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Yonts enters innocent plea in murder case



Yonts

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Abdullah Elbannan said the judicial process is part of the healing process for his family, which continues to mourn the loss of his mother, Nadia Shaheen, as a Murray State student faces murder in her death.

Harrison Yonts, 20, is accused

of hitting Shaheen with his car on Coldwater Road during the early morning of Nov. 11 while he was under the influence of alcohol. In addition to murder, he is charged with tampering with physical evidence, first-offense driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

Yonts, the son of state Rep.

Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, appeared in Calloway Circuit Court with his attorney, Dennis Null, for an arraignment Monday morning. An innocent plea was entered.

Yonts was arrested later Nov. 11 for manslaughter but a grand jury indicted him on the tougher charge and additional offenses when it met last month.

Null and special prosecutor Jim Harris, an assistant Commonwealth Attorney in McCracken County, agreed to appear before Circuit Judge Dennis Foust again at 2:30 p.m. April 24 for a pre-trial conference. Foust said he doesn't expect a resolution to the murder case at that time, but the attorneys can use the time to update the court.

"I am just here to show that the family is here to support the case and show the support needed of the justice system," Elbannan, who lives in Washington, D.C., said after the arraignment. "... We are healing. We're all healing. The process of mourning takes its time."

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TVA rate hike to be felt locally

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Both Murray Electric System and West Kentucky Rural Electric Co-op will pass on a 9.95 percent wholesale rate hike to be imposed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in April to local customers.

Tony Thompson, manager of the Murray Electric System, said this morning that he didn't think the utility could absorb the increase and will recommend to the board of directors that it be passed on to its customers.

"They will have to make the final determination, but that would be my recommendation," he said, pointing out that he understands the reasoning behind the hike. "We understand that the fuels that TVA has to purchase to produce power — coal, natural gas — have increased dramatically since their last rate increase so, nobody likes it and it's not very popular, but we understand it. Other generators around the country are looking at the same problem."

Thompson noted that the hike on local electric bills would likely be less than the 10 percent wholesale hike, but with residential customers paying most of the bill.

"Historically, TVA has kept industrial and co-op rates a little lower in order to keep them in business and keep jobs in the area; however residential customers take the brunt of it," he

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The Power of Flowers



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Florists in Murray and Calloway County have been extremely busy with customers wanting items for today — Valentine's Day. Merchants reported that residents have been purchasing lots of red roses, balloons, ornaments and other items for their sweethearts. Jami Mills (top photo, from left), Mike Wilson and Debbie Toon at Wilson's Florist prepare arrangements for Valentine's customers. Marge West (at right), Diane Erwin and Jeannie Moon at Murray Florist & Gifts fix Valentine's Day floral arrangements for their customers.



TRIO programs face fed budget ax

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

According to the Council for Opportunity in Education, nearly 1,400 college access programs serving nearly a half-million high school and middle school students and veterans would be eliminated under the Bush administration's proposed FY 2007-2008 budget unveiled recently.

The President's budget, for the second time in two years, calls for elimination of two highly successful college access programs — Upward Bound and Talent Search, a COE release said. These TRIO programs help low-income students become the first in their families to attend college. Participation in these programs is based on family income of up to 150 percent of the poverty level.

Nearly one-third of all low-income students who graduate from high school and immediately enroll in post-secondary education have been touched by a TRIO program, according to COE statistics.

"If America is going to remain internationally competitive, we need to do a better job of giving every qualified student a chance to go to college," said Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, president of the Council for Opportunity in Education. "It is senseless to cut programs like TRIO and GEAR-UP that help working class students go to college. Education expands the talent pool in our workforce."

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Murray High students ready to blast off for space school

By GREG TRAVIS
Staff Writer

Murray High School recently announced its finalists and alternates for Houston's International Space Station School during a general assembly in the school's gymnasium. Selected as finalists for this summer's school were juniors Luke Welch and Sarah Kuykendall. They will represent MHS as the only United States high school at the event. Alternates for this year's school are Bradley Black and Emily Yancey.

According to MHS physics teacher Melanie Dawson, this year's school will be held July 23 through August 7. Students attending the space school will participate in an assortment of activities designed to introduce them to various cultures of the

world. After that, the students will work to actually plan a space mission to Mars.

"When our first students attended the school, we didn't realize what a prestigious honor this would be for the students and for our school," she said. "Each school sends two students, usually one boy and one girl, and ours were the only ones representing a United States school."

She said local students expressing an interest in attending the space school were required to visit a NASA Web site and complete online lessons.

"The lessons are designed to get the students thinking in advance about the many aspects of a space mission. These include areas such as math, science and essay questions. This will give them a bigger jump on

the mission work," she said.

Dawson said, in the past, as many as 36 students have been at the school representing 18 different countries. They have also had the opportunity to speak with astronauts while there, she said.

Dawson stated she had learned a great deal about the school just from listening to students who have attended.

"While there, they are divided into four teams, designated by colors. A yellow team works on policies, budgets and logistical matters. The red team works on engineering and design. A blue team works on the design of tools and experiments to conduct. The green team is the medical team. They concentrate on the crew's health and welfare," Dawson reported.

She said that after completing

their research, it was compiled into a presentation and presented to sponsors and some of the NASA families.

One of the school's classes was even able to watch the Discover flight take off and actually received an e-mail from Andrew Thomas, an astronaut on that flight, she said.

"Students reported that they also toured buildings where they could watch astronauts train, as well as sit in the old mission control room and view equipment the engineers used," Dawson added.

Welch's class schedule includes Physics Honors, Pre-calculus Honors, English III Honors, U.S. History Advanced Placement, Spanish III Accelerated and Latin



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Murray High School students Sarah Kuykendall (left) and Luke Welch (right) have been chosen as finalists for this year's International Space Station School in Houston. They will represent MHS as the only United States high school at the event. Pictured with the students is MHS Principal Teresa Speed.

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Gov. scheduled for gallstone surgery

By JOE BIESK

Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher, hospitalized since experiencing symptoms Sunday, was scheduled for gall bladder surgery Tuesday at the recommendation of his doctors.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence — who is vacationing with his family in Florida — will have gubernatorial authority until Fletcher can resume his duties.

Fletcher, 53, checked into St. Joseph East hospital in Lexington on Sunday night after feeling ill, said his wife, Glenna.

Monday, doctors determined Fletcher was suffering from pancreatitis, an inflammation of the pancreas, said Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall. The condition can be caused when a gallstone leaves the gallbladder and blocks the passage from the pancreas to the small intestine.

Dr. Kathleen Martin removed a gallstone during a 15-minute procedure Monday.

Following the surgery, Martin recommended Fletcher have the gall bladder removed to prevent the buildup of future stones.

Despite the unexpected hospital stay, Martin predicted a quick recovery for the governor.

"I think he is so fit he would probably recover very quickly and, knowing him, be right back at work while the rest of us are still lounging," Martin said.

Dr. Raymond J. Gagliardi, director of the University of Kentucky's Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, said gallbladders are removed using a fiber optic video camera that is inserted into the body

through small keyhole incisions in the navel.

Once removed, patients typically don't miss the gallbladder and the body adjusts to life without it.

"By and large, the patient doesn't know anything different other than they don't have pain anymore because they don't have the gallstones," Gagliardi said.

By late Monday, the governor was "still groggy and tired" from the procedure but was "resting and pretty comfortable," according to his wife, Glenna Fletcher.

What led to the governor's hospitalization started as a pain on Saturday afternoon, she said. However, the pain resolved itself and "kind of went away."

But Sunday was a different story, she said.

After the Fletchers returned home from church, the governor started getting a nagging pain that grew worse throughout the day, Glenna Fletcher said. After consulting with the governor's personal doctor, Fletcher, a doctor himself, was taken to the hospital.

Pence took over gubernatorial duties before Fletcher had the gallstone removed Monday. He assumed gubernatorial powers for a few hours once before, in December 2004, when Fletcher underwent a colonoscopy.



Gov. Ernie Fletcher talks with Lt. Gov. Steve Pence during an event in the Capitol Rotunda Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, in Frankfort, Ky. Fletcher was hospitalized Sunday. Preparations were made for a temporary transfer of power from Fletcher to Pence should it become necessary, however James Deckard, Fletcher's general counsel, said the action was precautionary only.

Sentences vary in vehicular homicide cases

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Ryan Leugers has 10 months left in jail before starting five years of probation for his second-degree manslaughter and assault conviction last September.

Prosecutors said Leugers was so drunk he failed to brake before plowing his pickup into a car, killing a 72-year-old grandfather and injuring his wife.

Meanwhile, Thomas R. Johns Jr. faces a possible five years in prison for reckless homicide when he did not brake or stop for a 23-year-old pedestrian, who was struck by Johns' car and died.

"I think there is a lot of inconsistencies" in the sentences, said defense attorney Fred Peters, who represented Johns in his trial last week. "I don't think my facts compare to Ryan Leugers'. Not by any

stretch of the imagination."

The recent cases reflect how punishment in vehicular homicides can vary greatly.

Vehicular homicide cases are complicated and technical. Jurors struggle to understand the law — and, in some cases, are hesitant to throw a criminally negligent driver in jail. Throw in old-fashioned human nature, and two drivers can have wildly different punishments for similar crimes.

Just ask Vincent Rutledge and Demond Brown. In 2004, Rutledge was driving home drunk on Interstate 71 near Glencoe when he collided into the rear of a BMW, which swerved into oncoming traffic and hit a Ford Aerostar. Two people were killed and two others seriously injured.

Rutledge pleaded guilty to

two counts of second-degree manslaughter and five other charges. He got a 13-year sentence, with eligibility for parole after a little more than 2.5 years.

In 2002, Brown, then 19, was driving only five miles above the speed limit in Hopkinsville, according to court records. Nearing an intersection, Brown saw the opposing stop light turn red. He tried to "time" his red light, but his timing was fatally off: His Crown Victoria collided into another car, killing Debra Conklin and her daughter, Megan.

Brown was convicted of two counts of wanton murder and sentenced to 20 years, the minimum sentence. He's eligible for parole after 17.5 years.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys attribute such variations to the facts of each case: how fast the defendant was driving, how much he had to drink, how reckless he was.

But other factors play a role: Was the victim a child or young? Does the victim have relatives who aggressively push for a tough punishment? Is the defendant remorseful? Do jurors understand the nuances in complicated jury instructions?

"There is a lot of human nature that goes into cases like that," said R. Burl McCoy, who represented Leugers.

Vehicular homicide defen-

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Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A single-vehicle injury crash was reported at 2:24 p.m. Friday on Tom Taylor Trail. A tree was in the road.
- An injury crash was reported at 4:29 p.m. Friday on Van Cleave Road. Murray Fire Department also responded.
- An injury crash was reported at 5:22 p.m. Friday on Midway Road about a half mile from Bakers Crossroad Drive.
- A caller from Navigator Drive was bitten by a neighbor's dog at 2:33 p.m. Saturday. Deputies were with both the victim at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room and the animal shelter with the dog.
- A theft was reported at 108 Miller Road in Hardin at 5:44 p.m. Saturday. The caller said his truck was stolen sometime that morning.
- Vandalism was reported at Elm Grove Baptist Church at 6:39 a.m. Sunday. Someone burnt a book on the steps on the church and moved some other things around.

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

- A house fire was reported at Brandon Road at 11:04 a.m. Saturday. Hazel Fire Department also responded.
- Twelve firefighters responded to 2233 West Fork Road for a barn fire on Monday. Upon arrival, the barn was totally engulfed and had fallen down. Trash near the barn caused the blaze, which spread to a second nearby barn. CCFR extinguished the second barn, which ended up only with minor damage. Firemen were on the scene about an hour.

Murray Fire Department

- The rescue truck responded to an injury crash on U.S. 641 South at State Line Road at 11:14 p.m. Monday.

Murray State University Police Department

- A fight was reported at 11:01 p.m. Friday at College Courts. People were fighting in the 1200 block. The incident is under investigation. An officer escorted a coach to College Courts at 12:26 a.m. Saturday in reference to the fight.
- MCCH personnel reported a student in the emergency room at 7:04 p.m. Sunday. The student was shot in the eye with a pellet gun while at Hart College.
- A juvenile was charged Monday for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A theft was reported at Briggs & Stratton at 12:48 a.m. Tuesday.

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

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees nominating committee will meet at 4 today to consider candidates for the board.

■ A meeting of the Weak's Community Center Board of Directors is scheduled for noon on Wednesday in the second-floor meeting room at the center on Poplar Street. On the agenda for the meeting is a report on the new parking lot, a Red Cross mass care shelter agreement and a discussion of available space.

■ Calloway County Fiscal Court's regularly-scheduled meeting has been changed from 7 p.m. on Feb. 21 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, by order of Judge-Executive Larry Elkins. The location of the meeting will remain at the Weak's Community Center.

■ The Housing Authority of Murray Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session on February 21, 2006 at noon in the conference room of the Housing Authority main office located at 716 Nash Drive.

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

Space ...

From Front

Accelerated. He also plays soccer on the MHS varsity squad.

Kuykendall's class schedule includes Physics Honors, Pre-

Forecast

Tonight will be mostly clear then will be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday will have a 20% chance of rain and highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday night will be mostly cloudy and lows in the lower 50s.

Calculus Honors, English II Honors, U.S. History Advanced Placement, Spanish III Accelerated and Latin Accelerated. She is also involved in choir and band.

This is the fourth year in a row that two MHS students will travel to the two-week space academic learning initiative in the Houston area. Dawson said Murray High School officials had repeatedly received information stating that the MHS students were exceptional in their skills and in representation of the community and the United States.

Yonts ...

From Front

especially since it was sudden."

Shaheen's body was found in a ditch along Coldwater Road. Murray Police Department arrested Yonts the same day after its officers matched a vehicle mirror to Yonts' Lincoln LS that was parked in front of his Wilshire Drive residence.

The results from Yonts' blood-alcohol level have not been released by either the police or prosecutor.

During court Monday, Null asked Judge Foust about a pending gag order request. Foust responded by saying both attorneys knew the rules under which they operated and didn't expect to have any trouble.

"I think you both know you won't try this case in the media. We'll try it here," Foust said. "I am not much on gag orders unless they are absolutely necessary."

When approached after the arraignment, Yonts had no verbal comments. Null only spoke briefly with the *Ledger & Times*.

"We're just getting started," Null said. "That's my only comment."

TVA ...

From Front

said.

Also, David Smart, president and CEO of West Kentucky Rural Electric, said that the actual amount passed on to the customer could be as much as 7.5 to 8 percent of monthly bills.

"It's 9.95 percent on the wholesale, which is like about 72 or 73 percent of the bill," Smart said. "We'll pass that through."

Smart said he could also understand why TVA raised rates.

"It's tied to the volatility of coal and natural gas from which they purchase power," he said. "Right now things like that is what is driving TVA's increase. I think every utility has increased in America."

