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Fletcher solicits spending input at MSU

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Much like in other communities, many people in Murray want to see the projected budget surplus be spent on education. But Gov. Ernie Fletcher did learn something during his forum in Murray: People take pride in their local projects and could use some funding assistance.

Gov. Fletcher was on MSU's campus Friday afternoon holding a town hall meeting to discuss with local people what they'd like to see done with the projected \$279 million budget surplus. He's held similar forums elsewhere in the state.

At least 110 people — a combination of local government officials, university employees, community volunteers and area residents — were on hand to hear the governor's presentation followed by the open session that allowed for questions as well as suggestions.

"I've learned here tonight — and I've heard it in other communities, but it's more prevalent here — there are a lot of local needs that might be specific to communities," Fletcher told the crowd at Wrather Auditorium. "A grant pool might be helpful."

With the General Assembly set to convene from Jan. 2-5 for an organizational session before returning in February to do business, Fletcher



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times

Gov. Ernie Fletcher held a town hall meeting at MSU's Wrather Auditorium on Friday afternoon to talk with residents about how they would like to see the projected \$279 million surplus spent or saved.

er said he would make recommendations on some ways to spend — or save — the estimated surplus. The gover-

nor also discussed ways to return some of the surplus to taxpayers through rebates or reducing the state portion of

taxes many people pay such as the vehicle assessment. "These are tax dollars that come into Frankfort because

of your hard work and your ingenuity," Fletcher said.

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Dennison-Alexander case still disputed

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

OWENSBORO, Ky. — After settlement negotiations spanned two separate meetings, the defamation lawsuit former Murray State athletics director E.W. Dennison filed against ex-President Dr. King Alexander remains disputed.

The parties and their attorneys gathered for a settlement conference for 2 1/2 hours last week after negotiations that started Nov. 29 were continued, according to information filed in U.S. District Court in Paducah.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Goebel mediated the conference in Owensboro that included Dennison and his attorneys, Harold Hurt and Gary Haverstock; MSU Board of Regents' attorney Bill Johnson and Carole Catalfo, associate claims counsel for United Educators Insurance Company; and Alexander, attorney Jon

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No 'whoops!' here; MSU chosen as site to study slips, falls

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Murray State University has been chosen as the site of the only slip-and-fall accident prevention research and training facility in the United States.

The National Floor Safety Institute of Southlake, Texas announced the creation of the laboratory, which will be located at MSU's Department of Occupational Safety and Health building, in November.

Dr. David Kraemer, chairman of the department, said Murray, Calloway County and the Purchase Area would directly benefit from the project because what is learned in the lab will be utilized in the workplace and the home.

"We hope that it will aid in the prevention of slip and falls through education, prevention and training," he said. "What we hope to do is to conduct research projects in the area of floor care, floor material and walkway hazards. We will utilize the lab, hopefully, down the road and look at doing some work in the city and throughout the region."

The research center is part of the NFSI's mission to "aid in the prevention of slips and falls through education, training and research," according to a news release from the MSU New Bureau. The labo-

ratory will be the first permanent facility of its type in the country, unlike other independent university research projects that have been conducted in the past. The lab will serve as training ground for future environmental, health and safety professionals.

"We are excited to be partnering with Murray State University in establishing the nation's first permanent slip-and-fall research and training center," said Russell J. Kendzior, founder and president of the NFSI during the official announcement of the program where he presented the college a check for \$5,000. "It is our hope that this new center will serve as a beacon for future safety professionals who seek to prevent slips and falls."

Kraemer said both undergraduate and graduate occupational safety and health students will study the cause and effect relationships that occur as the result of hazardous flooring conditions. Students will learn how the slip resistance of various walkway materials are impacted by various contaminants and how they may be removed to provide a more stable walking surface.

The NFSI has donated a

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'Even with the fire, I've never been happier' Mother, family witness true meaning of holiday season following house fire

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Charlene Martin may have lost her Brandon Road house and everything inside in a fire last week, but it's what wasn't inside that counts.

Martin and her three children — 13-year-old Derek, 11-year-old Travis and 5-year-old Calen — all made it out of the blaze safely late Dec. 7. And they since have experienced an outpouring of support from their neighbors, church and the community.

"Even with the fire, I've never been happier," Martin said. "There's such a high level that I care for my kids, but it's beyond what I can describe. I didn't have time to be scared because they were safe before I could feel fear."

They made it out safely, thanks to the oldest. Derek made sure his brother and sister were awake when he heard the smoke alarm sound and then knocked on his mother's door. Everyone was outside by the time Calloway County Fire-Rescue arrived not long after getting the call at 11:12 p.m.

"I asked Calen what she remembered," Martin, 36, said. "She told me, 'Bubba Derek helped me. He put me in his hands and took me to the

truck.'"

The family gathered outside with nothing other than each other — and Martin's cell phone. When Martin didn't wake immediately after Derek knocked, Travis tried again.

"They knew to go out," Martin said. But they didn't go out alone. "They both were little heroes."

Martin told Calloway County Fire-Rescue the night of the fire that she thought it started in the kitchen, but since then the fire investigators have determined an electrical shortage upstairs caused the blaze. Martin considers it even more of a miracle they made it out alive because investigators said the fire had been burning for a long time before anyone noticed. While some of the structure is still standing, the insurance company considers the house a total loss.

The 80-year-old two-story, wooden-frame house was the Brandon homestead. Many of her neighbors are part of the local history there.

"Everybody around me, it's their house," Martin said of the home that has been hers for the past 2 1/2 years.

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Photo provided

Charlene Martin's children — 13-year-old Derek, 11-year-old Travis and 5-year-old Calen — pose with Santa Claus a few days following a fire that destroyed their Brandon Road home while spending the weekend with relatives in Bardstown. Martin took away a valuable lesson of the importance of family — and she said her kids' smiles here illustrate that.

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Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- A gray utility trailer with a steel floor and aluminum wheels was reported stolen from a Buffalo Road residence at 9:25 a.m. Thursday. A case was opened.
- A prescription was reported stolen from a Waterleaf Drive residence at 10:18 a.m. Thursday.
- A caller from Lake View Drive reported at 5:03 p.m. Thursday that a neighbor's house was broken into. The owners would contact the police for a report when they return home.
- A burglary was reported at 8:37 a.m. Wednesday on at a Rolling Hills Trail residence.
- A stolen vehicle was reported at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday at a Ky. 121 South location. It was a red Ford Explorer.
- An injury crash was reported at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday on U.S. 641 South between Puryear, Tenn., and Hazel. One vehicle went off the road and into the trees. Murray Fire Department, EMS and Henry County (Tenn.) Sheriff's Department also responded.

Murray Police Department

- Officers were at Royster Clark and the Ratlin Bridge area at 5:38 a.m. Wednesday because anhydrous ammonia tanks were tampered with.
- Christmas lights were reported stolen from Central Park at 8:47 a.m. Wednesday.
- Prescription medicine was reported stolen from 513 S. Seventh St. at 9:27 a.m. Wednesday.
- Someone came into the station at 12:04 p.m. Wednesday to report a theft.

Murray State University Police Department

- A theft less than \$300 was reported at 2:18 p.m. Thursday at Hart College.

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

Fletcher ...

From Front

emphasizing the surplus is a projection, even though he's comfortable with the estimate. "... We wouldn't be out talking about it if we didn't feel confident in the projection our budget folks made."



Rudolph

Along with his running mate and current Executive Cabinet Secretary Robbie Rudolph, Gov. Fletcher touted successes of his administration, including turning an expected budget deficit when he came into office into a surplus while lowering taxes on many Kentuckians. He said reversing the deficit came from taking advantage of an upturning economy and running government more efficiently.

"We are very fortunate to have a surplus, to have more money than we expected to have at the end of the fiscal year," Rudolph said.

Fletcher started with a list of needs he's seen in the state and that have been echoed as he and his staff have been out talking to people: strengthen public retirement programs, broaden access to health care, invest in public education from pre-school to higher education, make college more affordable, save it in the rainy-day fund and return it to Kentucky families.

More than a dozen people got a chance to speak.

After hearing from locals like Murray-Calloway County Parks Director Matthew Martin, Murray Main Street board member Mark Welch, Humane Society Director Tom Rottinghaus, Calloway County Disaster Emergency Services Chief Ronnie Burkeen, Murray Housing Authority board member Nelson Shroat and Murray-

Calloway County Economic Development Corp. President Mark Manning, the governor took note of how community agencies and volunteers do much for the quality of life. Fletcher added a grant pool for community projects to the list of possibilities.

Then Fletcher took a vote.

The first time he allowed people to choose their top three priorities. In that count, health care, community projects and public schools finished in that order as the top three needs. Then he asked the crowd to choose their top priority: Public schools came out on top with 41 votes while grants for community projects was second with 24 votes. Health care and retirement came next with 14 and 11 votes, respectively.

It should be noted MSU President Dr. Randy Dunn was one of five people who raised their hand to say making higher college more affordable is their top priority. During his presentation, Fletcher said since 1997 tuition has increased 145 percent. Although college is still considered affordable in Kentucky, the governor said some students are deterred from attending or returning to college because of the rising costs associated with higher education.

Some dollars could be spent while others might be saved. And what is spent could be spread over a variety of areas.

"It is unlikely we would put the money in only one thing," Fletcher said after the forum.

MSU graduate student Crystal Rich was surprised with the access the general public had to the governor during the town hall meeting. She asked about how the money would be returned to taxpayers should that turn out to be how any of the surplus is used. Fletcher explained that only 25 to 30 percent of the property tax on vehicles goes to the state; the other portions of the tax are assessed locally.



MSU President Dr. Randy Dunn, left, and Gov. Ernie Fletcher chat before the forum at Wrather Auditorium on Friday afternoon. The two both alluded to the improved relationship between Fletcher's administration and university officials.

Live Nativity scene will be at park this weekend

Staff Report

Murray-Calloway County Central Park will feature a live Nativity scene this weekend near the Playhouse in the Park pavilion.

Murray-Calloway County Parks Director Matt Martin said the scene, which will be per-

formed by members of South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, can be viewed between 5:30 and 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Patrons can also enjoy the Christmas in the Park "Festival of Lights" display during a visit.

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The United Way of Murray Calloway County started the fall season out with a new endeavor, Murder Mystery in Murray, the last week of October 2006. Local hosts were Sean and Huong Kelly, John and Kathy Mitchell, Chad and Missy Cochran, and Leslie and Gina Lillenthal. Sean and Huong Kelly's group raised the most funds by individually-pledged donations and by participating as guests in the event that night. Aside from the fun experienced by four different Murder Mystery themes, the four groups, consisting of eighty-four persons, raised over \$9,000.

Murder Mystery is one of the few events in Murray that has not been done that often. This has opened a new avenue for the United Way. In a post conversation with Huong Kelly she stated, "I think it is a wonderfully unique way to have a gathering for fun and to raise money. I loved hosting this more intimate event because it allowed us as hosts to help others better understand personally what the United Way is about."

"Anytime people can get together and have a good time it is hard to see the work involved, however all our hosts made it seem effortless," said Doug Lawson, United Way Campaign Chair. With the all around success of this event, Peggy Billington, United Way Director, plans on continuing this event next year. Ms. Billington wants to ask you to anticipate and watch for the event next year, because as we say at Murder Mystery in Murray, "What you don't know could kill you!"

Disputed ...

From Front

Fleischaker, and Dr. Kern Alexander, the younger Alexander's father who most recently served as interim

MSU president.

The order filed Wednesday in federal court said the parties have agreed to continue negotiations.

After the first six hours of

Your Money ...

Anyone interested in sharing their opinion on how the projected \$279 million surplus should be spent — or saved — can do so online at governor.ky.gov. Just click on "Your Money, Your Priorities" on the left side of the Web page. From there, people can read more about the surplus and take a survey about their priorities.

\$45 million. Attributed to rising construction costs, the dollars recently allocated for the physics phase will have to be used to finish the earlier chemistry and biology phases.

Still, Fletcher says he's willing to reassess the situation with university officials.

"We never questioned the worthiness. It was just the timing," Fletcher said in an interview with the Ledger & Times after the forum. "Now we understand the urgency because they had so much work to finish on the earlier phases."

negotiations last month, Alexander refused to consent via telephone to the tentative settlement agreement reached.

U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell dismissed on Nov. 3 the breach of contract portion of the lawsuit that Dennison filed against the university, specifically naming the regents and Alexander. But Dennison's defamation claims against Alexander personally remain on the table.

Russell said university policies allowed Dennison to be transferred to another job as long as his salary remained the same.

