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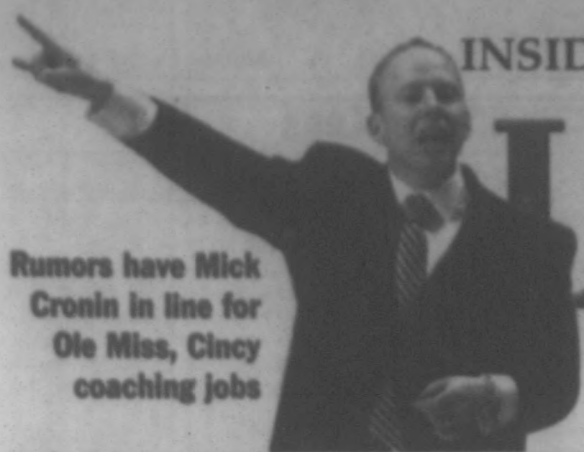
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Rumors have Mick Cronin in line for Ole Miss, Cincy coaching jobs

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Kirksey man completes his globetrotting trek

Latest voyage was Billy Smith, son's visit to icy continent of Antarctica

By ERIC WALKER
Editor

KIRKSEY, Ky. — As a schoolboy growing up in Mayfield, one of Billy Smith's teachers sparked an interest in him that the world extended beyond the borders of Graves County and western Kentucky.

"When I was in the fifth or sixth grade, I had a real good geography teacher," the current Calloway County resident recalled. "I remember we read these books about all these countries. After World War II, I always wanted to look at those countries."

He's seen a vast majority of them, too. Last month, as a matter of fact, Smith and his son, Billy Dale Smith, visited Antarctica — yes, Antarctica — to complete the elder Smith's goal of visiting all of the world's continents.

It was actually a stop in Australia with his wife that set his latest trip into motion. Smith visited Christ Church in New Zealand that had an Antarctica museum.

"It peaked my interest," he said. "I've been to six continents and I always wanted to go (to Antarctica), but my wife doesn't like cold weather," said Smith, who retired from the fertilizer industry after 42 years. "Then my son said he'd go."

The trek took both men to South America (Billy Dale, a



Billy Smith (left) and son Billy Dale Smith are pictured during a stop in Antarctica with a picturesque snow and ice backdrop while surrounded by the frozen continent's natives, penguins.

local farmer, was also interested in seeing the South American bean crops, his dad said) and eventually to Ushuaia on the continent's southern tip. There, they boarded a Russian ship along with some 107 other passengers from 15 different countries and nearly every American state interested in taking a trip to the bottom of

the globe. According to Smith, approximately 20,000 people visit Antarctica each year and reportedly there have only been between 200,000 and 250,000 people who have ever set foot on the continent.

The Smiths boarded the Russian Lyubov Orlova, which took them through the South Shetland Archipelago, through

Bransfield Strait, along the coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, and out into the Palmer Archipelago and back to South America. There were 10 stops in all that covered nine days.

Their initial stop came as members from several research stations on Antarctica were packing up and leaving and around three months work.

"The only things there are penguins and other birds and seals," Smith said. "There's no vegetation; just rock and ice and snow."

An early port did reveal some green moss on the landscape, but the farther south they traveled the more ice and glaciers they saw.

The ship was equipped with five Zodiac boats which ferried 25-26 passengers from the ship to land. There, passengers could explore the landscape and a few sites, such as a whale oil outpost, for between two to four hours, depending on weather conditions. Smith said the first trip to land by the ship's crew was to deliver tents and supplies in case rough weather suddenly came up and stranded the passengers away from the ship.

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Officials listen to community's take on MCCCH

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

A group of community leaders won't say nobody asked them what they thought of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. In fact, they even seemed to claim some ownership as the 18 people often said "we" when they referred to the hospital's services and reputation.

Community leaders were on hand Monday afternoon for one of the initial meetings of the MCCCH Board of Trustees' strategic planning process. They represented local banks, schools, industries, small businesses and service agencies and listed strengths, weaknesses and opportunities they see at the non-profit, community-owned hospital.

The meeting was the second of the day with Eric Schmall, a consultant from the Louisville-based Center for Non-Profit Excellence.

"Thank you for letting us be here," United Way Director Peggy Billington told Schmall and hospital CEO Keith Bailey. "It's the right step to let the community be involved."

Earlier in the day, managers and administrators met with Schmall to develop similar lists to help direct the board's discussion of how the stakeholders perceive the hospital. The board is embarking on the strategic planning process, hoping to refine the facility's direction

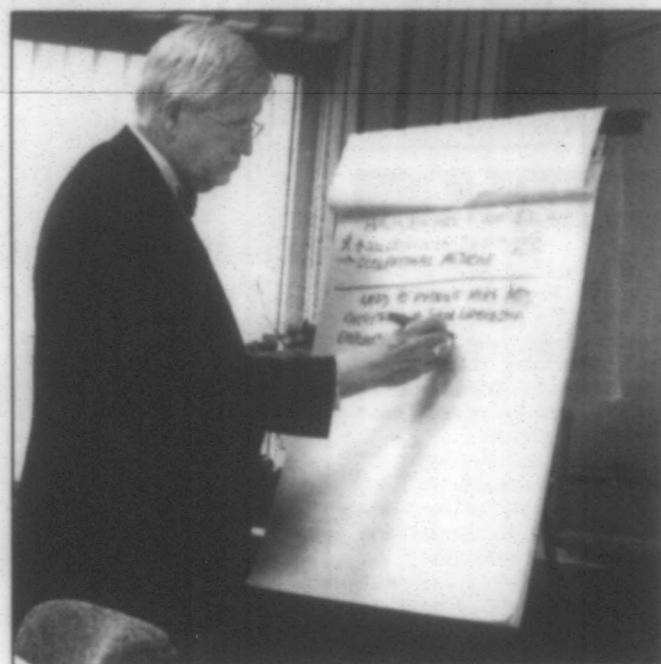
before breaking ground on the main expansion project.

"The worst thing a board can ever do besides never plan is to go off, sequester themselves and do the planning apart from everyone else," he said. "Nothing is static anymore. If you want to launch a new service, you don't do that in a vacuum. You go out and talk to the customer to see what you can do for them that nobody else is doing."

In a dialogue format, the group listed strengths including expansion plans, excellent staff, repaired relationships with the community, surgery staff, obstetrics, Cancer Treatment Center, Center for Health and Wellness, ambulance service, support of schools and other community groups, food service, affordability and revitalized involvement in university health fairs. Other aspects, such as reputation of services and marketing, were discussed both as strengths and as areas where improvement is possible.

Schmall then prompted the group to talk about the "shadow side." The group suggested the hospital recruit more physicians, have consistency among its leadership, continue to work on employee and physician relations, respond to outmigration to other health care facilities, re-establish relationships with employers, implement better on-call hours and emergency room

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KRISTIN TAYLOR/Ledger & Times Photo
Eric Schmall, a consultant with the Louisville-based Center for Non-Profit Excellence, talked with 18 community leaders on Monday afternoon as part of the beginning steps of the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees' strategic planning process. They composed a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

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Tomorrow's Forecast



Mostly Sunny

163rd Tater Day 'peels' off on April 1

By GREG TRAVIS
Staff Writer

BENTON, Ky. — The 163rd annual Tater Day festivities will kick off April 1 and run through April 3, according to Patricia McWane of the Benton Kiwanis Club, sponsor of the event.

The three-day celebration will feature an assortment of activities throughout the town,

highlighted by the grand parade down Main Street, the annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the Benton Elementary School, a variety of amusement rides at the H.H. Lovett City Park and the annual demolition derby.

Many vendors begin setting up throughout the week in advance of the official Tater Day weekend activities, it was reported.

The 20th annual Tater Trot Fitness Walk and Run will be held April 1. Registration will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. A 5K race will begin at 9 a.m. and a run/walk will start at 9:45 a.m. Participants in these events should meet at the Bank of Benton's Main Street Branch parking lot at 1012

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Kentucky already recognizes right to use deadly force, case shows

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Roland Burns was awakened in the middle of the night by an intruder who had broken into his home.

A resident of rural Boyd County, Burns walked out of his bedroom on Nov. 11 to find the stranger coming up the stairs toward him. Burns, 65, ordered the man to leave. He would not.

After a brief struggle, the retired college geography professor felt he had no choice but to shoot to protect himself and his family.

"It is truly the nightmare that all of us hope we would never have," Burns said Monday. "I lived my whole life in service to humanity as a teacher, and to have this happen. I sure didn't want to do that. He took away all my options. I had no options left."

Police agreed. Burns was not charged with a crime.

Legislation pending in Kentucky and 12 other states would offer protection from prosecution to people who use deadly force against home invaders. In light of the Burns case, some observers wonder



J. Stewart Schneider stands in front of the Boyd County Courthouse in Catlettsburg, Ky., in this July 6, 2004, file photo. Schneider, a prosecutor, opposes the death penalty. Schneider also serves as a gospel preacher, a position that he believes precludes him from sending even the worst of the worst to death row.

whether the legislation is necessary. "It's my belief that it's offered for political reasons," said state Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington.

In elections later this year, voters will choose 100 state representatives and 19 state senators. Stein said the National Rifle Association, which is pushing the deadly force bills, keeps track of legislators who vote for and against gun bills, routinely passing that information along to voters in mass mailings.

Boyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Stewart Schneider said a 1975 state law allows Kentuckians to use deadly force against people who break into their homes. He said Burns' situation fit that definition, and that's why his office did not pursue any charges.

"It was a very clear case of justifiable homicide," Schneider said.

State Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said pending legislation would codify case law dating back to 1931 that gives people a right to protect themselves, their families and their property, even with necessary deadly force.

Gray said he believes the legislation would also provide protection to people who use deadly force against criminals who

try to break into automobiles, as in carjackings.

Burns has quietly monitored the Frankfort debate. He said he believes people have the right to use deadly force if their lives are in imminent danger.

"If you're protecting your home or your family, which I was, I think that should be unquestioned," he said.

Gray, sponsor of the House bill, said the measures have overwhelming support in both the House and Senate.

The NRA, with 4 million members nationwide, is lobbying lawmakers in Kentucky and 12 other states for legislation specifying that people have no duty to retreat from an attacker before using deadly force. About half of all states have similar rules on the books.

NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said his group is pushing so-called "no-retreat" legislation in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota and Washington.

Lawmakers in Indiana and Mississippi have passed legislation that is awaiting the signatures of their governors. Arulanandam said Monday. Similar legislation has already been signed into law in South Dakota.

Burkean Road closed

Special to the Ledger
Today and Wednesday, Burkean Road will be closed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Ky. 80 going west, according to a release from Judge-Executive Larry Elkins.

Clarification

David Todd, 26, arrested for driving on a suspended license after Murray Police Department investigated a vehicle-versus-bicycle collision on Saturday on 16th and Belmont streets is not David W. Todd, 25, of Murray, who works at Boone's Laundry.

Forecast

Tonight will be mostly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s.
Wednesday will be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s, followed by partly cloudy skies that night and lows in the upper 20s.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet tonight at 7 at the Weeks Center. Agenda items include rural and secondary road recommendations, animal ordinances, and Robertson Road drainage problem.

■ The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will not meet in March because the city received no applications for ordinance variances.

■ The Murray-Calloway County Hospital-Board of Trustees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the MCCH board room. The agenda includes radiology equipment purchase, subsidy of city and county school nurse program, update on strategic planning process, physician recruitment presentation and child care productivity information.

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

FireSheriffPoliceLogs

Calloway County Fire-Rescue

- Eight firefighters responded Thursday to a field fire at 133 Angel Lane. Upon arrival, two acres were on fire. The cause is unknown. CCFR was on the scene about an hour.
- Twelve firefighters responded Thursday to a field and woods fire on Mallory Cemetery Road. Five acres burned. CCFR was on the scene about two hours and the forestry service also responded.
- A building at 2661 Downing Road was on fire on Thursday. Twelve firefighters were on the scene about an hour. The building was abandoned and the owner wasn't sure what caused the fire.
- Five firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on Ky. 280 and Ky. 121 at 12:35 p.m. Friday. The vehicle was a total loss.
- A controlled burn on Elm Street caught a tree on fire at 6:14 p.m. Saturday. At 8:53 p.m. the tree was on fire again. The burning was reported under nearby powerlines at 10:23 p.m.
- Thirteen firefighters responded to a woods fire on Mallory Cemetery Road at 10:01 a.m. Sunday. CCFR was on the scene about two hours. The forestry service brought its plow to use around the 5 acres that burned. The property owner was burning off spots in which to put a deer stand.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A caller from Cook Store Road reported at 4:58 a.m. Friday that someone cut her fence and let her horses out. A third-degree criminal mischief case was opened.
- A theft was reported on Ky. 121 North at 2:01 p.m. Friday.
- Vandalism was reported on Van Cleave Road at 9:14 a.m. Saturday. The caller said a mailbox was destroyed the night before. Extra patrol was requested.
- A domestic dispute was reported at 12:32 p.m. Saturday on Post Oak Drive. A 17-year-old son assaulted the mother and destroyed property. Murray Police Department assisted at the scene. The juvenile was taken into custody and a fourth-degree assault case was opened.
- A silent alarm was reported at 5:03 a.m. Sunday at a Ky. 94 East location. The front door was broken. A third-degree burglary case was opened.
- A burglary was reported at Eastwood Baptist Church at 8:34 a.m. Sunday. A third-degree burglary case was opened.
- A golden retriever was reported stolen from East Stateline Road at 6:32 p.m. Sunday. The caller was following a green vehicle with tinted windows and Texas plates.

Murray State University Police Department

- Criminal mischief was reported at 1:24 a.m. Friday at the shopping center on Chestnut Street, where three windows were broken out of the building. Murray Police Department handled the complaint.

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

Antarctica ...

From Front

He said the first day brought a storm with 70 mph winds.

"They cancelled our trip and we were the second team that was to go," Smith recalled. "If we were the first group, we probably would have spent the night out there."

Smith called the expedition "interesting" and was especially taken by the glacial surroundings and wildlife. "But I was disappointed that we didn't see any whales," he said. "But it was a good trip."



Shown is a view from a Zodiac boat en route to the mainland of Antarctica during Billy Smith and Billy Dale Smith's trip.

The trip even had some Kentucky connections. Smith, who told a humorous story of once being in Australia and having a busboy ask him how things were in Kuttawa and Princeton after seeing his luggage ticket with an Eddyville address (the boy had actually graduated from Crittenden County High School and was working in Australia over the summer), ran into a man on the ship who was from Boston.

Smith said the man asked if he was from Kentucky and knew where Marshall County was. "I

said it's right down the road from me." He said he had business dealings with the owners of Kaintuck Territory when it was in operation near Draffenville and had visited western Kentucky many times.