According to the Associated Press, the current, two-member TVA Board of Directors approved the hike — the second rate increase in one year — on Monday citing sharply-rising fuel costs. The increase of 9.95 percent to distributors in Kentucky and six other states will begin April 1, exactly six months after a 7.5 percent rate hike took effect. TVA said the change will raise monthly bills

between \$4.75 and \$8.75 for the average residential customer.

TVA Chairman Bill Baxter said the nation's largest public utility has "worked extremely hard to keep this increase as low as possible," according to an AP report.

However, Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., said in a news release to the *Murray Ledger & Times* that he is outraged by the decision.

"TVA has raised its rates nearly 18 percent in less than a year," he said. "The TVA directors are living in a fantasy world and do not realize the strain their huge rate increases impose on the pockets of Kentucky's families. TVA has some of the highest electricity rates in Kentucky and the latest rate increase of 9.95 percent comes during uncertain economic times which could seriously undermine the economies of the Kentucky TVA region."

Bunning also pointed out that the rate increase came just after the directors had received "huge" bonuses.

"TVA had promised a decade ago to reduce its debt by half this year," he added. "Today, it is nowhere near that predicted reduction with its debt now at \$26 billion. I am hopeful that

Congress will soon confirm the new TVA board members to help get TVA's finances in better order."

The increase is expected to generate about \$276 million more in revenue to offset rising costs for coal to feed TVA's fossil plants, and for the natural gas that affects the supplemental power purchases TVA makes from other utilities.

TVA director Skila Harris, one of the TVA's current board members, described TVA's financial situation without the rate hike as "almost bordering on a crisis."

Representatives of other TVA's distributors and major industrial customers told the AP that they support fuel adjustment charges so long as the reasons for them are clear and the charges don't become part of the base rate later.

For TVA's 8.5 million residential customers, the size of the increase will depend on rates set by 158 distributors in Kentucky and parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Most are expected to pass along the increase.

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Hurricane victims ousted from hotels

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Balancing three bags of clothes, Meoshia Davis stood with her 1-year-old outside a hotel, trying to figure out where to go after a federal judge allowed FEMA to stop paying directly for stays for residents displaced by last year's hurricanes.

"I got nowhere to go," said Davis, 21, one of about 12,000 families made homeless by hurricanes Katrina and Rita who began checking out of their federally funded hotel rooms around the country Monday.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency promised the evacuees that they will still receive federal rent assistance that they can put toward hotel stays or other housing. But the agency will no longer pay for their hotel rooms directly.

Although Davis had received her FEMA

check, she said the only apartment the \$1,800 could rent was one that was damaged in the storm. She had hoped it would be finished by her checkout time, but it wasn't.

Earlier in the day, attorneys for the evacuees pleaded with U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval for a last-minute reprieve.

"These people are going to be homeless. We've heard from a lot of people who are going to be sleeping in their cars," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer for the evacuees.

At a meeting of state emergency managers in Alexandria, Va., acting FEMA chief R. David Paulson told reporters the judge's ruling "recognized that we're doing the right thing for these people."

About 10,500 families — 88 percent of the 12,000 homeless families — have received rent-assistance checks from

FEMA, said Libby Turner, the agency's transitional housing director.

FEMA said the majority of those checking out had made arrangements for other housing. But some said they had nowhere to go except their own cars, a relative's couch or back to a shelter.

Mary Smith looked for a bus to take her to one of the lower-income neighborhoods across the Mississippi River in suburban New Orleans, where she was told she might find a rental.

Several said they were heading back to Houston and Atlanta, their original evacuation destinations, giving up jobs in New Orleans in search of a place to sleep.

About 17 people had arrived at a state-run shelter in Shreveport by Monday afternoon.



David P. Jackson, from New Orleans, carries some of his possessions to his room at the Pelican Haven Shelter in Shreveport, La., Monday. Monday marks the second wave of evacuees losing Federal Emergency Management Agency financing of their hotel rooms. Jackson had been staying in a hotel in Mansfield, La., but had to leave because of the extension deadline.

TRIO ...

From Front

Millions of Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science, Veterans Upward Bound and Talent Search students have gone on to college and become productive, tax-paying citizens after completing these programs during the nearly 40 years of operation.

"In the context of the massive federal budget, sacrificing the college opportunity of so many low-income, first-generation students and Iraqi War veterans to save a tiny fraction of the annual dollars spent is terribly short-sighted," Mitchem said.

"Many members of both the Republican and Democratic parties understand that our failure to educate all of our citizens to their full potential undercuts American competitiveness," he added. "Furthermore, we know from a recent national survey that the public overwhelmingly supports programs that help low-income students go to college," he continued, concluding that "choking off TRIO's college access pipeline is neither popular nor sound policy."

Doris Clark-Parham, director of Murray State University's Adventures in Math and Science Program (AIMS), agrees with Mitchem. "I just recently attended a TRIO Conference in Greensboro, N.C., and Dr. Mitchem was one of the Plenary speakers. He emphasized the importance of TRIO Programs to help serve our low income

and underrepresented student populations.

"Our Math and Science Upward Bound Program currently serves 50 students from first generation/low-income backgrounds. We currently have 10 students enrolled from our Program at MSU. Many others attend universities across other states. Our program gives them opportunities they would not have had in regards to their education."

She said the MSU program also offers things which can not be measured such as "hope," "encouragement," and "building of character and self esteem." These things are just as important as test scores, she noted.

"The opportunity to be on a college campus and interact with professors doing research is a chance-in-a-lifetime for many getting assistance with the college process is important."

As first generation students they do not have anyone to directly help them through the process, Clark-Parham stated. "We do this for our students. If the president does not want to leave 'any child behind,' he should strongly consider not cutting our programs, but funding them at the level they need in order to reach more students and to continue to do the good work they have for over the past 30 plus years."

Myra Yates, director of MSU's Upward Bound program, said the impact President Bush's proposed 2007-08 budget on

TRIO Programs at Murray State would be devastating.

"For the 2005-06 program year Upward Bound has served 95 students from the Purchase, Pennyrile and west Tennessee areas in 17 high schools. All participants meet the financial need, first-generation guidelines. The current budget is \$422,503 to serve a variety of student services such as ACT preparation, tutoring, college exploration, financial aid and scholarship workshops, career advising, personal and academic counseling, and cultural enrichment throughout the year," Yates said.

Although the program is 12 months, the summer program is perhaps the most visible and successful. Approximately 50 students come to campus for five weeks in the summer to study, live in the residence hall, eat in the T-room, travel, and interact with other students, faculty and staff. The cost of the residential summer program is approximately \$107,000, she said.

"If this academic program was no longer available these students would not have the opportunity to take college classes and prepare for college life. For those students who qualify to enroll at Murray State, 10 hours of college credit is given. This is almost a semester of college credit before a student enrolls in the fall. In addition, the student does not have to use his/her financial aid. Upward

Bound pays for instruction and all cost associated with living and studying on campus, such as housing and meals. It is estimated that the bridge summer for a student is worth approximately \$3,000," Yates added.

This summer 12 bridge students (graduating high school seniors) are scheduled to spend their last summer with Upward Bound. They are looking forward to earning college credit, working with a mentor and doing work study. Unfortunately, those students coming after them may not have the opportunity if President

Bush is successful with his proposed budget, ending almost 40 years of college preparation for underrepresented students, she noted.

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OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,

For the past weeks, I have read how MSU President Dr. Kern Alexander has lashed out at an ever growing list of people, making unsubstantiated accusations at some of our local citizens as well as souring relations with state government in Frankfort.

I was born and raised here and I am proud of MSU and its impact on our community and our impact on the university. I have spoken to other local people and they share my surprise and resentment at Dr. Alexander's behavior.

Dr. Alexander obviously didn't learn very much about the people of this area during his tenure as university president. For most of us living here, how we see ourselves and how others see us is often defined not just by our successes in life, but how we respond to setbacks.

I'm not perfect, I'm far from it. We all make mistakes, but if someone continues to compound their mistake, then you have to speak up. Dr. Alexander expects to be paid a university president's salary, then I think it is reasonable to expect him to act like one.

Sincerely,
Samuel White
Murray, Ky.

To the Editor,

I am writing out of concern about the current domestic wiretapping program. This is disturbing on so many levels and everyone should be concerned regardless of political party affiliation.

First of all, the president of this country is breaking our laws. How can we hope to have a civilized society when the leader of that society flouts its laws?

Secondly, it is not even a thing he needs to do. He already has the legal power to immediately wiretap suspected terrorists.

Thirdly, it is using our tax money. Tell me, do you have phone conversations that merit our precious money being spent so that someone can listen to them? I know I don't.

I urge you to think about whether you want us to waste money, time & resources in this manner.

We should all insist that our senators & representatives uphold the law, take whatever measures are necessary to stop this program and hold the president accountable for these illegal actions.

Judy Long
Hardin, Ky.



Putting It Off

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rolling into a campaign year, President Bush is trying to avoid bumps in the road. And this year there are plenty.

As he stumps for his 2006 agenda, Bush seems to be putting off as many problems as possible. Balance the budget? Not on the horizon. Fix Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid? Refer them to another commission. Cut oil dependence? Long in the future. Same for the moon-to-Mars program.

Subdued by budget constraints and failure to sell his Social Security plan last year, Bush has proposed a modest series of short-term initiatives, a lot of unspecified spending cuts for the midterm, and some bold long-range schemes that future presidents will have to decide how — or whether — to pay for.

"It's kind of like the return of the 'magic asterisk,'" said budget analyst Stanley E. Collender, recalling accounting gimmicks of the 1980s that allowed for the budgeting of unspecified — and never intended — spending cuts and programs.

Bush faces major obstacles. "You have a president with low approval ratings, and a Congress that's more worried about their re-election than his legacy," said Collender, a former congressional budget aide and now general manager of Financial Dynamics Business Communications.

A lot is at stake. Even though Bush isn't on the ballot,

continued GOP control of Congress hangs in the balance.

"If majority control of either chamber is lost, it makes him a lame duck overnight," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist. "He loses control over, potentially, funding for the war effort, control over ethics investigations, and over the ability to move any of his agenda items."

This is the traditional time for presidents to stump for their new proposals, and Bush is following that pattern after delivering his State of the Union address and submitting his budget.

He campaigned for his 2006 agenda in New Hampshire last week, and has at least two out-of-town trips planned this week.

Bush's \$2.77 trillion fiscal 2007 budget plan leaves a lot to the imagination — and future presidents and Congresses.

Breaking with recent tradition, his five-year budget provides full spending details just for the budget year that begins Oct. 1, leaving a lot of blanks for the remaining four.

Bush vows to halve the annual budget deficit — expected to be \$400 billion this year, up from \$319 billion last year — by the time he leaves office in January 2009. But he provides little insight on how.

Getting there will require far deeper cuts in popular domestic programs than the ones Bush proposed in his most recent budget. This is not a happy message for lawmakers seeking re-election, and Bush and his

advisers are mindful of that.

Bush's budget also does not include much of the anticipated costs of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The president's highly concentrated focus on the war and his efforts to make his first-term tax cuts permanent "aren't going to let him achieve his lower-priority goals, which include reducing the deficit," said Bill Frenzel, who was once the top Republican on the House Budget Committee.

"I don't believe that this budget, even if it could be achieved — and I don't think it can be achieved — is going to lower the deficit at all," said Frenzel.

Although Bush spent much of last year campaigning for his plan to add individual accounts to Social Security — in exchange for reduced guaranteed future benefits — now he is calling for a bipartisan commission to examine the impact of baby boomer retirements on the program and to recommend long-term solutions to control costs.

Still, with little fanfare, Bush's federal budget proposal included a plan that would let

people set up private accounts — and divert \$700 billion of Social Security tax revenues to help pay for them over seven years. But it wouldn't begin until 2010, a year after he leaves office.

Bush's proposal for major income tax code overhaul, announced in last year's State of the Union, is also being delayed.

One reason Bush is putting off a lot of programs and providing scant details on paying for others: He and Congress don't have much wiggle room. Most of the government's money is already tied up in nearly untouchable programs.

More than 80 cents of every dollar is committed to interest on the federal debt, defense and homeland security, and guaranteed-benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

And each year that goes by without overhauling these three programs, "the budget becomes more and more out of reach," said Claude Allen, Bush's domestic policy adviser.

Allen, who resigned his post last week, said it was vitally important to work with Congress to reform and shore up Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare — or face a giant crunch by 2030.

But that still gives Congress a lot of breathing room.

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Fairy tale on the Thruway

Once there was a beautiful opera singer with a voice rich and thick as a milkshake. She lived in Woodstock, New York, and frequently drove the same stretch of the Thruway to Poughkeepsie where she could hop a train to Manhattan.

The routine was boring, a means to an end, until one day right before Christmas, 1993. When she slowed to pay the toll near Exit 19, providence led her to the booth manned by an apple-cheeked toll collector with a twinkle in his eye. Cheerful and charming, he really seemed to mean it when he asked, "How are you doing?"

Their exchange was pleasant and memorable, however brief.

Now when she describes their first meeting, she confesses that he "was very friendly and desperately cute."

He recalls her dark eyes and 1000-watt smile. Though they exchanged only a few words, he admits he looked forward to seeing her again.

After that, on those fortuitous times that she came through his lane, they chatted. Here and there they swapped bits of information. She had recently completed her undergraduate studies at Yale and commuted to New York for voice lessons and auditions. At that point, he had worked for the transportation department about 7 years, taking great pleasure in the meet-and-greet

part of his job.

"I was making a living," he says. "Just your average civil servant."

When his work schedule changed and he moved to the late shift, there were no more romantic encounters with the lovely young woman. Although their paths didn't cross at all, neither one forgot the other. When he finally went back to days, he spotted him and steered into his lane. He was busy counting money, but he recognized the voice as soon as she asked how he was doing.

"Where have you been," he asked. "I've been here. Where have you been," she countered.

"You must have been coming through the wrong lane," he chided. And then he offered a solution that would turn their chance meetings into intentional, however transient, trysts.

He promised to put a cone in his lane so she would know where he was when he was on duty. "It'll be like keeping a candle in the window for you," he said.

So every time she took the Thruway, she looked for the orange pylon. "I almost wrecked on several occasions I'm sure," she said, sheepishly explaining that crossing a couple of lines of traffic might have put her in peril more than once.

One day when the pylon was up and she had stopped at his lane she teased, "What do I get if you forget to put the cone up?" "You name it," he replied.

"Will you take me to dinner?" When he said yes, she gave him her phone number.

All the way home she fretted. "I thought I was a total ding-a-ling for giving the

Thruway guy my phone number," she admitted.

This being Valentine's Day, there is a happy ending to the story of how this Murray couple, Sonya Baker and Michael Fazio, first met.

The way Sonya tells it, even though their first encounters were unconventional, those who know them have never questioned the couple's devotion to one another.

"Any friend that has ever seen us together never wondered," Sonya declared. "They always said, 'Oh yeah, of course, Sonya and Mike. What they have together is obvious.'"

