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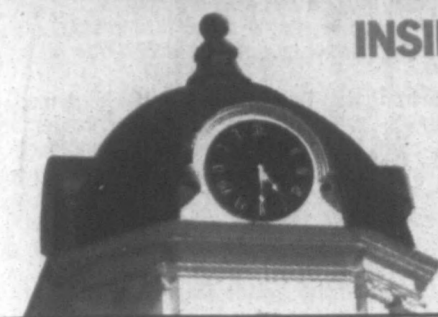
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Calloway hit by heavy rains, floods

By ERIC WALKER
Editor
& TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Ronnie Burkeen is a firm believer that timing is everything.

Just one day prior to a thunderstorm front that rolled through the area Wednesday, the Calloway County Rescue Squad had purchased through donations an eight-wheeled amphibious vehicle. In just 24 hours, the squad chief said it paid for itself.

"It's amazing we got the thing when we did. We used it last night," Burkeen said. "We had to evacuate some people. We had a house trailer (on Bethel Church Road) that was flooded. It was the worst I've ever seen."

Toppled trees, flooded highways, stranded motorists with cars in ditches, scattered debris and traffic accidents were also the result of strong winds, hail and heavy rains that swept

through Murray and Calloway County as part of a series of thunderstorms that hit all of western Kentucky last evening and overnight.

Burkeen said the rescue squad had trucks all over the county warning motorists of high water over roadways.

"The thing about water is there's nothing you can do about it," he said. "You just have to tell people to stay out of it, so we had trucks with red lights out (from 5 p.m. until past 10 p.m.)."

Elsewhere, Chief Greg Cherry, of Calloway County Fire-Rescue, said his department was called on at least 15 times to assist motorists and residents by flooded homes and roadways across the county.

"We were called out to rescue a family of four from their home on Outland School Road. They couldn't get out of their house."

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Photo provided by Ken Andrus

A top part of a tree rests on top of some fence on the property of Ken Andrus. The damage was the result of strong storms that passed over Calloway County last night.

MSU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH Relationships focus of Todd

Two more candidates to visit; Regents may have decision by weekend

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Tim Todd didn't have to come very far for his on-campus interview.

In fact, he just had to walk across campus Wednesday from his Wells Halls office, first to the Curris Center then to Wrather Auditorium, to talk to administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members, many of whom he knew on a first-name basis.

Dr. Todd, MSU's associate provost and a tenured organizational communication professor, was the first of three presidential candidates to meet with campus constituents in hopes of taking the helm of the university from interim President Dr. Kern Alexander, who has been filling in his since his son, Dr. King Alexander, left for California State University-Long Beach in January.

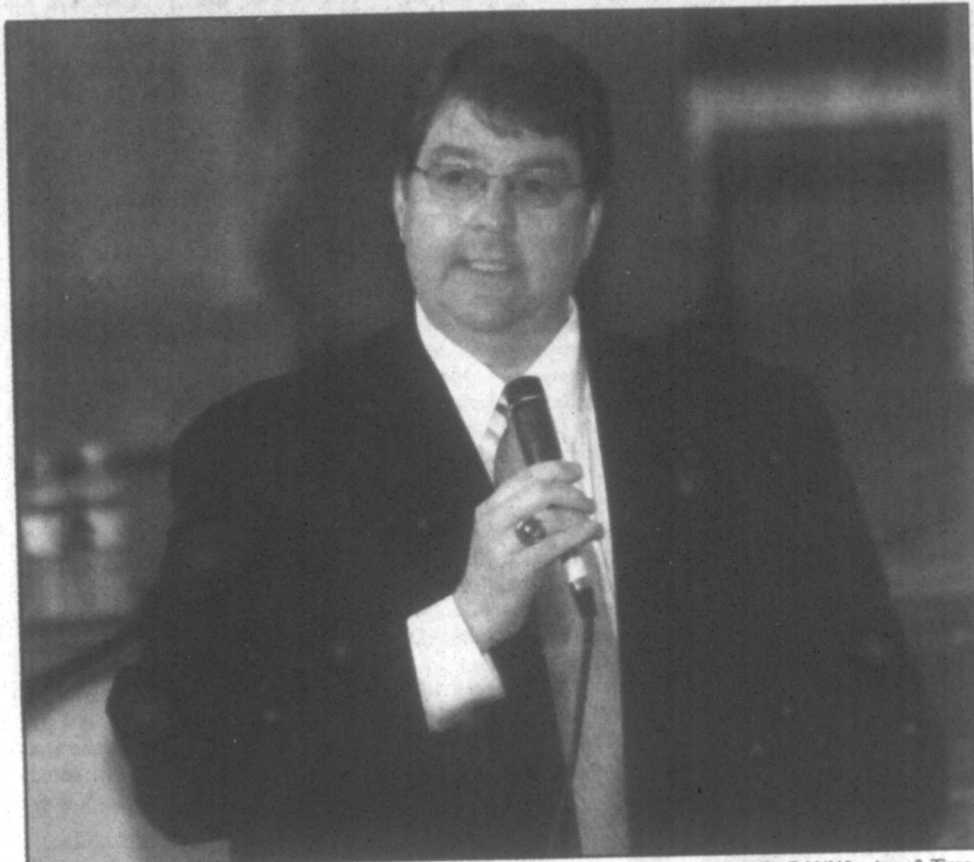
Todd first came to Murray State in 1995 as an assistant professor in the university's organizational communication department. Since then has become a tenured associate professor and associate provost.

He was the first of three finalists for the president's job to meet with faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and community members. The other two finalists — Dr. Tim Hudson, University of Houston at Victoria president, and Dr. Randy Dunn, state superintendent of education in Illinois — will visit today and Friday, respectively.

"The three candidates we are bringing are completely different. Not by design," MSU Board of Regents chairman Don Sparks said. "We have an internal candidate here and the two others come from different backgrounds."

Sparks said the regents, which are serving as the search committee, are planning to meet Friday evening to discuss the three candidates. A decision could be reached that night.

A Dawson Springs native, Todd earned his doctorate in education in 1994 from North Carolina State University after receiving both his master of arts with an organizational



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times

Dr. Tim Todd, associate provost at Murray State University, addresses faculty members during an open session Wednesday. Todd was the first candidate to "visit" campus for the university's presidential search.

communication emphasis in 1990 and bachelor of arts in corporate and organizational communication from Western Kentucky University.

"I'm honored and humbled to be here today. This is a university I love," Todd told a group of about 30 students. "I am not an alum, but this has been my wife's and my home for 11 years."

While at WKU, Todd served two years as student body president under then-President Kern Alexander, who he also called his mentor. But he said that doesn't mean he's just like him, specifically mentioning the way Alexander publicly handled his dissatisfaction with the governor's proposed budget at the beginning of the recent

General Assembly session.

"The kind of theme I have as a presidential candidate is relationships. With our interim president, there is no doubt that what he did was for the best for Murray State. No doubt," Todd told about 20 community members in Wrather Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon. "Would I have gone down that road? Probably not. That's not my style."

Alexander was criticized for his tone and tactics in lobbying for more MSU funding. Todd said his style of leadership focuses on building relationships.

"The governor is a human being too. I think we have

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New program offered to get kids fit

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

A youth fitness program is scheduled to kick off May 23 that will incorporate elements of Martial Arts America's Ultimate Bodyshaping Course with requirements of and participation in the Presidential Physical Fitness Award Program.

Tung Dinh, owner-operator of Martial Arts America, said similar UBC program are now underway in other cities across the nation; however he is planning to offer the program in Murray-Calloway County with a new twist that will take the program to a whole new dimension.

"It just happens to be a six-week course so I'll be teaching the six pillars of Character Counts; one each week," Dinh said. "What better way to get the parents support and build character in the kids. I'm looking forward to seeing the results so I can send them back to the national UBC."

UBC for Kids will also feature interactive-video training where youngsters will work out with a video-equipped computer program that will allow students to watch themselves in training and measure progress. The tactic is similar to shadow boxing except that it records every move on video.

Dinh said participants will also be taught about good nutrition. "They will also learn the food pyramid," he said. "Can you imagine someone teaching them at the age of 7 or 8 years old about what is protein, what are carbohydrates, what are the vegetables that you should eat, or where do you get your proteins. Sometimes we wait too late to teach those things."

Classes will take place about twice per week. During classes on Saturday, parents will be asked to get involved in helping their child

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TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times

Martial Arts America student Ann Taylor fights to do as many sit-ups as she can in 30 seconds while fellow student Maggie Hatcher holds her feet during a workout at the center Tuesday night.

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Reidland teacher's contract won't be renewed

Suspension follows revelations science teacher, coach was in adult movie 10 years ago

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A teacher in western Kentucky has been suspended and will not have her contract renewed after administrators found out she appeared in an adult movie more than a decade ago.

Tericka Dye, a science teacher and volleyball coach at Reidland High School, in Paducah for the last two years, was suspended Wednesday and

told she would not return to the classroom in the fall.

"Your presence in the classroom would cause a disruption to the educational process," McCracken County Schools Superintendent Tim Heller wrote in a letter to Dye. "I fear there would be less than a serious approach to schooling by students who viewed the video or know about it."

Dye said she suffers from bipolar disorder and agreed to appear in the 1995 flick because she had no home or income and her disease wasn't being treated. Dye said she spent one day in Los Angeles filming the movie and did not use her real name.

"I absolutely 100 percent regret doing that," Dye said. "I've always tried to look ahead and not focus on it. But I wasn't diagnosed at the time."

Dye later joined the Army and served in a military police unit at Fort Lewis, Wash., before going to college and becoming a teacher.

Some parents, such as Bonnie Chilcoat of Reidland, supported Dye. Chilcoat took her daughter, Nicole Genel, out of school to attend an impromptu rally Wednesday for the suspended teacher.

"She's not the person she was 10 years ago," Chilcoat said. "We've all done things that we regret, except hers is on tape."

Mark Blankenship, a Murray attorney hired by the Kentucky Education Association to represent Dye, said the superintendent's decision may be challenged.

PoliceLogs

Murray Police Department

- Sylvia Johnson, 51, of Murray, was arrested for theft by unlawful after a shoplifting complaint was reported at Wal-Mart at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday.
- Marco Mays, 28, of Humboldt, Tenn., was arrested Wednesday for first-degree robbery, kidnapping and terroristic threatening. The charges actually stem from an October robbery incident in the Fred's Super Dollar Store parking lot for which Mays was charged at the time for taking a woman's cash at gunpoint and making her drive across town. He has since been in Carroll County, Tenn., jail and was brought to Calloway County on Wednesday to begin the prosecution process here.

Murray State University Police Department

- A cell phone was reported missing from a vehicle parked in the Racer Arena lot at 6:07 p.m. Tuesday. An officer took a theft report.
- A caller reported a vehicle being hit while parked in the Five Points lot at 6:39 p.m. Tuesday. A third-degree criminal mischief report was taken.

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

Dunn to make MSU visit as third candidate

MSU News Bureau

Dr. Randy J. Dunn will interview at Murray State University for the position of president on Friday, May 5. He is the last of three candidates to be interviewed on campus.



Dunn

During each visit, the candidates meet with various constituencies of MSU including students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

Each candidate is scheduled to meet with MSU staff members at 9:50 a.m., with faculty at 1:30 p.m., with students at 2:45 p.m., and with alumni and community members at 4 p.m. All of these group meetings will be held in the Wrather Museum Auditorium on campus.

Dunn is currently serving as the state superintendent of education for the Illinois State

Board of Education. He is on leave from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he has the rank of professor in the department of educational administration and higher education. He came to SIU as an associate professor in 1995, and was named department chair in 2000, before leaving to take his current position in 2004.

He was an assistant professor in the department of leadership at the University of Memphis for one year before taking a post at Southern Illinois University.

Dunn was named the superintendent of schools for the Chester, Ill., Community Unit School District No. 139 in 1991. Prior to that, he had served in that same position for the Argenta-Oreana, Ill., Community Unit School District No. 1 for two years.

His early career included the post of principal at two different schools for a total of six years - Roanoke-Benson Middle School and Paw Paw Grade

School, both in Illinois. He was a teacher in the Gibson County, Ill., Grade School from 1980-83.

Dunn received his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Illinois in 1991. He graduated from Illinois State University with the M.S.E. in 1983 and the B.S.Ed. in 1980.

During his time at Southern Illinois University, Dunn was his department's representative at meetings of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Jackson/Perry/Union Legislative Roundtable, the Illinois Council of Professors of Educational Administration, and the Illinois Association of School Administrators and the Illinois Principals Association - Shawnee divisions.

He also served on a number of committees within his department, as well as college and university committees and councils, including a technology committee, conflict resolution and summer teacher institute task forces, and the North Central

Association Human Resources and Shared Governance Task Force.

Dunn has done consulting on education issues throughout the state of Illinois and has authored a number of funded grants since 1991, totaling nearly \$650,000. His writings include published articles on a range of education issues in professional journals, as well as book chapters, book reviews and monographs. Additionally, he has evaluated a number of manuscripts for publication in journals and books and grant proposals for funding agencies.

He has been involved in presenting papers at professional meetings throughout the United States and Canada. His professional appointments are varied and include participation in the Commission on School Leader Preparation for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, North Central Association high school visitation teams and symposiums on financial management in education.

Dunn's memberships include the International Society for Educational Planning, where he serves on the board of directors, the American Association of School Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa and the Mid-Western Educational Research Association as a proposal reviewer in 2002.

Murray State University students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are encouraged to attend the appropriate session for an opportunity to evaluate each candidate.

■ Todd ...

From Front

some healing to do," Alexander said. "I think someone needs to go to Frankfort and shake his hand."

Todd used "we" a lot in his comments about faculty, staff, students and the university in general. He stressed fostering new relationships and maintaining existing relationships for the public education mission of the university.

If selected as MSU's next president, Todd said he also would work to improve relationships with federal legislators and area K-12 school districts as well as work to provide more research and development opportunities.

Not all the necessary improvements Todd sees can be

done internally. He said having MSU involved in conversations with the state's Council on Postsecondary Education about a new funding formula topped the immediate challenges. The current formula includes 22 characteristics — only three of which are program cost and performance outcome variables.

As state universities rely more on private donations, Todd said he would want his mark as president to be substantial endowment increases. He also wants to continue MSU's success with recruitment, retention and graduation efforts to maintain national rankings that draw attention to the university.

"This institution has a lot of good things going for it," Todd said, "but I think there are some things we need to ratchet up."

■ Floods ...

From Front

Cherry said. "We pulled the boat up to their front door."

CCFR crews also rescued motorist trapped and flooded homes along Ky. 280, which had been shut down at several points last night due to flooding or downed trees, as well as assisting a Heather Lane family in an evacuation from their home. Crews were also called to a trailer fire on Highway 4971. The cause of the fire remains undetermined at this time, according to Cherry.

"The Red Cross had also set up at our Station One to help people that had to be evacuated from their homes," he said.

The county spend part of the evening under a flash flood warning. Graves and other counties were also under tornado watches or warnings for about an hour Wednesday. Burkeen said water was also over roadways on Ky. 280, Post Oak Drive, Ky. 1346 and Van Cleave Road.

John Ed Scott, a local rainfall observer for the National

Weather Service, said this morning that his reading indicates about 2.25 inches of rainfall had fallen at his Olive Street home following a check this morning. Burkeen said his gauge showed four inches.

According to the Calloway County Sheriff's Department at least two traffic accidents reported last night were related to the storm as well as several blocked roadways caused by falling trees, powerlines, and other causes including Clayton and Bucy drives, Heather and Lillard lanes, and Bethel Church, Cohoon, Goldenrod, Brinn, McElrath, Purdom, Holbrook, Goodwin, Curd Cemetery, Murray-Paris, Poor Farm, Brown Grove, Tobacco, Ky. 732, Cherry Corner and Todd roads. A large tree had temporarily blocked Ky. 280, but had been cleared by road crews by early this morning.

According to Keith Todd, a spokesman for the state Department of Highways office in Paducah, crews were out in Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Fulton, Graves, and Calloway

counties last night and this morning responding to reports of downed trees.

Todd said Ky. 280 (Pottertown Road) east of Murray was closed in several locations between Ky. 94 and Panorama Shores. Flooding, debris and downed trees contributed to the problem, according to a sheriff's department report.

All weather watches and advisories had been withdrawn by early this morning, according to Kevin Smith, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Paducah; however there were reports of large hail across the county.

"We have reports of one-inch size hail in Dexter and three-quarter inch hail in Murray around 5:45 p.m. (Wednesday) from reports by spotters," Smith said, noting that the report was incomplete because the bureau was still receiving information from spotters. "Apparently Murray was hit by one of the last storms to move through. We also had reports of nickel-sized hail in southwest Calloway during the heavy rain."

There is a 50 percent chance of rain and storms this evening, according to the weather forecast, followed by a slight chance Friday morning. The rain is expected to move out of the area Friday night.

Burkeen again praised the squad's new vehicle, termed an Argo. He said it can motor at 20 mph on land and then hit the water and continue on across the river, lake, creek or other body of water.