So now where does a man who has seen all seven continents go from here? The moon? Smith laughed.

"I'd like to go back to Alaska. And I've never been to China."

He'll probably be booking his travel itinerary pretty soon.

MCCH ...

From Front

response and address parking concerns.

To address these things, though, means answering a prime question: Should MCCH grow to be all things to all people or just stay on track with its current successes?

Board members will have to consider a list of other barriers and opportunities the community group raised as they decide where to go from here. The community expects the hospital to be the forerunner in all things health-related, even mental health, yet there's no psychiatrist on staff, people complain more and more about the lack of orthopedic on-call availability and patients often have to go to other facilities for rehabilitation following surgery.

Also, with an aging population, home health could become an opportunity for MCCH. As health care insurance costs rise, the hospital could also develop partnerships with local industries and other large employers as well as become more involved in taking the hospital to people through health fairs and other events.

Improvement could be complicated, according to the community group, by aggressive marketing and recruitment from Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, rising costs of health care, more distance opportunities through the Internet, and statewide concerns with expensive malpractice insurance rates that are driving physicians to bordering states.

Meanwhile, throughout the process, the community leaders said they are "hopeful but cau-

tious" about Bailey, the new CEO who seems to be rebuilding relationships with employees, doctors and community members. They also hope the administration and board keep the community as a whole informed as the hospital goes through a physical and cultural transformation.

"This is not the end of the conversation, but the board will be working on this," Schmall said. "There is a porousness to this process where they can say, the community said this. I believe they are in a listening mode — perhaps more than ever."

Last month, the board outlined the long-range planning process that will set goals for the coming few years. Following Monday's meetings, the next step involves the board having a day-long retreat at the Murray Country Club to review MCCH's mission and vision, review community and other input and develop strategic goal statements.

In April, a task force will draft a strategic plan, which will be shared with leadership shortly after. The full board is scheduled to consider the plan at its May 24 meeting. The finalized plan will be presented to the community in June or July during the annual joint meeting with the Murray City Council and Calloway County Fiscal Court.

The two governing bodies appoint people to serve on the hospital board because the local governments own MCCH. But no one from either entity was at the community meeting Monday.



RECORD SHREDDERS: The Murray Bank and the Family Resource Centers of Murray and Calloway County are teaming up to prevent identity theft. People may bring up to 51 pounds of personal documents to Make A Difference Day on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Stewart Stadium and have Purchase Records Destruction shred them. All shredded paper will be recycled to benefit the Family Resource Centers. A "Tools to Prevent Identity Theft" brochure will also be available, courtesy of The Murray Bank. Pictured are (from left) Gilbert Devine of PRD, Melissa Finklea of The Murray bank, and Brady Collins of PRD. Make A Difference Day also provides area residents with an opportunity to recycle eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, oil for Taylor Bus, ink jet cartridges for Big Brothers Big Sisters, clothes for JU Kevill, aluminum cans for WATCH, cell phones for CASA, plus plastic, tin, glass and paper products.

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CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH: Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins (seated left) and Murray Mayor Tom Rushing (seated right) sign a proclamation noting April as "Confederate History and Heritage Month" in Murray and Calloway County. Present for the signing were members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Murray chapter and the Fort Heiman Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Ledger & Times Photo

House bill passes to prevent funeral disruptions

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Legislation meant to prevent disruptions at military funerals won final passage Monday in the General Assembly and went to Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

The bill is aimed at members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., who have toured the country protesting military funerals. The church members see the soldiers' deaths as a sign of God punishing America for tolerating homosexuality.

The group has sent out a fresh warning, saying it plans to picket memorial services

at Fort Campbell for soldiers recently killed in Iraq. Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division, straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

The group said it also plans to picket at the soldiers' funerals in their hometowns. One soldier is from Florida; another from Maine, according to the group. Two other soldiers' hometowns weren't listed.

Democratic Rep. Mike Weaver of Radcliff, a retired Army colonel, said such protests show "despicable disrespect" to military members who "made the supreme

sacrifice."

Weaver and Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, were lead sponsors of the legislation.

The bill — which won final passage on a 94-0 House vote — applies to any funeral, memorial service or burial.

Protesters getting within 300 feet of such services would be guilty of first-degree disorderly conduct, punishable by up to a year in jail. The bill also would prevent protesters from using bullhorns to try to disrupt the services.

Kentucky in running for animal disease lab

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Gov. Haley Barbour says Mississippi is one of several states competing to become the site for a proposed new federal research laboratory that will study animal diseases and fight bioterrorism.

The National Bio- and Agro-Defense Research and Development Facility will research diseases such as avian flu, and scientists there could develop drugs or vaccines to counter the illnesses, Barbour said Monday.

"It'll be the CDC for animal diseases that humans can catch," Barbour said, referring to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas also are competing for the lab, Barbour said.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security says on its Web site that the new lab is proposed to replace the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York, which was built in the 1950s.

Barbour said states wanting to compete for the project must apply to the Department of Homeland Security by the end of March. Federal officials will narrow the list of possible sites early this fall and choose a site in 2007. Construction will start in 2008 and should be finished by 2012.

The 500,000-square-foot lab

will employ about 400 people and have an annual payroll of about \$30.5 million, Barbour said.

He said the lab will have a Biosafety Level 4 designation, the highest safety rating. CDC in downtown Atlanta has such a designation.

Mississippi has three sites in the Jackson area that could be developed for the lab, the governor said. They are in Madison County near Flora, in Hinds County near Byram and in Rankin County near Brandon.

State Sen. John Horhn, D-Jackson, said any of the sites in Mississippi would give the entire state an economic boost.

"It's something, that would really set the metro Jackson area on fire in terms of attracting other biomedical and biotechnical operations and companies," Horhn said.

Battelle, a science and technology company based in Ohio, has agreed to act as a managing partner for Mississippi if the lab locates in the state, said Michael J. Kelly, director of the compa-

ny's Office of Homeland Security.

Kelly said the company would oversee contracts while the plant is being developed and after it is open. He said "more than three or less than 10" other states pursuing the lab approached Battelle about being their partner.

Candidates participate in Farm Bureau forum

Calloway County Farm Bureau recently held a "Meet the Magistrates" forum, which checked the candidates view and compared them with Farm Bureau policies letting members know where the candidates stand on vital issues before Election Day.

The forum was attended by 16 of the 23 candidates in the magisterial races. Those attending were District 1 candidates

Eddie Clyde Hale, Gary Ahart and Freddie O'Bryan; District 2 candidates Micky Bogard, Donnie Senf, Franklin Rogers, Donnie Kell, Terrell Tidwell, Randy Cunningham, Larry Crutcher and Connie Morgan; District 3 candidates Jerry Key and Bobby C. Stubblefield; and District 4 candidates Garrie Green, Johnny Gingles and Edward Palmer.

Tater ...

From Front

Main Street. For more information contact Chris Kerrick at 527-1453 or 554-1902.

The 15th annual Tour De Tater Bike Ride will also be held April 1, with registration getting under way at 9 a.m. and the ride beginning at 10 a.m. Participants for this event should also meet at the Bank of Benton's Main Street Branch parking lot. For more information contact Steve Wilson at 362-2453.

The grand Tater Day Parade will be held April 3, at 11 a.m. The theme for this year's parade will be "Remember Our Troops." This year's grand marshal will be Myrvin Mohler.

Parade participants will line up on Fifth Street. The parade will run east to Main Street, south on Main Street to 13th Street and north on Poplar Street and back to Fifth Street.

Cars and tractors scheduled to appear in the parade will meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot. Judging of floats will take place at the Bank of Benton's 5th Street facility. Horses, mules and wagon teams will gather at Armory Road. Marching bands will meet at Heritage Bank, Dr. Ellis' & Dr. Cassidy's offices on East 5th Street. The grand marshal and the beauty contestants will meet at Parkway Chrysler on East 5th Street.

All the entrants will then flow into the parade as necessary, it was reported.

Parade participants are asked to not throw candy or other items from floats, cars or other moving vehicles. Participants are also asked to have clearly visible signage on their entries for parade officials to determine names and sponsors of all entries.

The Benton Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast on April 3, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Benton Elementary School cafeteria. The cost of the event is \$4 per person.

There will be a free "Music on the Hill" featuring a variety of "singing, picking and playing" on Monday, April 3, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joe Creason Community Center. For more information on this event contact Patricia McWane at 527-6055.

Another annual highlight of the Tater Day weekend festivities is the Tater Day Demolition Derby, scheduled for April 1 at 5 p.m. at the H.H. Lovett City Park. Cars need to be at the park by 4 p.m. The entry fee for this event is \$30, and there is an admission of \$8 per person. Children under six get in free.

For more information on the demolition derby, contact Shane Watkins at 527-3235.

One of the newer events for the Tater Day weekend is the Benton Kiwanis Club's "Barbecue Kookoff." Featuring chicken, pork, brisket and ribs, the event will be held April 1-3, at the Benton Water Plant parking lot on north Poplar Street. Participants will be competing for cash, prizes and trophies, it was reported. For more information about the barbecue event call (502) 220-3212.

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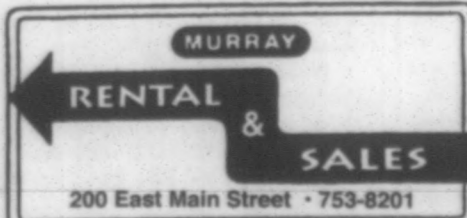
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Shooting themselves in the foot

Here's the deal. In the next ten years, Kentucky can save itself about \$118 million in health care, and also receive an extra \$11.2 million from the federal government by passing something called a primary seat belt law.

Yes, it is true that we have a seat belt law in this state, but police cannot pull someone over solely for not wearing one. Proposed legislation would enable law enforcement to fine people \$25 for not wearing a seat belt, about the cost of a carton of Marlboro's. The penalty would stop there, since such violations would not be forwarded to the state Transportation Cabinet, nor would they become part of a person's driver record.

Constance Alexander
Main Street



Currently, the Bluegrass State ranks 47th nationally in seat belt usage. Of the 813 who were killed on our roads in 2004, 57 would have survived had they buckled up, according to a University of Kentucky study.

Traffic fatalities are the leading cause of death for our teenagers and young adults, and approximately two-thirds of traumatic brain injuries and one-third of spinal cord injuries are caused by motor vehicle crashes.

In almost every instance, seat belts save lives. Seems like a no brainer, doesn't it? But the legislature is dragging its feet on passing a primary seat belt law.

Not to worry.

The boys in Frankfort are busy with more pressing issues. Take, for instance, Kentucky House Bill 236 and Senate Bill 38, aimed at expanding a citizen's right to use deadly force against anyone believed to be threatening.

Not that self-defense is against the law in Kentucky. Far from it. We are one of the growing number of states with a "concealed carry" law. Since 1996, eligible Kentuckians — felons need not apply — have been able to purchase such permits for a mere \$60.

The new laws, dubbed the "castle doctrine," mean that there is no duty to retreat from a threat when at home or in your vehicle. If you come out shooting and end up making a mistake, you are free from fear of being prosecuted or sued. Whoever packs heat is the winner, while the rest of us are stripped of the possibility for redress of grievances if we or our loved ones are interpreted as a threat because we look funny or talk different.

I can hardly wait to see what happens on Halloween.

Meanwhile, back on the road to reality, highway fatalities far outpace murders in Kentucky. For instance, in 2004, there were 964 traffic deaths as opposed to 199 murders. The year before that, there were 931 highway fatalities and 181 murders.

Seems like simple math. Driving without a seatbelt in Kentucky is far more dangerous than the probability of encountering situations that demand deadly force; but here we are, almost at the end of the legislative session, and we have not been able to pass an expanded seat belt law.

This is not a question of guns or seat belts; we can have both. The real question is, why are our legislators reluctant to pass a law that makes so much sense and would actually save us money? Some would say they are shooting themselves in the foot.

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WASHINGTON TODAY
By Martin Brutsinger

America For Sale?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The furor over efforts by an Arab company to buy U.S. port operations has focused attention on a little noticed economic fact of life: America increasingly is foreign-owned.

From the ritzy Essex House hotel in Manhattan, owned by the Dubai Investment Group, to the nationwide chains of Caribou Coffee and Church's Chicken, owned by another company serving Arab investors, foreigners are buying bigger and bigger chunks of the country.

The U.S. must borrow more than \$2 billion per day from foreigners to finance its huge trade deficits. In 2005, for example, there was a record deficit of \$805 billion in the current account, the broadest measure of trade.

Foreigners sell their televisions, cars and oil to Americans and hold dollars in return. Those dollars are invested in stocks, bonds and other assets, including real estate and factories.

Foreigners already own half of the U.S. government's publicly traded debt. As of January, some \$2.19 trillion in Treasury securities were in the hands of central banks, including China and Japan, and private investors abroad.

At the end of 2004, the total foreign direct investment in this country — actual factories, office buildings and other tangible assets as opposed to stocks and bonds — came to \$1.53 trillion, 8.2 percent more than in 2003.

That investment shows up in all of the 50 states.

In Oakland, Maine, it's a customer service center for T-Mobile USA Inc., which is a subsidiary of German-based Deutsche Telekom. In

Glendale, Calif., it's the U.S. headquarters for Nestle, the Swiss-based food and beverage company.

Arab investment has gotten the most scrutiny of late because of the now-withdrawn bid by a Dubai-based company to buy operations at six major U.S. ports. But statistics show that Arab investments represent only a fraction of the total direct investment in the U.S. by foreigners.

European nations accounted for \$977 billion, or two-thirds, of the \$1.53 trillion of foreign direct investment, according to figures compiled by the Commerce Department.

By contrast, Arab countries in the Middle East accounted for \$9.3 billion, led by \$4.7 billion in investment from Saudi Arabia. The United Arab Emirates was second among Middle East Arab countries with \$1.8 billion in investments, according to the data.

DP World of Dubai said last week it intends to sell its U.S. operations to an American-owned company. But that has not stopped some members of Congress from seeking to overhaul the way such deals are reviewed by a secretive government panel.

A bill by the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, GOP Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, would bar foreign ownership of U.S. infrastructure deemed critical to the national security.

"To those who say this is protectionism, I say — America is worth protecting," Hunter said.

Opponents say his proposal would mean the fire sale of billions of dollars of assets now in foreign hands and end up hurting the U.S. economy.

Consider that for more than a decade, French tire maker Michelin has been the exclusive supplier of tires for NASA's space shuttles. DSM, a Dutch company, makes body armor for U.S. troops, while French-owned Sodexo provides meals for the troops at a number of military installations.

Nearly one in five U.S. oil refineries is owned by foreign companies. Foreign companies also have a sizable presence in running power plants, chemical factories and water treatment facilities in the United States.

