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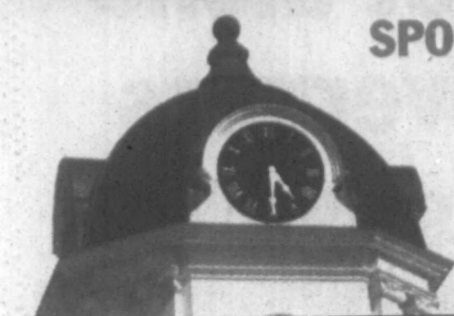


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Several customers look over fresh farm produce on sale by one of three vendors taking part in the opening of Murray Main Street's Saturday Market on the Courthouse Square Saturday morning. Main Street President Martha Aalls said she expects many more vendors selling produce and other items to fill the Maple Street area of the square in the next couple of weeks for the market's eighth season.

Eighth Saturday Market season opens downtown

As crops come in, numbers of vendors expected to grow, too

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Murray Main Street's Saturday Market opened for a new season on the Calloway County Courthouse Square Saturday morning with a kick-off that also honored the sacrifices of America's men and women in military uniform as part of Armed Forces Day.

Martha Aalls, president of Murray Main Street, said the Saturday Market may have started its eighth season a little smaller than expected because a lot of farmers were not yet prepared for sales on opening day. However she expects more vendors to fill the western side of courthouse square along Maple Street selling fruits, vegetables and other good in weeks to

come. "This is early in the season and most of our produce people said it has been too rainy or too early for them to have their produce out yet," Aalls said, following a short ceremony marking opening day. "We know we'll have most or all of the ones that are interested in selling here, probably, in the next couple of weeks."

Also attending the event were Tony Page and Ann Gupton, members of Murray Main Street Board of Directors, as well as Tab Brockman, director of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, who cut the official ribbon during the ceremony.

Murray Mayor Tom Rushing and Calloway County Judge-

Executive Larry Elkins also joined the festivities in support of both events.

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6291 gathered with Main Street officials during the kick-off including new post commander Dave Foley, trustee Harold Pond, vice-commander Larry Stone, treasurer Dean Walters, and Melinda Johnson, an administrative assistant. They were joined by World War II veteran Earl Hudspeth, and VFW members Bill Burnley and Bob McAllister, a representative of the Disabled American Veterans.

Other than Hudspeth, all are veterans of Korea, Vietnam and Desert Shield-Desert Storm.

Foley said Armed Forces Day gives Americans a chance to thank all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines that keep

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Murray man 'doing fine' after collapsing at Games

Staff Report

Dan Cunningham of Murray, the gentleman who required medical attention during the opening events of the 21st annual Purchase Area Senior Games, is "doing fine" after undergoing five bypasses at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, according to Vicki Williams, director of the Area Agency on Aging at the Purchase Area Development District in Mayfield.

Williams said she had received word from family members late last week who wanted to let the residents of Murray and Calloway County know that Cunningham was "alert, fine and responding."

She said the family noted that he had "been through surgery and was in recuperation at this time."

Last Monday's kick-off of the games at Murray State University's Roy Stewart Stadium was attended by several hundred regional seniors.

Cunningham was not participating in an activity when he needed medical attention.

"He was a spectator at the time and was standing by watching a sport. In 21 years of holding this opening event at MSU, this is the first time for anything like this to happen there," Williams said.

She said Cunningham was transported by Murray-Calloway County Hospital ambulance personnel to the local hospital. "The EMTs and medical personnel have always worked very closely with us and have people on site throughout this event in case they are needed," she added.

It is noted in materials given to the seniors that the safety of each participant is of paramount concern.

Miners' families infuriated by latest news

Autopsy reports say three east Kentucky coal miners died from carbon monoxide poisoning

By SAMIRA JAFARI
Associated Press Writer

HOLMES MILL, Ky. (AP) — The news that three of the five eastern Kentucky coal miners killed in an explosion died of carbon monoxide poisoning has infuriated several family members still mourning the deaths.

"It makes me upset that he smothered to death," Mary Middleton said about her husband, Roy, 35, who was one of three miners that survived the initial blast but died from the poisoned air, according to preliminary autopsy results. "They need to have more oxygen for them."

George William Petra, 49 and Paris Thomas Jr., 53, also died from carbon monoxide poisoning, Harlan County Coroner Philip Bianchi said. The two others — Amon Brock, 51, and Jimmy D. Lee, 33 — died from multiple blunt force trauma and heat injuries, probably because they were closer to the blast, Bianchi said.

The cause of the blast that occurred early Saturday at the Darby Mine No. 1 in Harlan County remained under investigation. Officials worked to repair the ventilation system so investigators could enter the mine, possibly Monday. Remaining pockets of methane gas had been a concern at the underground mine operated by Kentucky Darby LLC and located about 250 miles south-east of Louisville near the Virginia border.

Officials are also investigating whether the breathing devices — the self-contained self-rescuers — used by the miners were working properly.

Bianchi said officials may be able to determine how long the three miners lived before they succumbed, but that would depend on their toxicology reports. He did not give a

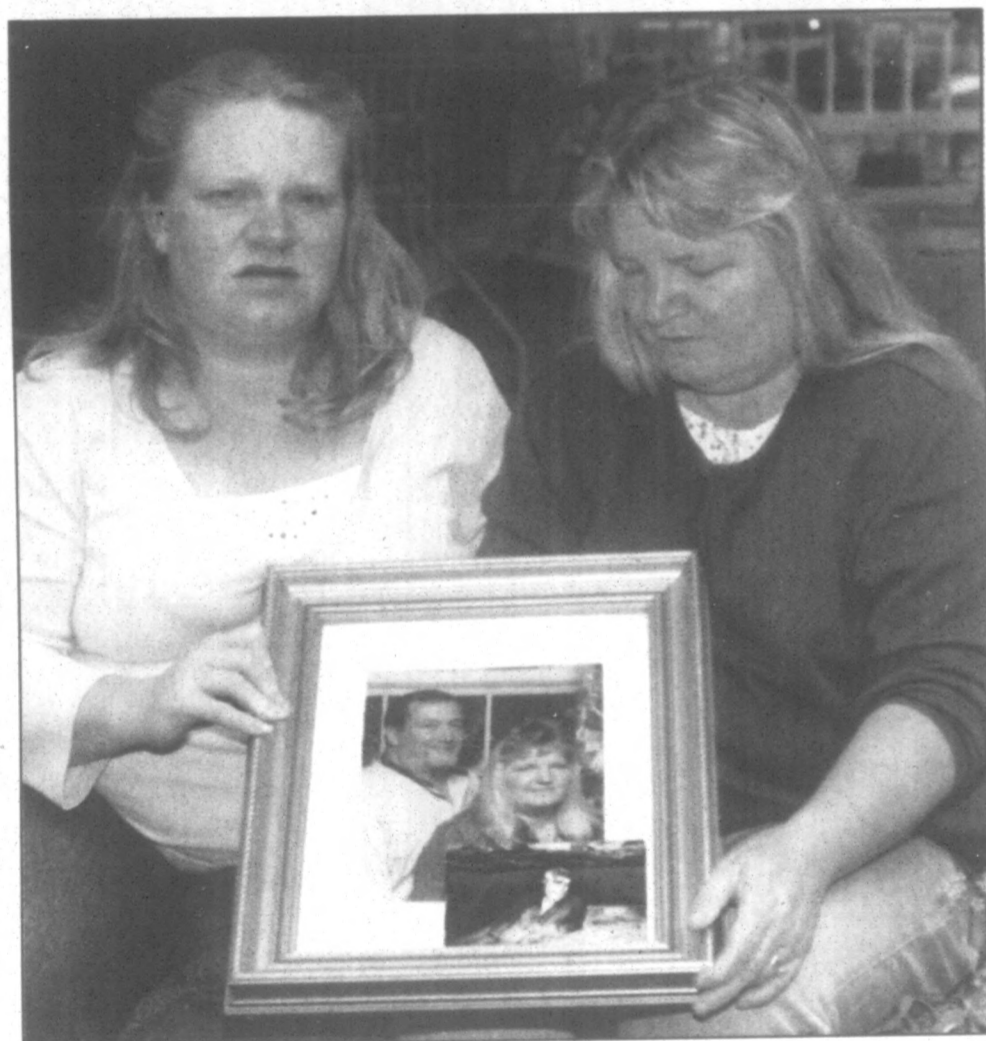


AP
Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher makes a phone call, outside an underground coal mine operated by Kentucky Darby LLC., on Saturday.

timetable on when those reports would be completed.

The initial autopsy reports weren't comforting to family members, many of whom remembered the explosion that killed 12 miners at the Sago Mine in West Virginia in January. Questions have been raised about whether Sago miners' air packs functioned properly.

"What they told me was when they found my husband, he had the rescuer on, and he was trying to get out," said Tilda Thomas, whose husband, Paris, was one of the Darby miners who died of carbon monoxide poisoning.



AP
Tracy North, left, and Tilda Thomas hold a photo of their father and husband, Paris Thomas Jr., at the Thomas home in Closplint, Ky., on Saturday. Paris Thomas Jr. was one of the five coal miners killed in a mine explosion in Holmes Mill, Ky.

"I just think all miners everywhere need bigger oxygen supplies. The rescuers even if they work at all," she said.

Paul Ledford, the lone survivor, told his brother his brother only worked for about five minutes.

"It's about having something to survive, they need to keep up with the technology," Jeff Ledford said. Ledford survived by crawling away from the blast. Rescuers eventually found him.

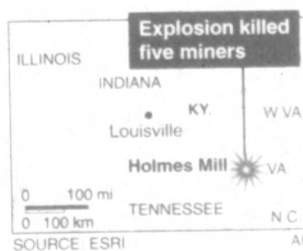
Gov. Ernie Fletcher told ABC's "Good Morning America" Monday that the

breathing devices "should last much longer than five minutes."

"We have to look and make sure this is the best technology available for the miners," Fletcher said.

Kentucky legislators responding to the deadly accidents at mines across the country, including the Sago blast, passed a measure requiring mines to store breathing devices underground, and to set up lifelines to help miners find their way out. But the law doesn't take effect until July.

A U.S. Senate panel last week approved a bill that would



require miners to have at least two hours of oxygen available instead of one as under the current policy. It also would require mine operators to store extra oxygen packs along

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U.S. Attorney: Kentuckians deserve 'fair shake'

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — As the new U.S. attorney in eastern Kentucky, Amul Thapar will likely oversee high-profile cases against political officials, child molesters, drug rings and employers who circumvent immigration laws.

But his main priority, he says, is to ensure "people feel like they're getting a fair shake at every level of government, period."

A son of Indian immigrants, Thapar grew up in Ohio with a strong sense of patriotism, which inspired his ambition to study and eventually enforce the laws of the United States.

"When I was growing up, I heard a lot about how great this country is and I wanted to preserve

that," Thapar said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And one of the ways you preserve it is through prosecution and law enforcement."

Thapar, 37, was appointed by President Bush in February to head federal prosecutions in the eastern half of the state, and sworn in the following month. Prior to his confirmation, Thapar served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Ohio and the District of Columbia.

"Where I'm sitting is a result of opportunities — that the child of immigrants can be presidentially appointed," he said.



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Murray Mayor Tom Rushing, far left, and County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins, far right, hold a red ribbon as it is cut by World War II veteran Earl Hudspeth and Main Street President Martha Ails, standing center, during the opening day of Murray Main Street's Saturday Market on the Calloway County Courthouse Square Saturday morning. Also attending is members of the Murray Main Street Board of Directors, members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6291, and supporters of the program.

Fletcher not alone among governors facing investigation

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Scott Lasley isn't concerned that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's indictment will hurt Kentucky's image around the country.

"We're just joining the crowd," said Lasley, assistant professor of political science at Western Kentucky University.

In recent years, a variety of governors have faced investigations or indictments. The probes — in states ranging from Illinois to Ohio to Alabama — haven't impacted the state's images so much as the politics, said Larry Sabato, a national political observer and professor at the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

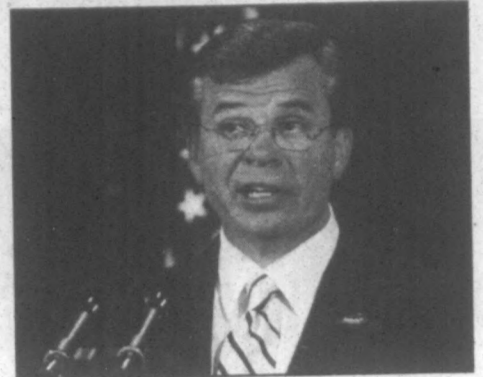
The image of a governor facing indictment leaves little wiggle room to rehabilitate a political career, giving the opposition party a campaign issue and the upper hand in upcoming elections, Sabato said.

"That often happens," Sabato said. "But you can also have the same party win by dumping the incumbent — if they can find a strong candidate that can prove independence" from the tarnished governor.

