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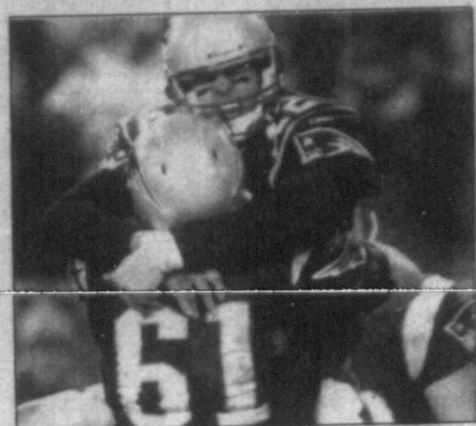
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50 Cents

Animal cruelty suspects turn selves in Friday

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Daughter and mother Kathleen and Nancy Nygaard, suspects in an animal cruelty case in Lexington, turned themselves in to authorities this past weekend and now await their first court appearance in the case.

A spokesman for the Lexington-Fayette County Detention Center said today that both women appeared at the facility to submit themselves to authorities at 11:05 p.m. EST Friday. Both ladies were released from the center at 12:52 a.m. Saturday after both paid a bond of \$1,200. The spokesman said their bonds were reduced to 10 percent of \$12,000, the total for each being charged with six counts of second-degree animal cruelty.

In addition, Carrie Trapp, a spokesperson with the Lexington Humane Society, said today that additional charges are expected to be filed later this week pertaining to four animals — two horses, a dog and a cat —

that were found dead after authorities were called to a Fayette County farm several days ago. The animals were initially discovered by Chuck and Shawn Deppen, the facility's owners, after they had returned from vacation. The animals were in the care of the Nygaards.

"We still have yet to receive the pathology reports (on the dead animals), so I would say it will be tomorrow or Wednesday before anything more will be added," said Trapp, who noted that one of four other horses that were placed in veterinary care still has not been released to its owner. The three others, the last of which was released last Thursday, have been taken to private farms to recuperate.

The Nygaards have been sought by authorities since the discovery of the animals earlier this month. Nancy Nygaard, who is an instructor at Murray State University's College of

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City construction projects continued to grow in '04

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

City officials hope to ride growth momentum into the new year.

The value of construction projects in the city in 2004 more than tripled that of the previous year, and City Administrator Don Elias said he expects growth to continue.

Ninety-seven new construction projects in 2004 total \$24,126,262.88. The city doubled the nearly \$8 million 2003 total value in the first six months of the 2004.

The greatest growth came in new non-residential projects. In 2004, 22 new projects accounted for about \$14.7 million, compared to half that many projects worth \$1.5 million the previous year, according to building permit summaries for the two years provided by the city. The most recent numbers include the \$7.6 million project at Murray

Middle School.

"I was pretty pleased with the variety," Elias said. "We had one large project with the school renovation, but even without that we had good growth."

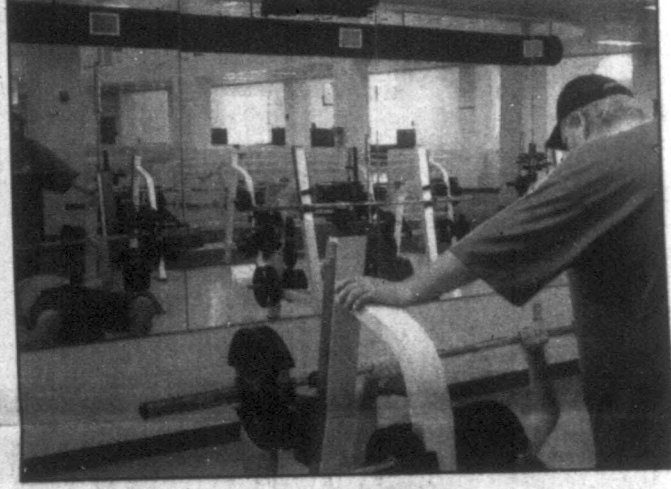
Elias has said such construction growth means the economy is getting stronger and residents and business owners have a positive perception of Murray.

Non-residential additions to existing structures also saw growth. Twenty-two projects were worth about \$2.6 million, which was an increase from the nearly \$1.9 million with 15 projects in 2003.

For new residential projects, 25 permits were issued for 36 buildings that include 112 units. Those projects totaled about \$6.4 million. That's up from the 27 buildings valued at \$4.1 million in 2003.

Elias said he expects new

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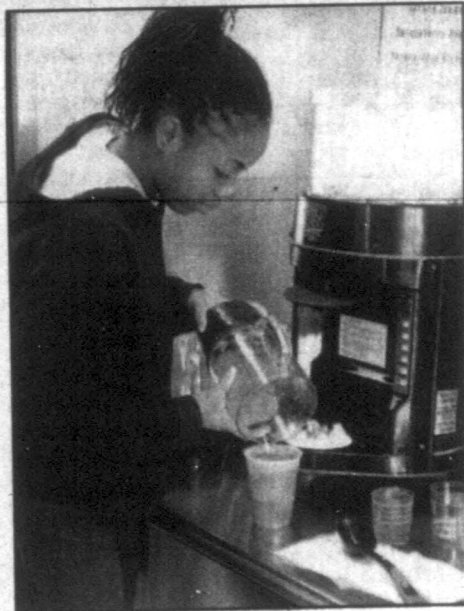


Healthy As Horses



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Saturday was opening day for the new Student Recreation and Wellness Center at Murray State University. The center offers a variety of exercise and health options for students, faculty, staff and alumni. The center left photo shows Kory Cunningham, a sophomore from Murray, swimming laps in the facility's new pool that includes whirlpool areas. Meanwhile Terry Dillon, who is employed at Murray State, standing in center right photo, spots cousin Jeremy Dillon, a junior at Calloway County High School, during their bench press workout in the free weight area. The center also offers Nautilus-style equipment, as well. There is also an Internet bar, TV lounge area, and a drink bar called The Healthy Horse Cafe. Pictured, at right, is MSU student Shameka Dial, who is creating a delicious strawberry Smoothie. The cafe offers a number of drinks, as well as nutritional additives ranging from increased energy to immunity boosters to mood enhancers and metabolism boosters.



Show Boats

ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times photo

The 2005 West Kentucky Boat and Outdoor Show took court at the Regional Special Events Center over the weekend. Numerous styles of watercraft, as well as RVs and ATVs were also on display, plus various wares for the avid outdoorsman and outdoorswoman.

'State of the Community' addresses to be delivered at Chamber breakfast Feb. 1

Special to the Ledger

The first 2005 Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Business@Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 1 in the Regional Special Events Center Murray Room.

Murray Mayor Tom Rushing and Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins will give "state of the community addresses" to begin the new year over a breakfast catered by Murray State University. New information from their prospective government standpoints will be introduced with a question-and-answer session to follow comments.

Reservations for this event are available by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 753-5171 or stopping by the Commerce Center located at 805 N. 12th St. Reservation prices are \$12 for non-Chamber members and \$10 for Chamber members. Group tables of eight are available at this venue. These breakfasts have been well attended and the Chamber staff recommends reserving spaces early to ensure quick seating, which is limited to 200.

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Workers prepare for rising water

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Workers in western Kentucky continued to prepare for heavy flooding on Sunday, but their concerns were eased as high watermark predictions were lowered for some troubled areas over the weekend.

Weather officials said Sunday morning that the river at Paducah was at 47.9 feet, nearly nine feet above flood stage. The National Weather Service predicted the river would reach 48.5 feet Monday evening before it begins to drop. That was down from a predicted crest of 49.5 feet for Wednesday.

"Somebody asked me if (the lowered crest) was going to affect the flooding," said Deanna Lindstrom, a hydro-meteorological technician with the National Weather Service in Paducah. "I told them all it can do is improve the situation. We already have flooding."

Workers in Smithland in Livingston County worked over the weekend to install thousands



The Paducah Sun/AP Photo
Michelle Lain, 11, left, watches as Alex Lain, 8, swings over rising backwater from the Ohio River, along Noble Road in McCracken County, near Paducah, Ky., Saturday.

of sandbags to heighten a 1,200-foot-long gravel levee.

"By all indications, (the sandbags) should be two feet above the projected crest now," said Brent Stringer, emergency management director for Livingston County.

The weather service said Sunday morning that the Ohio

River at Smithland was at 47.1 feet and rising, about seven feet above flood stage. It should crest at 48 feet Monday night.

An extra 10,000 to 15,000 bags were filled and kept in reserve in case of emergency, Stringer said.

In Paducah, 14 floodgates were closed Friday and another

will be installed Tuesday.

City Engineer Rick Murphy said the crest change in Paducah wouldn't have influenced the city's decision to install the floodgates. "I had spoken with the mayor before we had the 49.5 forecast, and I advised him that we should put the gates in at the 48.5 mark," Murphy said.

PoliceLog

Murray Police Department

- Caleb Smith, 22, of Murray was arrested Friday on fourth-degree and second-degree assault charges.
- A fight was reported at 8:12 a.m. Saturday at Hardee's restaurant.
- A stolen bicycle was reported at 2:23 p.m. at 610 LaFollette Drive.
- Someone at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room reported at 9:31 a.m. Sunday a patient overdosed and is causing problems.

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

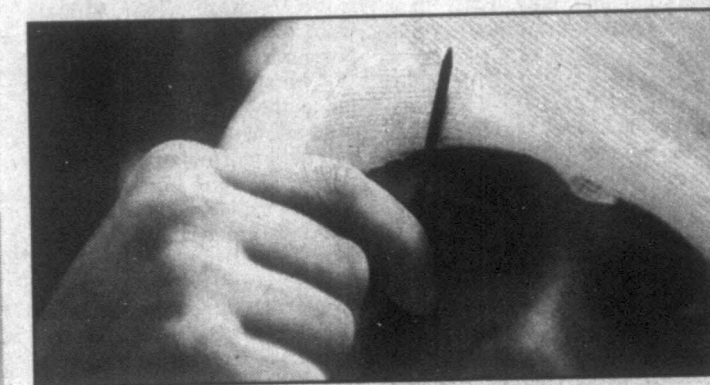
Puryear man injured after vehicle hits pole

Staff Report Murray Ledger & Times

A 67-year-old Puryear, Tenn., man remained in critical condition at Murray-Calloway County Hospital after his vehicle struck a utility pole Friday morning.

James Munsey was driving a 1994 Dodge Ram van at 10:24 a.m. Friday when he was leaving Pharmacy Inc. at 82 Spruce St. A witness said Munsey accelerated eastbound into the parking lot before striking a utility pole and coming to a rest, according to a release from the Murray Police Department.

Munsey was transported to the emergency room and then admitted to the hospital, where he was in critical condition, a spokeswoman said this morning. Police said he had no visible injuries but was unconscious at the scene.



AP Photo
Patrick Lawler holds up the nail that was embedded in his skull.

Days after accident, man finds nail in skull

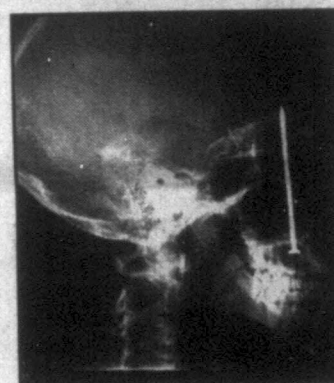
LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A dentist found the source of the toothache Patrick Lawler was complaining about on the roof of his mouth: a four-inch nail the construction worker had unknowingly embedded in his skull six days earlier.

A nail gun backfired on Lawler, 23, on Jan. 6 while working in Breckenridge, a ski resort town in the central Colorado mountains. The tool sent a nail into a piece of wood nearby, but Lawler didn't realize a second nail had shot through his mouth, said his sister, Lisa Metcalf.

Following the accident, Lawler had what he thought was a minor toothache and blurry vision. On Wednesday, after painkillers and ice didn't ease the pain, he went to a dental office where his wife, Katerina, works.

"We all are friends, so I thought the (dentists) were joking ... then the doctor came out and said 'There's really a nail,'" Katerina Lawler said. "Patrick just broke down. I mean, he had been eating ice cream to help the swelling."

He was taken to a suburban Denver hospital, where he underwent a four-hour surgery. The nail had plunged 1 1/2 inch-



The Denver Post/AP Photo
A dental office X-ray reveals a four-inch nail embedded in the skull of Patrick Lawler, 23, which was removed at Littleton Adventist Hospital in suburban Denver, Thursday. Lawler unknowingly shot himself with a nail gun Jan. 6 while working in Breckenridge, a ski resort town in the central Colorado mountains. The accident left Lawler with what he thought was a minor toothache and blurry vision. When painkillers and ice failed to stop the ache six days later, he went to a dental office where the nail was discovered.

es into his brain, barely missing his right eye, Metcalf said. "This is the second one we've seen in this hospital where the person was injured by the nail gun and didn't actually realize the nail had been imbedded in their skull," neurosurgeon Sean Markey told KUSA-TV in Denver. "But it's a pretty rare injury."

WEATHER

Tonight will be partly cloudy.
HIGH: 26 Tuesday will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 30s.
LOW: 8 Tuesday night will be partly cloudy with temperatures rising.

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Flooding having impact on Land Between the Lakes

GOLDEN POND, Ky. — Rising lake levels and the potential for flooding have caused the staff at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area to close or restrict certain roads, trails and campsites.

The lake level for Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley is expected to rise to 362 by Friday and may continue to rise due to the excessive flooding on the Ohio River. Visitors should use caution on all roads and lakeside areas in LBL

due to possible flooding from rising lake levels.

Some trails, roads, and lake access areas that are prone to flooding or danger from rising lake levels are closed. Additionally, LBL staff warns visitors who use the trails, roads, and camping areas to be extremely cautious.

People considering a visit to LBL are encouraged to call 270-924-2000 for current information and details.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray-Calloway County Park Board will meet today at 6 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. Director and committee reports are on the agenda.

■ The Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Weaks Community Center. The agenda includes consideration of the national flood plain ordinance and of agreement for park pool improvements as well as discussion on district court orders and an update on Kentucky board tax appeals.

■ The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. The agenda includes updates on proposed ordinances for bed and breakfasts and cellular antenna towers.

■ The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at city hall. The agenda includes public hearings to review conditional use applications for the Church of the Living God at 502 N. L.P. Miller St. and Crumbles Restaurant at 405 S. L.P. Miller St. as well as updates on proposed ordinances for bed and breakfasts and cellular antenna towers.

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City ...

From Front

property assessments to continue to boost the city's revenue base. The city annexed more than 300 acres of residential property, on most of which developers are planning subdivisions, in the last 15 months. For city tax purposes, reassessments can not increase by more than 4 percent and are based on the sale price of the property.

"New growth is not subject to that," Elias said. "We depend on this growth for our budget. And we expect it to continue."

State ...

From Front

The meeting will adjourn at 8:30 a.m.

