go back to the tape and figure that part out."

## Mayfield uses late comeback to top Lakers

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

MAYFIELD, Ky. — An 11-7 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter was enough to lift host Mayfield to a come-from-behind victory over the Calloway County Lakers in boys' prep basketball action Tuesday night.

The Cardinals (6-5) trailed at the end of

each of the first three quarters, but managed to erase a one-point deficit (44-43) heading into the final eight minutes. Calloway (8-6) led 15-10 after one quarter of play and 31-28 at the halftime break.

Wes Adams, Wes Perry and Jeremi Bumpus each reached double figures for the Lakers with 12, 12 and 11, respectively. Brett Welter followed with eight points, Chase Futrell tossed in six and Josh Streetman two to round out the CCHS scoring. Calloway connected on 14 field goals,

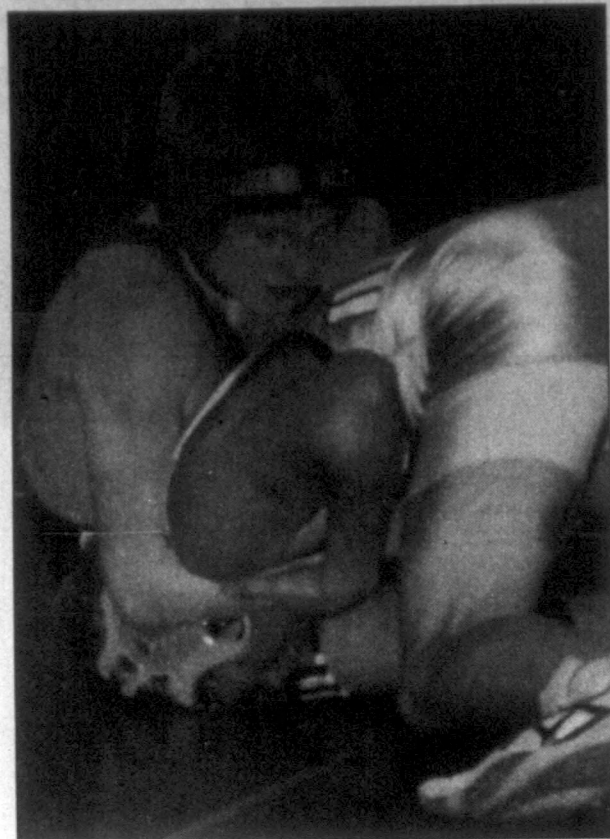
hitting four shots from 3-point range. The Lakers made good on 8-of-10 free throw attempts but were outrebounded 26-20.

Tony Hockett paced the Mayfield attack with 17 points, while Demetrek Moss added 15 and Jeremy Rodgers 13. The Cardinals hit 20 field goals, including three from behind the arc, and were 5-of-11 from the charity stripe.

The Lakers return to the court on Friday night at crosstown rival Murray High.



## Down For The Count...



ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times Photo  
Calloway County's Matthew Oliver tries to take down a Union County wrestler during prep wrestling action Tuesday night at the Calloway County Day Treatment Center. The Lakers dropped the match to the defending regional champion Braves 69-18. Kevin Kelly, Brandon Tibaldi and Wesley Potts claimed victories for CCHS.

## Graves defense swamps CCHS

**Staff Report**  
Murray Ledger & Times  
MAYFIELD, Ky. — Swamped by homestanding Graves County's defensive pressure, the Calloway County Lady Lakers committed 26 turnovers in a 72-44 loss to the Lady Eagles Monday night at the Eagles' Nest.

The Lady Lakers (7-7) fell behind by a big margin early on, trailing 25-9 after one quarter of play. Graves won the second-quarter scoring battle 15-10 to take a commanding 40-19 advantage into the halftime break.

Graves (11-2) extended its lead to 53-30 after three periods, of play before outscoring CCHS 19-14 in the final eight minutes to walk away with the easy win. Sophomore Rachel Adams

paced the Lady Laker attack with 14 points, while Karra Jones, Chelsea Morris and Beth Ross had six apiece. Kayla Cunningham tossed in five, Sam Butts four and Megan Starks three to round out the Calloway scoring. CCHS finished the night 13-of-46 from the floor, including a 1-of-8 effort from 3-point range. The Lady Lakers hit 17-of-18 free throw attempts and were outrebounded 28-25.