Dennison filed the lawsuit in February 2005 — five months after Alexander transferred him from the AD post to a newly created fund-raising job. But Dennison has asked the judge to reconsider the ruling, saying he was under contract to be the athletics director.

Although the judge dismissed the claims against the regents, the board remains involved in because of Dennison's appeal. The university's insurance company also remains involved.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. The agenda includes discussion of possible text amendments pertaining to residential planned development projects.

■ The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at city hall. The agenda includes two reviews of conditional use permits, a public hearing for a conditional use permit to allow a home occupation at 1502 Sycamore St., a dimensional variance request to allow an accessory structure in the side yard of 2185 U.S. 641 North and a request to use additional signs at 200C N. 12th St.

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

Obituaries

Lewis Daniel Hudspeth

Lewis Daniel Hudspeth, 77, Murray, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at 12:43 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was a member of Greater Hope Baptist Church, where he served on the deacon board, as Sunday school superintendent and in the church choir. He also was a leader in the church's building project with Bro. Jerry Norsworthy and the Blood River Baptist River Association. A United States Army veteran of the Korean conflict, he was employed with Murray Lumber Co. for 44 years until his retirement.

Born June 27, 1929, in Indianapolis, Ind., he was the son of the late William Hudspeth and Mattie Bell Dixon Hudspeth. One son, Victor Allen Hudspeth; one sister, Emma Bell Taylor; and one brother, Richard Hudspeth, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Kenley Hudspeth, to whom he was married Nov. 12, 1954; one daughter, Rosa Hudspeth, and three sons, Danny Hudspeth and wife, Regina, David Hudspeth and wife, Pam, and Lindsey Hudspeth, all of Murray; two sisters, Margaret Perry and husband, Charles, and Thelma Miller and husband, Woodrow, and two brothers, William Hudspeth and Donald Hudspeth, all of Saginaw, Mich.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. Rev. Henry Greer and Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate.

Burial will follow at Murray Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jimette Matheny Burch

Mrs. Jimette (Jimmie) Matheny Burch, 63, Buchanan, Tenn., died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Buchanan. Born in Weakley County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late James Madison and Irene Darnell Matheny. One grandson, Samuel Scharping, and three sisters, Alpha Allman, Omega Tucker and Alene Winstead, all preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Herman Eugene Burch; four daughters, Mrs. Annette Gallimore, Dresden, Tenn., Mrs. Betsy McClure, Buchanan, Mrs. Regina Walters, Puryear, Tenn., and Mrs. Jennifer Burch, Murray, Ky.; two sons, Frank Burch and Joe Burch, both of Buchanan; five sisters, Mrs. Ruth Ann Williams, Martin, Tenn., Mrs. Joyce Jolley and Mrs. Sue Kay Mansfield, both of Dresden, Mrs. Mairene Vanleave, Union City, Tenn., and Mrs. Patsy Tucker, Lansing, Mich.; one brother, James Matheny, Dresden; five grandchildren.

The funeral will be today (Saturday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Bowlin Funeral Home, Dresden. Bro. Jimmy Allison will officiate. Burial will follow in the Macks Grove Cemetery near Dresden.

Roy Lee Todd

Roy Lee Todd, 81, Tallahassee, Fla., died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Todd was very active at the Senior Citizens Center in Tallahassee. With his love of music, he taught himself how to play the mandolin and played several other instruments.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Meretta Todd, and one son, Verl Todd and wife, Jennifer, all of Tallahassee.

The funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home, Murray, Ky. Burial will follow in the McDaniel Cemetery in Calloway County.

No visitation is scheduled.

Abbey-Riposta Funeral Home of Tallahassee was in charge of arrangements there.

Dr. Paul Robert McNeary

The funeral for Dr. Paul Robert McNeary will be today (Saturday) at 4 p.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church, where he was a member. Fr. Mike Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Ryan Cunningham, Josh Kusch, John Moneke, Gene Moneke, Lowell Latto, Jim Booth and Tony Montgomery. Honorary pallbearers will be members of The Murray Rotary Club who will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. today (Saturday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The MSU Foundation for the Paul McNeary Scholarship Fund, Office of Development, 106 Development Center, Murray State University, Murray, Ky., 42071; or St. Leo Catholic Church Building Fund, 401 N. 12th St., Murray, Ky., 42071; or Playhouse in the Park, P.O. Box 954, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Dr. McNeary, 61, Murray, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at 6:37 a.m. at his home.

An Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was awarded a bronze star for heroic and meritorious achievement. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Murray Rotary Club and served on the board of directors of Playhouse in the Park.

He taught for 28 years at Murray State University during which time he served as chairman of the department of industrial engineering and technology and interim dean of the college of industry and technology. He had taught in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Sydney, Australia, and worked with the United States Department of Labor in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for four years.

Born Oct. 4, 1945, in Aberdeen, S.D., he was the son of the late Francis McNeary and Gertrude Frank McNeary.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sue Moneke McNeary, to whom he had been married for 36 years; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Cunningham and husband, Ryan, Murray, and Mrs. Katie Kusch and husband, Josh, Louisville; three grandchildren, Asher and Eden Cunningham and Lily Kusch; one sister, Mrs. Frances Bock, Rapid City, S.D.; one brother, John McNeary, Savage, Minn.

Paul Lawrence Noles

The funeral for Paul Lawrence Noles was today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Rev. C.C. Brasher officiated. Burial was in the Provine Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Provine Cemetery Fund, c/o Collier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 492, Benton, Ky., 42025.

Mr. Noles, 72, Tatumville Highway, Gilbertsville, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at 8:10 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

Retired from Pennwall, Calvert City, he operated P. Noles Excavation and was a farmer. He had been a member of Briensburg Baptist Church for 50 years.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Hayes Albert Noles and Isabelle Parker Noles, one grandchild, two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Naomi Edwards Noles; two sons, Gary Noles, Benton, and Mike Noles, Gilbertsville; one daughter, Mrs. Pam Noles Lane, Benton; one stepson, Jimmy Edwards, Murray; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Kim Corner, Dexter; two sisters, Mrs. Lounell English and Mrs. Virginia Higgins, both of Benton; three grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Mrs. Vitula (Tula) Freezor English

The funeral for Mrs. Vitula (Tula) Freezor English was today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at Reidland United Methodist Church. Rev. Sky McCracken officiated. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery in Marshall County.

Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah, was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Reidland United Methodist Church, 5515 Reidland Road, Paducah, Ky., 42003. Mrs. English, 85, Reidland, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at 4:49 p.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

Co-founder of English Sewing Machine Shop for 50 years, she was a member of Reidland United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Reidland Lionist Club. She was the daughter of the late Konnie Freezor and Lena Miller Freezor.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Dwight English, to whom she had been married for 64 years; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Jo English Thompson and husband, David, and one son, Keith English and wife, Linda Lane, all of Reidland; one brother, James Edward Freezor, New Concord; six grandchildren, Brent Thompson and wife, Brigitte, Gary Thompson and wife, Amy, Ben Thompson, Connie Hein and husband, Eric, Shelley Hawkins and husband, Jason, and Joel English and wife, Cassie; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Patricia Ann Byrd Henderson

The funeral for Mrs. Patricia Ann Byrd Henderson was today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at Gospel Mission Worship Center, Paducah. Rev. John Offutt and Rev. Jim Glover officiated. Burial was in the Unity Cemetery in Marshall County with Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah, in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Gospel Mission Worship Center, 6905 Benton Rd., Paducah, Ky., 42003. Tributes may be left online at www.milnerandorr.com.

Mrs. Henderson, 65, Paducah, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at 6:15 p.m. at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah.

She had retired after 18 years of service as activity coordinator for Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of Gospel Mission Worship Center.

Preceding her in death were her parents, J.B. and Emma Blanche Mullins Byrd, and one sister, Jo Etta Riley.

Survivors include her husband, Bro. Terry Henderson, to whom she had been married for 47 years; two daughters, Mrs. Debra Kay Edwards and husband, Greg, and Mrs. Roxanne Wright and husband, Rick, both of Marshall County; one son Greg Palmer Henderson, Paducah; five sisters, Mrs. Nancy Plewke, Mrs. Phyllis Snelling and Mrs. Sheila Hughes, all of Lone Oak, Mrs. Sue Dotson, West Paducah, and Mrs. Rita Newsome, Marshall County; four brothers, Jay Donald Byrd, Gerald B. Byrd, Richard Byrd and Dwayne Byrd, all of Lone Oak; eight grandchildren, Aaron and Brittany Edwards, Jacob, Corey and Sam Henderson, Dustin and Leanne Wright, and Brandon Eaves; one great-granddaughter, Isabelle Wright.

TVA: Key step taken to restore Browns Ferry

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Workers at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant took a key step Friday toward returning the Unit 1 reactor to operation next year, the Tennessee Valley Authority announced.

Technicians started moving 764 fuel bundles from the fuel storage pool to the reactor, a process that is expected to take about two weeks, TVA said in a statement. The Unit 1 restart project is 97 percent complete and should return to service in May, the agency said.

Karl Singer, chief nuclear officer for the Tennessee Valley Authority, which operates the plant, said it was a "significant milestone" for Browns Ferry and TVA's nuclear program.

Workers have spent about 11.2 million hours on repairs, including installing about 150 miles of cable and more than 6.5 miles of pipe. The TVA will also run more than 1,200 tests and inspections to ensure the systems safety and proper operation.

"We are committed to starting and operating the unit in a way that protects the health and safety of the public and employees while supplying needed power to the Tennessee Valley," said Browns Ferry Vice President Brian O'Grady.

The Unit 1 reactor has been dormant since 1985, when it was taken offline because of

safety reasons. It is now in the final stages of a \$1.8 billion restoration. Two other Browns Ferry reactors — Units 2 and 3 — were shut down around the same time but returned to operation in the 1990s.

Browns Ferry is located on Wheeler Reservoir in Athens in north Alabama. Each of the three units can generate enough power to supply about 650,000 homes.

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Henderson teenager charged in tied puppy case

HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — A western Kentucky teenager was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty in the case of a 3-month-old puppy found tied up and left in the middle of a road.

Allen Frederick, 18, of Henderson, was arrested Friday and charged with second-degree animal cruelty. The Gleaner of Henderson reported. He was

being held on \$2,500 bond in the Henderson County Detention Center.

A truck driver found the pup, since named Lucky, on a rural road Tuesday. Trucker John Long said someone had taken several pair of boot laces and "hog-tied" the puppy.

Animal Control Officer Mark Oakley told the newspaper the man who bred the pup came

to the shelter with pictures of the dog and provided information that led to Frederick.

The story generated interest across the state, Oakley said. "We've had 56 calls (Friday) from people wanting to take him and just making sure he's OK," he said.

Oakley said Lucky is recovering and will be going to live with Long.

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Chartering into unchartered waters

Loyalty oaths in America have their roots in the Civil War era, but in the '50s, they were an ugly product of the "Red Scare." Some



Cal's Thoughts
By Cal Thomas
Syndicated Columnist

people, including university professors, were asked to sign them as testimony to their not being a communist, or a communist sympathizer. Now comes a proposal for a different type of loyalty oath, which may help answer the question: how do we tell the difference between a peaceful Muslim and a non-peaceful Muslim who wants to kill us? Granting that the majority of Muslims are not terrorists, is there a method by which we can do a better job of exposing those who are?

This week, the "Proposed Charter of Muslim Understanding" is being presented to the European Parliament. According to Gerard Batten, a member of the European Parliament from London, who contributed the foreword, and the charter's author, Sam Solomon, a Sharia law expert, the charter will "enable Muslims from all strands of belief to make it plain that they reject those extremist interpretations of their religious texts that promote or excuse violence and bring Islam into conflict with the modern world."

The Charter calls upon Muslims to:

- Respect non-Muslim religions and issue a fatwa (an Islamic religious decree) prohibiting the use of force, violence or threats to their followers.

- Respect all civilizations, cultures and traditions and promote understanding of the precedence of national laws over Sharia law.

- Respect Western freedoms, especially of belief and expression and prohibit violent reaction against people who make use of these freedoms.

- Prohibit the issuing of any fatwa that would result in violence or threat against individuals or institutions.

- Request Islamic institutions to revise and issue new interpretations of Qur'anic verses calling for Jihad and violence against non-Muslims.

Solomon says, "We call on organizations representing the Islamic faith ... to endorse and sign this Charter as an example to all European Muslims." By doing so, they will make it clear that "Islam is a religion of peace ... and that acts of terrorism committed in its name are the acts of misguided indi-

viduals who have misunderstood and misinterpreted its teaching."