All Chamber members, employees and citizens are invited and encouraged to attend this informative address of our city and county leaders. The Business@Breakfast series serves as another Chamber network opportunity to visit with members and enjoy a meal while hearing about upcoming issues in our city and county.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 753-5171.

Animal ...

From Front

Health Sciences and Human Services, had left two phone messages with the Humane Society last week, but, until Friday, that had been the only form of communication between the parties.

The Deppens said they leased 45 acres to Kathleen Nygaard in April but began eviction proceedings in September because lease payments had not been made, according to a report in Sunday's *Lexington Herald-Leader*. A Calloway County case in late 2003 raised questions of their care of some horses, the article added. No charges, though, were ever filed.

Trapp said she expects the Nygaards to appear in Fayette District Court either Tuesday or Wednesday, at which time she is hoping an explanation can begin to be derived as to why the animals were discovered in such poor health. She said Fayette County Asst. Attorney Jack Miller, who primarily handles animal cruelty cases, will be the lead member of the prosecution team and could have a chance to ask questions to the women about the case after their first court appearance.

Trapp said it was not known whether the Nygaards had obtained counsel.

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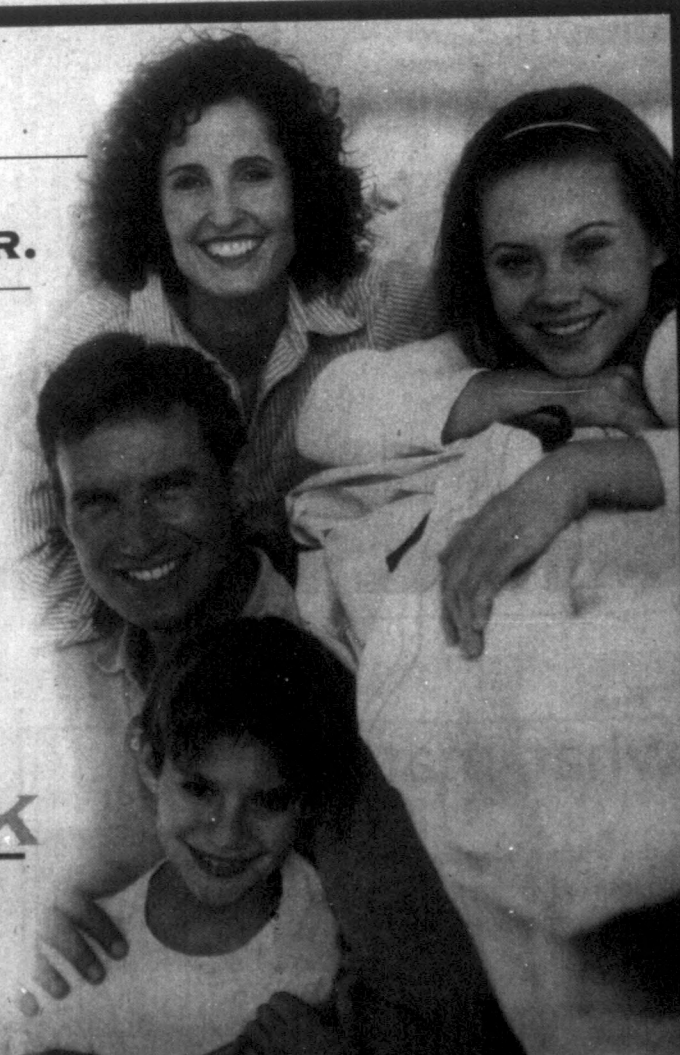


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Kentucky Guard units being spread thin

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The global war on terrorism is taking its toll on the Army and Air National Guards in Kentucky and elsewhere.

More than half of America's 446,000 Army and Air National Guard troops — 239,000 — have been called to active duty since President Bush launched his initiative in response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Numbers released to The Courier-Journal last week show that 6,328 of the Kentucky Guard's 7,454 troops have been activated since the Sept. 11 attacks. By the end of this month, a fourth of the Kentucky Army Guard will be in or destined for Iraq.

"If you're going to be a member of the Kentucky Guard, you are going to do at least one deployment during your six-year career," said Adjutant Gen. Donald Storm.

While the Kentucky Guard can sustain its pace for another two to three years, Storm was unsure beyond that. The pace,

meanwhile, is taking men and women from their jobs, classes, businesses and families.

"With the deployment I became a single parent, and I didn't aim to," said Libbi Cox, of Campbellsville. Her husband, Sgt. Keith Cox, deployed in November on the eve of their 24th wedding anniversary, leaving her to care for two children at home.

While deployments continue, recruiting to the Guard has dwindled, although Kentucky has reached its goals. Nationally, in December, the Army Guard made only 80 percent of its goal, attracting 9,109 of the 11,303 soldiers it sought to enlist, said Lt. Col. Mike Milord, an Army National Guard spokesman in Washington.

For years, belonging to the Guard mostly involved attending training for one weekend each month, and two weeks of training each summer. Not anymore.

Ronald England, 60, of Murray, retired last year as the

senior noncommissioned officer with the Murray-based 438th Military Police company after it returned from a year of Guard duty at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He said extended deployments have become common and result in "tremendous stress."

"The Guard has been stretched too thin for the past two years," said England. "In my opinion, the Guard and reserve were never intended to do this kind of long deployment back to back. Somewhere along the line, something has to give."

Cox said the timing of her husband's deployment, initially to Fort Dix, N.J., to prepare to go to Iraq, means they'll also miss their 25th anniversary.

Sgt. Keith Cox, a school bus driver and food service worker, is on his second deployment. A member of the state Guard's Bravo Battery of the 623rd Field Artillery, he'll likely work in dangerous convoy security in Iraq.

The separation is eased by the unit's monthly family sup-

port meetings attended by between 50 and 60 wives, she said.

"We have a good support system," Libbi Cox said. "I have people I can call and people I can trust."

Storm said he sees no lessening in the enthusiasm of Kentuckians to sign up. Before the war on terror, he said, about half of the Guard was comprised of former regular Army soldiers. Now, he said, veterans make up 35 percent, and 65 percent of recruits have no military experience.

But deployments are taking a toll, some soldiers and observers said.

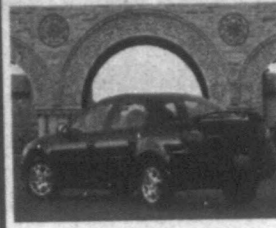
"Let's face it, these guys might expect a call-up to fight a flood for a week, but being called up for a year — I don't see that as being sustainable for a long period," said Edward M. Coffman of Lexington, a former Army officer and noted military historian who has taught at West Point.

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Bush: U.S. troops will come home ASAP

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says the U.S. military will pull out of Iraq "as quickly as possible," but he is not endorsing Secretary of State Colin Powell's statement that troops could begin returning home this year.

"The way I would put it is, American troops will be leaving as quickly as possible, but they won't be leaving until we have completed our mission," Bush said in a Washington Post interview published Sunday.

"And part of the mission is to train Iraqis so they can fight the terrorists. And the sooner the Iraqis are prepared — better prepared, better equipped to fight — the sooner our troops will start coming home," Bush said.

Powell told National Public Radio last week that he believes Americans could begin leaving Iraq this year as the Iraqis take on a larger security role. Powell, in his final days as the government's chief diplomat, said he could not give a timeline when all the troops will be home.

Bush said the U.S. military is "constantly assessing" if Iraqi security forces are up to the job, allowing the United States to begin pulling out. The president would not commit to significantly reduce troops by the end of his second term in 2009.

Bush said his priorities over the next four years are winning the fight against terrorism, spreading freedom and democracy, reducing the deficit and overhauling Social Security and the tax system.

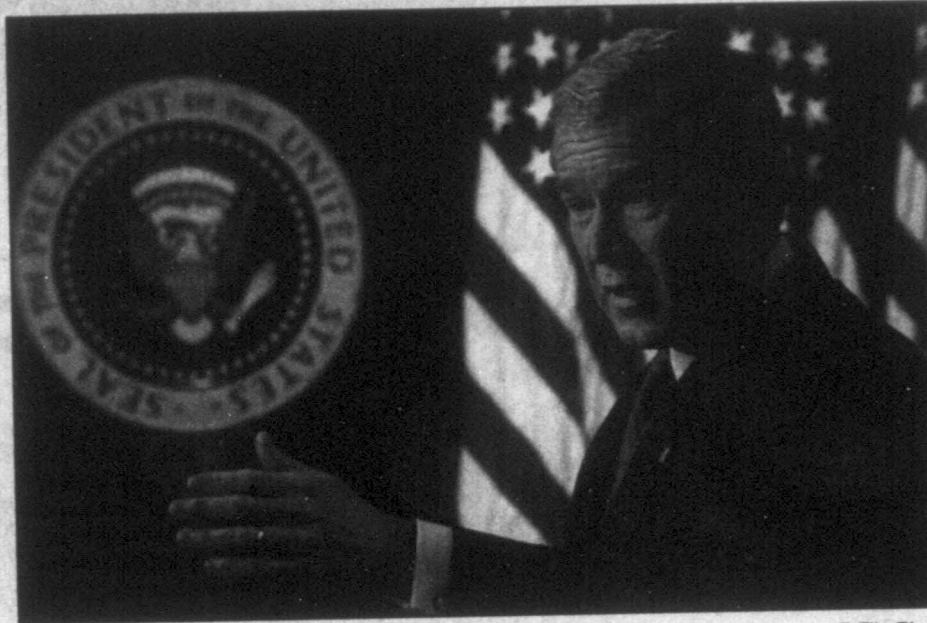
White House counselor Dan Bartlett, who appeared on three talks shows on Sunday, said Bush's inaugural address on Thursday will stress those goals.

"It really is a liberty speech — how we promote liberty overseas, which is in our direct interest for security here at home, as well as liberty here at home," Bartlett told "Fox News Sunday."

"That means giving people more control over their lives, giving them a stake in the future of America by giving them more control and more power to make decisions on their own behalf," Bartlett said.

In the interview, Bush said the public ratified his approach toward Iraq when they re-elected him rather than Democrat John Kerry. Bush also said there is no reason to hold any administration official accountable for mistakes or misjudgments in the planning or conduct of the war.

"We had an accountability moment, and



AP File Photo

President Bush said the U.S. military will return home "as quickly as possible," but that probably won't mean anytime this year.

that's called the 2004 elections," Bush said. "The American people listened to different assessments made about what was taking place in Iraq, and they looked at the two candidates, and chose me."

The Senate's second-ranking Democrat took issue with Bush's claim that the country has given him a mandate.

"To suggest there is this broad mandate and the Democrats should slink away and reconsider all their values is just plain wrong," Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois told "Fox News Sunday."

"I think we have to carefully try to find common ground with this president. Where we can't find it, we're going to stand our ground," Durbin said.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said about a dozen of the 44 Senate Democrats are willing to work with the GOP leadership.

"There are a lot of Democrats who look at this last election, last several elections, and they see that this obstructionist agenda that was led by (defeated Senate Democratic leader) Tom Daschle has not been beneficial to them politically and it certainly hasn't been beneficial to the country," Santorum said.

The new Democratic leader, Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, said Democrats can work with Bush if the president shows some "humili-

ty." "I think we don't need arrogance here," Reid told ABC's "This Week." "We need the ability to work together."

Among the other issues discussed were: —gay marriage. Bush said in the interview that he will not lobby the Senate to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The president said there are not enough senators to support the proposal. Bartlett tried to stem any fallout from social conservatives, saying Bush was talking about the "legislative reality." Bartlett said the president will continue to push for the ban.

Santorum, a leading opponent of gay marriage, said he is confident the president won't "break faith with social conservatives. ... He's going to fight for this."

—Iran. Bartlett said the president is committed to working with allies in Europe to persuade Iran to give up its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Iran has denied allegations of a secret nuclear weapons program, saying the country's nuclear activities are for peaceful energy purposes.

"It's critical that the entire world focus on this issue. It is a threat that we have to take seriously and we'll continue to work through the diplomatic initiatives that he set forth," Bartlett said.

Insurgents try to scare voters, attacks kill 16 Iraqis

By The Associated Press
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen killed eight Iraqi National Guard soldiers at a checkpoint in central Iraq today, and eight people died in a suicide car bombing at a police station north of Baghdad, as insurgents struck at Iraqi security forces ahead of national elections.

Some of the latest violence, including a series of weekend attacks along a highway southeast of Baghdad, occurred in provinces which U.S. and Iraqi authorities have deemed safe enough to hold the elections and appear to be attempts to scare the country's majority Shiites away from the Jan. 30 polls.

Underscoring these security concerns, Shiite politician Salama Khafaji, who survived an ambush in central Baghdad Sunday by gunmen wearing police uniforms, said she's canceled campaigning in the south after her staff discovered terrorist checkpoints on major routes.

"What we fear now most is terrorists wearing police uniforms," Khafaji told The Associated Press. "The uniforms and body armor used by the police are available on the market for anyone to buy," she said.

She said the security situation was so bad that she had shelved plans to tour mainly Shiite cities

in central and southern Iraq starting today. "We sent people out today to check roads in the area but they have reported back that terrorists have set up some road checkpoints."

"Generally I cannot go out and meet people or knock on door to get out the vote like they do in the West," she lamented.

The eight Iraqi National Guard soldiers' deaths occurred at a checkpoint outside a provincial broadcasting center in Buhriz, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. Four other Iraqi soldiers were injured in the attack, said an official at the nearby Baqouba hospital, Ali Ahmed. The area is considered a hotspot of the insurgency as violence flares before Jan. 30.

The suicide attack occurred at a police station in Beiji, about 155 miles north of Baghdad on the main supply route north. Eight people were killed and 25 were injured, according to a hospital official, but it was unclear if they were police or civilians.

In the Shiite holy city of Karbala south of Baghdad, meanwhile, police dismantled explosives placed in a car, said police spokesman Rahman Mshawi. The car was parked about 3 miles from two of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines in the city.

Several of the bloodiest

attacks in recent days have taken place in provinces that U.S. and Iraqi officials have classified as secure enough to hold elections.

Late Sunday, a police captain, Shakir Aboud, was killed

and another policeman was injured when their car was hit by a roadside bomb in Numaniyah, 85 miles southeast of Baghdad, according to a morgue official in Kut's hospital.

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Fletcher administration last week began its statewide sales tour for changes in Kentucky's tax code.



Capitol Ideas
By Mark Chellgren
AP Frankfort Correspondent

"We need a simpler tax system," Gov. Ernie Fletcher told a crowded ballroom at Northern Kentucky University. "We need a fairer tax system." Others in the administration, from Lt. Gov. Steve Pence to chief of staff Stan Cave, will carry similar messages. But as with all things, simplicity and fairness, especially when it comes to taxation, are in the eye of the beholder.

The late Rep. Joe Clarke of Danville, who was chairman of the House tax and budget committee for two decades, used to joke about most people's approach to tax policy: "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax the guy behind the tree."