That's what Republicans in Ohio are trying to do after Gov. Bob Taft pleaded guilty to violating ethics laws for not disclosing golf outings paid for by a campaign donor.

That plea has left Taft extremely unpopular and aiding a bid by Democratic Congressman Ted Strickland, who is the early favorite to take the governor's mansion, said Herb Asher, political science professor at Ohio State University.

"What's been interesting here is that (Republican candidate) Ken Blackwell is trying



Gov. Ernie Fletcher

to tap into that and paint himself as an agent of change, even though he's been part of the establishment for years," Asher said.

If Blackwell can make that work this fall, it could serve as a "good road map" for Kentucky Republicans next year, Asher said.

Fletcher faces three misdemeanor charges — conspiracy, political discrimination and official misconduct. The indictment grew out of a year-long investigation into his administration's hiring practices.

For now, Fletcher's future remains in the hands of Republicans, Lasley said.

"At the end of the day, Fletcher's fate will be determined by his fellow Republicans," said Lasley. "You can survive hits from the opposition party. It's when you lose major support in your party is when you're in trouble."



AP

Rev. Frank Howard, right, prays with members of his congregation at the Closplint Church of God in Closplint, Ky., on Sunday for five miners killed in an explosion in nearby Holmes Mill, Ky.

Miners' ...

From Front

escape routes.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration recently issued a temporary rule requiring coal operators to give miners extra oxygen, but miners and their advocates have been pressing Congress for a permanent fix.

Though it isn't yet clear whether the proposed legislation would have made a difference at the mine in Holmes Mill, some said the coroner's findings show a need for improved oxygen

supplies.

"It does sound like they didn't have enough oxygen readily at hand," said Phil Smith, a spokesman for United Mine Workers of America, which supports legislation that would increase miners' oxygen supplies.

"These are just common sense things that ought to be done," Smith said of the proposed requirements.

On Sunday, the community around the Holmes Mill area prayed for the dead miners and their families at regular worship services.

About two dozen people gathered at the Closplint Church of God in Harlan County, not far from the mine.

"We lost some friends," said

Stevie Sizemore, a Harlan County miner who said he was friends with all the victims. "Some wives lost husbands. Some sons lost fathers."

Since Kentucky Darby took over as operator in May 2001, there had been 10 injuries and no deaths at the mine until Saturday, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, which had been in the process of a regular inspection of the mine.

Saturday's explosion was the deadliest mining incident in the state since 1989, when 10 miners died in a western Kentucky mine blast, state officials said.

The national death toll from coal mining accidents is now 31 this year, with 10 of them in Kentucky.

Eighth ...

From Front

America free.

"We just want everyone to know that today we are thinking of our veterans and we are standing for all of our military people across the country," Foley said.

The market will open in courthouse square on Maple Street from 7:30 a.m. until noon each Saturday through the fall.

For more information about Murray Main Street's Saturday Market, contact the office at 759-9474.



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times

Five members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6291, now serving as officers in the organization, attended Murray Main Street's Saturday Market Saturday morning in observance of Armed Forces Day. Officers are, left to right, Bob McAllister, a representative of the Disabled American Veterans; Dean Walters, treasurer; Harold Pond, trustee; Dave Foley, the new post commander, Larry Stone, junior vice-commander, and Melinda Johnson, administrative assistant.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the MCCH board room. The agenda includes a fund-raising report, information about the annual public meeting and the resignation of Chief of Staff Dr. Dan Butler.

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Wet, cool conditions hamper crops



DEEP CROP: This unidentified farmer plows through his field and seemingly gets swallowed up by the high vegetation. AP

PRINCETON, Ky. — Wet, cool weather conditions for more than a week have slowed corn growth, delayed soybean planting and added to disease problems in Kentucky's orchards and vineyards.

Planting conditions in April allowed farmers to have timely corn plantings across most of the state. But the cool, wet weather has slowed down the growth of the corn. Most of the corn, if it hasn't been fertilized yet, is showing some yellowing and root growth has also slowed, reducing the intake of nutrients, said Jim Herbek, grains specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"But with the return of warmer weather, all this will pass away with negligible impact on the plant," he said.

After a good start, the less than desirable conditions have put soybean planting somewhat behind schedule as well as delayed plant emergence, Herbek said.

"There hasn't been a whole lot done since the first of May," he said. "Some of those that were planted in late April and early May, with these cool temperatures, are probably struggling to emerge and come up with a good stand."

Soybean seeds are not as tolerant of cool, moist conditions as corn seed. The longer they

take to emerge, the more likely they will have seed rot.

"We like to see them emerge in seven days and with these conditions, it is taking 10 days and up to two weeks sometimes," he said. "I don't expect to see very perfect, consistent stands from soybeans that were planted during these conditions."

Soybean planting in the state is around 18 percent, behind last year's 39 percent and the five-year average of 23 percent, according to the latest planting estimates by the Kentucky office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Kentucky's wheat crop, which will be harvested within the next four to six weeks, has been slowed some in maturing from the cool conditions. But the crop was somewhat ahead of schedule and so far, few disease or insect problems have emerged. That could change, however, in the coming weeks. Only time will tell, Herbek said.

Rain and threats of rain have made disease management efforts in orchards and vineyards difficult this spring, said John Hartman, UK plant pathologist. There are significant apple scab symptoms on unsprayed apple trees and the lesions are producing secondary spores. In eastern and central Kentucky fire blight shoot blight symptoms are visible.

In addition, although the fruits are still below 1-inch in diameter and are not yet showing symptoms, the fungi causing Sooty Blotch and Flyspeck are considered to be active.

In vineyards, growers are reporting significant black rot symptoms and signs on inadequately sprayed grapes and the lesions are producing secondary spores. Conditions have also been favorable for the development of downy mildew and powdery mildew, Hartman said.

Growers need to make decisions and take action depending on the weather and disease conditions present in their crop, he said.

Commercial fruit growers may obtain copies of the tree fruit or grape spray guides from their county Extension office. These guides provide useful information on fungicides, application timing and rates for effective disease management.

May 31 final date to file small grain crop reports

LEXINGTON Ky. — Farmers who participate in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs through the Farm Service Agency should file a crop acreage report annually to retain program eligibility. The deadline to report Small

Grains and avoid a late-reporting fee is May 31.

The final date to report all other crops is July 17, 2006.

A complete crop acreage report is required for farms participating in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program

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Iranian security guarantee not part of talks: Rice

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has not offered a guarantee against attacking or undermining Iran's hard-line government in exchange for having Tehran curtail its nuclear program, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Sunday.

"Iran is a troublemaker in the international system, a central banker of terrorism. Security assurances are not on the table," Rice said.

The European Union said last week it would propose economic and political incentives to persuade Iran to halt its plans for enriching uranium. While Iranian officials contend they are only seeking nuclear power, the U.S. and other nations fear Iran is working toward developing weapons.

Rice, appearing on Sunday news shows, said European officials have not asked the U.S. for security guarantees as they discuss options for dealing with Iran. She did not say what the U.S. response would be if asked to provide such an assurance.

"What we're talking about is a package that will make clear to Iran that there are choices to be made," she said on "Fox News Sunday."

"Either that there will be sanctions and actions taken against Iran by the international community or there's a way for them to meet their civil nuclear concerns," she said on Fox, where she also used the "troublemaker" label.

Diplomats have said that Mohamed ElBaradei, who heads the International Atomic Energy Agency, would meet with Rice and President Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, this week in Washington. In addition, representatives from the five permanent U.N. Security Council members, the EU and Germany plan to meet in London to talk about Iran.

Rice said she thought it was strange even to discuss security guarantees when Iran threatens Israel, promotes terrorism in the Middle East and stirs up violence in southern Iraq to the detriment of U.S. forces.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" if Bush would leave office with nuclear arms being developed in Iran, Rice said: "We can't allow Iran to steadily turn toward nuclear weapons because it would be tremendously destabilizing in this already volatile region. We have a lot of tools at our disposal."

Rice dismissed as "high talk" the statement last month by Iran's president, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that his country would not "give a damn" about U.N. resolutions that could penalize Tehran.

"The Iranians know that sanctions, that international action can, in fact, be quite damaging to them," she said. "And so I assume that the Iranian president is simply posturing on this because I think the Iranians do know how devastating this could be."

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told CNN's "Late Edition" that he believes Iran is just a few months rather than a few years from acquiring the technological expertise needed to build a nuclear bomb.



State worker who sparked probe turns to church work

By ROGER ALFORD

Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) —

Doug Doering is getting ready for his second trip to the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast, preparing with a crew of 15 other Methodists to help repair some of the homes that Katrina left standing in Pass Christian, Miss.

Since his retirement from state government, the whistle-blower who triggered the special grand jury investigation that led to a criminal indictment against Gov. Ernie Fletcher has immersed himself in church work.

Though Doering is a key figure in the investigation, he has tried to avoid the spotlight, speaking only briefly with reporters on a couple of occasions when he was summoned to testify before the grand jury and the state personnel board.

Besides being involved in volunteer work through First United Methodist Church, friends say Doering also is spending more time working around his rural Franklin County home, an old farm house complete with a barn out back and Old Glory flying from a porch post in the front.

For a week, beginning May 28, Doering, 54, will make his second trip with other Frankfort volunteers to Mississippi, far from the story that has dominated Kentucky news for the past year. It's a story that may not have happened had he not delivered hundreds of internal memos and printed e-mails to the attorney general's office, alleging the Fletcher administration had illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs after he took office in 2003.

The grand jury indicted Fletcher this month on misdemeanor charges of criminal conspiracy, official mis-

conduct and violating a prohibition against political discrimination. The grand jury has returned 28 other indictments in the case. Of those, 14 were against current and former Fletcher administration officials; 14 haven't yet been released to the public.

Associates describe Doering as a tough-minded former personnel officer with a history of holding state employees accountable for their actions.

"He's not a rabble-rouser. That's not his style," said James Codell III, who served as transportation secretary under former Gov. Paul Patton. "He is an excellent employee. He is one whose counsel and advice I sought several times during my tenure with the Transportation Cabinet."

Doering, who declined to be interviewed for this story, turned over the e-mails and memos relating to hiring decisions to the attorney general's office on May 11, 2005. He retired 19 days later, saying he felt he had been singled out for unfair treatment.

"From time to time I guess I'd have some regrets," he told reporters in April in a rare, though brief, interview at the Franklin County Courthouse. "But looking back on it at this point in time, I still think it was the right thing to do and I no longer have those regrets."

His pastor, the Rev. Jackson Brewer, said Doering seems uncomfortable at the center of attention. Doering and his wife, a school teacher, have raised two sons, and live quietly in rural Franklin County.

"Doug's a private person. He doesn't share his feelings openly," Brewer said. "I kind of sense that he doesn't really enjoy going to the grand jury. I've never

seen him as a crusader. I have found him to do what he thinks is right."

Codell said he had just become transportation secretary when he first met Doering. "He was introduced as a man whose advice and counsel you should seek," Codell said. "He is just a gentleman. He's a professional. He's a go-to guy."

David Jackson, a deputy commissioner in the Transportation Cabinet and former chairman of the state Personnel Board, said not everyone is as adoring of Doering. Jackson said some Transportation Cabinet employees who were the subjects of Doering's personnel investigations, part of his duties as the assistant personnel director, complained they were unduly targeted.

"It is my opinion that Doug is not the straight up, pristine guy that a lot of people have made him out to be," Jackson said. "I received a lot of complaints about how unfair he would do his investigations, how he would target people."

Doering's personnel file contains no such allegations. The file, 194 pages long, logs the 30-year career of a state bureaucrat with an untarnished work record that includes a long line of promotions and pay hikes. When he left state government, he was making \$93,629 a year. The one blemish in his personnel file, included in his own handwriting in his initial job application, mentions that he was fined in 1971 for taking a package of cookies from a Richmond store without paying for them. He was a student at the University of Kentucky at the time.

Jackson said Doering helped to investigate claims

in 2003 that Transportation Cabinet employees used government computers to view pornography. Two Transportation Cabinet workers were fired, 21 resigned or retired and 23 were either reprimanded or suspended. The inspector general found that 45 computers had been used to access pornographic Web sites.

Three of the employees who were reprimanded, Jackson said, had exchanged dirty jokes on their state computers.

When the Fletcher administration came to power, Doering was labeled as "antagonistic, biased; perceived as unfair" by his Transportation Cabinet supervisors, according to a document that is now part of the grand jury probe.

Doering and several other Merit System employees were included in what came to be known as a "hit list," a compilation of people who should be fired or transferred. Transportation Cabinet officials acknowledged the list was created by Dan Druen, the former commissioner for administrative services who was indicted by the grand jury.

In his letter of resignation, Doering said he had been stripped of his supervisory duties, including dealing with employee misconduct. He said his requests for vacation time also were questioned and challenged. He submitted the resignation less than a month after he turned the material over to the attorney general.