In the charter's foreword, Gerard Batten (MEP) writes, "The Western European view of religion, achieved after centuries of bloodshed, conflict and division, is that religion is a matter of private belief and conscience. Islamic fundamentalists do not share this view. ... They believe in Islamic theocracy. ... Such views are simply incompatible with Western liberal democracy. ... The vast majority of Muslims that non-Muslims meet in everyday life are decent, respectable, law-abiding and hardworking. Western governments and societies have to offer them their support while standing firm against the extremists." The charter is "a great step forward in this process."

It certainly is, but what if someone signs it and doesn't mean it? Some Muslims claim the Koran allows them to lie to "infidels." What happens then?

What would Solomon suggest be done to those who refuse to sign the charter, as many refused to sign earlier loyalty oaths? How does one encourage compliance? Sam Solomon answers that question via e-mail: "This charter is like a passport application. If someone lies, he will be prosecuted. Once agreed upon, it would give power to the authorities to bring them to justice. Though we know they can lie, this time it would not be an individual, it would be their leaders, and would be like putting their noses in the dust, and accepting it for what it is worth, that the real cause of terrorism is the interpretation of Qur'anic verses by certain factions of their religion. One way or another, they have never been challenged like this ever before."

As the European Parliament is often much slower than the American Congress, the charter begins first as a discussion document. Sponsors hope it will create interest and discussion among the European public, as well as in the European Parliament. They are hoping one of the MEPs, possibly Gerard Batten, will put forward a proposal to introduce this charter as a bill.

Batten and Solomon see this as a "no lose" proposition. If the bill passes with an enforcement mechanism, Muslim leaders who sign would be held accountable under the law for any violation. If they don't sign, the law and public opinion may have something to say about their refusal.

Does anyone have a better strategy for sorting out the violent Muslims from the peaceful ones among us? And be sure, they are among us, as we experienced on 9/11.



Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 12/16/06

Santa's Red Coat, Part II

EDITOR'S NOTE: Molly McGehee, age 31, is spending December finishing her Ph.D. dissertation at Emory University. To celebrate that milestone, we reprint here Molly's first writing dictated to her father in 1979 when she was four. Because of its length, it is in two parts. Last week, part one was printed:

"Won't I get you in trouble if the king finds out I'm here?" Kris asked.

"Well, maybe," Princess Precious said, "but, you see, this kingdom doesn't really belong to the unhappy king. It belongs to all the animals and people. In fact, my father was once king. That's why I'm a princess."

"But," Kris asked, "if this land isn't the unhappy king's, why do you let him rule it and treat everyone so badly?"

"Because," Precious said, "we don't think he is really bad, down deep inside. He's bad only because he's sad, and we thought being king might make him happy. But it has only made him sadder. No one ever speaks or smiles near him. He never laughs or plays."

"Then, why don't you lock him up or send him away, and get a new king?" Kris suggested.

"Because," the bear said, "if we did that, we'd be acting no better than the king. We keep looking for some way to change him."

Kris thought hard about how to change the king into a happy king. Suddenly, his cheeks turned rosy, and his nose glowed like a cherry, and his eyes twinkled.

"I've got it!" he exclaimed. "Peppermint tears! Peppermint tears are the answer!"

Princess Precious looked puzzled. She couldn't understand what Kris meant.

But he explained his plan to her. "You remember how you cried when you were sad? But then, remember,

Southern Seen

your tears turned into something sweet?"

Precious nodded.

"Well, said Kris, "we'll make peppermint sticks out of tears and snow, and paint red stripes on them like those on the North Pole. And we'll build a workshop out of ice and logs, and make good things that everyone likes that make everyone happy. And we'll deliver them to boys and girls at night, in secret, so they will think the king sent them. Then they will smile at him, and make him a happy king."

"What a wonderful idea!" Precious yelled, clapping her furry paws like heavy mittens. "All the animals will help collect woods and dyes, and the forest elves can come out of hiding and help make things," she said. "And the reindeer," she added, "will simply insist on pulling the sleigh."

Then, very thoughtfully, Precious Polar Bear looked at Kris and announced, "But first things first, dear Kris. If you are to live in this snow, you must keep warm." She eyed his thin jacket, and then went to the back of the cave.

When she returned, she carried a large white fur coat. "This belonged to my father, King Percy Polar Bear. Now you are the real king, Kris, and you must wear this," and she put it on him.

"It's a bit large," Kris said, for the coat came down past his shoes.

"I'll hem it up for now," Precious said, "but when you grow up, it'll fit perfectly."

"It's very warm," Kris said, "and very white, too." And he ran out into the snow, and the coat made him invisible, because it and the snow were the same color.

"With this white coat, I can work

all year without the king's spies seeing me here," Kris said, "and if we deliver the presents in winter, the children won't see us either."

"But if they never see you, Kris, they won't think the king is the one bringing the presents. We must find a way for them to see you quickly ever once in a while and to think you are the king," said Princess Precious.

"That's easy to do," said Kris. "The king always wears a bright red cape. We can dye my white coat red on the inside, and on gift-delivery night, I'll wear the red side on the outside. Anyone who happens to catch a peek of me in my sleigh or by the fireplace will see the bright red and think of the king. Next day, everyone will smile at the king, and he will become the Happy King."

"And what winter day will be the best for everyone to smile?" Precious asked.

Kris smiled a great big grin as he answered her. "Why — ho, ho, ho — Christmas Day, of course! That's the day a very important king was born, far away and centuries ago. But if the unhappy king tries hard to be like King Jesus, what a Happy Kingdom we will have."

And that is how Kris Kringle — or Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, or St. Nicholas, as some call the Spirit of Christmas — got his bright red coat, and became the example for us all of all the happiness we want to share with everyone everywhere.

Even when happiness is invisible, as Santa is most of the year in his white coat, it is still there, and we only look for it, we can always find it, any day of the year, and then share it with everyone we meet, by smiling. When that happens, every day is CHRISTMAS!

The End

OUR READERS WRITE

Dear Editor,
After almost 30 years of work, with age, travel and health catching up with me I will retire Dec. 31, 2006, from my beloved Boys & Girls Ranch in Gilbertsville, Ky. We have helped more than 30,000 needy children in this period of time. I would be remiss if I did not mention some of the great people that have helped me persevere in this long time history of taking care of the underprivileged in Kentucky.

A special thanks to former Sen. Wendell Ford, Congressman Ed Whitfield, my nephew Tim Durham from Indianapolis for their large monetary grants and donations, along with my children Ray Stoess Jr., Pam Stoess Robertson, Jan Stoess Allen, Sandy Stoess Montgomery and Teri Stoess Worthington,

who have given huge amounts over the years to keep our great camp solvent. My children are also funding and having built a nine-hole, miniature golf course at the Boys & Girls Ranch in my honor. They presented the plans to me at my Retirement Celebration on Dec. 8 in Bowling Green at the KSA Annual Conference and it should be dedicated this spring.

A special thank you to the wonderful counselors we have had over the years, who have worked tirelessly caring for the campers. We have had well over 250 counselors over the years who have strived to build the boys and girls attending into better citizens.

I would especially like to thank my wife, Donna, who has been by my side the

entire way; Tracy Powell, my assistant these last eight years who has helped me continue since my stroke three years ago; all of my other staff including Gloria Scarborough, Lisa Amato, J.B. Davis, Mitch Holland and Joe Wiles; former staff members Sherrill and Elaine Miller and long-time cook Polly Poe — all have been godsend to me. All of these folks have made our camp one of the greatest in the nation.

To the sheriffs and deputies who have supported the camp over the years through fundraising, promoting and transporting boys & girls to and from camp and to all of our members and contributors who have been so supportive, I truly appreciate each of you and your help so much.

Former Sheriff Jerry Wagner of Fleming County will take over for me Jan. 1, 2007, and I believe he will do a tremendous job. I would like to thank him and his wife, Corkey, for their hard work over the years and their help and support this past year as we worked together. Jerry is a hard worker, together with my staff, and I believe they will continue to do a wonderful job for the less fortunate children in Kentucky attending our camp.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has helped in building the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranch to No. 1 in the nation!

Sincerely and God Bless,
Ray H. Stoess
Ranch Director
Louisville, Ky.

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Murray-Calloway Transit Authority offering gift to community

Did you know... The Murray-Calloway Transit Authority will be gifting the community with free rides in Murray and Calloway County Dec. 26?



Chamber Chat
By Lisa Satterwhite
Murray/Calloway County Chamber of Commerce

753-9725.
Coming Up Around Town:

Murray State University Fall Commencement, RSEC, Today, 10:30 a.m.

Santa Hours, Court Square, Today, 1 - 4 p.m.; Dec. 23, 1 - 4 p.m.

The Gifts of the Magi, Playhouse in the Park, Today, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., www.playhouseinthepark.net.

A Christmas Eve at The Homeplace, LBL, Tonight, 6 - 8 p.m.

'Hallelujah to the Newborn King', Westside Baptist Church, 207 Robertson Rd. South, Dec. 17, 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.

'Christmas Alive', First United Methodist Church, 503 Maple St., Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Communion Worship Service, First United Methodist Church, 503 Maple St., Dec. 24, 7 p.m.; Come and Go Communion, 8 - 9 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, First Christian Church, 111 North 5th St., Dec. 24, 8 p.m.

Reception to honor retiring Magistrate Steve Lax, Courthouse, Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m., public invited.

Christmas in the Park - Festival of Lights, MCC Park, through Dec. 30, 6 - 9 p.m.

Watch Night Service, First United Methodist Church Sanctuary/CLC Gym, Dec. 31, 10:45 p.m. - midnight.

Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree Sale, between Arby's and Boone's Laundry on North 12th St., daily, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Company for the Holidays, WKMS 91.3 FM Annual Festival of Seasonal Songs, through Jan. 7, www.wkms.org for more info.

Murray Woman's Club 'New Year As A New You', 704 Vine St., Jan. 11, 7 - 9 p.m.

West Kentucky Boat & Outdoor Show, RSEC, Jan. 12 - 14.

Business After Hours/Ribbon Cuttings:

Taylor Family Dental, 700 Whitnell Ave., Jan. 3, Open House: 1 - 6 p.m.; Ribbon cutting, 2 p.m. (introducing Dr. Richard L. Vonnahme III, DMD as a new associate).

Welcome New Chamber Members:

McKinney Insurance Services, Inc., insurance, financial services, Tracy D. McKinney, 100 North 5th St., Murray, KY, 753-3500.

Murray Civic Music Association, organization/entertainment, Jeanne Fleming or Virginia Randolph, PO Box 286, Murray, KY, 753-0224 or 759-2560.

Illusion Graphics Signs & Design, signs, printing, screen printing & embroidery, Christy and Derrick Williams, 4289 Wadesboro Rd. South, Benton,



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becoming a member of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce or hosting a Chamber event contact Tab Brockman or Lisa Satterwhite at 753-5171.

For more information on

InBusiness



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SIX YEAR PIN GIVEN: Adam and Lisa Carver, Sirloin Stockade owners/managers, is shown congratulating David Brown, who received his 6-year employment pin from Sirloin Stockade. Brown receives job coach assistance from WATCH supported employment services.

Pierce earns Woodmen FIC designation

Special to the Ledger

Roger Pierce of Benton, Ky., a representative of Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, has earned the professional designation of Fraternal Insurance Counsellor (FIC).

The designation, conferred by the Fraternal Field Managers' Association (FFMA), is awarded to candidates who successfully complete four levels of insurance-related coursework

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For more information on this professional achievement, con-

tact Pierce in Murray at 753-1868.

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society is a fraternal benefit organization that offers insurance, annuities and securities. Woodmen members, who belong to more than 2,000 lodges throughout the United States, conduct volunteer, charitable and patriotic projects that benefit individuals and families.



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BRIGGS DONATION: The Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation recently made a contribution to the Murray Main Street program, whose aim is to help stimulate economic development and investment in the downtown area. Pictured presenting the check to Deana Wright, Murray Main Street Director, is Rodney Bohannon, Briggs & Stratton Murray Plant Manager.

Three Murrayans installed as WKCA-AGC directors

PADUCAH, Ky. — The Western Kentucky Construction Association, a chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, installed new officers and directors during its Christmas party Dec. 11 in Metropolis, Ill.

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- and Barry McDonald of Bill Adams Construction.