Brittany Young led all scorers with 26 points for Graves, which shot 29-of-57 from the field, including 5-of-14 from behind the arc. The Lady Eagles connected on 9-of-14 attempts from the charity stripe.

Calloway will try to snap a two-game losing streak on Friday, when they travel across town to take on rival Murray High.

## Tilghman defeats MHS

**Staff Report**  
Murray Ledger & Times  
PADUCAH, Ky. — Murray High's Mallory Cunningham led all scorers with 23 points, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Lady Tigers dropped a 78-43 decision to Paducah Tilghman Monday night.

Jarobia Hill and Natalie Shumpert shared the scoring honors for the Lady Tornado (7-6), who jumped out to an 18-9 lead after one quarter of play and extended its margin to 37-19 at the halftime break. Tilghman led 57-28 at the end of three quarters before wrapping up the win with a 21-15 scoring advantage in the final period of play.

Shannon Elias followed

Cunningham's lead with six points, while Jordan Huston tossed in five. Megan Pember had four, Meghann Jenkins three and Stacy McClure two to round out the Lady Tiger scoring. MHS was 15-of-35 from the floor, including 2-of-8 from 3-point range, and connected on 9-of-16 attempts from the foul line. Murray was outrebounded 34-16.

Tilghman was 38-of-66 from the field, including 6-of-17 from beyond the arc. The Lady Tornado connected on just 4-of-14 free throw attempts.

Murray High returns to action on Friday, when it hosts crosstown rival Calloway County at 6 p.m. at Tiger Gymnasium.

## Katrina victims fill hotels as Super Bowl nears

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Hotel owners hoping to cash in on the demand for rooms during the Super Bowl say Hurricane Katrina evacuees are reducing the number available.

Many hotels are raising rates and setting four-day minimum stays for the days around the Feb. 5 NFL championship game at Detroit's Ford Field. At a Howard Johnson's in suburban Southfield, room rates will be increased from \$69 a day to \$199.

Officials say they depend on 30,000 hotel rooms being available for the Super Bowl.

At 11 Michigan hotels, how-

ever, about 150 evacuees are still occupying 61 rooms, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Hotel owners receive an average of \$60 a day per room from the government to house them.

"No one thought it would drag on this long," said Frank Coutts, director of emergency management for Southfield, where most of the evacuees are staying in three hotels, including the Howard Johnson's.

At the 91-room Hawthorne Suites, owner Dennis Davenport told The Detroit News: "I don't want to think about it."

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NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE	
<b>Wild-card Playoffs</b> Washington 17, Tampa Bay 10 New England 28, Jacksonville 3 Carolina 23, New York Giants 0 Pittsburgh 31, Cincinnati 17	<b>Conference Championships</b> Sunday, Jan. 22 AFC game, 2 p.m. (CBS) NFC game, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)
<b>Divisional Playoffs</b> <b>Saturday</b> Washington at Seattle, 3:30 p.m. (FOX) New England at Denver, 7 p.m. (CBS) <b>Sunday</b> Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, Noon (CBS) Carolina at Chicago, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)	<b>Super Bowl</b> Sunday, Feb. 5 Detroit AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (ABC)
	<b>Pro Bowl</b> Sunday, Feb. 12 At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

## SportsBriefs

■ The Murray-Calloway County Youth Sports Association will meet on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. According to league president, Mickey McCuiston, the local volunteer baseball and softball organization will have a full slate of business to address, including the election of officers for the 2006 season.

In addition, the board will also review travel teams for baseball and softball, set registration dates for the upcoming season and set regular-season playing dates.

For additional YSA information or to add agenda items to this week-end's meeting, contact McCuiston at 753-8844.

## CCMS hammers Mayfield

**Staff Report**  
Murray Ledger & Times

The seventh-grade boys' basketball team at Calloway County Middle School blasted Mayfield 44-17 Tuesday night.

Jeremy Pruitt had 23 points to lead the Lakers. Brock Simmons followed with nine, Shawn Thompson tossed in seven, Joe Futrell and Jessie Murdock two apiece and Keaton Starks one.

## Murray Middle falls, 42-41

**Staff Report**  
Murray Ledger & Times

Murray Middle School's eighth grade boys' basketball team dropped a 42-41 decision at Graves County Middle School on Tuesday night.

