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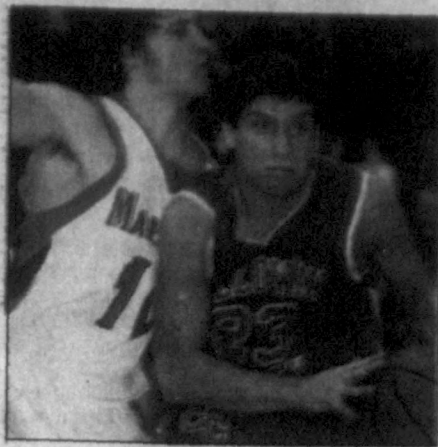
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Grand jury indicts Yonts for murder

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Harrison Yonts now faces a murder charge in the hit-and-run death of a 62-year-old Murray State student after a Calloway County grand jury indicted him on the capital offense instead of the second-degree manslaughter offense which police originally

charged him.

Yonts, 20, is accused of hitting Nadia Shaheen with his car on Coldwater Road during the early morning of Nov. 11 while he was under the influence of alcohol. Murray Police Department arrested him the same day after its officers matched a vehicle mirror to Yonts' Lincoln LS that was parked in front of his Wilshire Drive residence.

Yonts "committed the offense of wanton murder by wantonly operating a motor vehicle in a manner which created a grave risk of death to Nadia Shaheen and thereby caused the death of Nadia Shaheen under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life," the indictment reads.

The grand jury also indicted Yonts on new charges of tampering

with physical evidence, first-offense driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident. He "committed the offense of tampering with physical evidence when he destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed or altered physical evidence which he believed would be used in a criminal proceeding," the indictment says.

The murder charge is a capital

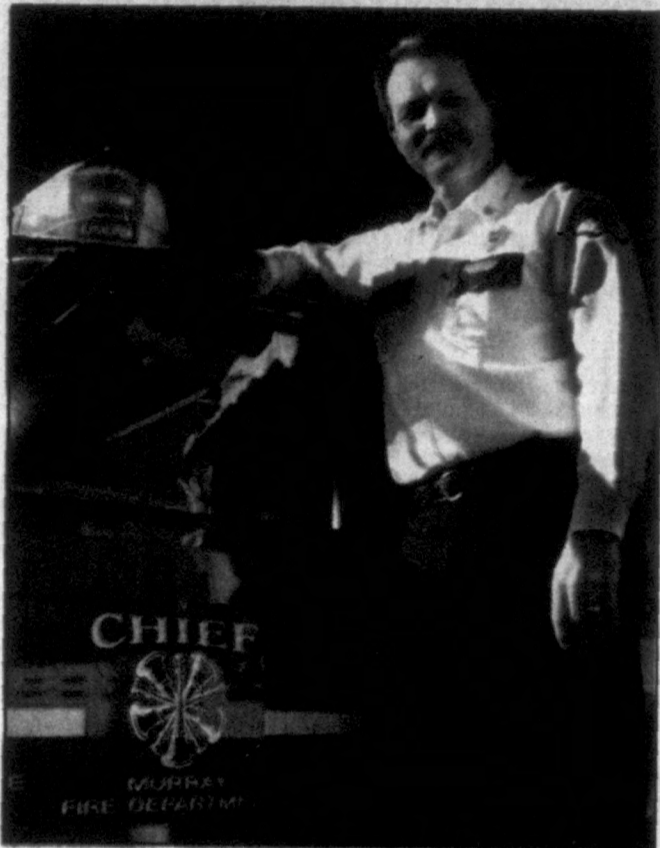
offense, so the prosecution will have to decide whether to seek the death penalty. The tampering charge is punishable by one to five years in prison. The other two charges are misdemeanors.

Following the indictment, a warrant was issued for Yonts' arrest because he was out of Calloway



Yonts

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MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times Photo

Murray Fire Chief Ricky Stewart aims to focus on his rental property when he retires from service Tuesday, as well as his family — wife, Judy, and children Clint, Aaron, Jamie and Zachary — before "empty-nest syndrome" sets in, Stewart said.

Stewart to retire as MFD's chief

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Ricky Stewart is retiring as fire chief to do the kind of work he's been missing.

After 23 previous years with the Murray Fire Department, Stewart began as chief in January 2004 and is retiring Tuesday. He recently decided to buy from the state what remaining years he needed to retire because he was ready to get back to hands-on work that doesn't have an "8-to-5" schedule and keeps him in an office.

In fact, for only eight weeks of his life — and that was in 1978 — has Stewart had a 40-hour-a-week job. In retirement, Stewart plans to work on the rental property he and his wife, Judy, own and spend more time with their children — Clint, 22, Aaron, 19, Jamie, 18, and Zachary, 14 — especially before the youngest leaves him with an

FYI

A reception will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Murray Fire Department for both Chief Ricky Stewart and Capt. Terrell Tidwell, who are both retiring Tuesday. Anyone in the community is invited to drop by during their lunch hour. The reception will be in MFD's training room, which many know as the old city council chambers.

empty nest.

"I've worked all the time and I feel like I've missed so much. I am going to have empty-nest syndrome soon," Stewart said. "I want to get out of here and work — work with my hands. It's been different to be inside. I

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County, city back MSU for 'fairer, more equitable' budget



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times Photo

Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins (fourth from left) and other members of Calloway County Fiscal Court listen as MSU Interim President Kern Alexander (left) explains during a fiscal court meeting Friday how Gov. Ernie Fletcher's 2006 budget does not treat the university fairly.

Resolution, proclamation state case for Murray State

By TOM BERRY
and KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writers

Calloway County Fiscal Court has approved passage of a resolution calling for "fairer and more equitable" treatment of Murray State University, Calloway County and western Kentucky in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's 2006 biennial budget.

Following a briefing concerning the resolution by MSU interim President Kern Alexander, the court, meeting in a special-called session at the Weaks Center Friday afternoon, unanimously called for the inclusion of \$15 million for the third phase of the new science complex at MSU and general funding levels of at least 3.5 percent annually.

The resolution also calls for assurances that worthwhile projects in western Kentucky — such as the Ky. 80 and U.S. 641 projects and replacement of bridges over the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers — be given "just and prompt consideration."

Alexander told the court and a crowd of about 30 county officials, MSU officials and others that he feels the university has been shortchanged by the gover-

"This is not a partisan issue. It is an issue of fairness and equity and I don't find that we have been treated fairly or equitably."

— Larry Elkins
Calloway County Judge-Executive

nor and was one of those that requested action by the court.

He pointed out that should the budget be approved by the General Assembly as proposed, it would force the university to cut back on on-campus programs, effect salaries, and possibly severely effect extended campuses in Madisonville, Paducah and Hopkinsville.

"This year is particularly difficult because the state has provided only 1.1 percent in funding for this year and only 0.6 percent for next year," Alexander said. "The return on that is certainly not as great as it would be if we had a budget based on the standard of living."

According to Alexander, the only MSU project approved in the governor's budget is a \$12.1 million residential college. The new building would be paid for entirely by student fees and

would be constructed on a recreational field adjacent to the school. Still, the new dorm would count against the state's bonding capacity.

Alexander said the construction on the new science building was beginning its third and final stage this year and that funding cut was a severe blow the project and the university.

In an interview earlier Friday, Alexander, a former MSU president and father of the previous president, King Alexander, specifically blamed Secretary of Finance and Administration Robbie Rudolph, a Murray businessman, for eliminating the science building's funding.

"Fortunately MSU has good friends in the legislature and these friends are committed to maintaining MSU as one of the top comprehensive universities in the nation in spite of Mr.

Rudolph," Alexander said. "Murray State is supported by many loyal and principled legislators who have pledged their support to the university and the students of west Kentucky. I am optimistic that they will be able to revive phase three of the science building and restore a decent amount of base funding for MSU to survive this attack on its growth and viability as the leading university in Kentucky."

However Rudolph said in an interview earlier this week that he didn't personally pull out the science complex.

"I think my affection and care for Murray State University is very well known," Rudolph said. "I have committed a lot of time to Murray State through the years. My wife and I both went to Murray State. I have a lot of investment in Murray State with my business and my home. It's dear to me. But as the secretary of the finance cabinet, Kentucky is very dear to me and I have to watch out for everyone and I do."

Pointing out that the basis of the fiscal court resolution is not a partisan matter, Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry

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MPD, U.S. Treasury investigating fake \$100 bill

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Murray Police and U.S. Treasury Department officials are investigating the appearance of a counterfeit \$100 bill passed at Food Giant in Murray.

Food Giant manager Cliff Higginson said Friday morning that a man came into the store

Wednesday and gave the bill to an employee that U.S. Bank officials in Murray later determined was fake.

"What actually happened is that somebody had a \$5 and had bleached it out and printed over it so it had \$100 markings," Higginson said. "So when we used our counterfeit detection pen it shows up as a real bill

because it's really a \$5."

Higginson said one of his employees remembers the customer that passed the bill; he came into the store to buy bananas and gave her the \$100 bill to pay for it.

"What people should look out for is someone who comes in and wants to make a very small purchase and pays for it

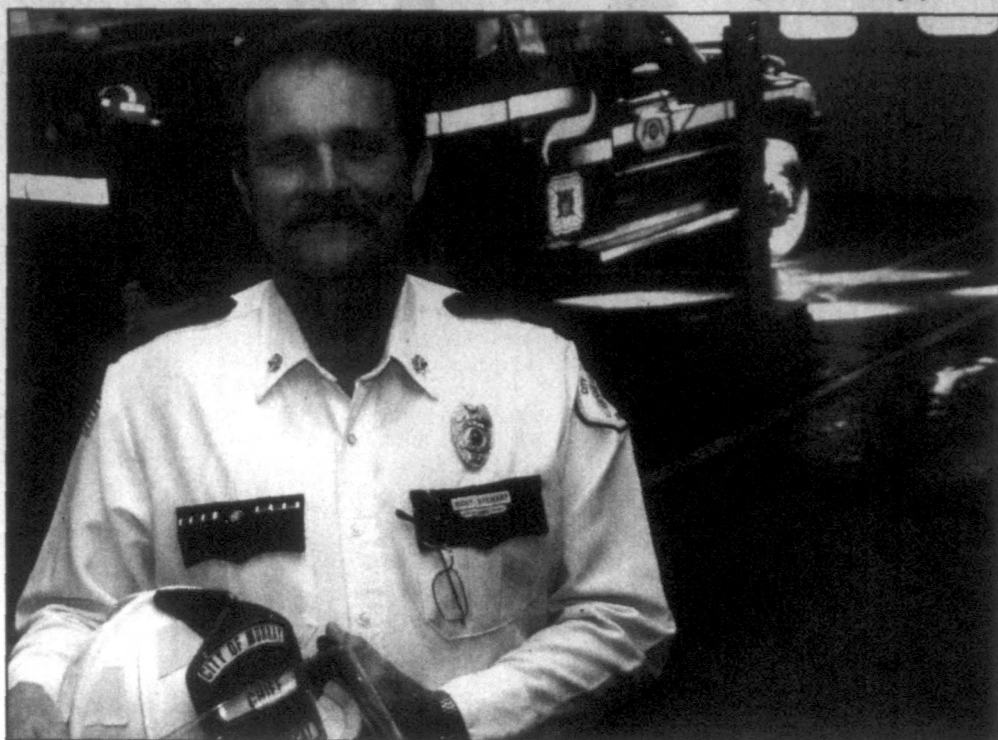
with a \$100 bill ... wanting real cash back more than anything else," he said.

Higginson said U.S. Bank officials told him Friday that they have identified three counterfeit bills that have been used in the area, including the one passed at Food Giant. He was also told that the U.S. Treasury Department had been contacted about the situation as well as local law enforcement.

Bryan Anderson, manager of U.S. Bank in Murray, said he could not comment on the incident.

Sgt. Jim Osborne, a spokesman for the Murray Police Department, said the department is aware of only one bill passed in Murray. Osborne also noted that seminars have been planned to train store employees and managers to spot phony currency.

"We have some business seminars scheduled for the first part of February and one of the topics that we'll be covering is counterfeit money, identity theft, and things of that nature," he said. "As always, we recommend that if there are any questions about a suspect bill that the stores call us and we'll send an officer out to investigate."



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times Photo

Ricky Stewart stands in the bay of Murray Fire Department's Station 1 in downtown Murray. Stewart will retire Tuesday after serving with MFD since 1978 and as chief since 2004.

Stewart ...

From Front

might put in more hours that way, but I'm not used to being inside like this."

Stewart, 48, started at Murray Fire Department in 1978. He worked for two years until he was laid off. He came back in 1983 and has been at the department ever since.

"I'll miss the guys and the routine," Stewart said. "I'll miss working a different schedule and being on the different shifts."

Stewart came to the helm of the department wanting to raise the bar.

"After 9/11, everyone viewed us as heroes," he said. "I wanted us to step up and improve ourselves."

Throughout his years, Stewart saw firefighting change. The job went from "surround and drown" to put out fires to a more careful technique. Working vehicle collisions has become one of the department's busiest areas while hazardous materials and terrorism have been incorporated into the firemen's training.

Still Stewart said he hopes it's the increased public education and wider availability for smoke detectors are the reasons for less structure fires.

With four assistant chief retiring in two years, Stewart made changing the promotions system among his priorities.

Under his leadership, a seniority-based system began to include testing with experience. Now, he's hoping a younger group of firefighters will step up.

Of the 30 firemen who split up more than three 24-hour shifts, nine have barely two years of experience or less. Two of the three assistant chiefs came from lieutenant to head the shift in a short time, only briefly being in the captain position.

"Hopefully they can continue with the good things we've done and improve the other things," Stewart said. "Someone has to step up with that many young people."

Recent history — at least the past four chiefs — shows MFD's leader comes from within. MFD Capt. Terrell Tidwell also is retiring at the end of the month.

"The challenge is to get someone who can carry on the tradition there," Murray Mayor Tom Rushing said. "I think we can do it."

Rushing said he would prefer to hire from within the department and is going down that avenue first. He doesn't want to rush to process in order to best fill the position. In the meantime, assistant chief Jim Shropshire will serve as the interim chief. He's the senior member of the department with his 32 years.

Still, whoever succeeds Stewart will have plenty on his plate. The Murray City Council long-range planning committee has had numerous discussions on how to improve MFD's coverage and response time to the growing city limits, especially to the southwest where hundreds of acres have been annexed or are in the process of being added.

The most-talked-about options include finding a way to add a third station, which would require funding for about a dozen new firefighters' salaries and benefits that each total about \$40,000 annually, or moving the two existing stations so there is less overlap in its radius of coverage.

Also, Stewart said he hopes to see a mandatory physical fitness program implemented for at least the firemen, if not even more city employees. Not only will it help with health insurance rates, Stewart said, but it also will help keep the emergency responders in prime physical condition.

"We don't have anything short of going out there and running around. And it's not a structured thing," he said. "Our job is highly demanding at different times and we need a program to help us. I'd like to see it mandatory so we can force each other to do it."

PoliceFireSheriffLogs

Murray Police Department

- A theft was reported at Ezell's Beauty School at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday.
- Two people were arrested at Riviera Courts #18 at 3:48 p.m. Wednesday after an officer went there to serve them with warrants. Joseph Johnson, 25, of Murray, was charged with possession of a firearm and possession of marijuana. Linda Hyle, 30, of Murray, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana.
- A shoplifting complaint at 6:37 p.m. Wednesday also involved an assault of an employee. Tracy Webb, 37, of Murray, was arrested for second-degree robbery.
- Several newspaper machines were reported broken into at 6:10 a.m. Thursday.
- A subject tried to get in another person's car at 8:02 a.m. Thursday at the stoplight at Valentine and Waldrop drives.
- Kenneth Knipp was served with a warrant at the Calloway County jail at 8:02 p.m. Thursday that charged him with theft of a motor vehicle plate.
- Someone was opening up fire hydrants Thursday. One was opened at 17th and Olive streets and another was opened at 18th and Lincoln streets.

Murray State University Police Department

- A student burned a picture outside Springer College at 8:22 p.m. Thursday. Murray Fire Department and Central Plant were notified but did not respond. The state fire marshal office also was notified.

Murray Fire Department

- A transformer blew and was on fire at 16th and Poplar streets at 6:23 p.m. Thursday.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- Checks were reported stolen from a Coopertown Road location at 12:46 p.m. Thursday. A case was opened.
- Vandalism was reported at a Ky. 94 East location at 12:49 p.m. Thursday. A case was opened.

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

MCCH moving forward with construction

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

With the \$30 million expansion project still on its radar, the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees approved awarding a nearly \$1.4 million bid to a Kentucky architectural firm to move forward with construction plans.

JRA Architects, which has Louisville and Lexington offices, was the low bid with its base fee of 5 percent of the total project, or \$1.25 million, and additional costs, including travel, printing and postage, of \$144,000.

Board members and new hospital CEO Keith Bailey said awarding the bid and moving forward shows the community that MCCH is committed to its expansion plan. JRA was one of eight bids the hospital received in its request-for-proposal process.

The hospital is already well into its expansion with the West View Nursing Home project. The long-term care unit currently housed in the main MCCH building is being moved to a bigger West View. That \$4.2 million project is being paid for with cash reserves and is slated for completion in May.

The West View project leads to remodeling the west wings of both the second and third floors of the hospital for a women's health center. That portion of the project, which will cost about \$2.2 million, is slated to begin in May, once the nursing home expansion is finished, and should be finished by the fall.

The hospital's original expansion proposal a few years ago totaled \$50 million, but the board decided last year to scale that down to the current \$30 million figure.

The final — and most major

— phase of the expansion project is a more than 111,000-square foot new facility at the main campus, where the hospital already has 326,128 square feet. This phase will add space for patient rooms, emergency department, nursery and postpartum areas, radiology, surgery, cardiology, cardiac rehabilitation and outpatient laboratory.