Sonya and Mike married in 2000 and moved to Murray in 2002, when Sonya -- now with a Ph.D. -- accepted a position at Murray State University. They told the story of their meeting and courtship this past September, when StoryCorps, a recording studio on wheels sponsored by National Public Radio, stopped in Murray for a week. Baker and Fazio were one of dozens of pairs who participated in the unique oral history project. Their story aired on National Public Radio last Friday, and an audio excerpt is available online at www.storycorps.net.

Sonya Baker's new cd, "She Says," is available through her Web site, www.sonyabaker.com.

Read Main Street at www.murrayledger.com. Contact the columnist directly at constance.alexander@charter.net.

Obituaries

Louis Hill

Louis Hill, 77, Hardin, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at 5 a.m. at his home.



A veteran of the United States Army, he was the son of the late Wesley Franklin Hill and Annabell Harbar Hill.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frances Wagner Hill; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Gentry Forston, Hardin; one son, Brent Audas, Dawson Springs; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date.

Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home, Benton, is charge of arrangements, but no visitation is scheduled.

Mrs. Nancy R. Price

Mrs. Nancy R. Price, 94, Paducah, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at 4:15 a.m. in Paducah.



She served as a first lieutenant with the United States Army Corps. A graduate of Louisville Nursing College of Louisville General Hospital, she served as director of nursing for Riverside Hospital and as a public health nurse for McCracken County Health Department.

Her husband, Virgil L. Price, four sisters and five brothers all preceded her in death. Born in Kane Creek, she was the daughter of the late John O. Rose and Clara Siler Rose.

Survivors include one son, James S. Price, Paducah; one sister, Mrs. Bessie L. Seale, Clarksville; two grandchildren, James K. Price, Paducah, and Nancy Whitney, Dexter; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Paducah. Rev. David Willett will officiate. Military rites will also be conducted at the grave site.

Visitation will be at Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah, after 11 a.m. Thursday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lourdes Foundation, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, Ky., 42003.

William W. (Bill) Auer

William W. (Bill) Auer, 84, Mission Road, Harpers Ferry, W.Va., half brother of Thomas B. Auer of Murray, Ky., died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at his home.



A graduate of the University of Maryland, he retired from the U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. Prior to that he had been a mechanical engineer at Goddard Space Center, Greenbelt, Md. He had served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marian H. Gill Auer, to whom he had been married for 56 years; three daughters, Mrs. Susan Mosley and husband, John, Round Hill, Va., Mrs. Lois Napier, Davidsonville, Md., and Mrs. Katherine MacLeod and husband, Mark Hazel, Salt Lake City, Utah; five grandchildren, Rebecca MacLeod, Dylan MacLeod, Hattie MacLeod, Douglas Martin and Colin Tisdale; half brother, Thomas B. Auer, Murray, Ky.

The funeral was Friday at St. James Catholic Church. Strider Funeral Home, Charleston, W.Va., was in charge of arrangements.

Ben Keys Farris

The funeral for Ben Keys Farris will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. John Dale will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hicks Cemetery.



Farris

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Glendale Road Church of Christ, 1101 Glendale Road, Murray, Ky., 42071; American Cancer Society, c/o Pat Latimer, P.O. Box 1080, Murray, Ky., 42071; or American Heart Association, Kentucky Region, 240 Whittington Pkwy., Louisville, Ky., 40222.

Mr. Farris, 89, South Eighth Street, Murray, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was a retired custodian of Glendale Road Church of Christ,

where he was a member. He also served as custodian of the former 7th and Poplar Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Wanda Joyce Farris; one son, Donald Ben Farris; son-in-law, John Dudley Burton; two sisters, Evelyn Parker and Ruby Kindred; and two brothers, Otto Farris and Clifford Farris. Born Aug. 29, 1916, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Carl Lubie Farris and Susie Outland Farris.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lejenia Hendon Farris; two daughters, Mrs. Janice Weatherford and wife, Larry, Murray, and Mrs. Rita Burton, Hazel; three grandsons, Kim L. Weatherford and wife, Diana, Flower Mound, Texas, Timothy L. Weatherford and wife, Peggy, Sterling, Va., and John Benjamin Burton, Hazel; four great-grandchildren, Emma and Abby Weatherford, Flower Mound, and Will and Jacob Weatherford, Sterling; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Hannah and Emily Hopkins, Sterling.

Mrs. Hilda Coles Foster

The funeral for Mrs. Hilda Coles Foster will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Tim Cole will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Henry County, Tenn.

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

Mrs. Foster, 90, Murray, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at 12:10 a.m. at West View Nursing Home.

A homemaker, she was a member of Hazel Baptist Church.

Born Nov. 22, 1915, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late George Coles and Bessie Shelton Coles. Also preceding her in death were two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Dale Foster and wife, Doris, Memphis, Tenn., and John Foster and wife, Betty, Marco Island, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Doris Robertson and husband, Ralph, Murray; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Velda C. Alton

The funeral for Mrs. Velda C. Alton will be today (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home of Hazel. Rev. Larry Jones will officiate. Burial will follow in the Bethel Cemetery, Buchanan, Tenn.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mrs. Alton, 85, Puryear, Tenn., died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at 1:30 a.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

A homemaker, she was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Her husband, Herbert Alton; one daughter, Janice Hasty; and one brother, Winfred Sanders, all preceded her in death. Born March 29, 1920, she was the daughter of the late E.R. Sanders and Eric Vaughn Sanders.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Nita White and husband, Kenneth, Puryear, and Mrs. Rita Boggess and husband, Michael, Hazel; one son, Jimmy Alton and wife, Fay, Paris, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Catherine-Gean Cherry and husband, Bill, Murray; son-in-law, Dennis Hasty, Sikeston, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anna M. Hundley

A graveside service for Mrs. Anna M. Hundley will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Forest Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Ala. Her grandson, Rev. Bill Fikes, will officiate.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements, but no visitation is scheduled.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Humane Society of Calloway County, P.O. Box 764, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mrs. Hundley, 80, Scarlett Drive, Murray, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at 5 p.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

A commercial artist, she was a member of Avondale United Methodist Church, Birmingham.

Her husband, Raymond C. Hundley, preceded her in death. Born March 8, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Otto Richard Sellman and Rosa Borgan Sellman.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Janice Thomasson and husband, John, Murray, and Mrs. Rosemary Kuhn, Birmingham; one sister, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sumner, San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, Rev. Bill Fikes, Knoxville, Tenn., and Erich Kuhn, Matthew Kuhn and Charisse Kuhn, all of Birmingham; eight great-grandchildren.

William Henry (Ted) Crutcher

The funeral for William Henry (Ted) Crutcher was today



Crutcher

(Tuesday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Dr. Joe O'Cull, Rev. Kerry Lambert and Rev. Jeff Elliott officiated.

Grandchildren served as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were members of Adult Men's Sunday School Class of Locust Grove Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, 803 Poplar St., Murray, Ky., 42071 or to The Gideons of Murray, P.O. Box 931, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mr. Crutcher, 90, Old Salem Road, Murray, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at 11:15 p.m. at his home.

He had retired after 30 years of service as administrator of the physical plant at Murray State University. He was a member of Locust Grove Baptist Church, where he was teacher of the Adult Men's Sunday school class.

Born Aug. 15, 1915, in Stewart County, Tenn., he was the son of the late Henry Crutcher and Hontas Wiggins Crutcher. One son, Darrel Crutcher; one granddaughter, Alesha Moreland; two sisters, Virginia Nolen and Vadie Outland; and one brother, John Rudy Crutcher, all preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Judell Crutcher, to whom he was married April 19, 1941, in Dover, Tenn.; three daughters, Mrs. Shirley Jones and husband, Dorris, Cadiz, Mrs. Betty Moreland and husband, Edward, Wingo, and Mrs. Helen O'Cull and husband, Joe, Murray; one son, Harrel Crutcher and wife, Jean, Dry Ridge; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Nolin, Mayfield, Mrs. Jannetta Nelson and Ms. Ruth Crutcher, both of Dover, and Mrs. Gladys Whitford, Granite City, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Martie Jones and wife, Cheryl, and Shannon Jones and wife, Kim, all of Cadiz, Brian Moreland and wife, Debbie, Wingo, Sonia McClung and husband, Aaron, Princeton, Rickie Spann and wife, Christie, and William Jeremy Spann, all of Murray, Becky Buzcek and husband, Bob, Cary, N.C., and Jamie Warman and husband, Matt, Winston-Salem, N.C.; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Emma Iona Miller

The funeral for Mrs. Emma Iona Miller was today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, Tenn. John Dale officiated.

Pallbearers were Dale, Dwayne, Douglas, Steven, Jarrett and Jonathan Miller. Burial was in the Wofford Cemetery in Stewart County, Tenn.

Mrs. Miller, 92, Murray, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at 12:30 a.m. at West View Nursing Home, Murray.

She was a member of Glendale Road Church of Christ.

Her husband, Benny Miller, and two brothers, John and William Newberry, all preceded her in death. Born March 20, 1913, she was the daughter of the late Sam Newberry and Lucy Robinson Newberry.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Helen Mahon and husband, J.B., Woodlawn, Tenn.; three sons, Thomas Miller, Clarksville, Tenn., Robert Miller, Woodlawn, and Lester Miller, Cadiz; three sisters, Mrs. Verta Boyle and Mrs. Beatrice Poyner and husband, J.B., all of Murray, and Mrs. Peggy Voores and husband, Jerry, Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilma Marcus Dunlap

The funeral for Mrs. Wilma Marcus Dunlap will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Rev. James McKinney will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Mrs. Dunlap, 83, Village Road, Benton, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at 6:10 a.m. at Marshall County Hospital.

A retired nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., she was a member of Maple Spring United Methodist Church.

Her husband, Preston Dunlap, one son, Dr. Gary Rundle, four sisters and two brothers all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Jack E. Marcus and Laura Ford Marcus.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Sherry Holland and husband, Carl, Calvert City; two sisters, Mrs. June Wheeler, Warrenton, Va., and Mrs. Ima Wilson, Union City, Tenn.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Man searched Internet for ways to kill wife, child; commit suicide

BOSTON (AP) — A man charged with murdering his wife and baby daughter searched the Internet for ways to kill people and methods of committing suicide in the days before the slayings, authorities said.

He also trolled the Internet looking for escort services and

Web sites that offer help finding sexual partners, according to search warrant documents released Monday. Neil Entwistle, 27, was arrested in his native England last week and charged in the Jan. 20 slayings of his wife, Rachel, and their 9-month-old daughter, Lillian, at

their home in the Boston suburb of Hopkinton. They were shot to death as they cuddled in bed. U.S. marshals are expected to bring Entwistle back to Massachusetts this week. Investigators said a search of Entwistle's computer revealed he searched the Internet for

information about suicide, euthanasia and "killing people with a knife," on Jan. 16 and 17. The same week, he obtained the names and addresses of various escort services. He also visited a Web site called "Adult Friend Finder," which investigators said helps subscribers find sexu-

al partners. Prosecutors said last week in court papers that they believe Entwistle killed his wife and daughter because he was despondent over running up tens of thousands of dollars in debt, and that he was dissatisfied with his sex life. They also said Entwistle may have planned to

commit suicide, but backed out and fled to his parents' home in England. A judge ordered the documents released at the request of news organizations, over the objections of the district attorney, who said the material could compromise her investigation.

Mother acquitted of child neglect charge

BARDWELL, Ky. (AP) — A jury has acquitted a western Kentucky woman of abuse for leaving her 4-year-old son with his older brother the night the brother allegedly killed her boyfriend.

Teresa Sanders of Hickman was charged with criminal abuse after leaving her son last June with her live-in boyfriend, Robert E. Sanders. Her older son, who was 7 at the time, was charged with fatally stabbing Sanders while his mother was gone. Police say the younger boy watched his older brother stab the man. The 4-year-old was not hurt.

Commonwealth Attorney Tim Langford told the jury Monday that the younger child didn't have to be injured, only

that he could have been injured. Defense attorney Robin Irwin argued no one could have foreseen what happened that night.

"She left the 4-year-old and 7-year-old with someone who had been babysitting them before," he told jurors.

The jury took only 15 minutes to clear Teresa Sanders of wrongdoing.

"I'm just glad it's finally over," Sanders said after the verdict. "Justice was served."

She was not immediately released from the Fulton County Jail because of a related misdemeanor charge for endangering the welfare of a minor.

Langford said the misdemeanor charge will not be heard until the murder charge against the 7-year-old is resolved. That case remains in the juvenile justice system, which is not open to the public. Because of the publicity related to a 7-year-old being charged with murder, Teresa Sanders' case was moved from Fulton County to Carlisle County. Among the witnesses

were social workers and schools officials who testified about the 7-year-old's troubled past, including an incident in which he gave his brother second-degree burns with a steam iron.

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Kelly Dick named Rotary Club Student of the Month

Murray High Senior Kelly Dick was named Rotary Club Student of the Month for February.

Dick is a four-year member of the Varsity Golf Team which was crowned 2005 Region 1 Champions. She is a four-year member of the cheerleading squad, manager of the softball team, and a member of Student Council, Leadership

Tomorrow, and serves as Senior Class treasurer.

The MHS senior plans to attend Murray State University and major in biology. She plans on attending University of Kentucky graduate school and pursuing a career as a physical therapist.

Dick is the daughter of Randy and Debby Dick.



Pictured is Kelly Dick, MHS Student of the month, with MHS Principal Teresa Speed.

Need Line to move soon

"Need Line of Murray-Calloway County will soon be moving to the old Bunny Bread building on South Fourth Street as soon as all renovations are complete," said Tonia Casey, executive director of Need Line.

Casey said "we have completed some of the renovations with help from volunteers, and donations designated for the building fund."

This building will allow Need Line to better serve the community by providing ample room to work, provide confidentiality to clients during interviews, more and better food storage, room for more volunteers to work, provide space for special events such as the Christmas Food Baskets and Senior Food Program, spacious parking, unloading areas, a spacious lobby so clients will not have to wait outside of the office, a meeting/classroom and much more.

Casey said "we are excited about the work that is going on and of course the future move from the Weaks Community Center."

If any person or group would like to be a part of this new project, here are some ways of helping:

- Call or come by Need Line and leave your name, phone number and what you would be able to do such as painters, packers, movers, carpet cleaners, etc.

- Continue to donate food, cleaning and hygiene products, and large brown paper bags. In the new building, more space will be available for these needed items.

- Provide snacks and drinks for volunteers working on the new building.

- Make a tax deductible monetary donation to help with the restoration of the new Need Line building by mailing it to Need Line, 607 Poplar St., Suite A, Murray, KY 42071.

- Continue to support need Line with your prayers.

Anyone having questions or would like someone to come and talk with your group about the renovation, restoration and raising the roof at Need Line, call 753-6333.

Relay for Life Bake Sale



GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times photo
Employees of the Murray Bank held a Valentine's Bake Sale for Relay for Life on Friday. Approximately 26 employees made items to sell in the bank lobby, according to Andrea Morris (right) Relay for Life team captain for the bank. The bank is planning other Relay fund-raising events, she said. Also pictured is Tonya Morris.