"People don't understand how integrated the U.S. economy has become with the global economy, how dependent we have become on other nations," said Clyde Prestowitz, president of the Economic Strategy Institute, a Washington think tank.

Some analysts believe such realities are getting lost as politicians try to respond to growing anxiety about the trade deficits, the loss of nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs since mid-2000, immigration problems and the threat of more terrorist attacks.

"We have to be very careful that we don't overreact in the legislative process and enact economic policy masquerading as national security policy," said Todd Malan, head of the Organization for International Investment. The Washington group represents foreign companies that do business in the United States.

To the puzzlement of some economists, the current debate centers on direct foreign investment, the most stable type of investment. Yet the far larger share of foreign investment is in Treasury securities, corporate bonds and stocks.

If foreigners suddenly decided to reduce their holdings of these assets, the dollar could plunge in value, interest rates could soar and stock prices could suffer a big blow.

David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York, cited the 51 percent share of foreign ownership of the federal government's debt — and that share is rising.

"That strikes me as scary," Wyss said. "When you make yourself so dependent on inflows of capital from the rest of the world, the question is what happens if the inflows slow down."

The amount of federal debt that must be financed each year is climbing because of the budget deficits. On Thursday, Congress acted to raise the debt ceiling — the amount the government can borrow — by \$781 billion, to nearly \$9 trillion.

Alan Greenspan, the former Federal Reserve chairman, said last year he believed market forces would lower the current account deficit before there were serious disruptions to the economy.

A decline in the value of the dollar against other currencies, including China's, would help by making U.S. goods more competitive on overseas markets and imports more expensive and thus less attractive for American consumers.

Falling global energy prices and stronger overseas economic growth to boost demand for U.S. exports would also help.

"A lot of things will have to come together" to reduce America's need for foreign capital, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

The budget from the Senate's side

FRANKFORT — Members of the budget committee have been working on our state budget everyday into the night and on weekends. Many of our local officials, community leaders, and citizens have contacted me with their concerns and priorities. As always, funds are short but I am doing my best to ensure adequate funding for education, healthcare, and infrastructure such as water, sewer, and transportation.

The Senate continues to pass legislation. Our children will hopefully drive safer with the passage of House Bill 90 which provides for an intermediate driver's license for those between the ages of 16 and 18 who have held an instructional permit for at least 180 days and completed at least 60 hours of supervised driving. They could not drive between midnight and 6 a.m. except under certain conditions and couldn't have more than one unrelated passenger under 20. This measure is expected to lower the fatality rate among teen drivers by 15 to 25 percent.

Eminent domain or the government takeover of private property has recently been in the news. Last year, the Supreme

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R-Murray



Court upheld a Connecticut law allowing cities to take land for use in economic development projects. During the interim, a legislative committee studied the issue and found that the circumstances that happened in Connecticut would be extremely unlikely to occur here because our laws have several safeguards in place. Nonetheless, House Bill 508 expressly codifies what Kentucky courts have ruled by defining the allowable public uses for eminent domain.

Senate Bill 257 passed the Senate with a wide margin in a bipartisan vote. The bill provides convenience to Kentuckians by requiring the state to comply with the same venue laws as citizens by filing suit where the action arose or the defendant resides. It is a cost-saving measure for the

citizens of Kentucky because no longer will they have to travel long distances at great cost to have their cases heard in Frankfort in front of judges that their peers have not elected. It is past time for people across the state to be provided the same respect as the state itself when it comes to the adjudication of their grievances.

Finally, the Senate continues our legislative drumbeat for the "Year of the Soldier." HB 314 authorizes a low-interest loan program for veterans that would allow them to buy a home or pay for education for their family. HB 24 makes sure that veterans get proper consideration when applying for state merit system jobs. They would get 5 to 10 bonus points in the scoring system used to evaluate applicants, and the three most qualified veterans would be guaranteed interviews for open positions.

Please continue to feel free to call me toll-free at 800/372-7191 with your thoughts, concerns, or questions. I appreciate everyone who has already shared their ideas with me and look forward to hearing from more of you.

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Obituaries

Edgar Linn

The funeral for Edgar Linn will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Stephen Webb will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Josh Lovett, Darren Harness, Steve Batten, Eddie Hill, Calvin Critenden, Ronnie Kimbro and John Spann IV, active; Johnny Underwood, Larry Herndon, Reuben Chrisman, Gene Hinze, Wilford Duke, Richard Duke and Randy Herndon, honorary.

Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8:30 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Mr. Linn, 88, Green Plain Road, Hazel, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at 3:20 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Mason's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Joyce Adams, two grandchildren, Chris Rudolph, and Jason Linn, and one brother, S.B. Linn Jr. Born March 3, 1918, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Sherman Linn and Nellie Mae (Dollie) Dowdy Linn.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Audie Linn, to whom he was married Sept. 23, 1939, in Paris, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Anna McAdoo and husband, Paul, Paris, Tenn.; two sons, Eddie Linn and wife, Sandy, and Gerald Linn and wife, Coleen, and one sister, Mrs. Imogene Herndon, all of Murray; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Leroy Elliott

The funeral for Leroy Elliott will be today (Tuesday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Hombeak Funeral Home, Fulton, Ky. Burial will follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens, Union City, Tenn.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to South Fulton Baptist Church, Building Fund, 509 Forestdale Ave., South Fulton, TN 38257.

Mr. Elliott, 88, South Fulton, Tenn., died Friday, March 17, 2006, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He had retired as a truck driver for Reed Brothers Feed & Seed Company, South Fulton. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of South Fulton Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Lois Morgan Elliott, one sister and half sister. Born Nov. 27, 1917, in Fulton County, Ky., he was the son of the late John W. Elliott and Nora Binford Elliott.

Survivors include one son, David M. Elliott, Murray, Ky.; one daughter, Mrs. Wanda Lee Elliott Bruce, Cadiz, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Arthur G. Moes

Arthur G. Moes, 83, of Hardin, died Sunday, March 19, 2006, at 9:40 p.m. at Marshall County Hospital.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Collier Funeral Home Chapel in Benton. Burial will follow in Thompson Cemetery.

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

Mrs. Jane Sexton Atkins

The funeral for Mrs. Jane Sexton Atkins will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, McKenzie, Tenn. Rev. Harrell Nation and Rev. John E. Pugh will officiate. Burial will follow in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Visitation will be at Brummitt Funeral Home, 321 Magnolia Ave., McKenzie, from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday and at the church from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to First United Methodist Church, McKenzie, TN 38201 or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203.

Mrs. Atkins, 85, St. Paul Senior Living Community, Nashville, Tenn., and former resident of McKenzie, Tenn., died Thursday, March 16, 2006, at her home in Nashville.

A graduate of Murray High School, Murray, Ky., she received her bachelor of music education degree at Murray State College and her master of music degree from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio. At Murray State, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, music fraternity for women, and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education fraternity. She was selected as the outstanding woman graduating senior in the music department in 1941.

She had been director of music from 1943-46 at Bethel College, and choir director and organist at McKenzie First United Methodist Church and First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McKenzie.

She was a member of the Mentor Club of McKenzie and a former pianist for McKenzie Rotary Club. A member of McKenzie United Methodist Church, she was an officer of the United Methodist Women for many years, church historian and a member of the administration board. She was a member of the Memphis Conference Commission on archives and history and a member of the board of directors of the Carroll Arts Organization. She was recently honored by "Friend of the Arts" in June 2003.

Her husband, John Wendell Atkins Jr., two sisters, Ruth Whitnell Sexton and Mary Frances Sexton, and son-in-law, John Proctor, all preceded her in death. Born May 1, 1920, in Murray, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Jesse Dudley Sexton and Maude Whitnell Sexton.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Proctor and one son, John Sexton Atkins and wife, Dana, Nashville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Katie, Clint and Callie Atkins and Ryan Proctor.

John J. Lyons

John J. Lyons, 71, of Benton, died Friday, March 17, 2006, at 11 p.m. at the Regional Medical Center, Madisonville.

A Kentucky Colonel, he was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, serving during the Korean conflict. He also was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Aurora and American Legion Post #31.

His parents, Jon J. Lyons and Virginia Dupree Lyons; one brother, Tom Lyons; and one sister, Patricia Lyons, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Henry's Catholic Church Cemetery. Father Mark Buckner will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home.

Gerald Brown

A memorial service for Gerald Brown will be held at a later date. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brown, 68, Cypress Trail, New Concord, died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Henry County Medical Center, Paris, Tenn.

A carpenter for most of his working career, he spent 25 years with United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local #1 of Chicago, Ill., where he was a superintendent on several large projects, including the John Hancock building and the Sears Tower. He also served as a police officer in Round Lake Beach, Ill., where he was shot in the line of duty and was rewarded with a Purple Heart for his services.

An Air Force veteran serving during peace time, he was a member of the AMVET's Post 45, Buchanan, Tenn.

One brother, Kenneth Brown Jr., preceded him in death. Born Feb. 7, 1938, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of the late Kenneth (Bud) Brown and Cora Wait Brown.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Beck, Las Vegas, Nev., and Mrs. Carolyn Autesenrieth, Hemet, Calif.; five sons, David Brown and Daniel Brown and wife, Diane, all of New Concord, Robert Brown and wife, Angie, Las Vegas, Nev., James Brown and wife, Angel, Riverside, Calif., and Steven Brown and wife, Lucy, Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Arlene Sue Leska, Ingleside, Ill., and Mrs. Shirley Washburn and husband, Tom, Gurnee, Ill.; 19 grandchildren.

Mrs. Maudie Earlene Kendall

Mrs. Maudie Earlene Kendall, 91, of Hale Road, Murray, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at 8:43 p.m. at West View Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and of Presbyterian faith.

Born Sept. 6, 1914, in Marshall County, she was the daughter of the late George Thorn and Beulah Ross Thorn. Her husband, R.C. Kendall; one son, James Franklin Kendall; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Smith; and one granddaughter, Lahesha Kendall, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Eula Mae Attebury and husband, Robert, Dolan Springs, Ariz.; one son, Larry Kendall and wife, Debbie, Murray; one sister, Lava Travis, Hardin; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Salem Cemetery. Rev. Darvin Stom will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

William Robert "Bobby" Marshall

William Robert "Bobby" Marshall, 59, of Hardin, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at 6:35 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at Collier Funeral Home, Benton.

Four people killed when small plane crashes in Branson

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A twin-engine plane with apparent mechanical problems plowed into a self-storage unit and burst into flames, killing all four people aboard but missing the bustling businesses along this resort town's main strip by only a few hundred feet.

Pilot Paul Johnson, 71, his wife and another couple, all vacationing from Lubbock, Texas, died in the fiery crash Monday after he radioed in to say he was trying to return to Taney County Airport.

The small Piper Seneca, its fuel tanks filled just before take-off, exploded a safe distance

from restaurants, motels, tourist attractions and lunchtime traffic that crowd two-lane Missouri 76.

"It would have been much worse if they had crashed in a population center," Branson Police Chief Carol McCullough said.

Federal aviation investigators were to comb through the wreckage Tuesday and may be able to determine if Johnson deliberately steered the falling plane away from Branson's main strip.

Branson fire and police officials said there was no black box recorder on the small aircraft.

But they said there may be indications of how the pilot acted in his radio traffic with a local airport when he reported mechanical troubles.

Mike Willett, manager of AAA Self Storage Inns, said the plane struck the corner of a building containing 32 units and quickly caught fire, destroying the building.

"The plane shook my house when it hit," said Willett, who lives on the property.

Both Willett and Terry Ware, office manager for a plumbing company that sits near the property, said they heard what sounded like gunfire after one of the

explosions. Authorities said it was probably ammunition going off in one of the storage units.

The plane came down about 200 feet from the busy street, near a Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, a pair of motels and a string of musical theaters bearing the names of such entertainers as Andy Williams and Bobby Vinton.

Skies in the area were overcast, but there were no storms or unusual weather at the time of the crash, the National Weather Service said.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the plane crashed about 12:30 p.m., about

15 minutes after taking off from Taney County Airport in Point Lookout, Mo.

In addition to Johnson, 71, a dentist, the other victims were identified as his wife, Marcia Johnson, 71; Betty Roach, 80;

and her husband, Bill Roach, for whom no age was available.

Paul Johnson was an Abilene Christian University trustee and member of the school's Sports Hall of Fame, according to the Abilene Reporter-News.



The tail section of a small plane is shown near a self-storage complex after the plane crashed Monday in Branson, Mo. According to officials, the twin-engine plane crashed and burned killing all four people aboard but narrowly missing restaurants and attractions on the main entertainment strip.

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Kelso named award winner by academy

Nathan Kelso has been named a national award winner in history and government and mathematics by the United States Achievement Academy.

Kelso, a student at Calloway County Middle School, was named for the awards by his teachers, Dawn Smith, history and government, and Christi Walker, mathematics.

His biography will appear in the academy yearbook.

He is the son of Mike and LeeAnn Kelso of Almo.

His grandparents are Joe and Cynthia Kelso of Almo and Randy and Carol Saladin of Mt. Vernon, Ill.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Murray-Calloway County Child Care Center celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday the week of Feb. 27 - March 3 with daily activities. This community-wide event is held each year to promote literacy among young children. Pictured are Keith Bailey, CEO of Murray-Calloway County Hospital, and his wife, Janet, (standing), reading to children in the Rainbow Room at the MCCH Child Care Center.

Photo provided

ACT Preparatory Workshop scheduled

Murray State University's Center for Continuing Education has announced the date for the ACT Preparatory Workshop, designed to help high school students prepare for the ACT.

The three-hour class will begin at 9 a.m. on April 1.

Many high school juniors and seniors will be preparing themselves for this important college entrance exam. The workshop is designed to give

students an effective and affordable approach to preparing for the test. Course topics include test-taking strategies and study skills.

The price will be \$25 which includes a study packet. Registrations are currently being taken and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, contact the center at 762-3659 or 1-800-669-7654, ext. 3659.



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RED CROSS DONATION: Pictured is Dwain Taylor, owner of Dwain Taylor Chevrolet & Toyota of Murray, presenting a \$1,000 check to Tory Daugherty, executive director of the Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross. This firm is a corporate sponsor of the Heroes Campaign, a fund-raising effort during the month of March to raise funds for local disaster relief. For more information on becoming a corporate sponsor or to find out ways you can help the Red Cross, contact the chapter at 753-1421 or by e-mail at callowayredcross@murray-ky.net.

Land Between the Lakes plans activities

GOLDEN POND, Ky. — Land Between the Lakes has activities planned this week.

The Homeplace, Nature Station and Golden Pond Planetarium will be open from Wednesday through Sunday during the month of March. Admission is \$3 for ages 13 and up, \$2 for ages 5 to 12, and free with family for ages 4 and under.