The new facility will allow for a centralized registration process as well as more private rooms. The expansion will also create seven more emergency room bays, up from the current 12, and will separate the ambulance entrance from the ER for patients in private vehicles. It also will be built toward Ninth Street with capacity to grow — horizontally and vertically.

That final phase is what JRA Architects will help the hospital administration with planning. The hospital has previously spent \$1.9 million with another architecture firm, Ellerbeck, for plans related to the original project that are no longer useful.

"We're in the business of bringing things to the board rather than finding out about it six months later and then wondering what in the world happened," board chair Jack Rose said, alluding to the earlier firm that was not hired through a bid process. "We spent \$1.9 million — that's what happened."

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of board member Charles Walston. His seat, which is appointed by the Murray City Council, will be filled when other positions are appointed when terms expire at the end of March. Another city-appointed seat, held now by Dr. Burton Young, also is expiring. Another seat, held by

Sharon Furches, also is expiring and will be appointed by the Calloway County Fiscal Court.

• Formed three new committees at Bailey's request. Board vice chair Dave Garrison will chair the long-range planning committee; Sandra Parks will chair the quality control committee; and Rose will continue with recruitment efforts.

"We've got some things in the hopper I want to keep going," Rose said of chairing that committee. "So I'll do it for awhile."

• Approved allowing the administration to work with an unnamed physician to agree to an income guarantee extension.

MCCH has five physicians on income guarantees right now, Vice President of Financial Services Brad Bloemer told the board. One of those expired in November and while the doctor is now supposed to be on his own, Bloemer recommended extending his income guarantee another year.

Rose told Bloemer not to mention the physician's name because of personnel reasons.

"If we don't do this, we'll probably lose this specialty," Bloemer said.

The income guarantees are offered when the hospital recruits physicians into the area as a way to help the doctors get their practices off the ground. The amount of money the hospital guarantees is based on the specialties average salaries.

In these cases, the physicians document income and expenses and the hospital pays the difference to allow them to meet their guarantee.

• Awarded local landscaping firm Forever Green with a five-year contract to take care of the hospital grounds. The contract is for \$80,000 each year and will not increase throughout the length of the agreement, according to the information Associate Vice President Anne Policastri presented to the board.

• Heard an update on the hospital's Center for Health and Wellness. For the first quarter of 2006, the center has a net revenue of \$7,000 — significantly down from the budgeted \$25,000 and last year's \$15,000.

Policastri said that declining revenue means memberships are down. There are 1,881 members, compared with 2,075 at this time last year.

Forecast

Tonight will be partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday will have showers in the morning and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon. Highs will be in the mid 50s.

Correction

In the police log Monday, Edward G. Brandon, 33, of Murray, was listed as being served with a warrant charging him with theft by unlawful taking more than \$300. Although that's the full name the Murray Police Department log listed, the name actually should have been Edward Dean Brandon.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Dorothy Sue Swatzell

Mrs. Dorothy Sue Swatzell, 69, Paducah, mother of Mrs. Kim Wyatt of Murray, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at 1:30 a.m. at her home.

A homemaker, she was of the Baptist faith. Preceding her in death were one son, Michael Hurt, three grandchildren, Stephanie VanMeter, Carrie VanMeter and Wesley Hurt, one sister and one brother. She was the daughter of the late William McManus and Lena Cunningham McManus.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kim Wyatt, Murray, and Mrs. Angela Sanders, Owensboro; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Millay, Fremont, and Mrs. Debbie Thorning, Ledbetter; one brother, Wesley McManus Jr., Paducah; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be today (Saturday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Lindsey Funeral Home, Paducah. The Rev. Jim Glover will officiate. Burial will follow in Clarks River Cemetery.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mrs. Helen Kesterson Lewis

Mrs. Helen Kesterson Lewis, 89, Mayfield, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2006, at 7:43 p.m. at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

She was a member of 7th & College Church of Christ, Mayfield, and had been a former employee of J.U. Kevil Center, Curlee Clothing Co., and Andover's.

Her husband, Marvin B. Lewis, and one brother, Edwin Kesterson, preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Ike Kesterson and Gertrude Williams Kesterson.

Survivors include two brothers, Harold Kesterson, Dearborn, Mich., and Ralph Kesterson, Mayfield; four nieces; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield. Hilton Royster will officiate. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery, Mayfield.

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

Dennis Lowry

The funeral for Dennis Lowry will be today (Saturday) at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mayfield. Fr. Mike Williams will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Corey Perdue, Jonathan Duke, Eddie Thomas, Terry Glover, James Potts and Greg Hillen. Burial will follow in the St. Jerome Cemetery, Fancy Farm.

Visitation is now at Brown Funeral Home, Mayfield.

Mr. Lowry, 94, of Paducah and Mayfield died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of his granddaughter, Murray.

He had retired after 43 years of service with Bell South Telephone Company. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mayfield.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Evan Lowry and Anna Gertrude Hamilton Lowry.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Buna Carrico Lowry, to whom he had been married for 71 years; one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Holiday, Paducah; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Brown, Mayfield; four grandchildren, Carol Duke, Paducah, Catherine Hart and husband, Jim, Murray, Marie McClain, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Dennis McClain and wife, Lee Ann, Aviano Air Force Base, Italy; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Rev. William (Billy Haydon) Rogers

The funeral for Rev. William (Billy Haydon) Rogers was today (Saturday) at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. Rev. James Shuck and Rev. Ronnie Hooks officiated. Burial was in the East End Cemetery, Cadiz.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cadiz Gideon Camp, P.O. Box 65, Cadiz, KY 42211.

Rev. Rogers, 63, Cadiz, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at 10:30 p.m. at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville. His death followed a long illness.

A retired pastor, he had served at Rock Front Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church and South Union Baptist Church. A member of Maple Grove Baptist Church, he had also retired from Trigg Knitt Hository Mill, Cadiz.

Born Sept. 8, 1942, in Trigg County, he was the son of the late Haydon Rogers and Charlene Elizabeth Parrent Rogers.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Donna Carolyn Bush Rogers; one daughter, Mrs. Laurie Hartnett and husband, Laurence, Cadiz; two sisters, Mrs. Donna Packa, Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Nell Evans, Murray; one brother, Gary Payne Rogers, Media, Pa.

Leroy Wyatt

Leroy Wyatt, 69, of Pottertown Road, Murray, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle (Mathis) Wyatt, of Murray, to whom he married Oct. 17, 1956; a son, Jeff Wyatt (Melissa) of Murray; two grandchildren; an aunt; and several cousins.

He was retired from Tappan and the Kentucky State Highway Department. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Born Jan. 22, 1937, in Calloway County, he was preceded in death by his parents Dellus Wyatt and Lela (Hicks) Wyatt.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Norvell and Rev. Elijah Balentine officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Saturday).

Fort Campbell soldier killed by roadside bomb while patrolling in Iraq

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A Fort Campbell soldier was killed by a roadside bomb while patrolling in Iraq, the Army said Friday.

Staff Sgt. Jerry M. Durbin Jr., 26, of Spring, Texas, died in Baghdad on Wednesday when the bomb exploded while he was patrolling on foot during combat

operations, Fort Campbell said.

Durbin was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

He joined the Army in March 2001 and arrived at Fort Campbell in November 2004. Durbin is survived by his wife, Janelle

Durbin, and children, Alyssa and Austin Durbin, and a stepdaughter, Hayley Kaufman, of Clarksville, Tenn.; and parents, Jerry Durbin Sr. and Teresa Durbin, of Houston.

Including Durbin, there have been 112 soldiers from Fort Campbell killed in the Iraq war.

Yonts ...

From Front

County jail on a reduced bond. Calloway Circuit Judge Dennis Foust set Yonts' new bond at a total of \$41,000 cash or property for the four charges.

Yonts, whose full name is Burgess Harrison Yonts, is listed as a student this semester at Murray State, according to MSU spokeswoman Sherry McClain. Whether he was in Murray or his hometown of Greenville, Ky., was unclear. Regardless, Yonts is scheduled to appear in Calloway Circuit Court at 9 a.m. Feb. 13 for an arraignment.

Calloway County Attorney David Harrington said during a Calloway District Court hearing in November that increasing the manslaughter charge to murder was a possibility once investigators received more

information on Yonts' blood alcohol level.

Although Yonts is now charged with murder, it's unclear what his blood alcohol level was at the time of the accident or when police measured the level while executing a search warrant the morning of his arrest. MPD Detective Kendra Smith is the lead investigator and testified to the grand jury. She could not be reached Friday afternoon after the indictment was returned.

Because Yonts is younger than 21 years old, he would be considered legally drunk with a blood alcohol level of .02 — well below the .08 at which those of a legal drinking age are considered intoxicated — according to state law.

McCracken County Commonwealth Attorney Tim Kaltenbach is prosecuting the case in Calloway Circuit Court because Calloway Commonwealth Attorney Gale

Cook considers Yonts' father, state Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, a friend. Both Harrington's office and Kaltenbach's office said they couldn't comment on the case because they had been instructed not to.

With the felony indictment, the case moves to Calloway Circuit Court. Judge Foust said he hasn't issued a gag order in the case but said he didn't expect prosecutors to comment on the case at least until they appeared in his court.

Calloway District Judge Jeanné Carroll said she didn't actually issue a gag order, but did order the prosecution not to discuss issues of discovery, which would include evidence. Carroll said in November that Yonts' attorney, Mark Blankenship, would have to discuss a gag order with Foust once the case comes before him.

'Fairer' ...

From Front

Elkins said MSU, the county and western Kentucky could have been treated more fairly.

"I know it's not possible for government to fund everything that everybody wants, but I believe we could have been given a more equitable budget," he said. "This is not a partisan issue. It is an issue of fairness and equity and I don't find that we have been treated fairly or equitably."

The only objection to approval of the court's resolution came from newly appointed Magistrate Kenny Imes. Imes, who was appointed last week by Gov. Fletcher to fill the first district seat left by the late Gerald Duncan, voted for approval of the resolution, but he pointed out some objection to the wording without offering details.

"I'm voting for approval with the understanding that I'm uncomfortable with the way some of it is worded," Imes said.

To support the court's objections to the governor's budget, Elkins pointed out a \$130 million allocation to the University of Kentucky for a medical center expansion, a \$66 million allocation for a Health Science Center at the University of Louisville, \$75 million for the construction of a sports arena in downtown Louisville, and \$35 million for an arena at Lexington's Kentucky Horse Park. He also noted about \$290 million in bond payments for proposed lane-widening for Interstates 64, 65, and 75 in central and northcentral Kentucky.

Alexander also said Friday morning that Murray State went through the proper channels — those being the state's Council on Postsecondary Education budget recommendation process — to request the third phase of the science complex.

"MSU had worked diligently through appropriate channels in getting the building raised to the top (No. 5) of the recommended projects of the Council on Postsecondary Education," Alexander said. "This was the highest rank that a MSU project had ever had. This was done by hard work and proper, legal pro-

cedure. The council then dutifully, as required by law, submitted the priorities to the governor's office. It was then, contrary to accepted public policy, that for no good reason the science building was torn out of the budget."

Rudolph has said no one from MSU requested the building from the governor's office or the budget office.

"You're not supposed to," Alexander said. "CPE was created as the budget coordinating agency by law. The council and its president Tom Layzell are responsible for coordinating the budget and its priorities and then submitting it to the governor. That's the reason the CPE was created and that's the way we've always gotten our buildings funded in the past. And that's how all universities should get their buildings funded in accordance with the state statute."

In letters to the court, state Sen. Ken Winters and Rep. Melvin Henley pledged their support in fighting for a more equitable treatment of MSU and Calloway County in any budget they would vote to approve during the on-going biennial session.

"I am not sure what has prompted the lack of equity for our university, but I am alarmed that we should be so treated," Henley said in a release to the court. "Please understand that I am doing everything that I possibly can to convince House members to include Murray State in the budget that leaves the House for the Senate. A resolution by your fiscal court would surely help in this matter."

While commending the efforts of Winters and Henley for in working hard to get Calloway County a better deal, Alexander appealed to Calloway County residents to contact them and encouraged them in their effort to bring some changes in the budget proposal.

Following the fiscal court meeting, Alexander was present at a proclamation signing at Murray City Hall with Mayor Tom Rushing. The proclamation reads that the city council sup-

ports Murray State and local representatives to secure funding for the university and urged the community to support MSU's efforts to procure fund-

ing and support for the students, faculty and staff.

"We're encouraged and we're optimistic," Alexander said.



Murray Mayor Thomas Rushing (right) signs a proclamation declaring the City of Murray's support of efforts by Murray State University, and elected and appointed representatives, to secure funding for the documented needs of the university and the completion of the MSU Science Building. Pictured at left is Dr. Kern Alexander, MSU interim president.

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The Stuff of Which Nostalgia and Literacy Are Made

Identify the author and title of the poem for each of the first lines of ten poems. Correct answers garner five points per author and five points per poem title, so a perfect score is 100.



Southern Seen
By Larry McGehee
Syndicated Columnist

- 1) "Out of the hills of Halbersham, Down the valleys of Hall"
- 2) "The gingham dog and the calico cat Side by side on the table sat"
- 3) "The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees, The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas"
- 4) "I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky. And all I ask is a tall ship, and a star to steer her by"
- 5) "When I consider how my light is spent Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide"
- 6) "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day, The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea"
- 7) "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone"
- 8) "Pile the bodies high at Austerlitz and Waterloo. Shovel them under and let me work"
- 9) "I Wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills"
- 10) "Thou still unravished bride of quietness"

Most of the authors are, after all this time, still staples in the storehouse of poetry: among them, Longfellow, Emerson, James Whitcomb Riley, Holmes, Whitman, Lowell, Shakespeare, Shelley, Edgar Lee Masters, Tennyson, Kipling, Dickinson, Kilmer, Burns, Scott, Browning, and Poe. Others are long-forgotten or lesser-known: among them, Edward Sill, Francis William Bourdillon, John McCrae, Alan Seeger, Malthie Davenport Babcock, Cincinnati Hiner Miller, Winifred M. Letts, and Mary Howitt. There are trademark pictures of the authors so that readers know who is writing for them.

Apart from the authors and the memorizable texts themselves, a good deal of the joy of familiarity that comes with re-reading this book many times over many years are the poem titles: such as, "She Was a Phantom of Delight," "The Spider and the Fly," "Invictus," "Thanatopsis," "Abou Ben Adhem," "The Man With a Hoe," "Ode on Intimations of Immortality," "Paul Revere's Ride," "Sheridan's Ride," "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and "Recessional".

One Hundred and One Famous Poems molded us and haunts us yet, like other relics of the past we are blessed to have known: croquet sets, Chinese checkers, Parcheesi, Uncle Wiggly, and ice houses. Here are the answers to our quiz:

- 1) Sidney Lanier, "Song of the Chattahoochee"
- 2) Eugene Field, "The Duel"
- 3) Alfred Noyes, "The Highwayman"
- 4) John Masefield, "Sea Fever"
- 5) John Milton, "Sonnet On His Blindness"
- 6) Thomas Gray, "Elegy Written in a Country Church-Yard"
- 7) Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Solitude"
- 8) Carl Sandburg, "Grass"
- 9) William Wordsworth, "The Daffodils"
- 10) John Keats, "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

How did you do? If you scored 90-100 you are a Poet Laureate; 65-85 makes you a Literary Figure; 45-60 makes you Semi-Conscious and 0 to 15 places you as an Illiterate. Your prizes: go on-line or to your local bookstore and buy yourself a copy of One Hundred and One Famous Poems (and get some copies for relatives and friends while you are at it). And once you own it, read it!

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State House addresses variety of issues during last week of January

The legislative pace picked up this week as we finished the first quarter of the 2006 General Assembly. With 40 days left to finish legislative work, we've passed 31 bills addressing a variety of issues facing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the State House of Representatives.



Legislative Update
By Rep. Melvin Henley
R-Murray

Among the bills we have passed this week is HB 326, legislation that would create a Kentucky Educator Award and Recognition Fund to provide matching funds for schools that have state and national award winning educators that have received either a cash award or an equivalent benefit. Funding for the program would consist of proceeds from contributions, appropriations, or other moneys made available for purposes of the fund. Under HB 326, local school districts would notify the Kentucky Department of Education for disbursement of money from the fund. HB 326 passed the House on a vote of 96-0.

The House also passed HB 63, legislation that gives local governments a new way to finance road, sewer and other infrastructure needs. House Bill 63 would allow cities and counties to use tax increment financing (TIF) to revitalize their communities. Local governments could use TIF funds for road improvements, flood control initiatives, neighborhood parks, brownfield cleanup, parking and water and sewer improvements could be

great historical legacy with the adoption of HJR 47, a resolution we passed this week that urges the Kentucky Congressional Delegation to support legislation calling for the extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to the east. The resolution also recognizes the role that Big Bone Lick State Park and the City of Louisville played in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Legislative committees were also busy this week with testimony from legislators, state agencies and constituents from throughout the state.

Members of the House State Government Committee passed legislation that would make landmark changes to the merit system for state employees. HB 397 would go further in protecting our merit system employees by making it a felony to discriminate against them based on their political affiliation or participation or to make personnel

decisions based on politics. HB 397 would also address the "burrowing" of political appointees and other nonmerit employees into classified jobs by increasing the initial probationary period from six to 12 months for non-merit employees who are hired into the merit system. One of the most remarkable changes under HB 397 would be a section that allows merit employees to run for non-partisan office, an opportunity currently prohibited. The merit system was created in 1962 to ensure that classified employee personnel decisions are made based on the employee's qualifications and performance.

Members of the House Transportation Committee passed HB 90, which would set up a graduated drivers licensing program. Under this bill, a 16-year-old would have to go through a few more levels of experience and qualification before we put them out on the road by themselves.