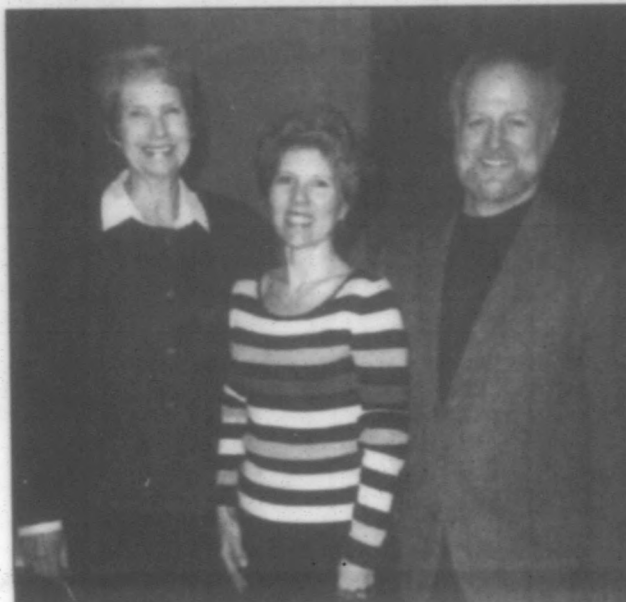


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Presenting the program at a recent meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club were (from left) Marie Taylor, Kim Black and Dr. Randall Black.

Musical program given for Music Department

A program of traditional sacred music was presented by Kim Black and Dr. Randall Black at the recent meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club. They were accompanied by Marie Taylor, retired music professor at Murray State University.

Dr. Black, voice professor at Murray State, will soon release a CD featuring many of the songs from the program.

Hostesses were Pat Connor, Joanne Cavitt, Faye Nell Flora, Lillian Robertson, Pat Miller and Shirley Jenstrom.

Blake and Gary Vacca will present the program at the meeting of the department to be Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at the club house.

Hostesses will be Sheila Vacca, Nancy Manning, Jan Wilson, Oneida White and Margery Shown.

Gospel Three and Ethelene Darnell featured at Glory Bound



The Gospel Three and Ethelene Darnell will be the featured artists at Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the new Goshen Family Fellowship Center, Ky. Hwy. 121 North at Stella.

The public is invited and there is no charge. Items for Need Line will be taken. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Patrick Lea at 761-2666.

Jo's

Datebook

By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

CCMS Council will meet

Calloway County Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the media center.

Tiger Booster Club will meet

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Murray High School. All officers, sports representatives, parents and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Calloway district meeting Thursday

Calloway County School District Joint Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at Southwest Elementary School. All interested parties are invited.

Antique Automobile Club to meet

Twin Lakes Region of the antique Automobile Club of America will have a dinner meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Ryan's Steak House, Murray. The club is open to anyone with an interest in antique automobiles and visitors are welcome. For information call Howard Brandon at 753-4389 or Terry Ridgeley at 753-1829.

Hazel Woman's Club to meet

Hazel Woman's Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Hazel Community Center with Carla Halkias speaker on "Diabetes Awareness." Hostesses will be Halkias, Nancy Overby and Teresa Price.

Eastern Star plans events

Murray Star Chapter No. 433 Order of the Eastern Star will have a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by an initiation tonight at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Manning, worthy matron, urges all members to attend.

Alzheimer's Group will meet

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Amber Wilson, physical therapist, will present a program on "The Lazy Farmer" & Proper Lifting Techniques for Caregivers." For information call Cindy Ragsdale, L.S.W. at 762-1108.

East Council will meet today

East Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 5 p.m. at the school. Fred Ashby, principal, invites all interested persons.

Playground fundraiser in progress

Murray Middle School PTO's playground fundraiser, "Money for Motion," is now in progress and will continue through Feb. 17. One hundred percent of the funds collect will go toward the purchase of new playground equipment. Donations may be taken to the school office or mailed to Murray Middle School, 801 Main St., Murray, KY 42071.

Skeptics Club to meet tonight

Skeptics Club will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ohio room of Murray State University Curris Center. A skeptics society video on "Why People Believe in God" will be shown. This is open to all interested persons. For more information e-mail sandygarf@juno.com or call 759-4284.

Another Angel Alert issued

Calloway County Family Resource Center has issued an angel alert for a car for a family of four to drive to and from work. They have two children. Also another need is an electric stove for a family. Anyone having a car or stove to donate is asked to call the center at 762-7333.

Singles will meet tonight

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. For information call Mike at 759-3180 or Pat at 489-2909.

Al-Anon meeting tonight

Al-Anon will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Please enter from the southside rear door located near the playground. The only requirement is that there be a problem of alcoholism or addiction in a relative or friend.

Dexter town meeting tonight

Dexter town meeting will be tonight at 6 p.m. at the Dexter community center. A potluck meeting will be served. Some of the local candidates will be speaking. All Dexter area residents are invited.

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Cheney issued a warning for breaking Texas hunting law

By NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney has been given a warning citation for breaking Texas hunting law

Cheney

by failing to buy a \$7 stamp allowing him to shoot upland game birds.

The warning came from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department after it investigated Cheney's accidental shooting of a fellow quail hunter Saturday on the private Armstrong Ranch in the south part of the state.

The department found the accident was caused by a "hunter's judgment factor" when Cheney sprayed another hunter while aiming at flying birds.

The report said the victim, prominent Republican attorney Harry Whittington of Austin, was retrieving a downed bird and stepped out of the hunting line he was sharing with Cheney. "Another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired, striking Whittington in the face, neck and chest at approximately 30 yards," the report said.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not commented publicly about the accident. His office said Monday night in a statement that Cheney had a \$125 nonresident hunting license and has sent a \$7 check to cover the cost of the stamp. "The staff asked for all permits needed, but was not informed of the \$7 upland game bird stamp requirement," the statement said.

Whittington also received a warning for failing to have the stamp. A department spokesman said warnings are being issued in most cases because the stamp requirement only went into

effect five months ago and many hunters aren't aware of it.

Whittington was in stable condition at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi Memorial and was moved from intensive care to a "step-down unit" Monday. Doctors decided to leave several birdshot pellets lodged in his skin rather than try to remove them.

Katharine Armstrong, owner of the ranch where the shooting occurred, said it happened toward the end of the hunt, when it was still sunny but as darkness was encroaching and they were preparing to go inside. She said Whittington made a mistake by not announcing that he had walked up to rejoin the hunting line, and Cheney didn't see him as he tried to down a bird.

Armstrong said she saw Cheney's security detail running toward the scene. "The first thing that crossed my mind was he had a heart problem," she told The Associated Press.

She said Cheney stayed "close but cool" while the agents and medical personnel treated Whittington, then took him by ambulance to the hospital. Later, the hunting group sat down for dinner while Whittington was being treated, receiving updates from a family member at the hospital. Armstrong described Cheney's demeanor during dinner as "very worried" about Whittington.

Pamela Willeford, the U.S. ambassador to Switzerland, another member of the hunting party, told The Dallas Morning News for a story in Tuesday's editions that she and Cheney didn't realize Whittington had picked up a bird and caught up with them.

Willeford said she has hunted with Cheney before and would again.

"He's a great shot. He's very safety conscious. This is something that unfortunately was a bad accident and when you're with a group like that, he's safe or safer than all the rest of us," she said.

The accident raised questions about Cheney's adherence to hunting safety practices and the White House's failure to disclose the accident in a timely way.

Duane Harvey, president of the Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructors Association, said if Whittington had made his presence known "that would have been a polite thing to do." But, he added, "it's still the fault upon the shooter to identify his target and what is beyond it."

President Bush was told about Cheney's involvement in the accident shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday — about an hour after it occurred — but the White House did not disclose the accident until Sunday afternoon, and then only in response to press questions.

Facing a press corps upset that news had been withheld, press secretary Scott McClellan said, "I think you can always look back at these issues and look at how to do a better job."

Armstrong said she told

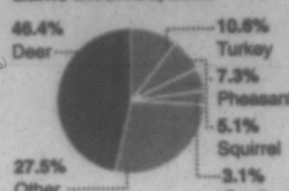
Most hunting injuries involve shotguns

There are about 850 hunting injuries a year in America, down 31 percent over the past decade. Vice President Dick Cheney's accident this weekend involved a shotgun, the weapon most commonly used in hunting accidents.

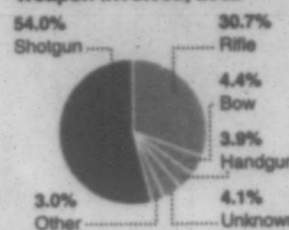
Top factors for injury, 2002

Failure to identify target	15.1%
Shooter swinging on game	12.2%
Careless handling of firearm	11.3%
Victim out of sight of shooter	8.5%
Fall while climbing in/out of position	7.8%

Game involved, 2002



Weapon involved, 2002



SOURCE: International Hunter's Education Association

called the Kenedy County sheriff to report the accident. "They made arrangements at the sheriff's request to have deputies come out and interview the vice president the following morning at 8 a.m. and that indeed did happen," Zahren said.

At least one deputy showed up at the ranch's front gate Saturday evening and asked to speak to Cheney but was turned away by the Secret Service, Zahren said. There was some miscommunication that arrangements already had been made to interview Cheney the next morning, he said.

Gilbert San Miguel, chief deputy sheriff for Kenedy County, said the department's report had not been completed Monday and that it was being handled as a hunting accident, although he would not comment about what exactly they were investigating. Both the sheriff's department and the state have determined that alcohol did not appear to be a factor.

Northeast digs out of record snowstorm

By The Associated Press

Drivers shoveled out their cars, marooned travelers waited impatiently for trains and planes to get back to full service, and utility crews struggled to restore power Monday after a record-breaking weekend snowstorm across the Northeast.

Most highways were in good shape in time for the morning commute, though many city streets and sidewalks were still snow-packed and slippery.

Hundreds of schools canceled classes from West Virginia to Massachusetts, but youngsters did not get a holiday in New York City, where subways continued running and major streets had been plowed despite a record-breaking 26.9-inch snowfall.

"I never want to see snow again," Laura Guerra, 27, of Miami, said after spending the night on a cot at New York's LaGuardia Airport. She said she had not seen snow since she was 4, "but I got it out of my system."

The storm blanketed the East Coast from Maine to the mountains of western North Carolina, where Robbinsville got 20 inches of snow and a scenic highway remained closed Monday by 6-foot drifts. Unlike most of the Northeast, where the storm died down Sunday afternoon, light snow continued falling in west-

ern North Carolina on Monday.

Airlines worked to catch up after canceling hundreds of weekend flights at major airports from Washington to Boston, stranding travelers across the country.

All three major New York-area airports — Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark — had reopened with limited service by Monday morning.

Amtrak still had numerous storm-related schedule changes.

Some passengers were stranded Sunday on the Long Island Rail Road east of New York City, where trains got stuck on snow-covered tracks. One train was marooned for five hours. Limited LIRR service into Manhattan resumed on Monday morning, but one branch on Long Island still sat idle.

"Usually the trains never stop. It's never been like this," Rebecca Karpus said Monday as she waited to return home on the LIRR after being marooned at Penn Station since 6:30 p.m. Sunday. "It's really paralyzed us."

The storm also knocked out power across parts of the Northeast, most severely in Maryland, where utilities said more than 48,000 homes and businesses still had no power Monday morning before being reduced by 18,000 that night.

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Blood Bank O-, A+ shortage announced

The Blood Bank at Murray-Calloway County Hospital announced today that there is a shortage of O-negative and A-positive blood types. They are asking area residents to stop by the Blood Bank or call to make an appointment to give this much-needed blood type.

Additionally, there will be a blood drive open to the community at the New Harmony Church on Thursday, February 16 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All blood types, especially those listed above are needed.

The constant supply of blood provided locally to the MCCH Blood Bank gives the gift of life to many people. It only takes less than an hour to make a blood donation.

A blood donor must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 with parental consent), be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds and pass the brief physical and health history exams given prior to donation.

To make an appointment to donate blood or to find out where the next blood drive will be, contact the Blood Bank at 762-1119.



Connecticut's Rudy Gay, left, walks off the court as Villanova fans celebrate Monday after their college basketball game in Philadelphia. Gay had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies, but No. 4 Villanova upset No. 1 Connecticut, 69-64.

Small wonders Nova's long-range game too much for No. 1 Uconn

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Often the forgotten fifth man in Villanova's four-guard starting lineup, center Will Sheridan sure made himself known against Connecticut.

Sheridan was everywhere he needed to be Monday night against the top-ranked Huskies, grabbing rebounds, hitting jumpers and setting the pace in an active defense in the No. 4 Wildcats' 69-64 victory.

Sheridan had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Allan Ray scored 25 points and keyed the Wildcats' 7-for-9 effort from 3-point range in the second half to help Villanova beat a top-ranked team for the first time in nearly 11 years.

"Will has been defending, making plays, but not scoring as much," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "Tonight he took it to another level in a big game against an outstanding team, which I think tells you a lot about Will Sheridan."

The 6-foot-8 Sheridan, not known for his outside shot and averaging only 4.5 points, hit two big jumpers from the corner in the second half that seemed to catch the normally unflappable Huskies (22-2, 9-2 Big East) off guard.

"Those jump shots were killers," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "In a game like that, they were killers."

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 5 Gonzaga routed Portland 97-83, No. 13 Boston College beat Stony Brook 59-47, and No. 22 Kansas held off Oklahoma State 64-49.

Ray had five 3-pointers in a 22-4 run that gave Villanova (20-2, 10-1) the lead for good in its ninth straight victory. Kyle Lowry added 18 points, 16 in the first half.

Rudy Gay had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies, who had an 11-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 7-1 against ranked teams this season.

Connecticut had a chance to tie in the final seconds, but Marcus Williams lost the ball for the Huskies' final turnover and Ray made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left to make it 69-64.

"There was supposed to be a pick, but Rashad Anderson said Ray pushed him and we bumped and lost the ball," Williams said.

It seemed most of the 20,859 at the Wachovia Center, the largest crowd to watch a college basketball game in Pennsylvania history, stormed the court to celebrate the Wildcats' first win over a No. 1 team since Feb. 18, 1995, also against Connecticut.

"I think we beat them on a good night. They're great. They deserve to be No. 1," Wright said.

'No change' in Pearson's status Cronin claims Pearson distraction will not deter Racers from OVC quest

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

The uncertain status of junior point guard Trey Pearson would figure to be a distraction to the surging Murray State Racers, who enter this week's play on the cusp of their first Ohio Valley Conference regular-season championship since 2000.

However, MSU head coach Mick Cronin is determined that nothing will stand in the way of his team's quest to capture the league title and enter the upcoming OVC Tournament as the top seed.

"We don't feel like there is any turmoil," claimed Cronin, who said there was "no change" in Pearson's status with the team during his weekly media conference on Monday at the school. "Turmoil to us would be losing. We're

15-2 in the league, and that's all we're worried about right now."