Elk & Bison Prairie, located off I-24 in Western Kentucky and Tennessee, is open daily. The charge is \$3 per car. Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Planetarium shows are scheduled at the Golden Pond Planetarium. The cost is \$3 for ages 13 and up and \$2 for ages 5 to 12, and 4 and under free.

"Blown Away - The Wild World of Weather" will be shown at noon Wednesday

through Friday and at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"Ring World" will be shown at 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"Stars to Starfish" will be at 11 a.m. and "Kentucky Skies" at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Events at The Homeplace will be "Log Hewing" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday "Planting by the Signs" at 1 p.m. on Sunday

Events at Nature Station will be "Hunters of the Sky" at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday; "Canine Communication" at 1:30 p.m. on Friday; "Pond Life Discovery Station from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and "Peepers and Leapers" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday; "Moonlight Frog Walk from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, but call for reservations; "Pocket Full o' Possum" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information call toll free at 1-800-LBL-7077 or 1-270-924-2000 or www.lbl.org.

Cross-Disability Group meeting will be held on Thursday



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

A Cross-Disability Group, organized by the Center for Accessible Living, will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the center, located off of North 16th Street Extended next to Four Rivers Behavioral Health.

The group is open to anyone that has a disability and wants to discuss issues pertaining to disabilities.

Carolyn Stubblefield, independent living specialist, will be the facilitator of the group. Space is limited so advance notice is needed if you plan on attending. For more information call Stubblefield at 753-7676 or e-mail cstubblefield@calky.org.

Open singing at Coldwater

Open singing will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Coldwater United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

Compassionate Friends will meet

Compassionate Friends will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in private dining room #1 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For more information contact MCCH Chaplain Kerry Lambert at 762-1274 or Hilda Bennett at 1-731-4987-8324.

Glory Bound will be Thursday

James V. Edwards and Roxanne Kaler 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.

Legion Post meeting Thursday

American Legion Post #73 will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room of Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, 805 North 12th St., in front of Wal-Mart. New Legion Post planning will be on the agenda. All members and veterans are encouraged to attend. For more information call Post Commander Don Adcock at 227-7939 or 489-2844. Center

SS representative here Thursday

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

Alumni and Associates will meet

The Alumni and Associates of Calloway County Schools will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at Paglia's.

Thursday TOPS Club will meet

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

Basketball banquet planned

Murray High School basketball banquet will be April 15 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom of Murray State University-Curris Center. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from Penny Dunn in the library at MHS or by calling Liz Anderson at 293-0860.

Hazel Lodge 138 will meet

Hazel Lodge 138 of Woodmen of the World will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at the Harmon WOW building on C.C. Lowry Drive. An Italian meal with spaghetti and lasagna and drinks will be furnished.

Service team plans promotion

Calloway Trash Service Relay for Life team will have rebate day at Mr. Gatti's today starting at 5 p.m. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the team.

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.

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.

MES Council will meet

Murray Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet today at 4 p.m. in the conference room of the school.

PrimeLife plans trip

PrimeLife, health and wellness program for people age 55 and older at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, has planned a trip to the Panama Canal area in October. Anyone interested is encouraged to call Ethelyn Loberger, coordinator, at 767-2190. Final payment is due by Wednesday.

Quilt Lovers will meet

Quilt Lovers of Murray will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the community room of Calloway Public Library. The program will be "Quilting Questions and Answers" with a panel of experts to take questions from the floor in addition to those provided beforehand. All interested persons are invited.

Voting at MES scheduled

Parent/guardian voting for Site-based Decision Making Council representatives will be today at Murray Elementary during school hours. Any parent/guardian of new kindergarten students is eligible to vote.



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HERITAGE BALL: Members of the Murray Woman's Club Finance Committee met to continue planning for the first Heritage Ball to be held Nov. 18 at the Curris Center ballroom, Murray State University. The committee, chaired by Kathy Stanfa, said the committee will be finalizing plans for the ball with live music in the next few months. Pictured (from left) are Tracey Wortham, Sue White, Dorothy Terry Rogers, Pat Harrington, Kay Ray and Karen Olsen. Not pictured is Stanza.

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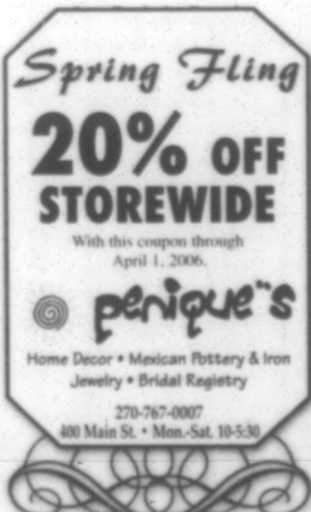
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BRINGING THE FIELD TRIP TO THE CLASSROOM: Fifth graders at North Calloway Elementary school enjoyed a visit from two park rangers from the Fort Donelson Civil War battlefield near Dover, Tenn. Rangers Deborah Austin and Susan Hawkins presented a new program where they bring the "field trip" into the classroom. They brought along with them a "traveling trunk" with reproductions of everyday items a Civil War soldier would have used, then they selected students to display the clothing. The program is offered to the school at no cost. Pictured above, from left, are: Ranger Deborah Austin; North Elementary fifth graders Matt Holder and Ryan Morrison; and Ranger Susan Hawkins.

McCuiston named as March Rotary 'Student of the Month'

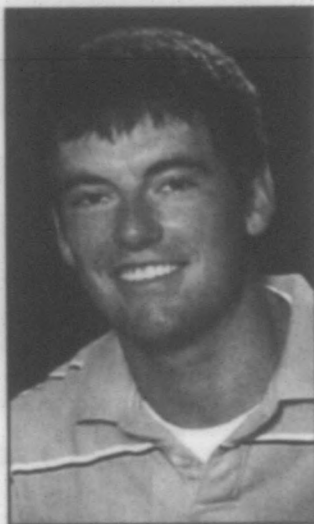
Austin McCuiston, a senior at Calloway County High School, has been selected as the March "Student of the Month" for the Murray Rotary Club. McCuiston has a 4.0 grade point average and is on track to be a Valedictorian for the 2006 graduating class.

He has been a member of the BETA Club for two years and is currently the activities director. He is also a member of the Foreign Language Club (two years), Chemistry Team (two years), Student Council as his class secretary, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (one year) and The Harbor Youth Services Center Advisory Council (two years). He was chosen by his peers as Most Studious and he was selected by the CCHS faculty as Best All-Around Senior. McCuiston has been a member of the Laker baseball team for five years. He has received the Baseball Pitching Award for three years, and the Baseball Academic Award the previous four years. During the 2005 season, he helped lead the Lakers to the region championship game.

He has received numerous academic awards at CCHS including Outstanding Student in Science, Physical Education, Geometry, Biology, English II, Psychology, Chemistry, Algebra II, World Civilization, Global Issues, Spanish III, Spanish IV and Calculus. He has been on the Honor Roll all four years of high school.

He has also received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award, first place at the Murray State

University Chemistry Scholarship Competition, runner-up at the MSU Foreign Language Festival - Spanish Level Three Grammar/Vocabulary Exam, National Honor Roll (two years), Who's Who Among American High School students (two years), USAA All-American Scholar Award (three years), USAA National Mathematics Award (three years), National Society of High School Scholars (one year), Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition (one year).



Austin McCuiston

McCuiston is a member of the Glendale Road Church of Christ youth group and has participated in the Mexico Mission Trip.

He is the son of Kenneth and Stacey McCuiston. His plans after high school are to pursue the field of sports medicine and physical therapy.

Calloway Schools accreditation announced

Steve Hoskins, Calloway County Schools, was recently notified by the Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (CASI) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) of receiving special recognition as a school district that has all eligible elementary, middle, and secondary schools accredited. The district is considered a "2005-2006 Super System for Quality Schools," and was congratulated for its accomplishments and continued success in improving educational opportunities for the young people it serves. Calloway County High School was first accredited by the organization in 1966 with the Middle School and three Elementary Schools following in 1982. Hoskins said, "We are pleased to have this recognition for our district's ongoing commitment to quality education."

For 2005-2006, there were 541 school districts in the 11 state SACS CASI region that qualified for this recognition. The number by state is:

Alabama-72, Georgia-73, Louisiana-10, North Carolina-52, South Carolina-53, Texas-9, and Virginia-54.

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Calloway County school administrators pictured above, from left, are: Yvette Pyle, principal at CCHS; Fred Ashby, principal at East Elementary; Steve Hoskins, Calloway County Schools superintendent; Tawnya Hunter, principal at CCMS; Jimmy Nix, administrator at Southwest Elementary; and Margaret Cook, principal at North Elementary.

untary, nongovernmental agency composed of more than 13,000 accredited colleges and universities, elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Accreditation is a process of helping institutions improve through a systematic program of

evaluation, assuring that an institution not only meets quality standards, but also that it demonstrates a continuous commitment to providing quality education programs that are aimed at improving student performance.



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BIOGRAPHY BOXES: Murray Elementary School P4 students recently created "Biography Boxes." Students decorated cereal boxes with images that represented individuals in the library's biography collection. Pictured above, from left, are: Janet Caldwell, principal; Austin Kemp; Tahmia Hardin; and Laura Durr.



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STRONG READERS: As a part of Murray Elementary's "Communities Building Stronger Readers" program, employees of the Murray Bank visit the school each week to read with students. Pictured above, Bob Hargrove from the bank reads with Des Jahvonni Miles, a student in Robin Brown's P3 class.

Murray Middle School's Tiger Pride School Supply holds its grand opening

Murray Middle School's Tiger Pride School Supply held its Grand Opening recently. The store is a student-run business that sells basic school supplies and accessories, school officials reported.

Students conducted a marketing survey at the school to determine the students' needs and product demands prior to opening the store. Students Dustin Garland, Tori Hardin, Chris Kappel, Cameron Stockwell, Niko Sikkell, and Tiffany Thomas manage and operate the store.

The store is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings, according to school officials.

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Bullet holes are seen on one of the police vehicle, in Muqadiyah, about 90 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq today. Insurgents stormed a jail about dawn in the Sunni Muslim heartland north of Baghdad, killing at least 19 policemen and a courthouse guard. Authorities said all 33 prisoners in the lockup were freed and 10 attackers were killed in the battle.

Gunmen storm police station, free prisoners

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents stormed a jail about dawn today in the Sunni Muslim heartland north of Baghdad, killing at least 17 policemen and a courthouse guard. Authorities said all 33 prisoners in the lockup were freed and 10 attackers were killed in the battle.

As many as 100 insurgent fighters — armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades — stormed the judicial compound in Muqadiyah, about 60 miles northeast of the capital. The assault began after the attackers fired a mortar round into the police and court complex, said police Brig. Ali al-Jabouri.

After torching the police station, the insurgents detonated a string of roadside bombs as they fled, taking the bodies of many of their dead comrades with them, police said. At least 13 policemen and civilians and 15 gunmen were wounded in the attack.

Five other police were wounded in two separate roadside bomb attacks targeting patrols in northern and southern Baghdad early Tuesday, police said.

Tuesday's assaults came a day after 39 people were reported killed by insurgents and shadowy sectarian gangs in Iraq, continuing the wave of violence that has left more than 1,000 Iraqis dead since the bombing last month of a Shiite Muslim shrine.

Police found the bodies of at least 15 more people — including that of a 13-year-old girl — dumped in and near Baghdad. The discoveries marked the latest in a string of execution-style killings that have become an almost daily occurrence as Sunni and Shiite extremists settle scores.

As night fell on Monday, a bomb struck a coffee shop in northern Baghdad, killing at least three civilians and injuring 23 others. The bomb was left in a plastic bag inside the shop in a market area of the Azamiyah neighborhood, police Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said.

At about the same time, gunmen killed two oil engineers leaving work at the Beiji refinery north of Baghdad. An electrical engineer and technician

were gunned down at the nearby power station, Beiji police Lt. Khalaf Ayed Al-Janabi said.

Separately, the owner of a small grocery in downtown Baghdad was shot and killed.

In southeast Baghdad, also toward evening, a roadside bomb blew apart a minibus, killing four pilgrims returning from the holy city of Karbala, where millions of Shiite faithful gathered to mark the 40th and final day of the annual mourning period for Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. Five pilgrims on their way to Karbala were wounded in a drive-by shooting earlier in the day, police said.

Otherwise, the commemoration passed largely without incident and absent the violent bomb attacks that have hit pilgrims there over the past two years.

Other violence in Iraq Monday targeted more police.

Roadside bombs — one just a few hundred yards from an Interior Ministry lockup in central Baghdad and one in a farming area near the so-called

Triangle of Death south of Baghdad — killed at least seven police and one prisoner.

A policeman in a joint American-Iraqi patrol was killed in Baghdad during fighting with insurgents, and a car bomb targeting a police checkpoint exploded in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, killing another policeman, authorities said.

The international airport in Baghdad remained closed Tuesday after authorities shut it down citing the need to protect the Karbala commemoration, apparently from any attackers who might try to fly into the country.

And Jordanian authorities closed their border with Iraq until further notice to "prevent those without valid travel documents from entering the country," said Maj. Bashir al-Dajani, spokesman of Jordan's Public Security Department. The New York Times reported the border was closed because a large number of Palestinians living in Iraq were trying to cross into Jordan without proper documents.

Former Guantanamo detainees, attorneys speak of humiliation

WASHINGTON (AP) — America risks convicting the innocent and letting the guilty evade justice in how it handles detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the military attorney defending an Australian terror suspect held at the U.S. prison camp said Monday.

Maj. Michael Mori, a Marine Corps lawyer, told an audience at George Washington University that no civilized justice system would accept "information being acquired potentially under torture or questionable methods."

Mori spoke after several former detainees recounted their experiences at the camp, which holds roughly 500 prisoners. Most were taken in the aftermath of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Mori's client, David Hicks, was caught in December 2001, allegedly while fighting alongside Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime. He has pleaded innocent to charges that include attempted murder and aiding the enemy.

"When you use an imbalanced system," Mori said, "all you do is risk convicting the

innocent and providing someone who may be truly guilty with a valid complaint to challenge their conviction."

He added: "There are no rules. They change every day." Only a handful of Guantanamo prisoners have been charged. Others have been released, usually to their home countries.

Tarek Dergoul, who spent two years imprisoned at Guantanamo, said he was forced to watch as Americans stepped on a Quran, wrote slurs on its pages and then threw the holy book into a toilet. He said by video link from London that his beard was shaved and his eyes sprayed with pepper spray.

"Guantanamo was a sham-bles," Dergoul said. "It is creating, as they say, terrorists. ... It's doing no justice for America; there's no information being extracted."

The U.S. government has denied some previous reports of abuse of the Quran, specifically a Newsweek magazine report that a copy was flushed down a toilet. Newsweek later retracted the report, which sparked riots that left dozens of people dead.