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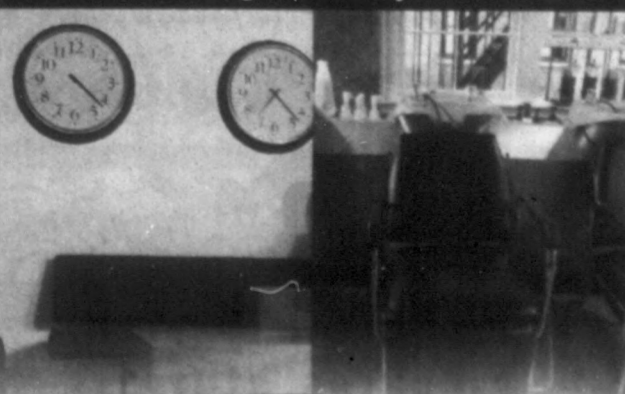
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Beautiful home, on the edge of town, on two acres. Greatroom has a dry stacked stone fireplace, cherry bookcases and custom coffered ceilings. Kitchen features beautiful furniture styled cherry cabinets, island, and tumbled tile countertops. The home has hardwood and tile flooring, with carpet in bedrooms. Master suite has 10'6"x7'8" raised sitting area. Pella windows, plantation blinds, solid six-panel doors and pocket doors, built-ins in one bedroom. Beautifully landscaped, aggregate driveway. mls #36030 \$359,500

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Olson appointed to board of Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana

G. Robert Olson of Murray has been appointed to the board of directors of the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Inc.

He has been an active supporter of Girl Scouts in Murray and Calloway County for many years as a husband, father and grandfather to Girl Scouts.

Olson will be focusing his efforts on the council's properties as a member of the Properties Committee.

Previously Olson has served on the board of directors of the National Society for Park Resources, a professional branch of the National Recre-

ation and Parks Association, whose main interest is issues concerning natural resource based parks and outdoor recreation.

Olson is retired after a 34-year career with the Tennessee Valley Authority, during which he worked on projects in all seven states in the Tennessee River watershed.

He and his family moved to Murray in 1983 when he transferred to Land Between the Lakes. He later transferred to the Paris, Tenn., land management office.



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BRIGGS DONATES TO UNITED WAY: The Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation made a contribution of \$13,000 to the United Way of Murray-Calloway County. Executive Director, Peggy Billington accepts the check from Sherrie Holbrook, Briggs & Stratton United Way Campaign Co-chair, and Rodney Bohannon, Briggs & Stratton Plant Manager. In addition, Briggs & Stratton employees came through with a whopping \$35,000 from payroll deductions this year.

Birth Announcement

Katja Jean Ham

Chris and Jessi Ham of Almo are the parents of a daughter, Katja Jean Ham, born on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at 7:38 a.m. at Murray-Cal-

loway County Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches.

Grandparents are Jean Ham of Magnolia and Bob and Kathy Hargrove of Murray.

Great-grandparents are Gilbert Jenkins of Magnolia, Betty Jackson and Frances Hargrove and the T.C. Hargrove, all of Murray, and Bennie and Wanda Jackson of Palmersville, Tenn.

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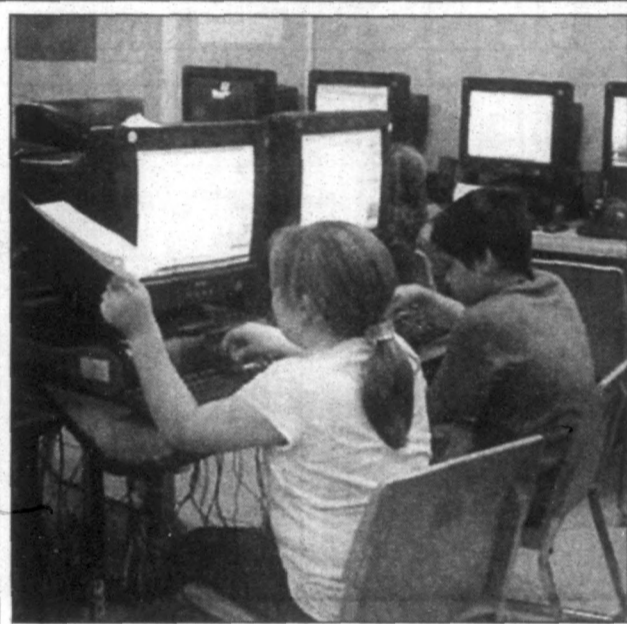


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LETTERS TO SOLDIERS: North Elementary School third grade students learned how to create and mail letters this fall. To make the lesson authentic, a member of the North PTA, who has a son stationed in Iraq, suggested that the students write letters to the soldiers. Jenny McCafferty, the intermediate Title I writing teacher at North, brought this idea to life. After a lesson on letter writing, the students were able to develop a four-paragraph letter to any soldier. Before fall break, the letters were sent to Iraq. Many students have received letters in return from specific soldiers. "Letters from the Lakers" was an exciting learning experience for both the teachers and the students.

Quilt Lovers of Murray plan Christmas party Tuesday



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Quilt Lovers of Murray will have its annual Christmas party on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Calloway County Public Library.

Meat, drinks and paper goods will be provided by the Quilt Lovers for the potluck meal. Those attending are asked to bring a covered side dish or dessert.

Also non-perishables will be collected for Need Line, according to Kathy Mauldin, member. The room will be available to the group at 5:30 p.m.

Westside to present program

Westside Baptist Church will present its concert, "Hallelujah To the Newborn King" on Sunday with performances at 3 and 6 p.m. at the church at 207 Robertson Rd. South, Murray.

Eagle Scout presentation Sunday

Matthew Fry of Boy Scout Troop 45 will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Sunday at 2 p.m. at Murray Family Church. All relatives and friends are invited.

Hospital retirees will meet Tuesday

Retirees and former employees of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will have a special Christmas party Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tex Todd. For more information call Nancy McClure at 492-8640.

Masonic Lodge will meet Monday

Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons is scheduled to meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall on Ky. 121 North and Robertson Road North.

Transit Authority board to meet

Murray-Calloway transit Authority will have its monthly board meeting Monday at 11 a.m. at the Weaks Community Center.

MES board will meet

Murray Electric System Board will meet Monday at 4 p.m. in the Carroll conference room at 4 p.m. The meeting date has been changed because of the Christmas holidays.

DES Squad pictures will be made

The yearly fundraiser for the Calloway County Rescue Squad (Disaster Emergency Services) draws to an end and the squad wants to make sure everyone who made a donation gets their pictures taken today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., donors can walk in anytime during these hours to have your pictures taken. Telephone calls were made, but this is a reminder in case calls were missed. The Rescue Squad is located at 95 Spruce St., Murray. For more information call Ronnie Burkeen, squad chief, at 762-1714.

Support Group will meet

Death of a Parent Support Group will meet Monday at 7 p.m. This is a support group for people who have lost one or both parents due to death and to help each other through the hard times. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-7129.

Four Rivers Group will meet Sunday

Four Rivers Music Friends will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. This is open to all musicians and listeners. For more information contact Velvleen at 753-6979.

Santa Claus will be downtown

Murray Main Street will have Santa Claus present from 1 to 4 p.m. today and again on Dec. 16.

Russell Chapel plans promotion

Russell Chapel United Methodist Church will have a rebate day each Saturday at Breaktime Billiards, 2938 Ky. 94 East, Murray. Customers are asked to tell your waiter or waitress to label your order as "Russell Chapel."

Murray Singles plan dance

Murray Singles Organization will sponsor a Christmas Dance tonight from 7:30 to 10:30 at the Joe Creason building, Benton City Park, Benton. Brad Huntley will be the DJ. and the cost will be \$6 per person. Each one is asked to bring a snack to share, but soft drinks and coffee will be provided. For more information contact Mike at 759-3180, Pat at 489-2909, or Curt at 1-731-247-5330.

Residents to display luminaries

Residents of Olive Boulevard from North 13th to North 15th Street in Murray will have their luminaries on display tonight and Sunday. This has been an annual tradition of the residents. For best results, drive slowly and turn off your lights to get the best view.

Crossfield residents to show lights

Crossfield Subdivision will have its "Celebration of Lights" today from 5 to 6 and the public is invited to drive through to see the lighted luminaries. Motorists are asked to bring a canned food item for Need Line and the children will donate the items to Need Line.

New Beginnings will meet

New Beginnings will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church. The program, following a potluck meal, will center around the theme, "Christ, Our Living Hope." This is an arm of Westside Jail/Prison Ministry and is funded by Westside Church and private donations. This support group is open to the public and is designed for people dealing with issues of incarceration. Also today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be a fund-raising jewelry sale at 200 South Sixth St., with 50 percent of the proceeds to go to the transition home fund.

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The residents of Crossfield Subdivision, on Highway 94W in Murray, invite you to join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season with lights.

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We offer transportation on a daily basis from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you live in the city limits and need a ride to our center, the doctor, grocery store, bank or pharmacy, please call at least one day ahead of time to schedule your ride.

Our exercise room is open each week, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who are 60 and older are invited to exercise at no cost, as well as take advantage of beginning computer classes we have to offer. Contact the center at 753-0929 for more information.

Activities and menus for the week of Dec. 18-22 have been released as follows:

Monday events include

Armchair Aerobics at 8 or 9 a.m. in the gym, Health Express will be present from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m. to go walk at Murray State University Regional Special Events Center, Nutrition Class at 10 a.m. in dining room, Fitness Aerobics Class at 10 a.m. in gym, Bingo at 12:30 p.m., and Advanced Line Dance at 1 p.m. with Beginning Line Dance at 2 p.m. Fish patty, white beans, tomatoes and okra, corn bread, margarine and apple will be on the lunch menu.

Tuesday events include Strength & Stretch Class at 8 a.m., Women's Issues at 10:30 a.m. and Ping Pong at 12:30 p.m. Our monthly birthday and anniversary celebration will be at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room. On the lunch menu will be Swiss steak with vegetable gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cinnamon apple muffin, margarine and pistachio dessert.

Wednesday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8 or 9 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m., Powder Puff

Pool play from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Pinochle Club at noon. Pork riblet, sweet potato patty, sauerkraut, wheat roll, margarine and purple plums will be on the lunch menu.

Thursday events will be our Christmas party from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of activities are scheduled, so see the December newsletter for more details. On the lunch menu will be baked ham, potato casserole, Italian green beans, roll, margarine and fresh fruit cup.

Friday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8 or 9 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m., Open Bridge at 10 a.m. and Blood Pressure checks from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Grilled chicken sandwich, three bean salad, honey glazed carrots, bun, margarine and apple cobbler will be on the menu.

Please note that the center will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays.

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

HospitalMenus

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

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

Menus, subject to occasional changes, for the week of Dec. 18-24 have been released as follows:

Monday - *baked chicken w/Mango chutney, braised beef tips, *rice pilaf, broccoli spears w/cheese sauce, *field peas w/snaps, fried okra, chicken tortilla soup.

Tuesday - Murray-Calloway

County Hospital Staff Christmas party.

Wednesday - lemon pepper chicken, *crumb topped fish filet, chopped steak w/peppers and onions, *baby lima beans, *Scandinavian vegetables, mashed potatoes w/gravy, onion rings, taco soup.

Thursday - pork cutlets w/gravy, *roast turkey w/giblet gravy, fish filet sandwich, *seasoned green beans, *baby carrots, candied sweet potatoes, corn bread dressing, fried zucchini, potato and bacon soup.

Friday - lasagna, *vegetable lasagna, prime sea strips, *Italian green beans, breaded cheese sticks, *green bean-carrot blend,

squash casserole, *vegetable beef and barley soup, *garlic bread sticks.

Saturday - *crumb top fish, oven fried chicken, *seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes w/gravy, *baby carrots, soup of the day.

Sunday - pot roast, chicken strips, *mesquite grilled chicken, *oven roasted potatoes, fried okra, *crowder peas, soup of the day.



HELPING HANDS: East Calloway elementary honor roll students stacked and counted the 2,100 cans of green beans that were collected for the Need Line pantry by all East Elementary students. Pictured are some of the students.

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Extension Notes

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The workshop will be taught at two different locations and dates:

Thursday, Jan. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the McCracken County Extension Office in Paducah and

Thursday, Feb. 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Marshall County Extension Office in Benton.

To register for the workshop and to receive a list of supplies needed for the workshop, call the Calloway County Extension Office at 753-1452 by Jan. 12 for the McCracken County location and by Feb. 16 for the Marshall County location.

Each person will need to bring their sewing machine and a list of supplies to actually work on some of the techniques being taught. At each session registrant should have machine set up and ready to sew by noon. Some supplies will be furnished. A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the workshop. Class size is limited.

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Mastermind of Simpson's 'If I Did It' book is fired

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Simpson's would-be publisher, Judith Regan, was fired Friday, her sensational, scandalous tenure at Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. ending with the tersest of announcements.

"Judith Regan's employment with HarperCollins has been terminated effective immediately," HarperCollins CEO Jane Friedman said in a statement. "The REGAN publishing program and staff will continue as part of the HarperCollins General Books Group."