Unfortunately, the work didn't end for the rescue squad chief when he got home. Rain had washed out fencing on his cattle farm.

"So I was out at 1 a.m. fixing fence," he said with cows mooing in the background. "I work at Murray Electric, so I had to take a vacation day just to fix my own fence. But that's what volunteers do."

Town Crier

NOTICE

A budget work session has been scheduled by the Murray Independent Board of Education for 6:30 tonight in the central office boardroom of the Carter Administration Building on S. 13th Street. The meeting will serve as a working session only for creation of a budget for the 2006-2007 school year to be considered by the board during a meeting set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11th. There will be no action taken, according to board officials.

The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet in special session at 4:30 p.m. Monday to hold a public hearing for a conditional use permit to allow three non-related people to live at 1403 Poplar St. in a single-family residential zone.

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Murray State to graduate 2006 class

Graduates from Calloway County are announced

Murray State University will honor its graduating class of 2006 on Saturday, May 13, at the Regional Special Events Center. The event marks the university's 83rd annual spring commencement.

The Commencement Exercises and Investiture Ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Family and friends of graduates are invited to attend. Seating will be on a first-come basis.

Complete and updated commencement information can be viewed online at www.murraystate.edu. Those needing more information may call (270) 809-3744 or e-mail graduation@murraystate.edu. Guests who require special accommodations should make requests to the Office of Equal Opportunity at (270) 809-3155, or the Regional Special Events Center, (270) 809-5577, TDD - (270) 809-3361.

Parking will be available in the Stewart Stadium parking lot, east of the Regional Special Events Center, off of Hwy. 641. Shuttle buses will be available to transport guests from the parking lot to the front doors of the RSEC beginning at 8 a.m.

According to information from the registrar's office, a total of 1,265 students have applied for degrees at the end of the spring 2006 semester.

The following individuals from Calloway County, KY, are among the May graduation applicants:

Christina Adams, Bachelor of Science; Mandy Alvizo, Bachelor of Arts; Joshua Arnall, Master of Science; Loyal Atieh, Bachelor of Science; Lindsay Atkins, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; John Austin, Bachelor of Science; Dacia Barger, Bachelor of Social Work; Landon Barrow, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture;

Catherine Bates, Bachelor of Arts; Julie Bayne, Master of Arts in Education; Melissa Bazzell, Bachelor of Science; Daniel Beighle, Bachelor of Science; Benjamin Binford, Master of Business Administration; Richard Blalock II, Bachelor of Science; Rhonda Boone, Master of Science in Nursing; Bethany Bowden, Bachelor of Science; Keri Boyle, Bachelor of Independent Studies; Aaron Brame, Bachelor of Science; Benjamin Bruton, Master of Arts;

Kimberly Campbell, Bachelor of Arts; Pamela Carroll, Bachelor of Science in Business; Ann Cautrell, Master of Arts; Robert Chapman, Bachelor of Science; Ronnie Cole, Bachelor of Arts; Tamyra Coleman, Bachelor of Science; Craig Collins, Bachelor of Science; Stacie Collins, Bachelor of Arts; Jennifer Colson, Bachelor of Social Work; Tiffany Cooper, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; Aaron Cowan, Bachelor of Science; Kevin Cunningham, Bachelor of Science; Beverly Dail, Master of Arts in Education; Michael Dail, Bachelor of Science; Nathan Daly, Bachelor of Science; Elizabeth Dandeneau, Bachelor of Arts; Alicia Darnell, Bachelor of Science; Jennifer Davenport, Bachelor of Arts; Corneilius Denman, Bachelor of Science; Elizabeth Dennison, Bachelor of Science; Nilofar Djassemi, Bachelor of Science in Business and Master of Professional Accountancy; Barbara Dolchan, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; Jennifer Donnelly, Bachelor of Science; Stephanie Donnelly, Bachelor of Science;

Christene Dunn, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Tara Evans, Bachelor of Science in Business; Alvie Grant, Master of Science; William Gregory, Bachelor of Science; Sonja Griffith, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Kimberly Hall, Associate of Arts; Marilyn Harris, Bachelor of Science; Matthew Hinton, Bachelor of

Science in Business; Michael Holland, Master of Science; Jason Horne, Master of Science; Charlotte Hutson, Bachelor of Science; Maureen Hyatt, Bachelor of Science; Lindsey Jacob, Bachelor of Music;

Jason Jones, Bachelor of Arts; Jessica Jones, Bachelor of Science; Stephen Keel, Bachelor of Science in Business; Stephen Keene, Bachelor of Science; Matthew Kelleher, Bachelor of Science; Marcia Kraemer, Bachelor of Science; Stephen Ladd, Bachelor of Science; Christina Lampkins, Bachelor of Independent Studies; Alan Lanier, Master of Business Administration; Ginger Leavell, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Rebecca Lee, Bachelor of Arts; LaShawna Lewis, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Rebecca Lilly, Bachelor of Science; Michael Lovett, Bachelor of Arts; Shea Lowe, Master of Science; Amy Mangla, Master of Science; Thomas Martin, Bachelor of Independent Studies; Lee Mastera, Master of Public Administration; Manuel Matos, Master of Science; Julie Menage, Master of Arts in Education; Jamie Miller, Bachelor of Science; Lucas Miller, Bachelor of Science; Benjamin Milligan, Bachelor of Science in Business; Tera Rica Murdock, Bachelor of Arts; Carl Najdek, Bachelor of Arts; Nancy Nerney, Master of Science; Teresa Nolcox, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Timothy Nolcox, Master of Public Administration; Delanda Olive, Bachelor of Science; Heidi Pafford, Master of Arts; Jennifer Parrish-Lamb, Bachelor of Science; Dana Phillips, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; Scott Pile, Master of Arts in Education; Adam Ragsdale, Bachelor of Science; Carlos Ransey, Bachelor of Science; Sara Rashid, Bachelor of Arts; Kimberly Reynolds, Master of Arts in Education; Lisa Ripley, Master of Arts; Marion Rogers, Bachelor of Science in Business; Meagan Rogers,

Bachelor of Science; Ryan Rogers, Master of Business Administration;

Sheila Rogers, Bachelor of Social Work; April Rooker, Bachelor of Science in Business; Jennifer Rudolph, Master of Science; Shawna Rushing, Master of Science; William Sanders, Bachelor of Science; Maggie Sasso, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Collin Schaumburg, Bachelor of Science; Catherine Settle, Bachelor of Science in Business; Cynthia Sharp, Bachelor of Arts; Laurie Shoulders, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Tara Siress, Master of Arts in Education; Darryl Sittig, Master of Science; James Stark, Master of Arts in Education; Melissa Starks, Bachelor of Arts; Peggy Stephenson, Bachelor of Science; Bobby Stewart, Bachelor of Science; Shan Stonecipher, Bachelor of Science; Gregory Storm, Master of Science; Michael Sutherland, Master of Science; Mary Tabers, Bachelor of Science; Emily Thomason, Bachelor of Science in Business; Sandra Thompson, Bachelor of Science; Sarah Thompson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Kyle Tracy, Bachelor of Science; Jonathan Turner, Associate of Science; Courtney Vanover, Master of Arts in Education; Jackelyn Vargas, Bachelor of Arts; Jessica Wade, Bachelor of Arts; James Wallace, Bachelor of Science in Business; Nissa Wallace, Bachelor of Science; Bryan Warner, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Chantell Waters, Bachelor of Independent Studies; Christy Watkins, Master of Business Administration; Shawanda Webb, Associate of Science; Eric Werner, Associate of Arts; Hollie West, Bachelor of Science; Robert White, Master of Science; Catherine Williams, Bachelor of Science; Hugh Williams, Master of Arts; Bradford Wilson, Bachelor of Science; Margaret Wilson, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Keith Wright, Master of Science.

KentuckyInBrief

Fletcher, UofL president

reach accord on projects

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — After some initial uncertainty, the University of Louisville will host its basketball games at a planned arena along the city's riverfront, President James Ramsey said Wednesday.

Some other U of L projects — such as a practice facility and a residence hall — that Gov. Ernie Fletcher vetoed from the state budget would also continue, Ramsey said. Fletcher and Ramsey met behind closed doors in the governor's office for about an hour and a half, before emerging with the announcement.

"We're always ready and willing to find creative ways of doing these projects — whether they're projects that I vetoed or not," Fletcher said.

The projects in question were approved by the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly as part of its two-year, \$18.1 billion budget. However, Fletcher vetoed them last month.

Last week, a visibly frustrated Ramsey criticized Fletcher's budgetary cuts to U of L and said the school would have preferred funding for its other projects rather than the downtown arena. Ramsey said at the time that it was uncertain whether the Cardinals basketball team would become an arena tenant.

Fletcher said before his meeting with Ramsey that the proposed downtown arena hinged on the university's support.



Fletcher



Ramsey

Roberts resigns as state personnel secretary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Yet another high-ranking official is resigning from his job in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

Personnel Cabinet Secretary Erwin Roberts said Wednesday he plans to leave his post on June 16. A replacement hasn't yet been named.

In a letter to Fletcher, Roberts cited family commitments and his desire to return to legal work as the reason for his resignation. Roberts, a former federal and state prosecutor, will join the law firm of Frost Brown Todd in Louisville. He is also a captain in the military's legal branch, the Judge Advocate Corps.

"Erwin Roberts is a modern-day model of how a person should live their life to be successful not only as a professional, but as an individual," Fletcher said. "There is tremendous potential awaiting Secretary Roberts. He has spent years serving his commonwealth admirably and unselfishly. I know we will continue to see him do great things in the future."

Roberts led a task force last summer that reviewed and recommended changes to the state Merit System.

Roberts said he's considering a run for attorney general in 2007. It would be his first run for elective office, he said.

Horse slaughter legislation could 'come to a head' soon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield said Wednesday he plans to try to move a bill forward that would outlaw the transportation of American horses for slaughter.

Many Americans are unaware that horses are slaughtered here and shipped to foreign countries to be eaten, Whitfield said during a conference call to discuss the legislation.

"Most people don't know that it's even going on," Whitfield said. "Unlike other animals, horses were never grown or raised or bred for the purpose of human consumption."

Whitfield, a Republican from Hopkinsville, said the bill, crafted with Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y., is stalled in the House Energy and Commerce Committee and has an uncertain future.

Whitfield said he and Sweeney are going to meet with committee leaders to discuss how they can get the bill moving.

"Within the next couple of weeks there's going to be some things come to a head," he said.

American horse meat is sold mostly for human consumption in Europe and Asia. There are three horse meat slaughterhouses in the United States — two in Texas and one in Illinois. Whitfield said about 80,000 horses in this country were slaughtered last year.

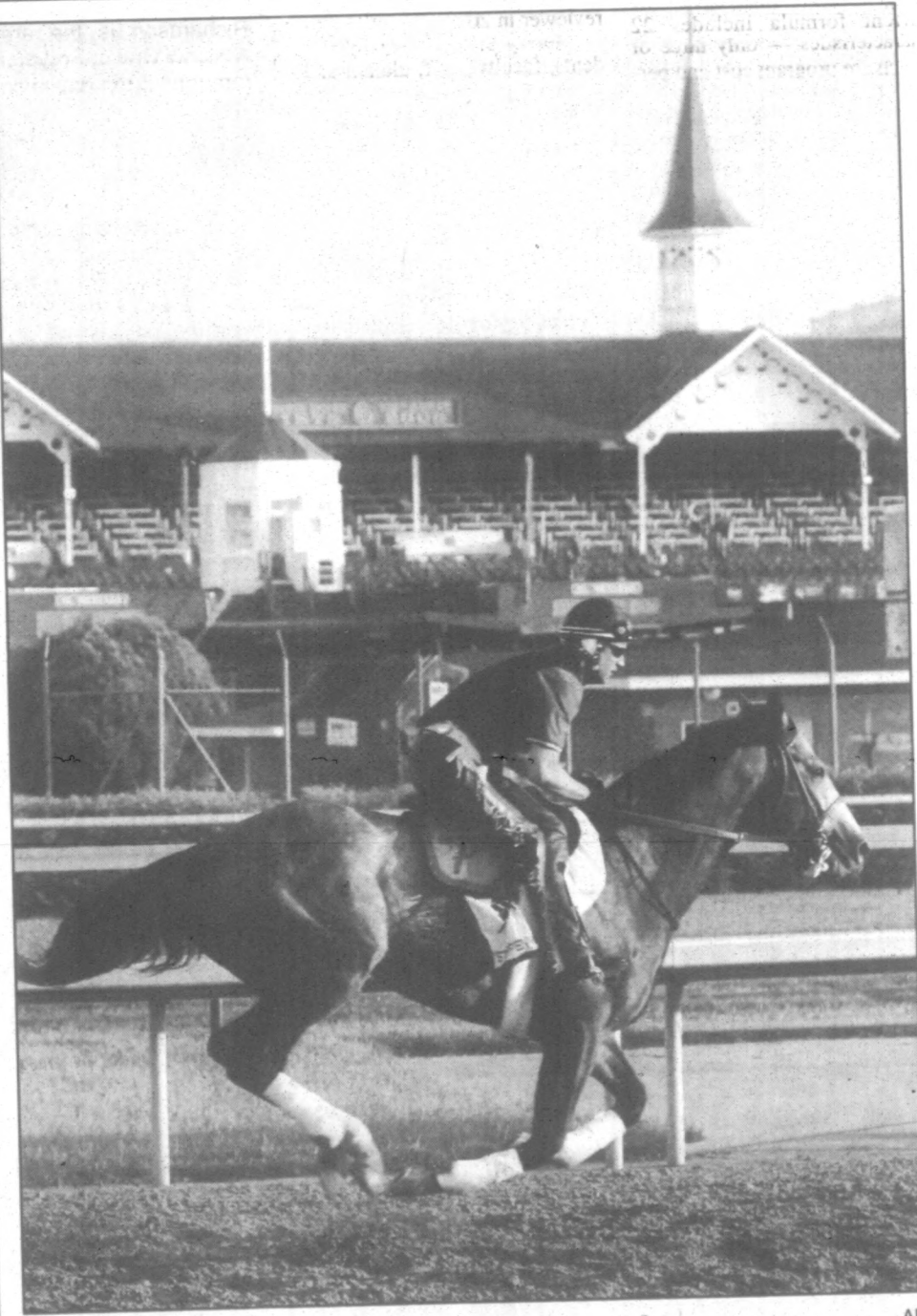
The mysterious death of former Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand piqued Whitfield's interest in the issue. The 1986 Derby winner was sold to breeders in Japan in 1994, and it is believed the colt was killed in a slaughterhouse in 2002.

Meanwhile, a new nonprofit group co-founded by trainer Nick Zito's wife, Kim, said Wednesday it would provide a home for unwanted horses often sold for slaughter.

The Kentucky Equine Humane Center is looking to lease a farm in the Lexington area to provide a shelter for its horses, the group said in a statement.

"Horses are like people; they need to be protected, not left to be treated like garbage," Nick Zito said in the statement.

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AP
EARLY MORNING WORKOUT: Kentucky Derby entrant Steppenwolfer, ridden by Jody Pieper, goes through an early-morning workout Thursday at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The 132nd Derby will be Saturday.



Whitfield

New state Medicaid plan OK'd

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's plan to revamp its Medicaid program by offering participants different benefits to suit their health problems has been approved by the federal government, officials said Wednesday.

The new coverage will tailor benefits to the needs of different patient groups, rather than a "one-size-fits-all" model, said Mark Birdwhistell, secretary of the state's Health and Family Services Cabinet. State officials will begin implementing the changes over the next month.

"We needed to greatly modernize the existing Medicaid program and convert it from a program to a health plan," Birdwhistell said.

Under the plan, Kentucky's Medicaid program will essentially offer participants different health plans depending on their conditions. It will also offer "disease management" programs to help patients better handle their illnesses.

Depending on their plans and income levels, some patients will be required to pay copays on certain medical procedures. The plan will also seek to limit participants' non-emergency visits to emergency rooms and cut unnecessary monthly prescriptions.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who came into office facing a multi-million-dollar deficit in the state's Medicaid program, said the new structure was "remarkable."

"It's landmark reform, and it's reform that will be modeled, I believe, across the United States," he said.

The plan will take effect later this month. By focusing on preventive care and teaching patients how to better care for themselves, the state will offer improved coverage and save money, Birdwhistell said.

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Logrolling for Latino issues



Morris Advisory
By Dick Morris
Syndicated Columnist

The May 1 demonstrations, which capped a year of unprecedented self-assertiveness by America's heretofore reticent Latino population, mark an important change in Hispanic attitudes and, therefore, in American politics.

The emerging group-identity consciousness among the Latino population is creating a political reality before our eyes that can only trigger memories of the emergence of African-American political awareness during the late '50s and early '60s.

Until the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave the black community a political voice, it was both inarticulate and unconscious of its political power. But in the crucible of the civil rights era and the legislation of 1964 and 1965 there developed a group voting identity that has structured the African-American vote for the next 40 years — and counting.