Pearson, a former standout at nearby South Fulton (Tenn.) High School who played one season at Ole Miss before transferring to Murray State, missed last week's practices and did not accompany the Racers on their "Death Valley" road swing.

Cronin, who termed the situation as an "unexcused absence", originally planned to meet with Pearson yesterday, but the two reportedly did not talk. The player's status was expected to be resolved today.

The 6-foot-2 Pearson has struggled for much of the 2005-06 season, averaging just 9.4 points per game after being tabbed before the season as the favorite to win the OVC's player of the

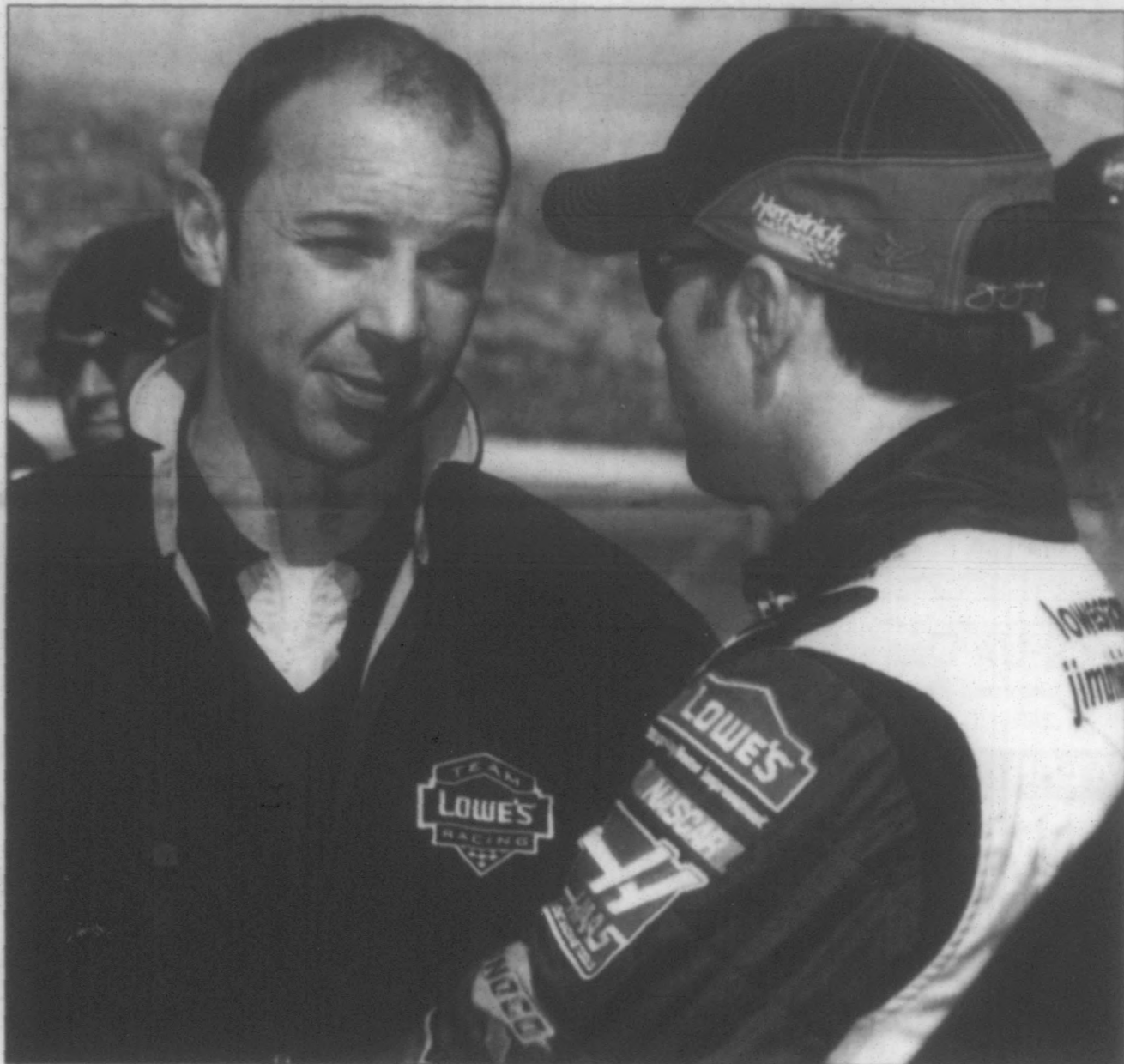
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Junior guard Trey Pearson, shown here during a home game against Jacksonville State earlier this season, missed last week's practices. His status with the Racers is uncertain entering a meeting with head coach Mick Cronin today.

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NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson, right, talks with crew chief Chad Knaus during qualifying runs at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday. Knaus was thrown out of the Daytona 500 on Monday for illegal modifications made to Johnson's car during pole qualifying. Knaus was accused of raising the rear window on the No. 48 Chevrolet to alter aerodynamics during Johnson's run Sunday.

Knaus ejected from Daytona after DQ

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Chad Knaus will probably watch the Daytona 500 on television at home. If Tony Stewart really wants to take a stand, he'd join him.

The season is barely a day old and NASCAR already has two major issues to work through. The sanctioning body acted quickly on the first one, suspending Knaus on Monday from the biggest race of the year because the crew chief made an illegal alteration to Jimmie Johnson's car before his qualifying attempt.

Now NASCAR must turn its attention to Stewart's warning that current racing conditions could lead to a death in the season-opening event.

The defending Nextel Cup champion was upset about the dangerous practice of bump-drafting after his third-place run in Sunday's exhibition race. Bump-drafting is an aggressive rear-ending maneuver that calls for one driver to slam into the back bumper of the car in front of him to maintain momentum.

The practice is common at Daytona and Talladega, the only two NASCAR tracks that require restrictor-plates to choke the horsepower and keep speeds down. Although it's been going on for years, Stewart thinks it's out of control.

"We're going to kill somebody," Stewart said. "Somebody else is going to



Jimmie Johnson qualifies for the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday. Johnson and Terry Labonte had their Daytona 500 qualifying runs thrown out Sunday after their cars failed inspection.

die at Daytona or Talladega with what we're doing right here. I hope I'm not around when it happens."

Stewart spent more than 20 minutes arguing the dangers in a closed-door session with NASCAR officials, and they said they heard the two-time champion's complaints loud and clear.

"Tony can be emotional at times, but when Tony speaks we're certainly going to listen to him," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said. "He was very rational in the way he presented his thoughts."

But if Stewart is serious about how

dangerous it is, then he should be the first to take a stand against it.

Refusing to participate in the Super Bowl of racing might do the trick.

But of course, he never would and never could take such a drastic measure.

For starters, skipping just one event could cripple his season before it even began. Because of NASCAR's complicated points system, missing a race would cost him dearly in the standings

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Shadowed by scandal, Gretzky heads to Turin

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario (AP) — With a fixed smile on his face, Wayne Gretzky stepped from behind a black curtain that hid the hockey rink behind him and said, "Wow."

The row of two-dozen microphones and an expansive four- and five-deep ring of reporters and cameramen seemed to overwhelm even The Great One. Then again, it's not often that a hockey icon and Hall of Famer of Gretzky's stature is linked to a gambling investigation that has shaken the entire sport.

Despite repeated attempts to sidestep the scandal and focus on his role as executive director of the Canadian Olympic team, Gretzky couldn't escape the questions before traveling with his team to the Turin Games on Monday.

"There's no story about me, that's what I keep trying to tell you. I'm not involved," Gretzky said. "It's been a hard week for my family and the only focus I have right now is this hockey team."

This was Gretzky's final media availability before he left for Turin, and it was also his first public appearance in his native Canada since New Jersey authorities last week announced charges against a gambling ring with links to the NHL. Among those charged are Rick Tocchet, a Phoenix Coyotes assistant coach under Gretzky, who is the franchise's managing partner and in his first year as head coach.

And Tocchet, whom authorities say financed the ring, allegedly took bets from Gretzky's wife, Janet Jones.

In denying any involvement of the betting ring, Gretzky also shrugged off concerns that his presence at the Olympics might cause a distraction to his team seeking to defend its gold-medal title.

Distraction or not, Gretzky spoke for just 4 1/2 minutes at a suburban-Toronto arena before the news conference was cut off by a Hockey Canada official after Gretzky was asked how the scandal might affect the integrity of the game.

"That's not for me to talk about," Gretzky said.



Wayne Gretzky arrives at the practice facility where Team Canada was practicing in Toronto Monday. Gretzky says the NHL gambling scandal won't be a distraction for Team Canada at the Turin Olympics.



A team sponsored by West Kentucky Rural Electric recently captured the third/fourth grade boys' championship of the Murray City Schools basketball league. The squad earned the title by posting an 8-0 record, including two wins in the postseason. Members of the team pictured include (front row, from left) Lucas Stubblefield, Hunter Lower, Logan Smart, John David Benton, (back row) Alex Wilson, Aaron Marsala, Michael Speed and Dylan Boone. The team is coached by David Wilson, David Smart and Tony Boone.

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and make it very difficult for him to defend his title.

Then there's all the money sponsor Home Depot has shelled out to support his Joe Gibbs Racing team. Sponsors want to see their logos on the track during the "Great American Race." And because Stewart is such a talented racer, his flaming orange paint scheme is guaranteed a ton of television exposure come Sunday.

And don't forget, unlike almost every other professional sport, NASCAR has no union that Stewart could lean on for support. If he did decide to skip the 500 and NASCAR chose to punish him for it — in this France-family owned sport, anything is possible and rules can be arbitrarily applied — Stewart would have no one to defend him.

So Stewart will climb into the No. 14 Chevrolet, hit the high banks of Daytona and do what every other driver in the field does: bump-draft.

"Trust me, I did my share of bump-drafting, too," he said after the exhibition race. "But we're going to hurt somebody really bad next Sunday if we don't find some way of calming this down soon."

Although NASCAR has options, including softening the front bumpers so that any significant contact would cause catastrophic, race-ending damage, there's not enough time between now and race day to make the changes.

So there are only two solutions:

■ NASCAR can place a handful of officials in the four corners at Daytona who can monitor bump-drafting, then issue subjective penalties to the offenders.

■ The drivers can universally agree to stop doing it.

Neither solution will likely work.

Teams will riot if NASCAR attempts to police the drivers and undoubtedly find the process unfair. And any sort of gentleman's agreement not to bump-draft is fine — until someone breaks it.

AP Prep Basketball Poll

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. South Laurel	(7)19-4	115	1	
2. Lou. PRP	(1)19-5	84	3	
3. Elizabethtown	(1)21-3	74	5	
4. Scott Co.	(1)18-4	66	2	
5. Lou. Eastern	-21-4	59	4	
6. Pendleton Co.	-22-2	56	6	
7. Shelby Co.	(1)22-2	37	8	
8. Lou. Jefferson County	(1)19-3	29		
9. John Hardin	-18-3	27	7	
10. Owensboro Cath.	-20-3	21	9	

Others receiving votes: 11. Lou. Ballard 20, 12. Lex. Bryan Station 15, 13. Warren Central 11, 14. Lex. Catholic 9, 15. Cov. Catholic 5, 15. Lou. Male 5, 15. Morgan Co. 5, 16. Bardonia 4, 19. Lex. Henry Clay 3, 20. Lex. Lafayette 2, 20. Lou. Fern Creek 2, 20. Fairview 2, 20. Madison Central 2, 20. Marshall Co. 2, 20. Univ. Heights 2.

GIRLS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Scott Co.	(1)20-1	97	8	
2. Lex. Catholic	(8)20-1	93		
3. Lou. Assumption	-19-2	81		
4. Clay Co.	(1)21-1	65		
5. Lou. Manual	-17-2	38		
6. Christian Co.	-18-3	37		
7. Central Hardin	-21-2	35		
8. Lou. Mercy	-15-5	31		
9. Corbin	-21-1	19		
10. Muhlenberg North	-17-4	15		

Others receiving votes: 11. Lou. Iroquois 13, 11. Rose Hill 13, 13. Notre Dame 11, 13. Lex. Christian 11, 15. Lou. Sacred Heart 10, 16. Graves Co. 7, 16. St. Mary 7, 18. Monroe Co. 6, 19. Lou. Butler 4, 19. Franklin-Simpson 4, 21. Lex. Paul Dunbar 3, 22. Owensboro Apollo 2, 22. Russell 2.

with games at TSU, at Tennessee Tech (Feb. 23) and at home against Tennessee-Martin (Feb. 25). Wins in two of those three contests alone would give the Racers the title.

"I'm really excited about the way we're playing defense and the leadership we're getting from our seniors, as well as from Shawn Witherspoon," Cronin noted. "We've won as a team all year. No one guy has been the difference."

"We're playing every game like we're playing in the tournament. We've talked a lot about playing for the No. 1 seed because that gets you the easiest route to the (tournament) finals. ... Our guys understand that the tournament is the most important thing. That's just life at this level."

The "Death Valley" trip was most certainly a team effort from the Racers, who received big nights from both senior guard Keith Jenifer and sophomore Justin Orr.

Jenifer, who has been known mostly for his defense during his MSU career, stepped up in the absence of Pearson to toss in 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting in the 17-point win at Eastern Kentucky. Two nights later, Orr, seeing some time at guard, picked up the slack with a double-double (15 points, 10 rebounds) at Morehead.

The Racer defense was also stellar, holding the Colonels to just 28 percent shooting, including only four field goals in the second half last Thursday. At Morehead, the Racers limited the Eagles to 29-percent shooting in the first half and 37 percent for the contest.

"We've gotten to the point where we're able to overcome a poor shooting night and still win a game," Cronin said. "That's how you win in the tournament. Over three games (in the tournament), you're going to have a bad offensive night. You have to be able to play through that, and that's what we're trying to do."