Shafiq Rasul, who spent

more than two years at Guantanamo, said he was forced to admit to appearing on a video with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Rasul said he had been working in England when the video was made.

Interrogators, he said, isolated him for the better part of three months, his legs shackled while they blasted loud music into his cell until he confessed.

"I was going crazy," Rasul said. "My mind-set was, 'I have to get out of isolation because I can't hack it no more.'"

Attorney Joshua Colangelo-Bryan spoke of attempting to win more freedoms for a client held in isolation who had tried several times to kill himself.

The U.S. military, he said, argued in part that the prisoner was not isolated because he had been interrogated 29 times over two years.

"Is there another case anywhere in the history of Anglo-American jurisprudence where it was argued that a person is not isolated, and in fact has meaningful interaction with other human beings, because he is interrogated?" Colangelo-Bryan asked.

Busy '06 hurricane season predicted

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's hurricane season will be more active than normal but not as busy as last year's, and the Northeast will be hit by a major hurricane within five years, a private forecaster predicted Monday.

Experts at AccuWeather, based in State College, Pa., predicted this year's hurricane season won't quite top last year's record number of named storms and 14 hurricanes.

A normal season consists of 11 named storms, with five or six hurricanes, said Ken Reeves, senior meteorologist and director of the company's forecast operations. The season runs from May 15 to Nov. 30.

The National Weather Service counted 27

named storms last year.

The AccuWeather meteorologists also stressed that the Northeast is overdue for a "powerful hurricane." Weather cycles and above-normal ocean temperatures make it a question of when, not if, they said.

The meteorologists likened current weather cycles and ocean temperatures to those in the 1930s, '40s and '50s, particularly the pattern that led to a 1938 hurricane that struck Providence, R.I., and killed 600 people.

Wind gusts to 186 mph, according to AccuWeather. Surges of 15 to 20 feet and waves of 25 to 50 feet left much of Providence 10 to 15 feet underwater.

BIG DOG MYSTERY

CHAPTER 9

I won't keep you in suspense any longer. No, it was not Blue to the Bone at the door. It was Molly, our next-door neighbor. She was selling cookies. I asked her if she had any dog treats for sale. She didn't. Chloe and I invited Molly to play a game of hide-and-seek. She said she would love to, but first she wanted to ask me a question. "Woody, I've been reading your advice column. It was fun to see that you and Chloe like to go on vacation, but it also made me sad. You see, every year when it is time for vacation, my dad makes us visit my grandparents. It's boring. How can I convince my parents to take us on a real vacation?"

I scratched my head for a minute and thought before answering Molly. "Gee, Molly, visiting with your grandparents sounds like the best vacation of all. You may not be visiting a new state or a historic place, but you are learning about your family's heritage. Chloe and I love visiting our grandparents. Every time we visit, grandma always cooks the best food. In fact, her house always smells like fresh-baked apple dumplings. I can just taste her mouth-watering fried chicken and milk gravy right now. She loves to cook for us and always makes sure we have plenty to eat. "Woody, do you need some more chicken?" I'm always ready to say, "Yes ma'am" just when mom and dad

both tell me I have had plenty. After supper, grandma always gets out old photo albums. She loves to show us old pictures of our dad. It's always fun to see dad in his basketball or football uniform and hear stories about how he was an athlete. Chloe and I laugh every time we see a photo of him because he used to have these really big sideburns. You see, our grandparents can help us know more about our mom and dad. They also teach us lessons about the world before we were born.

Our grandpa fought in World War II. He was in the Army and traveled to places like France, Scotland, England and Belgium. Just hearing him tell these stories makes Chloe and me think we were there. He even showed us his Army uniform. He knows how to do things that Chloe and I don't, like build a piece of furniture from scratch, grow lots of fresh vegetables in the garden and even wiggle his ears. That always makes us laugh! In fact, Chloe and I are always trying to learn to wiggle our ears, too.

You see, Molly, older people like our grandparents can teach us things they have learned in their lives. Remember when Confused met Mr. Jones a few weeks ago and Mr. Jones told Confused not to smoke? Well, Mr. Jones took a lesson he had learned the hard way and tried to prevent someone else from making the same mistake. Our grandparents



are always telling Chloe and me to be respectful to others, to save our money and not spend it on lots of toys, to be sure to read every day and not spend all of our time watching television, as well as other tips. They know what's best because they have lived life much longer than we have and have seen and experienced things that we haven't.

I think your dad is really smart to see that you visit your grandparents. It is sad to think about, but chances are, our grandparents won't be around forever. We need to spend as much time with them and learn as much as we can. Besides, Molly, there is plenty of time for a real vacation later, like when you graduate from college or when you go on a honeymoon. Sure, Chloe and I have gone on some neat vacations, but remember, we spend a lot of time with our

grandparents too. Your vacation time will come."

Molly seemed to understand my answer and even gave me a kiss! My heart went pitter-patter. Molly asked if she could play hide-and-seek later. Chloe and I said, "Sure!" She said she wanted to go back home and write her grandparents a letter telling them how much she loved them and how she couldn't wait to visit them again! Chloe and I decided we would do the same.

So, be sure to tell your family how much you love them, call your grandparents, and work and dream like a big dog!

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Murray State head coach Mick Cronin, who guided the Racers to a 24-7 record in 2005-06 and is 69-24 in three seasons at MSU, has reportedly been named as a finalist for both the Mississippi and Cincinnati coaching vacancies.

Cronin's name now tossed in hat

MSU coach linked to jobs at Ole Miss, Cincinnati

From staff and wire reports

Murray State head basketball coach Mick Cronin is reportedly being named as a finalist for at least two vacant head coaching positions.

The *Clarion-Ledger* of Jackson, Miss., and the *Cincinnati Enquirer* have both listed the third-year MSU coach as a possible finalist for the Mississippi and Cincinnati positions, respectively.

Cronin is just days removed from completing his third season at Murray State, where he has guided the Racers to a 69-24 overall record. Murray finished the 2005-06 campaign with a 24-7 mark after extending No. 3 seed North Carolina to the wire before falling 69-65 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last week.

Cronin included, Ole Miss has named

four finalists in its search for a new coach, athletic director Pete Boone said Monday.

Boone told *The Clarion-Ledger* that the finalists are Cronin, South Alabama coach John Pelphrey, Cincinnati interim coach Andy Kennedy and current Rebels assistant Tracy Dildy, the newspaper reported on its Web site.

Boone said he has received permission from the athletics departments at Murray State, South Alabama and Cincinnati to interview the coaches, and will begin interviewing candidates Wednesday. He said he would speak to Dildy, who was a member of Rod Barnes' staff at Ole Miss for two seasons, later in the week.

School officials announced last month that Barnes would not return next season, after four consecutive losing seasons

followed a four-year period that included three NCAA Tournament appearances.

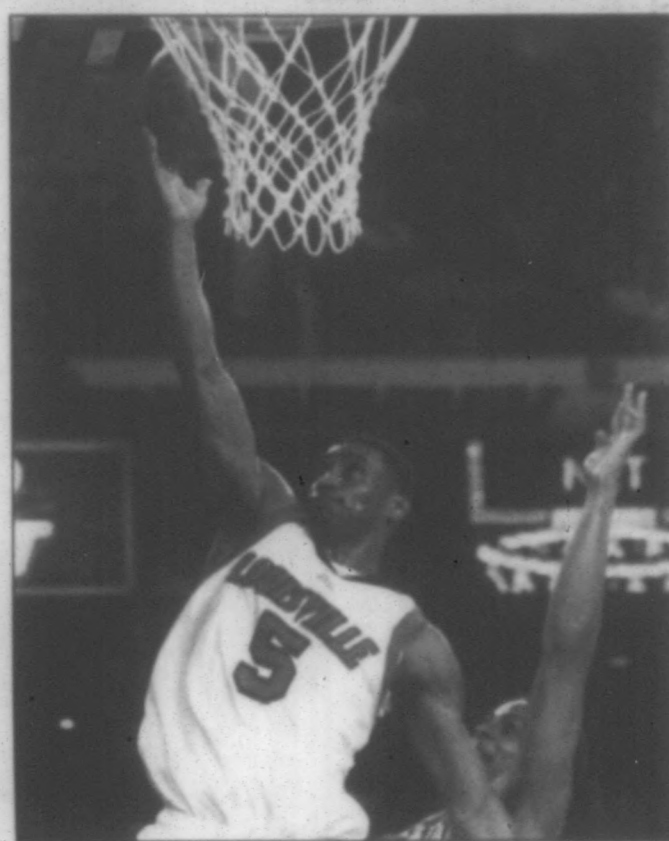
Kennedy is a Louisville, Miss., native and former state high school player of the year.

Meanwhile, the *Enquirer* reported Monday that Cronin, a Cincinnati native and a graduate of both LaSalle High School and UC, is believed to be one of the finalists for the Cincinnati job, which was held by Kennedy this past season.

Kennedy took over the Bearcats from former coach Bob Huggins, who was released from his post before the 2005-06 season. Cronin served as an assistant to Huggins at UC (1997-2001) before moving on to Louisville.

Kennedy and Washington's Karl Hobbs are also believed to be candidates at Cincinnati.

NIT



Louisville's Taquan Dean, left, gets a layup past the defense of Clemson's Cliff Hammonds during second-half action of the NIT Monday at Freedom Hall

Cards content with small stage, dimmer lights

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The stage is smaller, to be sure. The lights not so bright.

There's a reason the National Invitation Tournament is called "the little dance" in some circles. It's March without the madness.

Still, for the Louisville Cardinals, the choice between playing basketball at the end of the year or watching it on TV isn't really a choice at all.

And while other big-name teams who didn't make the NCAA tournament have gone quietly in the NIT, the Cardinals find themselves one game from making it to the NIT semifinals in New York by playing with the urgency required when the season is on the line.

"We badly want to get to New York City to improve and build," Louisville coach Rick

Pitino said. "The letters may only be three, but for us it is a big deal. We are excited to be part of this."

The Cardinals played like it in Monday night's 74-68 win over Clemson. Led by redshirt freshman center Brian Johnson's 13 points and 13 rebounds, the Cardinals (20-12) survived a bruising, physical game that at one point led Pitino to yell at the officials. "This isn't football."

Maybe not, but when the Tigers (19-13) pushed, Louisville pushed back, taking control midway through the first half and never letting go.

"It got a little rough out there," said Louisville guard Taquan Dean, who led all scorers with 20 points. "But we're scratching to get back to New

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March Sadness

Wildcats go cold late, fall to Spartans

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — After all the missed shots, Michigan State hung on. Experience and defense prevailed.

The Spartans withstood a late-game scoring drought by holding Kentucky scoreless for more than five minutes and beat the Wildcats 67-63 on Monday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Fourth-seeded Michigan State, last season's national runner-up, plays the winner of Tuesday's Duke-Southern California game in the round of 16 in Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday.

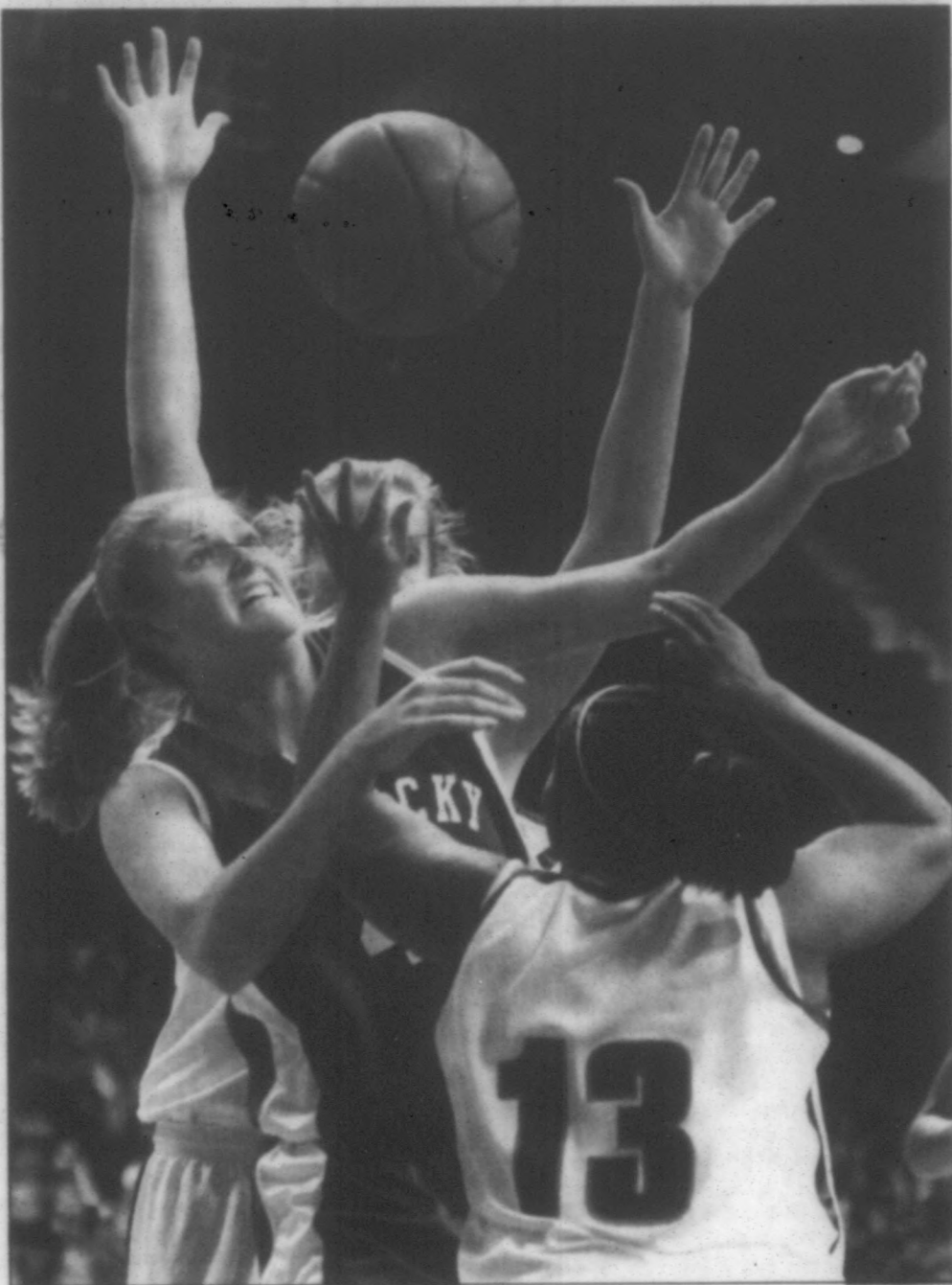
"All the experience that we did have last year and in the Big Ten this year is really paying off," senior Liz Shimek said.