The quiescence of the Hispanic vote parallels the failure of blacks to speak out before the civil rights era, and its emergence this year evokes similarities to the civil rights era of the early 1960s. The result is likely to be the same — a massive consensus spread throughout the community, cutting across lines of ethnic origin, age, gender or religion on who is their friend and who is their enemy.

This ethnic group, by far the fastest growing in our nation, will likely tip one way or the other as a result of what happens in Washington this year and next. With the Hispanic vote expected to top 20 percent by 2020, the resulting collective decision of the Latino community could be the most important factor in the future of America's political parties.

Some Republicans feel squeezed between the demands of their right-wing base and their desire to appeal to Hispanic voters. But they need not make a choice. They can have their cake and eat it too.

Polls show that the GOP base wants, above all else, enforceable borders. That means a wall, possibly mili-

tarization of the border and an effective deportation policy. The survey research indicates that while Latino voters in the United States are not in favor of the wall they are not deeply opposed either. What they want is for the wall to have a gate that can swing open to admit guest workers and legal immigrants in larger numbers.

By contrast, the right-wingers want the wall more than they dislike programs for guest workers and the like. While the more dogmatic among them are turned off by "rewarding" those who came here illegally, they are likely to back any program that has a tough border policy, even if it allows for guest workers.

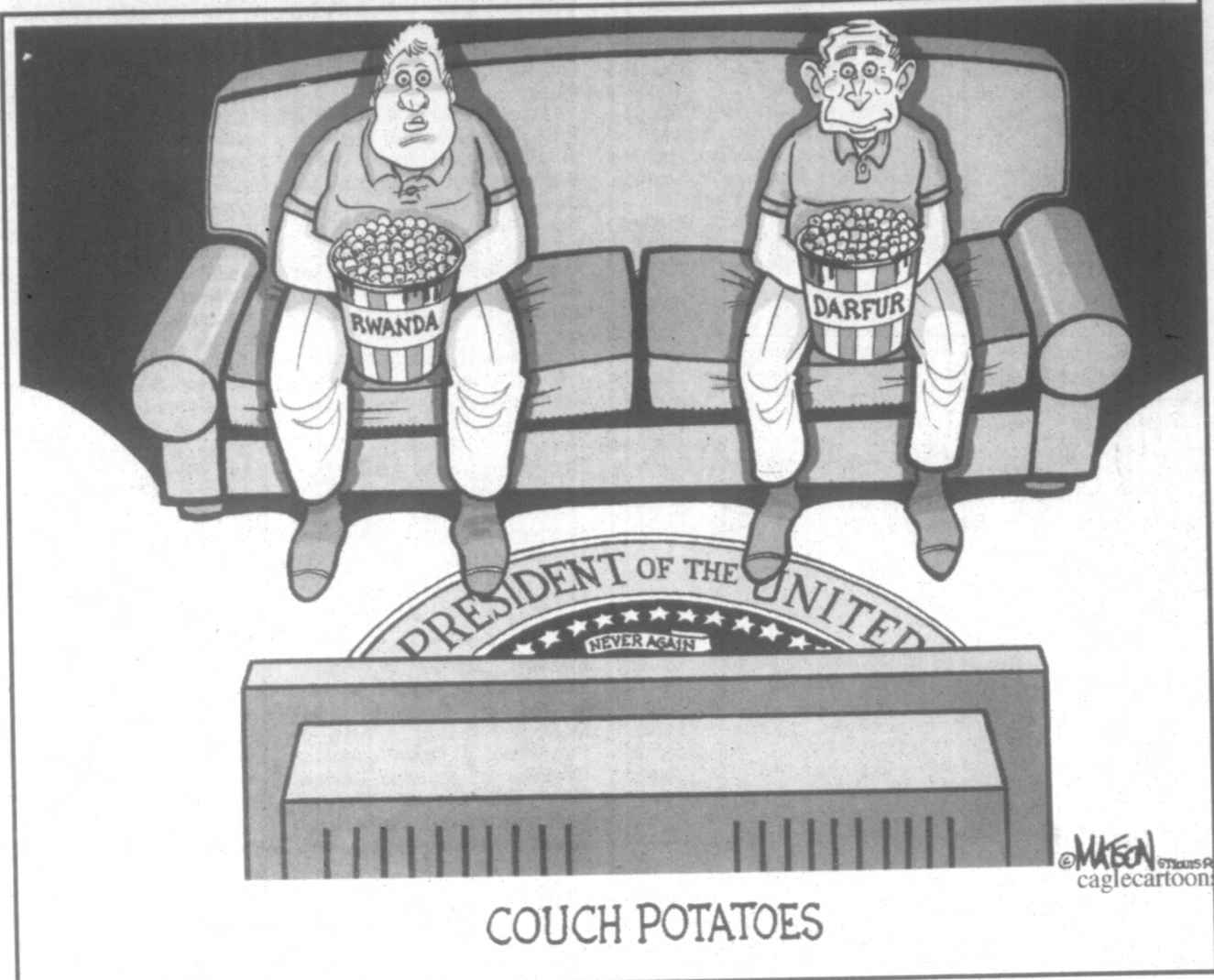
But the problem is that few politicians are advocating both a wall and guest workers. The likes of Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.) back the wall but oppose what they call "amnesty," and the likes of Sens. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) want a guest-worker program with a path to citizenship but look askance at proposals for a wall or for militarization of the border.

What is needed is a little logrolling. Liberals want the guest workers, and conservatives want the wall. Make a deal. Give them both what they want. The president or, failing that, the Republican Party in Congress needs to put together a package that delivers both.

The political impact of such a move would be sensational. It would do more to build a link between the GOP and the Latino vote than any other policy decision. It could lead to a realignment of the political loyalties of the Hispanic community.

The GOP base will happily watch the wall go up. It will breathe easier when we get control of our borders. The details of the guest-worker program — whether the illegals have to recross the border or not — will matter less to them than the obvious progress we will be making in building our wall to secure our borders.

The GOP needs to seize control over this potent issue, or it risks having the worst of both possible worlds. The right-wing base may be infuriated by the failure to pass legislation to control the border, and the Hispanics may be permanently alienated by a failure to meet the growing demands of their community for legal status.



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What remains in the terror war

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal jury's decision to put a lone al-Qaida conspirator behind bars for life serves as a reminder of lingering issues from the attacks of five years ago: Osama bin Laden remains free and hundreds captured in the war on terrorism have yet to be brought to justice.

That Zacarias Moussaoui is the only person charged in the United States in connection with Sept. 11 attacks underscores the difficulty the Bush administration faces in making concrete headway in the war on terror — and its inability or unwillingness to bring terror suspects held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and other locations to trial.

The verdict also renewed calls for more trials, including one targeting al-Qaida's former No. 3, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a key planner in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. He was arrested in March 2003 in Pakistan and remains in U.S. custody in an undisclosed location.

"He should be tried. He's the person responsible for 3,000 people dying," said former Indiana Rep. Tim Roemer, a Democratic member of the 9/11 commission. Still, Roemer said, the jury's verdict shows "we have a system that works. This is what really separates us from the terrorists."

That sentiment was voiced over and over again



Washington Today
By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

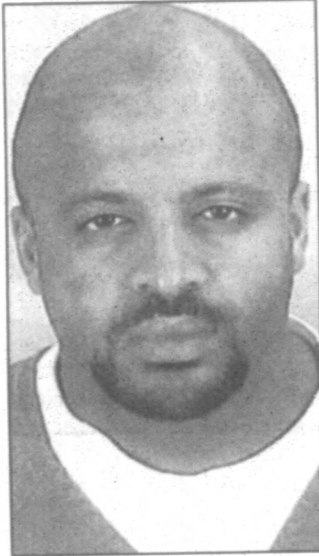
on Wednesday, both by those who thought Moussaoui should have gotten the death penalty, and those who agreed with the verdict.

"Maybe there's something good that can come out of this," said former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. While he said he favored the death penalty, "I have tremendous respect for our legal system," Giuliani told MSNBC.

Even though Moussaoui had a self-proclaimed role in planning for the September 11 attacks and took flight lessons, the 37-year-old French citizen of Moroccan descent didn't actually kill anyone, despite his claim that he was meant to pilot a fifth airplane into the White House as part of the plot.

He was in prison at the time, arrested for immigration violations three weeks before the attacks.

Prosecutors charged that he lied to FBI officials when he didn't disclose the terror plot, thereby leading to the deaths. The defense argued that he was a fringe figure.



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"His relationship to 9/11 was tangential to begin with," said Daniel Benjamin, who served on the National Security Council staff in the Clinton administration, where he was involved with coordinating U.S. counterterrorism policy. The fact that bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders remain free "is not a success story."

"And that is certainly more important to a lot of jihadists and would-be jihadists than anything that happened to Moussaoui," he said. Still, Benjamin, now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, suggested a death penalty would have further inflamed Islamic militants than Moussaoui's life sentence.

Only 10 of the approxi-

mately 490 detainees at the Guantanamo Bay naval base have begun trials before specially designated military commissions.

The Bush administration boasts that more than 200 terrorists have been convicted under provisions of the Patriot Act since the 9/11 attacks, claiming terrorist cells have been broken up in New York, Oregon, Virginia and Florida. But critics have suggested that those arrested in these cases were comparatively minor figures.

Government prosecutors in the Moussaoui trial "were pushing so hard for more" than a life sentence, said Ira Robbins, a professor at American University Law School. "I think they over promised as a result in this case, making Zacarias Moussaoui a metaphor for 9/11. The ones the government really wanted to bring to trial were the 19 hijackers or Osama bin Laden."

Stephen J. Cimbala, a Pennsylvania State University professor who studies U.S. foreign policy, said the verdict was "a victory for the U.S. system of justice, a win on the war on terror, but also a reminder that there are still some important things to do."

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Obituaries

John Selstad

John Selstad, 80, Rocky Lane, Coldwater community, died today, Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 1:23 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A member of Maranatha Baptist Church, he was the son of the late Johan and Anna Selstad.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Selstad; one son, John R. Selstad and wife, Karen, Coldwater community; three daughters, Mrs. Cheryl Rowland, Palm Coast, Fla., Mrs. Jane Caggiano and husband, Mike, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Mrs. Lynn Blodgett and husband, Dean, Griffin, Ga.; three sisters; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hugh M. Arnett

Hugh M. Arnett, 79, Ky. 94 West, Murray, died today, Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 4:15 a.m. at Glendale Place, Murray.

A farmer, he retired as a livestock inspector with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He was a member of Williams Chapel Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Alberta Trousdale Arnett, in September 1987; one daughter, Sheri Barrow; and one sister, Juanita Spann. Born March 4, 1927, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late George Arnett and Ruby Douglas Arnett.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Marla Overby and husband, Darelle, Murray; two sons, Alan Arnett and wife, Kim, Marion, and Mark Arnett and wife, Diana, Murray; one sister, Mrs. Moyna Sims, Murray; four grandchildren, Michael Arnett, Alexandra Arnett, Abbey Arnett and Benjamin Overby.

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

Mrs. Katherine Bright

Mrs. Katherine Bright, 83, Bagwell Boulevard, Murray, died today, Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 2 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

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

Mrs. June Wilson

Mrs. June Wilson, 90, Bee Creek Drive, Murray, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 2:19 p.m. at her home.

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

Mrs. Nona Estelle Hayes Erwin

Mrs. Nona Estelle Hayes Erwin, 88, died Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at Alterra Clair Bridge Nursing Home, Troy, Mich.

A 1933 graduate of Murray High School, she received her teaching degree at Murray State Teachers College, Murray, Ky., and her master's degree in library science from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.

Her first teaching assignment was at South Howard, a one-room eight-grade school in Calloway County, Ky. She married the late James Edward Erwin in 1938, moving to Michigan until the outbreak of World War II, returning home for the birth of their daughter. She resumed teaching at Hazel High School in 1942 and helped to run the county cannery. She returned to Michigan in 1948 and retired from teaching from Hazel Park School system in 1978 after 38 years.

Born Sept. 14, 1917, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Joel Roscoe Hayes and Mary Ermine Ellis, granddaughter of Marcellus J. Hayes, Lula Breckinridge Curd, John Hazel Ellis and Nancy Alice Adams. Her brother, Roscoe Ellis Hayes, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Mary Zandra Baker and husband, Richard W., and two grandsons, Scott Edward Baker and Steven Wade Baker and wife, Darlene, all of Troy, Mich.

The funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Tim Palmer will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Joe Pat Carraway, Scott Baker, Steven Baker, Dan McNutt, HazleLee Boyd and Kendred Paschall. Burial will follow in the South Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 5671 Crossland Road, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Carl Albert Wagster Sr.

The funeral for Carl Albert Wagster Sr. will be Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Parkinson Disease Research.

Mr. Wagster Sr., 79, Wilkins Drive, Murray, died Monday, May 1, 2006, at 11:45 p.m. at West View Nursing Home.

He had retired as a printer after 38 years of service. Both an Army and Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was a member of the Moose Club for 38 years and a lifetime member of American Vets and American Legion.

Born Jan. 11, 1927, in Blytheville, Ark., he was the son of the late Major Wagster and Marylou Peters Wagster.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Joyce (Jackie) Eger Wagster, to whom he was married Aug. 25, 1973; one son, Carl Albert Wagster Jr. and wife, Nancy, Georgia; two sisters, Mrs. Juanita Thomason and Mrs. Bonnie Moore, both of Hopkinsville; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Paul and Pat Jobin, Romeoville, Ill.

Mrs. Marion Sue Roberts Puffenbarger

The funeral for Mrs. Marion Sue Roberts Puffenbarger has been scheduled for Saturday, Johnson Funeral Service, 208 South Main St., Bridgewater, Va., is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Puffenbarger, 80, Bridgewater, Augusta County, Va., died Monday, May 2, 2006.

She attended Murray State College and Blue Ridge Mountain College. At an early age she became interested in writing and sustained that interest throughout her life. Several of her essays and short stories have been published, and she was in demand as a reader for civic and educational organizations. Her writings were about the farm community where she grew up, small-town life, and the people who lived there.

Her husband, Norvill Puffenbarger, and four brothers preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Ben H. Roberts and Ollie D. Roberts of Murray, Ky.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Roberts Greenfield, Murray, and Mrs. Dove Anna Crass McNabb, Memphis, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews.

Moussaoui claims victory after jury decides he will serve life in prison

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Zacarias Moussaoui claimed victory over America after a jury rejected the government's effort to put the Sept. 11 conspirator to death and instead decided to lock him away in prison for the rest of his life.

Moussaoui, who spent much of his two-month trial cursing America, blessing al-Qaida and mocking the suffering of 9/11 victims, offered one more taunt after the jury reached its verdict Wednesday: "America, you lost. ... I won," he proclaimed, clapping his hands as he was escorted from the courtroom.

Moussaoui gets one last chance to speak publicly today when U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema sentences him to life in prison without the possibility of release for his part in the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

Barring an unforeseen circumstance, Moussaoui then will be sent to a super-maximum federal prison in Colorado under special conditions that will prevent him from having any contact with the outside world.

After seven days of deliberation, the nine men and three women rebuffed the government's appeal for death for the only person charged in this country in the suicide hijackings of four commercial jetliners that killed nearly 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

From the White House, President Bush said the verdict "represents the end of this case but not an end to the fight against terror." He said Moussaoui got a fair trial and the jury spared his life, "which is something that he evidently wasn't willing to do for innocent American citizens."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, attending a European Union security conference in Vienna, told reporters Thursday: "There are challenges that exist with respect to prosecuting terrorist cases in our system. I think justice was served in this case."

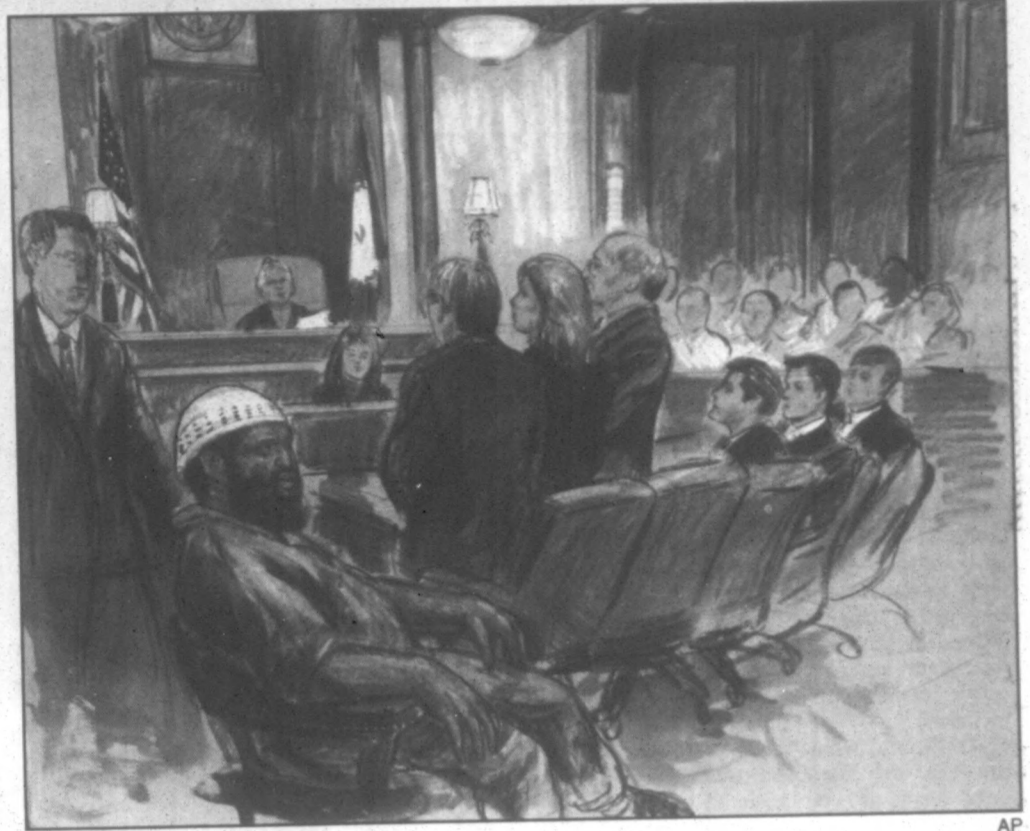
Families of 9/11 victims expressed mixed views.