Jarvae Langford led the Tigers with 11 points, while Jeremy Curd tossed in eight. Michael Mangold and Seth Parker-Bell had seven points apiece, Keno Brown tallied six and Jordan Benton added two to round out the MMS scoring.

Murray returns to the court on Thursday against Calloway Middle. Action begins at 4:30 p.m.

## N.C. State takes down Boston College, 78-60

BOSTON (AP) — Boston College is getting another rude welcome from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The 15th-ranked Eagles are 0-3 in their new league after losing their first ACC home game 78-60 to No. 18 North Carolina State on Tuesday night. The BC football team had a similarly shaky start, losing to Florida State in its much-awaited conference debut.

That team managed to finish tied for first in its division and reach a bowl game. The basketball team still has time to turn it around, too.

"It's not like we're 0-10," Eagles coach Al Skinner said, adding, "Hopefully that's not a prediction."

"We're definitely going to

get better. It's unfortunate that we took some losses on the way."

Cedric Simmons scored 17 points on 6-for-6 shooting, Cameron Bennerman scored 14 points and Tony Bethel went 4-for-6 from 3-point range with seven rebounds for N.C. State (13-2, 2-1).

"The best part of our offense tonight, if you want to simplify it, is that we were able to score in a variety of ways," coach Herb Sendek said. "We have a balanced team."

The Wolfpack lost to North Carolina on Saturday to snap a seven-game winning streak. They play four ranked teams in a span of six games, finishing with No. 1 Duke next Wednesday.

## Racers ...

From Page 1C

Schlader make sure that others know that," he added.

With Schlader's presence in the post, the Racers frontcourt needs a better effort than it produced against Eastern Illinois. Murray's post players went a combined 13-of-35 from the floor versus the Panthers and barely won the rebounding battle (29-27).

The Racers' poor play on the interior has been magnified by the recent struggles of Griffith, who asserted himself as a force in the middle early in the season and still leads the league in blocked shots (39) but has disappeared in recent games.

"Our big guys, beginning with Pearson Griffith, have to give us better production," said Cronin after Monday's win.

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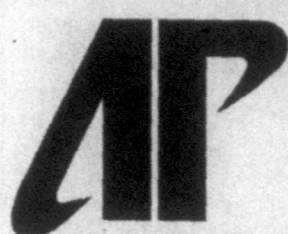
# Racer Basketball

## OVC Standings

	OVC	All Games
Murray State	6-1	9-4
Samford	5-1	9-4
Austin Peay	4-2	9-5
Tennessee Tech	4-2	9-5
Tennessee State	3-2	4-7
Eastern Kentucky	3-3	6-8
Jacksonville State	3-3	5-7
Tennessee-Martin	3-4	6-7
Southeast Missouri	3-5	6-8
Eastern Illinois	1-6	2-11
Morehead State	0-6	1-11

Thursday, Jan. 12  
 Austin Peay at Murray State — 6 p.m.  
 EKU at Morehead State — 6:45 p.m.  
 Tennessee State at Samford — 7 p.m.  
 Tenn. Tech at Jax. State — 7:30 p.m.  
 UT-Martin at Eastern Ill. — 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14  
 Tennessee Tech at Samford — 2 p.m.  
 Eastern Ky. at Eastern Ill. — 3:05 p.m.  
 Morehead State at UT-Martin — 6 p.m.  
 Austin Peay at SEMO — 7:30 p.m.  
 Tenn. State at Jax. State — 7:30 p.m.



## Austin Peay Facts

Location .....Clarksville, Tenn.  
 Founded .....1927  
 Enrollment .....8,536  
 Colors .....Red & White  
 Arena .....Dunn Center/9,000  
 President .....Dr. Sherry Hoppe  
 AD .....Dave Loos  
 2005-06 Record .....9-5  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....9/4  
 Starters Returning/Lost .....3/2

## Head Coach

Dave Loos is in his 16th season as the head coach of the Governors after spending his first four seasons as a head coach at Christian Brothers in Memphis. At APSU, he has a record of 242-215.



Loos

## Murray State vs. Austin Peay

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006 • 6 p.m.

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SCOTT NANNY/Ledger & Times Photo  
 Senior guard Darnell Hopkins (14), shown here against Southeast Missouri State last Saturday, has responded to being inserted into the Racers' starting lineup. He was a perfect 8-of-8 from the floor against Eastern Illinois for a team-best 23 points.