According to a study, Kentucky has one of the highest teenage crash rates in the nation. While teenage drivers account for only six percent of the overall driving population in Kentucky, but they are involved in about 18 percent of the state's fatal crashes and more than 20 percent of all highway crashes. Currently, 39 states and the District of Columbia have a graduated driver's license program.

This week we also had a

press conference to unveil a plan to make Kentucky coal mines safer. With January coming to a close, the loss of two Kentucky coal miners in addition to the 14 killed in two West Virginia mining accidents weighs heavily on every member of the General Assembly.

We are expecting measures to be filed next week that will include initiatives requiring coal companies to equip miners with tracking devices and a provision that requires mines to keep emergency oxygen supplies in case miners are trapped underground. Coal mining is a multi-million industry in Kentucky, with mines in both Eastern and West Kentucky. By adopting more stringent safety requirements, we may be able to avoid future accidents like the Pike County accident that claimed the lives of two miners.

As we continue to debate and discuss bills during this session, I hope you will never hesitate to contact me regarding the work of the 2006 General Assembly. I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181.

Those with hearing impairments may leave messages for me by calling the TTY message Line at 1-800-896-0305. If you have internet access you can e-mail me at melvin.henley@lrc.ky.gov or keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov>.

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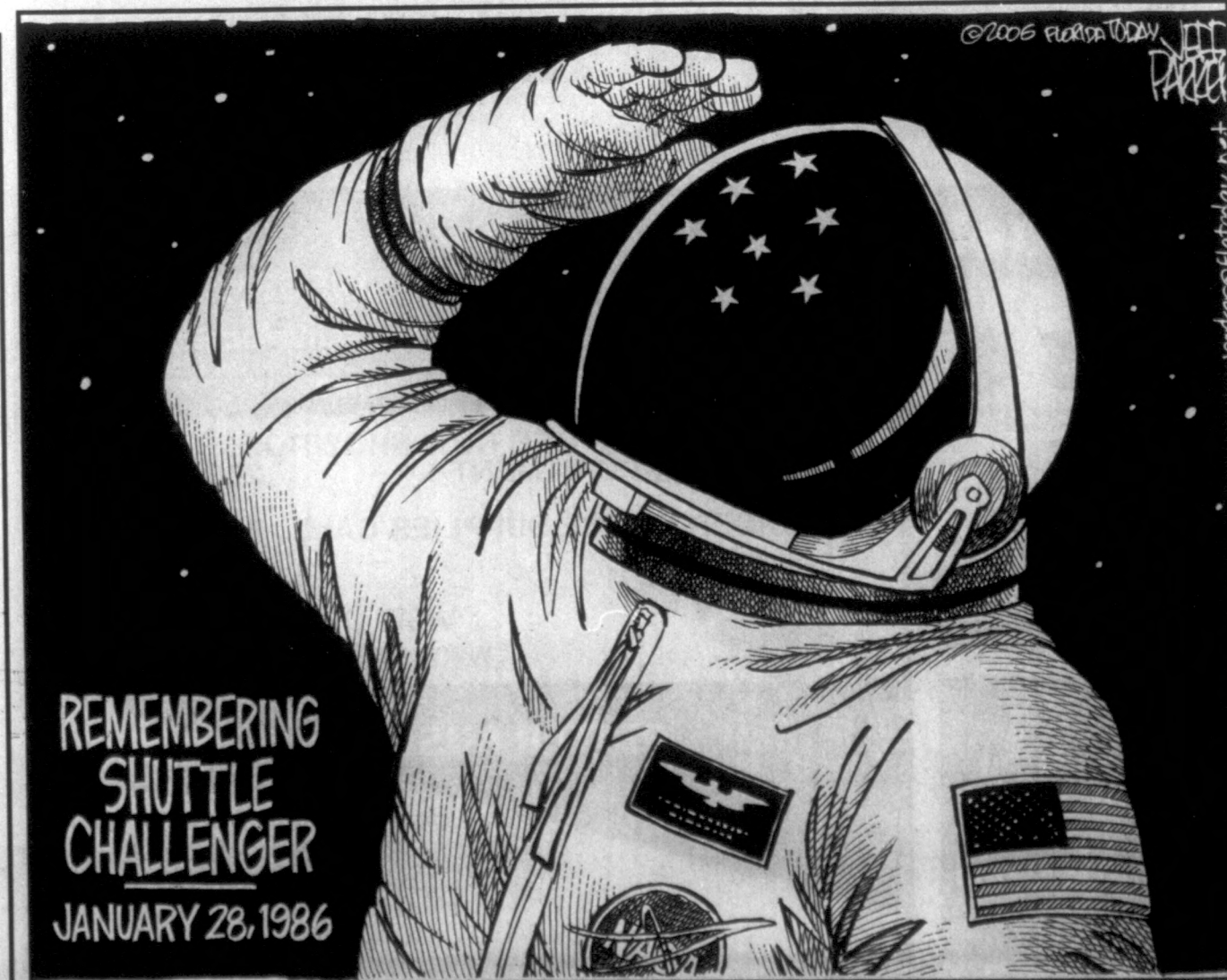
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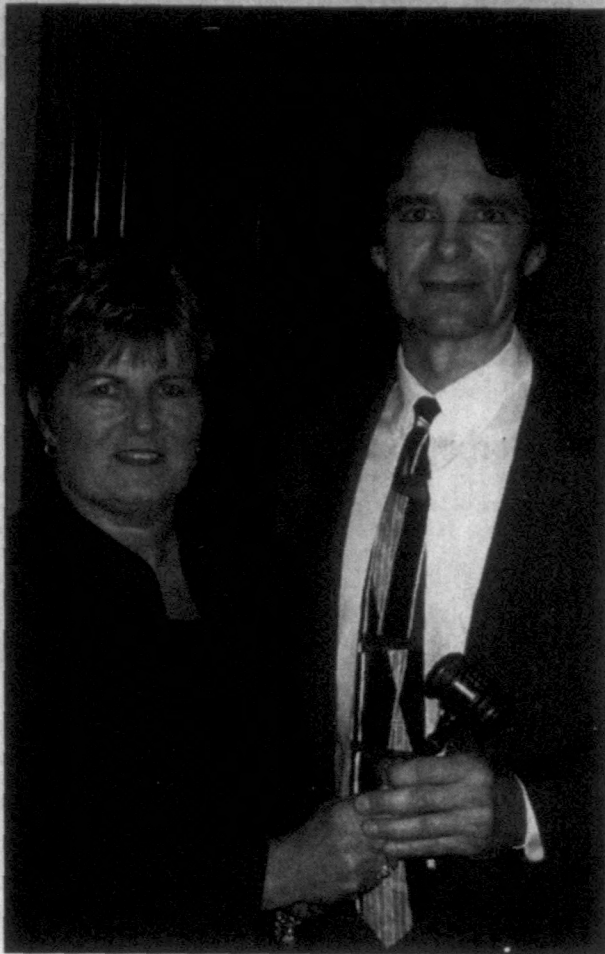


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Alice Rouse, publisher of the *Murray Ledger & Times*, accepts the gavel from Charlie Portmann, editor of *The Franklin Favorite*, at last Friday's Kentucky Press Association Winter Convention at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Ky. Portmann was the 2005 president of KPA and presented the gavel to Rouse, president for 2006.

InBusiness

Plummer joins DevSource as technical analyst

Jared Plummer has been named as lead technical analyst at DevSource, a Microsoft Certified business technology provider headquartered in Murray. Jared will be responsible for networking infrastructure design and support, Voice over IP system design and support, and business technology consulting for regional industries.

"Jared brings an excellent set of core networking and business technology experiences to DevSource," said Mike Hopkins, COO of DevSource. "His commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction are unparalleled."

Prior to joining DevSource, Plummer held the position of IT Specialist at Paschall Truck Lines, Inc. where he was responsible desktop PC and server support as well as network maintenance.

"I'm very excited to be joining the incredibly capable and passionate DevSource team and look forward to working with them at solving many challenging business problems using Microsoft technologies," said Plummer.

Plummer earned a bachelor of science degree from Murray State in 2002. He lives in Murray with his wife and children.

Founded in 2001, DevSource is a leading business technology solutions provider offering custom software development, networking and telecommunications services, disaster recovery services and web hosting for a wide range of industries from Fortune 100 companies to the small business market. DevSource serves businesses across the four-state region.

Roberson hired by Morgan Keegan for Murray area

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — J. Darren Roberson has joined Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc. as financial advisor. Roberson will be serving the needs of investors in the Murray and Paducah areas.

Roberson brings with him 13 years of management and investment experience, most recently from Investment Professionals Inc., where he was a financial advisor. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. A native of Paris, Tenn., Roberson is the past president of the Rotary Club of McKenzie, Tenn.

Morgan Keegan & Company Inc., one of the largest full-service brokerage and investment banking firms in the South, is the securities brokerage arm of Regions Financial Corporation (NYSE: RF). Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., Morgan Keegan has more than 260 offices in 18 states. Additional information about Morgan Keegan and Regions — a member of both the Forbes and Fortune 500 and one of the nation's Top 15 financial services providers — can be found at www.morgankeegan.com and www.regions.com.

First '06 Business@Breakfast is February 17 in Curris Center

Did you know... The first Business@Breakfast for 2006 is Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the large ballroom of MSU's Curris Center?



Chamber Chat
By Lisa Satterwhite
Assistant Director
Chamber of Commerce

Featuring Murray Mayor Tom Rushing and Calloway County Judge Executive Larry Elkins, the breakfast will be a "State of the Community" address to begin the new year. Our local leaders will

speaking on community projects, financial standings and have a question and answer period for those attending. For more information on the Business@Breakfast or to reserve seating, contact the Chamber at 753-5171. Reservations for the breakfast are \$10 for Chamber members and \$12 for nonmembers.

Coming Up Around Town

■ Wildlife by the Water Van Tour, LBL, South Welcome Station, Today, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

■ Campus Lights, Lovett Auditorium, Tonight, 7 p.m. and Jan. 29, 2:30 p.m., admission benefits scholarships, 762-4288.

■ Truck Pull, West KY Expo Center, Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

■ MSU Lady Racers and Racers vs. Samford, RSEC, Jan. 30, 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ Wake Up Murray!, Breakfast to discuss and plan downtown 2006 events, Regions Bank Main Office, 3rd Floor, Jan. 31, 7:30 a.m., call 759-9474 for more information or reservations.

■ Inhalant Awareness Training, Attention all Parents, MCC Library, Jan. 31, 6 - 7 p.m.

■ Squirrel, rabbit, quail, crow, other hunting seasons, Feb. 1 - 28, www.fw.ky.gov.

■ Health Express, Office Depot parking lot in Murray, Feb. 2, 7 - 11 a.m. and noon - 2 p.m., 762-1348.

■ Fun with Fiber Class, Center for Health & Wellness, Feb. 2, 9:30 - 10 a.m. and noon to 12:30 p.m.

■ Young Samurai Class, Center for Health & Wellness, Tues. & Thurs. beginning Feb. 2, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., for ages 7 - 14.

■ LBL Invites Public Participation on Evaluation of Dispersed Recreation Sites, Golden Pond Adm. Office, Feb. 2, 5 - 7 p.m.

■ WKMS features Roseanne Cash in concert online from its web site www.wkms.org, Feb.



TAB BROCKMAN/Chamber Photo
MSU's School of Agriculture and the Kentucky Soybean Board held a Business After Hours with the Chamber between Racer basketball games at the RSEC this week. Ending a day of well attended Soybean Promotion Day seminars and discussions on campus, the after hours event offered free game tickets and fun.

3, 11 a.m.

■ With a Song in My Heart, sponsored by the Dept. of Music, Curris Center Ballroom, Feb. 3, 6 p.m., admission charged, 762-4288.

■ Motocross, West KY Expo Center, Feb. 4.

■ Murray-Calloway County Soccer Assn. Spring Soccer Registration, Trophy Case, through Feb. 4.

■ MSU Lady Racers and Racers vs. Jacksonville State, RSEC, Feb. 4, 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ Bald Eagle Viewing Excursions, Nature Station, LBL, Feb. 5, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., moderate walking required, \$5 ages 12 and up, \$7 ages 13 and up.

■ Murray Trade Day, MCC Park, Feb. 6, 7 a.m. - noon.

■ Storm Spotter Weather Watch Training, National Weather Service Basic Class, MSU Industry & Technology Bldg. (Collins Ctr.), Rm. 146, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.

■ Feb 6, Ugandan flutist and vocalist Samite accompanied by a five member ensemble performs Monday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Murray State's Lovett Auditorium

■ Health Express, Sav-A-Lot parking lot in Murray, Feb. 7, 7 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

■ The Murray Bank Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Main Office, 405 S. 12th St., Feb. 10, 9 a.m. - sold out.

■ WKMS features the Wood Brothers in concert online from its web site www.wkms.org, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.

■ Free Glaucoma and Osteoporosis Screenings, Center for Health & Wellness, Feb. 21, 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3

p.m., call 762-1348 for an appt.

Highlights from the Commerce Center include

■ The West KY Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development Organizations are hosting a West Kentucky Thank You/Go West KY! reception at the Frankfort Convention Center on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 5 - 9 p.m. The purpose of this event is to express our appreciation to the House and Senate members for past, present and future support for West Kentucky projects and programs. It is also an excellent opportunity to lobby for pro-business legislation.

Other highlights include Gov. Ernie Fletcher speaking, jazz and pop music provided by the musical quartet Grumpy Old Men of Murray, and barbecue and all the trimmings from Moonlite Bar-B-Q of Owensboro. Tickets for the event are \$10. A chartered bus provided by the Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation and the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce will be available at no additional cost. The bus will leave from Stewart Stadium at 11 a.m. on Feb. 9 and return around midnight. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information or tickets. Seating is limited on the chartered bus.

■ Sgt. Jim Osborne of the Murray Police Department is presenting a free seminar on Crime Prevention and Awareness for Business and Retail Establishments. This three-hour seminar will include the topics: Robbery and Burglary Prevention, Workplace Violence Prevention and Awareness, Workplace

Safety and Security, Shoplifting and Theft Prevention, Fraud Involving Credit Cards/Checking Accounts/Identity Theft, Counterfeiting and Internal Theft. Two dates are offered. They are Monday, Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon and Feb. 16 from 6 - 9 p.m. Both seminars will be held at the Murray City Hall Council Chamber located at 104 North 5th Street. Contact Sgt. Osborne at 753-1621 for more information or to register for this free seminar.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings/Business After Hours

■ The Murray Bank Fifth Annual Business Hours, Concourse D, RSEC, Jan. 30, 6 p.m. (contact Melissa Finklea at 767-4240 or mfinklea@themurraybank.com for free Chamber member tickets).

■ Helitech, Commerce Center, Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m.

■ SCRUBS, 514 Main St., Feb. 16, 11 a.m.

Welcome New Chamber Members

■ SCRUBS, Steve Flynn, uniforms and accessories, 514 Main St., Murray, 761-3879.

■ Hamilton Granite - Tile, James Hamilton and Tyler Murdock, custom granite and tile, home improvement, 3301 St. Rt. 121 N., Murray, 753-8087.

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By **TERI COBB**
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Our exercise room is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who are 60 and older are invited to exercise at no cost, as well

as take advantage of beginning computer classes we have to offer. Contact the center at 753-0929 for more information.

Activities and menus for the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 3 have been released as follows:

Monday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. to go walk at Murray State University Regional Special Events Center, Caregivers Support Group and Bingo at 12:30 p.m., Beginner Line Dance at 1:30 p.m. followed by Advanced Line Dance at 2 p.m. BBQ sausage, corn, California vegetable blend, roll, margarine and ice cream will be on the lunch menu.

Tuesday events include

Strength and Stretch Class from 8 to 9 a.m., Women's Issues will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the education room and Ping Pong at 12:30 p.m., in the gym. On the lunch menu will be Teriyaki chicken, rice, brussels sprouts, roll, margarine and ambrosia.

Wednesday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. to go walk at MSU RSEC, Powder Puff Pool play from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Pinochle Club at noon. Free Income Tax Assistance will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a first come, first served basis and will be available each Wednesday through April 12. Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, mar-

garine and orange will be on the lunch menu.

Thursday events include Strength and Stretch Class at 8 a.m., Shuffleboard League at 9:30 a.m. and Movie Matinee at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. On the lunch menu will be baked ham, garlic mashed potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, margarine and peach cobbler.

Friday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers will meet at 10 a.m., Board games will begin at 9:30 a.m. and Open Bridge at noon. Taco salad, refried beans, tortilla chips, margarine and banana will be on the lunch menu.

Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center is a United Way agency.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group to meet Wednesday



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group for Murray and Calloway County will meet Wednesday at noon at the Murray Resource Center, located in the Murray Board of Education building, 208 South 13th St., Murray.

Darlene Cronin, MSW, will lead the group in an "Ask the Counselor" question and answer session. Lunch will be served.

All grandparents or relatives raising grandchildren are encouraged to attend. For free transportation call the center at 759-9592.

Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Support Group on Monday

Death of A Parent Support Group meets each Monday at 7 p.m. For more information call 753-7129.

Neighborhood Watch Monday

New Concord Neighborhood Watch will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Speakers will be Calloway County Jailor Phil Hazle and Calloway Sheriff Larry Roberts. All area residents are urged to attend.

The Dills will give concert

The Dills will present a gospel concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 617 South Ninth St., Murray. A love offering will be taken for the group.

Sinking Spring plans program

The Smith Family Trio and Chris Allen will present a concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Sinking Spring Baptist Church, 4185 Wiswell Rd., Murray.

Cherry Corner plans program

The Liberty Boys will present a concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Cherry Corner Baptist Church, 850 Cherry Corner Rd., Murray. A chili supper will follow the program.

Elm Grove plans program

The duet, Divine Appointment, composed of Dee and Kathy Lipford, will present a concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Elm Grove Baptist Church, 6483 Ky. Hwy. 94 East, Murray.