Carie Lemack, whose mother, Judy Larocque, died on hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into New York's World Trade Center, said her mom didn't believe in the death penalty and would have been glad Moussaoui was sentenced to life. "This man was an al-Qaida wannabe ... who deserves to rot in jail."

Patricia Reilly, who lost her sister Lorraine Lee in the New York attacks, was deflated. "I guess in this country you can kill 3,000 people and not pay with your life," she said. "I feel very much let down by this country."

It is not known how many jurors wanted Moussaoui sentenced to life and how many wanted a death sentence. Under federal law, a defendant automatically receives life in prison when a jury is split. The 42-page verdict form gives no indication on how, or if, the jury split.

The jury rejected two key



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This artist's rendering shows Zacarias Moussaoui, left, his defence team, standing from left, Alan Yamamoto, Anne Chapman, and Gerald Zerken, the prosecution team, seated from left, Robert Spencer, David Raskin, and David Novak, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., as the sentence for Moussaoui, life in prison, is read, Wednesday. Judge Leonie Brinkema is seated in rear.

defense arguments — that Moussaoui suffers a mental illness and that executing him would make him a martyr. No jurors indicated on the verdict form that they gave any weight to those arguments.

Nine jurors found that Moussaoui suffered a difficult childhood in a dysfunctional family where he spent many of his early years in and out of orphanages. Three found that Moussaoui only played a minor role in 9/11.

Defense lawyer Gerald Zerken said outside court that "it was obvious that they thought his role in 9/11 was not very great and that played a significant role in their decision."

Prosecutors, who pursued the Moussaoui case for 4 1/2 years, declared themselves satisfied with the jury's verdict.

Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty, who was chief prosecutor in Alexandria in December 2001 when Moussaoui first was charged, noted that the jury in the trial's first phase found Moussaoui responsible for the 9/11 attacks by concealing the al-Qaida plot from FBI agents after he was arrested in August 2001 on immigration violations.

"It only takes one juror to reject imposition of the death penalty, and we respect that," McNulty said.

The trial put jurors on an emotional roller coaster and gave the 37-year-old Frenchman a platform to needle Americans and revel in the pain of the victims and their families.

When the verdict was announced, Moussaoui showed no visible reaction and sat slouched in his chair, refusing to stand with his defense team. He had declined to cooperate with his court-appointed lawyers throughout the trial.

The verdict was received

with silence in the packed courtroom, where one row was lined with victims' families.

In their successful defense of Moussaoui, defense lawyers overcame the impact of two dramatic appearances by Moussaoui himself — first to renounce his four years of denying any involvement in the attacks and then to gloat over the pain of those who lost loved ones.

Using evidence gathered in the largest investigation in U.S. history, prosecutors achieved a preliminary victory last month when the jury ruled Moussaoui's lies to federal agents a month before the attacks made him eligible for the death penalty because they kept agents from

discovering some of the hijackers.

But even with heart-rending testimony from nearly four dozen victims and their relatives — testimony that forced some jurors to wipe tears from their eyes — the jury was not convinced that Moussaoui, who was in jail on Sept. 11, deserved to die.

The case broke new ground in the understanding of Sept. 11, releasing to the public the first transcript and playing in court the cockpit tape of United Flight 93's last half hour. The tape captured the sounds of terrorists hijacking the aircraft over Pennsylvania and passengers trying to retake the jet until it crashed in a field.

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Crafton installed as First District KFWC governor

Martha Crafton from the Murray Woman's Club was installed as governor of first district of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs at the KFWC convention held in Louisville April 19-22. She will replace Merryman Kemp of Paducah who completed her term for 2004-2006.

Crafton will assume her duties as governor as will eight other ladies who will govern their respective districts from across the state. First district covers the territory from Marion south and west with 11 active clubs with 550 plus members.

The Murray woman has been active at the local and state level served as club secretary for many years, progressing through the other vice president offices, then as MWC president in 2002-2004. At the local level, she is currently serving as chairman of the Advisory Board, manager of the club house, and chairman of the Education and City Beautification Committees. Her long-time membership in the MWC has provided her with many experiences as she belongs to two departments, Music and Garden.

At the state level, Crafton has served as president of the Club President's Council and as a member and currently serving on the Budget and Finance Committee and is chairman of the Education and Music Committees. She also serves on the United Way Board and other committees.

During the KFWC convention in 2004, Crafton was honored by being selected "KFWC Club Woman of the Year." She reports that she has had the privilege of being present when all three honorees from the Murray club have been recognized. She was attending the state convention with Sue Allison when she was honored in 1997 and was also present in 2006 when Pat Harrington was honored.

All three recipients have been escorted with a motorcade from the north side of town to the Murray club house where they were met by club members, friends and family. Records show that the Murray club holds the record for recipients of this award.

Crafton and her husband, Arvin, have two children: Doug and wife, Vicky, and grandson, Nathan, of Murray, and



Photo provided
Martha Crafton, left, is pictured as Merryman Kemp of Paducah, governor of First District of Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, presents Crafton with the governor's pin at the state convention in Louisville.

Shari and husband, Tony, and granddaughters, Noel and Haley, of Ooltewah, Tenn.

The chorus of 18 members of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club was the featured entertainment for the President's banquet held

April 21. They provided a program of familiar "Show Tunes" and also sang the "Club Collect." This is the third time in recent years that the chorus has been invited to entertain for the state convention.

Calloway County High School SBM now taking nominations



Jo's
Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community
Editor

Calloway County High School will hold its School Based Council Elections for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year.

Nominations will be taken through 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Forms will be sent home with the students or they can be picked up at the school office.

The election will be held on May 15 in the Commons area in the front of the school building.

Candidates' Forum tonight

Meet the Candidates' Forum will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Murray Woman's Club house at Vine and South Seventh Streets, Murray. All candidates are invited to attend as well as the general public.

Glory Bound Entertainment Friday

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry will be Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the new Goshen Family Fellowship Center, at Stella. Girls Night Out will be held with a tribute to Mothers with only women singers singing. 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.

CCHS Class of 1996 plans event

Calloway County High School Class of 1996 will have its 10-year class reunion on June 17 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Murray Country Club. For contact or to leave your mailing address for invitations, contact Kili Carson Hanes at 270-762-7374 ext. 139 or khanes@calloway.k12.ky.us.

Touchdown Club will meet

Calloway County High School Touchdown Club will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the fieldhouse.

Four Rivers Group will meet

Four Rivers Music Friends is scheduled to meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Calloway Public Library. As the library will be closed, the group will meet outside. This is open to all musicians and listeners. Contact Velvaleen at 753-6979 if you plan to attend.

Mother to Mother Group to meet

Mother to Mother, a support group for breastfeeding moms, is scheduled to meet Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Calloway Public Library. Featured will be refreshments and door prizes. Pregnant moms, dads and older children are welcome. For more information call Heather Duffy at 436-5657.

Board of Health will meet

Calloway County Board of Health will conduct a special called board meeting on Friday at noon in the conference room of the health center. The meeting is open to the public.

Project Graduation plans promotion

Murray High School Project Graduation will have rebate day and night today at Taco John's. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the group.

CCHS Project Graduation plans events

Calloway County High School Project Graduation will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in the media center. Plans will be made for the BBQ sale from Coldwater BBQ in progress through May 12 for Project Graduation. For information call 753-9925, 474-8114, 345-2042 or 705-0704.

Book Fair now at Murray Middle

Murray Middle School will hold a half-price book fair today and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school library. The public is invited.

Western Kentucky Paralegals to meet

Western Kentucky Paralegals will have its 14th annual meeting Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at Renee's, 2946 Old Cairo Rd., Paducah. Seminar speaker will include attorneys Kevin Shannon, Todd Fagner and Richard Roberts, along with KeeForce computer network specialist, Terry McKee, and Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge Rick Johnston. For more information call Courtney Lowery at 538-7364.

Thursday TOPS Club will meet

Thursday TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Club will meet today 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.

Lions Club plans Bulb & Broom Sale

Murray Lions Club will conduct its annual Bulb & Broom Sale on Monday and Tuesday from door to door. Items will also be available at Murray Lumber Company from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on both evenings. All proceeds will go towards local Lions Projects including its Sight Program of helping persons in need of eye glasses in the area. Those wishing to pre-order may contact any club member.

Recovery home needs items

Reaching Out 2 You Recovery Home, a faith based recovery program, is in need of twin beds, bun beds, pots, pans, bed linens, couch and other household items. A washer and dryer are also needed. Bro. Roy Yoakem is director. Any donations will be appreciated. Call Sue Stom at 227-5244 for information.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet

Narcotics Anonymous will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. at 1628 West Main St., Murray, next to St. John's Episcopal Church. For information call 753-8419 or 1-877-447-2004.

MHS Class of 1986 plans event

Murray High School Class of 1986 is planning a 20-year class reunion. Members are asked to send their addresses to Huang Kelly, phone 753-0783, or e-mail to seanandhuong@bell-south.net.

WATCH needs aluminum cans

WATCH Center at 702 Main St., Murray, needs aluminum cans for an on-going fund-raising project. Peggy Williams, director, said "these may be taken to the center during regular hours; or persons may drive through the driveway on the west side of the center and place them in the cotton wagon there anytime day or night; or may be donated at Make A Difference Day."



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WATCH DONATION: Woodmen of the World Lodge 728 recently visited WATCH (Work Activities Training Center for the Handicapped) and presented a check for \$500 to Peggy Williams, executive director, second right, to assist with their program operation. Pictured, from left, are Dot McNabb, Rachel Jackson, Brooks Rose, Williams, and Iuta Hutson.

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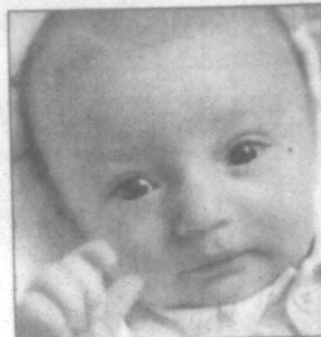
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Birth Announcements

James Noah Fulton

Jay and Lorie Fulton of Benton are the parents of a son, James Noah Fulton, born on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at 3:28 a.m. at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.



The baby weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches. The mother is the former Lorie Robinson.

Grandparents are Cindy Robinson of Murray and Jim and Lenna Fulton of Benton.

Great-grandparents are Josephine Robinson and Ollie and Margaret Hall, all of Murray. Tilford and Joyce Underwood of Paducah, the late J.D. Robinson and the late James Fulton.

James Noah Fulton

Jordon Lee Nanney

Justin R. and Kayla D. Nanney of Walnut Grove Road, Benton, are the parents of a son, Jordon Lee Nanney, born on Monday, April 24, 2006, at 8:20 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 inches. Two brothers are Byron Wren and Trevor Nanney.

Grandparents are Norma Anderson, Randy Anderson, Patti Nanney and Donald Nanney, all of Benton.

Katie Beth Hiter

Ty and Kristi Hiter of Flower Mound, Texas, are the parents of a daughter, Katie Beth Hiter, born on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at Baylor Hospital, Grapevine, Texas.

The baby weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches. The mother is the former Kristi Cowan. Two brothers are Matthew and Micah.

Grandparents are Bill and Mary Cowan of Murray.

Great-grandparents are Mary Hiter of Fairdealing, Jean Burdette of Longview, Texas, Kate Gross of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Jeanette Giesler of Akron, N.Y.



Katie Beth Hiter

Bailey David Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Allen Jones of Bethel Road, Almo, are the parents of a son, Bailey David Jones, born on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 9:06 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches. The mother is the former Tiffany Alicia Beane. A sister is Madison Clara Jones.

Grandparents are Mark and Pam Beane, Susan and Gary Jones and Debbie and Jackie Newberry, all of Murray.



Bailey David Jones

Jenna Danielle Derington

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dossett Derington of Grover Lane, Benton, are the parents of a daughter, Jenna Danielle Derington, born on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at 12:01 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 3/4 inches. The mother is the former Kelly Renae Nichols. A sister is Dylan Nicole Derington.

Grandparents are Paul and Mary Nichols of Paducah, Mary and Pat Goodman of Gilbertsville and Curt Derington of Briensburg.



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EASTER EVENT: First Baptist Mothers' Day Out Preschool Class had an Easter Egg Hunt at Long Term Care Unit of Murray-Calloway County Hospital with the residents filling and hiding eggs for the children to hunt. The children sang and were treated to cookies and juice. Pictured, from left, are Elise Eaton, Olivia Baron, Seth Harrell, Abbey Arnett, Isaac Lipford, Emily Kinsey, Zachery Hopkins, Rachel Thompson, Kess Kelly, Annaston Young, Emily Reed and Chase Merriss.

'Peace in the Garden' tour planned May 13

MAYFIELD, Ky. — The Laurel Oak Garden Club will present its Garden Tour 2006, "Peace in the Garden" on May 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gardens included on the tour will be at the homes of Melanie and Marvin Kaiser at 506 St. Rt. 2205; of Joanne Davis Lorenz and Gary Lorenz at 471 St. Rt. 2205; of Gloria and Marshall Galloway at 342 St. Rt. 2205; and of Terry and Dr. Tyrone Daniels at 102 Arbor Crest Dr., all of Mayfield.

A luncheon will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Happy House Restaurant, 236 North 8th St., Mayfield, which will include a tour of Pauline's Rose Gar-

den. An original oil painting by Betty Whitlow will be offered by closed bid beginning May 9 at Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild and continuing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 13 at The Kaiser Painting Studio, Mayfield. A drawing for a Japanese maple will be at 3 p.m. at the Galloway home.

Tickets for tour and luncheon are \$14 available from members of the Laurel Oak Garden Club and Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild.

Proceeds of the tour will benefit beautification projects in Mayfield and Graves County.

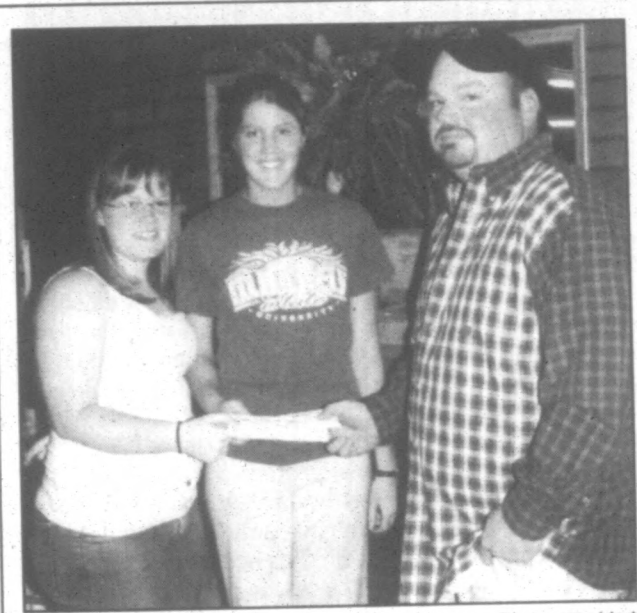


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DONATION GIVEN: Barry Ward, left, of State Line Home & Ranch presents a donation for Project Graduation at Calloway County High School to, from left, Kelsey Duncan and Jessica Dial, seniors.

Children and racial prejudice
What Would Jesus Do?

By Richard Youngblood
Church of Christ Minister

Question: How can I keep my children from learning the same racial prejudices and attitudes that many of us were taught when we were growing up?

Answer: In their innocence, children usually do not show racial prejudice until they come under the influence of adults with racial prejudices. We have made progress toward overcoming this problem, but we cannot assume such prejudices will no longer impact future generations.

Today, those of African descent are not the only racial, national or ethnic group facing prejudice and hatred. But I do believe that by teaching our children about the way Jesus loved and respected all kinds of people, we can more effectively deal with this social and spiritual problem.

Parents can begin by teaching their children to follow the example of Jesus in the way he associated with, loved and valued all kinds of people. This sometimes meant that he would break the currently accepted social norms with regard to race, gender, religious background, or economic and political position.