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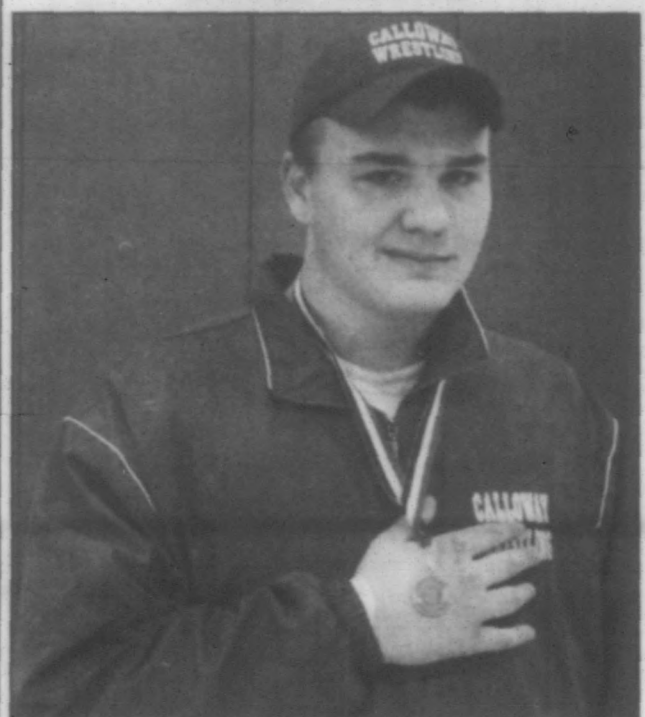
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Livingston Central 81, Dawson Springs 75	Lou. Iroquois 70, Bullitt East 37	Madisonville-North Hopkins 102, Providence 54	Pikeville 63, Magoffin Co. 48
Trigg Co. 93, Crittenden Co. 54	Western Hills 54, St. Henry 46	Apollo 59, Muhlenberg North 57	Bellevue 54, Dayton 34
Bethlehem 77, Frederick Fraize 6	Bracken Co. 59, Nicholas Co. 49	Breathitt Co. 64, Lee Co. 55	Calvary Christian 51, Beechwood 28
Carlisle Co. 47, Fulton City 38	Casey Co. 66, East Jessamine 44	Cawood 72, Lynn Camp 24	Cov. Holy Cross 55, Bishop Brossart 54
Crittenden Co. 51, Trigg Co. 40	East Carter 51, Rowan Co. 44	Franklin Co. 67, Danville 41	Gallatin Co. 51, Grant Co. 34
Graves Co. 53, Hopkins Co. Central 48	Grayson Co. 68, Daviess Co. 58	Harrison Co. 67, Fleming Co. 54	Henderson Co. 95, Hopkinsville 45
Holmes 55, Newport Central Catholic 49, OT	Johnson Central 49, Betsy Layne 26	Knott Co. Central 63, Hazard 38	Lex. Henry Clay 86, Lex. Tates Creek 42
Lex. Lafayette 45, Paris 44	Lex. Paul Dunbar 52, Madison Central 40	Lincoln Co. 52, Garrard Co. 38	Ludlow 73, Augusta 54
Madison Southern 67, Estill Co. 58	Madisonville-North Hopkins 62, Providence 23	Mason Co. 62, Bourbon Co. 61	Mayfield 50, Heath 38
McCreary Central 58, Knox Central 41	Mercer Co. 87, Boyle Co. 61	Monroe Co. 50, Allen Co.-Scottsville 49	North Hardin 72, Lou. Valley 44
Notre Dame 68, Conner 55	Ohio Co. 81, Whitesville Trinity 41	Ondham Co. 51, Spencer Co. 38	Paintsville 70, Pike Co. Central 52
Pulaski Co. 61, Clinton Co. 57	Rockcastle Co. 61, South Laurel 54	Russell 46, Lawrence Co. 35	Russell Co. 65, Green Co. 47
Ryle 54, Dixie Heights 42	Scott 44, St. Patrick 40	Scott Co. 66, Woodford Co. 57	Shelby Co. 63, Lou. Butler 58
Sheldon Clark 60, Prestonsburg 38	Simon Kenton 55, Campbell Co. 29	Trimble Co. 57, Owen Co. 39	Union Co. 74, Lyon Co. 54
Villa Madonna 74, Heritage 48	Warren Central 60, Glasgow 39	Webster Co. 64, Livingston Central 48	West Carter 57, Ashland Blazer 31
Whitley Co. 59, Jackson Co. 34			

STATE BOUND



Calloway County wrestler Kevin Kelly displays the medal he won after finishing fourth at last weekend's First Region wrestling tournament at Hopkinsville. Kelly became the first CCHS wrestler to qualify for the state wrestling tournament, scheduled for Feb. 16-18 in Frankfort.

SportsBriefs

■ The Murray Post 73 Junior Legion baseball team will hold an informational meeting on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce building. Plans for the upcoming summer season will be discussed. Eligible players must be ages 14-16 as of Jan. 1, 2006. For more information, contact Rhonda Burks at 753-5147.

Wayne's World

Arnold, Matthews help TSU take out Governors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Wayne Arnold had 27 points and Clarence Matthews was perfect from the field for 18 points and had 19 rebounds to lead Tennessee State to an 80-58 win over Austin Peay Monday night.

Tennessee State (10-13, 9-8 Ohio Valley Conference) shot 55 percent from the floor and took advantage of turnovers for 25 points to the Governors' 9. Arnold was 6-of-8 from the arc.

Austin Peay (15-12, 10-8) went 37 percent from the field, despite Maurice Hampton's 24 points, including 5-of-6 3-pointers. Zac Schlader followed with 12 points.

The Tigers were helped by Kareem Grant with 18 points and Reiley Ervin with 13. Fourteen of Matthews' rebounds were on defense.

The Tigers led by as much as 18 points on their way to a 42-28 lead at the half, and the Governors never cut it to single digits in the second half, when

they trailed by as much as 28.

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8 p.m.	ESPN — Michigan St. at Iowa
OLYMPICS	
1:30 p.m.	USA — Women's hockey: U.S. vs. Finland, at Turin, Italy
3 p.m.	NBC — Cross country: women's team sprint Gold Medal final; luge: women's singles competition, at Turin, Italy (same-day tape)
4 p.m.	CNBC — Women's curling: U.S. vs. Japan, at Turin, Italy (same-day tape)
7 p.m.	NBC — Figure skating: men's short program; Alpine skiing: men's combined (downhill & slalom) Gold Medal final; speed skating: women's 500m Gold Medal final; luge: women's singles Gold Medal final, at Turin, Italy (same-day tape)
11:05 p.m.	NBC — Cross country: men's team sprint Gold Medal final; Medals Plaza: award ceremonies, at Turin, Italy (delayed tape)
12:30 a.m.	NBC — Primetime replay, at Turin, Italy (delayed tape)

Pearson ...

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year award. He is, however, near the top of the MSU stat sheet in a few categories, ranking second behind junior forward Shawn Witherspoon in scoring, third in assists (3.1 per game) and first in steals (37).

Despite the absence of Pearson, the first-place Racers (48-5, 15-2 OVC) continue to roll through the OVC schedule, having now won eight straight games after sweeping through "Death Valley" with relatively easy victories over Eastern Kentucky (62-45) and Morehead State (71-56).

Murray will close the regular-season conference slate

in its past 14 games, with the only loss coming at Eastern Illinois on Jan. 16. The Racers' plight to win their first regular-season conference crown under Cronin received another boost with second-place Samford's overtime loss at Austin Peay last Saturday.

The Bulldogs (16-7, 12-4) are now two games back of MSU in the loss column entering the final two weeks of play. Should Samford lose at Eastern Kentucky tonight, the Racers could wrap up the league championship with a win on Thursday night at Tennessee State.

Murray will close the regular-season conference slate

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Scheduled activities include tours of Monticello, n—the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution. Other exciting events include meeting with Kentucky's congressional delegation, attending a play and enjoying a cruise on the Potomac River.

To be eligible, you must be a high school junior in good standing. Your parents or guardians must be members of and receive electric service from West Kentucky RECC at their primary residence. If you are interested in applying for the West Kentucky RECC 2006 Washington Youth Tour, contact your high school guidance counselor or visit your local West Kentucky RECC office for an application.

For additional information, call West Kentucky RECC's office at 877-495-7322. Deadline for applications is March 3.

Say Cheese!



GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo
Students at Calloway County's Southwest Elementary School got a break from classes Friday to have their class pictures taken. Photographers from Graham Photography in Bowling Green were on hand to take individual and group pictures. Above, Tyler Pemwell, a third grade student in Stacey McCuiston's class, poses for the photographer. In the background, Caleb Paschall has his picture taken.



Murray High School Academic Team

MHS takes district Cup

Murray High School's Academic Team competed at District Governor's Cup Feb. 2 and 4 in Marshall County and placed first in the district. Teams included Calloway County, Marshall County, Christian Fellowship and Murray. During the competition, Murray High's Quick Recall team placed first and Future Problem Solving team placed third.

Individual event winners were as follows: Wesley Bolin, first place in arts and humanities and fifth place in social studies; Callie Dowdy, first place in composition; Shradha Chakradhar,

second place in composition and second place in language arts; Alex Gustafson, second place in arts and humanities; Matt Jordan, fourth place in science; Elijah Kingins, fourth place in language arts; Michael Miao, first place in science and fourth place in mathematics; and Daniel White, fourth place in social studies.

Murray High's Quick Recall team and individual event winners will be competing at Regional Governor's Cup at Calloway County High School on Feb. 23 and 25.

Fruity Friday

GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo

Students at Murray Elementary School enjoyed "Fruity Friday" treats in Tammy Diuguid's second grade class. Student Keragan Young's mother, Gretchen Young, made fruit shish-a-bobs for the students. Isaac O'Bryan (left) and Ben Jackson enjoy the healthy snacks.



Quick Contest



GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times Photo
Members of North Elementary School's Academic Team challenged members of the Calloway County School Board to a short contest during Thursday evening's board meeting. The North team recently competed in an Elementary Invitational Tournament at McNabb Elementary School in Paducah and finished fourth out of 21 schools competing. The North team defeated the school board members.

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WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America		Regis and Kelly		The View
WSL-ABC	3	3			News		Good Morning America		Tony Danza		Matlock (In Stereo)
WSPV-ABC	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo)				Tony Danza
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show		Montel Williams
WPSD-NBC	6	6			News		Today (In Stereo)				Martha (N) & R
WBLJ-ABC	7	7			Good Morning		Good Morning America		Regis and Kelly		Divorce News
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Rogers Callow		Lions Arthur Couch Teletub		Sesame Street		Booth- Big
KBSI-Fox	9	9			Paid		Trollz Paid Hatchett Hatchett		Judge Mathis		People's Court
WQTV-UPN	10	10			Paid		Breakfast Show		Nanny Mad Abt.		Starting Over
KFVS-CBS	12	12			12		Breakfast Show		Regis and Kelly		The Price is Right
WGN	15	15			10		Chang- Believ- Hap Hap Hillbill- Hillbill- Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.
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WOKA-WB	22	22			16		Chapel Sabrina Sabrina Paid Paid Believ- Living Girl- Parkers		Caillou Barney Teletub Rogers		Cosby Cosby
ESPN	24	24			26		8 SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	25	25			26		(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live)		Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live)		Cold Pizza
MTV	26	26			27		(5:00) MTV Video Wake-Up (In Stereo)		MTV Hits		There There Parental Parental
TNT	28	28			29		Angel (In Stereo)		Charmed		ER "Ambush" ER (In Stereo)
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USA	32	32			51		5 Texas Ranger XX Olympic Winter Games (Live)		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show		
AMC	34	34			58		29 (5:15) Movie: *** "Payton Place" (1957) NR		Movie: *** "Meet Joe Black" (1998, Fantasy) Brad Pitt PG-13		
AAE	35	35			44		27 Classroom: Ashe Biography: Hogan Unrel Story of Professional Wrestling City Confidential American Justice				
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MAX	76	76			72		54 Movie: "Black Beauty" (1994) Movie: *** "Meet the Fockers" (2004) Movie: *** "Carillo's Way" (1993) R				
SHOW	78	78			73		52 Movie: Film- Movie: *** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004) Movie: *** "Camp" (2003) PG-13		Movie: "Mambo"		
DISN	78	78			31		57 Break- Higgly Ein- JoJo Dood- Charlie Wiggles Koala Rolie Dood- Charlie Rolie				
FLX	78	78					(5:45) Movie: *** "Life Strik" Movie: "Cyrano de Bergerac" (1990) Movie: *** "The Big Knife" (1955) NR		Heathcliff		
HBO2	62	62					Movie: *** "Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" Movie: *** "Mouse Hunt" (1997) PG		Countdown		Movie: *** "Sometimes in April" (2005)

WEDNESDAY EVENING A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
WKRN-ABC	Lopez	Freddie	Lost "One of Them"	Invasion "The Nest"	News	Sez & Friends	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
WSL-ABC	Lopez	Freddie	Lost "One of Them"	Invasion "The Nest"	News	Nightline	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WSPV-ABC	XX Olympic Winter Games (In Stereo)				News	Olympic Tonight Show		Olympic			
WTVF-CBS	Still	Yes, Dear	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY (In Stereo)	News	Late Show	Holly- Late Late Show				
WPSD-NBC	XX Olympic Winter Games (In Stereo)				News	Olympic Tonight Show		Olympic			
WBLJ-ABC	Lopez	Freddie	Lost "One of Them"	Invasion "The Nest"	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
WNPT-PBS	Windsor Castle	Blitz: London's Longest Night	When	News	Served	Passion Work	Blitz: London				
KBSI-Fox	American Idol (N)	Bones (N)	70s Show	Malcolm	Simp- Frasier	King Becker	Bernie	Paid			
WQTV-UPN	South Beach (N)	Veronica Mars (N)	News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey	Christian Blind	Blind	Cheaters			
KFVS-CBS	College Basketball: Georgia at Kentucky	CSI: NY (In Stereo)	News	Late Show	Late Late Show	Friends					
WGN	Becker	Becker	Home Im	Home Im	WGN News at Nine	Sex & Becker	Home Videos	Da Vinci's Inquest			
INSP	Brkthgrh Zola	Today	Life Tod	Your Day	Gospel Marriage	Wisdom Feed	Paid Program	Various			
WKMU-PBS	Jubilee (In Stereo)	Blitz: London's Longest Night	When	Assembly	News	Work- Time Cap	Charlie Rose (N)				
WOKA-WB	College Basketball: Northwestern at Illinois	One Tree Hill (N)		Beauty and the Geek	Sex & Will	Paid	Paid				
ESPN	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Mavericks		SportsCenter (Live)		Game- Fastbreak					
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball: Oklahoma at Colorado		Quite Frankly		Timeless	Tbl				
MTV	Chal- Chal-	Fat Camp (N) (In Stereo)		Wild Out	Wild Out	The Shop	The Shop	Room	Room		
TNT	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Alias "Color Blind"	Alias "Time Will Tell"				
TLC	The New Detectives	Psychic Witness	Urban Legends	The New Detectives	Psychic Witness	Urban Legends					
LIFE	Movie: I Do (I Don't)	Movie: "Cake" (2005)	Heather Graham	Will	Will	Golden	Golden	Nanny Division			
USA	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (In Stereo)		The 4400					
AMC	Movie: *** "Octopussy" (1983) Roger Moore PG	Movie: *** "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore PG		Hustle							
AAE	Dog	Inked	Inked	Angel	Angel	Crossing Jordan	Dog	Dog	Inked	Inked	
FAM	Movie: *** "View From the Top" (2003) PG	Who?	Who?	Who?	Who?	The 700 Club	Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid	
NICK	Sponge	Unfab	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Rose- Rose-	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Rose- Rose-		
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WTBS	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex & Sex	Movie: *** "Along Came a Spider" (2001)	Movie: "The Nest"					
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MAX	Movie: *** "Paparazzi" (2004)	Movie: *** "Meet the Fockers" (2004)		Erotica	Hot Line	"Flight of the Phoenix"					
SHOW	Movie: *** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004) PG-13	The L Word		Movie: *** "Fahrenheit 9/11" (2004) R		"Tupac: Resurrection"					
DISN	Movie: *** "Double Team" (2002) NR	Life	Sister	Suite Life	So Raven	Phil Kim	Lizzie	So Raven			
FLX	Movie: *** "Tales From the Crypt" (1982) NR	Movie: *** "I Love You to Death"		Movie: *** "The Crossing" (1990) R		Life Strik					
HBO2	The Sopranos	Movie: *** "Sometimes in April" (2005) Idris Eba. NR		Blk Maher: I'm Swiss (In Stereo)		Movie: "Poison Ivy"					

'Roundabout Murray' features Character Counts, songwriting, 'CSI' class at Murray State University

This week "Roundabout Murray" brings information on the Character Counts program, the new Songwriting Development Center, and discusses how the hit show "CSI" has inspired a new class at Murray State University.