Homeschoolers plan program

LAMP Homeschoolers of Calloway County will present a program, "Historically Speaking" on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the community room of Calloway County Public Library. Anyone interested in homeschooling may attend this academic event. For more information call Sue Ann Stevens at 753-3626 or Rhonda Roso at 489-2717, or visit the website at www.calloway-lamp.org.

Neighborhood Watch Monday

New Concord Neighborhood Watch will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Speakers will be Calloway County Jailor Phil Hazle and Calloway Sheriff Larry Roberts. All area residents are urged to attend.

Parent Teacher Night Monday

Murray High School will host Parent Teacher Night on Monday. Parents and guardians may attend the event anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. Parents will receive results from the Kentucky Core Content Test, view and sign their child's Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP) and have the opportunity to meet with faculty.

SCV Camp to meet Monday

Sons of Confederate Veterans Fort Heiman Camp will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church. All members and all persons wishing to honor their Confederate veteran ancestors are invited.

Blood drives scheduled

Calloway County Chapter of American Red Cross will have blood drives Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Hazel Baptist Church, Hazel; and Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in dance lounge of Murray State University Curris Center. All blood types are needed.

Camp W.O.W. event today

Camp Woodmen of the World fundraiser will be today from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the dining hall at the camp on US Hwy. 641 North and Schwartz Road. The authentic New Orleans dinner will consist of shrimp creole, gumbo, potato salad, bread pudding and drinks. The cost will be \$9 per meal or \$12 at the door. This fundraiser is strictly for raising money for heating/air for the cabins. For tickets or more information contact Mark Anderson at 753-4382 or 753-2319.

Beds are needed for local family

Bunk beds or twin beds are needed for a family with four boys. Also needed is a double bed with mattress and box springs. Anyone having any of these items to donate call the Murray Independent Schools Resource Center at 759-9592.

Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer glaucoma screenings, blood pressure and pulse checks on Monday from 8 to 11 a.m. at Subway, Puryear, Tenn., and from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at C-Mart, Hazel.

Red Cross will offer CPR Classes

Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer its monthly second Saturday "Community First Aid & Safety" course on Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. Course fee is \$50. Pre-registration for this class is required on or before Feb. 10 at the Red Cross office, 607 Poplar St., Murray. For more information call Calloway Red Cross Director Tory Daugherty at 753-1421.

Grab The Cash Contest Winners Announced



Photos provided

The Murray Bank served as the Grab The Cash contest sponsor for the Annual West Kentucky Boat & Outdoor Show held at the Murray State University Regional Special Events Center, January 20 - 22. The contest offered three contestants a chance to win \$10,000, \$1000, \$250 or one of three prizes from The Murray Bank. Contest participants included Michelle Stodghill (top left photo), winner of a \$50 US Savings Bond, pictured with Nancy Mieure, coordinator of the Boat Show; Judy Black (top right photo), winner of a 2005 Silver Eagle, with Melissa Finklea of The Murray Bank; and Nick Alexander (side photo), winner of \$250, with Finklea.

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Big Momma's House 2
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Nanny McPhee
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Roberts named to board

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jeffery Roberts has been named to the 2006 board of governors of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys. Roberts is an attorney from Murray, according to Mary Volkerding, membership director of the academy.

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Child Care Center Has Pajama Day



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Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Child Care Center recently held Pajama Day for its children. Pictured are children in the Busy Bees classroom at the day care who enjoyed spending the day in their pajamas. For more information on MCCH Child Care, call 270-762-1553.

Students Recognized For Reading Skills



Photo provided
Three students recently received recognition at Murray Elementary for earning 100 Accelerated Reader points. They are (from left) Abby Gibson and Claire Wilson, second grade, and John Koelsch, third grade.

Hospital Menus

"Heart Smart" is the program for the menus in the cafeteria of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Anne Newberry, dietitian, said the menus are designed to help those restricting saturated fats and sodium in their diets.

Menus, subject to occasional changes, for the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 5 have been released as follows:

Monday - chicken strips, savory beef stew, "crumb topped fish fillet, "new red potatoes, macaroni and cheese, "broccoli spears, fried okra, "tomato Florentine soup.

Tuesday - "stuffed peppers, "chicken tamale pie, country style steak, duchess potatoes, "green bean-carrot blend, "brussels sprouts, black-eyed peas, chicken and wild rice soup.

Wednesday - meat loaf, fried catfish with hush puppies, "Caribbean spiced chicken, skillet fried potatoes, "seasoned green beans, seasoned white beans, "turnip greens, broccoli and cheese soup.

Thursday - roast beef, "lemon pepper chicken, smoked turkey on a bun, "herbed rice pilaf, "baby carrots, "Italian green beans, "baked apples, mashed potatoes with gravy, "vegetable beef and barley

soup.
Friday - BBQ pork on bun, "cabbage roll, fish filet sandwich, "Francois blend vegetables, tator tots, "broccoli spears, cheesy potato casserole, "chicken noodle soup.

Saturday - oven baked ham, "breaded fish fillet, "green peas with pearl onions, "steamed yellow squash, seasoned potato wedges, soup of the day.

Sunday - BBQ beef brisket, "sour cream baked chicken, "parslied new potatoes, green bean casserole, "cinnamon apples, soup of the day.

Birth Announcement

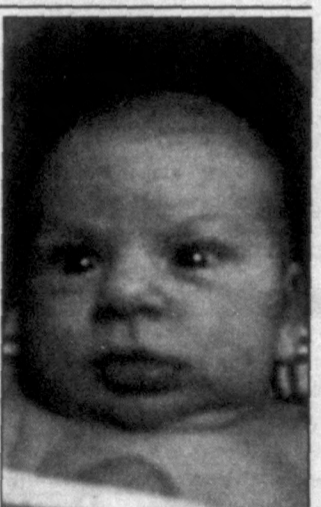
Ethan Dale Steward

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Steward Jr., of Murray are the parents of a son, Ethan Dale Steward, born on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.

The baby weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces and measured 21 inches. The mother is the former Kelly McKee.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Pepper McKee of Port Royal and Dana Ivison of Melbourne, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Liz Steward of Murray and Cathy and Dale Steward of Cuba.



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Bank Gives To Project Graduation



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Melissa Finklea (left), director of marketing & business development for The Murray Bank, recently presented Murray High School seniors Mallory Cunningham and Whitney Sears with a check for Project Graduation.

McDonald to attend youth leadership forum

Special to the Ledger

Former Murray High School student and long time Murray resident Bryan C. McDonald, son of Kathryn Fox, a Murray CPA, has been accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy, conducted in the nation's capital.

McDonald is now a junior at Culpeper High School in Culpeper, Va., and is a cadet in the U.S. Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.

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Bryan C. McDonald

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Ugandan flutist to replace DrumDrum

Due to the cancellation of the February 2 concert with New Guinea/North Australia music/ dance troupe Drum Drum, the Murray Civic Music Association is pleased to announce that Ugandan flutist and vocalist Samite accompanied by a five member ensemble performs February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Murray State's Lovett Auditorium.



Samite

Samite fled from Uganda in 1982 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1987 where he makes his home in Ithaca, New York. He sings in his mother tongue, Luganda. In addition to his flutes, Samite performs on the kalimba (finger-piano), marimba (wooden xylophone), and litungu (seven-stringed Kenyan instrument). Reviews of his music repeatedly mention its tranquil, mellifluous character, and the artist did formerly record for the "new age" Windham Hill Label.

Complementing his rigorous concert schedule, Samite has released six CDs, appeared live on public radio's Echoes (heard in our region on 91.3 WKMS-FM at 8 p.m. Sundays.) in addition to other national and international media performances. The Los Angeles Times calls his sound "modern African folk music."

In addition to Samite's musical career, he is the founder of the non-profit organization, Musicians for World Harmony, whose mission is to enable musicians throughout the world to share

their music to promote peace, understanding and harmony among peoples, with a special emphasis on the displaced or the distressed who could benefit most from the healing power of music.

Admission for the Samite concert is by MCMA membership, but tickets are also available at the door: \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for children.

For membership information, contact Sally DuFord at 270-753-4446. The concert is free to MSU students (with ID), thanks to the support of the MSU College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

The 2005-2006 concert season of the Murray Civic Music Association concludes with a concert by classical pianist Orion Weiss, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Performing Arts Hall of the Old Fine Arts Building at Murray State University, near 15th and Olive, Murray.

Ky. actor plays Texas Western Univ. president in 'Glory Road'

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky actor makes an appearance as the president of underdog Texas Western in the new film "Glory Road."

Andy Stahl portrays Dr. Joseph M. Ray, head of Texas Western, which beat favored Kentucky in the 1966 NCAA basketball championship.

Ray was a Bowling Green native.

Stahl, who lives in Butler County, has been acting in small roles since he was cast in "The River" with Mel Gibson in 1984. He has also had small parts in the "The Patriot" with Gibson as well as "October Sky," "A Time to Kill" and "The People vs. Larry Flynt."

"My work is finding work," Stahl said.

Stahl broke through by starting a moving service with his truck after moving to New York. He said he made a deal with the famed Actors Studio in exchange for moving services.

"Because I was the truck driver for the studio, the deal I made with them was I got to monitor the classes," he said.

He called his time in New York "essential" to helping him get his first motion picture role as Dave Birkin in "The River."

Stahl said he's planning to move to Canada to find work in television. Many series' pilot episodes are filmed there, he said.

The film "Glory Road" tells the story of Don Haskins, head basketball coach at Texas Western, now the University of Texas-El Paso. Haskins started the first all-black lineup in an NCAA title game.

Antivirus issues

This week we are going to discuss something that hap-

pened to me about five weeks ago. I keep a close watch on my computer system and notice when it does not perform correctly.



The PC Doctor
By Lee A. Hatcher

ran a complete scan. It found nothing as well! By this time I was confused. I uninstalled McAfee. Then I thought that I would give AVG Antivirus (the free version) a try. I downloaded it and installed it. I then updated it and ran a complete system scan.

Guess what. I had 17 viruses on my system!

I was now perplexed as to why Nortons and McAfee did not find them. I did some research and called a friend and mentor of mine in Morristown, Tenn. (thanks Mike). I discovered that hackers have been targeting Nortons and McAfee specifically with some viruses that cause them to never see a virus.

I know that this sounds very unusual but I have seen it on at least 10 other systems since then.

Now I am not suggesting that you uninstall your antivirus program and install AVG on your computer, but if I were you I would keep a close watch on your system for a while. And if you notice anything strange give AVG Antivirus (the free version) a try. Here is the link: <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/2/ing/us/tpl/v5>.

Next week we will be discussing the Governor's Connect Kentucky goal. Please send your questions or comments about the column to the_pcdoc-tor@charter.net.

And remember: A data backup a day helps keep the PC Doctor away.

About five weeks ago my system started acting funny. I would click on things and it would hesitate for a few seconds before following through on the command. It slowed down as well. I ran my three antivirus tools and found a few minor things but nothing to cause the issues that I was experiencing. I became concerned and ran a complete virus scan. I was using Norton's Antivirus. It found nothing. I ran it again and it found nothing. I uninstalled Nortons and installed McAfee Antivirus and

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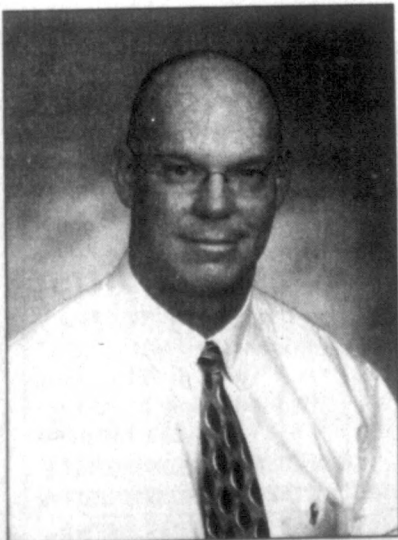
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WKRN-ABC	2	2			News		Good Morning	News		This Week		Lilo	Emperor	Kids	NBA	
WSIL-ABC	3	3			Camp-	Discov-	Good Morning		Coral Ridge Hour	Believ-	Hour of Power		This Week		NBA	
WSMV-NBC	4	4			Channel 4 News Today-Sunday				Today (In Stereo)	Meet the Press	Home	Paid	Paid	Paid		
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News				CBS News Sunday Morning	Nation	Cor-	Paid		Motorcycle Racing		
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6	8	Wall St	Met-	Today (In Stereo)		Meet the Press	Young	Athlete	Animal	Paid	Baptist Church		
WBBJ-ABC	7	7			Prayer	In Touch			Paid	Paid	Paid	This Week		Love	Baptist Church	
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Calliou	Cliff Pup	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Teletub	Wild	Gar-	Tenne-	Word	Nature (In Stereo)	
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	House	Liv Hope	Arm-	Lake-	Fox News Sunday	In Touch		Paid	Realty	Paid	Paid	
WQTV-UPN	10	17	11	30	Paid	Paid	Breakfast Show	Bi-	Enter-	Littles	Gadgt-	Catholic	Mass	Gadgt-	Gadgt-	
KFVS-CBS	12	12	12		Breakfast Show	Little Bill	Blues-		CBS News Sunday Morning	Nation	Osteen	Life	Motorcycle	Racing		
WGN	16	38	9	10	Chang-	Paid	David	Floyd	Feed	Paid	Paid	Paid		Legends of the Fall		
INSP	17	83	28		R.	In	Frederick Price		Comerston		Chang	Jewish	Strate-	Deliver-	Jeffres	Wilton
WKMU-PBS	21	21	5	11	Thomas	Cliff Pup	Sesame Street		Barney	Teletub	Dragon	Zoboo	Sagwa	Arthur	Euro-	Com-
WOKA-WB	22	16	10		Paid	Chapel	In	Libertys	Wild	Real Life	Paid	Paid	Racelle	T. Smith	Paid	Paid
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC-	Lines	Report-	SportsCenter		NFL Countdown	Bowling	
ESPN2	25	30	25		Fishing	Fishing	Walkers	Fishing	Offshore	SpanFly	Fishing		Bobaldding	Tennis		
MTV	26	49	27	24	Chai-	Chai-	Made (In Stereo)		Made (In Stereo)		Made (In Stereo)		Barkers	Barkers	Chal-	Chal-
TNT	28	27	39	14	Movie: ***	Movie: ***	"Good Morning, Vietnam" (1987)		Movie: ***	Movie: ***	"Crimson Tide" (1995, Suspense)			Legends of the Fall		
TLC	29	41	41		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Trading Spaces		While You Out		While You Out	Trading Spaces		
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Paid	Paid	Robert Schuller		Paid	Paid	Will	Will	Movie: ***	"Falling Down" (1993)		
USA	32	51	49	5	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Movie: **	"In Hell" (2003, Action)			PGA Tour Sunday	Monk		
AMC	34	58	29		Movie	Movie: ***	"The Green Berets" (1968) John Wayne, G-		Movies		Shoo-	Movie: ***	"Say Anything..."			
A&E	35	35	44	27	Murder, She Wrote		Breakfast With the Arts			24 (In Stereo)		24 (In Stereo)		World Trade		
FAM	36	53	36	2	Digimon X-Men	Spider	Dragon		Get Ed	Kong	Rangers	Robot	Spider	WITCH	700 Club Prog.	
NICK	37	22	24	4	Rugrats	Oddpar-	Neutron	Neutron	Sponge	Sponge	Oddpar-	Cats-	Phan-	Avatar	Robot	Chalk-
HGTV	43	36	18		Plants	House	House	Room	Before	Dream	Spaces	Land-	Land-	Yard	Curb	Outer
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Stooges	Hraep-	Hraep-	Muscle	Xtreme	Trucks!		
WTBS	52	26	21	13	Movie	Movie: ***	"Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson		Movie: *	"O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2004)			Movie: "Bad Boys"			
TOON	65	32	50		Pink Panther		Cartoon's-Hits		Coden-	Coden-	Foster	Foster	Grim	Juniper	Lazlo	Lazlo
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BET	67	39			(5:00)	BET Morning Inspiration			Bobby Jones		Video Gospel			Lit Every Voice	BET News	
CMTV	70	34			(5:00)	CMT Music								Insider	Top 20 Countdown	
HBO	89	71	51		Movie	Movie: "The NFL" (2004)	Reel Sports		Movie: "The Grudge" (2004)		Movie: "The Grudge" (2004)			Movie: "The Terminal" (2004)		
MAX	76	72	54		Movie	Movie: "Whiteboys" (1999) R	Movie: **	"Fat Albert" (2004)	Movie: **	"Seed of Chucky" (2004)	Movie: **	"Seed of Chucky" (2004)	Movie: **	"Wesgirls"		
SHOW	70	73	52		Movie	Movie: "Agent Cody Banks 2" (2004)	Movie: ***	"Ghosts" (1994) PG	Englishman-Up a Hill		Revenge-Pink					
DISN	78	31	57		Koala	Higgly	Ein-	JoJo	Dood-	Charlie	WIG	WITCH	Maggie	Dragon	Dragon	
FLIX	705				(5:50)	Movie: "Crusoe" (1988)			Movie: *	"Teen Wolf Too" (1987)			Movie: "The Glass Menagerie" (1987)	Movie: "Magnificent 7 Ride"		
HBO2	82				Movie: "Eight Legged Freaks"				Movie: "Garfield: The Movie"		Boxing: Thomas Damgaard vs. Arturo Gatti			Jack Bull		

SUNDAY AFTERNOON																		
					12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WKRN-ABC					NBA Basketball: Suns at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Houston Rockets.	News				Home Videos			
WSIL-ABC					NBA Basketball: Suns at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Houston Rockets.	News	ABC			Home Videos			
WSMV-NBC					Bull Riding: Express PBR Classic					Arena Football: Regional Coverage			News	NBC			Dateline NBC	
WTVF-CBS					College Basketball					PGA Golf: Buick Invitational - Final Round. (Live)			News	NBC			60 Minutes	
WPSD-NBC					Bull Riding: Express PBR Classic					Arena Football: Regional Coverage			News	NBC			Dateline NBC	
WBBJ-ABC					Paid	House	West Tennessee	Cerebral Palsy	Telethon									
WNPT-PBS					Desert	Group	Con-	Wash-	Foreign	Visions	Calif	Burt	Pass-	Europe	Antiques Rdsho		Globe Trekker	
KBSI-Fox					Movie: *	"Sphere" (1998)			Movie: ***	"Jaws 2" (1978, Horror)		70s	Paid	Drew	Paid	Malcolm	King Hill	
WQTV-UPN					Animal	Animal	Safari	Missing		Movie: ***	"The Soul Collector" (1999)		Girls	Access	H'wood		24 (In Stereo)	
KFVS-CBS					College Basketball					PGA Golf: Buick Invitational - Final Round. (Live)			News	NBC			60 Minutes	
WGN					Movie: ***	"First Blood" (1982)			Movie: ***	"Rambo III" (1988, Action)			HomeTeam		Home Videos		Maximum Exp.	
INSP					Bill	Fellow-	Breakthrough		Word	Jakes	Frazier Family		Coral Ridge Hour	Relig	Turning	Church	NewDay	
WKMU-PBS					Foreign	Journal	One to	Ken-	Mo-	Desert	Kan-	Ky Life	This Old	Work-	Garden		Keep Up Summer	
WOKA-WB					King	King	My Wife	Behind		700 Club	Telethon		Charmed		What I	Twins	Reba	Reba
ESPN					PBA Bowling		Winter X-Games		Winter X-Games		Winter X-Games		Where-Now?	Sports-	NBA Basketball			
ESPN2					Tennis: Australian Open - Men's Final.				Track and Field		Strong-	Soccer: Norway vs. United States			Wm. Basketball			
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The Calloway County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for Lawn Mowing Services for the Calloway County School District. Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m., February 7, 2006. Specifications are on file at the Board office at 2110 College Farm Road, Murray, KY 42071. Any interested bidders may obtain copies at that location. Further information may be obtained by calling Karen Brandon at 762-7300. The Calloway County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive any irregularities in bidding.