For example, he stopped at a well to talk with a Samaritan woman (John 4). He visited in the homes of both a prominent Pharisee (Luke 14:1) and a despised tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10). He healed the servant of a Roman centurion (Luke 7:1-10), and he brought back to life the little daughter of Jairus, a ruler of a Jewish synagogue (Luke 8:40-56). Prejudicial people were often critical of Jesus, but this did not stop him from showing love to all kinds of people.

One of the best illustrations of Jesus' attitude toward racial differences is the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

To explain what it means to love your neighbor, Jesus told the story of a half-breed

Samaritan of both Jewish and Gentile blood. Samaritans were despised and treated with hatred by the Jews. In this story, neither the Jewish priest nor the Levite stopped to help the man who had been beaten, robbed and left for dead. By implication, the injured man was Jewish. However, the despised Samaritan did stop and help him.

Teach this story to your children, and give them some modern illustrations of people from different races showing genuine love for their neighbors.

Finally, practice the "ministry of reconciliation." Model before your children the practice of bringing people with all kinds of differences—race, age, gender, income—together through a common faith in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:11-21).

Help them understand that through a common faith in Christ, even the worst of sinners can be reconciled to God and live in a new rela-

tionship with our Heavenly Father. When we become one with God, then we will find ourselves also to be united with each other.

One mother taught her son an important lesson by using apples. "People are like apples," she said. "They come in all different colors, shapes and sizes. Some of these apples have been bumped and bruised. On the outside they may not look as delicious as others."

She then peeled them and placed them on the table in different places. "Now, tell me which one is the red apple, the green and the yellow apple," she said.

"They all look the same," the boy answered, "I can't tell the difference."

But he took a big bite from each, and then with a smile he spoke with understanding, "People are like apples! They are all different, but once you take off the outside they're pretty much the same on the inside."

She saw no reason to comment further.

I believe Jesus would commend this illustration, and he would encourage us to follow these principles in teaching our children.

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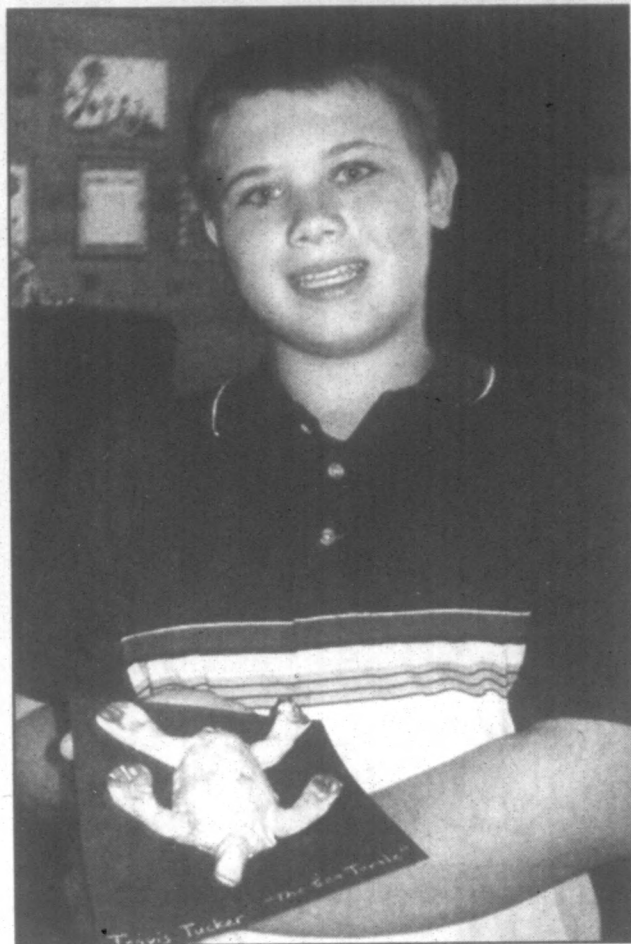
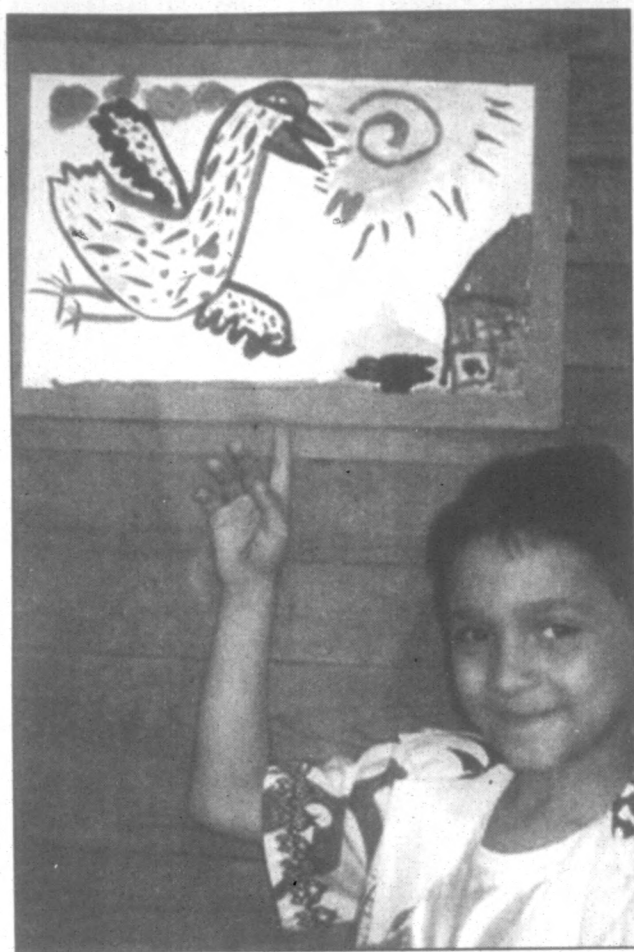
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Art Guild photos

YOUNG MASTERS EXHIBIT: Jalen Oldham, a first grader at North Elementary, clockwise from top left, is shown with his painting based on a book about Raven, a magical creature that saved the world from darkness by discovering the sun hidden in a beautiful box by the Sky Chief. Travis Tucker, a fourth grade student at North, is pictured with his sculpture of the "Sea Turtle" which he entered in the "Young Masters Exhibit" at the Murray Art Guild. Travis said that he "feels good about sculpting and having his work displayed publicly." Erica Garner, a fifth grade student at North, is shown with her landscape painting entitled "Beautiful." Her art teacher, Sandy Sasso, introduced the students to the work of American artist Grant Wood, after which, they painted brilliant landscapes showing objects in the foreground larger than objects in the background. Isaiah Gorham, a third grade student at North, is shown with his colored marker recreation of a "Sun Circle", an artform found on pottery shards of the Woodland Indians. Some archeologists think this design is derived from the way the logs are laid out to make a fire in the center of their homes. When the sun casts a circle of light on these logs through the smoke hole in the roof, the pattern would form. Isaiah likes sculpting and painting and says he, "feels good and happy about exhibiting his work at a place like the Murray Art Guild." Kristina Bohannon, a fifth grade student at North, is shown with her landscape painting. Their work is among over 100 pieces of first through fifth grade art included in the "Young Master's Exhibit", an annual event at the Murray Art Guild, and sponsored this year by the Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club. The exhibit is open to the public during regular Guild hours 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tues., Wed., Fri., or by appointment by calling 753-4059. The Guild is located at 103 N. 6th St. and admission is free. The exhibit closes May 12.

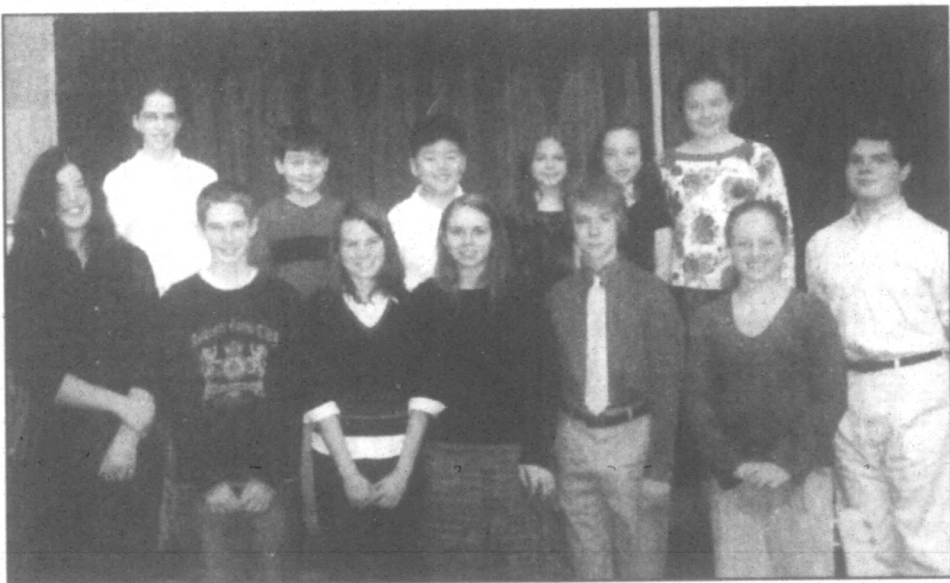
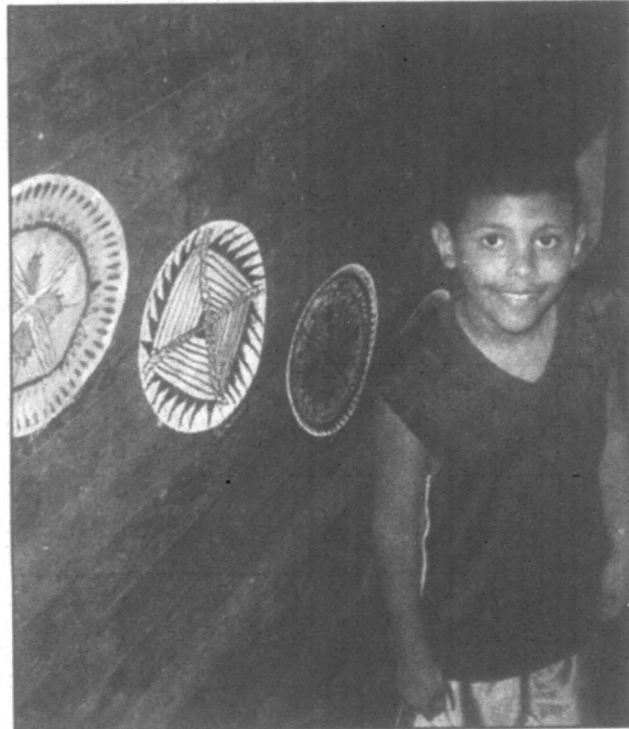
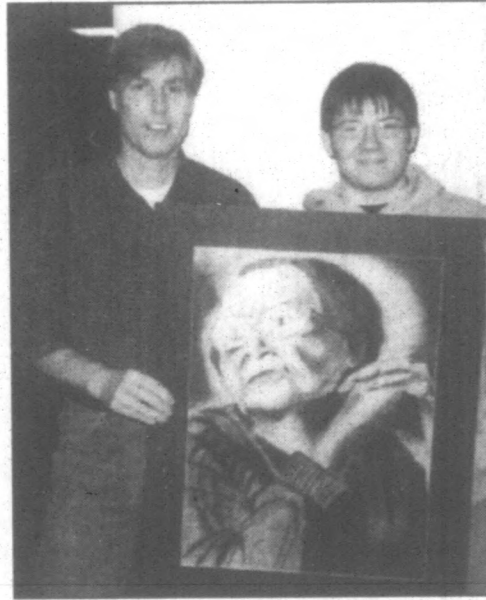


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MMTA RECITAL: Murray Music Teachers Association, an affiliate of Music Teachers National Association and Kentucky Music Teachers Association, recently held its spring recital in Murray State's Farrell Recital Hall. The participants shown above are, front row, McKenna Morgan, Nate Gibson, Lauren Gibson, Kristen Nelson, John Evers, Hanna Latta and Alan Manning; back row, Bridget Reed, Matt Johnston, Choong-Won Jin, Rachel McCrear, Katy DeMumbree and Haley Latta. Not pictured were Jim Johnson and Alicia Humphrey. Area teachers with students on the program were Karen Heise of Gilbertsville, Ruth Somers of Paducah and Ellie Brown and Margaret Wilkins, both of Murray.



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Nicole Schmittou, left, is pictured her art instructor, Ted Dotson of Murray High school. At right, Adam Crawford, right, is pictured with his art instructor, Glen Leckie of Calloway County High School.

Art scholarships presented to local high school students

The Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club has awarded two scholarships to local high school students to attend the Murray State University Summer Art Workshop June 11-16, 2006.

Recipients this year are Nicole Schmittou, daughter of Denise Schmittou, of Murray High School, and Adam Crawford, son of Kevin Crawford, of Calloway County High School.

Art instructors are Ted Dotson of Murray High

School and Glen Leckie of Calloway County High School.

The purpose of this summer workshop is to focus on drawing and print making and is being conducted by Nicole Hand, associate professor of art, and Jim Bryant, associate professor of graphic design.

The Creative Arts Department has an annual Christmas bazaar in late October to raise money for this and other visual art projects.

Reception Friday for joint exhibit

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A joint bachelor of fine arts exhibit, "Silver & Threads," features the photography and photographic installations of Kimberly Ritch and jewelry, woodworking and collaborative art by Maggie Sasso.

Both Ritch and Sasso will graduate this spring. Ritch will receive the B.S. in public relations and the B.F.A. in fine arts; Sasso will be awarded the B.F.A. in fine arts.

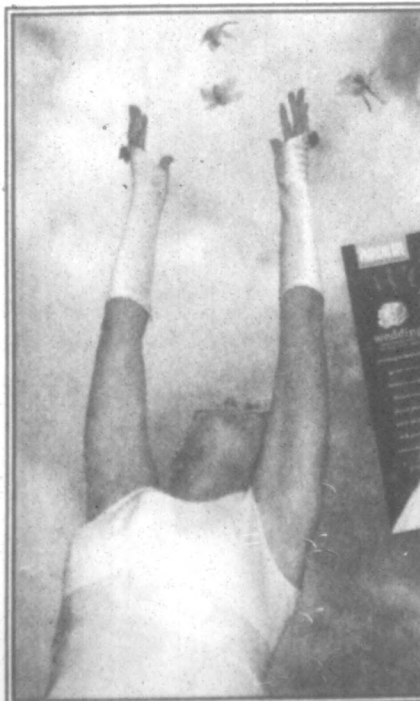
Ritch, who is from Marion, Ky., will intern this summer at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She is also the recipient of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's 2006 Lifchez/Stronach Curatorial Internship. This highly competitive internship is awarded each year to only one master's degree candidate or recent graduate of an undergraduate institution who plans to pursue a career in art. Ritch will begin the curatorial internship in

the fall in New York City.

Sasso is from Murray, Ky., and plans to attend graduate school in the future in order to gain her master's degree in fine arts.

An opening reception for Ritch and Sasso will be held on Friday between 6-8 p.m. in the Curris Center Gallery. The exhibit will run from May 3-20.

The public is invited to attend.



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Deal announced to stop most soda sales in schools

NEW YORK (AP) — After getting hit by a wave of regulation in recent years by school boards and legislators, soft drink makers say they get the message: School isn't the right place for sugary sodas.

Long the target of people who blame soda's calories and popularity among young people for contributing to rising childhood obesity, the nation's largest beverage distributors say they will stop selling non-diet sodas to schools and start serving reduced sizes of other drinks.

"This one policy can add years and years and years to the lives of a very large number of young people," said former President Bill Clinton, whose foundation announced the deal Wednesday and has targeted childhood obesity for the past year.

The beverage companies agreed to sell only water, unsweetened juice and low-fat and non-fat milk, flavored and unflavored, in elementary and middle schools. Diet sodas and sports drinks will be sold in high schools.

"I don't think anyone should underestimate the influence this agreement will have," said Susan Neely, president and CEO of the American Beverage Association. "I think other people are going to want to follow this agreement because it just makes sense."

The deal was brokered by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a collaboration between the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation and the American Heart Association, and involves industry leaders Cadbury Schweppes PLC, Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc.



Talesha Gardner, then 17, looks at the selection of soft drinks for sale in the vending machines at Horlick High School in this Jan. 5, 2004, file photo in Racine, Wis. In a deal announced Wednesday by the William J. Clinton Foundation, the nation's largest beverage distributors agreed to stop selling non-diet sodas to most public schools, where childhood obesity has become an increasing concern.

as well as the beverage association, which together control 87 percent of the public and private school drink market. Officials said they hoped the other 13 percent would follow suit.

Beverage industry officials said the agreement is not an admission that their products are unhealthy.

"This is about where we sell our products, not about the products themselves," Dawn Hudson, CEO of PepsiCo for North America, said at the news conference in Clinton's Manhattan office. "We believe that all our products have a place in a well-balanced diet and proper, active lifestyle."

Soft drink critics applauded the move but said it does not go far enough.