What there is a shortage of, right now, is anything to debate.

Fletcher has not yet said what his tax proposal will be, though he has indicated it will look much like the plan presented to the 2004 General Assembly. Similarly, a collection of public interest groups who gathered at the Capitol last week to promote a different approach to tax changes — more on the rich and businesses and less on the poor — also have not put their plans to paper.

But if anyone wanted to look, a blueprint for a simpler version of the tax code is produced every other year by the state budget office.

The document is called the "Tax Expenditure Analysis." It is a compilation of each "exemption, exclusion or deduction from the base of a tax, a credit against the tax, a deferral of a tax or a preferential tax rate.

"Tax expenditures reduce revenues below what would be

received if the tax were applied uniformly and broadly to all potentially taxable activity..." the document goes on.

According to the most recent report, the various tax breaks that apply to the corporate income tax alone cost the state an estimated \$183.3 million during the 2003 fiscal year when total receipts from the corporate tax were \$430.6 million.

Breaks from the sales tax in 2003 amounted to \$2.2 billion when total receipts were only \$2.3 billion.

Some of the breaks from the sales tax are broad based and have been extensively debated in the legislature.

For example, food is not subject to the 6 percent sales tax. The report said that will mean \$427 million less for the General Fund this year. Residential utilities are not subject to sales tax, though local governments can levy what amounts to a sales tax. Even so, the state is missing out on \$176.2 million this year, as a result, the report said.

The sales tax exemption for prescription drugs means \$251 million goes uncollected.

But other breaks from the sales tax are more obscure and have been added over the years largely at the behest of special interests.

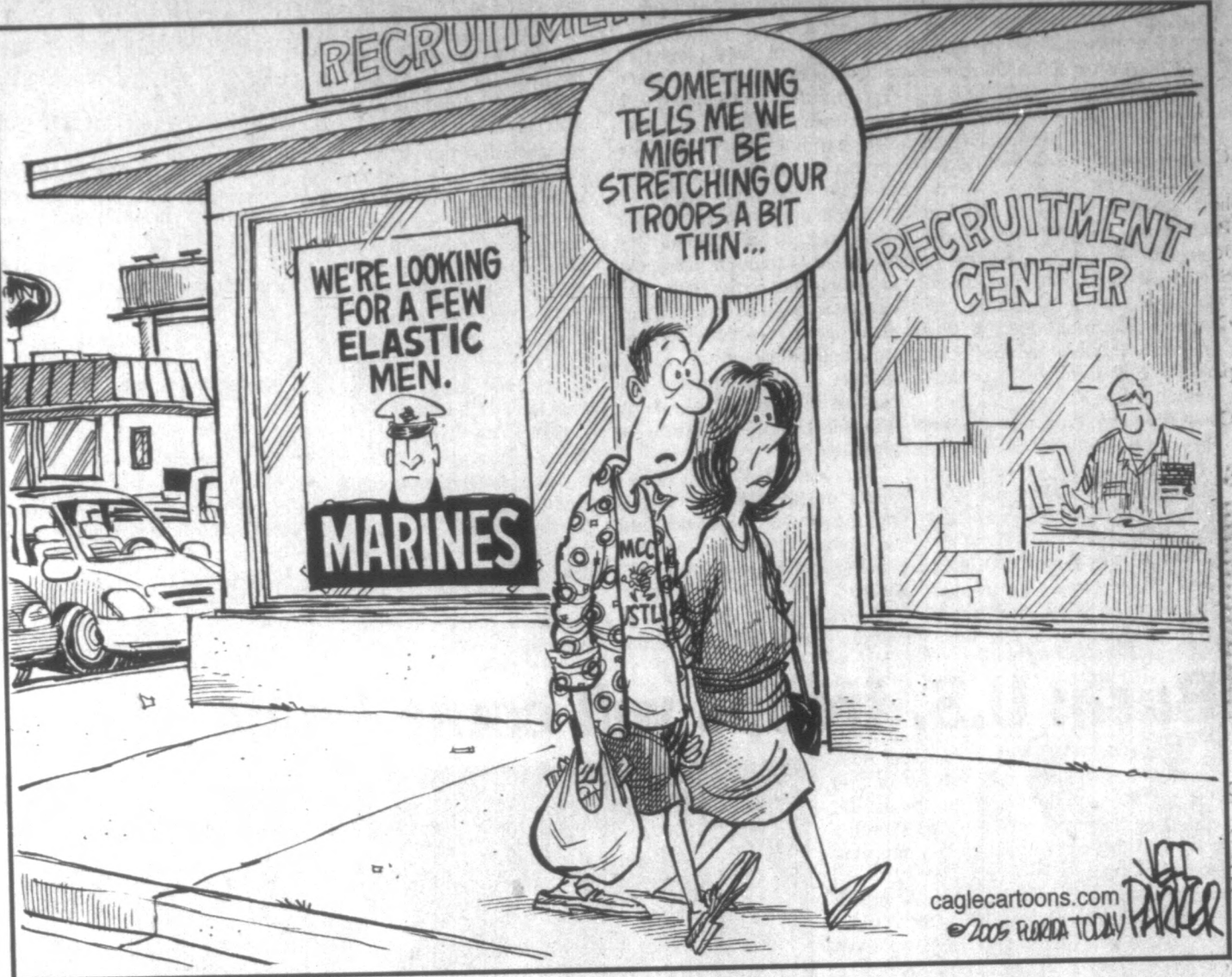
Big industry won an exemption from sales tax on equipment used in pollution control in 1974. The state is missing out on \$13.9 million as a result.

Motion picture companies that produce in Kentucky do not have to pay sales taxes, even though that means only \$100,000 in lost revenue — or savings to the company.

Sales by 4-H Clubs are exempt, meaning the state gets \$100,000 a year less than it might.

Even sales of twine and wire used for baling hay and straw are exempt. It means the state doesn't collect \$30,000 that it might otherwise.

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort, Ky., correspondent for The Associated Press.



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Bush's Pressing Problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The list of major challenges confronting President Bush as he prepares to take the oath of office for the second time is exhausting.

Iraqi elections at month's end. The broad fight against terrorism. A daring overhaul of Social Security. Just to name a few.

"I'm rested and ready to continue to be your president," Bush likes to tell audiences.

Are his goals too ambitious?

Even some Republicans wonder, given that the president, whose inauguration is Thursday, has just a year or so before he effectively becomes a lame duck. By Bush's own account, he has 18 months to move his agenda through Congress.

And that does not take into account unexpected crises. Or the firestorm that will consume time and political capital should the opportunity arise for Bush to fill any vacancies on the Supreme Court.

Bush's plans could "encounter a fairly substantial wall of opposition — both from the Democrats and from the circumstances he faces when he takes his hand off the Bible," said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University.

"It's questionable whether

the January 30 election in Iraq will change much for the better," Baker said. "There's uneasiness among Republicans over the size of the deficit. And the president's effort to restructure Social Security is very risky."

In the short term, Bush must prepare his inaugural and State of the Union speeches, name someone to the powerful new position of national intelligence director, and submit his 2006 budget to Congress. The spending plan is expected to cut or freeze the amount of money available for dozens of federal programs.

Bush must keep close watch on Iraq's elections and on efforts toward resuming the Israeli-Palestinian peace process after last week's Palestinian elections.

In February, the president makes the first overseas trip of his second term. In Europe, he will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and try to mend relations — still frayed over the Iraq war — with European allies.

Bush has said his second-term priorities are "to win the war on terror and do everything we can to protect our homeland" and then "continue to work to spread democracy."

Domestically, he has suggested that his No. 1 goal is overhauling Social Security.

But his idea to set up voluntary private investment accounts for younger workers in exchange for reducing guaranteed benefits in the future is drawing strong opposition. Lining up against it are Democrats and the AARP, which represents 35 million older people, as well as Republicans who support pri-

vate accounts but oppose benefit cuts.

Bush can win congressional approval only "if he doesn't try and cut benefits," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in an interview. "The system can't handle cutting benefits and doing the accounts, politically," said Gingrich, who is on a new book tour and exploring a bid for the 2008 presidential nomination.

The Social Security fight could be the biggest involving a domestic program since the 1993-94 battle over the Clinton administration's failed health care plan.

If Social Security isn't enough of a challenge, Bush also has proposed rewriting income tax laws; limiting medical malpractice and class-action jury awards; allowing oil exploration in Alaska wildlife areas; and a "guest worker" immigration plan that conservatives in his own party oppose.

Bush pledges "to work to cut our deficit in half over the next five years," yet in four years as president has not vetoed a single bill. He promises to send Congress a "tough budget" to put the government on a deficit-reduction path.

"I think he's going to have serious problems within his own party when it comes to budget issues," said Norman Ornstein, a political analyst specializing in Congress at the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

"He's coming back with larger Republican margins in both houses, and I think we're going to see some vetoes. I also believe he's not going to be able to accomplish most of his domestic goals without greater bipartisan support," Ornstein

said.

The partisan divide in Congress is wide. Consider how Senate Democrats hounded Bush's nominee for attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, over his role as White House counsel in developing terror-interrogation policies. Also, some Democrats delayed Congress' formal electoral vote for Bush's second-term victory in order to protest voting irregularities in Ohio.

On foreign affairs, skeptics abound abroad when it comes to U.S. policy on Iraq and elsewhere. Bush must deal, too, with the nuclear aspirations of Iran and North Korea. Russian President Vladimir Putin is consolidating power and moving Moscow away from democratic reforms, presenting a new challenge for Bush.

The U.S. economic outlook is more upbeat. Yes, the continuing slide in the dollar or a new surge in oil prices could drive up interest rates and inflation. For now, however, both seem subdued.

The unemployment rate is down almost a percentage point over the past 18 months. Both government and private forecasters expect the economic recovery to continue.

The millions of job losses during the early part of Bush's presidency have all but evaporated. The Labor Department said 2.2 million new jobs were created in 2004, bringing to just 122,000 the net loss of jobs so far in Bush's first term.

Tom Raum has covered national and international affairs for The Associated Press since 1973.

OUR READERS WRITE

To the Editor,

I have watched the news and read the paper to keep abreast of the latest information concerning the issues with the local school systems. While I am disturbed to learn that numbers of students attending the Murray School system have been misreported, I am equally upset by the implications that have been made concerning the responsibility for this misinformation.

According to numbers published in this newspaper, the misreporting was a part of the system at least as far back as the 1999-2000 school year. (Prior years' information was not provided.) This begs the question of when, exactly, was this method of counting students initiated and by whom? Any thinking citizen can see that the current superintendent, Mr. Dale Reid, could not possibly be responsible for this institutional decision and indeed, was not aware of it, if the two audits on the attendance, completed since his assuming that office in 2002, are any indica-

tion. Obviously, this process was set in motion during a previous administration and I think that the community needs to keep this in mind and ask that this be considered when deciding on a response to this mistake.

I also want to comment on the very positive changes that have been made at the high school since Mr. Reid was chosen to be the superintendent. While I have always been pleased with the Murray City School system, there was a clear and evident improvement in the atmosphere at the high school that began with his year-long tenure as the principal there and continued when he moved to the superintendent's position and Teresa Speed was chosen to succeed him.

In his role as principal and then superintendent of the system, Mr. Reid has supported the teaching mission of the high school and the activities which enrich the lives of our children as part of that school. This has been very important to the success of all of

the children at Murray High School. It has been a privilege to have been able to have my children educated in a school with such able leadership. I hope the community will remember what a positive influence he has been on this school system.

My family moved to Murray 6 1/2 years ago and we chose to send our children to the Murray City Schools because of the alternative school year calendar which held promise to be innovative and a better choice for our family situation. An important consideration for us in choosing to come to Murray was that we had the option to attend whichever school system we wanted and that either choice would be acceptable as we had two good systems from which to choose. This is a very special part of this community and one that I would hate to see altered.

We bought our home understanding that it did not matter where we lived; the choice of school was freely up to

us. We happen to reside in the city limits but in the county school district, a fact that we were unaware of until two years ago. At that time, we were asked to sign a petition to allow a community member to run for a position on the city school board. We were subsequently informed that we were not eligible to sign because we lived outside the city school district.

It would be a terrible loss for this community to rescind the right of choice and I strongly believe both systems will suffer for it. The competition between the schools has led to two very good choices for the education of our children in Calloway County. This is a rare and unusual situation that needs to be continued for the good of all who live in this area.

I ask that the community be supportive of our school system and of Mr. Dale Reid who has been working hard to learn the job of superintendent. He has done a wonderful job of keeping the emphasis in the schools where

it belongs, on the education and emotional development of our children.

Sincerely,
Sally Mateja
Murray, Ky.

To the Editor,

While I agree with Constance Alexander that neither Dana Seum Stephenson nor the Senate Republicans have exhibited either responsibility or integrity, alas, the headline for the article violates Mother Alexander's third principle of citizenship, namely, good manners and respect for one another.

It has become abundantly clear in this time of unbridled partisanship, the glue and binding that hold democratic government together are the traditions of civility.

It is pretty darned hard to pass up a one-liner like that though.

Mike Gramig
Louisville, Ky.

Obituaries

Elias Wayne Jones

Elias Wayne Jones, 85, South 13th Street, Murray, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at 9:55 p.m. at his home.

He was a retired electrician and instrument tech for Pennwalt Chemical Co., Calvert City. An Army veteran of World War II, he was of Methodist faith.

Two brothers, Home and Jewel Jones, preceded him in death. Born March 30, 1919, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Ed C. Jones and Bettie Hopkins Jones.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pauline Houston Jones, to whom he was married March 29, 1941, in Paris, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Paulette Hulme and husband, Mark, Princeton; one son, Phillip Jones and wife, Suzi, Las Cruces, N.M.; one brother, Lewis Jones, San Manto, Calif.; one granddaughter, Lindsey Reed.

A graveside service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Murray City Cemetery. Dr. Jim Simmons will officiate.

Visitation will be at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Monday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Murray-Calloway County Hospice Program, 803 Poplar St., Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mrs. Martha Ann McManus

Mrs. Martha Ann McManus, 66, Greenbriar Drive, Murray, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at 6:25 a.m. at her home.

A school teacher, she was a member of Hardin Baptist Church.

Her father, Lubie Miller, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Charles F. McManus; one daughter, Mrs. Cindi Curd, and one grandson, Drew Curd, both of Lawrenceville, Ga.; one son, Lee McManus, Lexington; her mother, Mrs. Catherine Williams Garland, Hickory; one sister, Mrs. Nancy Caird, Lake Mary, Fla.

The funeral will be today (Monday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Murray. The Rev. Ricky Cunningham officiated. Burial will follow in the Hardin Baptist Church Cemetery, Hardin.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Robert Lee Westerman

Robert Lee Westerman, 92, Applewood Road, Murray, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, at 12:46 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

He was a member of Locust Grove Baptist Church and of Murray Lodge #105 of Free and Accepted Masons.

