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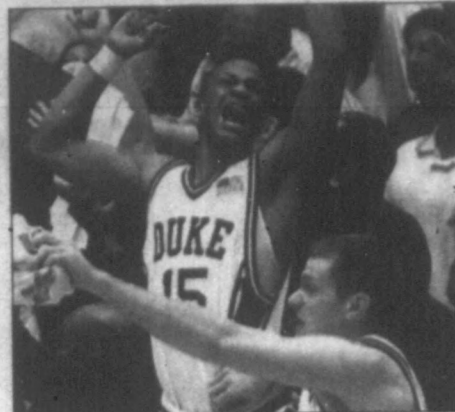
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School district annexation faces hurdles

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Twenty-nine school-aged children live in Crossfield subdivision, which is located barely in the Calloway County school district on Ky. 94 West, but they all go to Murray Independent Schools.

Sandy Morgan and other residents are trying to drum up support to have the subdivision annexed into the Murray school district. The city limits — which encompass 10.6 square miles — and the smaller city school district boundaries aren't the same, and portions of the city's residents, especially those who live in southwest Murray, actually live in the county school district.

Morgan, who is a spokesperson for the grassroots Advocates for School Choice, said she knows having her neighborhood annexed into the city school district could be a lengthy legal process, but it's a battle she's willing to fight for the sake of her three children — a second-grader and a fourth-grader enrolled in city schools and a 3-year-old she hopes can also attend Murray.

"All 29 children go to Murray," she said. "We all have a vested interest because we want our children to stay in the schools they are in."

Residents in Murray Estates are also considering an annexation petition. That subdivision is also on Ky. 94 West next to Crossfield.

Annexation into a school district is done by subdivisions. Residents can petition for annexation if they have 75 percent of either the registered voters or property owners in an area adjacent to the school district, according to KRS 160.045. In this instance, Crossfield residents would submit a petition with the necessary signatures to

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**— Gretchen Young
Campbell Estates resident
whose daughter is enrolled in
Murray Elementary School**

the Murray Board of Education. The board would vote on the request and send any approval to the Calloway County Board of Education for consideration.

Crossfield was annexed into the city and developed in the mid-1990s. Fifty-four lots make up the subdivision, but the wife of the original developer still owns 14 lots, meaning she counts as one property owner rather than 14. Some lots have yet to be built upon.

If the boards fail to agree on an annexation agreement within 90 days, either board may petition Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, who will make a decision based on Kentucky Board of Education policies as well as other criteria that affects the involved districts. The statute says that criteria includes the ratio of the wealth of the territory involved in its relation to the total wealth of the district from which the territory will be annexed; the effect of the proposed territorial loss of gain on the educational programs of the respective districts; extent of and effect on the physical plant, facilities, and equipment available in each of the affected districts; and any contemplated indebtedness or obligation arising out of the proposed transfer.



Some parents of school-aged children in Crossfield subdivision off Ky. 94 West are seeking to be annexed into the city school district. The subdivision resides in Murray's city limits, but is in the county school district.

JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

assumed it was one and the same."

Gretchen Young learned in October living in Campbell Estates meant she was among the city residents who are part of the county school district. She has a 7-year-old daughter enrolled in Murray and a 4-year-old daughter at home.

Young is among a few mothers in Campbell Estates — a neighborhood off Doran Road less than a mile from Murray High School — circulating the idea of annexation. Her response among parents sending their children to Murray has been favorable. Some of the children in that subdivision also attend Calloway schools.

"The reason I am so for it is I live in the city limits but I don't have city school rights," Young said of annexation. "We were blown away to find out we were part of the county school district."

In addition to annexation, property taxes are among the issues that have arisen in the ongoing non-resident dispute between Murray and Calloway County schools. Parents who send their children to city schools even though they live in the county district still pay county school taxes on their property.

The tax for Calloway County Schools is 38.4 cents per \$100 of the property's assessed value. The Murray board increased its

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Health board deals with roof issues

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

The Calloway County Board of Health moved quickly Tuesday to order the repair of an expensive roof leak on the health center's aging 52-year-old building while appointing a committee to look into the possibility of constructing a new facility or moving to a new location.

During a special-called luncheon meeting at the Calloway County Health Center Tuesday, center officials told board members that a leak in the front office area resulting from the recent build up of snow and ice had already cost \$9,300 in repair bills. However, problems with the roof persist and the department's insurance company is sending in another contractor to assess the situation.