"My working conditions have clearly changed, and my position has been undermined by the removal of my primary duties," he said in the letter of resignation. "I am no longer able to perform my duties as I have for many years. Therefore, I am compelled to resign."

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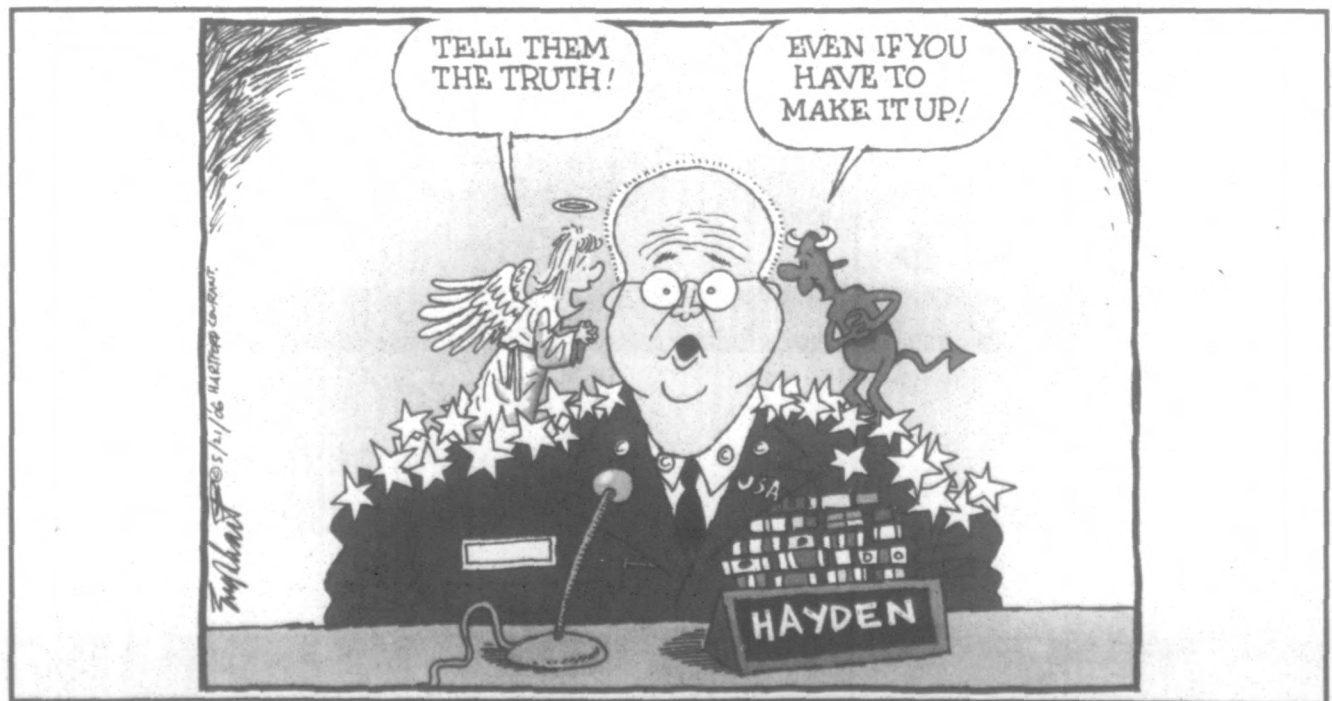
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Obituaries

Mrs. Louise (Granny) Hill

Mrs. Louise (Granny) Hill, 80, Almo, died Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 6 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She had been employed by food services at Murray State University for 27 years. She was of Methodist faith.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Joseph William Hill, one daughter, Mary K. Hill Reigle, three brothers, Daymon, Eddie and Clifton Eldridge, one stepsister, Willie Eldridge Woods, and two stepbrothers, O.B. and Clarence Eldridge. Born June 6, 1925, she was the daughter of the late James Edward Eldridge and Eulalia Donelson Eldridge.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Martha Jane Hill-Mahmoud, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Glenda Faye Hill-McClure and husband, Ozzie, and Mrs. Wanda Sue Hill-Crenshaw, all of Murray, and Mrs. Jennie Lou Hill-Gibbs, Almo; two sons, Harold V. Hill and wife, Jennifer, Murray, and Ronnie Hill and wife, Shawnee, Dexter; two sisters, Mrs. Willo-Dean McKinney, Murray, and Mrs. Mary E. Hensler, Almo; two brothers, Alfred Eldridge, Almo, and William Dee Eldridge and wife, Fronnie, Murray; half sister, Mrs. Goldie Ramsey Kirksey, Metropolis, Ill.; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Churchill-Imes Family Funeral Home. Rev. Brian Gelande will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Ricky and Gary Ramsey, Jimmie and Terry McKinney, and Greg, James, Michael and Larry Eldridge, active; Kevin, David and Gabbie Hill, Joseph Crenshaw, Samantha Coleman, Lori Trott, Janet Lowe, and Jeffrey and Christina Reigle, honorary. Burial will follow in the Temple Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The family requests that no fresh cut flowers be sent.

Mrs. Jo Elkins

The funeral for Mrs. Jo Elkins will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Dr. Greg Earwood and Rev. Rusty Ellison will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.



Elkins

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

Mrs. Elkins, 86, Wells Boulevard, Murray, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 9:30 p.m. at her home.

A member of First Baptist Church, she was also a member and former teacher of the Dorcas Sunday School Class. She served on the staff of the Commissioner of Transportation in the state of Kentucky and had worked as teller for the Bank of Murray. She was co-owner and office manager of Planters Loose Leaf Floor, and was also co-owner and bookkeeper for Ward-Elkins. She had been a longtime member of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Her husband, W.C. (Dub) Elkins, one sister, Martha Ellison, and one brother, Gus Robertson Jr., all preceded her in death. Born Aug. 30, 1919, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Gus Robertson Sr. and Novella Swann Robertson.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Diane Gooch, Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandchildren, Willis Gooch and wife, Anna, Salt Lake, and Lynn Healy and husband, Larry, Portland, Ore.; three great-grandchildren, Ian, Elizabeth and Matthew Gooch, all of Salt Lake.

Mrs. Helen Axley Rice

Mrs. Helen Axley Rice, 89, Murray, died Sunday, May 21, 2006. She was originally from Warren, Ark., and a 45-year resident of Fayetteville, Ark.

Her husband, George R. Rice, preceded her in death. Primarily a homemaker, she volunteered at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, for 30 years. She was active in PTA, Girl Scouting and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Dr. Pamela L. Rice, Murray, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Frances Axley, Warren, Ark., and Mrs. Martha Davis, Houston, Texas; one brother, T.P. Axley, England, Ark.

The funeral will be held at Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, Memorial Garden, 1620 W. Main St., Murray, KY 42071.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of local arrangements.

Russell E (Bud) Johnson

Russell E. (Bud) Johnson Jr., 88, Murray, died Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Spring Creek Rehab Center, Murray, where he had resided since December 1999.

Born March 27, 1918, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of the late Russell E. Johnson Sr. and Josephine Frances Kehoe Johnson. He was married Feb. 4, 1950, to Gladys Smith Johnson, who died in January 2004. One sister, Frances J. Arcaroli, also preceded him in death.

A World War II Veteran, he retired as a self-employed carpenter and contractor. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Murray, and of The United Brotherhood and Joiners of America Carpenter's Union.

Survivors include one sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Smith, Hodgenville; two step-grandsons, Teddy Dillard and wife, Vicki, and Donnie Dillard and wife, Shirley, Canmer; three nephews, A.R. Hatcher and wife, Melva, and Hank Hatcher and wife, Edith, all of Murray, and Donald Arcaroli, Pensacola, Fla.; five nieces, Jane Ann Hatcher, Murray, Marilyn Arcaroli, Dexter, Peggy Edwards and husband, J.K., and Janet Higgason, all of Hodgenville, and Elizabeth Robinson and husband, Ray, Versailles; one great-granddaughter, Angela Dillard Smith, and two great-great-granddaughters, Mariah and Miranda Smith, all of Mt. Washington; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Christy Robinson and Dalton Jones, Jr., Canmer.

A graveside service will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Pearl Webb Cemetery, Canmer. Rev. Earl Hedgepeth, pastor of The Church of Canmer, will officiate.

Visitation will be at the cemetery from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the service. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association and Murray-Calloway County Hospice, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071.

Dale Steward Sr.

Dale Steward Sr., 54, Cuba community, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at 1:22 p.m. at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

He was employed by Briggs & Stratton in Murray and of Baptist faith.

Preceding him in death were his stepfather and mother, Robert and Mary Gladis Steward Easley, and his father, Berlin Steward. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cathy Turner Steward; one son, Stan Dale Steward Jr. and wife, Kelly, and one grandson, Ethan Dale Steward, all of Kirksey; one sister, Mrs. Mary Cope and husband, Kenneth, Paducah; one brother, William Berlin Steward, Harrodsburg; several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Bym Funeral Home, Mayfield. Burial will follow in the Heard Cemetery.

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

Keith Alan Roach

The funeral for Keith Alan Roach was Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Bro. Danny Guess and Bro. John Terry officiated. Entombment was in the Murray Memorial Gardens.



Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lourdes Hospital Hospice, 2855 Jackson St., Paducah, KY 42003.

Mr. Roach, 43, Cambridge Drive, Murray, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at 7:03 a.m. at Heritage Manor, Mayfield. His death followed an extended illness.

A used car salesman, he was an Army veteran and a member of Eastwood Baptist Church.

His father, Kenneth Wayne Roach, and one brother, Kenneth Dewayne Roach, both preceded him in death. He was born June 24, 1962, in Graves County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Teresa Roach, his mother, Mrs. June Roach, and one son, Kory Alan Roach, all of Murray; two daughters, Kristena Leigh Roach and Kortney Elizabeth Roach, both of Puryear, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Karen Glover, Murray, and Mrs. Rita Richardson, Mayfield; several nieces and nephews.

Nagin wins another four years as New Orleans mayor

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Newly re-elected Mayor Ray Nagin immediately began trying to mend ties with political opponents and crucial leaders on Sunday as he looked ahead to another four years to oversee reconstruction of this major American city.

"We're going to bring this city together. It's my intention to reach out to every segment of this community," Nagin said a day after defeating Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu. "This is our shot. This is our time."

Nagin said he reiterated his desire to work together in conversations with President Bush and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

The president called to congratulate Nagin and said he would rather finish rebuilding with the mayor because the two men had weathered Hurricane Katrina together, Nagin told fellow parishioners at St. Peter Claver Church.

Nagin said he pressed Bush to help accelerate the rebuilding and to help with the removal of tons of debris still littering neighborhoods. He also raised questions about the pending end of federal aid for some evacuees still living in Houston and other cities.

Nagin said he plans to put together a commission, including some former political rivals, to decide on action in the next 100 days. Debris removal and housing will be top priorities.

The former business executive dismissed threats by some business people who said they would leave if Nagin remained in office.

"Business people are predators, and if the economic opportunities are here, they're going to stay. If not, they're going to leave," said Nagin, in his now famous vernacular style. "I don't worry about that stuff. I think there's enough interest around the country that we're going to attract top businesses. ... God bless them. I hope they stay, but if they don't, I'll send them a postcard."

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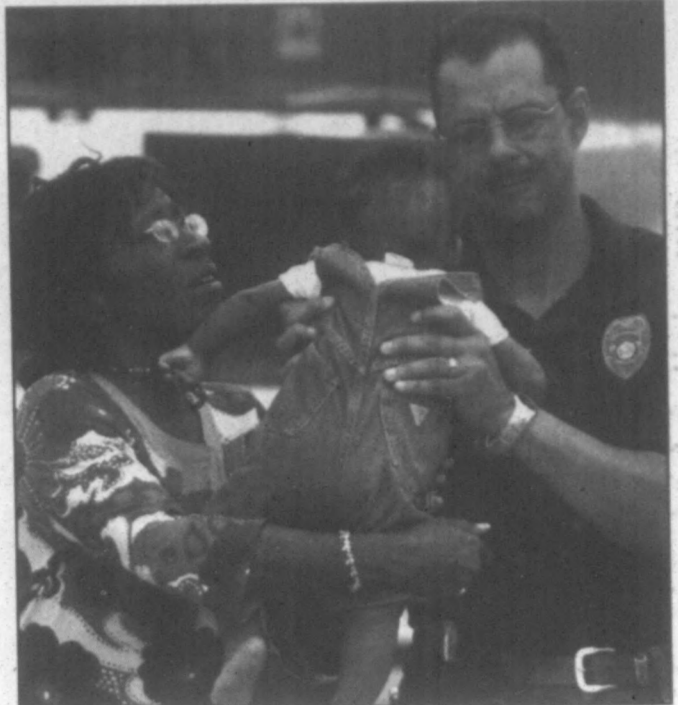
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Five dead, one hurt following shooting at Louisiana church

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A man barreled into a church service and opened fire, killing four in-laws and wounding his mother-in-law, then abducted and fatally shot his wife, authorities said.