His wife, Mrs. Agnes Charlene Westerman, died Dec. 19, 1999. One daughter, Fran Flood, one son, Robert Westerman, one sister, Gladys Warford, and five brothers, Joe, Roger, Dan, Wilson and Willard Westerman, all preceded him in death. Born July 13, 1912, in Stewart County, Tenn., he was the son of the late Riley Westerman and Nellie Young Westerman.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Avie Phillips, Dover, Tenn.; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dinah Westerman, Murray; three grandchildren, Karl Flood, Robin Young and Dana Westerman; two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. The Rev. Jeffery Elliott and Karl Flood will officiate. Burial will follow in the Wofford Cemetery in Stewart County, Tenn.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Masonic rites will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Charles Norman Painter Jr.

Charles Norman Painter Jr., 56, Jones Mill Crossland Road, Puryear, Tenn., died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at 10:20 p.m. at Arbor Place, Puryear.

He was of Baptist faith. Both May 10, 1948, he was the son of the late Charles Norman Painter Sr. and Patricia Casey Painter.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Painter; four sisters, Ms. Susanne Painter, Mrs. Pat Beck, Mrs. Roberta Billings and Ms. Kelly Painter, and one brother, Michael Painter, all of Quakertown, Pa.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Anita Moyer, Puryear, and Mrs. Sherri Deiter, Whitehall, Pa.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Hazel is in charge of arrangements, but no services or visitation are scheduled.

Mrs. Ruby Louise Wisniewski

Mrs. Ruby Louise Wisniewski, 84, Jack Treas Road, Benton, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at 4:15 p.m. at Brithaven of Benton.

Her husband, Frank Wisniewski, and one brother, James Howard Thomas Jr., both preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late James Howard Thomas and Vera Thomas.

Survivors include one brother, Donald Thomas and wife, Wilma, and one niece, Mrs. Carolyn Roberts and husband, Dave, all of Benton; one nephew, Don Thomas and wife, Karen, Douglasville, Ga.; several special caregivers.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, Aurora. Monsignor George Hancock will officiate.

Visitation will be at Collier Funeral Home, Benton, from 6 to 8 p.m. today (Monday). Prayers will be said at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Graveside rites will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Ill. Fr. Bert Iffort will officiate.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Henry's Building Fund, 16097 U.S. 68E, Benton, Ky., 42025, or Covenant House, P.O. Box 2973, New York, N.Y. 10116-2973.

Mrs. Mary Jo Riley

Mrs. Mary Jo Riley, 74, Farmington, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at 11:53 p.m. at her home.

She was a graduate of Murray State Teachers College and taught in the Mayfield School System before her retirement. She was a member of Burnetts Chapel United Methodist Church and Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

Her parents were the late Mary Opal Sims and Voris J. Wilferd. Survivors include her husband, Joe E. Riley; one daughter, Mrs. Susan Riley Ralph and husband, Randy, and one son, Richard W. Riley and wife, Lucinda, all of Farmington; one brother, Bernice Wilferd, Paducah; five grandchildren.

A graveside service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Farmington Cemetery. The Rev. Barry Roberts will officiate.

Visitation will be at Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield, after 5 p.m. today (Monday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Burnetts Chapel Building Fund, 52 Burnetts Chapel Road, Sedalia, Ky., 42079.

Mrs. Carolyn Rogers Fain

The funeral for Mrs. Carolyn Rogers Fain will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. John Sheppard will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Fain, Jimmy Fain, Billy Paul Howard, Darren Howard, Dan Miller, Ted Edwards and Gerald Alexander. Burial will follow in the Salem Cemetery, Lynn Grove.

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

Mrs. Fain, 83, Ky. 94 West, Murray, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at 3:50 p.m. at West View Nursing Home.

She was a member of Salem Baptist Church, Lynn Grove. She had been employed for several years with the former Belk-Settle and Settle-Workman stores in Murray.

Born June 3, 1921, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Allen Rogers and Edith Mayfield Rogers. Also preceding her in death were four sisters, Frances Myers, Eula Lee Townley, Faye Rogers and Clara Nell Tyler, and two brothers, James Rogers and H.S. Rogers.

Survivors include her husband, Dan Fain, to whom she was married Dec. 25, 1940, in Benton; two sons, Jackie Fain and wife, Linda, Kirksey, and Roger Fain and wife, Kim, Wellington, Colo.; one brother, Lenith Rogers and wife, Pat, Murray; four grandchildren, Marc Fain and wife, Amanda, Coldwater, Candice Winebarger and husband, Brandon, Hazel, Brittany Fain, Wellington, and Danielle Schleppey and husband, Justin, Fort Collins, Colo.; one great-grandchild, Hunter Winebarger.

K.T. Hughes

The funeral for K.T. Hughes was Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Paducah. The Rev. Mike Grimes officiated. Burial was in the McMurray Chapel Cemetery in Livingston County.

Mr. Hughes, 70, Murray, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at 10:40 p.m. at his home.

A retired truck driver, he was a member of Smithland United Methodist Church.

One grandson preceded him in death. He was the son of the late John Hughes and Louisa Ochterbeck.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Brenda Davenport, Paducah; three sons, David Hughes and Charles Hughes, both of Paducah, and Gary Hughes, Eddyville; one aunt, Mrs. Wilma Kimberlin, Eddyville; four grandchildren.



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, left, listens to Rev. James Harris, right, during the twentieth annual Clayton County ecumenical service in celebration of the national holiday observance of Martin Luther King Day Sunday at the Dixon Grove Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.

Jackson: Poverty, war dampen legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

By HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — War, poverty, violence and social injustice are dampening Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as the nation prepares to celebrate the slain civil rights leader's birthday, the Rev. Jesse Jackson told a church gathering Sunday.

In a passionate speech at Dixon Grove Baptist Church in Jonesboro, south of King's native Atlanta, Jackson assailed the war in Iraq and insisted the gap between rich and poor in America is widening despite King's message of peace and equality.

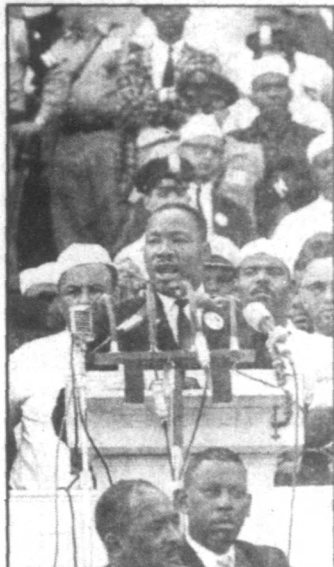
"It's easy to admire Dr. King," Jackson told the 650 people at the church. "It's a challenge to follow him."

Jackson, who was standing beneath the motel balcony where King was fatally shot in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968, suggested a good birthday present to King would be for Americans to strive more for financial and social equality.

"You can be out of slavery and out of segregation and have the right to vote and starve to death without access to capital and industry," Jackson said. He added, "You got the birthday. But do you have the legacy? The legacy is to fight for jobs, justice, health care, education and end to war."

Jackson, founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, said the war in Iraq is a quagmire of death and destruction with no end in sight.

"We call the home team the insurgents and we're the home team," Jackson said sarcastically. "Dr. King, what are we doing?"



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addresses marchers during his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. in this Aug. 28, 1963 file photo.

More events commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday were scheduled today.

Thousands are expected to gather in downtown Atlanta for the 19th annual march and rally honoring King in his hometown. The march will follow a morning commemorative service, attended by the King family and other dignitaries, at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached until his death.

Meanwhile, volunteers with Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless were to be busy serving thousands at Turner Field for its annual King Day dinner.

Parades marking the holiday are planned around the state, including Savannah, Moultrie, Tifton, Bainbridge, Gainesville and McDonough.

AP Poll: Most Americans hopeful about second term, worried about Iraq

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Americans say they feel hopeful about President Bush's second term and have a generally positive view of him personally, but they also express continued doubts about Iraq.

People were most likely to identify Iraq as the top priority for Bush, an Associated Press poll found. But more than half wondered whether a stable government can be established there.

After winning re-election, Bush is preparing to pursue an ambitious agenda that includes efforts to change Social Security, federal tax laws and medical malpractice awards.

Ahead of Bush's inauguration on Thursday, six in 10 people said they felt hopeful about his second term and in response to a separate question 47 percent said they were worried. Most said they were neither angry nor excited about his final four years in office.

Iraq was cited most often as the president's highest priority, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. Some 53 percent of those questioned said it is unlikely Iraq will have a stable government.

"Iraq remains the kind of thing that could completely take over the term, if the situation gets a lot worse," said Charles

Franklin, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's a good idea for the president to push new domestic proposals. He has to find a way to have the whole second term be about more than just Iraq."

More than 1,350 U.S. troops have died in Iraq. Deadly attacks by insurgents are on the rise as the Jan. 30 elections near.

Bush leads a nation much changed from the one when he took office in January 2001. The Sept. 11 attacks have changed everything, from the shape of government and the health of the economy to the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

Public perceptions of the

president's personal strengths are his biggest asset today. Nearly two-thirds of those polled described Bush as likable, strong and intelligent. A majority said he is dependable and honest.

Bush is likely to need to draw on those personal strengths as he pursues an aggressive second-term agenda. His domestic wish list — with its focus on allowing private accounts in Social Security for younger Americans, limiting lawsuit awards and overhauling the tax laws — could gain momentum from the increased GOP majorities in Congress. Republican lawmakers are showing a willingness to challenge Bush's proposals.

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Ladies of the Oaks

Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will have their regularly scheduled Bridge play on Wednesday. Play will start at 9:15 a.m. at the club house. Mary Alice Smith, phone 753-3487, will be hostess. Winners of Bridge play on Jan. 12 were Maxa Read, first, and Mary Alice Smith, second.

Tsunami Relief Fund Raiser

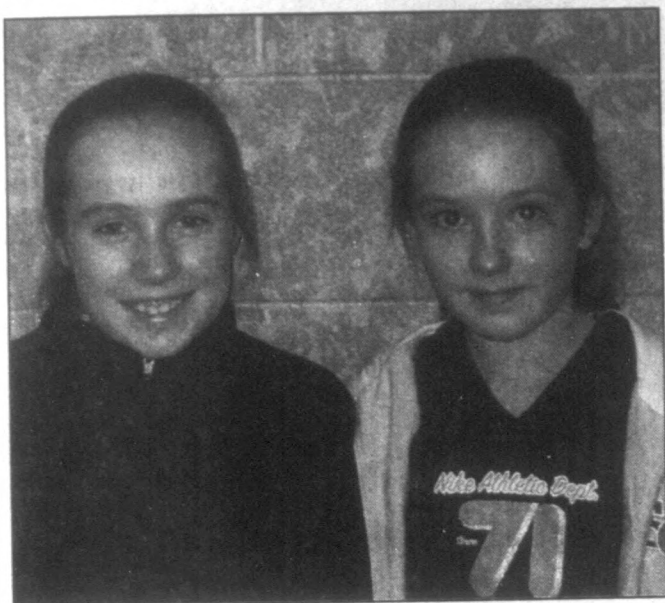


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Beth Courtney, 4th grader at Murray Elementary, and Alex Mehr, 4th grader at Southwest Elementary, held a fund raiser for the Tsunami victims. Offered were hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and doughnuts at Walters Pharmacy. They raised over \$300 for the relief fund and donated it through University Church of Christ.

Dance will be at lodge

CADIZ, Ky. — The Trigg-Lyon Newcomers Club will sponsor a sweetheart dinner-dance on Feb. 12 at the convention center of Lake Barkley State Park Lodge. The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and will feature the David Ivey Band.

This will be \$90 per couple for dinner-dance or \$45 per couple for the dance only.

The lodge will also be featuring sweetheart packages. For reservations and more information call 1-800-325-1708 or 1-270-924-1131.

Women hear Shipley



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Jean Shipley, right, holds the poster which says "Relax" as she read a special holiday poem and Luke 2 at the December luncheon of Christian Women of Murray. At left is Louise Pool. The group will have a potluck meal on Friday at 10 a.m. in the social hall of First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Emily Burch, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, will be the speaker. Sarah Jones, owner and operator of Vintage Rose, will give the special feature. Martha Joiner will be soloist. All interested women are invited. For information call 753-3999 or 753-4683.

Recruiting for Reality Store in progress

Financial management, budgeting and visualizing a future career and family situation are all skills developed through the Reality Store experience for youth in the eighth and 10th grades.

The 2005 Reality Store is just around the corner on Feb. 16 and 17. More than 130 volunteers help make the two-day event a big success for youth of Murray and Calloway County in previous years.

All interested people are encouraged to attend.

"I never knew how many decisions that my parents make each month," states an eighth grader on his evaluation.

This collaborative effort is sponsored by the Calloway County 4-H Council, Calloway County High School Harbor, Calloway County Middle School Youth Services Center, Leadership Murray, Murray Family Resource and Youth Services Center and Murray State University.

The Calloway County Cooperative Extension Service is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 753-1452 and the fax is 759-4243. The Calloway County 4-H Council receives funding from the United Way of Murray and Calloway County.



Extension Notes

By Ginny Harper
Calloway County Agent for 4-H/Youth Development

MCCSA Soccer Registration scheduled here on Thursday



Jo's Datebook

By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association will have registration for the spring soccer season at The Trophy Case, 1203 Chestnut St., Murray.

Dates and times will be on Jan. 20 and 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Jan. 22 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents or guardians registering for their children should have the last four digits of your child's Social Security number available.

Booster Club to meet

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Murray High School.

All officers, sports representatives, parents and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Masonic lodge will meet tonight

Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall, Highway 121 North.

4-H Geology group will meet

4-H Geology 2 Project Group will meet Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. at the County Extension office. Youth may call 753-1452 to sign up for the group.

Quilt Lovers will meet Tuesday

Quilt Lovers of Murray will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the community room of Calloway Public Library. A demonstration of the traditional Japanese quilting technique Sashiko will be given by Lou Ann Philpot. No materials are necessary, since it will be a demonstration only this time. All interested persons are invited.

Hospital retirees will meet

Retirees and former employees of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at The Big Apple. For more information call Nancy McClure at 492-8640.

Hazel Lodge will meet Tuesday

Hazel Woodmen of the World Lodge 138 will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at WOW lodge hall on C.C. Lowry Drive, Murray. This will be a meal potluck soup dinner. Officers for 2005 will be installed.

MES Council will meet Tuesday

Murray Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. in the school conference room. All interested persons are invited.

Music Department to hear Baker

Music Department of Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the club house. Sonya Baker, soprano soloist and professor at Murray State University, will present the program. Hostesses will be Pat Miller, Kathy Mowery, Annie Nance, Joann Niffenegger, Norma Paschall and Virginia Randolph.

Al-Anon meeting is Tuesday

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

Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. For information call Vicky at 753-3128, Laverne at 753-0181 or Jackie at 1-270-247-7754.