Friedman offered no reason for the announcement, but it comes less than a month after Murdoch's cancellation of Simpson's hypothetical murder confession, "If I Did It," a planned book and Fox television interview that was greeted with instant and near-universal disgust when announced.

HarperCollins did not immediately return phone and e-mail messages seeking additional comment. A message left with Regan's publicist was not immediately returned.

An industry force since the 1980s, when she produced best-

selling by Drew Barrymore and Kathie Lee Gifford for Simon & Schuster, Regan has been labeled a "foul-mouthed tyrant" and the "enfant terrible of American publishing." She is also widely envied — if not admired — for her gift of attracting attention to her books and to herself.

Since 1994, she has headed the ReganBooks imprint at News Corp.'s HarperCollins, an ideal fit for Murdoch's tabloid tastes. Regan has published a long list of racy best-sellers, including Jose Canseco's "Juiced" and Jenna Jameson's "How to Make Love Like a Porn Star," and is the rare publisher of interest to gossip columnists, notably for a rumored affair with former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik.

She often clashed with her more temperate peers and is widely believed to have had tense relations with Friedman. Last year, Regan moved her offices to Los Angeles, further distancing herself from corporate officials in New York.



Photo provided

Pictured, first row, from left, are co-captain Sarah Hines, Callie Wilson, Sarah Kuykendall, Shradha Chakradhar, Rebecca Raj and Lauren Taylor; second row, from left, Cindy Na, Capt. Colleen McCoy, Katie DeCillo, Kelsey Smith, Hailey Dean, co-captain Sarah Doran and Katy Garrison; third row, from left, Ashanti Wilson, Teleise Burkey, Kayla Powers, Caitlin Herrington, Jacob Bell, Brad Black, Will Hudson and Alex Farris; fourth row, from left, Matthew Parker, Abby Dowdy, Elizabeth Powell, Wesley Bolin, Logan Pierce, Kagan Walker, Richard Osban, Matt Jordan and Nolan Jackson. Not pictured is Haley Haverstock.

Murray High School speech team participates in the Western Kentucky University Senior Hilltopper Classic

Special to the Ledger The Murray High School Speech captured sixth place in the Western Kentucky University Senior Hilltopper Classic on Saturday. About 29 teams

from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama also participated in the tournament. Graves County High School received first place, while Danville, second and Lafayette was named third place recipient. Other teams who participated were Bethlehem (fourth), Paul Laurence Dunbar (fifth), Calloway County (seventh), Collierville, Tenn. (eighth), Paducah Tilghman (ninth) and Bardstown (10th).

Team sweepstakes and individual events were awarded as follows: Sarah Hines, MHS senior, received the first place overall recognition in the Solo Acting category. A third year in a row tournament champion for this respective category, Hines was followed by Brad Black, MHS senior, who received second place in the solo category. Fifth place was

awarded to Logan Pierce, an MHS junior.

MHS senior, Sarah Doran, received fifth place in the oratorical declamation category, while Lauren Taylor, MHS senior, and Kayla Powers, MHS freshman, received sixth place in the improvisational duo category.

Kara Dowdy, MHS speech coach, said this year's MHS speech team is incredible.

"I am so proud of each and every one of them," she said. "They exceed my expectations as a coach at each tournament, and I am truly looking forward to both the regional (February of 2007) and state (March of 2007) competitions," she said. "We will definitely return to Murray from both tournaments with lots of shiny hardware."

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From Front

"You'd think I didn't belong, but they've treated me like I do."

Once everyone evacuated, the family went over to a neighbor's house, where Martin noticed a familiar backpack sitting in the floor. Turns out Calen had brought the clear backpack over to play with the neighbor's granddaughter and had mistakenly left it. Inside, Martin saw the pink Bible she'd gotten her daughter several years earlier.

"You can't tell me this isn't a miracle and God didn't save us," Martin said.

Take, for instance, the fact all the children were sleeping in the living room, despite their mother asking them a few times to go to their rooms. Many nights they all sleep in their mother's room, but that night was different, thankfully.

And, by the grace of God, others have helped.

Volunteers from Calloway County chapter of the American Red Cross responded the night of the fire, giving the family financial assistance as well as other necessities. Since then, someone else anonymously paid the bill for the family pet Snowflake and her two kittens after recognizing the cat at the veterinarian office. The Lions Club is getting the boys new glasses and South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church took up a special collection. And the local fair board is "adopting" the children for Christmas.

Temporarily, Martin and her children are living in a migrant house Terry Orr owns.

"I'm just thankful for everyone," Martin said.

Daughter Calen had to resume breathing treatments for her asthma following the fire

and the family dog was treated for smoke inhalation — both measures Martin considers minor in the big picture.

The children spent the weekend with their aunt and uncle in Bardstown. While there Calen started a journal of words and pictures — and her mother noticed the young girl remembering the most precise details.

Martin wouldn't have wished this situation on her family or anyone else's, but she's thankful she's taking with her an important lesson that is more valuable than her CD collection or anything she owned.

"Keep your family safe, and remind them constantly how much they mean to you. Verbalize it, but even then they might not know how much. You're also reminding yourself," Martin said. "I always told my kids I loved them. I thought maybe excessively. But you can't be too excessive."



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Dr. David Kraemer, chairman of Murray State University's occupational safety and health department, left, and Dr. Elizabeth Blodgett, dean of the college, right, accept a check for \$5,000 from Russell J. Kendzior, founder and president of the National Floor Safety Institute, center. Kendzior and NFSI officials are funding the addition of the only slip-and-fall accident prevention research and training facility in the United States at MSU.

■ 'Whoops!' ...

From Front

slip-resistance testing device valued at \$6,000 and plans to construct an interchangeable test floor at the university. They will also coordinate independent research projects in the areas of floor care, flooring material design and walkway hazard reduction, according to a new release.

According to the National Safety Council, workers are injured from slips, trips, and falls more than any other occupational injury costing employees and employers tens of millions of dollars each year. However most accidents could be avoided if proper housekeeping procedures are implemented, according to NSC's Web site at www.nsc.org. There are over 240,000 slip and fall accidents per year in the U.S. resulting in more than 9000 deaths; not to mention 20 percent of all lawsuits. According to NSC officials, about 9 million disabling slip and fall injuries every year - or 25,000 each day - and account for 95 million lost work days per year.

Falls are also the leading cause of injury-related deaths among older adults. In 2003, the latest statistics available, more than 13,000 Americans 65 years and older died as a result of falls and more than 1.8 million had a fall injury that resulted in an emergency room visit.

"Human suffering, lost time from work, escalating workmen's compensation and liability insurance as well as lawyers fees has prompted the federal government to address this tremendous problem," according to an NSC new release. "Recently, enacted federal legislation provides the potential for enormous fines for businesses with injuries due

to slip-and-fall accidents."

MSU's Department of Occupational Safety and Health program is the only program in the country that has both bachelor and master degree programs in occupational safety and health accredited by the Applied Science Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

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Most locals now trading fish for deer

We are in the holiday season for sure. And some of you have a bit more time to enjoy the outdoors.

Most locals took time off to deer hunt instead of going fishing. They did that for a couple of good reasons. One reason is the thrill of seeing a deer in its environment, and not being seen by that deer.

Fishing Line
By Jerry Maupin
Outdoors Columnist

Another good reason is the food they provide, which is as good as any other meet if it is properly handled and prepared. I know many people do not like the taste of venison, but the truth is it must be cared for, properly from start to finish. If it isn't, there could be some negative flavors. All meat sources are the same if you do not handle it properly.

Another reason to go hunting instead of fishing at this time of the year is to teach the youngsters how to handle a firearm and know that they are capable of doing so safely.

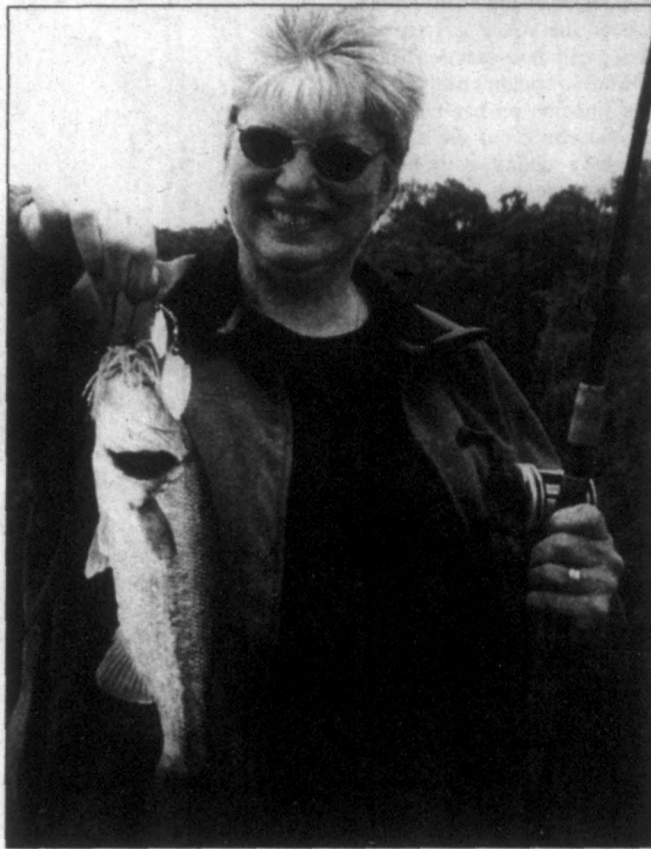
We live in an area of the state where we are actually blessed with all of the outdoor activities that are available to us and our families. Not only do we have 200,000 acres of forests and fields to hunt several species of wildlife, we can get ourselves into better physical condition by taking part in the outdoors rather than staying indoors in a gym!

I have always thought that it was more fun to be outside enjoying the outdoors and the abundant wildlife we have to offer rather than getting a tattoo or some other body piercing.

Many of you do not realize how fragile the fish and wildlife environment really is. But once it is gone, there will be many tears of sadness. We all need to be more aware of what our youth are turning toward.

Keep them interested in hunting and fishing, land management, the hundreds of species of birds to see as the seasons change and what they can do to make a positive contribution. It is your heritage, and you best be teaching these children what it's all about!

We are blessed with Kentucky and Barkley lakes, which run a length of 180 miles to the south and to the edge of



Carol Horner caught this bass on a spinnerbait while on a recent outing with Ledger & Times columnist Jerry Maupin.

Alabama. The Land Between the Lakes offers all of the hunting seasons you could want.

There has been a very successful bald eagle restoration program conducted for years. Now, we are blessed with the hundreds of eagles that come and spend the winter here. Many pairs of eagles have now cho-

sen to stay here and raise their young along the shorelines of Kentucky and Barkley lakes.

These are magnificent birds. They are a symbol of America and it's freedoms. It has to mean something to each individual. If now, you had better be teaching them what it stands for and why!

Along the shorelines of Kentucky Lake, there are 1,100 different species of birds each season. That's right! Eleven hundred species come to build their nests and raise their young here.

We are blessed without a doubt on a morning in the spring when they are nesting and we can hear the songs and the calls of these visitors. Over the years, I have learned to initiate their calls.

Almost daily, I can coax some of them to actually fly out to my boat. Many times, they will land and look us over in search of another bird!

Over the years, anglers have become more aware of this. Some of them came to see and hear the beautiful birds as much as they're catching fish to take home. So many anglers tell me they actually enjoy the birds as much as the fishing!

We are hearing more stories about the Asian carp, which are knocking on the gates below each dam. They come through

the locks with each barge that brings coal to the plant in Tennessee!

We hope a solution can be found before bit trouble hits both lakes. These carp eat other fish like sharks do, and they are just as strong and tough physically. It is my understanding that they are not bad to eat. They may become the fish we chase around some day!

The big danger to date is when you run into a school of these brutes. They will jump high into the air and into your boat! No kidding. I saw a video of it. Some guys were trying to prove that the fish will jump that high.

The boat operator was struck in the head by a big fish and was seriously injured. If you encounter any such action, please report it to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife here in Murray.

The winds have kept most of us off the main lake, where we normally fish the ledges for crappie. Even in the bays, there are only a few places where you have the protection from the wind to make it worthwhile.

I think I will wait a little while longer. Be safe and keep that vest on your body! You don't have a chance without it!

Happy Fishing!



THE FIRST ONE: Cole Finley, 6, took his first buck while hunting with his father, Frank, during the recent youth season.



FIRST TIME: Morgan Bennett, 10, harvested this doe from 113 yards out while on a recent hunt with her uncle, Kevin. Bennett was hunting on her grandfather's farm.