Aisha Jefferson led Michigan State (24-9) with 16 points — 14 in the first half — and Shimek scored 12 points on 4-for-13 shooting — after scoring 27 in the opening round against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Her basket with 4:20 left gave the Spartans the lead for good, 62-60. Michigan State missed its final three shots and committed three turnovers the rest of the way, but Kentucky could not capitalize.

The fifth-seeded Wildcats (22-9) committed two turnovers and missed six consecutive shots before Carly Ormerod ended the scoring drought with a 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left to cut Michi-

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Kentucky's Sarah Elliott, left, reaches for a rebound with Michigan State's Courtney Davidson, right, during the first half in the second-round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament Monday in Rosemont, Ill.

KENTUCKY ALL-STATE TEAM

South Laurel's Allen is player of the year

Boyle County's Bottoms named coach of the year

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — South Laurel's Walt Allen was able to sneak up on opponents last year. As a junior, he didn't even make honorable mention on The Associated Press' all-state team, but he led his team to the state championship and was named most valuable player of the Sweet 16.

Graves County's Eagles were ready for Allen and his team this year, bouncing the 13th Region champion Cardinals (28-5) out of the tournament in the quarterfinals, 46-45.

Allen, a 6-foot-4 forward, still did enough this season to be named AP's player of the year Monday by a panel of 19 sports writers and broadcasters.

"It's a great honor to be able to say you were one of the best in your senior class," Allen said after his team's tournament loss. "Tonight, I probably didn't show

it."

Allen averaged 15.6 points and eight rebounds per game, but Graves County held him to six and five.

Besides Allen, also named to the AP first team were 6-8 center Vincent Crutcher of Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park; 6-3 guard Aaron Dunaway of Lexington Henry Clay; 5-11 guard Joshua Mack of Hopkinsville's University Heights Academy; 6-5 forward Steffon Pettigrew of Elizabethtown; and 6-3 guard A.J. Slaughter of Shelby County.

Six players were named to the first team because of a tie in voting.

Cardinals coach Steve Wright has known Allen since Allen was 3 years old, and their influence on each other is bigger than basketball.

"I don't know if I've ever been around anybody that's had

a more positive impact on my life," Wright said of Allen after their season-ending loss. "He'll be one of my best friends in life."

Allen has signed to play for Division II Presbyterian College in South Carolina next season.

Slaughter led Shelby County with 18 points per game, shooting 50 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line. Slaughter, whose Rockets lost to eventual champion Jefferson-town in the quarterfinals of the Sweet 16, has signed to play for Western Kentucky next season.

Crutcher, of PRP, is the only other first-team player whose team made it to the Sweet 16. He averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game for the 6th Region champs.

The coach of the year comes from traditional football power Boyle County. Ronnie Bottoms

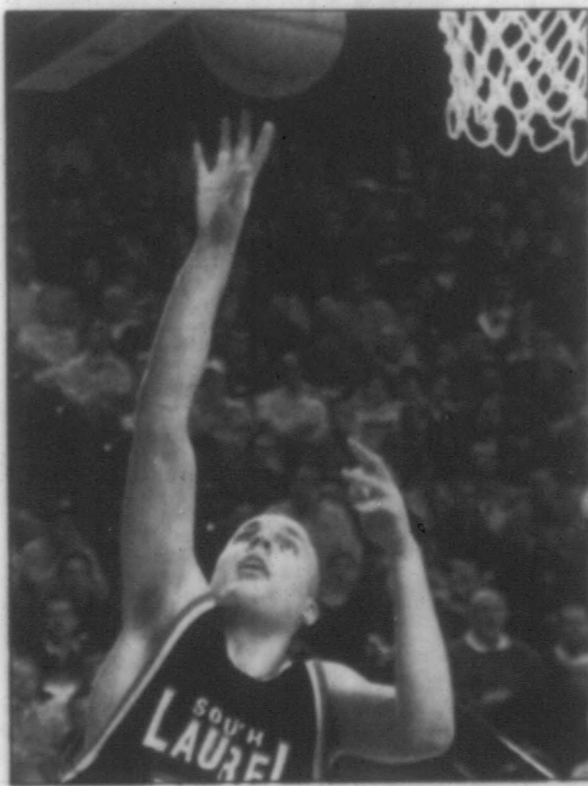


Boyle County's Ronnie Bottoms was named AP Coach of the Year Monday.

"Even when we were playing that tough schedule, the kids were playing hard and doing some good things, and we knew that when we got all the pieces together, we were going to be a nice team."

After losing to Lexington Catholic on Jan. 14, the Rebels won 17 in a row, including the

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South Laurel senior Walt Allen was selected as The Associated Press high school player of the year in the state Monday.



Photo Provided

SPRING-ING TO ACTION: Murray High lineman Johnathon Hammonds works on his technique with a tackling dummy as Tiger assistant coach David Bloodworth looks on during a recent spring practice session at MHS.

Cards

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York, and we were going to do what we have to."

What the Cardinals now have to do is beat Missouri State, a member of the suddenly red-hot Missouri Valley Conference. The MVC put four teams in the NCAA tournament for the first time and has two teams — Wichita State and Bradley — in the NCAA's

Sweet 16.

Pitino said he considers Missouri State in the same class as the teams still playing in the "other" tournament.

"We now know that the Missouri Valley is underrated and probably Creighton and Missouri State should be in (the NAAs)," Pitino said. "They are flat out big time, and Missouri State is as good as any-

one at the top. It is a hell of a conference they have, and it is pretty much a hidden secret."

Maybe not anymore. Then again, the Cardinals might not be either. They've now won six straight games at Freedom Hall and are playing their best basketball of the season.

"We just want to keep playing," guard Brandon Jenkins said.

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gan State's lead to 66-63. She finished with a team-high 15 points.

Victoria Lucas-Perry scored 13 for Michigan State, hitting the tying 3-pointer with just over five minutes left and converting 3-of-4 free throws in the final 16 seconds to wrap up the win.

Jenny Pfeiffer scored 12 for Kentucky.

"I thought (we) played a marvelous finish to a very, very good game," Michigan State coach Joanne McCallie said. "The effort was exceptional. And the plays made down the stretch were also exceptional. It was really fun to watch."

One that stood out was when Kentucky's Sarah Elliott got the ball in the post and lowered her shoulder into Shimek for a charge with 37 seconds left.

Eighteen seconds later, Michigan State's Rene Haynes blocked a short jumper by Samantha Mahoney.

"A lot of times I felt like I got fouled, especially on the last one, but there's nothing I can really do about that," Mahoney said after scoring seven points.

But McCallie said, "The credit there goes to Rene Haynes — a lot — and Victoria and the guards. They did an exceptional job of trying to play her correctly."

Elliott finished with eight after scoring a season-high 22 in the Wildcats' first-round win over Chattanooga.

"I'm very, very proud of our effort and very disappointed we couldn't close the game," Kentucky coach Mickie



AP

Kentucky's Nastassia Alcuis, left, makes a pass as Michigan State's Aisha Jefferson defends during the second half in the second-round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament Monday in Rosemont, Ill.

DeMoss said. "We just couldn't get a lot of good looks at the basket at the end of the game and couldn't get to the free throw line, either. We really struggled to score the last five minutes of the game."

Unlike Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which hung in for about 30 minutes before losing by 19 in the first round to Michigan State, Kentucky stayed with the Spartans the whole way.

The Wildcats weathered a 12-2 run that gave the Spartans a three-point lead midway through the second half, and were ahead 60-57 after Eleia Roddy's putback with 5:25 left. Shimek gave Michigan State the lead and the score held at 62-60 until Lucas-Perry hit two free throws with 16 seconds left.

After Ormerod missed a wild

runner, Shimek hit two foul shots to make it 66-60 with 7.7 seconds left. But the Wildcats weren't quite out of it.

Ormerod raced upcourt and hit a 3-pointer to make it a three-point game. But Lucas-Perry hit 1-of-2 foul shots for the final score.

Michigan State was 14-of-19 from the line, while Kentucky was 4-for-4.

Ormerod's 3-pointer capped a 9-1 spurt to start the second half that increased Kentucky's lead to 43-34.

And it was 48-41 before Michigan State got going.

The Spartans got four points each from Shimek and Lucas-Perry during a 12-2 run that put them ahead 53-50. Lucas-Perry capped the run with a block on Mahoney's short pull-up jumper and two free throws with 10:36 left.

MLB ROUNDUP

Soriano refusing to play left for Nationals

By The Associated Press

Alfonso Soriano's spring debut was memorable for his absence.

Soriano refused to play the outfield for the Washington Nationals in what was supposed to be his first exhibition game with the team Monday night, and general manager Jim Bowden said his biggest offseason acquisition could go on the disqualified list if he doesn't agree to switch positions this week.

"The player refused to take the field, which we believe is a violation of his contract," Bowden said in Viera, Fla.

Soriano, a four-time All-Star second baseman, was acquired from Texas in a December trade. He was listed as batting lead-off and playing left field on a lineup sheet posted in the Nationals' clubhouse before an 11-5 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first, Soriano wasn't out there. With play just about to begin, left field was empty and nobody on the Nationals seemed to know where Soriano was.

Confused players and fans looked toward Washington's dugout. The only person to emerge, however, was Nationals manager Frank Robinson.

He approached plate umpire Mike Estabrook and made a defensive switch, moving Ryan Church from center field to left and putting Brandon Watson in center to replace Soriano in the lineup.

The Nationals already have an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, so they told Soriano they want him to move to the outfield, and he indicated he doesn't want to do that. But Monday provided his most concrete — and visible — objection.

"We told him if we get to Thursday, and he refuses to play left field, we told him at that point we will request that the commissioner's office place him on the disqualified list, at that time — no pay, no service time," Bowden said.

All-State

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12th Region championship, beating Pulaski Southwestern, 67-51.

Two years ago, nobody even wanted the job of coaching basketball at a football school, Bottoms said.

"We're a football and a basketball school now," he said. "The foundation's there. We're gonna be pretty good for a while."

Boyle was eliminated in the first round of the Sweet 16 by PRP, 67-43.

Allen teammate Ty Proffit, a 6-4 guard, was named to the second team. Scott County, which did not make the Sweet 16 tournament, placed two guards on the second team: 6-3 Rodney Haddix and 6-4 Matt Walls. Also named to the second team were 6-6 forward Daniel Ard of Marshall County and 6-0 guard Stuart Miller of Middlesboro.



MICHAEL DANN/ File Photo Marshall County senior Daniel Ard was named to the All-State second team announced Monday by The Associated Press.

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Boston 3, Baltimore 1
Detroit 5, Houston 2
St. Louis 11, Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 9, Toronto 7
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 4
Tampa Bay 6, Minnesota 5
L.A. Dodgers 9, Washington 1
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 0
N.Y. Yankees 2, Cleveland 0
Colorado 8, Seattle 5
Texas 2, Chicago Cubs (ss) 0
Oakland (ss) 8, Chicago Cubs (ss) 4
Milwaukee (ss) 8, Chicago White Sox 7
Kansas City 6, San Francisco (ss) 3
Milwaukee (ss) 4, San Francisco (ss) 2
San Diego vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., ccd., rain
Oakland (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., ccd., rain

Monday's Games

Atlanta 8, St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 4, Toronto 3
Detroit 15, N.Y. Yankees 2
Pittsburgh 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie, 11 innings
Philadelphia 8, Minnesota 5
Oakland 7, Seattle 1
Chicago Cubs 10, Arizona 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 5
L.A. Dodgers 11, Washington 5
Colorado 8, San Diego 4

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 5:05 p.m.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Lady Racers fall to eighth place in Florida

Special to the Ledger

CITRUS SPRINGS, Fla. —

The Murray State women's golf team was in third place after the first 18 holes played Monday afternoon in the Lady Herd/El Diablo Intercollegiate, but fell to eighth place in the 14-team tournament after the second round, just four shots behind sixth-place Eastern Kentucky.

The tournament is being held on the par-72, 5,942-yard El Diablo Golf and Country Club course in Citrus Springs. The final round was scheduled to be played today.

The Lady Racers shot a first-round 317, just 12 strokes

behind then-leader Florida Atlantic, but had a second-round score of 331 to give them an overall two-round score of 648, 13 shots behind fourth-place North Texas and 42 strokes behind current leader Maryland.

MSU is led by Christi Baron, who has a 78-80=158 after two rounds, tied for 16th in the 79-golfer tournament and 10 shots behind individual leader June Bolme of Florida Atlantic. Ilka Loubser and Lauren Hughes are both tied for 33rd with even scores of 164, while Julie Bennett is tied for 48th at 168 and Ashley Kelbough is tied for 56th at 170.

NFL ROUNDUP

Tagliabue to retire as NFL commissioner in July

NEW YORK (AP) — Who ever replaces Paul Tagliabue as NFL commissioner can thank him for setting up a six-year cushion of labor peace and flowing riches.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after a 16-year tenure that was the most prosperous in NFL history.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privilege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said Monday, a few hours after he had notified the 32 owners that he was stepping down. "As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision," he said. "Right for me. Right for the league."

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

Who comes next is the big question.

Tagliabue said it was wide open, although names of potential successors have been circulating for years, the most prominent being Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay. More recently, Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass and Secretary

of State Condoleezza Rice have also shown interest, although Rice's spokesman said Monday that she is happy with the job she has right now.

Owners will begin the search for a new commissioner at their meetings next week in Orlando, Fla., hoping to avoid what turned into a deadlock between Tagliabue and the late Jim Finks, then the New Orleans general manager 17 years ago.

There's the potential for that if McKay and Goodell become the main candidates — Finks was a "football man" favored by some, while Goodell is a league office man, as Tagliabue was when he was elected.