Parent Support Group will meet

Parent Support Group, formerly called Parents Anonymous, will meet tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 753-7004.

MHS football banquet planned

The 2004 Murray High School football banquet will be Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom of Murray State University Curris Center. Tickets will be \$15 per person. To order tickets call Teresa Nixon at 759-1563 or Kathy Erwin at 759-5413 before Jan. 24. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Ladies Exercise Class at West Fork

A Ladies Exercise Class meets at 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Family Life Center at West Fork Baptist Church, Highway 121 North of Stella. All interested ladies of all ages are invited to participate. The class is free to the community. For more information call 753-1519.

AARP to offer income tax assistance.

AARP will offer free income tax assistance for senior adults each Wednesday, beginning Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center, located at 607 Poplar St., Murray. Each one should bring the current year's tax forms and preparation booklet; copy of last year's tax return; W-2 forms; SSA-1099 for Social Security benefits; all other necessary forms. This will be for walk-ins only and no appointments may be made. This is a yearly service by the AARP. For more information call 753-0929.

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Birth Announcement

Lauren Elizabeth Eisele

Lori and Brent Eisele of Lexington are the parents of a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Eisele, born on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at 6:27 a.m. at Central Baptist Hospital there. The baby weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. A brother is Jon Payne Eisele, 4.

Grandparents are Judy and Bill Payne of Murray and Debbie Kelly and Pete Eisele of Lexington.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Duncan of Lexington, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Frank Payne of Benton, Ill., and the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Sudheimer of Cartersville, Ill.

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Soybean Promotion Day held at MSU next month

Murray State University's school of agriculture and the Kentucky Soybean Board will address the future and challenges surrounding one of the world's most important commodities at Soybean Promotion Day, Feb. 10 at the MSU Curris Center.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a sponsored luncheon at noon. Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Richie Farmer will be the special guest speaker.

Afternoon activities include two seminars addressing soybean hot topics in the news today.

Seminar I: Creating New Markets with Soy Biodiesel, will begin at 1 p.m. This seminar will feature a panel of professionals who will provide information about processing, promotion and farm usage, as well as tax incentives involved with this product.

Following a short break, participants are invited to attend Seminar II: Meeting the Challenge of Soybean Rust. Scheduled speakers include Dr. Rick

Chamblee, BASF manager of tech services and Ronan Cummins, opti-crop support manager for Miles.

The event is open to the public and will be of particular interest to area farmers, agribusinesses, farm retail dealers and soy biodiesel suppliers. Door prizes will be awarded. All activities will be held in the large ballroom located on the upper level of the Curris Center.

Persons planning to attend Soybean Promotion Day are asked to call (270) 762-4329 by Feb. 8 to make reservations.

The soybean industry will again be recognized during Soybean Promotion Night at the MSU vs. Tennessee Tech basketball game Feb. 10 at the Regional Special Events Center. The first 200 people who RSVP for the luncheon and seminars will receive a free ticket to the game that evening.

More information about Soybean Promotion Day will be coming as plans are finalized.

Geurin, Thorn picked for LEAD program

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Robert Geurin, owner and operator of Geurin Farms in Calloway County, and Chris Thorn, owner and operator of Thorn Farms, in Calloway County, have been selected to participate in the Kentucky Farm Bureau Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development (LEAD) program. This is a two-year intensive learning experience which will prepare future agricultural leaders for tomorrow's challenges.

The purpose of the program is to identify young Farm Bureau members who are currently involved in agriculture or a related business and provide them with the essential skills to be more effective leaders and to assist them in their personal and professional growth.

Through small group training, participants learn methods to access and process information, analyze and evaluate issues, formulate their own beliefs and articulate them clearly and effectively.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau LEAD program is designed for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 24 and 40 who want to increase their leadership effectiveness and their involvement in Farm Bureau. Participants are nominated, then approved by their county Farm Bureau president.

Participants are exposed to formal and informal instruction, group discussion, and application of knowledge and skills gained through the program. Areas covered will include personal and professional development, leadership skills, agriculture technology, the legislative process and Farm Bureau's role and involvement in lobbying issues affecting agriculture.

During 2005-06, the LEAD class will participate in six 2-day meetings, two Farm Bureau state conventions, the 2005 Congressional Tour to Washington, D.C. and an out-of-state agricultural tour in 2006.

Geurin is a graduate of Calloway County High School and Murray State University. He and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Murray with their daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth.

Thorn is a graduate of Calloway County High School. He and his wife, Misty, reside in Almo, Ky.

Technology Plays Key Role On Farms

By JOHN SEEWER

Associated Press Writer

CLYDE, Ohio (AP) — On today's farm, tractors and combines are bigger, faster and smarter. Soil tests and topography maps give farmers more information. Crops are more resistant to disease and pests.

The result: Farmers are producing record crops despite using less land.

Some say the economics of farming — low prices for grain and livestock — are pushing farmers to produce more and expand operations while forcing smaller farmers out of business. Others contend it is technology driving the revolution.

Bobby Moser, dean of Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, sees evidence of both.

"What you've seen is a decline in the number of farmers, but farm size has increased," Moser said. "It's all because these farmers are adopting these new technologies into their operations and that allows them to farm more land and increase production."

Barrett Zimmerman, who farms part time when he's not teaching high school agriculture in Clyde, said new technology may have brought about unintended results.

"We've sort of shot ourselves in the foot," he said. "We've become so productive that the only way to survive is to get bigger."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service predicts 2004 net farm income will reach \$73.7 billion nationwide, beating the record set in 2003 by nearly 25 percent. It's a creation of two back-to-back years of exceptionally large harvests for major crops and unusually high prices for livestock and milk.

Technology promises to offer more benefits soon. Vegetable farmers in California are using a new irrigation method to increase production of bell peppers and melons. Ranchers in the West hope electronic tags will stop mad cow disease.

Ohio Farm Bureau President Bob Peterson said the intertwining of agriculture and technology is no different than what's happening in all industries.

Nearly half of Ohio's farmers use a computer to maintain financial records, track market

prices or make business deals, according to an Ohio State survey released a year ago.

One of three farmers use some type of precision farming practice, such as grid soil sampling, combine yield monitors or guidance tools like Global Positioning Systems.

The problem, said John Ellerman, executive director of the Ohio Farmers Union, is that the cost of technology is driving many small and midsize farms out of business.

"Farmers will buy the latest technology, and then realize they don't have enough acres to spread those costs out, so they need to expand," Ellerman said. "It's like a dog chasing its tail — they just can't keep up."

Once an operation becomes a large-scale farm, "you end up managing people rather than the cows. It becomes a very different business," said Jeremy Foltz, associate director of the University of Wisconsin's Program on Agricultural Technology Studies.

Peterson thinks there still is a place for both large and small farms.

A growing number of fruit and vegetable farmers near cities and suburbs sell directly to groceries and restaurants, including organic farmers.

"There are tremendous opportunities in agriculture," Peterson said. "But it may not be doing the same thing you always did."

Supporters of large-scale farming say advances in technology also are making farming more environmentally friendly. Chemical sprayers now come with computer-controlled nozzles that make sure the chemicals are applied with greater precision and less waste.

"My grandfather would have fertilized a field by hauling manure out of the barn," Peterson said. "My son, if he farms, he'll be able to apply fertilizer based on individual plants."

Opponents of large-scale farming, though, say that putting a large number of animals under one roof creates more livestock waste and pollution.

"Technology is turning what was agriculture into industry," said Chris Cooper, spokesman for the New York-based GRACE Factory Farm Project, which works to end factory farms.



AP Photo

Farmer Brian Watkins holds a Pocket PC with a GPS receiver in one of his Kenton, Ohio, fields. Watkins uses the device to create maps to record different seed and fertilizer combinations in the fields.

Rex Spray, who farms near Mount Vernon in central Ohio, began experimenting with organic farming in the mid-1970s. No chemicals. No Global Positioning Systems. No genetically enhanced crops.

"When I was a kid everybody farmed this way," said Spray, 74. "I'm not against modern technology, but I think a lot of it is unnecessary. It again goes back to the quality of the product."

But other farmers are embracing the latest technology.

Zimmerman, the high school teacher in Clyde, shows his students how to operate a Global Positioning System and computer software to make maps of fields and determine how much fertilizer is needed.

They analyze data gathered by a yield monitor to determine how the fertilizer affects corn

production in the fields they tend.

"My friends think it's all physical work," said

Christopher Dwight, a senior. "They think I sit on a tractor all day. It's not really like that."

Farmers learning computers

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Until last fall, 72-year-old Lois Brown had never turned on a computer. The same day she learned to turn one on, she was surfing the Web.

Not only has Brown gained computer skills through a class offered to local farmers, but she's learned to type, too. The Crofton woman now owns a computer that she couldn't afford on her own.

Participants in Computers for Farm Use program received free refurbished computers and 12 hours of computer training through a grant at Hopkinsville Community College.

Computer instruction covered the fundamentals of using a computer, including introductions to the Windows operating system, the Internet and e-mail. They also learned about bookkeeping systems and received textbooks for the class.

"Things are changing. Farmers recognize the need to know computer technology," said Carol Kirves, continuing education and community services coordinator for HCC. "This whole project started when a big need was seen to educate farmers in this area."

For some it was their first computer and training, she said. For others, it added another computer and more farm-based computer skills to expand operations.

Brown plans to use the information she learned to check prices and information online, and to e-mail relatives who live outside of Kentucky.

Jeff Kincaid, a self-described "hobby farmer" with about 100 acres near Hopkinsville, said he will use the computer for finances.

"I'm really tickled to get the opportunity to do this," said Capitola Charles, who lives on a farm with her husband in northern Christian County.

Charles said the class has taught her everything from how to book up a computer to Internet tips and how to create a spreadsheet online.

The workshop was offered at HCC through a partnership between the Commodity Growers Cooperative and an \$18,070 Workforce Alliance Grant. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System and McConnell Technology and Training Center provided the computers.

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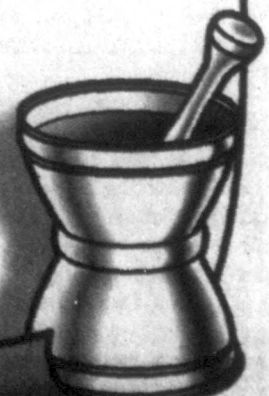
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Cold, hard facts

New England reins in Colts for ninth straight time

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Corey Dillon is surrounded by the trappings of success: the Super Bowl banners hanging in Gillette Stadium, the gaudy championship rings on his Patriots teammates' fingers and, most of all, the satisfied looks on their faces as they report to work each day.

"I just knew he would have a good game," fullback Patrick Pass said Sunday after Dillon ran for 144 yards to help New England advance to the AFC title game with a 20-3 victory over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

"He wanted a taste of what we went through the past two out of three years."

The only thing between the Patriots (15-2) and a third conference title in four years are the Pittsburgh Steelers, who beat New England on Halloween when Dillon was out with a thigh injury.

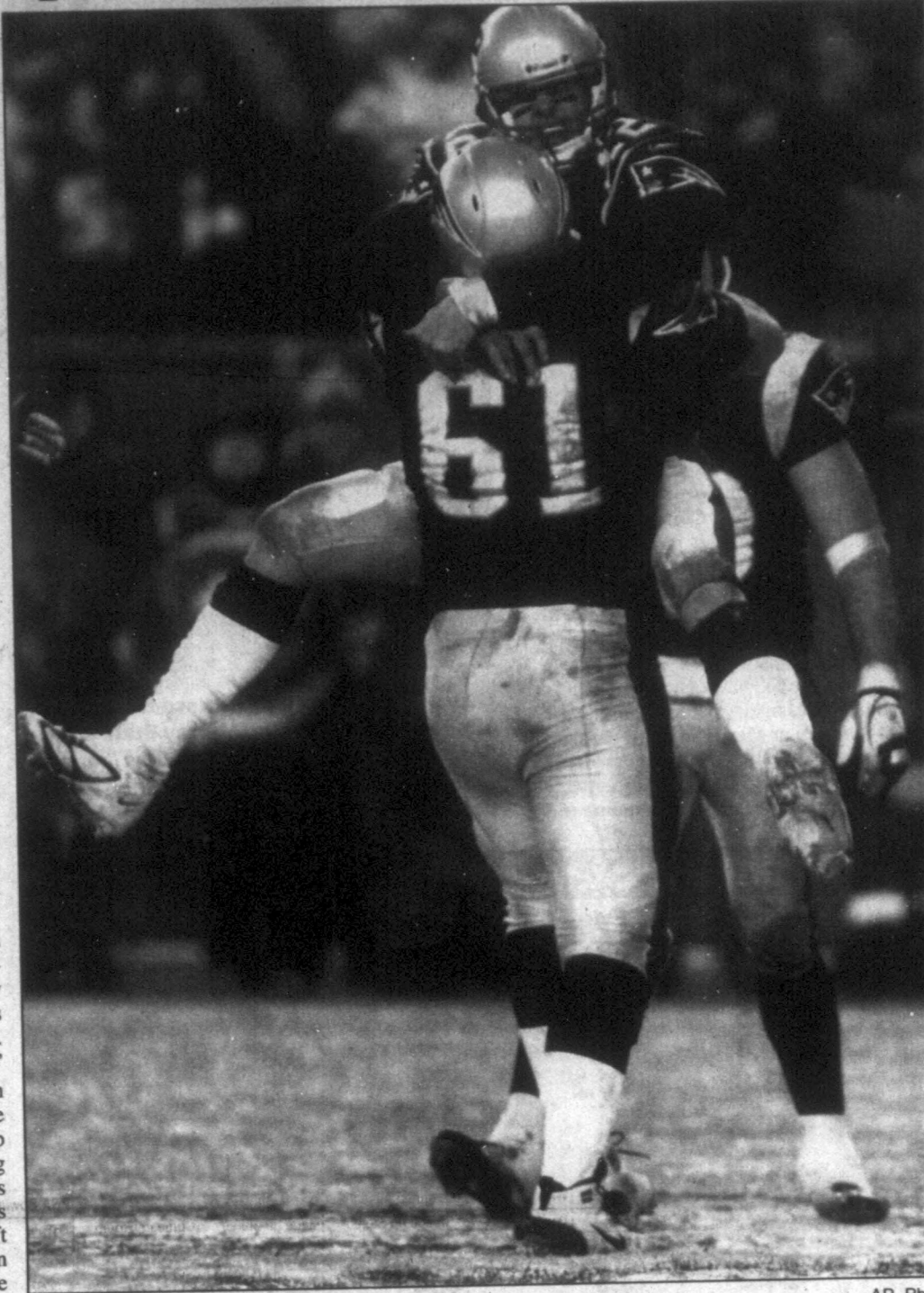
"I'm certainly glad Corey's going to be there," quarterback Tom Brady said. "I know he's glad he's here — he's told us that a bunch of times. And we're glad to have him."