Anthony Bell, 25, of Baton Rouge, was arrested hours later Sunday at a nearby apartment complex, where his wife was found dead, police said. Three children whom he also abducted were found unharmed, police said.

"This is going to be one of the worst days in the history of our city," said Police Chief Jeff LeDuff. "This is senseless. This is a total waste of human life."

Bell was charged with murder in the deaths of his wife and her grandparents, great aunt and a cousin, officials said. He also was charged with kidnapping and attempted murder.

His wife's mother, church pastor Claudia Brown, was hospitalized in serious condition, police said.

The shooting spree at The Ministry of Jesus Christ church began around 10 a.m. as the service was nearing its end,

police said. Church members wept as they watched investigators examine evidence and search for clues.

Hours later, officers responding to a 911 call about a shooting at the apartment complex found 24-year-old Erica Bell dead and Anthony Bell holding the baby. Police Chief Jeff LeDuff said. He was arrested without incident.

Authorities said neither he nor his wife lived at the complex, and it was unclear whether she was killed there.

Police later said Anthony Bell had called 911, reporting that his wife had committed suicide, according to an affidavit.

The other children were apparently dropped off somewhere else before their mother was killed, LeDuff said. It was unclear whether Anthony Bell was the children's father.

Police said the others killed were Erica Bell's grandparents, Leonard Howard, 78, and Gloria Howard, 72; her great aunt, Deloris McGrew, 68, and a cousin Darlene Mills, 47.

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Ladies of the Oaks

The Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will play golf on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the club.

Melva Hatcher and Shirley Jenstrom will be hostesses for the golf scramble and pairings will be made at the tee. Members are urged to attend.

The winning team of play on May 17 was composed of Kitty Steele, Janet Kirk, Linda Orr and Henri Montgomery.

Jo Anne Auer was golf hostess for the play last Wednesday.

Ladies of Sullivans

For the week of May 15 the Ladies 4-Ball Golf Scramble at Sullivan's Par 3 Golf Course, recorded the team of Mary N. Barton, Daisy Durham, Jamie Mullins and Louise Parker placing first with a score of 56.

The second team of Stanley Edwards, Freda Elkins, Priscilla Holt and LaVern Veach had a score of 57. No chip-ins were reported.

In the Thursday's Senior Couples 4-Ball Scramble the four-man team of Terry Dougherty, Stanley Edwards, and Jerrell and Jamie Mullins scored 50 as well as the six-man team of Bobbie and Freda Elkins, Wes and Priscilla Holt and Jim Green and Gaye Weaver. The 4-man team had a birdie on the countback hole to break the tie. No chip-ins were reported.

Kenlake Ladies Golf

The Kenlake Ladies Golf League met at the Bill Hamrick Golf Course at the Kenlake State Resort Park on May 17 for the league weekly golf game.

Winners were Mary Neale Barton, Loretta Earles, Gloria Theis and Ann Tynes.



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NEED LINE FUNDRAISER: The Student Nutrition Association and Ceramic Department of Murray State University recently held its Empty Bowls fundraiser for Need Line and raised \$1,000. The Ceramics Department made approximately 70 handmade bowls and local restaurants donated various types of soup for the event. Pictured, center, is Tonia Casey, director of Need Line, being presented the check by, from left, Rebecca Boyd, Megan Dotson and Katie Fowlkes with the Student Nutrition Association.

Ladies of Miller Memorial

Several ladies played golf in the Miller Memorial Golf Ladies Golf League on May 16.

Winners were as follows: First place team was composed of Kim Hopkins and Karen Balzer;

Second place was a team-

tie composed of Helen Tucker and Delana McCuiston, and Celisa Cunningham and Kiki

Cunningham. Play will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m.



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SPECIAL SPEAKER: Carmelea Norvell, right, executive director of Life House Care Center, spoke about the Life House mission of upholding the sanctity of life by demonstrating the life of Christ to those affected by unplanned pregnancy at a meeting of the Murray Lions Club. Pictured at left of Scott Turner, president of Murray Lions Club.

Ladies of Murray Country Club

The Ladies of the Murray Country Club will hold their annual "Madelyn Lamb Memorial" Club Golf Tournament on May 17 at the club.

The traveling trophy went to the winner of the 9-hole golfers, Helen Dunn. Madelyn's sister, Louise Lamb, was present at the luncheon and made the presentation of the trophy to Dunn.

Other winners were as follows:

- First flight - Betty Jo Purdom, low gross, Peggy Shoemaker, low net;
- Second flight - Ann Brown, low gross, patsy Green, low net;
- Third flight - Brenda Row-

land, low gross, Susan Johnson, low net;

- 9-holers - Helen Dunn, winner, Ann Stanley, second, Low putts - Linda Burgess/Peggy Shoemaker and Freda Steely were hostesses.

The ladies will play golf on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the club. Anyone not listed in the line-up may come and be paired at the tee.

The line-up will be as follows:

- Tea 1A - Sue Outland, Betty Jo Purdom, Amy McDowell and Teresa Betts;
- Tea 1B - Patsy Oakley, Patsy Chaney, Beth Belote and Ann Stanley;
- Tea 1C - Helen Dunn, Ann Stanley, Patsy Chaney and Beth Belote;
- Tea 4 - Ann Brown, Patsy Green, Brenda Rowland and Susan Johnson;
- Tea 8 - Betty Stewart, Inus Orr, Venela Sexton and Evelyn Jones;
- Tea 10 - Barbara Gray, Marilyn Adkins, Freda Steely and Bobby Lee.

Alzheimer's Disease Education Support Group to meet Tuesday



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Alzheimer's Disease Education Support Group will meet Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Free sitter service will be provided by Shared Care Adult Day Care Program, but contact Shared Care at 753-0576 or MCCH Home Care at 762-1537 by 4 p.m. today (Monday).

For more information call Cindy Ragsdale, L.S.W., at 762-1108 or Alzheimer 24 hour Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Support Group to meet

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For information call Evelyn Wallis at 489-2462.

Lions Club plans special meet

Murray Lions Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House. An officer from each of the four law enforcement agencies that serve the people in Calloway County as "Peace Officer of the Year." The award is presented for service above and beyond the regular duties the officers perform.

U10 Girls schedule tryouts

U10 Girls Competitive Soccer Tryouts for 8 or 9 year-old girls by Aug. 1 will be Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Bee Creek Soccer Complex. For information contact Jeff Sparks at 753-8887 or 759-9974.

East Council plans meeting

East Elementary School Based Decision Making Council will have a special called meeting on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the school. All interested persons are invited, according to Fred Ashby, principal.

School of Dance program Tuesday

Sandra's School of Dance will present "Planes, Trains & Automobiles!" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Murray State University auditorium. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Relay Wrap-up will be tonight

Team Captains and members of the Relay for Life Committee will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at Pagliai's for a team captains' Relay wrap-up. For information call Kathy Hodge at 436-2424 or 759-1884.

Al-Anon meeting Tuesday

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

Singles will meet Tuesday

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

Adult Great Books will meet

Adult Great Books Discussion Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway Public Library. Henry Buchanan will be the leader for the discussion on "The Book of Job." All those who have read the selection are invited to attend and take part in the discussion.

Hazel Day committee will meet

The Hazel Day Celebration Committee will meet today at 5 p.m. at Haze City Hall. Lori Charlton, member, said the effort is in need of more volunteers to help with planning, particularly those that are experienced. For more information call Charlton at 492-8851.

WOW Lodge to meet tonight

Woodmen of the world Lodge 827 will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at Harmon Hall with Nancy Buchanan and Mike Faiht as hostess and host.

MES Board to meet today

Murray Electric System Board will meet today at 4 p.m. at the Carroll Conference Room, 205 North Fourth St., Murray.

Health Express lists stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer osteoporosis screenings and blood pressure and pulse checks today from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Lowe's in Murray.

Support Group will meet

Death of a Parent Support Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. This is a support group for people who have lost one or both parents due to death. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-7129.

Democratic Committee will meet

The Calloway County Democratic Executive Committee will meet today at 5 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. The committee will continue preparations for the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner on June 16 and will hear from the fall candidates. All Democrats are invited. For more information, contact David Ramey, county chair, at 759-9905.

Golf Tournament planned

Ladies of the Murray Country Club will have their annual Hart Memorial 2-Lady Golf Scramble on Wednesday, June 7 at the club. A shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$60 per team and carts are \$20 per team and must be included with entry. Door prizes will be given and lunch will be served. Openings are still available and may be made by mailing them to Linda Burgess, 1406 Garland Ct., Murray, KY 42071 or call 753-4470.

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.

Hickory Woods Retirement Center HAPPENINGS
by Annita Peeler

Our very first election was very exciting. After we got the right polling machine, everything went off without a hitch. We congratulate all the winners. What a joy to be a part of the democratic process here in our great county.

Betty Morris brought us beautiful roses from her yard. She does that from time to time and we really appreciate her sharing her beautiful flowers with us.

Our Dishpan Band performed this week at Spring Creek Nursing Home. They gave out cookies and flowers. I think they had more fun than the audience. But we do so enjoy watching our band perform.

We extend a special Thank You to Jane Bright from Dr. Bright's Dermatology office. She came out and spoke to us about how to take care of our skin. She gave us lots of neat samples of lotions and soaps and answered all kinds of questions for us. They are so knowledgeable about skin care and all the important and healthy things we should do for our skin each day. We appreciate Dr. Bright sharing Jane with us during his busy office hours.

We lost one of our very own this week. Josephine Whalin. Our hearts go out to Juanita, Bud and the rest of her family. She will be greatly missed.

Thank you to Bill Whitlow for teaching Sunday School Class this past Sunday. We have our very own preacher as a resident. We love having him and his lovely wife, Linda with us. They come from Tennessee but they have family here in Murray. He's a retired Baptist Minister. We are so happy they have retired here with us and joined our wonderful family.

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PUJOLS SMACKS NO. 22 AS CARDINALS SWEEP ROYALS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When Albert Pujols is at the plate, there is no such thing as wasting a pitch.

Kansas City right-hander Scott Elarton learned the hard way Sunday when his delivery to the extreme outer part of the plate was driven by Pujols to the opposite field and into the Royals' bullpen.

Pujols homered in his third straight game and the St. Louis Cardinals beat Kansas City 10-3 on Sunday to com-

plete a three-game sweep and send the Royals to their ninth straight loss.

"He's an unbelievable hitter," Elarton said. "He's probably the best hitter in the game right now. I wanted to waste a pitch (with the count 1-2). I felt like I had a pitch to waste and he hit it out of the ball park."

Kansas City (10-31) has the worst record in baseball and has been swept nine times this season.

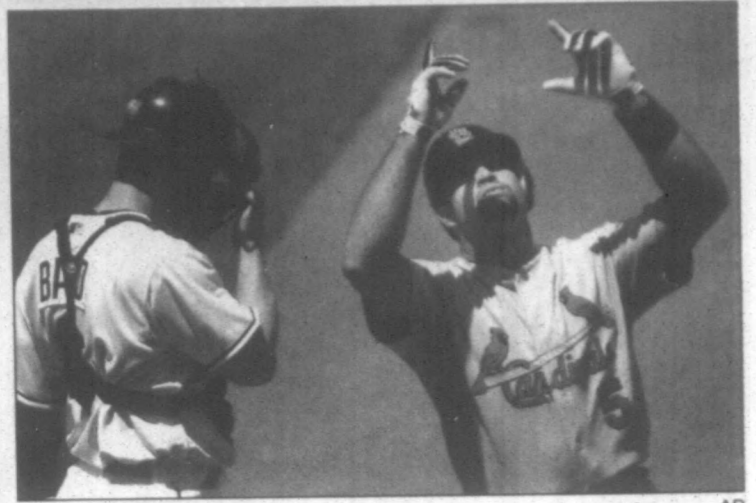
Pujols, who leads the majors with

22 home runs in St. Louis' 44 games, reached the homer mark in the second-fewest games in baseball history. Bonds did it in 43 games in 2001.

"He's a once in a lifetime thing, not once in a lifetime, but he compares to anybody who has ever played the game is a better way to say it," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said of his star first baseman.

Pujols, who went to Fort Osage High

■ See PUJOLS, 2B



AP
Albert Pujols looks toward the sky as he passes Kansas City Royals catcher Paul Bako after hitting a home run during the fourth inning Sunday in Kansas City.