CSI has become a major television program, which deals with the forensic science aspect of solving crimes. Due to its growing popularity Murray State has decided to add a course for those interested in science and law enforcement.

The new chemistry class is just one of the major things going on in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. To learn more catch Dr. Neil Weber, Dean of the College of Science, Engineering

and Technology, on this week's "Roundabout Murray."

Character Counts was first introduced to the Murray community through the public school system. It is a program that is designed to teach ethics and morals in schools, athletics, businesses, and everyday life. Character Counts accomplishes this through teaching the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

The program is now working its way into the adult workforce as some businesses and companies in Murray have now introduced it to their employees by holding meetings and providing them with informational handouts.

On March 4 the Annual

Character Counts Celebration will be held in the Curris Center on the MSU campus from 9 a.m. until noon and everyone is invited. Also, the Character Counts Olympics will be held July 15 on the MSU campus.

Also, Rick Scott, former drummer to country music super group Alabama and songwriting teacher at Murray State University's Center for Continuing Education, will discuss the new Songwriter Development Center in Murray.

Scott, who is also the director for the Center, began teaching a continuing education course on songwriting at MSU in October. Scott said he believed the community was ripe for a creative opportunity such as this.

The Center is still in its early stages and for now meets on Monday nights from six to nine p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library Annex. It is open to both amateurs just starting out and to veteran writers alike.

"Roundabout Murray," the weekly 30-minute video magazine of Murray State University, brings you up-to-date with area events. Every week we bring you the accomplishments of the community with guest from the local region.

Roundabout Murray airs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on MSU TV-11; UPN the Beat Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and on Charter Communications in Murray, KY (Channel 19) Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m.; Murray Electric System (channel 15) Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and MediaComm serving the cities of Murray, Mayfield, Benton and Calvert City and the counties of Calloway, Graves and Marshall on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

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CHAPTER 4
Dear Woody,
Thanks for worrying about me and for giving me great advice. I loved how you helped with me with my "pawblem." Mom says my attitude is improving, but I could still work on being more compassionate to people in my school and community. Any suggestions?

Blue to the Bone
I couldn't believe it! When the carrier brought the letter, Chloe and I tore it open as quickly as we could. We jumped for joy when we realized it was from Blue. We are confused, though. Blue to the Bone still didn't give us a return address or an email address. It's almost as if Blue doesn't want us to know who he really is. Oh well, mom says that we don't always need to know details in order to help others. We should just be grateful that someone is trying to improve and that they are reaching out for help.

Dear Blue,
Chloe and I were thrilled when we received your letter! Also, we're thankful your attitude is improving. I bet your mom is glad. Our mom is always talking about compassion, too. She says that being compassionate is more than just treating our friends nicely or not eating our sister's food (sorry, Chloe). Showing compassion means we go out of our way to make the world a better place.

Not long ago, Chloe and I were reading a book about inventors and scientists. We were looking to see who had invented the hot dog.

Anyway, we saw a story about George Washington Carver. Mr. Carver was born in 1860 in Missouri to slave parents at the end of the Civil War. When Mr. Carver was a baby, he and his mother were kidnapped and sent away. Though his mother was never found, a man by the name of Moses Carver found the baby. Moses and his wife, Susan, gave the baby a home. (A story of compassion by itself.) The Carvers lived on a farm where George fell in love with nature. In fact, when he was young, his family called him "the plant doctor." Getting a college education in that time obviously wasn't easy. It took Mr. Carver 20 years to earn a science degree. He found more than 300 ways to use peanuts and more than 150 ways to use sweet potatoes, soybeans and pecans. Talk about creativity! If you've eaten a sandwich with cheese and mayonnaise, put molasses on your vittles, shaved your mustache with shaving cream or polished your shoes with shoe polish (dogs don't wear shoes), then you can thank Mr. Carver. You may be thinking, "Well, this is great Woody, but this was his job. How is THAT compassionate?" What I haven't told you is that Mr. Carver gave up a job that paid \$100,000 a year (that would be like a million dollars today) to help the farmers as well as his fellow citizens. In fact, for all the great things he did, he rarely took money for them. His philosophy was that the earth had given so



much to him, that he wanted to give back to the earth. He willingly taught farmers techniques that are still in use today. Mr. Carver once said that how far a person goes in life depends on how tender and compassionate they were. George Washington Carver died in 1943. On his tombstone, it says, "...he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

Blue, you don't have to find 300 ways to use peanuts to be compassionate. We can be compassionate by going out of our way to be friendly to the new student in our class, by volunteering at the animal shelter or even picking up the trash in our neighborhood. Here are a few tips you can try:

1. Find an elderly person in your neighborhood. Take their mail to them.

2. Volunteer to help shovel books at your local library.

3. Pack a few extra

snacks for lunch and share them with a new student.

Blue, being compassionate isn't only going to make your mom proud, it is going to make you feel great! Work and dream like a big dog!

Woody
P.S. Blue, are you going to tell me who you are?

You know what readers? Blue really made me think about how I could be more compassionate. I'm going to start right now. I'll let you know next time how I was more compassionate, so stay tuned!

Until next time, work and dream like a big dog!

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The Murray Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street to review a proposed Planned Development Project (storage units) to be located at 1508 Diuguid Drive.

Plans for this project are on file in the office of Planning and Engineering and may be reviewed between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday before the hearing date. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

If further information is needed, please contact the Murray Planning Department at 762-0330.

Richard Vanover, Chairman
Murray Planning Commission

Candace Dowdy
City Planner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Murray Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street to set the zoning for the proposed annexation of property owned by D & D Incorporated, Dale Campbell which is located on Robertson Road South. Mr. Campbell is requesting the 23.829 acre tract of land be zoned R-2 (single family residential).

All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in this meeting. If further information is needed, please contact the Department of Planning and Engineering at 762-0330.

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All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in this meeting. If further information is needed, please contact the Department of Planning and Engineering at 762-0330.

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LookingBack

10 years ago

Contractors who are working on the Chestnut Street expansion project said that the street will be closed from Eighth to 10th Streets for a period of two to three weeks.

Published is a picture of Michelle Crook of Murray State University, Autumn Alcott of Murray High School and Heather Allen of Calloway County High School rehearsing with 190 other band members for "Strike Up the Bands" concert on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Murray State University Lovett auditorium. The photo was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge E. (Ed) Holden will be married 50 years Feb. 21.

20 years ago
Euphie Ward, executive director of Need Line of Murray and Calloway County, was named as "Outstanding Citizen of Calloway County for the Year 1985" by Woodmen-of-the-World Lodge 728.

Murray State University Racers won 69-65 and Lady Racers won 82-76 over Morehead Eagles in basketball games. High scorers for Murray were Jeff Martin and Gerylne Feth.

Births reported include a girl to Richard and Angela West, Jan. 15; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander, Feb. 4; a girl to Michelle and Clarence Whitt and a girl to Penny and Randy Aiken, Feb. 10.

30 years ago
An ordinance which will change the zoning on property occupied by Bill Crouse Motor Sales on Sycamore Street from residential to commercial was adopted by the Murray Common Council on a 7-4 vote at the meeting last night.

In high school basketball games,

Murray Tigers won 87-80 and Lady Tigers won 42-34 over Marshall County Marshals and Calloway Lakers lost 66-81 to Lone Oak Purple Flash. High scorers were Raymond Sims and Denise Bumphis for Murray, Reed, Sharon Smith and Debbie McDonald for Marshall, and Tommy Futrell for Calloway.

Couples who will be married for 50 years on Feb. 10 are Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Workman.

40 years ago
Billy Mitchell, head football coach at Louisville Manual High School, has been named as assistant coach at Murray State College. He will begin his duties March 1.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers won 62-61 in overtime over Sedalia Lions and Murray Tigers lost 74-62 to Ballard Memorial. High team scorers were Stan Key for the Lakers and Steve Doran for the Tigers.

Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Beach will be married for 50 years Feb. 19.

50 years ago
Hugh Miller, executive for Happy Valley Boy Scout District, was speaker at a meeting of the Murray Rotary Club held at Murray Woman's Club House. He was introduced by Verne Kyle, Rotarian.

In high school basketball games, New Concord Redbirds won 68-61 over Almo Warriors, Lone Oak Purple won 68-49 over Murray Tigers, Kirksey Eagles won 86-66 over Hazel Lions, and Brewster Redmen won 71-70 over Lynn Grove Wildcats. High team scorers were Lamb for New Concord, Herndon for Almo, Colson for Lone Oak, Wells for Murray, Paschall for Kirksey, Cochran for Hazel, Portis for Brewster and Cochrum for Lynn Grove.

In high school basketball games,

Husband's sexual fantasy is bad dream for his wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together nearly five years. We have two beautiful children.

Over the weekend, I had a friend over. We had a few drinks, and my husband asked if I wanted to try "something new."

I thought he meant between us, but when I said yes, he went to my friend and asked her to join us! We had never discussed having a third person join us in our "private time." I would never be with anyone besides my husband.

Why would he ask her without consulting me? I am really hurt and offended because now I think he is interested in her, and I'm not enough for him. He did apologize. He said he thought that's what I wanted.

I no longer know how to act around him because he made me feel so worthless. Should I forgive him? -- HELEN IN HOLLYWOOD

DEAR HELEN: I don't know how many drinks your husband had, but it appears he had at least one too many and acted on an impulse to live out a sexual fantasy. Should you forgive him? Yes, but not until you have hashed this whole episode out

in the sober light of day -- and are fully assured that he's faithful and intends to remain that way.

DEAR ABBY: A new family moved into our neighborhood a couple of weeks ago. They have this little tube tacked next to their front door they call a "me-zoo-zah." I'm embarrassed to ask them what it's for. Have you ever heard of one, and can you answer my question? -- CURIOUS IN IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR CURIOUS: The little tube is a MEZUZAH, and it's hung on the doorposts of the homes of observant Jewish people. The cylinder contains a parchment scroll inscribed with verses from the Old Testament written in Hebrew, which remind the dwellers every time they leave or enter to be faithful to the Commandments and to Jewish values. (One wit has suggested that the tubes are actually electrically charged to "zap" any anti-Semite who tries to enter!)

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column ever since I immigrated to the United States from Asia in 1990. It has been a very useful tool for me in learning about your culture.

Now I need your help. I am going back to work soon, and it is hard on the kids. They do not want to go to day care after school -- they are 10 and 5 -- but they cannot stay home alone. They still need supervision.

The reason I am going back to work is because we need the money. My husband was laid off after 30 years working at one company. However, he cannot take early retirement because he is still too young.

Should I mention to the kids that we are heading for financial trouble, so that's why they have to go to day care? Please reply ASAP. My husband has found a job, but we need the extra income. -- FAITHFUL READER IN TEXAS

DEAR READER: Tell your children that you love them and are doing what you feel is best for them. However, telling them your family is "headed for financial trouble" might be a burden that is too heavy to place on them. It's enough to say that you have taken the job temporarily because the family "needs the money right now." They will be able to understand that without becoming frightened or insecure.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Are you feeling down today because you don't have a special Valentine? So how about logging on to OperationDearAbby.net and sending a Valentine message to our troops stationed away from home today? I guarantee it'll give you a lift, and give a boost to the spirits of our servicemen and women who could use one.

Prostate infection resists treatment

DEAR DR. GOTT: I switched from a family doctor to a urologist when a short regimen of antibiotics did not totally eliminate what appeared to be a prostate infection. The urologist increased the antibiotic regimen and recommended a follow-up PSA test.

Should I switch to an oncologist if there is a possibility of prostate cancer?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. In doing so, you might be jumping the gun.

If, upon a digital examination of your prostate gland, the urologist is able to feel an irregularity, a nodule or some other abnormality, you might be a candidate for blood tests and/or a biopsy.

Likewise, if your prostate-specific antigen blood test exceeds the normal range (up to a unit of 4), you might need further diagnostic tests, such as CT scanning.

An oncologist can certainly be consulted if, indeed, you have prostate cancer, but I believe that you should follow through with your urologist, using the cancer specialist if the prostatic biopsy reveals malignant cells. In particular, the oncologist can work with your urologist to decide what form of therapy -- radiation, radium seeds, hormone treatment or surgery -- would be most appropriate in your case.

I suggest that you consider the glass half full rather than half empty, thereby adopting a positive attitude toward a disorder that is common in men over 60 but can be treated -- and even cured -- by modern means.

First, determine whether you even need to be checked specifically for prostate cancer. By this I mean that if you are 22 years old and healthy, the risk is low. In contrast, if you are 72 years old and have signs of a prostatic disorder, the risk is high.

Stick with the urologist, but be sure to get whatever further assistance you need.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was at Wal-Mart two weeks ago pushing a cart and feeling small shocks periodically. By the end of my shopping, the shocks were much worse, so I found the manager and he said, "Oh, you got one of those carts that we haven't put the wire on the wheel." Evidently, they must be grounded. There was no carpeting on the floors, just tiles.

Thank you for all your great hints. I live in a retirement village and everyone quotes you.

DEAR READER: Apparently, what I call "supermarket static" is more common than I realized. I was not, for example, aware that many stores are now grounding their carts.

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TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2006. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

On this date:
In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted

Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1894, comedian Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in Waukegan, Ill.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established.

(It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

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♥ K 8 6 3			
♦ A 5			
♣ K 7 4			
WEST			
♠ Q 7 3			
♥ A J 2			
♦ J 9 4 2			
♣ J 10 5			
EAST			
♠ A 4			
♥ Q 10 9 5 4			
♦ 10			
♣ Q 9 8 3 2			
SOUTH			
♠ K J 9 6			
♥ 7			
♦ K Q 8 7 6 3			
♣ A 6			
The bidding:			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
Opening lead -- jack of clubs.			

In this deal from a club duplicate, only one North-South pair made four spades even though the contract was unstopable with correct play.

At most tables, the bidding went as shown, and West led the jack of clubs. Declarer put up dummy's king in order to try a spade finesse, losing the eight to West's queen. A second club was taken by the ace, and the king of spades then lost to East's ace. East returned a third club, ruffed by South with the nine.