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270-753-1916****Horoscope**

by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Wednesday, March 22, 2006:You have a lot going for you.
Work on living and viewing
your life in a better and more
independent manner. Your
happy ways do make a difference
in most situations. You will
find that many people around
you do different things, or live
their lives very differently from
the way you think they should.
Review personal matters more
closely rather than judge others.
You have a lot to smile about.
Think positively. If you are single,
you will meet people easily
when you are out and about. If
you are attached, your relationship
will flourish if you do more
together. CAPRICORN pushes
you into the limelight.**The Stars Show the Kind of
Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic;
4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so;
1-Difficult**ARIES (March 21-April 19)******* You reverse directions
and head down a new path.
Without intending to, you could
incur someone's ire. You might
be surprised at what comes up
with a person you look up to.
Tonight: Could be late.**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)******* Take the high road,
especially if you are feeling
touchy. Instead of deciding that
others are attacking you, consider
what might be going on with
them. You will gain a new per-
spective and relax. You will have
much more inner peace as a
result. Tonight: Tap into your
imagination; you'll come up with
great plans!**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)******* Not everyone sees life
like you do. Be willing to relax
and get the big picture. Listen to
someone's feedback without
dissing the person or reacting in
a hostile manner. He or she
might have a valid point or two.
Everything flows in a new direction.
Tonight: Happy as a cat.**CANCER (June 21-July 22)******* You might want to take a
leap of faith when it comes to
dealing with a specific person in
your life. You might not be as
controlling as this person. Take a
strong stand when handling a
responsibility. Increase your status.
Tonight: A must appearance.**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)******* Suddenly, the practical
aspects of your life invade. You
might need to put on your think-
ing cap to clear out as much as
you can. After all, according to
the Lion, life is about living, not
working. Remember that you are
someone's role model. Tonight:
Save your energy.**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)******* You are always so
practical, but now your imagina-tion takes you to new realms and
different thoughts. Someone
who admires your practical
behavior might throw a
boomerang in your path. Just
jump over it. Tonight: Enjoy the
midweek break.**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)******* Sometimes you need to
step back and understand more
of what is going on with some-
one close to you. Keeping a tight
persona could be the perfect fol-
low-through for a project or
important situation. Tonight:
Homeward bound.**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)******* You can make any-
thing possible if you relax and
work with the circumstances.
Loosen up and make the most
out of a very positive, creative
few days. Think in terms of
reaching out to others. Listen
and evaluate. Tonight: Talk up a
storm.**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)***** Be sensitive about expendi-
tures and choices. You can no
longer deal with a problem; find
ways of eliminating it. Your cre-
ativity surges, and you gain as a
result. Listen well. Tonight:
Happy as a cat.**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)******* With the Moon in your
sign, you come out on top, a
force to be dealt with. You might
want to think before you take a
major action. Your personality
helps you melt others' barriers.
Tonight: As you wish.**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)***** Don't make assumptions,
but consider new possibilities.
Try out an idea on someone
else. Think positively, and you'll
come up with solutions. You do
your best work alone, by your-
self. Be creative. Tonight: Play
the reclus. (It won't be forever.)**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)******* Knowing what you
want will help you accomplish
your goals. You cannot go too far
out or try something too weird
right now. Take your time with
choices. You'll feel much better if
you relax. Feel free to reinvent
yourself. Tonight: Don't let any-
one stop you.**BORN TODAY**Singer, actor Glen Campbell
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LookingBack

10 years ago

Published is a picture of Calloway County Fire Rescue Volunteers Brent Neal and John Mark Dillon working together to stop a chimney fire from reigniting at a home on Ky. Hwy. 444 in New Concord. There were no injuries and damage was slight. The photo was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

Dr. Hong Zhu, violin/viola, and Prof. Marie Taylor, pianist, will present a faculty recital tonight at 8 p.m. in Farrell Recital Hall, Doyle Fine Arts Center, Murray State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Watson will be married 50 years March 23.

20 years ago

Published is a picture of USDA Inspectors Tom Wallace and Glen Crawford putting the final grades for the last sale of dark fired tobacco to be sold this season. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Tuck.

Local students named to the Fourth District High School Basketball Tournament were Stan Rutledge, Mark West and Kelly Ridley of Murray High School Tigers and Tony Jackson, Scott Nix, Amberly Moss and Christy Anderson of Calloway County High School Lakers.

Births reported include a boy to Kyle and Steven Hendrix, a girl to Stephanie and Michael Nash and a boy to Susan and David Harrison, March 19.

30 years ago

Published are a picture and story about Jerry Mac Burken, 1968 graduate and valedictorian of Calloway County High School, who entered Murray State University in 1972-73 when he received the Murray State University Alumni scholarship. He has been confined

to a wheel chair since hit by polio as an infant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burken. He is also employed by a local grain and feed store. The story was written by Dwain McIntosh.

Robert Shank will be the evangelist at the spring gospel meeting opening tonight and continuing through Friday.

40 years ago

Airman Third Class William A. Barlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Barlow of Rt. 5, Murray, has graduated from a training course for aircraft mechanics at the base at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dr. Harold Eversmeyer of the Murray State College faculty presented a program on "Parliamentary Procedure" at a meeting of the Murray Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Ollie Brown presented a program on "Modern Abstract Arrangements" at a meeting of the Nature's Palette Garden Club held at the home of Mrs. I.H. Key.

50 years ago

A service of spirituals will be presented March 25 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist church. Six choirs of the church will participate in the musical service which will be directed by Harry Hampsher, minister of music at the church. Accompanists will be Lillian Watters, organist, and Shirley Joyce Chiles, pianist. Dr. H.C. Chiles is pastor.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dale Burken.

Roman Prydatkevych, violinist of Murray State College fine arts faculty, will present a program at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at First Methodist Church, Murray, tonight.

Wife's cover-up of pre-marital affair was betrayal of trust

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Hurt and Sad in Trenton," whose wife slept with a married man before they were married, stunk.

"Hurt's" wife should have said right from the start: "This is who I am; this is where I've been. Take me as I am or let's go our separate ways." If she'd been honest, he'd have no cause to complain.

Reflecting back on years spent in ignorance turns happy marriages bitter, as one realizes one was played for a fool. Suddenly the "innocent" nights out of old assume an ominous character. Is it not better to risk a relationship at the beginning by telling the truth, than to risk its implosion years later when the truth will come out?

"Hurt" deserved sympathy, not an attack. His wife betrayed his trust, not with sex before she met him, but with lies afterward. -- NORTH OF TRENTON

DEAR NORTH OF TRENTON: I did not "attack" the writer of that letter. I advised him to stop the name-calling and get religious and psychological counseling -- although

I may have made a few other points along the way. Perhaps you would like to sample the reactions of other male readers to that letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The man who wrote that letter is an idiot. You were right to tell him his wife deserves better. His lofty ideals seem to take precedence over all else, and his comments do not portend a bright future for them.

To paraphrase your words: The place for a good wife (or husband) is neither on a pedestal nor in the gutter. It's on a comfy sofa, each with an arm around the other -- cuddling and secure in the knowledge of the love they share. -- GARY IN WORCESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, have been married 15 years. We also have two children. I, too, recently learned about my wife having an affair with a married man, but it happened during the last year or so. I never strayed -- not once. She betrayed my love for her, and I'm a train wreck. "Hurt and Sad" should walk in my shoes. He was by no means betrayed by something that happened before he knew his wife. Unlike mine, his wife has honored her marriage vows.

The problem in their marriage is his Middle Ages attitude that regards women as chattel. His wife is not a used car. He needs a therapist, badly, and I happen to know a good one who is helping me through the toughest time of my life. Oh, and since I live only one town away from him, tell "Hurt and Sad" that if he's tossing his "slut" into the "gutter," let me know where and when. I'd be more than happy to embrace his "dirty laundry." She sounds like just the person I'm searching for to restore my trust. -- DEVASTATED IN PRINCETON, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: It seems to me that "Hurt and Sad" is looking for a way out, a justifiable excuse to prove to his Catholic family and friends that divorce was "unavoidable." He says he'll stay for the children, but peppers her with accusations. Maybe he's hoping she'll be verbally abused into filing for divorce so he will be off the hook.

He needs to stop hiding behind the church and start following all of the Catholic faith, not just those beliefs he agrees with. Her sins are only to be resolved between her and her God. She does not need her husband's "almighty" grace. If he's as perfect as he insinuates, I'll be the first to nominate him for sainthood. -- VIC IN DALLAS

'Dropped uterus' causes incontinence

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a dropped uterus. When I need to go to the bathroom, I must go or it will come out on my

panties. If you have an answer to this problem I would appreciate it.

DEAR READER: Your problem, which you have well expressed in two short sentences, is common. Female urinary incontinence has many causes, the most frequent one being a "dropped uterus," a weakness of the suspensory tissue of the womb, a consequence of multiple pregnancies.

When the uterus is "mobile," it can interfere with bladder control and lead to incontinence, both dribbling and outright urination.

You should start with your gynecologist, who may urge you to consider an operation to stabilize your uterus (or remove it). If his or her recommendations are not acceptable, your next step is to be examined by a urologist, especially one who has an incontinence nurse in the office. Such a professional will teach you certain control exercises and techniques that could delay your need for a hysterectomy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My questions pertain to tetanus

shots. I'm getting conflicting reports. How long is a shot good for? Also, should it be updated after an injury or surgery? And, finally, is there a difference between a tetanus shot and a booster shot?

DEAR READER: Childhood immunizations consist, in part, of three spaced tetanus injections. Booster shots are recommended every 10 years. In the presence of a severe injury or a puncture wound, experts advise booster shots regardless of the timing of a previous tetanus inoculation. The booster shot is the same as regular tetanus toxoid and often protects against diphtheria as well.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 52-year-old male in generally good health. I have regular daily bowel movements. I have observed during the past year that my stools are flat, not round. Is this evidence of a collapsed colon?

DEAR READER: Changes in bowel movements, as well as an alteration in the shape of the stool, are red flags for doctors. Although your "flat-tening" may be inconsequential, it should not be ignored. I don't want to frighten you, but the doctors must be sure that this is not caused by a rectal tumor; therefore, I advise you to bring this matter to your physician's attention. Unless I am way off base, I predict that he or she will refer you to a gastroenterologist or a surgeon for a colonoscopy. Don't delay. You need a diagnosis now.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2006. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Two hundred years ago, on March 21, 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

On this date:
In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson reported to President Washington in New York as the new secretary of state.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York.

In 1956, 50 years ago, "Marty" won best picture at the Academy Awards; its star, Ernest Borgnine, won best actor. Anna Magnani won best actress for "The Rose Tattoo."

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1979, the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel.

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ContractBridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♦A 9 4
♥AK 6
♦Q 8 5
♦A 8 7 3
WEST
♦7 2
♥Q J 10 3
♦A J 9 4
♥Q 10 2
EAST
♦8 6 3
♥9 8 4 2
♦K 7 2
♥9 6 5
SOUTH
♦K Q J 10 5
♥7 5
♦10 6 3
♥K J 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♦
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

If the only way to defeat a contract depends upon your partner having a certain card, and if your partner's holding that card is consistent with the bidding, then you should proceed on the assumption that he has that card. To play otherwise constitutes a form of self-destruction.

For example, consider this deal where South is in four spades and West leads the queen of hearts. Declarer wins with the king and

draws three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy. The three of clubs is then led to the jack, losing to West's queen. What should West play next?

Actually, there is only one card he can return to defeat the contract: the jack of diamonds. If he leads that card, South goes down; if he leads any other card, South makes the contract.

The jack is the killing play because declarer cannot then avoid the loss of three diamond tricks regardless of what he does. But if West leads the ace of diamonds or a low diamond, South can hold himself to two diamond losers with proper play.

How can West know that the jack of diamonds — and only the jack of diamonds — is the right play? West sees that declarer has five trump tricks, the A-K of hearts, and the ace of clubs. It is also fairly obvious that South took a club finesse at trick five with a holding that included the K-J. This brings declarer to nine sure tricks.

If West also credits South with the king of diamonds, he might as well give up and go home. Instead, he must assume that East has the king. Having done so, he leads the jack to trap the queen and thus gains the hoped-for three diamond tricks.

Tomorrow: By the sweat of the brow.

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Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1 Balloon filler
- 4 Dust particle
- 9 Pewter component
- 12 Foot-pound relative
- 13 Band instruments
- 14 Malt beverage
- 15 Cable network
- 16 Emir or sheik
- 17 Contended
- 18 Bashfully
- 20 Geometry term
- 21 Air rifle pellet
- 23 Fair-hiring letters
- 24 Next to
- 26 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
- 30 Caller's signals (2 wds.)
- 32 Java-lovers' containers
- 34 Two-striper
- 35 Leaf veins
- 36 Shish kebab
- 39 Pedro's aunt
- 40 Out of the country
- 41 Wall
- 43 Cobb
- 44 Type of baseball
- 45 Bicycle part
- 47 Upswep hairdo
- 50 Mr. Severard
- 51 Special knack
- 54 Bottom line
- 55 Competition
- 56 Orange pekoe
- 57 Nest-egg letters
- 58 Dangles
- 59 Common ID

DOWN

- 1 Obtain
- 2 Prince Val's son
- 3 Bilko and Preston
- 4 Stuck around
- 5 Stole
- 6 Auction site
- 7 Yellow vehicle
- 8 Midwest st.
- 9 Mai
- 10 Dot in the Seine
- 11 Jarrett of NASCAR
- 17 Eyeshade
- 19 The gentleman
- 20 Guinea pig, maybe
- 21 "La —" (Valens song)
- 22 Book jacket ad
- 24 Staining
- 25 — for keeps
- 26 Red-ink entry
- 27 Term paper
- 29 Horror-film servant
- 31 Quit stalling
- 33 Jeer
- 37 Bad actor
- 38 Puffs up
- 42 Quaker pronoun
- 45 Little chirper
- 46 Back muscles
- 47 Frat letter
- 48 Not just my
- 49 Emma in "The Avengers"
- 50 Spacewalk to NASA
- 52 Thing, in law
- 53 Make leather
- 55 What's that?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

KNEES STRAW
WEALTH TIARAS
ENDS HOOKY VP
LYE MIL OER
LARD DEC AWRY
UPON RENEE
EG PAT HOG DR
GAMED SEMI
OLES GAP STAG
ILL BAN ONE
SE REUSE APTS
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The Murray High School speech team is preparing for state competition this week.

MHS speech team qualifies for state

Special to the Ledger

Kara Byrn, Murray High School Speech Team coach, said the Murray High School Speech Team members who qualified for the upcoming Kentucky High School Speech Association (KHSSA) state competition have been preparing diligently for their upcoming state competition, held in Bowling Green, Ky., March 23-25.

"We have improved since last year," she said. "We are taking more students this year, as six more students get the privilege of competing at the state level this year."

Students will participate with students representing Kentucky high schools throughout the state in Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Improvisational Duo, Original Oratory, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Solo Acting and Storytelling divisions.

Byrn said a student is required to speak off the cuff in the Impromptu Speaking division on a given topic. "They need to be prepared to offer an introduction, preview of points and develop the points during their presentation," she said. "The conclusion should be evident."

Callie Dowdy, a senior member of the team, has gained numerous experiences competing in the Impromptu Division and described it as a unique event that mandates "thinking on your feet at all times." "There are no words to guide your thought process, you just have to latch on to a theme and run with it."

Dowdy said it is not what is said, but how it is said during this individual competition. "Your speech must be logical and easy to follow."

If Dowdy were to receive the topic, "State Speech Competition," in a round she said she would craft her idea around accomplishment.

"Having a goal, putting forth the effort to achieve it, and the rewards of seeing your hard work rewarded, even if it is a more internal, philosophical reward, rather than a gold medal or blue ribbon—would be the main focal points I would use to present the topic."

Jacob Bell, a freshman who describes himself with a dry sense of humor, will also participate in this category. In past tournaments Bell spoke on "language and words."