FIRST REGION TENNIS

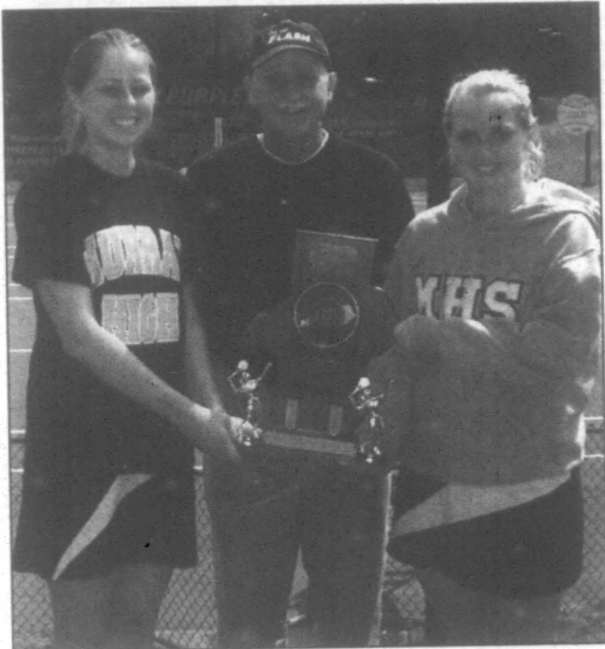


Photo Provided

Murray High School tennis players Ellen Hayman, left, and Blair Lane, right, receive the runner-up team trophy from First Region Tennis Tournament Director Larry Heflin. The Lady Tigers finished second as a team to perennial champion Lone Oak during last week's tournament at the Lone Oak Tennis Center.

Tigers take home runner-up trophy

LANE & HAYMAN-HEWLETT ALL LOSE TO LONE OAK IN FINALS

Staff Report

PADUCAH, Ky. — Powerhouse Lone Oak put the finishing touches on its 19th straight First Region Tournament championship in girls' tennis with a semifinal sweep during Saturday's action at the Lone Oak Tennis Center.

A singles player and a doubles team from Murray High School were among the Lady Flash's victims during semifinal play Saturday morning.

Blair Lane, the tournament's No. 4 seeded singles player, dropped her match to the event's top seed, Lone Oak's Tifanie Treece, by a score of 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles play, Murray's third-seeded team of Ellen Hayman and Leanne Hewlett fell to the No. 1 seeded duo of Paige Franklin and Katie Rorer of Lone Oak by a 6-3, 6-1 count.

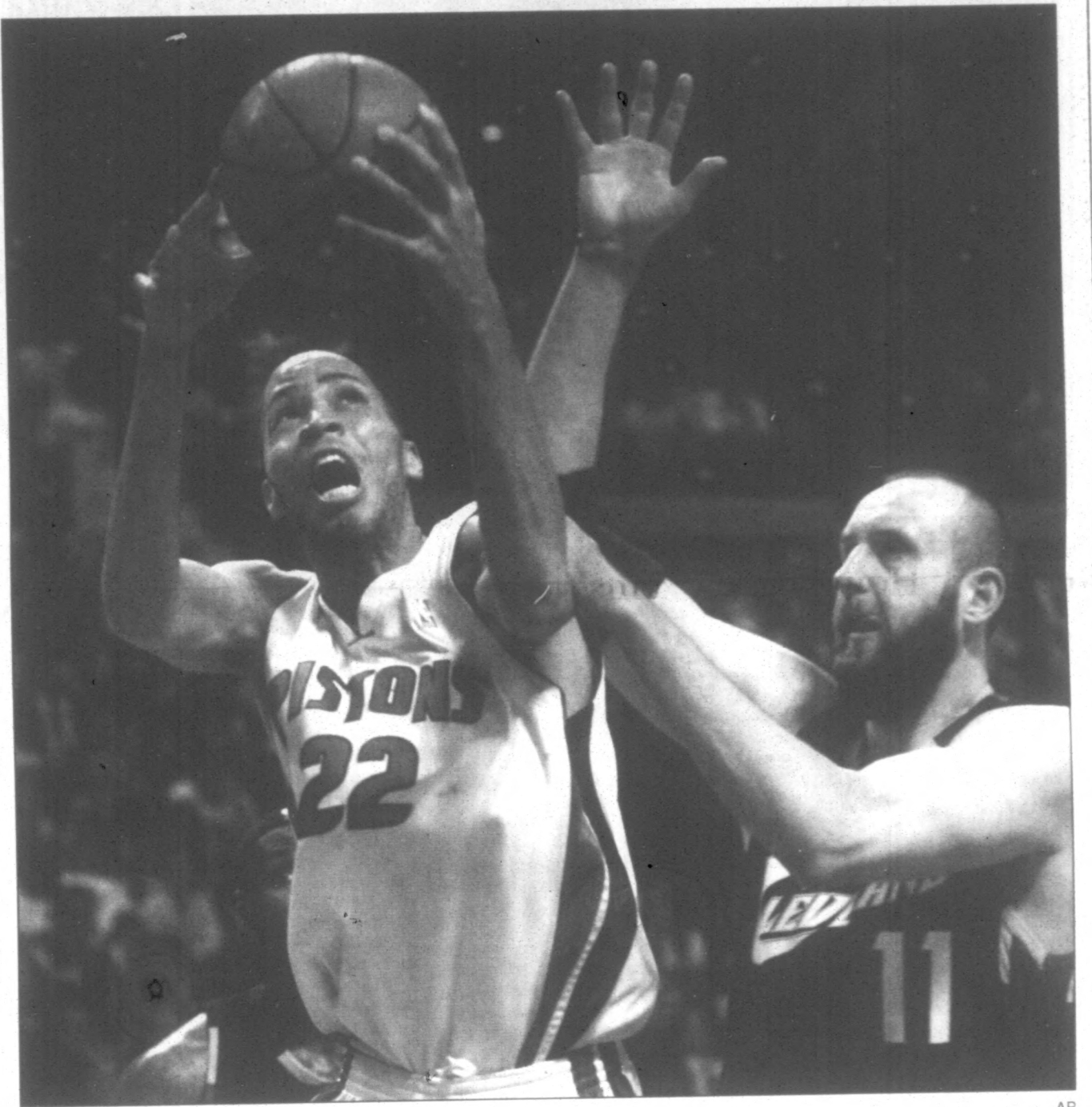
Despite the losses, both Lane and the team of Hayman and Hewlett advance to this week's state tournament, which will be held Thursday through Saturday in Lexington. As a team, Murray High earned the runner-up trophy.

The semifinal outcomes set up an all-Lone Oak final in both singles and doubles competition. In the singles final, Treece defeated teammate and No. 2 seed Emily Beckman 3-6, 6-0, 6-0. In doubles play, the defending state champion duo of Amanda Bredniak and Camille Marquess, the region's top seed, topped teammates Franklin and Rorer by a 6-2, 6-0 score.

In boys' semifinal action, top-seeded Chris Leeper of Heath won the singles title with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over No. 2 seed Mark Kaltenbach of Lone Oak. Paducah Tilghman's top-seeded team of Max and Charlie Pittard defeated Brian Bredniak and Thomas Bailey, the No. 2 seed from Lone Oak, 6-5, 6-3 for the doubles championship.

DETROIT 79, CLEVELAND 61

Prince Of The Palace



AP
Detroit forward Tayshaun Prince (22) is fouled by Cleveland center Zydrunas Ilgauskas during the fourth quarter of Game 7 at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., Sunday. Prince scored 20 points in the Pistons' 79-61 win.

PRINCE SCORES 20 AS PISTONS ELIMINATE CAVS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Defense has made the Detroit Pistons one of the most consistent playoff teams in more than a decade.

Their latest postseason victory was a prime example of just how effective they can be.

After leading by only two points at halftime, the Pistons shut down LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in a 79-61 win Sunday in Game 7 of the

second round of the NBA playoffs to earn a spot in the Eastern Conference finals for the fourth straight year.

The last NBA team to display such consistency in the playoffs was the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls, who were in the conference finals in 1990-93. Before Chicago made that run, the Pistons prevented Jordan from advancing earlier in his championship-filled career.

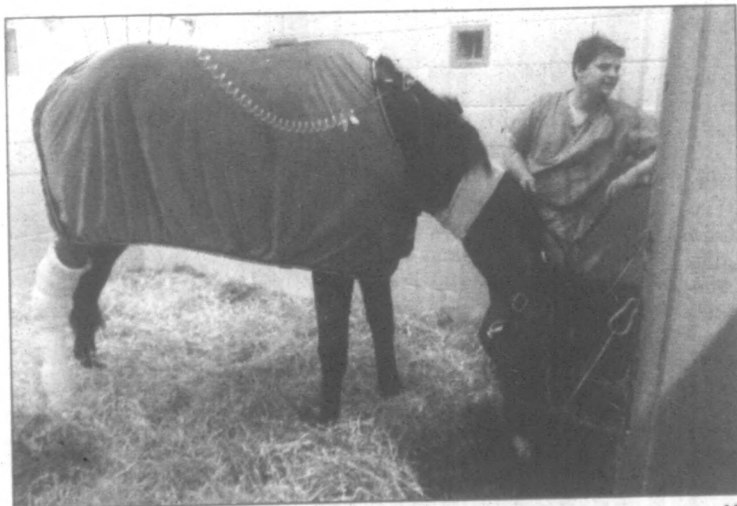
Now, Detroit might be the same obsta-

cle for James.

James can hold his head high after his first playoff run, even though the 21-year-old superstar was held to only one field goal in the second half by the Pistons in the final game of his third season.

"They trapped me, they went under screens, they went over screens," James

■ See PRINCE, 2B



AP
Veterinary resident Dr. Steven Zedler stands in the stall with Barbaro after the Kentucky Derby winner underwent more than five hours of surgery Sunday to repair three broken bones in his right rear leg at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, Pa.

Barbaro on road to recovery

KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER'S SURGERY SUCCESSFUL ON BROKEN LEG

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — One day, Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was on the road to a Triple Crown. A day later, he was on a long and perilous road to recovery.

The doctor who performed five hours of intricate surgery on the colt was satisfied with the result, but blunt about the future for a horse who had put together an unbeaten record until he broke down in the Preakness Stakes.

"To be brutally honest, there's enough chance for things going bad that he's

still a coin toss, even after everything went well," Dr. Dean Richardson said Sunday after the surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center for Large Animals.

Barbaro's surgery to repair three bones shattered in his right rear leg at the Preakness went about as well as Richardson and trainer Michael Matz hoped. It wasn't long after surgery when Barbaro began to show signs he might just make it after all.

After a dip into a large

swimming pool before he was awakened — part of New Bolton's renowned recovery system that minimizes injury risk — Barbaro was brought back to his stall, where he should have been calmly rested on all four legs.

Barbaro had other ideas. "He decided to jump up and down a few times," Richardson said, smiling. "But he didn't hurt anything. That's the only thing that really matters. It had Michael worried."

That's not much to worry about after the agony of the

previous 24 hours. Barbaro sustained "life-threatening injuries" Saturday when he broke bones above and below his right rear ankle at the start of the Preakness Stakes.

His surgery began around 1 p.m., but it wasn't until about eight hours later that Richardson and Matz emerged for a news briefing.

"I feel much more relieved after I saw him walk to the stall then when I was loading him in the ambulance to come up here, that's for damn

■ See PREAKNESS, 2B

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Abreu drives in five for Phillies

PHILADELPHIA BEATS UP ON BOSTON IN INTERLEAGUE PLAY



By The Associated Press

Bobby Abreu is starting to feel better at the plate. Albert Pujols has been feeling pretty good all season.

Abreu drove in five runs to help Philadelphia beat the Boston Red Sox 10-5 on Sunday, quieting talk about moving him from the third slot to the leadoff spot in the Phillies' lineup.

"When Abreu is hitting in the middle of the lineup, that really produces some runs for us," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

That's exactly what Pujols has been doing for St. Louis. He homered in his third straight game and the Cardinals beat Kansas City 10-3 to complete a three-game sweep and send the Royals to their ninth straight loss.

Pujols, who leads the majors with 22 home runs in St. Louis' 44 games, reached the homer mark in the second-fewest games in baseball history. Giants slugger Barry Bonds did it in 43 games in 2001.

"It's not about me," Pujols said. "It's about the team. We got three wins and that's what we want to do."

In other interleague games, it was: Detroit 1, Cincinnati 0; Cleveland 3, Pittsburgh 2 in 10 innings; Washington 3, Baltimore 1; Tampa Bay 3, Florida 0; Houston 5, Texas 0; Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 3; Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 4; Colorado 5, Toronto 3; Seattle 10, San Diego 8; New York Mets 4, New York Yankees 3; San Francisco 6, Oakland 0; and Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Los Angeles Angels 0.

Atlanta beat Arizona 2-1 in the lone NL game. At Philadelphia, Abreu made it 8-3 in the sixth inning with a three-run drive to straightaway center off Abe Alvarez.

Before he connected, Abreu had just 10 homers in 115 games since his record-setting performance in the Home Run Derby during All-Star week last season. He hit 41 homers in the contest, including 24 in the first round, but lost his long-ball stroke in the process.

Though he hasn't been hitting homers, Abreu has found ways to get on base. He leads the Phillies with a .458 on-base percentage and many have wondered why Manuel doesn't put Abreu first in the order instead of Jimmy Rollins, who has a .311 on-base percentage.