Richard Daynard, a law professor at Northeastern University, said he had been negotiating a similar deal on behalf of the Public Health Advocacy Institute, which together with the Center for Science in the Public Interest had been preparing to sue beverage makers if no deal had been reached.

"What they agreed to was very close to the final negotiation position we gave them at the end of March," Daynard said.

Daynard said the deal should not have allowed sports drinks to be sold in high schools. He said the drinks are useful for high-performance athletes but are "simply sugar water" for students.

Ann Cooper, an advocate for healthy school lunches who directs the food program for public schools in Berkeley, Calif., called the deal a good first step.

"Any agreement that limits high-fructose corn syrup and sugar and non-nutrient foods that are served in schools is good, but I don't think it goes far enough," she said, citing the calorie content of sports drinks and some flavored milks.

A spokeswoman for The Gatorade Co., a division of PepsiCo, argued that sports drinks benefit kids taking part in any kind of physical activity, not just for high-performance athletes, and contain carbohydrate calories that kids need.

"Gatorade has less than half

the calories of many other beverage options available to kids at school, such as fruit juice and regular or flavored milk," spokeswoman Mary Doherty said in an e-mail.

Daynard said the 10 largest cities have already banned soda sales in schools in recent years. Still, the deal imposes stricter drink regulations than are currently in place for nearly 35 million public school students.

Anne Bryant, executive director of the National School Boards Association, said she welcomed the agreement.

"We're pleased that the parties have decided that there is no need for litigation, because litigation is a terrible waste of time and money," she said.

John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest, which compiles extensive data on the beverage industry, said the agreement would have no impact on the \$63 billion beverage industry's bottom line.

"The sale of sugar-carbonated sodas in schools is a tiny, tiny part of their overall volume," said Sicher. "Financially, on the big companies, it will have virtually no impact."

He applauded the move, however. "The impact is more in terms of responsibility and accountability to the consumer," he said.

Under the agreement, high schools will still be able to sell low-calorie drinks that contain less than 10 calories per serving, as well as up to 12-ounce servings of juice, sports drinks and low-fat and nonfat milk.

The serving sizes for juice and milk will shrink to 10 ounces for middle school students and 8 ounces for elementary school students. Diet sodas and sports drinks won't be sold in middle and elementary schools, and full-sugar soda and whole milk will no longer be offered.

School sales of sports drinks, diet sodas and bottled water have been on the rise in recent years, while sugary soft drink purchases by students have been falling, according to an ABA report released in December. But regular soda, averaging 150 calories a can, is still the most popular drink, accounting for 45 percent of drinks sold in schools in 2005, according to the report.

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count the number of sit-ups, pushups, and other exercises performed as a way to encourage youth to continue participation and exercise at home even after the program has been completed.

"That is why we call it 'Fun, Family and Fitness,'" Dinh said. "It has to be fun for the kid, but if the family support is not there they won't stay with it. Of course, there has to be fitness too."

The program will last for six weeks with children as young as age 7 to around 15 or 16 years old participating. Participants will learn some kickboxing in addition to basic calisthenics and will have use of the gym's

equipment.

"We are already having people sign up and we're hoping to get at least 15 to 20," he said. "If we get more than that we'll start another class."

Fitness is important for everyone and the program is not only for those that want to lose weight, according to Dinh.

"It doesn't have to be a kid with a weight problem. It can be anyone, because the program begins with the condition of the child at the beginning and works from there," he said.

Dinh also hopes that some of the students will qualify to compete for the Presidential Physical Fitness Awards program at completion of the UBC for Kids course.

The Presidential Physical Fitness Award is given to students in grades 6, 7, and 8 that score at or above the 85th percentile on all five items of the President's Challenge: sit-ups, shuttle run, one-mile run, sit-and-reach, and pull-ups. The Presidential Award consists of an embroidered presidential emblem and a certificate signed by the president of the United States, according to the program's Web site at www.presidentschallenge.org. There is also a National Fitness Award for those that reach the 50th percentile - the national average - under the same program.

"We hope to have some that will qualify for that and I think we will," Dinh said.



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Arson charges are filed in Alabama church fire case

CENTREVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Prosecutors ruled out any punishment other than long prison terms Wednesday for three college students who now face additional state charges in a string of nine fires at churches in rural Alabama.

Attorneys for the three have indicated a desire to plead guilty rather than go to trial, and some church members have said they would like the defendants to get less than the maximum sentence, which could amount to life imprisonment.

Alabama Attorney General Troy King called talk of a possible plea deal "very premature" and said members of the burned churches would be consulted on how to proceed.

"Many have said that these were just college pranks, that this was a joke that got out of hand," King said. "They were not jokes then, and they are not jokes now."

Prosecutors from the counties where the fires occurred said they would seek lengthy jail terms whether in plea discussions or at trial.

"We intend to seek prison time in all of these cases," said District Attorney Chris McCool of Pickens County, where Dancy First Baptist Church was heavily damaged by smoke and flames during the arson spree in early February.

King, McCool and other prosecutors held a news conference to announce state charges in Bibb County, where five churches were burned on Feb. 3. Four more churches were torched four days later in west Alabama.

Matthew Lee Cloyd of Indian Springs and Benjamin Nathan Moseley of Birmingham, both 20, and 19-year-old Russell Lee DeBusk of Birmingham previously were charged in federal court and in some of the counties where fires occurred.

In state court, Cloyd and Moseley each were indicted on nine counts of second-degree arson and nine counts of third-degree burglary. DeBusk was charged with five counts of second-degree arson and five counts of third-degree burglary.

Tommy Spina, an attorney representing Cloyd, agreed with prosecutors that prison time was a near certainty.

"I don't think anyone believes justice will be served by a slap on the wrist," said Spina. "At the same time, I don't think they have to exact a pound of flesh."

The three, arrested March 8, are being held in the Shelby County Jail on the federal conspiracy counts and have pleaded not guilty, as was required during their initial appearances.

A federal magistrate approved bond of \$50,000 for each suspect, but all decided to remain jailed in Shelby County, near their homes, rather than risk being sent to one of the rural counties where the fires occurred.

Shooter reportedly hated bus driver

DOVER, Tenn. (AP) — One day before shooting his school bus driver, 14-year-old Jason Clinard was sent to the assistant principal's office because the bus driver had reported him for using smokeless tobacco while riding the bus.

As Clinard waited outside the office, his football coach, Myles Holliday, approached him.

"He said, 'I hate my bus driver. I hate her, I hate her, I hate her,'" Holliday testified Wednesday during Clinard's murder trial.

Clinard, who is now 16, is charged with fatally shooting bus driver Joyce Gregory in March 2005. He is on trial as an adult and faces a first-degree murder charge.

Prosecutors have said he shot the bus driver because he was angry at her for getting him in trouble. His attorney has acknowledged Clinard shot the driver, but he said the shooting was not premeditated and that Clinard had been suicidal and depressed.

Testimony began Tuesday, and the prosecution rested its case Wednesday. Judge George

Sexton rejected a defense motion to acquit Clinard from the bench.

Defense attorney Worth Lovett has tried to make clear that Clinard had no plans to kill Gregory and that the shooting does not meet the legal standard for first-degree murder.

Under cross examination from Lovett, the football coach acknowledged that other high-school students often said they hated someone. Holliday also said he had no reason to believe Clinard would harm Gregory.

The shooting happened just outside Cumberland City, about 50 miles northwest of Nashville. The trial is being held in nearby Dover, but jurors were chosen about 50 miles away in Cheatham County.

The first witness for the defense was Dr. William Bernet, who interviewed Clinard and his parents and evaluated the teen after the shooting.

He told jurors Wednesday afternoon that Jason had a history of severe depression and suffered from a number of "stressors" in his life.

Clinard's parents had taken in

several foster children over the years, creating problems, Bernet said.

"He had 10 times as many stressors as any ninth-grader," Bernet said, adding that Jason's judgment was "impaired" the day of the shooting.

Jurors were allowed to see photos of Gregory's body Wednesday, despite defense objections that the images were too graphic and would prejudice the jury.

District Attorney General Dan Alsobrooks said the photos of Gregory's body were not graphic and he wanted to show them so jurors could see the trajectory of the bullets. The photos did not show Gregory's face, but showed her body slumped sideways and still wearing her seat belt.

Gregory's father, Bud Wyatt, who sat on the first row in the courtroom, kept his eyes closed and his head down while the photos were shown on a video screen and projected onto a courtroom wall.

Karen Clinard, Jason's mother, quietly wept during the presentation. Outside the courtroom,

she said it was unnecessary for prosecutors to show the dozen or so images.

"What they were showing could be shown by diagrams. It was just cruel to put both families through that," she said.

Jason Clinard showed little emotion as the picture were shown.

Clinard's mother said her son is a "good boy," who had mental problems and was suicidal at the time of the shooting.

She said some of her son's depression was caused by another family living at the Clinards' home. Her husband's stepdaughter from a previous marriage had moved in with her husband and their twin teenage sons, and Karen Clinard said the twins picked on her son.

Jason Clinard was also depressed because his 33-year-old brother was serving in Iraq, Karen Clinard said.

"If anything, he planned to kill himself," she said. "He was always helping people. Something happened that day. He just snapped. He doesn't even remember what happened."

Kentucky man finally arrested in 20-year-old Arkansas murders

ASH FLAT, Ark. (AP) — A man has been arrested in Kentucky in the New Year's Eve murders of an Arkansas couple in front of their infant son 20 years ago.

James Snyder Jr., 39, was arrested Tuesday night in Georgetown, Ky., in connection with the Dec. 31, 1986, deaths of Terry and Kathryn Watts of Ash Flat, WKYT television station in Lexington, Ky., reported Wednesday.

Snyder was being held on two counts of capital murder in the Scott County Detention Center in Georgetown and was to appear in court Thursday for a hearing on his extradition to Arkansas, a jailer at the center told The Associated Press.

The Sharp County Sheriff's

Office wouldn't comment on Snyder's arrest but scheduled a news conference Thursday. Georgetown police did not return calls for comment.

"I am tickled to death," said former Sharp County Sheriff T.J. "Sonny" Powell, who originally investigated the case. "It didn't matter to me who made the arrest. I wanted it solved."

Terry Watts, 25, and Kathryn Watts, 22, had married in Oklahoma and moved to Ash Flat earlier in 1986. They were killed in their home. The couple's 1-year-old son, Joshua, was found unharmed near his father's body.

Investigators said Terry Watts was shot in the chest by someone who fired a shotgun through the couple's front window, and his throat was slashed. Kathryn Watts was found dead in her bedroom; she was shot once in the head and once in the chest.

Three years ago, Sharp County Sheriff Dale Weaver said he intended to revive the investigation.

On Wednesday, Stewart Lambert, who was deputy prosecutor when the double-slaying occurred, said changing circumstances could have prompted a suspect to talk about what happened. "People who have maybe gotten away from a certain situation, I would suspect, are now willing to talk."

Teen accused in Kansas school shooting plot faces additional charge

COLUMBUS, Kan. (AP) — One of five teens accused of plotting a shooting rampage at their southeast Kansas high school was charged Wednesday with solicitation to commit murder.

The judge and the prosecutor would not disclose why 16-year-old James Tillman faced a new charge, and the teen's attorney did not know.

Judge Robert Fleming refused to set bond for Tillman, citing the affidavit he read on the latest charge.

"It is frightening," Fleming said. "It suggested these kids were going to get together and shoot up half the school."

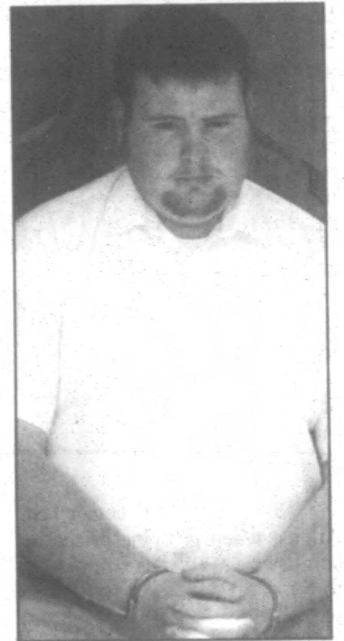
Tillman and four other youths were arrested April 20 — the seventh anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado — after a message about the suspected plot appeared on the Web site MySpace.com.

Sheriff Steve Norman has said the teens planned to wear black trench coats and disable Riverton High School's camera system before starting the attack.

The five teens each were charged with one count of incitement to riot and one count of making a criminal threat.

Defense attorneys say the incident is not as serious as the state alleges.

"I think the truth will come out during these whole proceedings," said Tillman's attorney,



Charles "Coy" New, one of five teenagers accused of threatening a shooting rampage at their southeast Kansas high school, is escorted from the Cherokee County Courthouse, Columbus, Kan., by Cherokee County Sheriff's deputies after a status hearing on Wednesday. Prosecutors said Wednesday that they will seek to try all five teenagers as adults in the case.

Samuel Marsh. Fleming reduced the bond for Charles "Coy" New, 18, from \$50,000 to a \$25,000 surety bond plus a \$25,000 signature bond with house arrest. The judge set similar bonds and conditions for Robert Hunt, 17, Caleb Byrd, 16 and Andrew Jaeger, 15.

"We believe there is a significant issue of public safety," said Assistant Attorney General Stephen Maxwell.

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House tackles price gouging, Bush discusses long-term

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House on Wednesday approved criminal penalties and fines of up to \$150 million for energy companies caught price gouging, yet lawmakers acknowledged there is no quick and easy fix to higher pump prices.

President Bush summoned Democrats and Republicans to the White House to discuss legislation to address long-term energy concerns.

"The price of gasoline should serve as a wake-up call ... that

we've got an energy security problem and a national security problem and now is the time to deal with it in a forceful way," Bush said after the meeting.

With bipartisan support, the House approved on a 389-34 vote a measure that would create a price-gouging law and permit large fines and jail time for violators.

The Senate has yet to consider the legislation.

The House did reject a Republican bill that supporters

said would make it easier to build refineries in hopes of easing tight gasoline supplies.

All but 13 Democrats opposed the measure, intended to quicken the permitting process. They said it would not bring down gas prices, could lessen environmental protection and usurp local say where refineries go.

Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., said the problem was not a delay in permitting. "The real reason we have a refinery shortage is

the companies that own refineries are profiting enormously from the ... refinery bottlenecks," he said.

Republicans branded Democrats as obstructionists on energy. The vote, 237-188, fell short of the two-thirds needed to pass under special procedures. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, a leading supporter of the refinery bill, promised to bring it back, possibly next week, under rules that require a simple majority for approval.

"There is not a panacea of short-term solutions to the (gasoline) price situation today because it's a demand-driven price," Barton said. said at a news conference. He said the government could set price controls or release large amounts of oil from the U.S. emergency reserve. But he opposes both ideas and said they would cause other problems.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's proposal to give people a \$100 rebate checks was all but

abandoned Wednesday, ridiculed even by members of his own party as insulting and inadequate.

Also seeming to lose steam was a Democratic proposal for a 60-day "holiday" from the 18.4-cent per gallon federal tax on gasoline. "We would like to be able to do something now, quickly. The truth of the matter is we can't," Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said.

AG Stumbo subpoenas petroleum company records

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — State investigators have issued subpoenas to 43 petroleum companies, wholesalers and retail gasoline stations in a probe that's focusing on possible price gouging.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo said records are being sought from 30 retail gasoline stations and 13 petroleum companies and wholesalers that either refine or distribute fuel for Kentucky motorists.



Stumbo

"We're sending a message to the industry," Stumbo said. "You're going to play by the rules if you're going to play in Kentucky."

That message was delivered at a press conference in Frankfort on Wednesday, with gasoline prices hovering at nearly \$3 a gallon.

The investigation began last August when gasoline prices in some parts of the state increased to more than \$3 a gallon in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Stumbo called on the governor to declare a state of emergency, an action that triggered a Kentucky law allowing investigators from his office to determine whether retailers were inappropriately charging higher gas prices.

The law mandates that no supplier of essential consumer products, like gasoline, can increase prices after an emergency to a level "grossly in excess" to the price before the emergency occurred.

Todd Leatherman, director of the attorney general's consumer protection division, said if the investigation turns up evidence of price gouging, the companies could be fined up to \$5,000 per violation. Leatherman said each sale would be considered a violation of the law if price gouging is proven.

Lawmakers in Washington are considering legislation that would impose far more stringent criminal and civil penalties on energy companies caught price gouging. Under the legislation, refiners and wholesalers could face penalties of up to \$150 million, retailers could be sanctioned up to \$2 million.

Kentucky investigators declined to identify the companies being looked at in their probe.

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Graduation packs one final financial punch

By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

BOSTON (AP) — It's graduation season, time for college seniors to celebrate good friends and hard work — and the end of those ever-rising tuition payments.

But financial freedom may have to wait a week or two. From cap and gown rentals to printed announcements to jacked-up hotel prices, pomp and circumstance doesn't come

cheap these days. Some schools even charge explicit graduation fees of up to \$160. While the joy of the moment often means families and students happily fork over the money, graduation weekend can wallop the wallet one last time.