GOTCHA! Larry Stubblefield brought home this 6-point buck after hunting on his cousin's farm in Almo.

'Tis the season for hunting outdoor gifts

Ladies, unless you listened intently to your mothers, you probably have a man hanging around that spends far too much time in the outdoors. That man may even be your father, as mothers are notorious for not heeding the advice of their mothers, either.



In The Field

At any rate, since you're stuck with him, you're probably going to have to come up with an appropriate gift or two for the big lug to unwrap come Christmas morning — or whenever he comes home from hunting. Now a lot of women think that the ultimate hunting gift is a brand-spanking new shotgun or rifle. But before you run off to the sporting goods store, try to envision your husband or significant other rummaging through the nightie racks at Victoria's Secret. Chances are that whatever you receive will not be functional in everyday use, or will not uphold the standard of image that you ascribe to. The same is true with guns. Unless you are an aficionado of fine firearms, stay away from the gun counter.

But despair not in this happy Hol-

iday season! Thanks be to God that we live in a country where just about anything that the outdoor sportsman could want is available in either Realtree or Mossy oak camo patterns.

Might I first suggest something that will serve the giver as well as the givee — scent-proof hunting clothes. Every self-respecting deer hunter wants to be as odor free as possible.

This has led to an entire industry built around mystical carbon-filled garments from underwear to outerwear that absorb and trap human odor. The advantage to the giver is that the suits need little or no washing. No more long laundry runs with scent-free detergent and earth-scented dryer sheets.

Scent-free clothing is designed to cleanse itself of odor by allowing it to simply air out for a little while, or at the most, a spin in the dryer. The two major brands are Scent-blocker and Scent-lok.

If you are buying for a deer hunter, anything that is scent-free will be a welcome gift — be it boots, gloves, undergarments, socks, pants or jackets. Of course, always choose the camouflaged style.

Duck hunters need to keep warm and dry in a world that is cold and wet. A good choice for your waterfowler is Under-Armour undergarments. It's space-age, trendy and has an identifiable trademark for the-label-conscious. A far cry from the long-

johns of yesteryear, these "foundation garments" come in weights suitable for everything from hot weather to brass-monkey cold.

Speaking of duck hunters, don't try to buy duck or goose calls for your duck hunter unless he has just decided to try duck hunting for the first time and doesn't know anything about calling, or unless the call is kept in a jeweler's case, appears ornate and/or carries a price tag that exceeds three digits. Otherwise, anything with the official Ducks Unlimited (DU) logo will please most duck hunters, as will any accessory with the brand name "Avery."

Every hunter needs a good set of binoculars. Chances are your hunter already has fine quality glass. But if not, this is a good time to make a real lasting impression. The top of the line binocular brand is Swarovski. Expect to pay upwards of \$1,500 for a hunter's model. Other brands work down from there, including Steiner, Leica, Leopold, Nikon and Bushnell. The best hunting glasses are either 8 or 10 power with a 42 or 50mm objective lens. As a general rule, the more expensive the optic, the better the quality.

Laser range finders are another item that every hunter needs. The main players in this arena are Bushnell and Nikon. The compact models with a range exceeding 500 yards are idea for most hunters. Expect to pay from \$150 to \$350, depending

on brand, range and design.

Knives are always good items for the outdoorsman. Stick with Case for pocket knives and Buck for large hunting knives. Don't forget a nice sharpening kit, too.

Gun cleaning kits are always welcome and come in a variety of sizes, brands and prices. And don't forget the ubiquitous flashlight or illumination device. One of the better small gifts is still the Streamlight LED flashlight.

It's about the size of a pencil and uses an LED for light. Lights with the green LED will not spook deer on the way to the stand. They'll run for years on a set of batteries and will cost \$20 to \$25.

Eric Benson of Benson's Fine Sporting Goods tells me that Gerber (not the baby food company, thank you) is marketing a special flashlight called the Carnivore that is very popular this year.

The best feature of this light is that it is designed to illuminate a blood trail to enhance tracking of wounded game. These lights run upwards of \$50, but would be a welcome addition to any hunter's gear bag.

Almost every hunter will appreciate one of the hands-free LED lights that strap over the head or clip onto the bill of a cap. These lights come in a variety of styles and prices.

Other small stocking-stuffer ideas include chemical handwarmers. Stay

away from anything that is re-usable and go for the disposable packs. The warmers come in different sizes and even a special style for wearing inside boots. These things really work. No one should go out into the cold without them.

As for socks, stay away from cotton. If cotton was good for cold weather, it would grow it in Minnesota. Hunting socks should be wool or wool/polyester blends.

Gloves are always a welcome choice. Deer hunters need warm gloves, duck hunters need waterproof gloves. Either way, make sure the gloves are in a camo pattern. And no hunter can ever have enough camo duffle bags, duck hunter's blind bags or gun cases. For waterfowlers, get the Avery floating gun case.

Of course, there is one item that every outdoorsman will appreciate, regardless of where or what he hunts — the gift card. Gift cards come in all sizes and are always the right color. Every good sporting goods store worth its salt will gladly sell you a gift certificate or gift card for any amount you desire.

Believe me, after the hunter in your life has just blown his ammunition allowance on some item of gold and precious stones for your Christmas present, a gift card from his favorite hunting store will bring tears to his eyes on Christmas morning — or whenever he comes home from hunting.

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Deep Six

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HALF SURGEBy MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

At any level, the first thing coaches usually try to teach their players is the ability to put a loss behind them.

But Calloway County's Terry Birdsong had a hard time letting the memory of last year's 57-53 loss to Fulton County lapse from his mind.

So, the eighth-year Laker head coach was a little more lively Friday night, stomping on the sideline and yelling out instructions while helping ease the thought of last year's debacle.

The beat goes on for Calloway, as the Lakers improved to 6-0 on the season with a convincing 69-55 win over the Pilots at Jeffrey Gymnasium.

The win marks the best start for the Lakers since the 2004-05 season when they started 11-0 before losing to Coffee County, Tenn., in the Pigeon Forge Tournament.

The Lakers are now 51-18 over the Pilots and 12-3 in the past nine years, including a 10-2 mark under Birdsong.

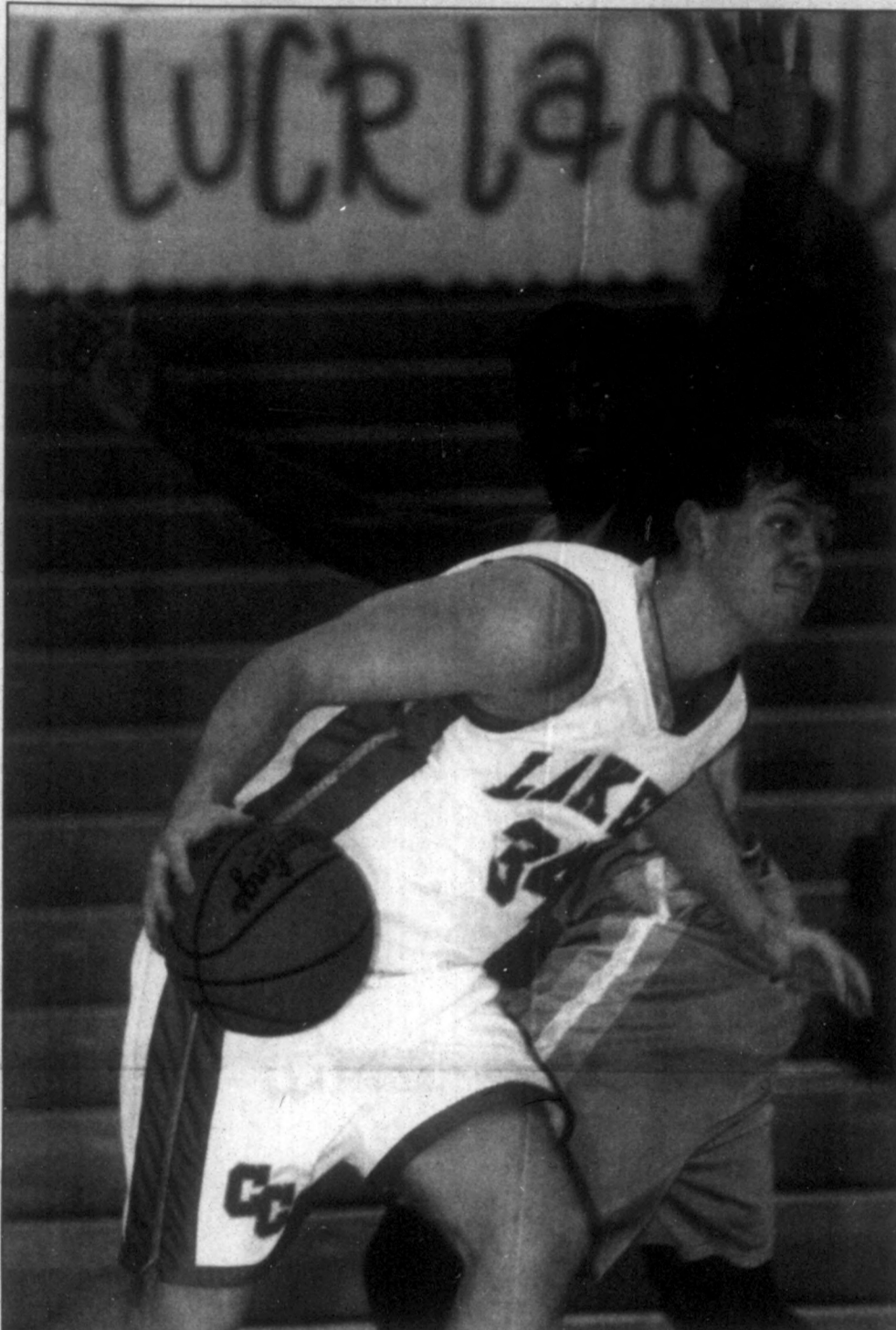
"This was a big game for us," Birdsong said. "Last year we went down there and looked up and midway through the first quarter we were down 22-3. So I didn't want us to start that way tonight. I was pushing our guys a little harder because I knew we were playing a very dangerous team."

The Pilots have played close games on the road. Earlier this week, Fulton County went to Paducah Tilghman and lost by two points, and then went on to lose at Graves County by six.

"Calloway is a very fundamental ballclub and they play hard," said first-year Pilot head coach Gary Meredith. "Terry does an excellent job with them. They've had experience and most of the guys have been together for a long time. They've got the nucleus of an excellent ballclub."

The two teams exchanged blows in the first half, accounting for 11 lead changes and six ties as Calloway took a 15-13 lead after one quarter and a 33-28 lead at halftime.

Coming out of the break, Fulton narrowed the lead to three, 33-30, on a bucket by



Landon Lockhart, senior forward for the Lakers, goes baseline against Fulton County's Jeffrey McClain in the first half for two of his 13 points Friday night as Calloway knocked off the Pilots 69-55 to stay perfect on the season.

Jeffrey McClain, but Calloway answered back with a flurry of 3-pointers, including treys by Eric Berberich, Wes Perry and Josh Miller, and a bucket by Wes Adams to go up 44-32 with 4:28 to play in the third.

It was another balanced scoring night for the Lakers, who were led with 16 points each from Perry and Berberich. Adams tacked on 14 and Landon Lockhart put up 13 points.

Miller was good for six while Jamey Gream answered with four off the bench and George

Garner added two.

For Lockhart, the answer for the Lakers' recent success comes down to simple team basketball.

"We just played as a team today," he said Friday. "The first quarter we struggled a little on offense but got it together and played as a team."

Calloway's biggest margin of the game came with a 19-point, 63-44 lead with 2:51 to play after a free throw by Perry.

Calloway was helped out by nine second-half turnovers by the Pilots and 19 for the game.

MICHAEL DANN / Ledger & Times

The Lakers shot 12-of-22 from the field, including 5-of-9 from beyond the arc, while holding Fulton County to just 3-of-8 shooting in third quarter and 23-of-44 in the game.

"We're playing well right now," Birdsong said. "The thing that I like about this team is they are carefree in a positive way. They're fun to coach and I thought we executed tonight in the second half as well as we could."

Lost in the shuffle was the defensive job Calloway did on

See PERFECT, 12A

KENTUCKY-LOUISVILLE

Freedom
For All?RIVALRY RENEWED AS BATTLE
OF BLUEGRASS CONTINUES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A funny thing happened on the way to one of the fiercest rivalries in college basketball. Louisville and Kentucky are both pretty average this season.

In an annual game that Louisville coach Rick Pitino called at least the second biggest rivalry in the nation, the result won't make a splash on the national college basketball scene. Saturday's game in Louisville will be the first time since the 2000-01 season that neither the Cardinals nor Wildcats will be ranked.