Dillon played the first seven years of his career with the woeful Bengals, racking up big yards but also growing disenchanted through the years of losing. Before the Patriots traded a second-round draft pick for him in April, Dillon had to convince them that he wasn't a malcontent.

"There's not a day goes by I don't grab those guys and say, 'Thank you,'" Dillon said. "I'm serious. They'll tell you, too. They're probably a little annoyed by me doing it."

"I do it just to let them know I appreciate them believing in me. I'm just ecstatic about being in this situation."

Dillon's teammates are, too. Linebacker Ted Johnson said



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is embraced by teammate Stephen Neal after scoring a fourth quarter touchdown in their AFC divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts Sunday at Gillette Stadium.

after the game he was heading to the souvenir stand to buy a No. 28 jersey. And so are the New England fans, who chanted "Corey! Corey!" as the clock wound down.

Dillon carried 23 times — including rushes of 27 and 42

yards — and also led the team with five catches. Most importantly, he helped the Patriots run off 14-, 15- and 16-play drives — their three most time-consuming drives of the season — to dominate the time of possession 37:43 to 22:17.

That earned him the nickname "Clock-killin' Dillon" from one teammate. And it left NFL MVP Manning on the Colts (13-5) bench, trying to keep warm in the blowing snow and 16-degree wind chill while he waited for a chance to rally his team.

AP Photo

Foxboro just not Peyton's place

Manning the face of futility as Pats roll over Colts

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Peyton Manning runs the Indianapolis Colts' offense to perfection everywhere he goes — except New England.

The Colts turn into a different team at Foxboro. They inexplicably drop passes, commit uncharacteristic turnovers and the offense stalls — just as it did in a 20-3 loss to the Patriots on Sunday.

"The times we have played them recently, they just out-executed us," Manning said. "It is a combination of us not doing our jobs, but I really give them the credit for outplaying us."

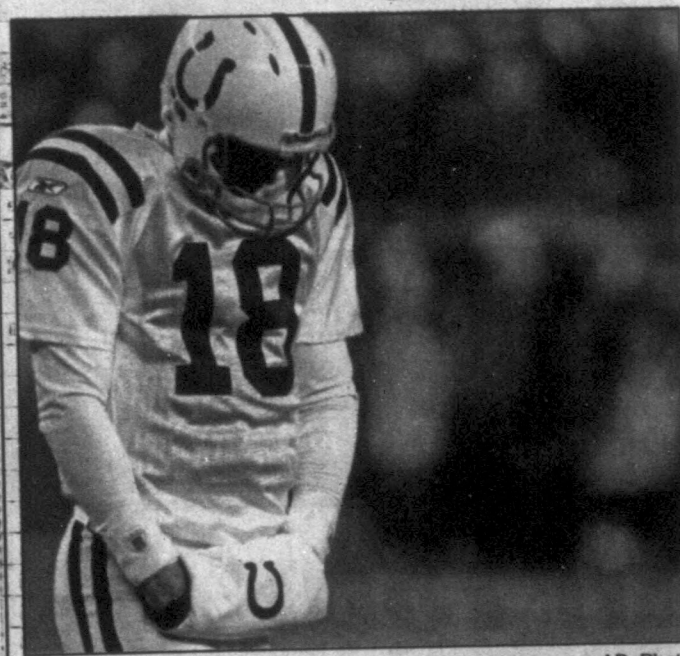
For Manning and coach Tony Dungy, this is all becoming frustratingly routine.

The Colts (13-5) have been eliminated from the playoffs the last two seasons at New England. Manning is 2-10 all-time against New England, including 0-7 at Foxboro, and the Colts have lost nine straight to the Patriots. Dungy, who has beaten every team in the NFL as an NFL coach, still hasn't defeated the Patriots since joining the Colts in 2002.

And while the losses mount, the reasons never seem to change.

On a snowy, blustery Sunday, Manning didn't play like the league's two-time MVP. The Colts' high-scoring offense

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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning walks off the field during the first half of their AFC divisional playoff game against the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium Sunday in Foxboro, Mass.

AP Photo

Grand opening: Agassi hip at Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andre Agassi shrugged off a hip injury that nearly kept him out of the Australian Open, beating German qualifier Dieter Kindlmann 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 in the first round Monday.

The four-time Australian Open champion has lost just once in his last four trips to Melbourne Park — a semifinal setback last year to Marat Safin.

Top-ranked Roger Federer ripped 54 winners past Fabrice Santoro, opening his title defense with a 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 victory. In women's play, Serena Williams had more trouble with her shoes than Camille Pin, winning 6-1, 6-1 in the first match on center court.

No. 5-ranked Carlos Moya lost to fellow Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the first major upset at the season's first major.

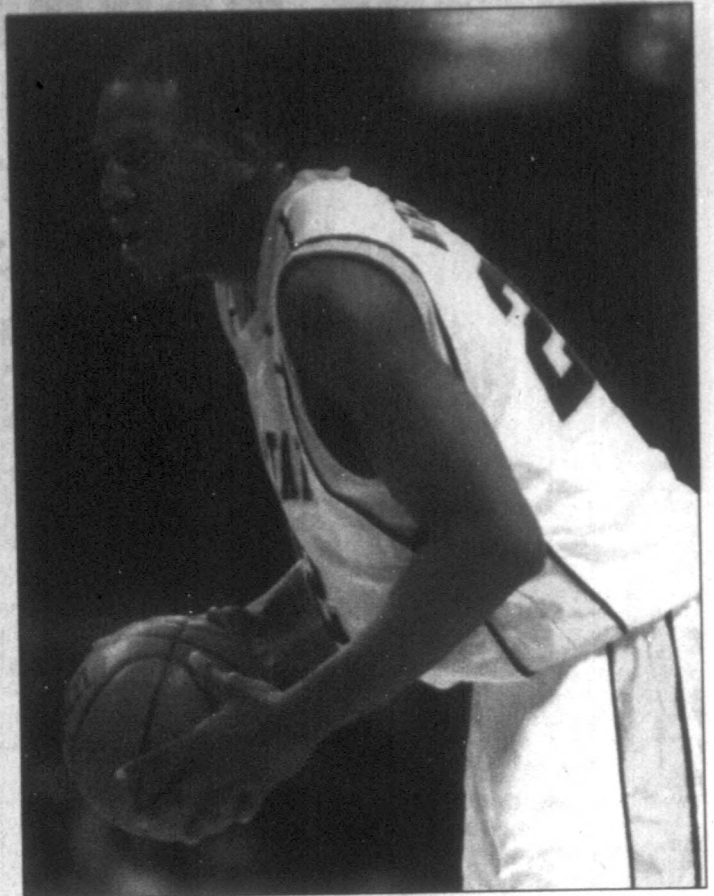
Garcia-Lopez — ranked 128th at the end of 2004 — broke the former French Open champion's service in the eighth game of the fourth set and served out at love in the next, making the most of a booming forehand and 43 winners.

The 34-year-old Agassi's status for the championship was in doubt until Sunday after he damaged a tendon in his right hip and retired during an exhibition match last week against second-ranked Andy Roddick.



Andre Agassi reaches for a backhand return against Dieter Kindlmann at the Australian Open at Melbourne Park Monday.

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MICHAEL DANN/Ledger file photo

Shawn Witherspoon had a 14 points to go along with 10 rebounds in a double-double performance, helping the Racers defeat Jacksonville State Saturday.

Witherspoon, Pearson pace Racers to OVC win over Jacksonville St.

Special to the Ledger

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Shawn Witherspoon put in a double-double and Trey Pearson got his outside game going to bolster the Murray State Racers to a 77-61 win over Jacksonville State in Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday night.

Witherspoon scored 14 points and had a game-high 10 rebounds to go with three steals. Witherspoon was 6-for-9 from the field.

Pearson — unable to get his inside game going (3-for-9) — was 5-for-7 from behind the arc, putting in a game-high 22 points to go with a team-high five assists and a game-high four steals.

"Trey Pearson was huge for us," said Murray head coach Mick Cronin during his post-game radio show on the Racer Network. "We needed that because we're struggling right now in a halfcourt situation until we can get someone in the low post who can score. ... Shawn Witherspoon is the only guy who is giving us an inside presence right now."

Murray State (8-6, 2-2 OVC) fell behind 7-0, but rebounded quickly to take the lead for good.

The Racers used a 13-4 run to take a 22-16 lead when Justin Orr hit two free throws with 10:11 left in the first half. The Gamecocks were able to get within a point (26-25) when Walker Russell hit a free throw with 5:56 left in the period, but MSU scored the last 11 points of the half to take a 44-30 lead at the intermission. Jacksonville State was only

RACERS 77,
Jacksonville State 61

MURRAY ST. (8-6)
Witherspoon 6-9 2-3 14, Johnson 4-7 5-5 13, Pearson 8-16 1-2 22, Jenifer 2-4 2-2 6, Hopkins 3-7 1-3 8, Dansby 0-0 0-0 0, Wolf 0-0 0-0 0, Orr 4-6 2-2 11, Redding 1-4 1-2 3, Griffith 0-5 0-0 0.
Totals 28-58 14-19 77.
JACKSONVILLE ST. (4-12)
Lumpkin 1-3 0-1 3, Brown 1-3 4-6 6, Wilson 2-4 2-2 7, Russell 1-6 6-8 9, Spencer 4-12 2-4 13, Davis 2-5 0-0 4, Peters 0-1 0-0 0, Lewis 6-12 1-2 19.
Totals 17-46 16-23 61.
Halftime — Murray St. 44-30, 3-Point goals — Murray St. 7-14 (Witherspoon 0-2, Pearson 5-7, Hopkins 1-1, Orr 1-3, Redding 0-1), Jacksonville St. 11-20 (Lumpkin 1-1, Wilson 1-2, Russell 1-2, Spencer 2-7, Peters 0-1, Lewis 6-7).
Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Murray St. 38 (Witherspoon 10), Jacksonville St. 25 (Lumpkin 6). Assists — Murray St. 7 (Pearson 5), Jacksonville St. 15 (Russell 9). Total fouls — Murray St. 22, Jacksonville St. 18. A — 1,175.

able to get to within six points twice in the second half, shooting 9-for-24 (37.5 percent) in the latter period to Murray State's 52.2 percent (12-for-23).

MSU built a 52-35 lead early in the second half, but watched as the Gamecocks put together a 13-2 run to slice the Racer edge to 54-48 with 9:31 remaining. But Darnell Hopkins quickly put an end to the spurt with a 3-pointer and a layup to extend the Murray lead to 11.

JSU would threaten the Racer lead one other time, getting to within 63-57 with five minutes showing on the clock. But Witherspoon ignited a 7-0 MSU run to put the game away for good.

Charles Johnson put in 13 points for the Racers on 5-for-

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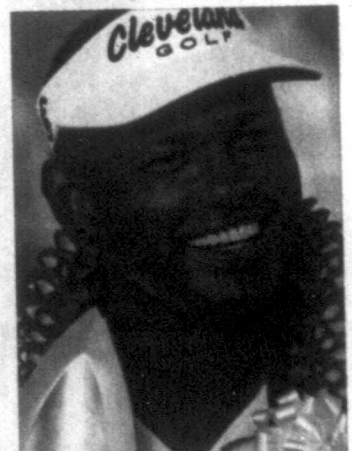
Singh makes a statement at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Two weeks into a long year, Vijay Singh already was feeling the heat.

Coming off one of the greatest seasons in golf, the 41-year-old Fijian knew expectations would be higher than ever. And it didn't help that last week he took triple bogey on the back nine, which ultimately cost him a chance to win the season-opening Mercedes Championships.

Singh was breathing easy late Sunday afternoon when he capped off a flawless final round with a routine birdie on the 18th hole to win the Sony Open by one shot over hard-charging Ernie Els.

"Everybody thinks, 'Is he going to win again?' That could work against me," Singh said. "I think this is going to help. This is a great relief that I can start breathing again and go and play more comfortable the rest of the season. I'm looking forward to the rest of



Vijay Singh smiles after winning the Sony Open Sunday at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

AP Photo

it. This is what I needed." What he needed at breezy Waialae Country Club was the perfect tee shot, and that's what he delivered.

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Racer Basketball

Murray State at UT-Martin Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 • 7:30 p.m. Elam Center • Martin, Tenn.

OVC Standings

| | OVC | All Games |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|
| Samford | 4-0 | 9-6 |
| Tennessee Tech | 4-0 | 9-6 |
| Murray State | 3-1 | 8-6 |
| Tennessee State | 3-1 | 8-10 |
| Austin Peay | 3-1 | 5-11 |
| Eastern Kentucky | 2-2 | 10-5 |
| Morehead State | 1-3 | 7-8 |
| Southeast Missouri | 1-3 | 6-9 |
| Tennessee-Martin | 1-3 | 4-11 |
| Eastern Illinois | 0-4 | 5-10 |
| Jacksonville State | 0-4 | 4-12 |

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Murray St. at UT-Martin — 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 20
Jax. State at Eastern Ky. — 6:30 p.m.
Samford at Morehead St. — 6:45 p.m.
Tenn. Tech at SEMO — 7:30 p.m.
Tenn. State at UT-Martin — 7:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Eastern Ill. — 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Austin Peay at SEMO — 5 p.m.
Samford at Eastern Ky. — 6:30 p.m.
Jax. St. at Morehead St. — 6:45 p.m.
Tenn. Tech at Eastern Ill. — 7:05 p.m.
Tenn. St. at Murray St. — 7:15 p.m.

League Leaders

Scoring: Dainmon Gonner, SEMO (20.5 ppg.)

Rebounding:

Bob Flowers, TSU (9.1 rpg.)

Assists:

Walker Russell, JSU (7.0 apg.)

In order to keep pace in the Ohio Valley Conference race, the Racers (8-6, 3-1 OVC) need to continue their winning ways tomorrow night against the perennially-downtrodden Skyhawks, who have struggled to a 4-11 overall record and just a 1-3 mark in league play so far in 2004-05.

Murray is currently a game off the pace of co-league leaders Samford and Tennessee Tech after going 1-1 in their recent two-game swing through the state of Alabama — falling to Samford last Thursday before toppling Jacksonville State on Saturday to earn split.

The Racers are currently in the midst of a grueling stretch that includes five of six games away from home. MSU's only home game of the stretch will come Saturday night, when it welcomes Tennessee State to the Regional Special Events Center. Murray will end the trek with a trip to "Death Valley" next week for games at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

On Tuesday, the Racers will attempt to continue their amazing run of success over the neighboring Skyhawks, who have won just two games against MSU in 26 all-time meetings between the two ball clubs.

Martin's only two wins over Murray since joining the OVC in 1992 have come at Skyhawk Arena — a 74-73 triumph on Feb. 6, 1999 and an 80-73 decision on Feb. 3, 2001.

The Racers have won six straight over UT-Martin, and hold an 11-2 advantage in games played at Martin, Tenn. At Murray, MSU leads the series 13-0. The Skyhawks will play at Murray on Feb. 15.