Manuel insists he likes Abreu in the No. 3 hole, and Abreu has said he prefers to bat third. "Today was a great day to stop the people talking about that," said Abreu.

Bobby Abreu triples to center field, scoring two runs against the Boston Red Sox Sunday in Philadelphia. Abreu drove in five runs and the Phillies beat the Red Sox 10-5 to snap a five-game losing streak.

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Washington	16	28.364	10 1/2		Baltimore	20	24.455	6 1/2	
Florida	11	31.262	14 1/2		Tampa Bay	20	24.455	6 1/2	
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Cincinnati	25	19.568	4		Chicago	28	15.651	1	
Houston	24	20.545	5		Cleveland	22	22.500	7 1/2	
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San Diego	23	21.523	2		Los Angeles	17	27.386	5 1/2	
San Francisco	23	21.523	2						

Sunday's Games	
Detroit 1, Cincinnati 0	Cleveland 3, Pittsburgh 2, 10 innings
Washington 3, Baltimore 1	Tampa Bay 3, Florida 0
Philadelphia 10, Boston 5	Houston 5, Texas 0
Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 3	Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 4	St. Louis 10, Kansas City 3
Colorado 5, Toronto 3	Seattle 10, San Diego 8
San Francisco 6, Oakland 0	L.A. Dodgers 7, L.A. Angels 0
N.Y. Mets 4, N.Y. Yankees 3	
Monday's Games	
Tampa Bay (McClung 2-4) at Toronto (Janssen 2-3), 3:07 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Wang 4-1) at Boston (Schilling 6-2), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Escobar 5-3) at Texas (Loe 2-4), 7:05 p.m.	Oakland (Zito 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 5-3) at Kansas City (Affeldt 2-3), 7:10 p.m.	Baltimore (Bedard 5-2) at Seattle (Moyer 1-4), 9:05 p.m.

MURRAY STATE BASEBALL 'Breds swept in season-ending series

MSU FINISHES OVC SCHEDULE IN LAST PLACE; FAILS TO MAKE POSTSEASON

MSU Sports Information JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — The Murray State Thoroughbreds closed out their 2006 season with a 7-4 loss at Ohio Valley Conference rival Jacksonville State Saturday afternoon.

The 'Breds (15-40), who were swept in the season-ending three-game series at Jacksonville, losing 13-12 and 5-1 in Friday's doubleheader, finished the season in last place in the final OVC standings with an 8-19 record.

Junior center fielder ended the season sharing the MSU single-season record for doubles, slapping 21 two-baggers this season.

Pittman tied the record held by Brett McCutchan, who had 21 doubles in 2003.

The game at Jacksonville State seasawed early on, with Jacksonville State (32-22, 19-8 OVC) scoring a run in the first inning before the 'Breds rebounded in the second.

Jason Payton led off the inning with a double, then Tyler Owen followed with a single, moving Payton to third. Jamie Leidolf singled in Payton and moved Owen to third on a fielding error, then Owen scored when Brett Wilson hit into a double play to give MSU a 2-1 lead.

The Gamecocks scored two runs in the bottom of the second to retake the lead, 3-2, but Murray State re-took the lead in the third inning.

Chaz Ebert hit a one-out single, then James Akin singled him to second, but Ebert overran the base and was tagged out. Pittman singled Akin to second, then Payton doubled in Akin and Pittman to give MSU a 4-3 lead.

JSU thrust the final dagger with three runs in the fourth inning and an insur-

ance run in the eighth for the final score.

Leidolf led the 'Breds, getting a game-high three hits with a run batted in. Payton had two doubles, scoring a run and driving in two, while Ebert also had two hits. Four Jacksonville State batters had two hits apiece.

On the mound, MSU starter Marc Harmon (1-2, 0-1 OVC) took the loss, allowing six runs (two earned) on seven hits while striking out one and walking one in 3-2/3 innings.

Clark Jinks (3-1) got the win in relief for Jacksonville State, allowing no runs on no hits while striking out one and walking one in two innings.

"We came out ready to play, obviously. We came out and got a lead," said MSU head coach Rob McDonald. "Our guys hit the ball hard. We're playing — no question — one of the top teams of our league. Marc pitched well for us. I felt like our kids came out ready to play, and I was proud of their effort."

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■ Preakness

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sure," Matz said. "Nobody knew. It was an unknown area going in. I feel much more confident now. At least I feel he has a chance. Last night, I didn't know what was going to go on."

Unbeaten and a serious Triple Crown threat, Barbaro broke down Saturday only a few hundred yards into the 1 3/16-mile Preakness. The record crowd of 118,402 watched in shock as Barbaro veered sideways, his right leg flaring out grotesquely. Jockey Edgar Prado pulled the powerful colt to a halt, jumped off and awaited medical assistance.

Barbaro sustained a broken cannon bone above the ankle, a broken sesamoid bone behind the ankle and a broken long pastern bone below the ankle. The fetlock joint — the ankle — was dislocated.

Richardson said the pastern bone was shattered in "20-plus pieces."

The bones were put in place to fuse the joint by inserting a plate and 23 screws to repair damage so severe that most horses would not be able to survive it.

Matz, who attended the briefing with Richardson, looked fatigued, but relieved.

"From the last time I saw him to now was a big relief," Matz said. "They did an excellent job. It's just an amazing thing to see him walk in like that."

Richardson again stressed that surgery was just the first step on a long road to recovery.

"Getting the horse up is a big step, but it is not the last step by any means," he said. "Horses with this type of injury are very, very susceptible to lots of other problems, including infection at the site."

Horses are often euthanized after serious leg injuries because circulation problems and deadly disease can arise if they are unable to distribute weight on

■ Pujols

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School and Maple Woods Junior College in Kansas City, also leads baseball with 54 RBIs, 46 runs scored and 118 total bases. He already had a four-game homer streak this season between April 15-18.

"It's not about me," Pujols said. "It's about the team. We got three wins and that's what we want to do."

Next up for the Cardinals is a three-game series at San Francisco, where Bonds is tied with Babe Ruth for second place with 714 career home runs.

"He's put up some great numbers in his career," Pujols said. "He's the best player in baseball right now."

The Cardinals have won five straight for the first time since July 10-18, 2005, and are a season-high 14 games over .500. They have dominated their cross-state rivals in interleague play, winning 10 of 11 from Kansas City.

Jeff Suppan, who pitched for Kansas City from 1998-2002, beat the Royals for the first time in five career outings. Suppan (5-3) yielded seven hits and two runs in six innings and improved to 3-1 in four May starts.

■ Prince

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said. "I've seen almost every defense that I could possibly see for the rest of my career in this series."

"That's why they're Eastern Conference champions, and that's why they keep winning."

Playing in his first postseason, James was sensational at times for Cleveland, pushing the NBA title favorites to the brink of elimination.

"He sees the plays before they even happen, and no one else does that," said Tayshaun Prince, who led the Pistons with 20 points. "That's the reason this went seven games."

Detroit simply smothered James in the second half and took command with a 19-6 run that started in the third quarter and ended with a 67-52 lead midway through the fourth. James and the upstart Cavaliers were rendered helpless when it mattered most.

Typical Pistons. "Detroit showed why they

He also offered some advice on how to pitch to Pujols.

"Very carefully," Suppan said. "There are so many ways he can beat you. He's the one guy when he comes up in big situations it seems like he produces more times than not. He's continued to improve. It's fun to be on this side of the uniform with him."

Chris Duncan, recalled from Triple-A Memphis on Sunday, and Hector Luna homered in the fifth. Duncan hit a two-run shot to center, and Luna connected for a solo homer off Elarton (0-5).

Elarton, who is winless in 10 starts, gave up five runs on five hits, three of them home runs, in six innings. Elarton had retired 10 in a row before Pujols' home run.

"I can live with that," Elarton said. "The other two were bad pitches."

Elarton is finding it difficult to live with the losses.

"You get mad," he said. "We're just terrible. There are no two ways about it. We're pretty much bad in every facet of the game."

The Royals stranded 11 runners and went 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position.

are champions," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "They were able to turn it up a notch."

In a rematch of last year's conference finals, Detroit hosts Miami on Tuesday night in Game 1. The Heat have been resting since eliminating New Jersey last Tuesday.

"We can catch our breath for about eight hours," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said.

The Cavs led 3-2 in the series and had a chance to eliminate the Pistons at home in Game 6 largely because James, who not only lived up to the hype but surpassed it.

Saunders said when he went home to watch film during the series, he reminded himself that James could be a junior in college.

"That's scary," Saunders said.

But what the Pistons can do on defense — when they choose to play with intensity, like in a closeout game — probably is just as frightening for opponents.

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<p>010 Legal Notice</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE A(n) final settlement of the accounts has been filed in the Calloway District Court by Carlton Litchford, Executor in the estate of Jean R. Litchford. Exceptions to this settlement must be filed in the Calloway District Court by 6-1-2006. A hearing is set for the 12th day of June, 2006. Vicki Wilson Circuit Court Clerk</p>	<p>010 Legal Notice</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE A(n) final settlement of the accounts has been filed in the Calloway District Court by Diane Ahart, Executor in the estate of Franklin Hodge. Exceptions to this settlement must be filed in the Calloway District Court by 6-1-2006. A hearing is set for the 12th day of June, 2006. Vicki Wilson Circuit Court Clerk</p>	<p>010 Legal Notice</p> <p>Invitation to Bid SCHOOL YEARBOOKS The Calloway County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for School Yearbooks for the 2006-2007 school year. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006. Specifications are on file at the Board office at 2110 College Farm Road, Murray, KY 42071. Any interested bidders may obtain copies at that location. Further information may be obtained by calling Karen Brandon at 762-7300. The Calloway County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive any minor irregularities in the bids.</p>	<p>010 Legal Notice</p> <p>Invitation to Bid SOLID WASTE REMOVAL The Calloway County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for Solid Waste Removal for the 2006-2007 school year. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006. Specifications are on file at the Board office at 2110 College Farm Road, Murray, KY 42071. Further information may be obtained by calling Karen Brandon at 762-7300. The Calloway County Board of Education retains the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities in the bids.</p>	<p>060 Help Wanted</p> <p>LIFEGUARD applications now being accepted at the Murray-Calloway County Park Office, 900 Payne Street. Phone 270-762-0325 for information.</p> <p>MANAGER in Training Hibbett Sports is hiring in Murray. Apply at: 642 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071. Hibbett Sports conducts drug testing. saintr@hibbett.com</p> <p>OTR DRIVERS NEEDED. COMPETITIVE WAGES AND BENEFITS PACKAGE. HOME WEEKENDS. MUST HAVE CLASS A CDL WITH MINIMUM 3 YEARS OTR EXPERIENCE. CLEAVE MVR. (800)468-6087</p> <p>PAINTING contractor is recruiting experienced professional journeyman painters. Must have 4-years professional painting experience. Position includes benefit plan including Health, Retirement & paid vacations. To apply call 753-6895 & leave voice message. No walk in applicants accepted. This company is an equal opportunity employer.</p> <p>QUALITY housekeepers needed for part time resort cleaning. Saturdays are required with additional hours available weekdays. Call Susan 436-2345</p>
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Estate of: W.A. Lyons, 1515 Glendale Road, Murray, KY 42071; Case #06-P-00103; Fiduciary: Sheila Spiceland, 551 Locust Grove Road, Murray, KY 42071; Fiduciary: Donny Lyons, 596 Robertson Road S., Murray, KY 42071; Attorney: Warren K. Hopkins, 405 Maple Street, Suite B, Murray, KY 42071; Appointed: 05-15-06.

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Estate of: Irene Mitchuson, 1619 Belmont Drive, Murray, KY 42071; Case #06-P-00101; Fiduciary: Roger Lynn Scott, 145 Breezeway Drive, Almo, KY 42020; Attorney: Warren K. Hopkins, 405 Maple Street, Suite B, Murray, KY 42071; Appointed: 05-15-06.

Estate of: Irene Mitchuson, 1619 Belmont Drive, Murray, KY 42071; Case #06-P-00101; Fiduciary: Roger Lynn Scott, 145 Breezeway Drive, Almo, KY 42020; Attorney: Warren K. Hopkins, 405 Maple Street, Suite B, Murray, KY 42071; Appointed: 05-15-06.

Estate of: Barbara Jones, Executor in the estate of Monika Fielkorn. Exceptions to this settlement must be filed in the Calloway District Court by 6-1-2006. A hearing is set for the 12th day of June, 2006. Vicki Wilson Circuit Court Clerk

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LookingBack

10 years ago
Dr. Harry M. Sparks, 88, president emeritus of Murray State University, died May 20 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Published is a picture of Dr. Henry Buchanan, Dr. John Brinn and Ryan Lee at a recent session of World's Greatest Books Group held at Calloway County Public Library.

Births reported include a boy to Carolyn and Gary Slaughter, May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gordon Balentine were married for 50 years May 19.