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February 14th

Show your loved ones that you care by placing a special Valentine's Day picture & message or a Love Line in our Tues., Feb. 14th issue.

Pictures - \$12 ea.
(no more than two per picture and no more than 15 words)
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LookingBack

10 years ago
Seven members of Calloway County Fire-Rescue Department have been certified to fight large scale forest fires by the Kentucky Department of Forestry, according to Chief Greg Cherry.

New officers of Murray Bass Club are Nick Ryan, Ken Bucy, Don Robach and Bill Robertson.

20 years ago
Installed as new officers of the Calloway County Homemakers Council at a meeting held at the Holiday Inn were Connie Talent, Sherri Yarbrough and Marlane Newell. There are 17 different homemakers clubs in Calloway County.

Murray State University Racers won 67-55 and Lady Racers won 89-68 over Eastern University Maroons in basketball games. High team scorers for Murray were Chuck Glass and Sheila Smith.

30 years ago
New officers of Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons are Joe F. Lasater, B.K. (Pete) Farley, Cecil Lovett, Ila E. Douglas, Buel E. Stalls, Walter M. King, David Morris, Donnie Newberry, Al K. Parker, Dee Lamb, Rev. R.A. Slinker and Zane Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards were married for 70 years Jan. 14.

40 years ago
The first order of safety clothing, made entirely in the new Safer Glove Company here in Murray, was shipped to U.S. Steel at Gary, Ind., on Jan. 25. Frank Peer is manager of the local plant that opened here Jan. 7.

Joy Penick and Larry Young were married Dec. 31 at West Fork Baptist Church.

50 years ago

In semi-finals of Calloway County High School Basketball Tournament, New Concord Redbirds won 97-67 over Lynn Grove Wildcats and Almo Warriors won 85-50 over Murray Training School Colts. High team scorers were Darris Hill for Redbirds, Tom McNeely for Wildcats, Gene Herndon for Warriors and Don Gibbs for the Colts.

60 years ago
The season's average for the sale of dark fired tobacco on the Murray Market is \$27.86 per hundred weight for 3,489,460 pounds, according to local officials.

Dr. Ralph H. Woods, president of Murray State College, spoke on "Prospects for Western Kentucky" at the first birthday dinner of the Murray Chamber of Commerce held at the Murray Woman's Club House. Approximately 200 members and guests were present.

Five members of the Murray Boy Scout Troop were presented their Eagle badges, highest honor in Boy Scouting, at an area Scout dinner held at Paducah. They were Joe Cable, Pat Elkins, Oliver McLemore, Pat Sykes and Charles Tolley.

Dr. Cody H. Jones, Dr. Ora Mason and Dr. J.A. Outland were elected as officers of the Calloway County Medical Society.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Bradley, Jan. 9; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Roberts and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farley, Jan. 17; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pace, Jan. 18; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stall and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brownfield, Jan. 19; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bub Garland and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Mathis, Jan. 22.

Free baby sitting could be costly to new baby's health

DEAR ABBY: My long-term boyfriend, "Clayton," and I recently found out that we're pregnant. Although it wasn't planned, we're both thrilled to be new parents. We're doing everything within our power to have the healthiest baby possible.



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

Because we're on a tight budget, Clayton's mother has volunteered to provide day-care services once our child is born and I return to work. She and I have never gotten along well, and we haven't spoken to each other in more than 18 months. She was also recently diagnosed with a terminal disease that makes it impossible for her to drive long distances, lift heavy objects, or return to her job as a legal secretary. On top of that, she's a heavy smoker, an alcoholic, and is on a whole cocktail of medications for her disease, depression, blood pressure, etc.

I don't feel comfortable with the idea of leaving my baby with her eight hours a day, five days a week, but every time I try to tell Clayton I would prefer to pay for day-care services, he tells me I'm "stupid" for want-

ing to pay money when his mother is offering to baby-sit for free. How can I explain my feelings to him without being ridiculed for being an overly cautious first-time mother? -- **WORRIED MOM-TO-BE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR WORRIED: From where I sit, your concerns seem very much rooted in reality. What I'm having trouble understanding is why your boyfriend, whom you say is committed to doing everything in his power to assure that you have a healthy baby, would drop the ball when it comes to ensuring that he or she is well-cared-for after birth.

Leaving the baby with a woman who "hasn't spoken to you in 18 months," who is so ill she cannot work, who smokes, abuses alcohol, and is on a "whole cocktail" of medications that could be harmful if mixed with alcohol seems more like a recipe for disaster than a "freebie" to me. In fact, leaving the baby with her could be considered child endangerment. Please, for the sake of your baby, stand your ground.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "George" was widowed for a long time. He remarried a couple of years ago to "Renee," an incessant talker. Renee turns every conversation back either to herself or her daughter. It has gotten so bad that my wife and I really don't want to see them anymore.

Other people, including George, are aware of the problem. I asked him once if Renee realized how much she talked, and he replied that she's totally unaware of it. He doesn't know what to do about it, either.

Is there a way to get a message across to her that she's driving people crazy, and for the sake of the friendship, she needs to stop talking so much? Please advise. We like them and would like to remain friends. -- **CLUELESS IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR CLUELESS: Renee may be insecure and need to feel in control. She may need to be the center of attention, or be a compulsive talker. Her problem could also be that she feels she's competing with the ghost of George's first wife, and rather than work to preserve his old friendships, she'd prefer they cultivate new ones together, with couples who never knew wife No. 1.

Of course, the person who needs to address this problem with Renee is her husband. If that doesn't improve the situation, my advice is to see George only for "man-to-man" visits over lunch.

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

One Gott to another

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read my paper daily and look forward to reading your column every day. I am always very interested to read the answers to people's health concerns.



Dr. Gott
By Dr. Peter Gott

I would like to know if you are still practicing medicine and if you are accepting new patients. You seem like such a wonderful and thorough doctor and I am looking for a new one. Are you close to the Pasadena, Calif., area? If you are not in this area, can you recommend a good internist to me? I look forward to hearing from you.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your compliment. Yes, I am still in solo private practice in New England. I am not accepting new patients, especially from California. (It's an awfully long commute!) However, my eldest son, Geoff, has a private practice in psychological counseling in Manhattan Beach. He might be able to see you or help you in other ways. He is, by all reports, extremely capable. For further information call 310-372-1062.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other

readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've noticed an increase in tobacco ads featuring chewing tobacco. By calling it "smokeless tobacco," the ads make it more socially acceptable. Even young players are targeted with chewing gum made to resemble tobacco. I understand chewing tobacco is popular among our overseas troops as well as prominent sports figures. Doesn't chewing tobacco contribute to side effects such as mouth cancer?

DEAR READER: You bet it does. And the situation is not helped by the obvious use of smokeless tobacco by professional baseball players, who spit constantly while being televised during games.

"Dipping" tobacco can lead to serious health consequences, including cancer of the mouth, throat and palate. Also, it is gross. Would you, as an average woman, kiss a man with a "plug" in his mouth? I don't think so, unless you are really hard up, but I won't address that issue here.

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TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
(AP) - Today is Saturday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2006. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty years ago, on Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven of its crew

members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael J. Smith; Ronald E. McNair; Ellison S. Onizuka; Judith A. Resnik; Gregory B. Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

On this date:
In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42, days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

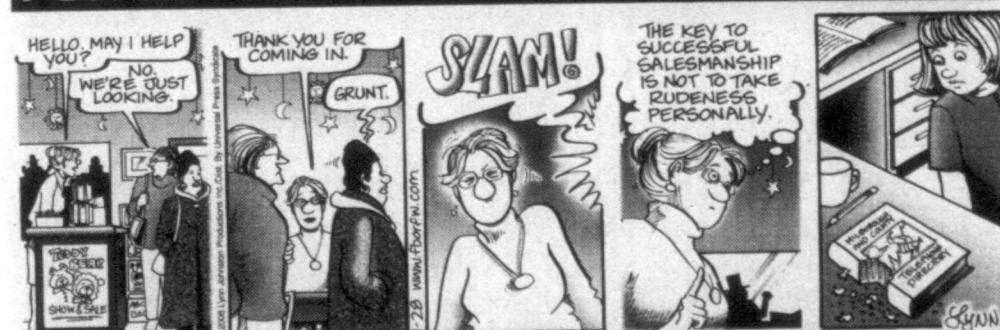
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The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
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6♣
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

A reader sent this deal, which he labeled "a good exercise in the logic of dummy play." We agree with his sentiments and the method of play declarer chose to make the slam.

The bidding was likewise first-rate. North pushed on to a slam in clubs once South showed extra values and a good suit by bidding three

clubs.

Declarer won the heart lead and saw that the contract was certain provided he did not lose two diamond tricks. After cashing the K-Q of trumps and finding the suit divided 2-2, South realized he was now 100 percent certain to make the slam regardless of how the missing cards were divided. Accordingly, he cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade, then ruffed the eight of hearts and dummy's last spade.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the diamonds. Dummy at this point consisted of the jack of clubs and A-Q-J-3 of diamonds, while declarer's last five cards were the ace of clubs and 9-7-5-2 of diamonds.

South led a low diamond and finessed dummy's jack. East did his best by ducking, but declarer countered by returning dummy's three of diamonds. East won with the ten but had to concede the last three tricks whether he returned a heart or a diamond.

Declarer would have been on equally safe ground if West had been dealt the K-10-x-x of diamonds. He would also have been forced to return a diamond or yield a ruff-and-discard to bring a happy conclusion to a well-played hand.

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Murray painter to be featured on KET's 'Mixed Media'

From music with a world beat to paintings done across the globe, the next edition of *Mixed Media* features Kentucky artists with a world view. This episode airs today at 1:30 p.m. on KET1 and 5 p.m. on KET2.

First up is Louisville's Serpent Wisdom, who share a local take on world-beat music that has been described as "shamanic world funk."

Then viewers meet Brenda Wirth, a Louisville visual artist with more than 15 years experience in art education and community art, including participation in the Kentucky Arts Council's artist-in-residency program. She paints dramatic landscapes with a flourish of brilliant colors and bold contrasts, breaking the boundaries of the two-dimensional canvas. Her artwork is exhibited at Zephyr Gallery in Louisville and held in collections nationally.

Next, painter Robert William Head lives in the woodlands of western Kentucky but has traveled throughout Africa, Asia, Mexico and Canada, and in the last few years he has painted in Alaska's

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. A native of Springfield, Ill., Head taught painting and drawing at Murray State University, where he served as chair of the department of art for 11 years and is now professor emeritus.

Finally, viewers can enjoy music by the late blues artist Mary Ann Fischer and her band as they entertain with songs from her album, *Songbird of the South*. Fischer is best known for performing with Ray Charles as one of the Raelletes.

Mixed Media is a KET production, produced by Gary Pahler, Valerie Trimble and Jim Piston. The program is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Following the broadcast, *Mixed Media* is available for on-demand videostream viewing and podcasting at www.ket.org/mixed-media.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET's four digital channels by visiting the KET Web site at www.ket.org.

Last year was warmest in a century, study concludes

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Last year was the warmest in a century, nosing out 1998, a federal analysis concludes.

Researchers calculated that 2005 produced the highest annual average surface temperature worldwide since instrument recordings began in the late 1800s, said James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

The result confirms a prediction the institute made in December.

In a telephone interview, Hansen said the analysis estimated temperatures in the Arctic from nearby weather stations because no direct data were available. "Because of that, we couldn't say with 100 percent certainty that it's the warmest year, but I'm reasonably confident that it was," Hansen said.

More important, he said, is that 2005 reached the warmth of 1998 without help of the "El Niño of the century" that pushed temperatures up in 1998.

Over the past 30 years, Earth has warmed a bit more than 1

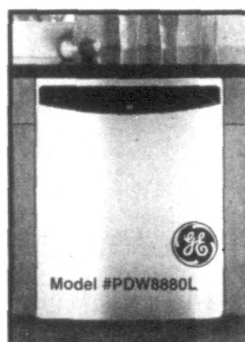
degree in total, making it about the warmest it's been in 10,000 years, Hansen said. He blamed a buildup of heat-trapping greenhouse gases.

Jay Lawrimore of the federal government's National Climatic Data Center said his own center's current data suggest 2005 came in a close second to 1998, in part because of how the Arctic was factored in.

But he said a forthcoming analysis "will likely show that 2005 is slightly warmer than 1998."

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TV Listings Monday, January 30, 2006

MONDAY MORNING		A-CHARTER, B-MURRAY ELECTRIC, C-MEDIACOM, D-GALAXY															
	A	B	C	D	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Martha (N)		
WSIL-ABC	3	3	3		News		Good Morning America				Tony Danza		The View (N)		Matlock (In Stereo)		
WSMV-NBC	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo)						Tony Danza		Ellen Show		
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show		Montel Williams		The Price Is Right		News Y & R		
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6	6	News		Today (In Stereo)						Martha (N)		News		
WBBJ-ABC	7	7			Good Morning		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Divorce News		
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Rogers	Calliou	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Teletub	Sesame Street		Boo- Big		Jakers	Rogers	
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	Paid	Paid	Trollz	Pet	Hatchett	Hatchett	Judge Mathis		People's Court		Divorce	Judge A.	
WQTV-UPN	10	17	11	30	Paid	Paid	Breakfast Show				Nanny	Mad Abl.	Starting Over		Eye Eye	Eye Eye	
KFVS-CBS	12	12	12		Breakfast Show		The Early Show (In Stereo)				Regis and Kelly		The Price Is Right		Young-Restless		
WGN	16	38	9	10	Chang-	Believ-	Hap	Hap	Hillbil-	Hillbil-	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		
INSP	17	83	28		Truths	Kgd	Feed	Today	Hagee	Judge	Life Tod	Yours	Meyer	Locke	Hickey	Feldick	Val
WKMU-PBS	21	21	5	11	Shrinks	Arthur	Par-	Big	Dragon	Cliff Pup	Sesame Street		Calliou	Barney	Teletub	Reading	
WDKA-WB	22	16	10		Chapel	Sabrina	Sabrina	Delbey	Paid	Paid	Believ-	Living	Girl-	Parkers	Cosby	Cosby	
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC-		
ESPN2	25	30	25		(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live)						Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live)		Cold Pizza		Cold Pizza		
MTV	26	49	27	24	(5:00) MTV Video Wake-Up (In Stereo)		MTV Hits				Date	Date	Made (In Stereo)		There	There	
TNT	28	27	39	14	Angel "Blind Date"		Charmed		Charmed		ER (In Stereo)		ER (In Stereo)		Judging Amy		
TLC	29	41	41		Save-	Hi-5	Peep	Peep	Baby	Baby	Baby	Wedding	Wedding	Mak-		What Not to Wear	
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Fit Life	Workout	Design-	Design-	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Will	Will	Unsolved Myst.		
USA	32	51	49	5	Texas Ranger		JAG "Embassy"		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Coach	Coach	
AMC	34	58	29		Movie	Movie: *** "Say Anything..." (1989)		Movie: * 1/2 "Anna and the King" (1999)	Jodie Foster		PG-13		RiskyBus				
A&E	35	35	44	27	Intervention		Cold Case Files		Movie: *** "Tomorrow Never Dies" (1997)	Pierce Brosnan			Flight 11				
FAM	36	53	36	2	Kong	Spider	Rangers	Rangers	The 700 Club		Living		Movie: *** "Simon Birch" (1998)		Full Hse.		
NICK	37	22	24	4	Oddpar-	Oddpar-	Sponge	Sponge	Dora	Go	Blues-	Back-	Movie: *** "Ferdinand" (2002)	R	Collateral		
HGTV	43	36	18		Rebecca	Crafters	Room	Quilts	Duval	Duval	Room	Room	Country	Design-	Clever	Painted	
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Stooges	Stooges	MacGyver		Police Videos		Deep Space 9		
WTBS	52	26	21	13	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Dawson's Creek		Movie: ** "The Craft" (1996, Horror)		Becker		Becker		
TOON	65	32	50		Ed, Edd	Coden-	Grim	Scoby	McBoing	McBoing	Peppa	Tom	Little	Krypto	Dino-		
COURT	66	61			Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Open Court		Bloom & Politan:	Trial Heat		Best Defense			
BET	67	39			(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration		Wayans	Wayans	Jamie F.	Jamie F.	106 & Park: Top 10 Live		Dukes of Hazzard		Dukes of Hazzard		
CMTV	70	34			(5:00) CMT Music												
HBO	68	71	51		Movie: Mouse Hunt		Movie: * 1/2 "Campus Man" (1987)		PG		"Girl With a Pearl Earring" (2002)		Movie: ** "Elektra" (2005)				
MAX	76	72	54		Movie	Movie: "Modern Problems"		Movie: "The Jacket" (2005)			Movie: * 1/2 "FearDotCom" (2002)	R	Collateral				
SHOW	78	73	52		Movie: ** "Beyond Borders" (2003)	R		Movie: "Mr. North" (1988)			Movie: ** "Footloose" (2003)	R	Whos				
DISN	78	31	57		Break-	Higgly	Ein-	JoJo	Dood-	Charlie	Wiggles	Koala	Movie: "Toy Story" (1995)	G	Ein-		
FLIX	78				Movie	Movie: "Impromptu" (1991)		Movie: * "The Garbage Pail Kids Movie" (1991)		Movie: "Little Cigars" (1973)		Lilies					
HBO2	68				(5:30) Movie: *** "Mr. Holland's Opus"		Real Sports		Movie: "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988)		"Leap of Faith"						