"I express myself during delivering my message," he said. "When speaking about language and words I have used sarcasm to show how this actually describes me and how I convey messages to those around me."

Bell said to prepare for tournaments he uses a book of quotes that contains some of the most literary words spoken by renowned world and literary figures including Gandhi and Mark Twain.

"I take their quotes and apply them to today's world and view point," he said. "I like the ones that are straight forward."

Byrn said the team performed exceptionally well at last year's state tournament. "I was definitely pleased with the students' hard work and determination," she said. "It is very difficult for small teams like ours to earn a spot in the 'top ten' at the KHSSA State Speech Tournament since speech teams from all across Kentucky are in attendance."

Junior member, Colleen McCoy, has been preparing for her Prose category preparing a selection from the novel *Speak* by Laura Halse Anderson. "Miss Byrn recommended this novel and thought I would be interested in it," she said.

McCoy said the piece she delivers is about a freshman girl who begins high school for the first time and in the conclusion it is known she is carrying a deep life-changing serious experience

that is not aware to her classmates. "I am excited about performing this piece at state," she said. "It is the right piece for me and it fits. It begins on a light note, somewhat humorous, and then the tone completely changes as the girl's secret is unveiled."

Elizabeth Powell, a junior who will perform in the Dramatic Interpretation category, said daydreaming and acting plays a part in her daily life. Powell said her instilled belief "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," provides her with the inner strength to perform.

"God's given me such a passion for acting that it's always in my life," she said. "The feeling of 'Wow, I WAS just that character,' is what tells me it was a great performance."

Teresa Speed, MHS principal, said the MHS Speech program has provided her students an outstanding opportunity for growth and learning evidenced by their achievements in the classroom and on the stage. "I continue to be amazed by their work ethic and performances," she said. "I am so proud of each and every one of them."

Byrn said the team just hopes for the best.

"We have unfinished business in Bowling Green this year," she said. "Murray High's speech team is back and ready for a strong finish now — I definitely foresee huge gains being made at this year's state tournament."

TV Listings Wednesday, March 22, 2006

WEDNESDAY MORNING A-CHARTER, B-MURRAY ELECTRIC, C-MEDIACOM, D-GALAXY											
	A	B	C	D	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00
WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly
WSL-ABC	3	3	3		News		Good Morning America				Tony Danza
WSMV-NBC	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo)				Tony Danza
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show		Montel Williams
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6		News		Today (In Stereo)				Martha (N)
WBSJ-ABC	7	7			Good Morning		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Rogers	Callou	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Teletub	Sesame Street
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	Paid	Paid	Trotz	Paid	Hatchett	Hatchett	Judge Mathis
WQTV-UPN	10	17	11	30	Paid	Paid	Breakfast Show				Nanny Mad Abt
KFVS-CBS	12	12	12		Breakfast Show		The Early Show (In Stereo)				Regis and Kelly
WGN	16	38	9	10	Chang-	Believ-	Hap	Hap	Hillbi-	Hillbi-	Rockford Files
INSP	17	63	28		Truths	Crow-	Paid	Today	Hagee	Life Tod	Your Meyer
WKMU-PBS	21	21	5	11	Bob	Arthur	Pan-	Big	Dragon	Cliff Pup	Sesame Street
WOKA-WB	22	16	10		Chapel	Sabrina	Sabrina	Paid	Paid	Believ-	Living
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	25	30	25		(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live)						Cold Pizza (In Stereo Live)
MTV	26	49	27	24	(5:00) MTV Video Wake-Up (In Stereo)		Big 10 (In Stereo)				Big 10 (In Stereo)
TNT	28	27	39	14	Angel (In Stereo)		Charmed		Charmed		ER (In Stereo)
TLC	29	41	41		Bus	Hi-5	Peep		Peep		Baby
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Fit Life	Workout	Design-	Design-	Golden	Golden	Nanny Nanny
USA	32	51	49	5	Texas Ranger		JAG "Mishap"		The District		Nash Bridges
AMC	34	58	29		Movie: "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" (NR)				Movie: "Hanging Up" (2000) PG-13		Movie: "The Covenanter's Valentine"
A&E	35	35	44	27	Anne Frank		Biography: Phil		Biography: "Jodie Foster"		City Confidential
FAM	36	53	36	2	Kong	Spider	Rangers	Rangers	The 700 Club		Living
NICK	37	22	24	4	Oddpar-	Oddpar-	Sponge	Sponge	Dora	Go	Blues-
HGTV	43	36	18		Rebecca	Crafters	Room	Quilts	Duval	Duval	Room
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Stooges	Stooges	MacGyver
WTBS	52	26	21	13	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Dawson's Creek		Movie: "Big Business" (1989)
TOON	65	32	50		Ed, Edd	Coden-	Grim	Scoboy	Looney	McBoing	Scoboy
COURT	66	61			Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Open Court		Bloom & Pollan: Trial Heat
BET	67	39			(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration				Wayans	Wayans	Jamie F. Jamie F.
CMTV	70	34			(5:00) CMT Music						106 & Park: Top 10 Live
HBO	68	71	51		Movie: "The Untouchables" (1960)		Dodgeball: Underdog		Big Love		Movie: "Enemy Mine" (1985)
MAX	76	72	54		Movie: "A Cry in the Dark" (1988)		Movie: "Son of the Mask"		Movie: "Crocodile Dundee II" (1988) PG		Conan
SHOW	78	73	52		Story of Weeping Camel		Movie: "Timeline" (2003) PG-13		Movie: "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"		"Yentl"
DISN	78	31	57		Break-	Higgly	Ein-	Dood-	JoJo	Charlie	Wiggles
FLIX	78				Movie: "He's My Girl"		Movie: "The Night Before"		Movie: "Another Stakeout" (1993)		Movie: "Full Frontal Fire"
HBO2	78				Movie: "The Fury Within"		Movie: "Dad's Got a Plan" (1992) PG		Movie: "Independence Day" (1996) PG-13		

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON A-CHARTER, B-MURRAY ELECTRIC, C-MEDIACOM, D-GALAXY											
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00
WKRN-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Judge J. Judge J.	News	News	News	News	News	News	Fortune
WSL-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Tyra Banks Show	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC	News	Enter-	News
WSMV-NBC	News	Passions	Days of our Lives	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC	News	NBC	News	News
WTVF-CBS	Y & R	Talk of the Town	Bold	Guiding Light	As World Turns	News	Edition	News	News	News	News
WPSD-NBC	Days of our Lives	Passions	Days of our Lives	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Jeop-	Million-	News	NBC	News	Fortune	News
WBSJ-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC	News	Fortune	News	Fortune
WNPT-PBS	Bereng-	Lions	Reading Cyber-	Shrinks	Zoboo	Dragon	Clifford	Mays	Post-	Arthur	Zoom
KBSI-Fox	Brown	Brown	The 700 Club	Paid	Cops	Maury		Fear Factor		70s	Malcolm
WQTV-UPN	Enter-	Holly-	News	House	Ron H.	Fine	Starling Over	Enter-	Yes	Yes	Ray-
KFVS-CBS	News	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light	Ellen Show	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	News
WGN	Life Tod	Paid	Feed	Paid	Mis-	Mass	Dooley	Discov-	SRTv Top Ten	Paid	Hagee
INSP	Life Tod	Paid	Feed	Paid	Mis-	Mass	Dooley	Discov-	SRTv Top Ten	Paid	Hagee
WKMU-PBS	To Read	Pre GED	Reading	Lions	Zoom	Post-	Cyber-	Mays	Clifford	Dragon	GED
WOKA-WB	My Wife	Drew	Jerry Springer	Feud	Feud	ER (In Stereo)	8 Rules	8 Rules	My Wife	Bernie	Home
ESPN	MLB Preseason Baseball: Phillies at Braves					SportsCenter	Horn	Inter-	SportsCenter (Live)		NBA
ESPN2	(11:00) Cold Pizza	NBA	Soccer: United States at Germany			Best	Poker		Best of	Horn	Basketball
MTV	RealWri-	RealWri-	8th-	8th-	8th-	TRL		Made "Girly Girl"	Date	Parental	Made
TNT	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order	Charmed		Charmed	
TLC	Younger	Baby	Baby	Baby	Clean Sweep		Trading Spaces	While You Out	Martha (N)		Inside Supermax
LIFE	Fraser	Fraser	Unsolved Myst.		Movie: "Open House" (2003, Drama)		Nanny	Nanny	Golden	Golden	"Every 9 Seconds"
USA	Coach		Movie: "Aftershock: Earthquake in New York" (1999) Tom Skerritt		Movie: "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003)		Movie: "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003)		Movie: "Intolerable Cruelty" (2003)		Law & Order: SVU
AMC	Movie	Movie: "The Untouchables" (1960)			Movie: "The River Wild" (1994) PG-13		Movie: "The River Wild" (1994) PG-13		Movie: "The River Wild" (1994) PG-13		Movie: "The River Wild" (1994) PG-13
A&E	Cold Case Files	Biography: Phil	Biography: "Jodie Foster"				City Confidential	Amer. Justice	Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files
FAM	Family	Family	Boy	Boy	FullHse	Ground-	Ground-	Gilmore Girls	7th Heaven		"The Parent Trap"
NICK	Dora	Go	Sponge	Sponge	Neutron	Neutron	Nick-	Nick-	Sponge	Drake	School
HGTV	Decorat-	Sensi-	Mission	Design	Design	Design-	House	De-	Clever	Land-	Reno-
SPIKE	Deep Space 9	Star Trek Gen.	Star Trek Gen.	Star Trek Gen.	Star Trek Gen.	Maximum Exp.		Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn
WTBS	Cosby	Cosby	Harvey	Harvey	Drew	Drew	Yes	Yes	Home	Home	Seinfeld
TOON	Tom & Jerry	Scoboy	SWAT	Cartoon	Grim	One	Yu-Gi-	Yu-Gi-	Lyoko		Coden-
COURT	Courtside						Nancy Grace: Closing Arguments	Catherine Crier	Foren-	Foren-	Cops
BET	BET Now						Student Center	The Road Show	Rap City-Bass	106 & Park: Top 10 Live	Access
CMTV	CMT Music	CMT Music					40 Greatest Done Me Wrong Songs	Videos	Foxwor-	Dukes of Hazzard	Dukes of Hazzard
HBO	Movie	Movie: "White Noise" (2005)	So-		Real Sports		"The Laramie Project" (2002)	"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story"			
MAX	Movie: "Conan the Barbarian"	Movie: "Colateral" (2004) Tom Cruise	R		Movie: "The Day After Tomorrow"		Movie: "The Day After Tomorrow"		Movie: "The Day After Tomorrow"		39 Pounds of Love
SHOW	(11:30) Movie: "Yentl" (1983)	Movie: "No Small Affair" (1984)			SpongeBob SquarePants		Movie: "Timeline" (2003)	PG-13			
DISN	Higgly	JoJo	Lilo	Whis-	Sadie	Sadie	Sadie	Sadie	Phil	Raven	Phil
FLIX	Movie: "Scandalous" (1984)	Movie: "He's My Girl" (1987)			Movie: "The Night Before"		Movie: "The Night Before"		Movie: "The Night Before"		Movie: "The Night Before"
HBO2	Movie: "Shark Tale" (2004)	Movie: "Pontiac Moon" (1994)			Movie: "Breakin' All the Rules"		Movie: "The Door in the Floor" (2004)		Movie: "The Door in the Floor" (2004)		Movie: "The Door in the Floor" (2004)

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 (In Stereo)		The Evidence "Pilot"		News	Sex & Friends	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WSL-ABC	Lopez	Freddie	Lost (In Stereo)		The Evidence "Pilot"		News	Nightline	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Jimmy Kimmel Live
WSMV-NBC	Deal or No Deal	Law & Order (N)		Heist "Pilot" (N)		News	Tonight Show	Late Night			Last Call
WTVF-CBS	Practice	Courting	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY (N)		News	Late Show	Holly-	Late Late Show	
WPSD-NBC	Deal or No Deal	Law & Order (N)		Heist "Pilot" (N)		News	Tonight Show	Late Night			Last Call
WBSJ-ABC	Lopez	Freddie	Lost (In Stereo)		The Evidence "Pilot"		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WNPT-PBS	Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention (In Stereo)								News	TBA	Exploring Space
KBSI-Fox	Bones (N)		Idol	Unan1	70s Show	Malcolm	Simp-	Fraser	King	Becker	Bernie
WQTV-UPN	Next Top Model	Veronica Mars (N)		News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey		Christian	Blind	Blind	Cheaters
KFVS-CBS	Practice	Courting	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY (N)		News	Late Show	Late Late Show		Friends
WGN	Becker	Becker	Home Im	Home Im	WGN News at Nine	Sex & Friends	Becker	Home Videos	Da Vinci's Inquest		Various
INSP	Brkthgh	Zola	Today	Life Tod	Your Day	Gospel	Marriage	Wisdom	Feed	Russ Dalbey	Various
WKMU-PBS	Jubilee (In Stereo)		Great Performances		Monty Python		Assembly	News	Work-	Time Cap	Charlie Rose (N)
WOKA-WB	One Tree Hill		Gilmore Girls		Judge J.	Judge J.	Rose-	Rose-	Sex & Will	Paid	Paid
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Detroit Pistons				NBA Basketball: San Antonio Spurs at Denver Nuggets						SportsCenter (Live)
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal			Quite Frankly		GameDay	Outside	Timeless	Timeless	
MTV	Room	Date	8th-	8th-	8th-	Spr Break	Sweet 21	Parental	Room	Parental	TRL (TV) (In Stereo)
TNT	Law & Order		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)
TLC	City Cops		U.S. Marshals		The Repossessors 2		City Cops		U.S. Marshals		The Repossessors 2
LIFE	Movie Every 9 Sec.		Movie: "Another Woman's Husband" (2000)		Fraser		Fraser		Willi		Golden
USA	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Heist (In Stereo)
AMC	Movie: "The Untouchables" (1960)		Movie: "The Big Red One" (1980) Lee Marvin		PG		Movie: "The Big Red One" (1980) Lee Marvin		PG		Cradle
A&E	Dog	Dog	Inked	Inked	Spying	Spying	Crossing Jordan		Dog	Dog	Inked
FAM	(6:00) Movie: "The Parent Trap" (1999)		Whose?		Whose?		The 700 Club		Videos	Videos	Paid
NICK	Sponge	Grown	TV Land Awards 2006 (N) (In Stereo)		Rose-		Cosby		Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Rose-
HGTV	Baths	Kitchens	Want	Land-	House	What Get	Dream	FreeStyle	Baths	Kitchens	Want
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn		Movie: "Pushing Tin" (1999) John Cusack		MXC		CSI: Crime Scn		Real TV		Blind
WTBS	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex & Sex		Movie: "The Birdcage" (1996) Robin Williams		Big		Big</