Entering tomorrow's play, the Skyhawks have lost seven of their last eight games. The only win in that stretch came last Thursday, when they came from behind on the road to defeat last-place Jacksonville State 75-71.

Martin's other three victories on the season have come over Reinhardt (84-79), Bethel (Tenn.) College (87-46) and Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne (63-61). The Skyhawks fell to nationally-ranked Duke 88-46 in their season opener and have also played at Evansville, Arkansas State and Ole Miss.

MSU coach Mick Cronin is 2-0 against the Skyhawks, winning 94-70 at home last January before claiming a 77-44 victory at Martin in mid-February.

Forward Jared Newson is Martin's top scorer at 15.6 points per game. He also leads the team in rebounding (6.9).



Photo courtesy of The Birmingham (Ala.) News
Guard Trey Pearson (0), shown here chasing after a loose ball during Murray State's win at Samford last Thursday night, has been the Racers' main offensive threat this season, scoring a team-best 14.3 points per game.

Around the OVC

Tennessee Tech 78, Eastern Kentucky 64
COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Willie Jenkins scored 22 points as Tennessee Tech defeated Eastern Kentucky on Saturday to remain unbeaten in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Jenkins knocked down four consecutive 3-pointers in a 19-4 Tennessee Tech run that put the Golden Eagles (9-6, 4-0 OVC) up 61-37. Jenkins started the run with a tray at the 12:17 mark of the second half. The spurt was capped by two free throws from Milone Clark with 7:26 to play.

The Colonels (10-5, 2-2) answered with a 17-5 run, beginning with 7:04 remaining, to pull to within 66-54 with 3:14 left on the scoreboard.

For the Golden Eagles, Derek Stribling scored 17 points, Anthony Fisher tossed in 15 and Clark added 10.

Zach Ingles paced Eastern Kentucky with 18 points.

Samford 62, Tennessee-Martin 59
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Josh Hare scored eight of his 15 points in the final five minutes to propel the Bulldogs past the Skyhawks Saturday evening at Seibert Hall.

Samford (9-6, 4-0) trailed 57-51 before Hare nailed a pair of 3-pointers and converted a layup to help cut Martin's lead to one with 2:11 remaining.

J. Robert Merritt, who tallied 13 points and seven rebounds on the evening, put the Bulldogs in front with a tray at the 1:17 mark, giving Samford its first lead of the second half.

Jared Newson led UTM (4-11, 1-3) with 16 points

Probable Starters

| Murray State | Pos. | Min. | Ppg. | FG% | Asst. | Reb. |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Keith Jenifer | G | 29.4 | 6.0 | .329 | 4.8 | 2.8 |
| Trey Pearson | G | 30.7 | 14.3 | .444 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| Darnell Hopkins | G | 23.5 | 11.7 | .448 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| Charles Johnson | F | 19.4 | 6.1 | .522 | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| Shawn Witherspoon | F | 23.8 | 10.2 | .596 | 1.6 | 5.2 |

| Tennessee-Martin | Pos. | Min. | Ppg. | FG% | Asst. | Reb. |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Jared Newson | F | 32.5 | 15.6 | .398 | 0.9 | 6.9 |
| Will Lewis | F | 22.7 | 6.5 | .486 | 0.7 | 6.2 |
| Cleve Woodfork | C | 20.4 | 10.0 | .561 | 0.5 | 3.9 |
| Marcus Ford | G | 24.2 | 3.9 | .404 | 4.1 | 1.6 |
| Earl Bullock | G | 20.2 | 9.1 | .274 | 0.3 | 1.3 |

Tennessee-Martin Facts

LocationMartin, Tenn.
Founded1900
Enrollment6,000
Colors ..Royal Blue Orange & White
ArenaElam Center/7,000
PresidentDr. Nick Dunagan
Athletics DirectorPhil Dane
2004-05 Record10-18
Letterwinners Returning/Lost11/1
Starters Returning/Lost5/0

Head Coach

Bret Campbell's Record at UTM

1999-00 10-19
2000-01 10-18
2001-02 15-14
2002-03 14-14
2003-04 10-18
2004-05 4-11

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Saturday's Games
 Chicago 86, New York 84
 Atlanta 103, Charlotte 95
 Washington 108, Phoenix 103
 Detroit 99, Philadelphia 95
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 Orlando 85, Indiana 84
 Minnesota 92, Portland 84
 Houston 73, San Antonio 67
 Dallas 98, New Jersey 93
 Cleveland 84, Utah 71
 Sacramento 99, L.A. Clippers 95
 L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 102

Sunday's Games
 Toronto 102, New Orleans 99
 Seattle 105, Cleveland 97

Monday's Games
 Chicago at New York, noon
 Milwaukee at Charlotte, noon
 New Jersey at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Phoenix at Detroit, 2:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
 Washington at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
 Toronto at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
 Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
 Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Detroit at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Hayes, Racers drop bombs at Jacksonville State

MSU sophomore Hayes sparks Lady Racers off bench with 21 points

Special to the Ledger

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — The Murray State Lady Racers scored more points in any game in more than 11 years — including a 55-point second half — and turned a 15-point first-half deficit into an 11-point win in a 96-85 decision at Jacksonville State in Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday night.

The 96 points was the most for any Lady Racer team in a single game since posting a 96-94 overtime win at Evansville on Nov. 23, 1993, and the most in a regulation game since suffering a 108-102 loss at Eastern Kentucky on Feb. 13, 1993.

MSU (6-9, 2-2 OVC) was fairly consistent from the floor, shooting 43.3 percent (13-for-30) in the first half and stepping it up to 48.6 percent (17-for-35) in the second half.

Jacksonville State (5-8, 2-2 OVC), on the other hand, hit 48.7 percent (19-for-39) in the first half, but was held to 29.5 percent shooting (13-for-44) in the latter period.

"This was the most complete game since we played at Ball State earlier this season," said MSU head coach Joi Fel-

ton. "We worked really hard and kept our heads up. We worked together and played as a team."

"We were still out-rebounded, but we got 39 rebounds, which is a lot better than the 22 we got at Samford (Thursday night). This was a solid team effort on our part."

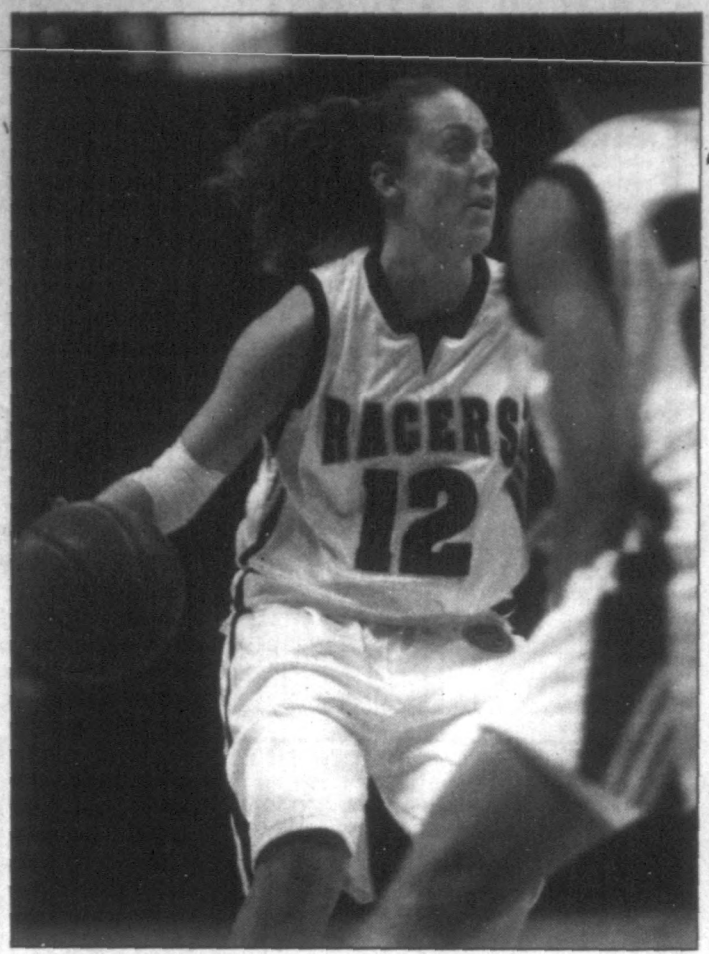
Murray State was led by Ashley Hayes' 21 points off the bench — 18 of which came in the second half. Hayes was 6-for-12 from the field — 5-for-9 from three-point range — and a perfect 4-for-4 from the line.

Rebecca Remington added 16 points on 5-for-6 shooting from the field and a 4-for-4 night from the line to go with a team-high six rebounds. Shaleea Petty put in 15 points to go with five rebounds and three assists, while Hirsch chipped in 13 points and two steals.

Jill Fulkerson handed out a game-high seven assists, while Gerraca Matthews and Fulkerson each swiped two steals.

Murray State hit 12 of its 25 3-point attempts (48 percent), tied for fifth on MSU's single-game 3-point baskets list. The Lady Racers were 24-for-29 from the line (82.8 percent), with Hayes, Remington and Jessie Hirsch each going 4-for-4.

Jacksonville State was paced by two double-double performances. Rebecca Haynes had 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Fredricka Embry had 12 points



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger file photo
Ashley Hayes (12) scored a team-high 21 points off the bench for the Lady Racers in a 96-85 win over OVC foe Jacksonville State.

and 10 rebounds.

Shanika Freeman led all scorers with 22 points.

Jacksonville State made 23.1 percent (9-for-39) of its 3-point shots and went 12-for-15 (80

percent) from the line.

Murray State closes out this three-game road swing on Tuesday, when the Lady Racers visit OVC rival Tennessee-Martin for a 5:30 p.m. game.

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5 shooting from the line, while Orr added 11 points off the bench.

The Racers shot 48.3 percent (28-for-58) from the floor, 50 percent (7-for-14) from 3-point range and 73.7 percent (14-for-19) from the line.

JSU sank 37 percent (17-for-46) from the field, 55 percent (11-for-20) from 3-point range and 69.6 percent (16-for-23) from the line. MSU out-rebounded JSU 38-25.

Jacksonville State was

paced by Tim Lewis' 19 points off the bench on 6-for-7 shooting behind the arc. B.J. Spencer added 13 points for the Gamecocks. Carlos Lumpkin grabbed six rebounds, while Russell had nine assists for JSU.

Murray State concludes its three-game road swing with a Tuesday game at Tennessee-Martin at 7:30 p.m.

Crawford set to return to UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Freshman Joe Crawford, who left Kentucky's basketball team last week in a dispute over playing time, will rejoin the Wildcats' squad, his high school coach said.

Mark White, who coached Crawford at Renaissance High School in Detroit, said the 6-foot-4 guard and his parents spoke with Kentucky coach Tubby Smith on Saturday and that Crawford returned to Lexington from Detroit on Sun-

day.

"He's happy it's over," White said. "He didn't feel good about the situation the whole week he was here."

Crawford left the team last Monday after he and his parents met with Smith. Crawford, a McDonald's All-American in high school, was averaging 13.3 minutes a game — sixth-highest on the team — as well as 3.8 points and 2.4 rebounds per game.

After Crawford left, Kentucky refused to release him from the letter of intent he'd signed with the school, and he stood to lose two full seasons of eligibility if he transferred to another school — one because of NCAA transfer rules,

one because of a penalty imposed when a player breaks his letter of intent.

If Crawford finishes the spring semester at Kentucky, he could transfer without penalty and have three seasons of eligibility remaining.

Kentucky had not made any official announcement regarding Crawford by Monday morning.

"Coach (Smith) is trying to determine what is best for UK and for Joe," athletic department spokesman Scott Stricklin said.

Information from: Lexington Herald-Leader, <http://www.kentucky.com>

Potts dishes out 17 points in Lady Wildcats win over Mississippi

Special to the Ledger

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky women's basketball team hit clutch free throws down the stretch to take a 70-63 win over Ole Miss Sunday in Memorial Coliseum. Four Wildcats scored in double figures led by senior Sara Potts' 17 points.

Sophomore Nastassia Alcius came off the bench for 13 points while freshman Chanté Bowman registered her first career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Sarah Elliott added 10 points. It was the Wildcats' second consecutive Southeastern Conference victory and the Cats' 12th-straight home win.

"I thought it was a very hard-fought battle and was probably a little ugly at times. I thought we just grinded it out in the second half," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "Our offense went a little stale, but we were still able to make stops on the other end and were able to pull out a win at home. It's a great way to start out the conference with a 2-1 record right now."

Kentucky (13-5, 2-1 SEC) led 39-28 at the half, thanks largely to the heady play of Alcius, who came off the bench and poured in 10 first-half points. Ole Miss (11-5, 1-2 SEC) responded out of the break, jumping out on an 8-2 run to pull within five, 41-36, with 16:44 remaining in the game.

Alcius, nailed one of her two three-pointers to push UK's lead out to five, 48-43, at the 13:07 mark and the Wildcats eventually pulled ahead by 11 points (66-55) with 1:09 to go.

Kentucky's bench outscored Ole Miss' bench 28-13. The Cats' bench has now outscored the opponents' bench in all 18 games this season.

Information from: Lexington Herald-Leader, <http://www.kentucky.com>

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never got in sync, and their record-setting receiving trio of Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley never got a started.

The result was predictable: Another loss to New England. "We didn't play our game," Wayne said. "We dropped too many balls early. They didn't do anything special. We just didn't play our game."

Strangely, the Colts came in appearing to finally hold the upper hand against the Patriots (15-2), who were playing with a makeshift secondary.

Starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole both missed the game with injuries, forcing coach Bill Belichick to hide the gaping holes with a combination of players such as converted wide receiver Troy Brown, converted safety Eugene Wilson and rookie Randall Gay.

It didn't matter. The Patriots had answers for everything, including Manning, who looked unbeatable all season while breaking NFL records for touchdown passes (49) and passer rating (121.1).

Instead, New England made Manning and the Colts again look ordinary.

"I think for our defense to hold those guys to three points, I mean, what an unbelievable effort," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "I think defensively, they did everything we could have asked."

Belichick's brilliant game plan pressured Manning, forcing him to hurry decisions and into poor throws.

Manning responded with an uncharacteristic performance. He completed 27 of 42 passes for 238 yards, produced a 69.3 rating, and for the first time in a full game this season failed to throw for a touchdown. He had the ball slip out of his hands once, a fumble that cost the Colts 12 yards. On the Colts' only scoring drive, Manning nearly threw an interception in the end zone. On a rare trick play, Manning was even called for illegal procedure.

It wasn't all Manning's fault.

His receivers dropped more passes than they seemed to all season, and running back Edgerin James carried 14 times for just 39 yards. The Colts' defense allowed New England to play ball control with three time-consuming scoring drives that took 14, 15 and 16 plays.