The undisputed king of the rivalries in the Ohio Valley Conference will be renewed for the 101st time on Thursday, when Austin Peay visits Murray to take on the Racers.

Historically, Murray State has dominated the rivalry between the two league stalwarts, having compiled a 67-34 record against their bitter counterparts from Clarksville, Tenn.

Until recently, however, the Governors had the upper-hand, winning four straight over MSU spanning the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons — including a semifinal-round game of the 2003 OVC Tournament.

But the Racers got their revenge in 2004, snapping the four-game skid with a shocking 66-60 triumph in the tournament title contest over an APSU that had went undefeated in OVC play up to that point during the 2003-04 campaign.

Murray made it two straight last season, downing the Gobs 82-73 at the Regional Special Events Center, making MSU head coach Mick Cronin 2-1 against the Racers' chief rivals.

Not only has the Murray-Peay rivalry been the top matchup in the league for the last several seasons, the two programs have also turned out the most dominant teams in the conference over

the last decade-plus.

For 19 straight seasons, either the Racers or the Governors — or both — have competed in the finals of the league tournament. MSU has reached the final game 14 times since 1987, winning 10 tournament titles. Meanwhile, Austin Peay has played for the conference crown 10 times, winning three of those games. The Governors have been in the last three championship games, winning once in 2003.

MSU and APSU have met for the title five times since 1987, with the Racers winning four of those matchups.

The Racers hold a commanding 38-8 advantage in games played in Murray. However, Peay enters tomorrow night's play right on the heels of their counterparts in the OVC standings, just 1-1/2 games behind. The red-hot Gobs have won two in a row and nine of their last 10 games, including a 62-56 win over Eastern Illinois last Saturday.

The only losses in that span have come at Tennessee Tech (78-61) and at Tennessee-Martin. The defeat at UTM came without the services of starting center Zac Schlader, who was out with an illness. The 6-foot-9 senior is second on the team in scoring to senior guard Maurice "Squeaky" Hampton.

## Probable Starters

Murray State	Pos.	Min.	Ppg.	FG%	Asst.	Reb.
Shawn Witherspoon	F	27.8	11.2	.517	4.1	8.2
Issian Redding	F	21.3	11.1	.471	0.9	5.4
Pearson Griffith	C	22.4	7.7	.506	1.2	5.6
Trey Pearson	G	29.8	9.1	.390	3.8	3.8
Darnell Hopkins	G	17.8	9.4	.511	1.5	1.8

Austin Peay	Pos.	Min.	Ppg.	FG%	Asst.	Reb.
Drake Reed	F	18.4	6.9	.528	0.5	4.9
Kyle Duncan	F	18.1	4.3	.423	0.6	3.1
Zac Schlader	C	36.7	14.2	.455	1.6	5.6
Derek Wright	G	26.1	4.6	.383	3.6	1.8
Maurice Hampton	G	34.4	18.3	.419	2.6	3.6

## Focus on APSU

Austin Peay dropped an 84-75 decision on the road at UT Martin, but returned home to pick up back-to-back victories over Jacksonville State (95-82) and Eastern Illinois (62-56). ... The Gobs have won all six of their outings in the Dunn Center this season, giving them an 11-game home win streak that dates back to the 2004-05 campaign. ... Senior Maurice Hampton was the team's top scorer in all three games, including a career-high 28-point performance at UT Martin. ... Freshman Drake Reed continues to impress, averaging 13.3 points and 8.7 rebounds a game last week. ... He notched his second double-double of the season with career-highs of 20 points and 14 rebounds against JSU. ... After missing the UT Martin contest with an infection, senior Zac Schlader returned to the lineup versus JSU, scoring 17 points while handing out a career-high seven assists. ... The Gobs' 95-point performance off a season-high 19 assists in the JSU contest marked the highest-scoring effort by an APSU squad in five-plus seasons, a span of 171 games. ... Tied for third in Conference play at 4-2, Austin Peay hits the road for dates at Murray State (Jan. 12) and Southeast Missouri (Jan. 14). ... Thursday's meeting with the Racers will be televised nationally on ESPN and regionally on UPN The Beat.

Murray State leads the all-time series between the two schools by a 67-34 margin. The Racers lead in games played at Murray, 38-8.

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