At this point, virtually all the

declarers drew West's last trump with the jack and attempted to run the diamonds. But when East showed out on the second diamond, the contract went down the drain. Although South could ruff a fourth round of diamonds in dummy, he would have no entry to the closed hand to collect his last two diamonds. So, after cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds, these declarers next led a heart toward dummy and finished down one, losing two hearts and two spades.

At one table, though, South saw a way to try to give himself an extra chance if the diamonds broke 4-1. After ruffing the club return at trick five, he reasoned that if the diamonds were divided 3-2, no harm could come from cashing the A-K before drawing the last trump. If both opponents followed suit to the A-K, he could then cash the jack of spades before running the rest of the diamonds. If the second diamond happened to get ruffed, the contract was doomed anyway.

The advantage of this approach can be seen in the actual deal. When declarer cashed the two top diamonds, East showed out, but was unable to ruff. South then led a low diamond and ruffed it in dummy to establish the suit. Dummy's last trump was led to the jack, and the rest of the diamonds were run. West got his heart trick at the end, and South got a well-deserved top score.

Tomorrow: The rationale of good defense.

Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1 Beaver project
- 4 Traffic cone
- 9 Sticky substance
- 12 Colorado tribe
- 13 Aphorism
- 14 Stately tree
- 15 Horse race
- 17 Apollo's priestesses
- 19 Lavish party
- 21 Depot info
- 22 Spot remover
- 25 Go wild about
- 29 Cheyenne's st.
- 30 Helga's husband
- 32 Tufted-ear cat
- 33 World Series mo.
- 35 Monet contemporary
- 37 First called
- 38 Swiss artist
- 40 On the up and up
- 42 E-mail option
- 43 Underwater shockers

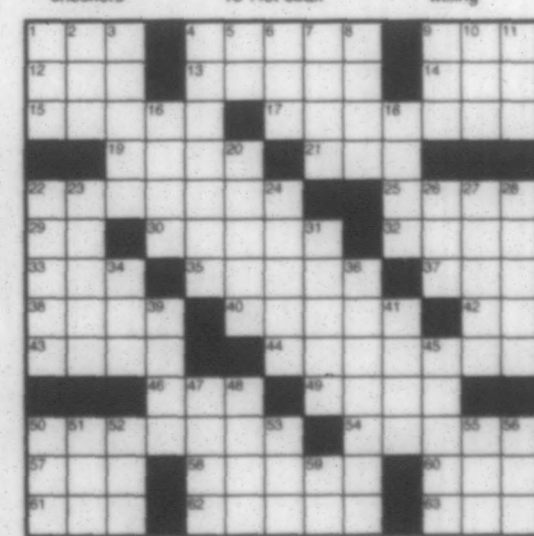
DOWN

- 44 Mentions
- 46 Violin part
- 49 Humane org.
- 50 Filled cracks
- 54 Waiting room
- 57 Horse member
- 58 Wash out
- 60 Sequel's sequel
- 61 Cartoon shriek
- 62 Publish lies about
- 63 Put on, as clothing
- 1 Lemon
- 2 Dined on
- 3 Come together
- 4 Rocket's cargo
- 5 QB gain
- 6 -- 42U
- 7 Grimm villain
- 20 Halo wearer
- 9 Toothpaste type
- 10 Corrida cry
- 11 Mantra chants
- 16 Hot soak

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ORO	ODDLY	OOH
WRINGS	URANUS	
SOY	AROMA	
RTES	PI LOTUS	
ABS	MOMS	NATO
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FEBRUARY 18TH
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SALE POSITIVELY ENDS FEB. 18TH AT 4PM!

**Toyota of Murray
Dwain Taylor Chevrolet-GMC
1307 South 12th Street • Murray, KY**



We are awaiting your arrival at 1307 South 12th Street. This sale supersedes all other advertised sales. Number match terms and conditions: 1) NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Attendance at a sales presentation is not required. Winner must be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license and social security number. Employees of sponsor, its advertising agencies and promotional companies involved in this promotion, along with their families and agents, are ineligible to participate. 2) Odds of winning I, II, III and V: 1:30,000 Odds of winning IV are 29,996:30,000. Digital camera is a mail-in certificate, \$11.88 shipping & handling charges will apply. Each recipient of this mailer has been pre-selected as a prize winner. In the unlikely event, due to printing or computer error, that more than one winning number has been sent out for I, II, III or V, the prizes will be awarded to the pre-selected winner of that category only. Valid only at Toyota of Murray/Dwain Taylor Chevrolet-GMC, Feb. 14th - 18th, 2006. 3) All taxes are the responsibility of the prize winner. 4) Grand prizes will be awarded within 30 days of receipt and verification of documentation by the qualified prize winner. Winner of Prize II can choose between the LCD TV or \$1,000. Winner of prize III can choose between Camcorder or \$500. You must present this invitation to an official representative of Dealership, Feb. 14th - 18th, 2006. See dealer for details. Dealer and its agents are not responsible for late deliveries of mail by the U.S. Postal Service. Other terms and conditions: Discount voucher not to be used in conjunction with any other advertised prices. *All offers on approved credit. \$99 down plus tax, title & fees. Example: 1993 Chevy Lumina (s0804685) - Sale Price \$4,999.59/mo., 60mos. @ 6.99% APR (O.A.C.) \$99 down payment plus tax, title & fees (sale price includes customer discount voucher). **Based on N.A.D.A. base book value. Deductions from allowance may be made for equipment failure, body/interior damage, reconditioning cost and/or excessive mileage. †A select few pre-owned vehicles will be discounted 50-70% off original MSRP. Vehicles provided by Toyota of Murray & Dwain Taylor Chevrolet-GMC.

H A P P Y

Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day



to Caleb and Emily
Oliver

Love,
Nana & Papa Walker

Happy Valentine's Day



to Daddy, Mama Rain,
KaKa, Dada & Sissey

Love,
Rainey Ray Gaddie

Happy Valentine's Day



Kobie & Dakota Free
We Love You Much!

Mamaw & Papaw

Happy Valentine's Day



to all of my friends,
family & teachers!

Love,
Zach Baker

Happy Valentine's Day



to all of my friends and
family.

From
Tara Brooks

Happy Valentine's Day



to my friends and families.

Love,
Christian James Underbill
Caitlyn Elizabeth Davis

Happy Valentine's Day



To Garrett & Tristan Holland
Our Special Sweethearts

Papa & Granna
We Love You

Happy Valentine's Day



MeMe & Pepaw
MeMa & DeDaw

Love,
Kade Riley

Happy Valentine's Day



MeMe & Pepaw
MeMa & DeDaw

Love,
Abby Grae

Happy Valentine's Day



MeMe & Pepaw
MeMa & DeDaw

Love,
Neely Alise

Happy Valentine's Day



Caroline Elizabeth Koenig
We love you very much!

Mommy & Daddy
& Mimi & Papa

Happy Valentine's Day



To our Special Valentine
Blake Seavers

We love you!
Mommy & Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day



To my special boy,
Kobe Hughes

I love you!
Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day



To my special boy,
Trevor Donelson

I love you!
Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day



To the best young man
in the world,

I love you!
Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day



To my beautiful wife
& daughter,
I truly adore you!
Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day



to our precious angels,
Hailey & Chaney
Robinson!

We love you!

Happy Valentine's Day



We could never ask for
anything better than you!
Love you Keagan Duvall

Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day



I love you!
Granny & Papa!

Melody Stephens


Happy Valentine's Day



Yusuf,
you are my special
"little valentine"
I love you, Grandma



Happy Valentine's Day



Rachel & Sarah
You capture our hearts everytime you smile.
We love you.
Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day



to our very special "tree jumper."
Love, Nana & Papa

Happy Valentine's Day




to our very special "little man."
Love, Nana & Papa

Happy Valentine's Day



Have a nice Valentine's Day Daughter.
Love You

Happy Valentine's Day




Dylan Tyler Cannon
Happy Valentine's Day
Dylan. We love you.
Love, Mommy & Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day




to my precious Granddaughter Carlie!
Love, Nana

Happy Valentine's Day




to our 6 special Valentine sweethearts
Samantha,
Allen & Aaron
Denbart
Hayley, Shelby
&
Hayden Warner
Love
NeNe & PaPa

Happy Valentine's Day



To Jillian Marie Scalf, in Minnesota!
We love you so much.
Nana & Papa Carter

Happy Valentine's Day



To Will & Hunter
We love you,
Nana & Poppa Barrow
Nana & Papa Carter

Happy Valentine's Day




Alex — We love you!
Grammy & Pappy

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's, Anna.
Love,
Dad & Mom,
Papaw & Memaw & Kim

Happy Valentine's Day




I love you Mommy & Daddy.
Granny & Granddaddy Wyatt &
Granny & Granddaddy Luffman.
Love Kye

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's Day
Colten & Kaylee Stone
Love,
Dad & Mom

Happy Valentine's Day




Amaya Grace
Our Precious Miracle
Grandma & Grand Pa Hendricks
Grandmommy & Granddaddy Hounsbell

Happy Valentine's Day



To our special Valentine Kylie!
We love you!
Poppaw, Nana & Brad

Happy Valentine's Day



Cody W. & Estelle Adams
Daddy & Mama
You'll always be our Valentine!
Lanab, Twila & Stacy

Happy Valentine's Day



To our sweet granddaughter Lexie Fain
Love you,
Mam maw & Granddad

Happy Valentine's Day



To our sweet grandson Hunter Winebarger
Love you,
Mam maw & Granddad

Happy Valentine's Day



To the best Daddy in the world!!!
Your princess,
Makenna

Happy Valentine's Day



I love you Mamaw and Granddaddy!
Makenna

Happy Valentine's Day




I love you Papa and Nana!
Makenna

Happy Valentine's Day



D.J. & Heidi Brantley
"Valentines Forever!"

Happy Valentine's Day



We love you, Mom & Dad





Happy Valentine's Day




to "Our little gymnast" Ciarra
and to our newest little
Valentine Makayla
We love you, Menaw & Papaw

Happy Valentine's Day




to "our little Tae Kwon
Do expert" Ally
We love you,
Menaw & Papaw

Happy Valentine's Day



to our "almost 16 year
old" Taylor
We love you,
Menaw & Papaw

Happy Valentine's Day




Kili, you were sent from
above so I praise God daily
for your profound love.
Shawn

Happy Valentine's Day



To: Nana & Papa
Granny & Mimi
Love,
Katelyn Coboon

Happy Valentine's Day



Hugs & Kisses to Lee
Grandmama &
Grandpa Lee
Papa & Nana Gore

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's Day
Granny, Mo & PawPaw
Uncle Gene, Aunt Donna
Nanny, Uncle James

Happy Valentine's Day




Happy Valentine's Day
Breanne Hayes
We love you,
Me Maw & Pap Paw

Happy Valentine's Day




Linzey & Liza Banks
To my little Valentines
I love you both so much
Love, Mommy

Happy Valentine's Day



To a wonderful son,
Chris Holt.
I Love You Much,
Mom

Happy
Valentine's
Day




To:
Zachery Purvis
We love you!
From:
Daddy, Mommy,
your big brother,
Papaw, Peapaw,
Nanny, all your
uncles, your aunt,
your cousin,
and all your
great aunts!

Happy Valentine's Day




Happy Valentine's Day
Zachary, Cayla & Camryn
We love you,
Grandpa & Grandma

Happy Valentine's Day



To: Cody & Hailee
Bergman
Best Kids in the World!
I Love You, Mom

Happy Valentine's Day



I love you Granny, Ninny &
Granddaddy Linn, Pops &
Grannie Deb, Zachary & Tyler
Adam

Happy Valentine's Day



Mylee Grace Smith
You are the best Valentine gift
ever! We love you!
Papaw & Lala Miles

Happy Valentine's Day



To the most precious niece,
Mylee Grace Smith
Happy 1st Valentine's Day!
Love, Aunt Brittany

Happy Valentine's Day



Eva Linn
Love from your Family

Happy Valentine's Day



Brody McGill
Love from your Family

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy 1st Valentine's
Sweet Baby Boy
Bo Broadway
Love, Crystal, Evan & Keagan

Happy Valentine's Day



Benjamin Overby &
Cammie Arnett
Love, Nanny & Papa
Reda & Robert Overby

Happy Valentine's Day



Hugs & Kisses Jonab Lance
& Sarah Jane Bobannon
Love, Gran & Granddaddy
Bobannon

Happy Valentine's Day



Grandpog,
Grandma & I love you
bunches & scrunches.
Love, Jillian

Happy Valentine's Day



To the sweetest Valentines
ever Lauren & Will Benson
From,
Nanny & Peepa Mitchell





Happy Valentine's Day

Grandma & Pop Therrien
Grandma Sharon Ingram
Family & Friends
I love you, Jonathan

Happy Valentine's Day

Jonathan David Therrien
To our very special Valentine.
We love you so much!
Mommy & Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy 1st Valentine's Day
Preston! We love you!
Granddaddy & Grandmama
Carraway

Happy Valentine's Day

We love you JP!
Mama, Daddy, PaPa,
NaNa, Pa, Granny, Uncle
Jeff, & Grandma Ola

Happy Valentine's Day

to our girls, Hannah &
Bailey Derby!
Love, Mommy & Daddy
xxxxxx

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day
to all our friends
& family.
Love, Chelsea & Tyler

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day
Cassie & Aaron!
I Love You,
Momma

Happy Valentine's Day

We love our soldiers,
Don & Darrell!
Happy Valentine's Day
from Your Wives & Kids

Happy Valentine's Day

to Papa & Nana,
GranGran & Papaw,
Grandma &
Grandpa Miller,
Aunt Liz &
Uncle Jim and the
rest of our friends
& family.
We love you all,
Madison & Parker
Hobbs

Happy Valentine's Day

Kynzlee Raiine Fox
&
Kylee Jayde Fox
You mean the world
to all of us!
Love,
Mom, Dad
&
Family

Happy Valentine's Day

To my 3 favorite Valentines —
Josh, Sydney & Scott Tucker
Love, Mom

Happy Valentine's Day

Katalyn Amber Hamel
Happy Valentine's Day
Papa & Granny loves you,
also Jason & L.B.
The Stubblefields

Happy Valentine's Day

To the best little
Valentine ever.
Love, "Reechel"

Happy Valentine's Day

Madelinn and Ross Wolkowicz
"Poppy" and "Grandma"
Charlie & Mary Linn McKenney

Happy Valentine's Day
to my
sweeties!

Love,
Slone

Happy Valentine's Day

Rhonda Bell & Audrey Daulton
Love, Tom

We may still be
stuck on the
smallest post-it,
but my love &
laughter has
outgrown the
biggest. Thank
you for your love
& our little D.
—M

Janessa,
I finally found in
you what I've been
looking for my
whole life.
Thank you for
being perfect.
Happy
Valentine's Day!
Love, R.J.

To: Mother Nan
From:
Cleveland Tennessee
We wish you a happy
Valentine's day.
We love you with all
our hearts.
Your Children,
Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