"All this stuff together, it's definitely surprising that after four years of paying \$40,000 a year," said Matt Stout, a Boston University senior from East Haven, Conn., "I'm going to

spend hundreds of dollars just to get out of here."

His mother, Annie McGuire, a social worker and waitress, has been setting aside money in her credit union account since December to cover the hotel and other expenses for commencement weekend. "It's well worth it," she said.

Still, multiply one family's graduation expenses — roughly \$1,100 in Stout's case — by the hundreds of thousands of stu-

dents graduating from college in the coming weeks, and you've got one very big business. Call it the instant nostalgia industry, and graduation season is its Christmas.

It's hard to say how much Americans spend on the full range of graduation expenses — from bric-a-brac to travel and meals — but it's ample. Class rings seem to rebounding from an unfashionable period, and despite e-mail, written

announcements are surprisingly resilient, especially in the South. The parent company of Jostens, one of the biggest sellers of rings, yearbooks and diploma frames, reported sales of \$425 million last year in its scholastic business (though the company doesn't break out separate figures for high schools and colleges).

Stout could be spending a lot more. The BU bookstore's most basic package for the cap and

gown, with regalia plus 10 generic announcements, goes for \$75 (\$10 more if picked up after May 1). The "premiere master package," including 25 personalized announcements and a diploma frame, would cost \$265. Lucky he's not getting a doctorate — buying that gown runs \$600.

Stout's also passing on the class ring (\$311 to \$545), yearbook (\$70), river cruise (\$5) and buffet dinner (\$25).

"There will be a lot of great memories, but I don't need to buy hundreds of dollars worth of stuff to help me remember," he said.

A journalism major, Stout might spring for a diploma frame (\$145-\$209) if he lands a job, but that hasn't happened yet. His housemate, Nando Trindade (who does have a job) bought one only after his parents said they would pay for it. "I don't think my mom really liked the price of it, but my dad said it'll be nice to have a nice little fancy memento," he said.

Caps and gowns are the one expense students generally can't avoid, at least if they want to march in commencement. Nationwide, about half of colleges rent caps and gowns to students, while half sell them, according to preliminary results of a membership survey by the North American Association of Commencement Officers. Because of the recollection and cleaning costs with rentals, prices generally end up comparable — between \$13 to \$65, the group said.

Ultimately, few parents begrudge money spent on such a happy occasion.

Maria Rodriguez of San Francisco has been setting money aside for four years to pay for a trip to celebrate her daughter's upcoming graduation from Smith College in Massachusetts. She'll fly east with her husband, son, mother, brother, two sisters and assorted other relatives from the western U.S. and Mexico.

The graduation trip, plus a few days sightseeing, "is probably going to cost us close to \$10,000," said Rodriguez. "But it's worth it because she's worked very very hard and I want her to feel that we're with her and that we appreciate everything that she's done," she said.

Erika said her mom even splurged for the class ring as a 21st birthday gift.

"She likes to spoil me," Erika said.

Cost of graduating

A family's graduation expenses can weigh heavily on the wallet. From the basics to extras, students may have to shell out some cash for their commencements this year.

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January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Beginning Cash Balance	January 1, 2005	\$41,343
Receipts:		
Water Revenues	\$171,347	
Other Revenues	974	
Contrib. in Aid of Constr.	12,600	
Proceeds of Short-Term Financing	50,000	
Interest	12	
Total Receipts	\$234,933	
Expenditures:		
Water Purchases	\$63,072	
System Operation & Maint.	55,925	
Administrative Costs	35,766	
Additions to Waterworks Syst.	66,170	
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Ending Cash Balance	December 31, 2005	\$35,597

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ORDINANCE 2006-1402
An Ordinance pursuant to KRS 81A.412 annexing a 23.829 acre tract of land located on Robertson Road South and owned by Dale Campbell, D&D, Inc.
s/s H. Thomas Rushing
H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor
Attest:
s/s Harla McClure
Harla McClure, City Clerk
Summary prepared by:
Warren Hopkins, City Attorney

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s/s H. Thomas Rushing
H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor
Attest:
s/s Harla McClure
Harla McClure, City Clerk
Summary prepared by:
Warren Hopkins, City Attorney

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ORDINANCE 2006-1405
An Ordinance amending amending Ordinance Number 2005-1379, an Ordinance which adopted the 2005-2006 City of Murray, Kentucky annual budget by restarting certain revenues and expenditures for the City of Murray Operations Budget by amending the amount budgeted for the street sweeper from \$100,000 to \$112,235.
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H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor
Attest:
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MURRAY STATE FOOTBALL Racers release '06 gridiron schedule

MSU INVADES COLUMBIA TO TAKE ON BIG TEN TIGERS

By MSU Sports Information

The Murray State football team released its 2006 schedule on Wednesday.

The 11-game slate includes five home games. The first comes Sept. 23, when the Racers host Illinois State and former head coach Denver Johnson at 6 p.m. The contest will mark the beginning of the 33rd season of college football at Roy Stewart Stadium.

Also included in the home portion of the schedule are late season league games with Southeast Missouri State and Tennessee-Martin.

The Racers open the season at Big 12 Conference opponent Missouri. The game marks the first meeting between the two schools. The game time will be determined later for the Sept. 2 game.

The Racers get an early start to the Ohio Valley Conference season when they play at The Coliseum in Nashville against Tennessee State on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

After a road contest Sept. 16 at Indiana State, MSU plays its home opener against the visiting Redbirds on MSU Family Weekend. On Sept. 30, the Racers are at home against Tennessee Tech for a 6 p.m. game on Fall Senior and Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day.

Murray's only Thursday game this season is Oct. 5, when it travels to Alabama to play Jacksonville State at 7 p.m. The Racers' 74th homecoming contest is Oct. 14, when MSU hosts Samford at 3 p.m.

The Racers have a road game at Eastern Illinois Oct. 21 before coming home to host Southeast Missouri State Oct. 28. MSU travels to Eastern Kentucky Nov. 4. After taking Nov. 11 off, they finish up on Senior Day by hosting Tennessee-Martin on Nov. 18.

Murray State head coach Matt Griffin knows his team has one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

"That start with three on the road at Missouri, Tennessee State and Indiana State is very challenging to say the least," Griffin said. "We'll have to be at our best right out of the gate."

"I think we have a good home schedule for our fans and some very tough teams coming in."

LOUISVILLE 7, MURRAY STATE 1 Louisville

limits 'Breds' bats in victory

MAGNUSON TOSSES TWO-HITTER WITH SIX Ks IN CARDS' WIN

Staff Report

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville pitcher Trystan Magnuson allowed Murray State just two hits and equalled his career high with six strikeouts as the Cardinals downed the Thoroughbreds 7-1 Wednesday at Patterson Stadium.

Murray State (13-33) took an early 1-0 lead on an unearned run in the top of the first inning, when Tyler Pittman reached on an error and came around to score on a Jason Payton double.

But the Cardinals (19-27) took control of the contest in the third with three runs off one hit and two MSU errors. UofL was able to push across the runs after the first two hitters reached base on miscues by the 'Breds' infield. Chris Cates' double, the only hit of the frame, drove in the second of the three runs.

Right fielder Pete Rodriguez blasted a solo home run in the sixth to up the Cards' lead to 4-0. Louisville went on to add three more runs in the seventh to complete the scoring.

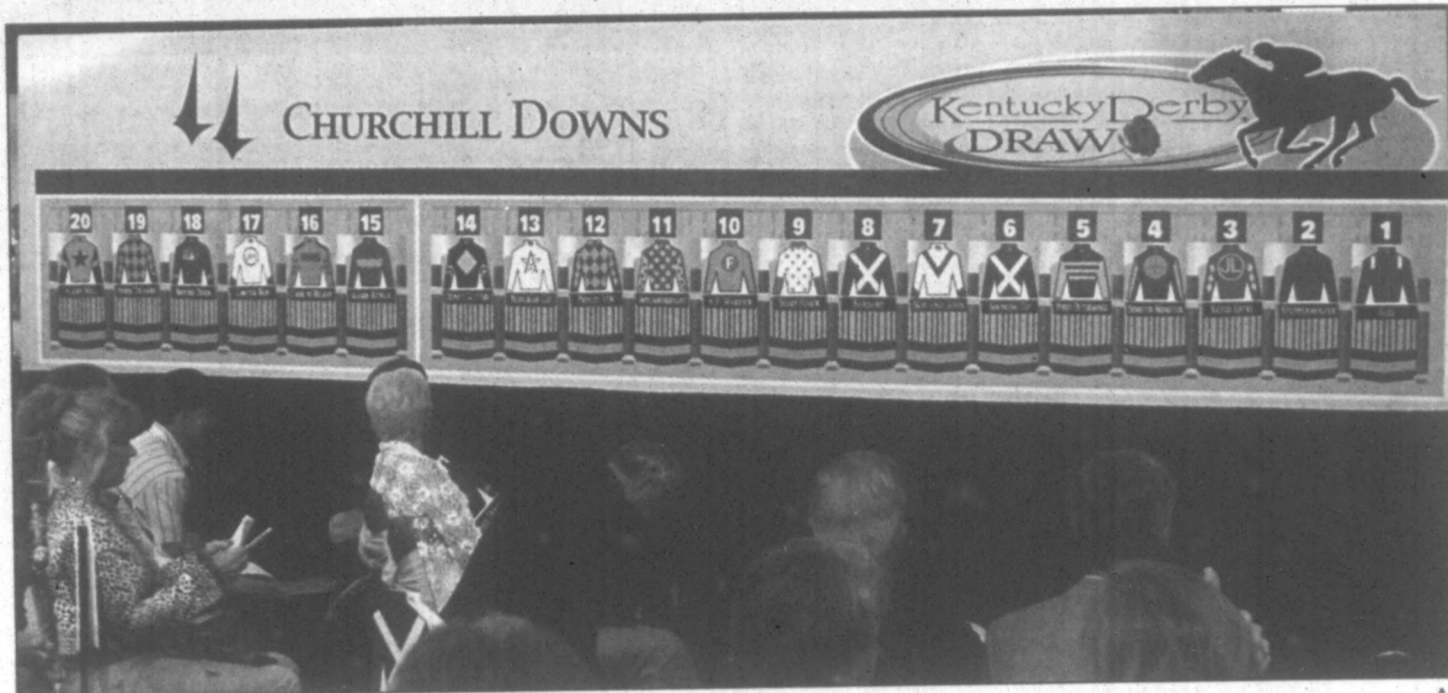
Rodriguez and Jorge Castiello each had three hits to lead the UofL offense.

Payton, Pittman and designated hitter Chaz Ebert had the only hits for Murray.

Starter Michal Perconte (3-5) suffered the pitching loss for the 'Breds', allowing three unearned runs on two hits while striking out two in three innings of work.

Murray State now returns home for its final series of the season at Reagan Field. The 'Breds' will host Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee-Martin in a three-game series, beginning with the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m. The series will conclude with a 1 p.m. contest on Sunday.

Ten MSU seniors will be recognized prior to Saturday's action.



The 20-horse field is set for the 132nd running of the Kentucky Derby after post positions were drawn Wednesday. Morning line favorite Brother Derek, winner of the Santa Anita Derby, will break from the No. 18 spot in the gate on Saturday at Churchill Downs.

BROTHER DEREK ODDS ON FAVORITE TO WIN DERBY OUT OF GATE 18

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — It's hardly the post position of champions. Then again, it's where a horse finishes in the Kentucky Derby that counts.

Brother Derek was made the 3-1 morning-line favorite Wednesday after trainer Dan Hendricks selected the No. 18 spot in the starting gate. Only Gato Del Sol in 1982 has ever won from there.

Of course, several of the more favorable spots were gone by the time Hendricks chose 16th among 20 horses at the draw, conducted away from Churchill Downs for the first time in the race's 132-year history. He was assigned that selection in a blind draw.

"I was a little upset, but by the time I got back to the barn, I said, 'How can I complain about being in the Kentucky Derby?'" he said.

California-based Brother Derek is undefeated in three races this year, and won the Santa Anita Derby in his final pre-Louisville tuneup.

Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia had declared Brother Derek would be the favorite after the Santa Anita Derby.

Lawyer Ron, who drew the No. 17 post, and undefeated Barbaro, who'll break from No. 8, were made the co-second choices at 4-1.

Lawyer Ron comes into the Derby with a six-race winning streak. Trainer Bob Holthus was happy his colt will start from the outside.

"Fifteen would have been ideal, but it was already taken," he said. "I didn't want to get trapped on the inside — there's a lot of speed on the inside. If we can follow somebody, we'll be in good shape."

Illinois Derby winner

Sweetnorthernsaint was the fourth choice at 10-1 when the odds were revealed during the outdoor draw in a downtown entertainment district. Onlookers stood six-deep straining to see owners and trainers make their selections during the made-for-TV event.

"I liked it better," trainer Todd Pletcher said about the public being allowed to attend for the first time. "It added a little excitement."

Trainer Bob Baffert will seek his fourth Derby win with three entries: Wood Memorial winner Bob and John, Blue Grass winner Sinister Minister and Santa Anita Derby runner-up Point Determined. All were listed at 12-1.

"There's no really bad draws," he said.

Baffert predicted two key matchups will develop in the early going of Saturday's 1 1/4-mile Derby: Sinister Minister and Keyed Entry hook up in a speed duel, while Brother Derek and Lawyer Ron settle in close behind.

"We should be able to follow Lawyer Ron," Hendricks, paralyzed from the waist down because of a motocross accident in 2004, said. "With his high cruising speed, Alex (Solis) should be able to set him up wherever he wants to be. If it rains, the outside post will benefit us even more."

Saturday's forecast calls for a few showers in the morning. Post time is 5:04 p.m. CDT.

A.P. Warrior, at 15-1, gives John Shirreffs a chance to repeat after sending out Giacomo to victory last year at 50-1 odds. Shirreffs went with post No. 10, the same spot Giacomo won from.

"It was so lucky for us last year," he said.

Derby field set at Churchill Downs

This year's Kentucky Derby will host a full field of 20 horses vying to win the 132nd Run for the Roses. Dan Hendricks trained, Brother Derek holds the best odds.

PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	ODDS
1.	Jazil	Fernando Jara	30-1
2.	Steppenwolf	Robby Albarado	30-1
3.	Keyed Entry	Patrick Valenzuela	30-1
4.	Sinister Minister	Victor Espinoza	12-1
5.	Point Determined	Rafael Bejarano	12-1
6.	Showing Up	Cornelio Velasquez	20-1
7.	Bob and John	Garrett Gomez	12-1
8.	Barbaro	Edgar Prado	4-1
9.	Sharp Humor	Mark Guidry	20-1
10.	A.P. Warrior	Corey Nakatani	15-1
11.	Sweetnorthernsaint	Kent Desormeaux	10-1
12.	Private Vow	Shaun Bridgmohan	50-1
13.	Bluegrass Cat	Ramon Dominguez	30-1
14.	Deputy Glitters	Jose Lezcano	50-1
15.	Seaside Retreat	Patrick Husbands	50-1
16.	Cause to Believe	Russell Baze	50-1
17.	Lawyer Ron	John McKee	4-1
18.	Brother Derek	Alex Solis	3-1
19.	Storm Treasure	David Flores	50-1
20.	Flashy Bull	Mike Smith	50-1

SOURCE: Churchill Downs Incorporated

The other trainer in the field with a previous Derby victory is Barclay Tagg, who saddled 2003 champion Funny Cide. He'll try again with 20-1 Showing Up.

Three trainers have two horses in the field: Pletcher with Bluegrass Cat and Keyed Entry; Steve Asmussen has Private Vow and Storm Treasure; and Kiaran McLaughlin has Jazil and Flashy Bull.

For the first time, an owner will send out two unbeaten horses in the same Derby. Gretchen and Roy

Jackson's Lael Farm owns Showing Up, who is 3-for-3, and Barbaro, who is 5-for-5.

Since the 20-horse limit began in 1984, the race went off with the maximum field once, last year. There have been 19 starters five times under the rule, most recently in 2000.

With 23 horses entered, only the top 20 graded-stakes earners made the field. Left out were Sunriver, Lewis Michael and Hemingway's Key.

EARL WOODS 1932-2006

Tiger loses 'best friend'

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Earl Woods introduced his son to golf by swinging a club as the toddler watched from a high chair in their garage. But the training of Tiger Woods went beyond a game.

More than a great golfer, Woods wanted a good son.

He made sure Tiger's concentration was so sharp that nothing would bother him. He taught him to be responsible, making him finish his homework before they could practice and play on public courses in Southern California. He gave him freedom to develop his own passion for the game, and later room to grow into an adult.

All the while, he watched Tiger Woods evolve into the dominant player of his time.

Woods, the architect and driving force behind his son's phenomenal career on and off the golf course, died Wednesday morning of cancer at home in Cypress, Calif. He was 74.

"My dad was my best friend and greatest role model, and I will miss him deeply," Tiger

Woods said on his Web site. "I'm overwhelmed when I think of all of the great things he accomplished in his life. He was an amazing dad, coach, mentor, soldier, husband and friend. I wouldn't be where I am today without him, and I'm honored to continue his legacy of sharing and caring."