And like all coaches say, it's just one game. But it's a game that both could use right now.

Kentucky is 6-3, with their losses coming from UCLA, Memphis and North Carolina, all ranked 19th or better by The Associated Press. But the Wildcats haven't beaten a ranked team either.

The Cardinals are 5-3 with losses to No. 10 Arizona, and Dayton and Massachusetts of the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Neither Kentucky nor Louisville is struggling, but neither is great, Pitino said.

They have a combined 11 games against ranked conference opponents coming up this season. So looking down the road to March, wins against big-name, non-conference opponents are precious.

"It's a game we have to get," Kentucky guard Joe Crawford said. "Louisville is a good team. It's an in-state rivalry so it's a big game."

The Cardinals' most recent loss was to Massachusetts, coached by Travis Ford, who played for Pitino at Kentucky in the early 90s. The Cardinals fell behind by 17 in the first half, fought back to a tie, only to lose 72-68.

"We need a win right now," Pitino said. "So it's very, very important. It just happens to be Kentucky. We don't want to be 5-4."

There's no telling how some of the most demanding fans —

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Kentucky vs. Louisville
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on both sides — in college basketball will take their team getting their fourth loss of the season. Some Kentucky fans have been calling for Tubby Smith's job for years, nicknaming him "10-loss Tubby" after three consecutive seasons ended with double-digit losses. Kentucky's championship in 1998, Smith's first year at Kentucky, has been credited to the players that Pitino recruited.

Some Louisville fans are grumbling this year that the game may have passed Pitino by, just two years after a 33-win season and trip to the Final Four.

Cardinals' co-leading scorer, Terrence Williams (12.3 points per game) learned that Kentucky's fan base includes the city of Louisville.

A grocery store cashier in Louisville told him, "I hope you lose tomorrow," he said. But a Louisville fan also told him, beating Kentucky is the only game he cared about.

Williams is also second on the team in rebounding (7.6 per game) and shares the scoring lead with freshman point guard Edgar Sosa.

Kentucky or not, Williams said Louisville just needs to get back to winning.

"Three losses is too many for Coach P, I feel," Williams said. "So we owe him this game and we owe the fans the game because we lost at home. You don't let nobody come into your backyard and steal your barbecue grill. That's what UMass did."

The Wildcats' best chance to win will come from center Randolph Morris. The 6-foot-11 junior center has had at least 16 points and seven rebounds in their past five games. Louisville has allowed an opponents' post player to score 20 or more in four games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Four Buckeyes
consider leaving
early for NFL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Four of Ohio State's top underclassmen on offense — junior wide receivers Ted Ginn Jr. and Anthony Gonzalez, tailback



Ginn Jr.

Antonio Pittman and lineman Kirk Barton — are considering leaving school early to make themselves eligible for the NFL draft.

that are submitted to an NFL advisory committee, which estimates where or even if a player might be taken in the draft. A player can then elect to remain in college or make himself available for the draft.

Pittman said several weeks ago that he wanted to come back for his senior year and win the Heisman Trophy — just like teammate Troy Smith did this year.

"I want to come back, but like anyone else I have a family to take care of," said Pittman, who rushed for 1,171 yards and 13 touchdowns after gaining 1,331 yards and scoring seven times a year ago. "When the paperwork comes back in, I'll sit down with my parents and coach Tress and then we'll make a decision."

Coach Jim Tress announced the four filed exploratory paperwork with the NFL on Friday at the Buckeyes' media day in preparation for their national championship game with No. 2 Florida on Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz.

"We have had discussions and we sent in the NFL paperwork," Tress said. "We're just awaiting some information so that we can make good decisions."

The players completed forms

TENNESSEE vs. JACKSONVILLE

Titans look to regain edge versus Jags

FISHER HOPES RED-HOT
TEAM CAN KEEP REVIVAL
GOING VS. OLD RIVALS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee used to dominate Jacksonville so much that Titans coach Jeff Fisher once called Alltel Stadium another home. He would settle for one real home-field advantage now.

The Jaguars (8-5) visit Sunday looking for a fourth straight victory over Tennessee and second consecutive season sweep. A Jacksonville victory finally would even the overall series at 12 — not counting the 1999 AFC championship the Titans won at Alltel.

"We haven't beaten the Jaguars in quite some time, so when you have a rivalry usually there are people taking turns winning ballgames, and that hasn't happened," Fisher said.

The Titans dominated this rivalry once, winning six of seven not counting the three victories in 1999. But this game pits two of the hottest teams in the NFL right now.

Jacksonville has won five of the last seven and is tied with Cincinnati, protecting a one-game lead for the AFC's two wild-card berths. Tennessee has won four straight, six



Tennessee Titans head coach Jeff Fisher, right, and strength coach Steve Watterson, center, congratulate kicker Rob Bironas, left, after Bironas kicked a 60-yard field goal to beat the Indianapolis Colts on Dec. 3. The red-hot Titans, who have won six of their last eight games after an 0-5 start, will try to turn the tide against Jacksonville this Sunday in a series they once dominated.

of eight, and another victory would put the Titans at .500 for the first time this season.

That would be amazing after an 0-5 start, but not nearly as stunning as the way they

got here. They started by tying for the NFL's second-greatest comeback in the final 10 minutes, coming back from 21-0 down and

See TITANS, 12A

McGwire belongs in Hall of Fame

Sometime during the 1990s, I stopped caring about baseball. That's no small feat for a dedicated fan of the game. Since the 1964 Cardinals beat the Yankees in the World Series, I have been addicted to America's game.

Baseball truly is America's game. It is a game where heroes like the Babe, Mantle, Ty Cobb, Dizzy and others become larger than life in spite of their off-the-field shortcomings or shenanigans. It's a game where an umpire's call might hinge on whether the player executed the play according to the unwritten rules of baseball's grand tradition rather than whether the player was actually safe or out. In baseball, the game transcends all else.

Baseball has had its share of idiocy over the years, including the refusal to field players of color until Kentucky's own baseball commissioner Happy Chandler — a man who would be labeled "racist" by his detractors in later years — gave his stamp of approval for Jackie Robinson to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

There have been other challenges to the game — the Black Sox scandal of 1919, Curt Flood's challenge to baseball's fabled reserve clause, the abandonment of historic ballparks in traditional baseball towns in favor of exotic locales with deep pockets. The parks themselves soon became bland bowls of concrete and indoor/outdoor carpet — or even worse, domed behemoths. Through all of this, baseball survived and I remained loyal.

But then something sinister happened to the game. The 1994 season was cancelled due to a strike by the player's union. What's a year without a Fall Classic?

Only during time of war has baseball suspended itself, but now a bunch of spoiled millionaires (owners and players alike) conspired to withhold baseball

from America. No longer was baseball about the game, it was about money. Any organization that didn't understand what the World Series meant to every red-blooded American surely did not deserve my support or attention.

Cal Ripken, Jr. brought me back to baseball in a small way as he closed in on Lou Gehrig's consecutive game record. I didn't notice until Ripken was on the doorstep of the Ironman's mark, but then realized that Ripken embodied everything of which baseball is made. He was an unassuming player, quiet, never demanding, not a grandstander. In fact, he was Gehrig-like in his reverence for the game. If men like this still existed in baseball, I thought, perhaps all is not yet lost. I was wrong.

On Sept. 28, 1996, Baltimore player Roberto Alomar exhibited his disdain for umpire John Hirschback's call by spitting in his face. The bothersome fact was not so much that a mental midget like Alomar would react in such fashion as was the reaction of baseball.

Alomar received a five-day suspension that would be served at the start of the following season so as not to deprive him of any post-season appearances. Spitting on an umpire should require the player to be publicly flogged on the town square in Cooperstown, his family banished from their village and their houses burned to the ground. But Alomar could field a baseball, swing a wooden stick and make millions of dollars. He got a free pass for the unpardonable sin.

Enough! Goodbye, baseball. I did not leave you — you left me and the rest of America.

Along with the Alomars, baseball royalty now included the likes of Sammy Sosa and his cutesy little "home-run-hop" and nothing under his cap but cork. There was Ken Griffey, Jr., fragile as glass, whom one suspected couldn't field a complete season in a church league. And of course we had his royal pain-in-the-highness, Barry Bonds.

The only constant in Bonds' career was his surliness, his disdain for the very people he demanded to idolize his insufferable self. Baseball had become a circus of freaks.

When Mike Jordan assumed he could conquer the grand game with \$20 million tied behind his back, all baseball needed was Dennis Rodman for the transformation to be complete.

In 1997, the Cardinals acquired Mark McGwire from the Oakland Athletics. He hit 58 home runs that year, splitting his time between the leagues. In 1998, McGwire continued to hit at a torrid pace and I begin to notice baseball again.

Suddenly, one of the most revered of baseball records could be eclipsed in downtown St. Louis, where Roger Maris, the man who bested the Babe, played out the final years of his career.

Like Maris, McGwire was unassuming and uncomfortable in the spotlight. Both were baseball men through and through, eschewing personal glory for the good of the team.

Unlike Sosa and Griffey, McGwire would just as soon take pitches for a walk to first base rather than swing wildly for the bleachers. The three-way home run chase quickly became a two-man quest as Griffey faded, predictably, like a cheap painting. Throughout the season, McGwire and Sosa ran neck and neck, but the sentiment ran with McGwire.

To baseball fans, Big Mac was Roger Maris reincarnated. And as Maris had learned during his record season with the Yankees, the fans of baseball reserve the right to choose their heroes and to choose the successors to those heroes. So although Sosa's participation in the quest fueled the excitement, Sosa was the antagonist in baseball's grand play.

Sosa's problem was not one of race or color. In baseball, the accolades go to the deserving as judged by century-old tradition. McGwire acted as if the quest to best the Maris record was a chance occurrence. He was simply playing the game, and like Maris, some alignment of planets and stars had placed him on a collision course with the record over which he had no control.

Sosa was trying too hard, it seemed. The Cubs were vying for a pennant, a rare commodity in the Wriggley confines, and were hurt by Sosa's self-serving efforts. In the end, McGwire prevailed and accepted the

mantle of single season home run king from Maris with the appropriate humility and reverence. In that single season, McGwire saved baseball.

Fans don't remember that Sosa eclipsed the Maris record not once, but three times. When Barry Bonds surpassed McGwire's record by three, the record became "qualified" again as it did when Maris bested Ruth.

Although Bonds holds the single-season home run record, McGwire will always be the player who passed Roger Maris.

Had McGwire not been in the home run race, both Sosa and Bonds would have claimed one of baseball's most cherished benchmarks, adding much to the melancholy of the ardent fan.

Did McGwire taint the record by taking steroids? Who's to say? Steroids were not officially banned from baseball until 2003, long after McGwire's record run of 1998. The mid-season furor over the discovery of Androstenedione in McGwire's locker was little more than a teapot tempest fueled by the press as the steroid was an over-the-counter formula not specifically banned by baseball.

To deprive McGwire of honor due because of allegation and rumor makes no more sense as depriving Maris or Aaron of their respective marks on the basis of the number of games each played. And to deny McGwire while allowing Bonds to continue his pursuit of Hank Aaron's all-time home run record under similar allegation is the height of baseball hypocrisy.

McGwire and Ripken saved baseball, period. Both players are on the 2007 ballot for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Ripken is as much of a cinch for the Hall as was Gehrig before him.

McGwire should be right there with him, inducted into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot, no questions asked — not so much as the man who passed Roger Maris, but as the man who saved baseball.

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McClain, the Pilots' 6-foot-5 four-year starter and All-Purchase player from last season.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Division II, championship game, Grand Valley State vs. Northwest Missouri State, at Florence, Ala.
3 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Division III, championship game, Wisconsin-Whitewater vs. Mount Union, at Salem, Va.

GOLF
2 p.m.
ABC — PGA Tour, Target World Challenge, third round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN — Pittsburgh at Wisconsin
Noon
WGN — John R. Wooden Tradition, Game 1, Butler vs. Purdue, at Indianapolis
12:30 p.m.
CBS — National coverage, Kentucky at Louisville
1 p.m.
ESPN — Texas Tech vs. Arkansas, at Little Rock, Ark.
FSN — UNC Asheville at North Carolina
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Bradley vs. Iowa St., at Des Moines, Iowa
2:45 p.m.
CBS — National coverage, John R. Wooden Tradition, game 2, Cincinnati vs. Ohio St., at Indianapolis
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — Gonzaga vs. Georgia, at Duluth, Ga.