"The girder failed and the roof dropped down and separated from the roofing membrane and the water came in," Board member John Resig said.

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Training focuses on car seat safety; seat check is Saturday

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Murray firefighters and police will soon spearhead an effort to assist parents in the proper installation of child auto safety seats.

An effort to establish a permanent child safety seat fitting station in Murray officially kicked off Wednesday during a Child Car Passenger Technician Safety Class at Murray State University's Expo Center on College Farm Road. The training, which will continue through Friday, was co-sponsored by Murray-Calloway County Safe Communities Project and Audubon Area Community Services as part of Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety Week Feb. 8-14.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Ryan Dawson, one of the instructors, said a date for opening the fitting station is not certain, but that the goal is in sight with the participation of officers from the Murray Police Department, MSU Public Safety, the Murray Fire Department, and the Calloway County Sheriff's Department on hand.

"What we plan on having is a full-time check station at the Murray Fire Department," Dawson said. "We'll have the people at the fire department trained and you can take your



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times photo

Mike Farley, training officer for the Murray Fire Department, left, is joined by Deborah Lambert of the Christian County Health Department in inspecting auto safety equipment for the proper installation of a child safety seat. The goal of the training is the setup of a permanent child car seat fitting station in Murray.

vehicle there to have a car seat inspected to make sure it's properly installed."

Francie Ray, area manager of Audubon Area Community Services and an organizer of the effort, said the fitting station would be convenient and vital for parents that want to keep their children safe while driving.

"People can come by and say, 'Is my car seat installed correctly,' and have someone there that is trained to show them how to

do it," she said.

MFD Training Officer Mike Farley said he hopes to have as many firefighters as possible trained for the job quickly so that the program can get on track. Sheriff's deputies and MPD officers are also expected to assist in the effort.

"We'll try to get several or, eventually, everybody trained to do this and then we'll set up a

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Western Kentucky Highland Festival to move to Murray

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Ordinarily, the sight of a man in a dress in Murray means one thing ... somebody is going out of his way to support a worthy charity.

Come the fall of 2006, though, it will look completely normal, though plaid patterns may be most displayed. That is the appropriate dress for participants in the Western Kentucky Highland Festival that organizers have announced is moving from Paducah to Murray with a Scottish name.

"I'm very excited about this, because we do have a big Scottish contingent in this area. This celebrates our history and our heritage," said Shannon Blalock, executive director of the Murray Tourism Commission.

No details are set for 2006, but Blalock indicated that festival officials seemed very interested in Murray Parks & Recreation's Central Park facility. The festival is not being held in its entirety this year in order to better prepare the whole event for its debut in Murray the following year after it had been held the past seven years in Paducah. Traditionally, the event is held in mid-September.

"I think it will get a lot of attention here," Blalock said, noting that the organizers, with whom she met a couple of weeks ago, seemed quite enthused when it came to Murray's reputation for supporting events. "I

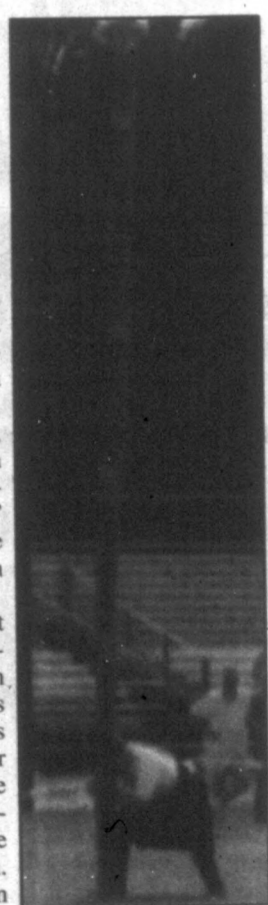


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An athlete tries to flip the caber in one of the most recognizable events of the Highland Games.

told them about the Trail of Treats that was held last Halloween (at Chestnut Park) and how we had 3,000 people turn out for something that was just planned a short time before it was held. (Event official Charlotte Harris) was excited when I told her about that."

Organizers were unavailable for comment Wednesday.

When it comes to the Jackson Purchase Region, no event comes close to resembling the festival. It includes three days of nothing but Scottish activities, including bagpipe band concerts, dance demonstrations and sheep herding. What has received the most attention regionally, though, have been the amateur athletic competitions — Highland Games — that include hammer throwing, sheaf tossing and the caber toss, where contestants are asked to flip what amounts to a pole made of solid oak that measures around 20 feet in length.