MONDAY AFTERNOON		A-CHARTER, B-MURRAY ELECTRIC, C-MEDIACOM, D-GALAXY																
	A	B	C	D	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WKRN-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Judge J.	Judge J.	News	News	News	ABC	News	Fortune							
WSIL-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Tyra Banks Show		Montel Williams		News	ABC	News	Enter-							
WSMV-NBC	News	News	Passions	Days of our Lives	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC	News								
WTVF-CBS	Y & R	Talk of the Town	Bold	Guiding Light	As World Turns	News	Edition	News	News	News								
WPSD-NBC	Days of our Lives	Passions	Edition	Insider	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Jeop-	Million-	News	NBC	News	Fortune							
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KFVS-CBS	News	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light	Ellen Show	Oprah Winfrey		News	News	News	Ray-							
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WKMU-PBS	Right	Right	Reading	Lions	Zoom	Post-	Cyber-	Maya	Clifford	Dragon	GIE	Busi-	News-Lehrer					
WDKA-WB	My Wife	Drew	Jerry Springer	Feud	Feud	ER (In Stereo)	8 Rules	8 Rules	MY Wife	Bernie	Home	Griffith						
ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCentury (N)	NFL	1st and	NFL	Burning	Horn	Inter-	SportsCenter	Basketball								
ESPN2	(11:00) Cold Pizza	Winter X-Games	Snowmobile	World-Poker	World-Poker	Best of Horn	Wm. Basketball											
MTV	Next	Next	Next	Chal-	Chal-	TRL		Made (In Stereo)	Next (N)	My Own Room	Direct Effect							
TNT	Judging Amy	NYPD Blue	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Law & Order								
TLC	Younger	Baby	Baby	Baby	Clean Sweep	Trading Spaces	While You Out	Martha (N)	Conjoined Twin									
LIFE	Unsolved Myst.	Movie: "Down Will Come Baby" (1999)	Design-	Design-	Nanny	Nanny	Golden	Golden	"Lifebreath" (1997)									
USA	Movie: "Murder at the Presidio" (2005)	Movie: * 1/2 "Belly of the Beast" (2003)	Movie: * "Half Past Dead" (2002)			"Submerged"												
AMC	Movie: *** Risky Business	Movie: *** "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989)	R	Movie: *** "The Color of Money" (1986)	R													
A&E	Grounded on 9/11	Cold Case Files	Movie: *** "Tomorrow Never Dies" (1997, Adventure)	Flight 11	Grounded on 9/11													
FAM	Family	Family	Boy	Boy	FullHse	FullHse	Ground-	Ground-	Gilmore Girls	7th Heaven	Smallville							
NICK	Go	Lazy-	Rugrats	Robot	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Steer	Sponge	Drake	Avatar	Avatar	Oddpar-	Neutron				
HGTV	Decorat-	Sens-	Mission	Design	Design	Design-	Painted	De-	Clever	Land-	Reno-	Week-	Curb	House				
SPIKE	Deep Space 9	Star Trek Gen.	Star Trek Gen.	Star Trek Gen.	Maximum Exp.	Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn											
WTBS	Cosby	Cosby	Harvey	Harvey	Drew	Drew	Yes	Yes	Home	Home	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ray-	Ray-				
TOON	Tom & Jerry	Scoby	Power-	Foster	Totally	Titans	One	Yu Gi	Lyoko	Coden-	Ed, Edd	Foster	Zixx					
COURT	Courtside																	

Racers at Southeast Mo.

Date: Today
Tipoff: 3 p.m.
Site: Show Me Center, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Series record: MSU leads 40-16.
Last meeting: Racers 81, SEMO 68; Jan. 7, 2006; Murray, Ky.
Coaches: Mick Cronin (57-22, third season; 57-22, third season overall), Murray State; Gary Garner (125-124, ninth season; 372-289, 23rd season overall), Southeast Missouri.
Radio/Television: Froggy 103.7 FM, with Neal Bradley & Dave Winder; ESPN2.
Probable starting lineups:
Murray State (12-5, 9-2): F-Shawn Witherspoon, 10.8 ppg, 7.9 rpg; F-Justin Orr, 8.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg; C-Pearson Griffith, 7.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg; G-Trey Pearson, 8.9 ppg, 3.3 apg; G-Darnell Hopkins, 9.1 ppg, 1.8 apg.
Southeast Missouri (6-12, 3-9): F-Andraia Thornton, 8.0 ppg, 8.9 rpg; F-Waylon Francis, 3.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg; G-Roy Booker, 22.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg; G-Paul Paradoski, 5.9 ppg, 4.2 apg; G-Terrick Willoughby, 9.9 ppg, 2.8 apg.

Racers hope to continue success at SEMO

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

It's no secret that the Murray State Racers have had tremendous success when it comes to playing on the road at Ohio Valley Conference rival Southeast Missouri State.

The Racers, who enter today's nationally-televised (ESPN2) 3 p.m. contest tied atop the league standings with Samford at 12-5 overall and 9-2 in OVC play, hold an 18-8 advantage in games played at Cape Girardeau's Show Me Center. That mark includes a 12-2 record at SEMO since 1992.

However, Murray's tremendous success against the Redhawks (6-12, 3-9) — which includes a 40-16 advantage in the all-time series — is of little consequence to MSU head coach Mick Cronin, who is attempting to guide the Racers to their first OVC regular-season championship since 2000.

"This is a rivalry game, and it's going to be on ESPN2 at the Show Me Center," Cronin said earlier this week. "I would expect that there will be a great crowd there, and they play well at home."

"In both of our (last two) wins over there, we've had to come from behind. Our guys have realized the game is going to be tough, no matter who we play."

The 2005-06 season hasn't exactly been a pleasant one for head coach Gary Garner and the Redhawks, who have lost five straight games and eight of their last 10, including a devastating 60-55 home defeat Thursday to lowly Morehead State, who had won just once in 16 tries entering this week's play.

Mired in ninth place in the OVC standings, SEMO is in jeopardy of missing the conference tournament for the second time in three years.

Still, the Redhawks present a formidable challenge in what appears to be a trap game for the Racers, who knocked Tennessee Tech from its first-place perch with a 55-51 triumph over the Golden Eagles on Thursday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

With a huge matchup looming with co-league leader Samford on Monday, the Racers hope not to get caught napping by the Redhawks, who dropped an 81-68 decision to Murray earlier this month at the RSEC. The victory helped the Racers erase the memory of a hard-to-swallow 61-58 loss to Southeast in the first round of last March's OVC Tournament.

If for no other reason, the Redhawks will be a challenge because of the play of guard Roy Booker, who continues to lead the league in scoring at 22.3 points per game. The 6-foot-3 senior kept SEMO within striking distance of the Racers for much of that Jan. 7 contest, finishing the night with a game-high 20 points on 6-of-16 shooting.

Calloway County Basketball Lakers trump Marshals in OT

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

DRAFFENVILLE, Ky. — The janitorial crew at Marshall County High School had their work cut out for them following the conclusion of Friday's Fourth District showdown between the Marshals and rival Calloway County.

After disposing of all the chewed-off fingernails, strands of hair follicles and splinters from the bleachers, the gang deserves a little R&R.

But for good reason. The two teams provided fans all they could want and more, as the Lakers pulled out a key 61-58 victory in overtime in front of a packed house at Reed-Conder Gymnasium.

It was the third straight overtime victory for the Lakers. The win also marked Calloway's fourth straight victory at Reed-Conder during the regular season. And, as if that wasn't enough, the Lakers learned that they can capture the regular-season district title with a win over archrival Murray High next Friday, despite an earlier loss to the Marshals.

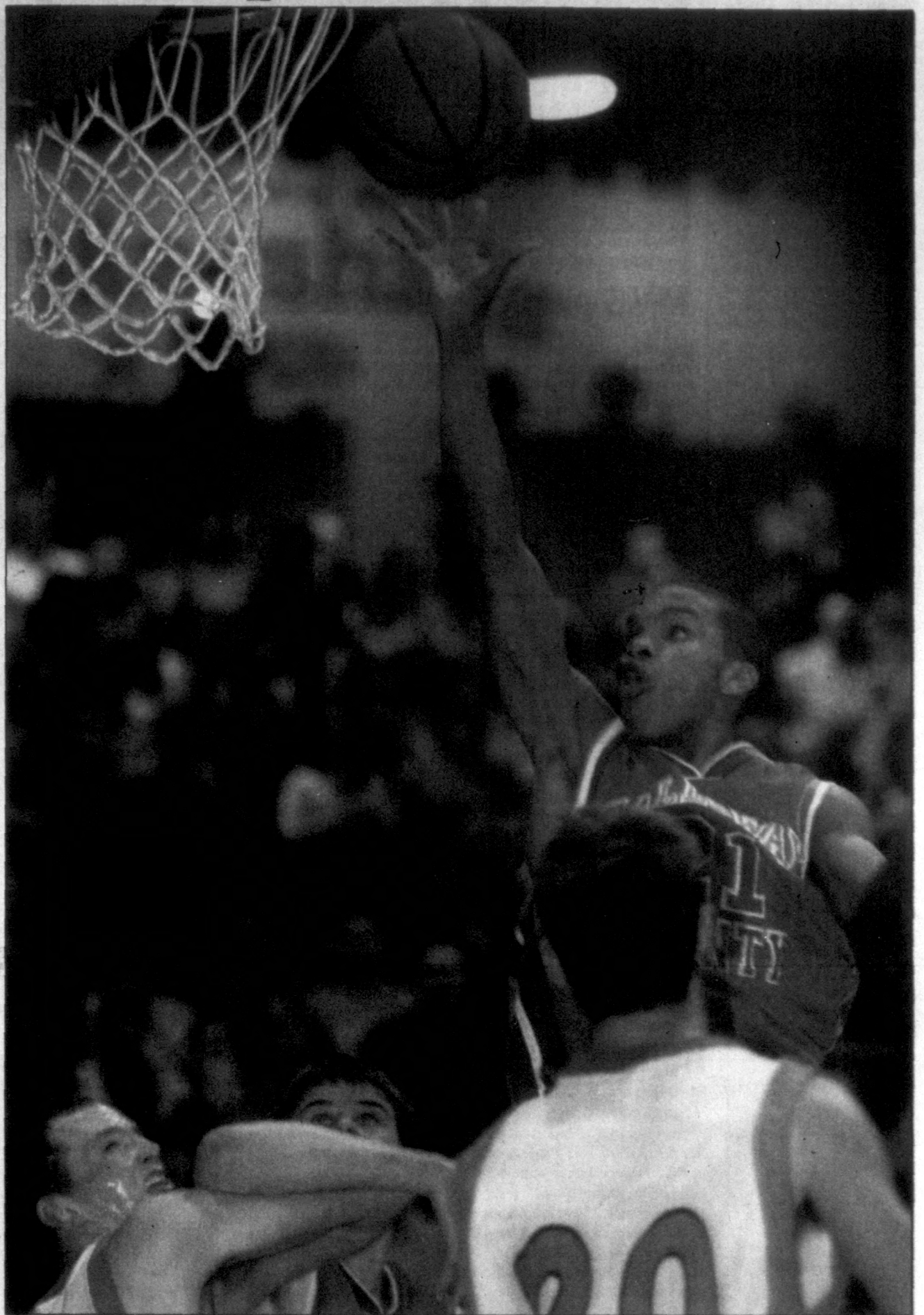
Because Christian Fellowship is not participating in Fourth District play this season, the tie-breaker goes to the winner of the last game played. Murray could of course play the spoiler as the teams look to position themselves for seeding in the district tournament.

Against the Marshals, Wes Perry led the Laker charge with a team-high 18 points, while Jeremi Bumpus finished with 12 and Wes Adams accounted for 11.

Laker coach Terry Birdsong was proud of the effort of his team, which went back-and-forth against a determined Marshall County squad.

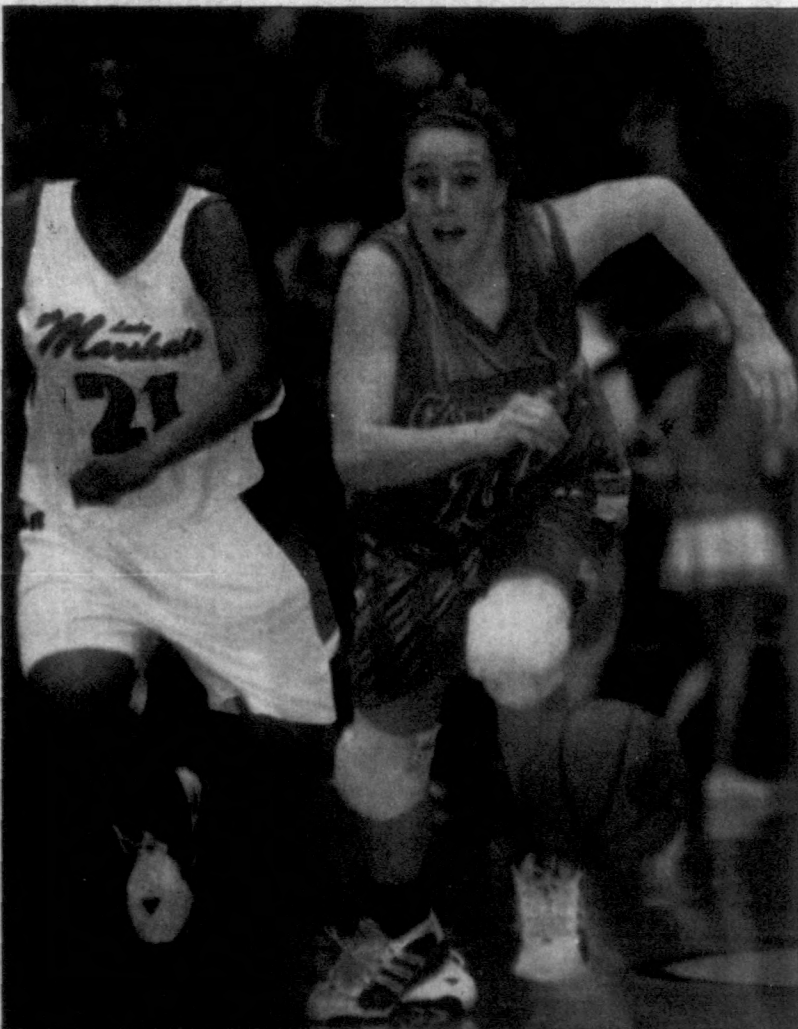
"I think a team that has any chance of winning a region, it has to be able to win close ball games," the ninth-year head coach said. "We're not there yet. We got a good win tonight, but we still have areas we have to get better at. We're still making poor decisions down the stretch. But to come in this gym and pull of a win like that is not easy."

In the overtime period — much like the last two Calloway wins — the Lakers



Calloway County senior guard Jeremi Bumpus flips up this shot in the second half past Marshall County's Anthony Albritton as fellow Laker Wes Adams helps block out Lucas Williams. The Lakers earned their fourth straight win at Marshall's Reed-Conder Gymnasium. In the process, they took over the top spot in the Fourth District standings with a 61-58 overtime win over the Marshals.

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Calloway County junior guard Beth Ross gives to chase to a loose ball as Marshall County's Laurice Mitchell closes in during the second half of Friday's Fourth District contest at Reed-Conder Gymnasium.

Sivills, Lady Lakers suffer painful loss

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

DRAFFENVILLE, Ky. — In the eight years that Calloway County head coach Scott Sivills has roamed the Lady Laker sidelines, he classifies Friday night's debacle as one of the lowest games as a coach that he has ever witnessed.

With a No. 1 Fourth District Tournament seed on the line, Calloway couldn't plant it seed as it was buried 61-25 by rival Marshall County at Reed-Conder Gymnasium.

"It's one of the lowest games as a coach I have ever witnessed," Sivills said. "I think what's the most disappointing is the lack of effort. We didn't have that Laker pride. We didn't have the desire like I know this team has."

The Lady Marshals had just as many second-chance points (25) as Calloway had as a team. Overall, Marshall County outrebounded the Lady Lakers 32-18.

MCHS might have had a sour taste in its mouth following a four-point upset loss to Graves County on Tuesday night.