NBA BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
WGN — Chicago at Atlanta
NFL
7 p.m.
NFL — Dallas at Atlanta

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, championship match, Nebraska-UCLA winner vs. Washington-Stanford winner, at Omaha, Neb.

points, from Birdsong's standpoint they were hard-earned. The coach also credits Adams with playing his opponent with his back to the basket, not giving up good position.

"Wes was competitive enough and aggressive tonight that he didn't just let him walk down there and post up. That's how you have to play guys like him," Birdsong said. "When he takes that extra step to go out and catch it, you have to make him to take another step."

Meredith credited Calloway with the proper defense on McClain and said more times than not McClain was just out of position.

"Terry scouts very well. I know he was looking for things that we were doing," Meredith said. "They were doubling-down and tripling-down on him

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Fulton Co. (2-5) Bishop 20, McClain 13, Roberson 6, Caldwell 6, Freeman 5, Emerson 3, Gaston 2, C. Udley, Smith, Hardin, S. Udley.
FG: 23-44. 3-point FG: 6-15 (Bishop 4, Emerson, Freeman) FT: 3-7.
Rebounds: 16. Fouls: 17.
Calloway Co. (6-0) Perry 16, Berberich 16, Adams 14, Lockhart 13, Miller 6, Gream 4, Garner 2, T. Willis, Tindell, Dobbins, Bumpus, Williams, Kelly.
FG: 27-48. 3-point FG: 7-15 (Berberich 3, Miller 2, Perry 2). FT: 8-15. Rebounds: 23. Fouls: 13.

at times. (McClain) didn't have his game. When he's on, he can handle the things that were going on tonight. The biggest thing for us, we weren't going into our offense and putting him in a position where he could get the ball where he needed it. When he got the ball he was out of position."

Calloway will look to keep

its undefeated season in check when it opens up play Thursday with a twin-bill in the first round of its own Heritage Bank Holiday Classic.

The Lakers will play Arlington, Tenn., in the first game of the tournament at 12:30 p.m. and then host Owensboro at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, the Lakers will play Hickman County at 7:30 p.m.

Titans

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shocking the New York Giants 24-21.
Vince Young became the only rookie quarterback to lead consecutive comebacks from 14 points down the next week against Indianapolis, setting up

Rob Bironas' second straight game-winning field goal — only the third from 60 yards or longer to win a game in league history.
And Young took care of it himself last week, sprinting 39 yards for a touchdown to beat Houston 26-20 in overtime.

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Horoscope

by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 18, 2006:

Your happy style draws many people to you. Often, you might not have the same agenda or desires, but somehow you work it out for each person's well-being. You are just plain lucky right now, making the impossible possible. You will laugh and be open to new possibilities. The adventuresome quality of your sign emerges. Your willingness to grow earmarks this birthday year. A major life change might occur. If you are single, meeting people occurs nearly at the drop of a hat. Choosing the right person definitely takes a lot of skill. Relating implies adjustment. Get ready! If you are attached, your relationship opens up, as you are far more buoyant and happy this year. Transforming the quality of this bond will be a byproduct. Another SAGITTARIUS is lucky for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Anchor in and think in terms of positive changes. You will see others from a much more solid and anchored point of view. What doesn't work anymore could change radically in the next few weeks. Stay secure. Tonight: Start enjoying your home more.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You speak your mind, and others listen carefully. Honor who you are and realize what is happening. Finally, you draw only good results. Others' good will comes forward. Loosen up, and important details will flow. Tonight: Hang where you want, with whom you want.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You are on top of the world with many possibilities, especially financial. Listen to feedback from someone you consider fiscally smart. You have a lot to do quickly and efficiently. Count on yourself. Tonight: Take a hard look at your spending.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You beam in more of what you want. Get to it. Start smiling and opening up. You have a way and style that make a difference, especially now. Pieces of a puzzle start coming together. How nice! Tonight: As you like it.

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)

***** Your ability to grasp concepts enhances your ability to get along with others. Good luck and willpower seem to stem from every action or statement you make. As you embody the holiday spirit, much comes forth. Express your universal caring. Tonight: Buy a CD of holiday music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Think in terms of relating more closely with greater understanding. Happiness will ensue from the warmth of relating. As you are willing to hear the other part of the story, you come to new conclusions that are formed through solid thinking. Tonight: Togetherness works.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Others knock on your door, wanting to come in much closer. Express your ability to visualize and see situations far differently. Give yourself space and time. Creativity flourishes in this very open environment. Tonight: Say yes.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Sometimes others could be less than helpful. Right now, others want to work with you, not against you. Seize the moment and run with an opportunity. You are goal-directed, and accomplish more than you have in a while. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might want to revise your thinking in an appropriate manner. Your lively nature takes you in a different direction. You see life from a revised point of view. "Optimism" becomes a byword -- finally. Tonight: Don't rain on your own parade -- please.

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Looking Back

10 years ago Stephanie Lynn Wyatt, science teacher at Calloway County High School, has been named the 1996 National Secondary Teacher of the Year...

20 years ago Published is a picture of Harold Cashion applying a powerful blast of water while washing a truck in the Ryan Milk Company parking lot...

30 years ago Excavation work is well underway for the initial phases of construction on the \$1 million project at Murray State University...

40 years ago In the Calloway County High School Invitational Basketball Tournament, Murray Tigers lost 40-66 to Mayfield Cardinals...

50 years ago Published are a picture and story about Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Wason and their dairy business in Calloway County.

Elected as officers of the Murray Training School 4-H Club were Edna Jones, president; Danny Kemp, vice president; Judy Culpeper, secretary-treasurer; Susan Evans and Greta Brooks, song leaders.

60 years ago Murray City Council enacted an ordinance on Dec. 6 which officially brought into the city limits the area west of Murray, petitioned for annexation during the recent term of Calloway Circuit Court.

Mrs. Jack Norsworthy was awarded a prize of \$150 as a winner in the Farm and Home Improvement Contest, sponsored by the Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times.

Births reported this week include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Max Duncan, Dec. 3; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Carney Andrus, Dec. 4; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wallace, Dec. 5; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Stubblefield, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Ragsdale, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baucum and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Fleeter Calvert, Dec. 8; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bogges, Dec. 10; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Myers, Dec. 11.

Elected as cheerleaders at Murray Training School were Sue Hughes, Betty Yancey, Jacqueline Miller and Bettie Sue Workman.

Murray High School Tigers won the football championship for the year of the First District of Western Kentucky Conference. Tiger squad members named for honors in the Louisville Courier-Journal 25th annual All-Kentucky High School Football Team were Kenneth Slaughter, first team; Billy Ferguson, second team; Hugh Wilson and Billy Thurman, honorable mention.

First wife upstages widow at late husband's memorial

DEAR ABBY: I was widowed last spring, and I'm still not over the shock of what happened at my late husband "Jason's" visitation at the funeral home.

I was his second wife. Imagine my devastation when my darling husband of less than three years died only 90 days after being diagnosed with cancer. Jason had been separated and divorced from his first wife, "Carole," for many years before we were married, and had two adult children from that marriage.

On the morning of Jason's visitation, I went to the funeral home and made sure the casket spray, guestbook and a few family photos of all of us were arranged before going home to shower and change.

When I returned to the funeral home, I was confronted by Carole, who was greeting the visitors as if she were the widow - wearing red cowboy boots, no less. If that weren't enough, she had put up a display with photos of herself and Jason, storyboards, etc. and was acting as if they had never divorced. I was mortified by her behavior, but did not want to cause a scene in that setting.

Finally, after four hours, the funeral director and a friend escorted Carole outside and told her it was time for the wife to be alone with the body. Was it the funeral director's responsibility to take care of this, or should Jason's children have corrected their mother's behavior? -- HURT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HURT: The right person finally took action. It was up to the funeral director to see to it that the visitation was carried out to your satisfaction. And, embarrassed and grieving as you were, you should have approached the funeral director and asked that the former wife's performance be "canceled" as soon as it began.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has always been a little bit controlling, but he has never mentally or physically abused me before. We have a relationship that works for us.

I was raised in the South to believe that the woman stays home and cooks and cleans. I enjoy being his "lil' woman." I am pregnant with our second child.

The problem is, my husband is starting to drink more and more. When he drinks, he becomes angry. The other night while he was drinking, he hit me for the first time. He apologized the next day, but I am now scared of what he might do the next time he drinks. I have suggested counseling. He says he will think about it. -- WORRIED IN ROCHESTER, MINN.

DEAR WORRIED: Your husband's drinking has reached the point where it's time the both of you admitted he has a serious problem. For a man to hit a woman is a disgusting sign of weakness; for a husband to hit his pregnant wife is beyond the pale. If you do not draw the line now, your husband could seriously injure you and/or the baby when (not "if") he does it again.

Tell him that the first time he hit you was also the last, and if the marriage is to continue, he must get help for his drinking immediately -- not just "think about it." And while you're at it, inform him that the next time he raises a hand to you, you will call the police and have him thrown in jail. If you fail to act now, this is only the beginning of your problems.

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Peroxide works like magic to get rid of earwax

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have my share of earwax, but I don't know just what the peroxide does. I tried it a few times, and it bubbled up for a good five minutes. Does this dissolve the wax? Where does it go? What happens to the wax? Can you please enlighten me on this subject?



Dr. Gott By Dr. Peter Gott

and loosens the wax, which then later leaves the ear during bathing. Also, it may literally bubble the wax out.

As I have said before, this technique may not be effective, but, if successful, it is a convenience. Remember to avoid putting peroxide (or any other liquid) in an ear that has a known hole in the drum.

The second advantage is that peroxide will inhibit or even kill micro-organisms that cause infection in an ear canal. Peroxide is not a panacea, but it is often a safe way to dislodge earwax. The effervescent quality is most useful.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your columns dealing with unusual therapies for unusual conditions always catch my eye. Condition: frequent leg muscle cramps during bed rest. Therapy: sleeping with a bar of laundry soap in or around the lower legs while in bed.

My doctor father (deceased), U.S. Navy 1945, would have responded to the above with his characteristic raised eyebrows. My son-in-law doctor keeps his eyebrows in place and comments reservedly. I have suffered with this condition for over 40 years with no better "cure" than to arise and walk it off.

I wish to report that about two years ago, after reading your column, I decided to apply this technique/therapy. Now, at age 70, I have not experienced one cramped leg muscle. I won't ask for an explanation.

DEAR READER: Now, if only I could convince your son-in-law! You won't get an explanation because I don't have one. In this instance, success is the crucial endpoint. Thanks for sharing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My orthopedic doctor tells me I have a torn medial meniscus and an ACL tear. He has indicated I will be restricted until I do something about it. Must I have surgery on my knee? Is there an alternative? I'm afraid of surgery.

DEAR READER: I don't know your medical history, much less your age, so my response is, by necessity, generic. Have the surgery. It will change your life. The cartilage in your knee will not heal by itself. Go for it.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Saturday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2006. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date: In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication Variety came out with its first weekly issue.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1956, Cardinal Francis Spellman, the Archbishop of New York, personally denounced the yet-to-be released movie "Baby Doll," saying Catholics would be committing a sin if they saw it.

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1986, Ronald W. Pelton, a former National Security Agency employee convicted of selling defense secrets to the Soviet Union, was sentenced by a judge in Baltimore to life in prison.

In 1991, the U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-25.

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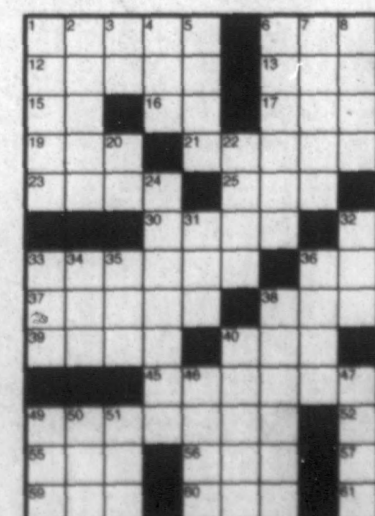
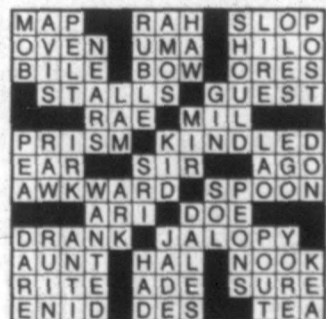
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Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Sunday Afternoon. Includes programs like Figure Skating, PGA Golf, and various movies.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Sunday Evening. Includes programs like The Santa Clause 2, Housewives, and various movies.

TV Listings Monday, December 18, 2006

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Monday Morning. Includes programs like News, Good Morning America, and various children's shows.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Monday Afternoon. Includes programs like All My Children, General Hospital, and various movies.

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Monday Evening. Includes programs like Wife Swap, Supernanny, and various movies.