"It is a lot of the same song as last year, unfortunately," Manning said. "It is me versus you know, the Patriots. But I never played that way or felt that way."

In September, the Colts turned the ball over three times in the red zone during a 27-24 loss, a game that could have sent New England to Indianapolis for the playoffs. In last year's AFC championship, Manning threw four interceptions. In November 2003, it was a goal-line stand that stymied the Colts' rally.

On Sunday, it was another lackluster offensive performance that proved the difference.

"We came up here with very high expectations and just ran into a better team today," Dungy said. "It is one thing about them, they find a way to win."

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ECA claims championship of MTC

Staff Report
 Murray Ledger & Times

It seems that since the weather turned colder, Eastwood Christian Academy's boys basketball team has become hotter.

This past weekend, the Warriors extended a winning streak that began in late November to 12 games by claiming three more victories in taking first place in the Middle Tennessee Classic in Springfield, Tenn. ECA (13-2) clinched the championship by avenging one of its only losses this season in defeating Hendersonville (Tenn.) Christian Academy 60-52 Saturday night.

This was preceded by wins over Windsor Hills Baptist (Oklahoma City, Okla.) - 64-40 - and Berean Baptist Christian School of Rockford, Ill. 60-39. Berean won this event last year. Forward Jordan Harrell was selected most valuable player of the event, while guards Erik Ramsey and David Craig both earned all-tournament team honors.

Ironically, ECA was placed as the No. 8

seed in the eight-team tournament.

Warriors 64, Bulldogs 40
 Windsor Hills Baptist 8 23 40 40
 Eastwood Christian Academy 17 34 50 64
 Windsor Hills Baptist: Vara 25, M. Sams 5, M. Shayer 3, Varo 3, Trayway 2, M. Shayer 1, M. Sams 1.

Warriors 60, Kingsmen 39
 Eastwood Christian Academy 14 29 44 60
 Berean Baptist Christian 10 16 21 39
 Eastwood Christian Academy: J. Harrell 26, Ramsey 17, D. Craig 6, J. Craig 4, M. Harrell 4, Burgie 3.
 Field Goals 26/57, 3-pointers 3 (Ramsey 2, Burgie), Free Throws 5/5, Rebounds 32, Fouls 12.

Warriors 60, Crusaders 52
 Eastwood Christian Academy 25 33 45 60
 Hendersonville Christian Academy 7 26 36 52
 Eastwood Christian Academy: D. Craig 17, Ramsey 15, J. Harrell 10, J. Craig 8, Burgie 8, M. Harrell 2.
 Field Goals 21/43, 3-pointers 5 (D. Craig 2, Burgie 2, J. Craig), Free Throws 13/15, Rebounds 29, Fouls 10.
 Hendersonville Christian Academy: A. Fields 18, Wooley 13, McLean 11, Z. Fields 8, Shewcraft 2.

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Els had already completed his record-tying 62 with a birdie-birdie-eagle finish, the last one an 18-foot putt that allowed the Big Easy to post a score at 10 under par, tied for the lead.

The roar from the crowd after the eagle putt was so loud that it reached Singh, who was playing the 12th hole and suddenly knew exactly what happened — and what he had to do.

"I had six holes to go. 'I said, 'I need a birdie without a bogey, and I think I can win it,'" Singh said.

He followed with five pars,

then picked up his first birdie of the week on the par-5 18th. It wasn't easy, because Singh struggles with a draw off the tee, and anything too far to the right will run into the rough.

"To hit it where I did today, I could take another bucket of balls and not be able to hit that shot," Singh said. "I think it came out just perfect."

His utility club came up just short and 30 feet to the right, and Singh was able to use his putter from the first cut to roll the eagle putt to within 2 feet of the hole.

Singh finished at 11-under 269 for his 25th career victory, and the earliest he has won on tour.

It was a valiant bid by Els to win an unprecedented third straight Sony Open. He again missed several easy birdie putts during the week, and even a few on Sunday, but rallied with an amazing finish that kept everyone in suspense until Singh blistered his final drive.

Els made a 10-footer for birdie on the 16th, knocked a 6-iron to within 3 feet on the 17th, then reached the 18th green with a 3-iron and holed the 18-foot eagle.

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Murray Calloway County Hospital on February 8, 9, 10, & 11. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

**Division of Accreditation Operations
 Accreditation Service Specialist
 Joint Commission on Accreditation of
 Healthcare Organizations
 One Renaissance Boulevard
 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181**

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

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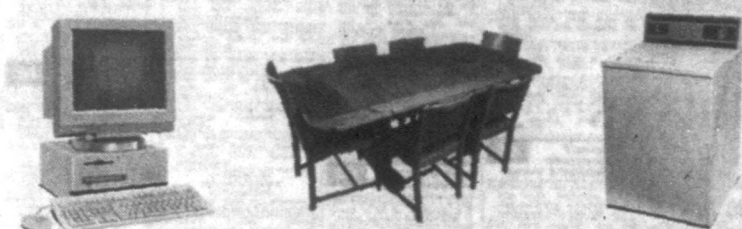
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LookingBack

10 years ago
Published is a picture of more than 75 people at the Freed Curd auditorium of the Collins Industry and Technology building at Murray State University to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a special service last night. The Rev. W.E. Cheaney, pastor of Greater Hope Baptist Church, Murray, was speaker at the event, sponsored by African-American Student/Services Ethnic Program at MSU. The photo was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

Births reported include a boy to Beth and Randy Baker and a girl to Kathy and Robert Saazar, Jan. 12.

20 years ago
State Representative Freed Curd, Democrat from Murray, has been named a member of House Appropriations and Revenue Committee for the General Assembly, Frankfort.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers and Lady Lakers won over Paducah Tighman teams and Murray Tigers and Lady Tigers won over Fulton County teams. High scorers were Johnson and Malcolm for Lakers and Wilkins and Swift for Tigers.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Williams were married 50 years Dec. 22.

30 years ago
Published is a picture of Steve Porter of Murray High School signing a scholarship to play football at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Also pictured are his mother, Margaret Porter, his sister, Emily Porter, and MHS assistant coach Mark Brady. Also present were Bill Battle, UT

head coach, and Gene DeFillippe, UT assistant coach. The photo was by Staff Photographer Mike Brandon.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Tucker and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Darling, Jan. 3; a girl to Donna Gail Parrish and Roger Parrish, Jan. 5; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Holley Morris, Jan. 8.

40 years ago
Murray and Calloway County awoke Jan. 16 to snow and ice covered ground. The temperature started dropping early the night of Jan. 15 and the rain began freezing about 7:30 p.m., followed by snowfall about 8:30 p.m.

Fire destroyed a mobile home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Deion Courtney at Elkins Trailer Court near Midway.

Judy Suiter and Mac Fitts were married Dec. 31 at College Church of Christ.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. David Holton McConnell, Jan. 7.

50 years ago
Kenneth Earl Parker, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker, died from injuries sustained when he was hit by a car as he crossed the Lynn Grove Highway, five miles west of Murray.

James Phillips of Clinton and Rex Alexander of Murray have been elected as officers of the Murray State College Alumni Association.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Owen, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Calhoun and a girl to Ronald and Euple Thompson.

Witness to accidental shooting can't shake feeling at fault

DEAR ABBY: My fiance's best friend, "Ted," accidentally shot himself in the head in front of another friend, "Matt."



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Matt blames himself for the accident, even though Ted survived and is doing OK.

Matt and Ted were drinking and looking at Ted's gun. The gun has a history of not ejecting the bullet when you want it to. Ted looked to see if the gun had any bullets in it, and it didn't, so Ted put the barrel to his head and pulled the trigger.

Matt feels that Ted blames him. He doesn't. It was just a stupid accident. Are there any support groups out there that my fiance and I can get Matt into? He's really messed up and needs to talk to someone.

-- CARING FRIEND IN MONTANA

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Among the rules of responsible gun ownership are never to point the barrel at anyone and never to presume that the gun is empty. Ted is lucky his stupidity didn't cost him his life. If there is any support group I'd recommend for Matt -- and Ted, too, as soon as he's fully recovered -- it would be AA. It appears both of them have a serious problem with alcohol.

ty. It involves out-of-town professional conferences. In our small suburb, several marriages have ended on the basis of affairs that were born at these conferences.

In my case, my husband of 35 years confessed that he'd had an "emotional affair" with a single, professional colleague that endured for 20 years. While it was never sexual, they wrote each other letters and love poems. She addressed them to his work box. They also exchanged gifts, including some he purchased for her during our family vacations and smuggled home.

The usual warning signs of infidelity were absent. There were no unexplained absences, no telephone receipts, no money missing from our joint account, no lipstick on his collars. The only clues were my husband's defensiveness -- and his vague complaints about "something" wrong with our marriage. Yet he refused marriage counseling. Our sex life became passionless, our communication nonexistent. However, to the outside world, we appeared to be a model couple.

My husband is ashamed and remorseful now. We're finally seeing a therapist, who is helping us rebuild our marriage. However, 20 years of deception are difficult to overcome.

My advice? If your mate is less than enthusiastic about having you accompany him or her on trips to professional gatherings, be suspicious. Go to counseling on your own, if need be. And do not be as trusting and naive as I was. If my spouse can cheat, anyone's can.

-- SADDER BUT WISER IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SADDER: As your letter shows, emotional affairs can be as devastating to a marriage as sexual ones. Although your spouse's affair occurred at business conferences, I receive many letters and e-mails regarding online affairs where the people don't always meet in person.

DEAR ABBY: Please print this cautionary tale of infidelity.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2005. There are 348 days left in the year. This is Martin Luther King Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 17, 1955, the submarine USS Nautilus made its first nuclear-powered test run from its berth in Groton, Conn.

On this date:

In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the private use of home video cassette recorders, to tape television programs did not violate federal copyright laws.

Steroid mouthwash for canker sores

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from recurring canker sores for years. My doctor prescribed a mouthwash called dexamethasone, calling for 1 teaspoon daily and up to 7 during flare-ups. This is for an immune problem and not for herpes-related sores. Perhaps some of your readers with this condition might be helped by this information.



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

DEAR READER: Dexamethasone is a potent form of cortisone and it may, indeed, help many people with canker sores, the painful, non-viral ulcers that periodically form within the mouth. As you stated, the drug is administered as a prescription mouthwash.

Thank you for writing and sharing this tip.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered with diarrhea since January 1993. I've been treated by three gastroenterologists, have undergone numerous procedures, have taken over-the-counter and prescription drugs, and had colonoscopy and a GI series. Nothing positive has surfaced and it seems no one wants to research this. I'm desperate.

DEAR READER: The cause of diarrhea can be elusive. Obviously, conditions such as colitis can cause it, but so can parasitic intestinal infections, intolerance to milk sugar, numerous medications, inflammation of the pancreas and poor circulation to the colon.

Also, diarrhea is a common constituent of irritable bowel syndrome, a harmless and annoying condition marked by gas, bloating and diarrhea/constipation in the presence of a

completely normal intestine. Assuming that your gastroenterologists have checked you for the conditions I mentioned (using X-rays, blood tests and stool analyses), I suggest that you ask them if your problem is irritable bowel syndrome. In this case, your diarrhea might be lessened if you were to use a stool-bulking agent such as Metamucil, or a mild sedative such as Donnatal, to relax your bowel when it's acting up.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What would cause bleeding from the navel? I'm using Betadine ointment prescribed by my doctor, but the problem continues.

DEAR READER: Bleeding from the navel is most often caused by a yeast infection, for which therapy, such as Nizoral cream, is usually curative. Betadine, an all-purpose antiseptic, is not particularly effective against yeasts. Ask your doctor for a prescription -- or a referral to a dermatologist.

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ContractBridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 5 4 2
♥ Q 9 4
♦ A K J
♣ A K 9 5

WEST
♠ K 10
♥ J 2
♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♣ J 6 3 2

EAST
♠ A 9 6
♥ K 5 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ Q 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ Q J 8 7 3
♥ A 10 8 7 6
♦ Q 9
♣ 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3♣
4♦

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

West's club return was taken by the ace, and Cahn led a second spade, winning the queen when East followed low. Declarer then conceded a spade to East, who exited with a club to dummy's king.

Cahn now had to guess how to attack hearts, and she solved the problem immediately by leading the queen, covered by the king and ace. West's jack of hearts took the next trick, and declarer claimed the remainder, making four.

At the second table, Tobi Deutsch and Mildred Breed ended up in four hearts with North the declarer after a transfer sequence. The seemingly stronger eight-card trump fit came with a built-in flaw, however, and the opponents were quick to exploit it.

Sue Picus, East, led a club to declarer's ace, and Deutsch misguessed how to initiate the trump suit by leading the nine and letting it ride.

Sharon Osberg, West, won with the jack and quickly shifted to the K-10 of spades. Picus took the ten with the ace and returned a spade for Osberg to ruff, and the contract was down one.

Note that if declarer had led the queen of hearts rather than the nine at trick two, or had simply played the ace and another heart, West could not have obtained a ruff, and North would have gotten home unscathed with 10 tricks.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1992 United States Women's Team Championship, held to select the U.S. representative to the 1992 Women's Team Olympiad.

When the deal was first played, Nancy Passell and Nell Cahn reached four spades as shown against two members of the eventual winning squad, Amalya Kearse and Jacqui Mitchell. Cahn, South, won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and led a spade to the jack and king.

Tomorrow: Delicate misrepresentation.
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Crosswords

ACROSS

- Worker's no.
- Swamped
- Understand
- "Ball --"
- City in India
- Mantra chants
- Bonuses
- Lacking factuality
- Technique
- Stuck around
- No, to Fraulein
- Pharaoh's god
- Join forces
- Still
- Chilly and wet
- Norse Zeus
- Polite addr.
- Varnish
- Look -- that!
- Elite alternative
- Round dwelling
- Opposite of post
- Body parts
- Mag exec
- Prove durable
- Wild animal

DOWN

- The lady
- Jazz instrument
- Scatterbrain
- Forever and
- Craven or Unsel
- Hirt or Gore
- Feng --
- Shiva believer
- Unsavory
- Grounded bird
- Vane dir.
- Left in a great hurry
- Soprano counterpart
- Feast
- River or mountain deity
- Ghostlike
- Suggestive ornament
- Put in a journal
- Courtroom, VIP
- Northern Iraqi
- Encumbered
- And, to Caesar
- Jump-start need
- Inhabitants
- Hot tub
- Score big
- What red means
- Riverbank growth
- Charleston's st.
- Provide assistance
- Chi follower
- Rand of fiction
- Journey stage
- Unwitty comeback

Answer to Previous Puzzle

RECAPS ZOMBIE
TACTIC ELECTS
EG VERANDA AK
LP DELI DALI
HEEL WITH DIM
ISAAC THAT CO
KOH SHUI
GP SAAB ARROW
RAT RULE KICK
ELIA GULL ST
AM SCHEMER AR
SETTEE EVOLVE
EDDIED RIBBED

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