Lady Marshal head coach Howard Beth said the incentive to win last night's contest rested solely on the shoulders of that top district spot.

"If you can do that in January, that takes a lot of pressure off of you going down the stretch," he said. "We'll prob-

Marshall Co. 61 LADY LAKERS 25

Calloway	06	04	08	07	— 25
Marshall	18	15	14	14	— 61

Calloway Co. (10-9): Adams 6, Morris 5, Butts 4, Starks 4, K. Jones 2, Ross 1, Thurmond, W. Jones, Seavers.

FG: 10-35. 3-Point FG: 1-9 (Morris). FT: 4-10. Rebounds: 18. Fouls: 16.

Marshall Co. (13-3): Holder 14, Beasley 13, P. Doom 9, Creason 9, Gipson 6, Canup 4, Fisk 2, A. Doom 2, Bellamy 2, Gilland, Gann, Mitchell, Bellamy.

FG: 24-45. 3-point FG: 3-8 (Holder 2, P. Doom). FT: 10-14. Rebounds: 32. Fouls: 11.

ably play them again, and it'll be a big ball game then."

Sivills had a problem figuring out how his squad didn't respond with a better attitude than it did, considering what was at stake.

"We came out flat on both ends of the court," he claimed. "We didn't cut hard — we didn't cut at all. We jogged through all of our offenses."

"There is no excuse for that because we only went an hour and 15 minutes in practice the last three days in a row. It's just one of those games where as a coaching staff you throw up your arms," Sivills continued. "We're trying to make this positive and find something good out of it. We didn't play with any fire, any intensity, any moxie, any heart, no desire. We didn't do the things that a basketball player is sup-

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Hogs look forward to Rupp trip

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Just minutes after Arkansas beat Ole Miss to even its SEC record at 3-3, Jonathon Modica was looking ahead to this weekend's game at Kentucky.

"There is still a long way to go," Modica said. "It would be great to go up to Rupp Arena and get a win."

Arkansas (14-5) won its second straight game Wednesday night, beating the Rebels 71-58. Next up: Sunday's trip to Lexington, Ky. The Razorbacks haven't won there since their national championship season of 1994, but this time, they sense a chance to make a statement.

"Going to Rupp and playing in a nationally televised game on CBS is a great opportunity for us," coach Stan Heath said. "I know our kids are real excited about it."

Kentucky (13-6, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) has won five straight overall in the series, but last year's game couldn't have been closer. The Wildcats, ranked No. 7, held off Arkansas 68-67 in Fayetteville — Eric Ferguson missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Razorbacks.

Like Arkansas, Kentucky enters Sunday's game on a modest winning streak. The Wildcats have won three straight after dropping a pair of home games to open the SEC season. That was Kentucky's first two-game losing streak at Rupp since 1989.

Now, Heath feels the Wildcats are back on track after a 71-62 win at Auburn on Tuesday night.

"They're playing with more confidence and playing the kind of basketball Kentucky's been known to play," Heath said.

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Today

AUTO RACING
11 a.m.
SPEED — Rolex Sports Car Series, Rolex 24 at Daytona, start of race, at Daytona Beach, Florida
7 p.m.
SPEED — Rolex Sports Car Series, Rolex 24 at Daytona, at Daytona Beach, Florida

BOXING
8:45 p.m.
HBO — Arturo Gatti (39-7-0) vs. Thomas Damgaard (37-0-0), for vacant IBA welterweight championship, at Atlantic City, N.J.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
3 p.m.
ESPN — Senior Bowl, North vs. South, at Mobile, Ala.
EXTREME SPORTS
8 p.m.
ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo.
GOLF
8 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Qatar Masters, third round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape)
2 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Buick Invitational, third round, at La Jolla, Calif.
6:30 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, Turtle Bay Championship, second round, at Kahuku, Hawaii

HORSE RACING
3:30 p.m.
NBC — NTRA, Sunshine Millions, at Hallandale, Fla. and Arcadia, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN — Kansas at Iowa St.
ESPN2 — Cincinnati at Georgetown
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CBS — National coverage, Arizona at North Carolina
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ESPN2 — Murray St. at SE Missouri
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ESPN2 — Villanova at Notre Dame
FSN — Washington St. at California
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ESPN — Virginia at Duke
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Texas at Oklahoma
NBA
7:30 p.m.
WGN — Atlanta at Chicago
NHL
1 p.m.
NBC — Regional coverage, Detroit at Dallas, Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, or Tampa Bay at Philadelphia

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
FSN — Texas Tech at Missouri



The Murray Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team poses with its trophy after competing in the season-ending Benton Invitational last week.

MMS girls close out season at Benton

The Murray Middle School seventh grade girls' basketball team wrapped up its season in the Benton Invitational tournament Jan. 20-21.

MSU opened with a 21-16 win over Reidland last Friday night.

After holding the Lady Greyhounds scoreless in the first period, the Lady Tigers fell behind at the half 9-4. However, Meg Hudson provided the start to a defensive and offensive surge as the Lady Tigers outscored their opponent 17-7 in the second half.

Shelby Crouch had eight points and Haley Armstrong tossed in seven, including a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter. Meg Hudson added

four and Amanda Winchester two.

Last Saturday, Murray fell to eventual tournament runner-up North Marshall. Shelby Crouch had four points, Meg Hudson and Catherine Claywell each had three and Audrey Kellet and Lauren Dieleman each had one.

In the consolation game, Murray fell to St. Mary 28-17. The game remained close the entire way and became a free throw shooting contest in the end. Murray was led by Amanda Winchester with six, Haley Armstrong followed with five and Lauren Dieleman, Shelby Crouch, and Elizabeth Dawson added two each.

Cards face crucial road trip

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The time for complaining has come and gone. Louisville coach Rick Pitino knew the second his team's first Big East schedule came out, life in one of the nation's best conferences would be difficult.

As easy as it would be for Pitino to use Louisville's three home losses against Top 10 teams and guard Taquan Dean's sprained left ankle that kept him off the floor for two weeks as excuses for their slow start in the Big East, it also wouldn't do any good.

"We knew going into it, the schedule wouldn't favor us,"

Pitino said. "We knew this summer it wouldn't do that, ... but we don't complain about that because that's what the Big East is all about."

The Cardinals (14-5 overall, 2-4 Big East) snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati on Wednesday. But the win only made their short two-game trip to Rutgers (12-7, 2-4) on Saturday and No. 6 Villanova on Monday that much more important.

"We have no choice but to win on the road if we want to be an NCAA (tournament) team," Pitino said. "If we don't win, we don't deserve to be an NCAA

team. It's just as simple as that."

But there's hardly anything simple about winning at the Louis Brown Athletic Center, lovingly referred to as the RAC by the Scarlet Knights. Though it holds just 8,000, the proximity of the fans to the court makes it one of the toughest places to play in the Big East.

The Cardinals will need to keep their composure and keep their eye on Rutgers guard Quincy Douby, who leads the Big East in scoring, averaging 23 points per game. Yet the Cardinals have been successful at stopping other team's top guns.

Report: Dunbar stars to become Racers

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

According to a report in Friday's *Lexington Herald-Leader*, two Paul Dunbar High School football players have committed to play their college ball at Murray State.

Quarterback Chris Franklin and wide receiver/defensive back Mike Sweat will be two of several recruits to sign letters of intents next week to play for new Racer head coach Matt Griffin, the paper said. National signing day for football is on

Wednesday.

Franklin has thrown for 3,365 yards and 35 touchdowns in the last two seasons at Paul Dunbar, while Sweat has recorded 21 catches for 465 yards and six TDs as a wideout and was the Bulldogs' leading tackler.

According to the article, Dunbar head coach David Hensley said kicker Sean O'Brien also has a scholarship offer from Murray State, as well as from in-state rivals Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky. He is reportedly still undecided on his college choice.

Lakers ...

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hit their opening shot, that being a 3-pointer by Perry, who took a Daniel Ard elbow to those nose in the fourth quarter but later returned.

Ard followed that with an old-fashioned three-point play of his own to tie the score at 51-51. From there, the Lakers went on a 7-0 run, building a 58-51 lead — thanks to three free throws by Bumpus, two from Perry and a bucket by Josh Streetman.

Travis Spiceland broke the Marshals' scoring drought with a basket to pull his team back to within five at 57-53, but Futrell helped seal the deal for CCHS by hitting 3-of-4 from the charity stripe.

Calloway was 2-of-2 from the field in the extra four minutes and tossed in 8-of-10 from the foul line. Marshall was just 4-of-8 from the field, 1-of-1 from beyond the arc and 1-of-1 from the line.

Ard, a Murray State signee, led all scorers with 26 points on 11-of-23 shooting and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds — a number he shared with Sawyer

Donohoo, who had 12 points, as did Spiceland.

The Lakers (12-6) led at the end of all three quarters, including a 12-11 advantage at the end of the first period and a 22-21 edge going into halftime. Calloway led by five (36-31) to close out the third before Marshall tied the game at 48-48 to force the extra session.

Calloway committed five turnovers in the final eight minutes of regulation, giving the Marshals ample opportunity to come away victorious. But second-year skipper Gus Gillespie's crew couldn't come through when he needed them the most.

Marshall County finished 6-of-13 from the foul line, wasting any chance it had of putting the game away in regulation.

"We played good enough to win the game if we had hit our free throws," he said. "That's part of the game that if we step up there and knock down those shots, we get out of here in regulation and win the game."

Marshall County did take the lead in the fourth quarter, marking its first lead since 8-7 in the first period. The Marshals built a three point (39-36) lead on the heels of free throws from Ard and Donohoo. But with 3:11 left to play, Ard was whistled for a technical foul. Bumpus then drained two shots from the line to tie the game at 39-39.

Streetman, a 6-foot-3 senior reserve, was 0-for-4 from the field prior to his trifecta that broke a 43-all tie. He said he saw Ard coming, but he really didn't give it a second thought.

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<p>Friday's scores</p> <p>Boys</p> <p>Adair Co. 48, Nelson Co. 45 Allen Co.-Scottsville 54, Barren Co. 46 Anderson Co. 50, Grant Co. 46 Apollo 64, Daviess Co. 62 Ashland Blazer 74, Boyd Co. 58 Bath Co. 68, Powell Co. 62 Belfry 69, Rose Hill Christian 73 Bell Co. 64, Cawood 60 Bowling Green 64, Warren Central 62 Boyle Co. 58, Wayne Co. 38 Breckinridge Co. 66, Iroquois 57, OT Butler Co. 44, Edmonson Co. 37 Calloway Co. 61, Marshall Co. 58, OT Central Hardin 64, LaRue Co. 35 Clay Co. 73, Knox Central 54 Franklin-Simpson 75, Logan Co. 54 Garrard Co. 46, Washington Co. 43 Greenwood 72, Warren East 53 Henderson Co. 82, Hopkinsville 54 John Hardin 80, North Hardin 49 Lawrence Co. 62, Johnson Central 57 Letcher Co. Central 67, Breathitt Co. 52 Lou. Atherton 59, Spencer Co. 47 Lou. Ballard 69, Lou. Eastern 49 Lou. DuPont Manual 51, Lou. Butler 41 Lou. Fern Creek 68, Bullitt East 46 Lou. Southern 54, Lou. Waggener 52 Madisonville 69, Union Co. 64 Montgomery Co. 55, Fleming Co. 40 Muhlenberg N. 40, Grayson Co. 39, OT Muhlenberg South 71, Ohio Co. 50 Pendleton Co. 80, Conner 48 Perry Central 72, Knott Co. Central 65 Prestonsburg 72, Pike Co. Central 69 Shelby Co. 65, Lou. Seneca 55 South Laurel 58, Mason Co. 41 South Oldham 54, Henry Co. 49 West Jessamine 61, Mercer Co. 47</p> <p>2nd Region All "A" Classic Trigg Co. 115, Providence 32 University Heights 95, Fort Campbell 64</p> <p>3rd Region All "A" Classic O'boro Catholic 67, Hancock Co. 48</p> <p>6th Region All "A" Classic Beth Haven 51, Lou. Shawnee 42</p> <p>9th Region All "A" Classic Cov. Holy Cross 67, Beechwood 60 Newport Catholic 55, Bellevue 42</p> <p>10th Region All "A" Classic Bishop Brossart 78, Silver Grove 38 St. Patrick 46, Bracken Co. 45</p> <p>13th Region All "A" Classic Championship Barbourville 44, Pineville 43</p> <p>14th Region All "A" Classic Buchhorn 97, Wolfe Co. 78</p> <p>15th Region All "A" Classic Paintsville 84, Allen Central 59 South Floyd 78, Phelps 60</p> <p>River City Classic Lex. Lafayette 71, Highlands 67</p>	<p>Toyota Classic Elizabethtown 64, Lex. Henry Clay 52</p> <p>River City Classic Lex. Lafayette 71, Highlands 67 South Laurel 58, Mason Co. 41 St. Joseph Invitational Rowan Co. 73, Hart Creek, W. Va. 59</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>Barren Co. 53, Allen Co.-Scottsville 47 Bell Co. 67, Everts 31 Bellevue 97, Heritage 41 Boyle Co. 49, Madison Southern 31 CFS 45, Evangel Christian 38 Clay Co. 72, Knox Central 34 Community Christian 49, Providence 18 Corbin 58, North Laurel 34 Cumberland 82, Red Bird 47 Dayton 63, Beechwood 31 Edmonson Co. 46, Butler Co. 30 Elizabethtown 64, Hart Co. 54 Estill Co. 43, Powell Co. 38 Greenup Co. 53, Portsmouth, Ohio 46 Harrison Co. 75, Campbell Co. 52 Jackson Co. 50, Oneida Baptist 31 Johnson Central 73, Lawrence Co. 56 June Buchanan 45, Matewan, W. Va. 29 Lex. Sayre 75, Menifee Co. 58 Lincoln Co. 65, Harrodsburg 34 Lou. Country Day 32, Collegiate 22 Ludlow 50, Calvary Christian 36 Marion Co. 53, Taylor Co. 48 Marshall Co. 61, Calloway Co. 25 Meade Co. 47, Breckinridge Co. 37 Montgomery Co. 68, Fleming Co. 42 Muhlenberg North 69, Grayson Co. 54 Nelson Co. 65, Adair Co. 47 Nicholas Co. 98, Jackson City 32 North Hardin 57, John Hardin 50 Ohio Co. 81, Muhlenberg South 48 Oldham Co. 64, Walton-Verona 57 Pike Co. Central 67, Prestonsburg 49 Pulaski Co. 69, Monticello 43 Raceland 61, Bath Co. 40 Rockcastle Co. 46, Casey Co. 45, OT Ryle 32, Conner 30 Simon Kenton 51, Boone Co. 43 St. Henry 59, Newport Catholic 54 Union Co. 44, Madisonville 39 Warren Central 60, Bowling Green 47 Warren East 69, Greenwood 67 Wayne Co. 42, Anderson Co. 34 West Carter 72, East Carter 52 Western Hills 52, Danville 49 Williamsburg 35, Barbourville 26</p> <p>1st Region All "A" Classic Lex. Christian 95, Frankfort 44</p> <p>7th Region All "A" Classic Lou. Moore 71, Whitefield Academy 20 Louisville Invitational Tournament Lou. Assumption 48, South Laurel 20 Scott Co. 73, Lou. Ballard 51</p>
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Lady Lakers ...

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posed to do for 32 minutes. If our team, does that — and I know they can — we might give them a better game."

Marshall County forced the Lady Lakers into 27 turnovers, including 13 in the first half, where the Lady Marshals built a commanding 33-10 lead.

There was a 6:30 stretch between the two quarters when Marshall County went on a 21-0 run to take an 11-6 lead. The Lady Marshals built a 30-6 advantage on the strength of seven points from Leah Creason and five from Kayci Beasley. MCHS took a 33-10 lead to the

locker room at halftime.

"We were out of the game from the first possession, said Sivills, whose Lady Lakers scored just four second-quarter points. "As a coaching staff, we subbed girls in and out, trying to find some type of cycle of getting five girls on the floor on the same page. But we couldn't do it. So it's one of those games where you have to suck it up, take your whipping and go home."

No player reached double figures for Calloway. Rachel Adams had six to lead the Lady Lakers, while Chelsea Morris added five.

With 38 seconds to play, Spiceland hit a running jumper to cut the lead down to one.

Williams assumed the role of hero hitting his own desperation shot with 16 seconds to go to force the overtime.

"Our kids paid close attention to detail tonight," said Birdsong. "All those times in practice when you put them in special situations where you use the clock and put them in different positions. Those things are starting to pay off for us."

"I thought our execution offensively was flawless pretty much the whole game. We had guys cutting and moving. There

were a few times we got careless with the basketball, but it seemed like we never got out of sync."

Gillespie said he was disappointed, but not devastated by the loss.

"We played a five-game stretch here that no one else in the region would want to take on," he said. "Sooner or later, we were going play to a level that we've been playing. It caught up with us tonight."

"Now, to get them again, we're going to have to beat Murray on our home court. Maybe we can do that and take another crack at them."

LAKERS 61
Marshall Co. 58, OT

Calloway	12	10	14	12	13	—	61
Marshall	11	10	10	17	10	—	58

Calloway Co. (12-6): Perry 18, Bumpus 12, Adams 11, Futrell 6, Berberich 5, Streetman 5, Welter 4.
FG: 20-43. **3-point FG:** 7-17 (Perry 4, Berberich, Bumpus, Streetman). **FT:** 14-21. **Rebounds:** 27. **Fouls:** 22.

Marshall Co. (16-3): Ard 26, Spiceland 12, Donohoo 12, Williams 4, Albritton 2, Smith 2, Barga, Brown.
FG: 20-41. **3-point FG:** 4-8 (Spiceland 2, Ard, Williams). **FT:** 14-26. **Rebounds:** 28. **Fouls:** 23.