Blalock is quite familiar with these events. Her husband, Adam, has competed in them the last three years at Paducah.

The festival will be introduced in abbreviated form to its new home later this year when a Ceilidh, or Scottish party, is conducted. The main feature to that will live entertainment and traditional Scottish food. Additional information about

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Truck wreck Wednesday injures two

Staff Report
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Two Murray residents were taken to Murray-Calloway County Hospital and then to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville following a one-vehicle accident on US 641 South, according to the Calloway County Sheriff's Department.

According to a sheriff's department report, driver Barry L. Morrison, 41, of

South Seventh Street, and passenger Sondra K. Burnett, 38, of North 13th Street, were southbound on the highway around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, when the truck ran off the road and hit a mailbox and a culvert which caused the vehicle to go airborne.

The truck tumbled after hitting the ground and both Morrison and Burnett were thrown out of the vehicle through the windshield. The truck bed separated from the

frame after hitting a utility pole and the vehicle came to a rest after hitting a tree.

MCCCH emergency room staff had notified LifeFlight for transport to Nashville, according to the report. Both victims suffered injuries to their entire body.

The sheriff's report said Morrison and the cab of the truck smelled of alcohol. It also stated that open and unopened beer cans were found inside the vehicle, as well.

Murray's Darnell picked for TVA council

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An Alabama state senator, a Tennessee state environmental official, a Georgia utility manager, a community activist from Mississippi and a Tennessee wildlife advocate are among nine new members appointed Wednesday to a Tennessee Valley Authority resource advisory panel.

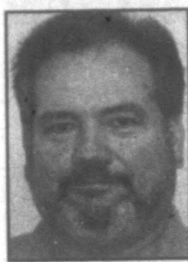
The 20-member TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council, established in 2000, advises the nation's largest public utility on resource oversight of the 652-mile-long Tennessee River watershed.

Most recently the council played a major role in TVA's

revamping of river operations to provide more recreational opportunities demanded of lake users, marinas and related businesses.

Joining the panel for the first time as gubernatorial appointees are: state Sen. Tommy Ed Roberts of Hartselle, Ala.; real estate appraiser Kenneth Ray Darnell of Murray, Ky.; community activist Rosemary Williams of Corinth, Miss.; and Tennessee Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Conservation Jim Fyke of Nashville.

Jim Jared, controller with Temple-Inland of New Johnsonville, Tenn., is a new council member representing



Darnell

industries served directly by TVA. Roy G. "Joe" Satterfield Jr., general manager of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corp. of Young Harris, Ga., is a new member representing TVA distributors.

New members representing TVA's various stakeholders are Michael Butler, executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, of Nashville; Bill

Tittle, Hamilton County emergency management chief, of Chattanooga; and Tom Littlepage, deputy director of water resources at the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, of Montgomery.

They will join 11 reappointed members, all serving terms through February 2006.

Bruce Shupp of Montgomery, Ala., will continue as council chairman.

TVA provides electricity to about 8.5 million people in Tennessee and parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

Highland ...

From Front

the Ceilidh will be available in the near future, Blalock said.

Among the activities to be included in 2006 will be what are known as clan tents, which have been used in the Paducah festi-

vals. These areas provide visitors information about the genealogy and history of various clans, the Scottish way of referring to a family's history. Blalock said, with western Kentucky holding a deep Scottish tradition, many participants have found their own ancestors at this exhibit.

Murray already is the home to a popular Scottish event, the Robert Burns Supper, held each January. This held on or close to the birthday of the famed Scottish poet, but it is also held in honor of John L. Murray, for whom the Calloway County community is named. Their birthdays were Jan. 25.

Seats ...

From Front

check point at the fire department," Farley said. "We're there 24-7, so we will have someone there trained to do this all the time."

Others that attended the training included members of the Paducah Fire Department and the Christian County Health Department.

Ray said that there is also a program in place to purchase child car safety seats for parents that cannot afford them. About \$2,000 in funding is available to

purchase the seats for those that qualify.

On Saturday, parents are invited to drop by Taylor Chevrolet on Highway 641 South in Murray for a free Safe Kids Passenger Safety Seat Check. The event will kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m., according to Ray.