20 years ago
Cindy Ragsdale, licensed social worker at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, has been named to the board of directors of Louisville Region of Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association. She has been instrumental in the organization of the Alzheimer's Support Group in Calloway County, one of only four in West Kentucky.

Births reported include a girl to Felicia and Ronnie Barnett, May 16; a girl to Debra and Don Futrell and a boy to Leslie Furches and David Robinson, May 17; a girl to Lisa and Dick Stanley, May 19.

30 years ago
Scheduled to receive diplomas on May 24 at 8 p.m. in Jeffrey gym at Calloway County High School are 170 seniors. Presenting the degrees will be Ron McAlister, principal, William B. Miller, superintendent of Calloway County Board of Education, and Ferrell Miller, chairman of the board.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keel, May 14, and a girl to Mr. and

Mrs. Eddy Buron Rogers, May 17

In the Second Regional Baseball Tournament, Murray Tigers won 6-3 over Fort Campbell and Calloway Lakers lost 8-2 to Caldwell County.

40 years ago
Published is a picture of Jimmy Bell, installer repairman for Southern Bell Telephone Company, receiving a gold lapel pin for 10 years of service with the Bell System. Also pictured are Jim Livers, plant foreman, and Gene Gilliam, group plant manager from Mayfield.

Army Pfc. Will R. Walston Jr. is participating in a four-week training exercise with the 11th Armored Division at Hohenfels, Germany.

Murray State University Baseball Team was declared champion of the Western Division of Ohio Valley Conference. The team had a 7-4 record.

50 years ago
The Journalism Class of Murray Training School with Lillian Lowry, teacher, visited the offices and plant at The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn. Students were Sue Hale, Barbara Orr, Joe Emerine, Roseland Billington, William Hubbs, Becky Huie, Billy Jackson, Charlene Robinson, Bobby Meador and Craig Morris.

Murray State College Choir, directed by Prof. Robert K. Barr, will present a free concert tonight at 8:15 at the recital hall of fine arts center.

"A Pageant of Brides" was the theme of the program presented at a meeting of the Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Parents pinch college funds sent by children's godparents

DEAR ABBY: I am the godparent of three children from different families. In the past, I have given each child money designated for his or her college fund, along with appropriate event gifts.

Within the last year, the parents of all three godchildren have disclosed to me that they (the parents) used the children's college funds for "family" use - such as a down payment on a

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

home, a family vacation or home renovation.

I am hurt and bewildered that my friends could do such a thing and destroy their child's college savings. All three of the children are young, and the parents each said something about "replacing" those funds "someday." Now I no longer feel comfortable giving them money, since I do not wish to fund the next family vacation or new car.

How do I address this tactfully with my friends, especially since my no longer contributing to the college funds will be noticed? Please help. -- ELIZABETH IN MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR ELIZABETH: You say you are hurt and bewil-

dered? I'd be furious that the money I had given for a college fund had been pilfered by parents too immature to understand the blessing of compound interest.

Please don't penalize your godchildren for the bad behavior of their parents. Talk to your banker or financial adviser about establishing your own college funds for them -- funds that can't be touched until they are needed for the purpose for which they are intended. There may even be a tax break for you. And if the parents have the bad taste to bring up the subject, tell them the money will be there, but for now, it's safely out of the way of "temptation."

DEAR ABBY: I am 15. My younger brother, "Mikey," is 7. I enjoy watching a television show that is rated PG-13. My parents didn't mind my watching it until a few weeks ago.

Over the last couple of weeks, Mikey has been coming into my room while I'm watching the show. When I ask him to leave, he throws a fit. He then goes into his room and watches it, thinking no one will find out.

Mikey has been imitating some of the violence on the show, and my parents are blaming me for showing it to him. Now they are threatening to take away my privilege of watching the show. What can I do to convince them that I am not exposing him to the violence? -- DAVID IN LIVERPOOL, N.Y.

DEAR DAVID: You should not be punished for your parents' failure to supervise your brother. If you haven't already done so, tell your parents exactly what you have told me. And while you're at it, suggest that they either activate the parental controls on the television set in your brother's room, or remove it entirely so that he can watch only in the den or family room where his viewing can be monitored.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a mother-in-law who asks that an afghan made by her friend be given back? It was given to my daughter and her husband as a wedding gift three years ago. They just got divorced. Isn't this a bit tacky? -- JUST WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: When a marriage ends, it is not unusual for the splitting spouses to divide the wedding gifts according to whose "side" they came from. Was it tacky of the former mother-in-law to ask? I don't think so, if the request was made politely. However, once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient - and possession is nine points of the law.

Can air filters cause lung cancer?

DEAR DR. GOTT: This past year I was diagnosed with lung cancer. One entire lobe of my left lung was surgically removed. Fortunately, no chemotherapy or radiation follow up was required, as the



Dr. Gott

surgeon felt the cancer was confined to the diseased lobe. My last two checkups with the oncologist showed no return of cancer. I have never smoked in my life, my spouse is a non-smoker, and I have not worked in toxic environments, so my encounter with lung cancer was disconcerting.

We have always used self-standing electronic air filters in our home, with the belief that these filters clean the air, thereby making the internal environment in the house cleaner. Recently, I became aware that self-standing electronic air filters can actually produce and leak a byproduct of ozone. Could these concentrations of ozone discharge be the cause of my lung cancer?

DEAR READER: Although most cases of lung cancer are related to cigarette-smoking, toxic waste, asbestos exposure, inhaled carcinogens and so forth, doctors are often stumped when they run across a lung-cancer patient without obvious predisposing risks. To say that your bout of lung cancer was "disconcerting" is the under-

statement of the year. You deserve enormous credit for maintaining a positive attitude. Some patients in your situation -- which is somewhat unique -- would simply freak out. In contrast, you have undergone successful therapy and appear to have approached your health problem with a mature, constructive attitude that, in part, has led you to question the possible dangerous side effects of electronic air filters in your home.

To be candid, I have never heard of these devices causing pulmonary problems, much less cancer. Ozone, a high-powered form of oxygen, is a part of our environment. For example, the fresh, clean scent of air after a thunderstorm is largely the result of ozone formed by lightning strikes. Similarly, some air purifiers probably "leak" some ozone, but I do not believe that this is a health problem.

As you know, I am hardly an expert in these and other matters, so I recommend that you request, from your local health department, an analysis of your air-purifying system. If you reach a dead end, ask the manufacturer or its representatives for appropriate data regarding potential risks from ozone contamination.

Please let me know how this turns out.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Pulmonary Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

ContractBridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦K 9 2
♥K 7 6 2
♦A J 4 3
♣A 4
WEST
♦A J 8 5 3
♥Q 5 3
♦10 9
♣7 5 3
EAST
♦Q 10 7 6 4
♥4
♦K 7 6 5 2
♣Q 6
SOUTH
♦—
♥A J 10 9 8
♦Q 8
♣K J 10 9 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 5♥ Pass
6♥ Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

For good technique, it's hard to beat this hand played many years ago by Philadelphia star Sidney Silodor. He got to six hearts, and West led the diamond ten. It seemed highly likely that East had the king, so the main problem was how to escape a trump loser. Silodor solved the problem in magnificent style. He took the ten of diamonds with the ace, played a heart to the ace, returned the heart jack and finessed. When the jack held, he cashed the king, ran six club tricks, discarding dummy's J-4-3 of

diamonds, and thus finished with all 13 tricks.

What's so extraordinary about all this, you ask? Certainly others have at times elected to finesse with nine trumps missing the queen, even though the finesse is slightly against the odds. Well, there's one little fillip we haven't mentioned yet. On the ace of diamonds Silodor had dropped his queen!

Silodor had no idea at the start where the queen of trumps was located, but his play was beautifully designed to make the contract regardless of whether East or West had the queen!

Let's suppose, after dropping the queen of diamonds on the first trick and playing the trumps as he did, that East had shown up with the doubleton queen of trumps. What do you think East would have returned?

East almost surely would not have played the king of diamonds. He would have thought his partner's diamond lead was from the 10-9-8 and that declarer's queen was a singleton. East would therefore have returned a spade to his partner's hoped-for ace — unless he himself had the ace, in which case he would probably have tried to cash it.

Had Silodor decided to finesse the opening diamond lead, he might or might not have guessed the actual trump situation, but the way he played the hand materially improved his chances of making the slam.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, May 22, the 142nd day of 2006. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 22, 1868, the "Great Train Robbery" took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.

On this date:
In 1761, the first life insurance policy in the United States was issued, in Philadelphia.

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1819, the first steam-propelled vessel to attempt a trans-Atlantic crossing, the Savannah, departed from Savannah, Ga. (It arrived in Liverpool, England, on June 20.)

In 1939, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini signed a "Pact of Steel" committing Germany and Italy to a military alliance.

In 1947, the "Truman Doc-

trine" was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10 flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1972, President Nixon began a visit to the Soviet Union, during which he and Kremlin leaders signed the SALT I arms limitation treaty.

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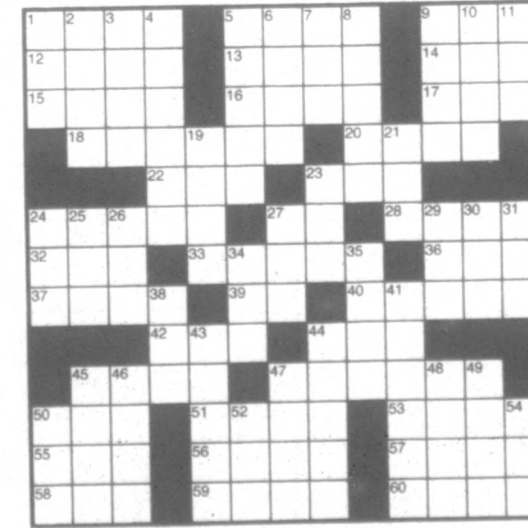


Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tubular pasta
 - 5 Dry, as bubbly
 - 9 RV haven
 - 12 Two fives for —
 - 13 Appraise
 - 14 Joule fraction
 - 15 Four-footed pals
 - 16 Shaman's quest
 - 17 Victrola maker
 - 18 Monarchs' terms
 - 20 Green pods
 - 22 Jazz instrument
 - 23 Natural resource
 - 24 "Same here!"
 - 27 Depart
 - 28 Canine complaint
 - 32 Yalie
 - 33 Jeweler's lens
 - 36 Skipper's OK
 - 37 Wax makers
 - 39 Cheyenne's st.
 - 40 Apple peeler
 - 42 Footed vase
 - 44 Koppel of the news
 - 45 Minute opening
 - 47 Honchos
 - 50 Fast plane
 - 51 Noted limerick writer
 - 53 Defeats a wrestler
 - 55 Devotee
 - 56 Unfounded, as rumors
 - 57 Ambush
 - 58 Sticky substance
 - 59 Small fry
 - 60 Epic
- DOWN**
- 1 Phaser blast
 - 2 Old Roman road
 - 3 Antoinette lost hers
 - 4 Be firm
 - 5 New York area
 - 6 Meadow grazers
 - 7 Comanche kin
 - 8 Voice above baritone
 - 9 "The King and I" actress
 - 10 Killer whale
 - 11 Turkish honorific
 - 19 Liverpool poky
 - 21 Answer
 - 23 Diddy's rider
 - 24 Society girl
 - 25 Land "in la mer"
 - 26 Cravat
 - 27 Fellow
 - 29 Swab target
 - 30 Strong alkali
 - 31 Each
 - 34 Possess
 - 35 D'Artagnan prop
 - 38 California's Big —
 - 41 Skilled persons
 - 43 Turned back on
 - 44 Low dice roll
 - 45 Senior's coin
 - 46 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
 - 47 Saunter
 - 48 Milan money, once
 - 49 Glitch
 - 50 The — is up!
 - 52 Actress — Williams
 - 54 Hot tub

Answer to Previous Puzzle

WOW SPOT JAZZ
 AYE HERA AREA
 SLED ALL MIEN
 AIRY SUDSY
 ACTUAL GAP
 GLOB PERSON
 OUT BURMA FLEO
 BOLERO FLOW
 ARN OCEANS
 INEPT TUTU
 BUDS KOI DOVE
 IDEE FIJI RED
 SEND CLAD RES



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'Da Vinci' tops weekend box office

By GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers gave their blessing to the "The Da Vinci Code" over the weekend, spending an estimated \$77 million to see the Tom Hanks religious thriller.

While the film didn't set a domestic box office record, it was the largest weekend opening of the year so far and became the second largest worldwide release after "Star Wars: Episode III." It garnered some \$224 million worldwide, according to Sony Pictures.

The film also was the best domestic opening for both Hanks and director Ron Howard.

The movie's performance, combined with the family film "Over the Hedge" debuting in second place with \$37.2 million, was a welcome contrast to the last two weekends that saw disappointing results from "Poseidon" and "Mission: Impossible III."

The total box office was down about 2.8 percent from the same weekend last year, according to studio estimates released Sunday. But that's a tough comparison given that last year's numbers included the record-setting debut of "Star Wars: Episode III."