"Coach drew the play up," Streetman said. "It felt good when I let it go, but I finally hit one and it happened to be at a good time."



East Calloway Elementary School students (from left) Bailey Futrell, Amber Cooksey, Lucas Hill and Dalton Cooksey pose with T-shirts the school is planning to sell in conjunction with its annual intramural basketball event. The event will be held for East students in grades K-5 who will be participating in basketball and cheerleading against their peers.

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Racer Basketball

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	OVC	All Games
Samford	9-2	13-5
Murray State	9-2	12-5
Tennessee Tech	9-3	14-6
Eastern Kentucky	7-4	10-9
Austin Peay	6-5	11-9
Jacksonville State	6-5	8-9
Tennessee State	5-5	6-10
Tennessee-Martin	4-8	7-11
Southeast Missouri	3-9	6-12
Eastern Illinois	3-9	4-14
Morehead State	1-10	2-15

Thursday's Scores
 Samford 67, Tennessee-Martin 60
 Jacksonville State 91, Austin Peay 86
 Eastern Ky. 79, Tennessee State 74
 Morehead State 60, SEMO 55
 Murray State 55, Tennessee Tech 51

Today's Games
 Austin Peay at Samford — 2 p.m.
 Murray State at SEMO — 3 p.m.
 Morehead St. at Eastern Ill. — 3:05 p.m.
 UT-Martin at Jax. State — 7:30 p.m.
 Tenn. State at Tenn. Tech — 7:30 p.m.



Samford Facts

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 Founded1841
 Enrollment4,440
 ColorsRed & Blue
 ArenaSeibert Hall/4,000
 PresidentDr. Thomas E. Corts
 ADBob Roller
 2005-06 Record13-5
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost5/2
 Starters Returning/Lost3/2

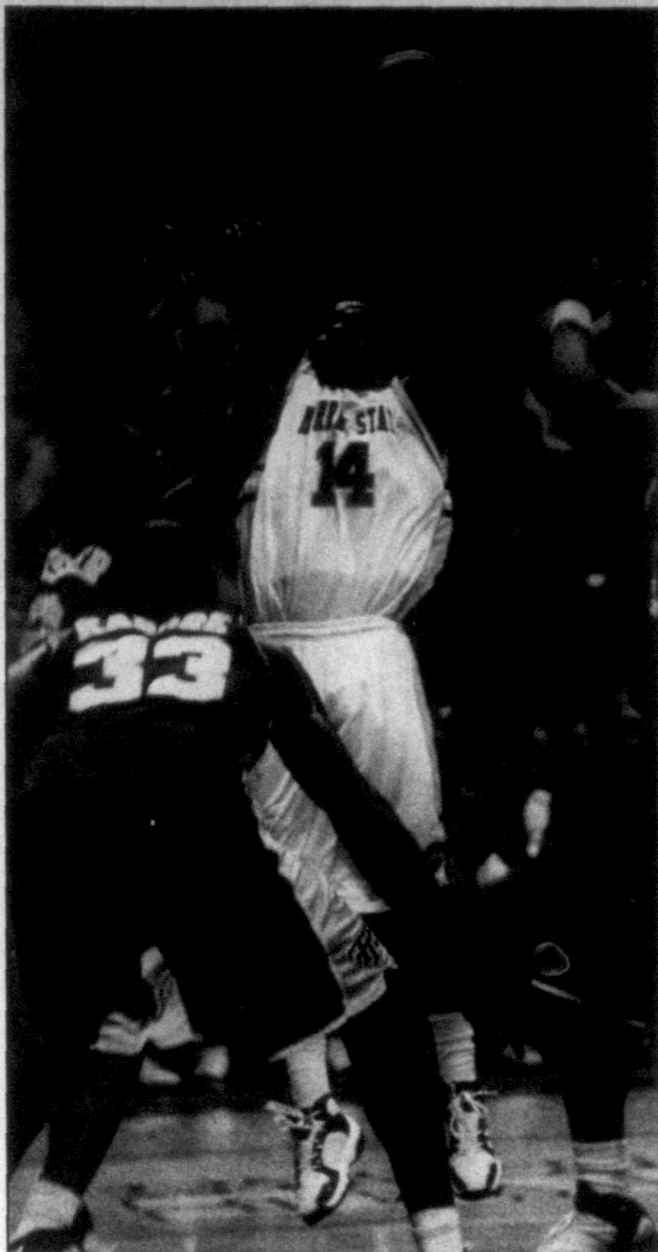
Head Coach

Jimmy Tillette has fashioned a 142-107 record in eight-plus seasons as Samford's head coach. The Bulldogs are currently in their third season as a member of the OVC.



Tillette

Game 19 — Racers vs. Samford



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times

Senior guard Darnell Hopkins puts up a shot over a host of Tennessee Tech defenders during Thursday's win over the Golden Eagles, which put the Racers in a first-place tie with Monday's opponent, Samford, heading into this weekend's action. Hopkins has been one Murray's more consistent players since being inserted into the starting lineup.

MSU looks to conquer nemesis Samford; take control of OVC race

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Assuming a win over bottom-feeder Southeast Missouri State today, Murray State could accomplish two things; on Monday night: Exorcise its demons against nemesis Samford and wrest control of the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

However, that may be easier said than done.

The Racers hold a 7-6 advantage in the all-time series against the Bulldogs. But the last few seasons have been unkind to MSU when it comes to facing head coach's Jimmy Tillette's ball club.

The Bulldogs have used their Princeton-style offense to frustrate the normally up-tempo Racers, as Samford has won the last three meetings in the series. Murray head coach Mick Cronin is 0-3 against the Birmingham, Ala.-based school.

Samford's recent dominance in the series includes a 61-50 victory over the Racers on Dec. 21 at Birmingham.

In that contest, the Bulldogs took a 34-29 lead into the half-time break and managed to outscore MSU 27-21 in the second half to come away with the victory. Samford has solely owned or shared the OVC lead ever since.

The Racers' usually reliable defense was nowhere to be found in the first meeting, as Samford shot 54.5 percent (24-of-44) from the floor, including 50 percent (12-of-24) from 3-point range.

Center Travis Peterson paced three Bulldogs in double figures

Racers vs. Samford

Date: Monday
Tipoff: 7:30 p.m.
Site: RSEC, Murray
Series record: Murray leads 7-6
Last meeting: Samford 61, Racers 50; Dec. 21, 2005; Birmingham, Ala.
Coaches: Mick Cronin (57-22, third season; 57-22, third season overall), Murray State: Jimmy Tillette (142-107, ninth season; 332-116, ninth season overall), Samford.
Radio/Television: Froggy 103.7 FM, with Neal Bradley & Nathan Higdon.
Probable starting lineups:
Samford (13-5, 9-2): F-J. Robert Merritt, 17.6 ppg, 5.2 rpg; F-Joe Ross Merritt, 6.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg; C-Travis Peterson, 10.5 ppg, 3.9 rpg; G-Randall Gulina, 13.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg; G-Anthony Roberson, 8.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg.
Murray State (12-5, 9-2): F-Shawn Witherspoon, 10.8 ppg, 7.9 rpg; F-Justin Orr, 8.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg; C-Pearson Griffith, 7.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg; G-Trey Pearson, 8.9 ppg, 3.3 rpg; G-Darnell Hopkins, 9.1 ppg, 1.8 rpg.



Joi Scott
6-foot • Senior • Forward
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Scott leads improving MSU squad

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

Led by the play of talented junior forward Joi Scott, the Murray State Lady Racers are beginning to show some signs life in the Ohio Valley Conference women's standings.

MSU (6-11, 5-5 OVC), which had lost five of six entering last Saturday's contest at Tennessee-Martin, has now won two in a row, including a surprising 82-70 thumping of previous league leader Tennessee Tech Thursday night.

The Lady Racers are locked in a three-way tie with Morehead State and Austin Peay entering today's action at Southeast Missouri State.

Scott, a transfer from Northern Illinois, has made the biggest impact on Murray's improvement, averaging team bests in points (20.7 ppg.) and rebounds (9.7 rpg.) since joining the team in mid-December. She had 19 in MSU's win over Tech.

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Weekend show at RSEC a success

I want to offer many thanks to all of the folks who came out to the Regional Special Events Center last weekend for the boat, arts and crafts show.

It was very well organized. I think the area was ready to have a good showing. Many tackle and craft booths kept the folks coming. Several boat dealers came up from Tennessee to participate.

I held a couple of seminars on fishing. We had a full house each time! Most anglers would love to learn some new techniques on catching the differ-

ent species of fish we have in both Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

This just happened to be the best week of the month, when the bass, sauger and crappie were biting. A few of them actually came to the show after catching their limits of crappie that morning.

The waters of both Barkley and Kentucky lakes have been rising for a few days because of the recent rainfall in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. In order to maintain a certain elevation during the winter months, the excess is allowed to travel on through the rivers and lakes into the Mississippi and then to the gulf.

This warmer water always turns the resident population of fish onto feeding. Usually, the fresh shad are pretty weary and are easy targets for the many species of gamefish and gulls.

Sometimes a boater might think that something is wrong

with his electronics because there are so many thousands of fish showing on the locators.

I fished with my good friend Brian Stedelin on Tuesday. We sure got a surprise when we arrived at the ramp. There were huge patches of ice there, and the wood walkway was covered solid with frost.

Determined to fish, we carefully launched and headed south. We soon found out how strong the currents were when we tried casting along some gravel points. It was much to strong for the lures we wanted to use, so we had to learn the hard way and finally switched to something more slow moving.

We made the switch to jigs, and it proved to be the right choice! While Brian landed a nice bass, I had a large one that broke my hook off the jig. We re-tied another one and continued to get bit. Then,

Brian had a super battle with a big bass that lasted for several moments.

Finally, he tired the bass out. I was ready to dip it into the net. It evidently got away and another fish took its place because the fish I netted was an 8-pound drum. It didn't matter to either of us. It was fun watching him battle that drum!

We traveled some and fished some really good areas where the bass have been forever. This time, however, the currents were just too much. We had to seek action from the shoreline on the main lake.

It was still a lot of fun, even though it was cold and we were limited to the west bank because of the powerful wind. You all know how that goes.

We could have caught a lot more fish, except for the fact that we couldn't fish on the other side of the lake. Actually, the east side was too rough

to fish. The water was a red-chocolate color from the main river channel to the eastern shoreline.

We didn't really care. There were magnificent bald eagles sitting all along the western shoreline, and they made everything all right! We did learn that soft plastics were the best selection of lures and to stay on the straight, rocky ledges.

We don't really know how much longer the currents will be this strong, but I'm sure the action will increase as they subside somewhat.

We found a steady temperature of 46.7 degrees from Kenlake all the way to Blood River. It was out of reason for anyone to try and fish in the main part of blood river because of the west winds. We were happy to be there. It was great to see thousands of gulls and the magnificent eagles that kept an eye on the surface of the water for any fish in distress.

They would make a quick meal out of it!

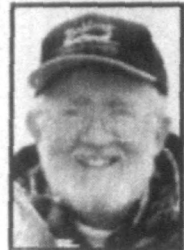
The Princess, a yacht out of Kenlake Marina, would be a nice way for families to take their children out on a voyage to see the eagles. Maybe some senior citizens would care to see them again, as well.

The accommodations would be far better than a 21-foot fishing boat when the winds are running wild. Get ready for the bite to continue whenever the strong winds subside because the gamefish are active and hungry.

Many hundreds of crappie were taken last week before the currents became so strong. I spoke with several different anglers that had limited out when the weather was better.

We are planning to take advantage of the good weather while it's here. Remember to keep that life jacket on while you're traveling!

Happy Fishing!



Fishing Line

By Jerry Maupin
Outdoors Columnist

4-H club gets \$500 donation

Special to the Ledger

The Calloway County 4-H Shooting Sports Club recently received a \$500 donation from the Kentucky Conservation Officer's Association.

The donation will be used to establish a hunter education challenge — a new shooting discipline for the club.

The hunter education challenge teaches youth to safely and responsibly use firearms and archery equipment and learn about wildlife conservation and habitat improvement.

"We are pleased to partner with the Kentucky Conservation Officer's Association to help develop the young generation of responsible hunters," said Molly Young, the county coordinator for the club.

The club offers the following disciplines: archery, rifle and shotgun (trap). For more information, contact Young at 489-2534.



Retired Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officer Steve Owens, right, presents a check for \$500 to Calloway County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator Molly Young and the club's officers and representatives. The donation will be used to establish a hunter education challenge.

FLW Tour coming to Benton, Ky.

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Kentucky Lake in Benton will host the fifth tour stop of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour on May 10-13.

The Tour will then go to Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, N.Y., June 21-24.

Named after the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood, FLW Outdoors administers the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Series, Stren Series, Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League, Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series, Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series and Stratos Owners' Tournament Trail.

These circuits offer combined purses exceeding \$36.7 million through 241 events in 2006.

There is hunting, there is fishing, and there is life

I was in the duck blind Sunday afternoon, clinched against the cold wind and rain.

I was there because my father-in-law always told me that the best day to hunt ducks is the coldest, rainiest, snowiest, nastiest day possible.

He was right, as usual. I always see ducks on those kind of days.

He should know, having grown up along the Mississippi River in south-east Missouri back when there were ducks in numbers we cannot imagine.

He's seen the sky above the flat farmland turn dark with migrating waterfowl. He's seen immense rafts of ducks floating down the Big River when all other water was frozen. He's seen duck hunting as I will never see.

I've toured the flat, delta region of his boyhood with him. He showed me the site where the old house stood that was home to his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Within sight of their home was the main river levee. Several miles behind them was the second levee that would contain the raging flood when the primary levee failed or was intentionally breached to relieve a great flood.

We stopped on an old bridge over

a "ditch" where they would hide under the overhanging bank and shoot into a steady stream of landing ducks. On down the road was the old hoglot where a suzie-duck tethered to a stake would draw early spring drakes like a magnet.

All along the river were islands and holes in the dense timber, where hundreds of thousands of ducks would pile-in at sundown to roost. In later years, it was the job of the brother who owned a small airplane to locate those roosting havens for the rest of the family.

Life in such a place and time was always uncertain, thanks to floods, depressions and war. There were two things that were certain, however. There was always something to hunt and always a good place to fish. Along with the hard work of survival in depression-era Missouri, hunting and fishing were simply life.

"God does not count days spent hunting and fishing against your life," he always said — usually when he was trying to talk me into a fishing trip.

I spent several days with him on the Big River, though never enough. When he learned of my passion for wing-shooting, he would dangle the prospect of a good dove shoot like a carrot to entice me into an early morning trip to the river.

When his brother, a very accomplished hunter in his own right, once mentioned that ducks were filling up a pond on his farm, he had him give me a call.

He knew that one good trip was

all it would take for me to catch the same duck-hunting bug as they once had.

I shot a bird or two on that all-too-brief morning. God was kind enough to send us a banded duck — a prize coveted by all waterfowlers. The ducks, the band, and that morning sealed the deal.

One special winter not long ago, the fields around his house were filled with thousands of foraging ducks — a sight reminiscent of an earlier time.

The following year, he watched ducks filter into a flooded area of the field that he could see from his living room window.

The next year, he made sure that area of the field flooded, then helped me cut wild cane and build a simple duck blind.

It would be another year before I actually took anything out of his special duck-hole, but he could scarcely contain himself the afternoon I struggled up to his doorstep with a fat, Canada goose in each hand. It would be yet another year before the hole would produce a duck, but the wait did nothing to diminish my enthusiasm.

There are better places on some of his other farms to hunt ducks, but he always insisted on the hole he could see from his window. I brought him a spotting scope on a tripod and he spent hours scanning the waterhole for any sign of "guests."

During duck season, there was no sweeter sound than his voice on the phone telling me that "we had guests last night."

He never hunted the little duck pond with me, although it was just a short walk from his front door. At first, he said he was afraid that the now-required steel shot would damage his old Browning A-5. I always had an extra shotgun he could use, but he would decline. He simply wanted to watch the ducks and the geese come and go.

It wasn't that he had grown tired of duck-hunting, he was simply satisfied with what he had already accomplished. He had hunted as much as he wanted and had shot as many ducks as he had wanted to shoot.

The ducks that came to his pond carried him away — back to the old days along the river.

I like to think he saw a just a bit of himself in me as I stumbled and sloshed around the muddy pond and learned the finer, if not harder, points of duck-hunting a few hundred yards from his window.

Late last Sunday afternoon, I heard the unmistakable sound of wings and looked up as five ducks made a pass over the decoys. The ducks circled and swooped near the blind, then disappeared into the misty rain.

Soon, however, the ducks reappeared in the grey sky with wings cupped and landing gear down.

One duck stopped short and plopped into the middle of the decoys while the other four continued on to land in the standing corn.

Those five ducks were the culmination of several years of work, of trial and error, of faith and hope. It was the sum of hot summer days

spent planting and tending to the corn where the little flock of ducks now fed.

It was all the autumn afternoons spent building the blind; the first two months of the present season endured without a smidgen of water in the pond; then after the rain finally came, all the cold, windswept days spent positioning and repositioning the decoys.

I stood still in the blind, peering out from under the wild cane, and watched the five ducks land on the water. I watched the lone duck that had dropped into the decoys swim the width of the pond to rejoin his companions.

I thought how once again my father-in-law's advice had been proven — how happiness for the duck hunter comes on the most miserable of days. Then, as the grey afternoon light turned all-too quickly to darkness, I unloaded the unfired shotgun and walked through the cold rain toward the warm, golden light from his living room window.

Late in the afternoon of the next day — a sunny, unseasonably warm contrast to the day before — my father-in-law slipped away quietly in his sleep with his family at his side.

As we stood around the bed in contemplation of the wonderful life in which we had shared, I looked through the bedroom window toward the little duck pond as the hand of God painted golden highlights on the shimmering water and the corn-tops with the last moments of fading twilight.

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