A habitual smoker who had heart bypass surgery in 1986, Woods was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998 and was treated with radiation. But the cancer returned in 2004 and spread throughout his body.

Last month, he was too frail to travel to the Masters.

The last tournament Woods attended was the Target World Challenge in December 2004, when his son rallied to win and then donated \$1.25 million to the Tiger Woods Foundation that his father helped him establish. The Tiger Woods Learning Center, another vision inspired by his father, opened in February.

"My greatest satisfaction is that he's a good person," Earl Woods once said.



Tiger Woods, left, receives a hug from his father, Earl after winning a tournament in 1999. The edler Woods died Wednesday morning at his home in Cypress, Calif. He was 74.

Robinson sets record with honor

By MSU Sports Information Murray State sophomore Dominique Robinson was named Female Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week for her performance at the National City Invitational in Bowling Green last weekend.

Murray State track and field athlete has been awarded with an Athlete of the Week honor this season.

The Racers close out the 2006 season May 5-6, when they will travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo., for the OVC Outdoor Championships. The event will be hosted by Southeast Missouri State University.

Coaches Hold Dinner: The first-ever Murray State Head Coaches Dinner was held Tuesday at the Regional Special Events Center.

Several hundred Racer fans attended the event, offered to Racer Club members at the "Breds" level and higher.

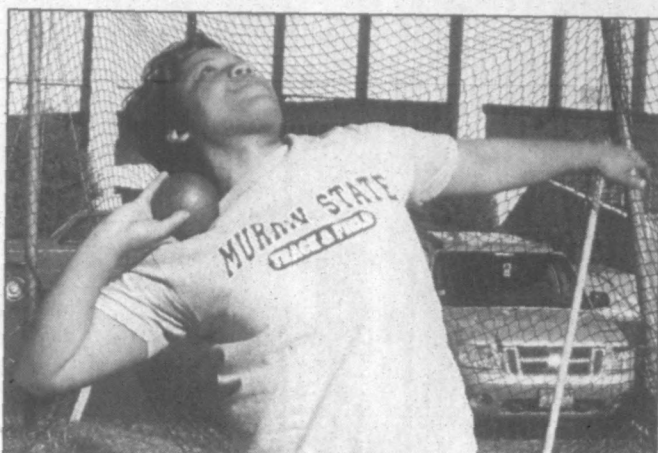
After dinner, fans had the chance to hear from each of the 13 MSU head coaches and learn some things that they may not have known before.

"This was an excellent opportunity to meet not only our new coaches, but to hear from all of the coaches," Dr. Richard Blalock said. "We all see the results in the sports page, but this helped us know the coaches

Robinson, a sophomore thrower from Huntsville, Ala., broke the Murray State school record with a toss of 45 feet, 10.75 inches. The previous record was 45 feet, 4.25 inches, set by Dawn Miller in 1987.

"We've been looking at the shot record over the past couple of weeks," Racer track and field head coach Derek Chavis said. "Dominique used this as incentive to get to the next step in her improvement. She's right on schedule with what we think she can finish up with this season."

This marks the first time a



Dominique Robinson

better and get a feel for how things are going."

The Racers have three new faces on board: Soccer coach Beth Acreman, men's basketball coach Billy Kennedy and football coach Matt Griffin.

As the evening progressed, the stories of MSU student-athletes successes in the classroom and on the field of play were numerous.

"We had this event to say thank you to our most loyal sup-

porters," said MSU athletics director Allen Ward "I think everyone left knowing they were part of a special event."

The evening ended with a question and answer session with Ward and the head coaches. Among the topics discussed were the future of athletics facilities and possible improvements. Several questions were directed to new MSU football coach Matt Griffin and men's basketball coach Billy Kennedy.

Astros, Lidge survive Cardinals

HOUSTON (AP) — Maybe Brad Lidge can shake those



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incessant Albert Pujols questions now.

Lidge got past Pujols on Wednesday night and picked up the save in the Houston Astros' 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. It was his first meeting with the home run leader since Pujols tagged him for a three-run homer to give the Cardinals a 5-4 win over Houston in Game 5 of the NL championship series.

Pujols hit a long drive to the center-field hill with a man on second, but Willy Taveras trotted back and caught it halfway up the hill, just in front of the 436-foot sign, to easily grab it for the out.

Roy Oswalt pitched eight strong innings and Lance Berkman drove in three runs for the Astros. Lidge pitched the ninth inning and got his 10th save in 12 opportunities, but allowed a one-out RBI single to Jim Edmonds.

Pujols thinks too much has

been made about that home run last season.

"If I make a team, he's the first guy that I would put on it," Pujols said of Lidge. "He still has nasty stuff. It was just a game last year. It's over. They advanced to the World Series and I'm pretty sure he was more excited about that. He's still one of the best closers in the game."

Despite all the talk surrounding the two players, Lidge said he didn't approach him any differently.

"He hit it better than I wanted him to, but it's Albert Pujols and you get him out any way you can," Lidge said. "I have no images of walking him or pitching around him. I do like facing him, but not with a man on second."

Oswalt (5-1) gave up only four hits, but three were solo home runs. He struck out five and walked none.

Houston led 5-1 before Pujols and Hector Luna home-

red to almost the same spot in left field in consecutive innings off of Oswalt to cut the lead to 5-3 in the eighth.

Pujols hit his first home run of May, a solo shot in the seventh inning, in his return to the lineup. The feat was greeted with loud boos from the packed crowd.

Pujols, who leads the league in home runs (15) and is second in RBIs (33), sat out Tuesday with stiffness in his back. He said he still isn't feeling completely healthy.

"It's not like I'm 100 percent today," he said. "I was struggling with my swing. I was trying to fight through. But if I'm 65 to 75 percent I can still help my team win. That's how I feel right now."

OVC ROUNDUP Worrell retires after 20 seasons

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bill Worrell retired Wednesday as Tennessee Tech's women's basketball coach after 20 seasons, 408 victories, 12 Ohio Valley Conference regular season titles and eight NCAA tournament berths.

"My family means a great deal to me, I'm healthy, and I've just reached a point in my life to make a change," Worrell said in a statement.

Worrell turns 60 this month and leaves with a record of 408-190 as head coach. He was named OVC coach of the year four times with the women's basketball team and once was OVC coach of the year in men's tennis.

Worrell had been assistant coach to Marynell Meadors before taking over in 1986. He immediately led the Golden Eaglettes to an Ohio Valley Conference championship and an NCAA berth.

"It's always a surprise when one of your key leaders announces his retirement," athletic director Mark Wilson said. "We really, really appreciate the great service Bill Worrell has given Tennessee Tech University."

Worrell gave his Golden Eaglettes the news during a meeting Tuesday night, and they were surprised.

"We are going to miss him. I'm just in shock right now," junior Kendall Cavin said. "I've been under him for three years, and most of what I do is what he has taught me."

Last season, the Golden Eaglettes won an unprecedented 16th OVC title — Worrell's 12th — with a 23-9 record. They earned a bid to the Women's National Invitation Tournament where they beat Belmont before being eliminated at Western Kentucky.

"I never knew it was going to be now," Worrell said. "It just came about. There was no reason or event. I just decided during the season that I can't do this anymore. I knew the time was right."



Worrell

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Kelley named coordinator of men's officials BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher announced on Wednesday the hiring of Dale Kelley as the OVC Coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials.

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MES earns prestigious honor

Press Release

Murray Electric System has been awarded the "RP3" award by the American Public Power Association.

The RP3 designation stands for "Reliable Public Power Provider" and is awarded to public power utilities which demonstrate basic proficiency in four disciplines: reliability, safety, training and system improvement. Criteria within each designated area are based upon sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery.

The criteria used to define reliability are balanced between statistical analysis and proof of membership in mutual aid, along with disaster preparation. The Occupational Safety and

Health Administration's Incident Rates benchmarks commitment to safety, and the utility must prove it uses an accepted safety manual and safe work practices.

Membership in state, regional and nationally-focused committees, and attendance at conferences and educational opportunities are key to evaluating that the utility values training.

Utilities must demonstrate participation in a national research and development program, and regularly perform projects to maintain the system's integrity and efficiency to qualify for system improvement credit.

Utilities becoming certified RP3 providers earn a plaque and the opportunity to display the

RP3 designation to commemorate its achievements. The utilities must reapply for the designation every two years.

Murray Electric System was one of only 64 public power utilities out of more than 2,000 community and state-owned electric utilities to achieve the distinction in its first year of existence.

"We are very proud of our employees for their high standard of professionalism and their dedication to achieving the standards to earn this distinction," said MES General Manager Tony Thompson. "MES is a valued asset to our community and will always strive to provide the highest quality of service to our customers."

Downtown renovation aided by grant

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The face lift on one downtown Murray building continues — with a little help from the state.

The two-story former Holland Medical Building that already houses Mugsy's Hideout Restaurant will continue to be renovated with a \$75,000 state grant. The store front next to Mugsy's is being renovated. And, as the advertising banner in the window says, the space isn't empty but full of opportunity.

Murray Main Street Director Deana Wright said the grant money will finish the store front and facade renovations. So far, pre-work — including demolition, cleaning the tin ceiling, some electrical tasks — have been completed.

A few people have expressed interest in the building, which will be a retail establishment.

"Now that we've received the grant, it's just a matter of putting it into gear and getting it going," she said.

The project was among 31 new projects announced recently as part of nearly \$10 million in funding for community projects. Gov. Ernie Fletcher and the Governor's Office for Local Development announced the project as recognition of Community Development Week in Kentucky.

Fletcher said in a release that all of the projects "will have a tremendous impact on the citizens of the commonwealth."

Specifically, 12 Renaissance on Main projects total \$1.09 million. In addition to Murray, Mayfield, Trenton, Versailles, Nicholasville, Georgetown, Springfield, Henderson, Guthrie, Glasgow, Winchester and Hopkinsville received funding for projects in their downtowns.

"We got lucky," said City Administrator Don Elias, who serves on the Murray Main Street board. "Statewide there wasn't that much money available, and we got some."

Elias said the idea is that once the first-floor space is renovated, the upstairs can be fixed up as residential units, returning to the idea that people can live, work and play downtown.

Rent revenue from the downtown store fronts will go toward finishing the residential portion, Elias said. In the third phase of the overall renovation, Wright said the 2,200 square feet on the second level will be divided evenly into two two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments.

"This project has been a worthwhile endeavor



ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times

The banner in the store front window tells of the opportunities for the Holland Medical Building on Main Street.

for Murray," said Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray. "This will continue to spur economic growth and development in the area."

Rep. Melvin Henley, R-Murray, said, "These renovations will encourage more individuals to visit the Murray area. I am excited to see this project come to fruition."

Renaissance on Main, formerly Renaissance Kentucky, is a downtown revitalization effort that provides communities funding in order to restore and maintain their downtown areas. The program is focused on economic development and job creation. There are two classifications of cities: Certified and Candidate. Murray is a Certified Renaissance on Main city.

The Renaissance on Main program partners with the Kentucky Heritage Council/Main Street Program, the Kentucky Department of Tourism, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati and the Governor's Office for Local Development, the agency responsible for administering the program.

A brave new financial world for baby boomers

On any given day, you will find not one but several studies that examine the current state of affairs for Baby Boomers, the 77 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964 that are now slowly approaching retirement. And what's emerging is an interesting, though at times bleak, picture of one of the most analyzed groups in America.

Here are some of the highlights of that research and the financial planning implications:

Retirement security: The 2006 Employee Benefit Research Institute's annual retirement confidence survey recently reported that just 25 percent of workers are very confident about having adequate funds for a comfortable retirement. In some ways, that should come as no surprise



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is that they will need to start saving more money toward retirement, with some financial planning experts suggesting that workers might need roughly 20

times their annual pre-retirement spending set aside toward retirement.

What's more, workers are underestimating the percent of retirement income they might need in retirement. At present, many financial planners suggest replacing at least 75 percent of pre-retirement income in retirement, if not 100 percent given longer life expectancies and increasing healthcare costs.

Retirement is a state, not a date. A new MetLife Mature Market Institute study indicates that 78 percent of respondents age 55-59 are working or looking for work, as are 60 percent of 60-65 year-olds and 37 percent of 66-70 year-olds. Across all three age groups, roughly 15 percent of workers have actually accepted retirement benefits from a previous employer, and

then chose to return to work or are seeking work.

These employees, who have become known as the "working retired," represent 11 percent of 55-59 year-olds, 16 percent of 60-65 year-olds, and 19 percent of 66-70 year-olds. Their motives for doing so are mixed, with 72 percent of those age 55-59 (and 60 percent of those age 60-65) citing the need for "income to live on" as a primary reason for working, but among 66-70 year-olds, 72 percent of employees cited the desire to "stay active and engaged" as a primary reason to work, followed by "the opportunity to do meaningful work" (47 percent) and "social interaction with colleagues" (42 percent).

Of note, many financial planning experts suggest that working part-time or full-time

during retirement years is one way to make up any retirement income shortfall. But odds are high, about one in two, that some workers will be unable to work during retirement because of an illness or disability, corporate downsizing and restructuring, or the need to provide financial support to a family member of loved one. And it's also important to understand the tax issues of working during retirement.

In the meantime, much has to change in America to make the workplace of the future "work" for boomers. According to AARP's "Reimagining America," pension and other laws need to change for older workers so they don't get penalized for working longer. Employers need to accommodate the needs of older workers, providing flex-time schedules or low-stress jobs, and older workers need to invest in education and skills-training to meet the demands of a constantly changing market for skills, knowledge and experience.

Healthcare costs: A recent Fidelity Investment study suggests that a 65-year-old couple retiring today will need about \$200,000 set aside just pay for healthcare costs in retirement.

The 2006 estimate, which assumes that the individuals do

not have employer-sponsored retiree healthcare, includes expenses associated with Medicare Part B and D premiums (32 percent), Medicare cost-sharing provisions (co-payments, coinsurance, deductibles and excluded benefits) (36 percent), and prescription drug out-of-pocket costs (32 percent). It does not include other health expenses, such as over the counter medications, most dental services and long-term care.

And many employers who offer (or had offered) some level of retiree healthcare benefits, are now phasing out or significantly constraining such benefits because they feel they can no longer afford them in the current competitive global environment.

While it is uncertain exactly how much of a burden will be placed on the shoulders of retirees for these costs, it appears likely that the costs will "eat up" an expanding portion of retirees' savings and investments during their golden years.

Given that the average balance in a 401(k) retirement plan for a Baby Boomer turning 60 is now \$100,000, financial planning experts suggest that workers will need to plan on funding retiree healthcare expenses in a variety of ways, such as health savings accounts. In addition, those who are able may need to continue working for employers that provide health insurance or retiree health insurance plans.

Volunteerism: Half of Americans age 50 to 70 want jobs that contribute to the greater good now and in retirement, according to a MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures New Face of Work Survey.

According to that survey, Baby Boomers will invent not only a new stage of life between the middle years and true old age but a new stage of work.

"Boomers may give back as volunteers, but this survey suggests that their most important contributions to society will likely be through work," said the study's author. The planning implication is that Boomers should consider volunteering now, if able, to get a sense of what sorts of work and organizations will best suit them in retirement.

The reality for Baby Boomers is that they're living longer, fuller lives. They need the help of planners now more than ever.

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'Priscilla Primrose' grows from mind of Murray's Rhonda Beam

By GREG TRAVIS Staff Writer

Murrayan Rhonda Beam has developed a character that children throughout the community, and even other states, have fallen in love with.

She said she can vividly remember the moment approximately four years ago when Priscilla was created.

Since that time, she said Priscilla now travels the United States performing at schools, libraries, summer camps, youth activities, creative writing seminars and arts and humanities gatherings.

contacted by them with the idea for a regularly-scheduled show on the local access channel.

She said, with the assistance of John Gibbons, she has written and produced several shows that air.

We also have a book review corner, where guests can tell first-hand what they thought about a book they read.

She said there are also many plans for the show, including a variety of new and exciting segments and more remote locations that viewers will certainly enjoy.



'Priscilla Primrose'

pilates/yoga classes in the community per week.

From reading Dr. Seuss' 'The Cat in the Hat,' to students, she has transformed the character into a local cable television celebrity and is now taking the role on the road to numerous new venues.

Her greatest strengths have been described as 'her character development of a proper English lady complete with accent and her music.'

She said Priscilla is also now featured in 'Do-It-Yourself Paper Dolls,' available at the New Life Christian Book Shop on the court square in Murray.

Beam's husband, Rick, is a physical education teacher in the Calloway County School System. They have two children, Nathaniel, 14, and Luke, 12.



Photo provided AREA COMPETITOR: Alex Bloodworth competed in the Calloway County 4-H Variety Show on April 21 at Mason Hall Auditorium on the Murray State Campus.

Mr. Gatti's advertisement for pizza and buffet. Includes text: 'Eat More Pizza... Spend Less Dough!!!', 'Enjoy Mr. Gatti's All-You-Can-Eat Pizza & SpaGatti Buffet 7 Days A Week!!!', and coupon codes for \$11.49 and \$12.09.