"Da Vinci" opening this big just tells you that people do want to go to the movies, they just need the right movie to go," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Sony Pictures took a risk in the marketing of "The Da Vinci



Sony Pictures/AP

This July 2005 photo, supplied by Sony Pictures, shows Audrey Tautou and Tom Hanks outside Paris' Louvre Museum in a scene from Columbia Pictures' "The Da Vinci Code."

Code," keeping the adaptation of the Dan Brown best-seller under wraps until a few days before its opening.

The film received mixed reviews and protesters picketed outside a number of theaters, upset over the story's suggestion that Jesus Christ was married and had a child. But the controversy did little to deter moviegoers, who packed theaters in

almost every country the film debuted.

"You had a built-in audience from the book and the awareness levels were so high from this film," Dergarabedian said. "You would have to live under a rock not to know this movie was opening."

The movie also set opening-weekend records in Italy and Spain, Sony Pictures said.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 23, 2006:

Your creativity helps you visualize and create more of your fondest desires this year. The only problem that remains is that you don't always consider the financial ramifications of your "great" ideas. Often, you could find yourself in the hole because of one of these schemes. A little conservative action could be very helpful in the long run. If you are single, friendship is the key to meeting someone. You could meet someone through a friend, or friendship is woven into the relationship. Look for this event to happen close to winter. If you are attached, be more nurturing to your sweetie, and you will quickly see the results. ARIES can push you to do what is best for everyone concerned.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds when you least expect it. Investigate alternate possibilities that surround a personal or domestic issue. Right now is not the time to invest in property. Do what you are good at -- getting others motivated. Tonight: What makes you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Take your time gathering information. Your ability to make situations work when others cannot emerges. Listen to your instincts about a situation that could be uncomfortable. Don't get into a no-win argument. Tonight: Keep a secret or your opinion under wraps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be nodding your head at what someone thinks is a good deal. It might not be if you look at the hard facts or your finances. Examine your needs more carefully and don't say yes just to make a situation easier. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Temper, temper! You might feel that what you are doing is justified -- which it may or may not be. Pull back and look at the hard facts, not the facts colored by what you want. Examine possibilities rather than get into an either-or situation. Tonight: Others are looking at how you handle a hot situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Feedback could be rather hot or difficult. Read between the lines and get to the bottom of a problem. Don't settle until you have reached a comfortable conclusion. Tonight: Relax your mind. Try Scrabble or a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Relate to others as if there is no one else in the room or on your mind. That ability could help bring forward an issue that is hard to deal with. Investigate another's opinions, but don't negate them. Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out, though you might lose your temper or do something different. You might come off a bit more aggressive than you realize. Your ability to understand and read between the lines comes out. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with others on a more intense or direct basis. Investigate your alternatives with an eye to letting go of something that no longer works for you. Be optimistic and open to different thinking. Tonight: Focus on efficiency.

by Jacqueline Bigar

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Work with others more directly than in the past. You find that even if someone loses his temper, you can rush in and put out the fire. Work with someone and let him or her open up doors. Passion runs high. Tonight: Follow the sparks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Defer to others and get down to basics. Home and family become an even higher priority. Think about your long-term desires regarding a personal or domestic matter. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Even the best chosen words could backfire when you least expect it. You might want to talk rather than deal with a problem. Understand more of what motivates an associate. Could you be a touch argumentative? Tonight: Relax with a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A risk could really cost you a lot more than you realize. Handle your finances with additional caution and care. Understand what is too much and what is not enough. Carefully check out a risk. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY
Singer Jewel (1974), comedian Drew Carey (1958), singer Rosemary Clooney (1928)

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TV Listings Tuesday, May 23, 2006

TUESDAY MORNING																
A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY																
	A	B	C	D	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WKRN-ABC	2	2			(5:00) News		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Martha (N)	
WSIL-ABC	3	3	3		News		Good Morning America				Tony Danza		The View (N)		Matlock (N Stereo)	
WSMV-NBC	4	4			News		Today (In Stereo)						Tony Danza		Ellen Show	
WTVF-CBS	5	5			News		News		The Early Show		Montel Williams		The Price Is Right		News	Y & R
WPSD-NBC	6	6	6		News		Today (In Stereo)						Martha (N)		News	
WBBJ-ABC	7	7	7		Good Morning		Good Morning America				Regis and Kelly		The View (N)		Divorce	News
WNPT-PBS	8	8			Rogers	Calliou	Lions	Arthur	Couch	Teletub	Sesame Street		Booh-	Big	Jakers	Rogers
KBSI-Fox	9	9	2	3	Paid	Paid	Trolitz	Paid	Hatchett	Hatchett			People's Court		Divorce	Judge A.
WQTV-UPN	10	17	11	30	Paid	Paid	Breakfast Show				Nanny	Mad Abt.	Starting Over		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
KFVS-CBS	12	12	12	12	Breakfast Show		The Early Show (In Stereo)				Regis and Kelly		The Price Is Right		Young-Restless	
WGN	16	38	9	10	Chang-	Believ-	Hap	Hap	Hillbil-	Hillbil-	Rockford Files		Matlock (In Stereo)		Magnum, P.I.	
INSP	17	83	28		Truths	Dickow	Jewish	Today	Hagee	Life Tod	Your Meyer		Minis-	Hickey	Marriage	Feed
WKMU-PBS	21	21	5	11	Signing	Arthur	Pan-	Big	Dragon	Cliff Pup	Sesame Street		Calliou	Barney	Teletub	Rogers
WDKA-WB	22	16	10		Chapel	Sabrina	Sabri-	Paid	Paid	Paid	Believ-	Living	Girl-	Parkers	Cosby	Cosby
ESPN	24	29	26	8	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Fast-	Baseball
ESPN2	25	30	25		(5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live)								Cold Pizza			
MTV	26	49	27	24	(5:00) MTV Video Wake-Up		Videos	The Big Ten			Blowin	Date	Awards	Chal-	Punk'd	Punk'd
TNT	28	27	39	14	Angel (In Stereo)		Charmed		Charmed		ER (In Stereo)		ER (In Stereo)		Judging Amy	
TLC	29	41	41		Bus	Hi-5	Peep	Peep	Baby	Baby	Baby	Mother	Wedding	Mak-	What Not to Wear	
LIFE	30	52	31	31	Fit Lite	Workout	Design-	Design-	Golden	Golden	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	Will	Will
USA	32	51	49	5	Texas Ranger		JAG (In Stereo)		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Texas Ranger	
AMC	34	58	29		Movie Wheel		Movie: "Tammy Tell Me True" (1961)		Movie: "Tammy and the Doctor" (1963)		Movie: "Tammy and the Doctor" (1963)		Tammy-Bachelor			
A&E	35	35	44	27	Eisenhower		Investigative		Airline	Airline	Family	Family	City Confidential		Amer. Justice	
FAM	36	53	36	2	Kong	Spider	Rangers	Rangers	The 700 Club		Living	Gilmore Girls	Step	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	
NICK	37	22	24	4	Grom	OddPar-	Sponge	Sponge	Dora	Go	Bluee-	Back-	Dora	Pets	Lazy-	Spider
HGTV	43	36	18		House	Rebecca	Room	Quilts	Duvall	Duvall	Room	Room	Country	Design-	Police	House
SPIKE	44	33	30	23	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	7 Days (In Stereo)		Maximum Exp.		Amazing Video		Police	Videos
WTBS	52	26	21	13	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Saved-	Dawson's Creek		Movie: *** "Grumpy Old Men" (1993)		Becker		Becker	
TOON	65	32	50		Ed, Edd	Coden-	Grim	Foster	Looney	McBoing	Scobby	Peppa	Looney	Dino-	Krypto	Little
COURT	66	61			Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Bloom & Pollan: Open Court				Best Defense			
BET	67	39			(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration		Wayans	Wayans	Jamie F.	Jamie F.			106 & Park: Top 10 Live		BET	
CMTV	70	34			(5:00) CMT Music								"The Dukes of Hazzard: Reunion"			
HBO	68	71	51		Movie	*** "Addams Family Values"	Movie: "The Return of the Musketeers"		Movie: *** "Batman Begins" (2005)				Movie: *** "The Heat" (1996)			
MAX	76	72	54		Movie My		*** "Dominion: A Prequel to the Exorcist"	Movie: "Love Potion No. 9"	Movie: *** "The Heat" (1996)							
SHOW	70	73	52		Movie: A Great Wall	Movie: "Eagle's Wing" (1979)	Movie: *** "Trauma" (2004) Colin Firth.		Damaged Goods	Music						
DISN	78	31	57		Break-	Higgly	Ein-	Dood-	JoJo	Charlie	Wiggles	Koala	Rolle	Dood-	Stanley	Rolle
FLIX	76				Movie: Heavenly Kid	Movie: *** "The First Time"	Movie: *** "The Island of Dr. Moreau"		Movie: *** "Guarding Tess"	Barab-						
HBO2	62				Movie	Movie: *** "Barcelona" (1994) PG-13	Movie: *** "Mad City" (1997) PG-13		Real Sports							

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

TUESDAY AFTERNOON														
A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY														
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WKRN-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Judge J.	Judge J.	News	News	News	ABC	News	Fortune			
WSIL-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Tyra Banks Show		Montel Williams		News	ABC	News	Enter-			
WSMV-NBC	News	News	Passions (N)	Days of Our Lives	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC	News				
WTVF-CBS	Y & R	Talk of the Town	Bold	Guiding Light	As World Turns	News	Edition	News	NBC	News	Fortune			
WPSD-NBC	Days of Our Lives	Passions (N)	Edition	Insider	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Jeop-	Million-	News	NBC	News	Fortune			
WBBJ-ABC	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	Oprah Winfrey			News	ABC	News	Fortune			
WNPT-PBS	Beren-	Lions	Reading	Cyber-	Shrinks	Zoboo	Dragon	Clifford	Maya	Post-	Arthur	Zoom		News-Lehrer
KBSI-Fox	Brown	Brown	The 700 Club	Paid	Cops	Maury (N)		Fear Factor		70s	Malcolm	King Hill	Simp-	
WQTV-UPN	Missing	Holly-	News	Home	Re-	Missing	Starting Over	Enter-	Yes	Yes	Ray-	Enter-	Holly-	
KFVS-CBS	News	Bold	As World Turns	Guiding Light	Ellen Show	Oprah Winfrey		News	News	News	Ray-			
WGN	News (In Stereo)	Magnum, P.I.	Da Vinci's Inquest	Cosby	Cosby	Moesha	Moesha	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Videos
INSP	Life Tod	Op.	Scott	Paid	World	Mass	Angel	Discov-	Mayhem	Kaleido	Fellow-	Hagee	Central	Cerullo
WKMU-PBS	GED	Pre GED	Reading	Lions	Zoom	Post-	Cyber-	Maya	Clifford	Dragon	GED	Busi-	News-Lehrer	
WDKA-WB	My Wife	Drew	Jerry Springer	Feud	Feud	ER (In Stereo)	ER	8 Rules	8 Rules	My Wife	Bernie	Home	Griffith	
ESPN	NBA	NBAF-	NBAF-	City	City	1st and	NFL	Burning	Horn	Inter-	SportsCenter	NBA	NBA	
ESPN2	(11:00) Cold Pizza	Wire	Obsta-	MLL Lacrosse				Obsta-	Sport	Best of	Horn	Soccer (Live)		
MTV	Punk'd	Tiara	Tiara	Sweet	Sweet	TRL		Made (In Stereo)	Date	Momma	Parental	Direct Effect		
TNT	Judging Amy	NYPD Blue	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Charmed		Charmed		Charmed		Law & Order		
TLC	Younger	Younger	Baby	Baby	Mother	Baby	Trading Spaces	Chef	Chef	White You Out	Overhauln'			
LIFE	Nanny	Nanny	Unsolved Myst.	"Moment of Truth: A Child Too Many"		Nanny	Nanny	Golden	Golden	Love in-Town				
USA	Movie: "The Beautician and the Beast"	Movie: *** "The Brady Bunch Movie"	Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996)	Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996)		Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996)		Law	Order: Cl					
AMC	Movie: Tammy	"Cheaper by the Dozen" NR	Movie: *** "What About Bob?" (1991)	Movie: *** "Big" (1988)	Tom Hanks	PG								
A&E	Cold Case Files	Investigative	Airline	Airline	Family	Family	City Confidential	Amer. Justice		Cold Case Files				
FAM	Family	Family	Boy	Boy	FullHse	FullHse	Ground-	Ground-	Gilmore Girls	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		
NICK	Dora	Go	Sponge	Sponge	Neutron	Neutron	OddPar-	OddPar-	Sponge	Drake	School	Phan-	OddPar-	Neutron
HGTV	Decorat-	Sensi-	Mission	Design	Design	Design-	House	De-	Cleaver	Land-	Week-	Curb	House</	