Checks will be made on the installation of seat belts and auto safety equipment to ensure that child safety seats are properly installed. Ray said similar checks have found that 80 percent to 90 percent of car safety

seats were not correctly installed.

According to national Safe Kids officials, 1,579 children ages 14 and under died in motor vehicle crashes in 2001 and an estimated 227,000 children in the same age group were injured the following year.

Of those involved in accidents, one study showed that 25 percent of those that suffered from traffic injuries — and 15 percent of their parents — were later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

As of Jan. 2004, 141 children

have been killed by passenger air bags nationwide and approximately 92 percent of the deaths were among children either unrestrained or improperly restrained, including 23 infants in rear-facing child safety seats in front of a passenger air bag, according to the Safe Kids Web site at www.safekids.org.

The Safe Kids Campaign event in Murray is a part of the Murray-Calloway County Safe Communities Project funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Program and administered by the Kentucky State Police.

SheriffPoliceLogs

- Murray State University Police Department**
- Hombra Stokes, 34, of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested Tuesday for third-degree burglary in connection to a theft from a Sparks Hall office on Dec. 6, 2004. Officers were en route to Memphis to extradite Stokes at 7:08 a.m. He was lodged in the Calloway County jail at 4:34 p.m.
- Murray Police Department**
- Verdell Pack, 48, of Puryear, Tenn., was arrested for theft by unlawful taking less than \$300 after an officer responded to a shoplifting complaint at Wal-Mart at 7 p.m. Tuesday.
 - Extra patrol was requested Wednesday for the Murray Woman's Clubhouse on Vine Street because the patio area had been vandalized.
 - Jessica Hargrove, 23, and Destiny Chapman, 25, both of Murray, were arrested at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday after an officer responded to a shoplifting complaint at Wal-Mart at 7:32 p.m. Tuesday.
- Calloway County Sheriff's Department**
- A caller wanted to speak to a deputy at 12:12 p.m. Tuesday regarding a stolen bumper from a vehicle at a Ky. 94 East location.
 - An injury accident was reported at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday on Poor Farm Road. Edward G. Clark, 59, of Murray, was traveling west on Poor Farm Road in his 1996 Ford Taurus about two miles west of U.S. 641. Kasandra Cunningham, 36, of Murray, was driving her 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe eastbound on the same road. A deer ran across the road and Clark struck the animal. After the initial impact, Clark's car hit Cunningham's vehicle head on.
 - A tractor fire was reported to close to buildings on Dunbar Road at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday.
- Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

Roof ...

From Front

the damage and stop the leak, however he agreed with other board members that a new roof might be needed, possibly with a design different than the current flat roof.

"We need to consider it," he said.

A new roof was put on the building about six years ago, and Calloway County Judge Executive Larry Elkins and other board members noted that it might be time to consider the department's future facility needs, including construction of a new site.

"I would like for us to look at our long-term needs before we spend a lot of money on repairs," Elkins said after center officials noted other structural problems with the facility, including repairs to the foundation.

Purchase District Health Department Administrator Charlie Ross told the board that application could be made for a federal Community Development Block Grant administered by the state to help pay for a construction project. He estimated the cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million with a CDBG grant — if obtained — paying a "substantial part" of the bill.

"We need to be looking in that direction," said board member Dr. Charles Tucker.

Following a motion by Tucker, the board unanimously appointed Elkins, Ross, Cavitt and Purchase District Financial Administrator Stephanie Hays to a committee that would look into the cost and feasibility of constructing another building or

relocating to another facility. Another board member pointed out that there might be an existing building in the area that could be purchased to save money.

In other actions, Ross told board members that there is a need for extra precaution on the part of department employees in the handling of job applications and other paperwork that may contain personal information.

He said a news reporter had recently searched one of the district health department's garbage cans and had come up with a Murray woman's job application for a food services position that included her Social Security number. The incident was reported Wednesday on WPSD.

"Now we're not talking about a patient's medical records here or anything like that — anything concerning HIPPA," Ross noted. "Nothing like that was involved, but we need to be careful."

Ross said he only meant to caution officials about the proper handling of potentially sensitive information and to be sure any papers were shredded before they are discarded to protect privacy rights and prevent the possibility of identity theft.

In other actions, the board approved the appointment of Vicki Williams to serve a term in the registered nurse position recently vacated by Stephanie Mallory. Williams, a 1982 Paducah Community College nursing graduate, now serves as health coordinator for the Calloway County Board of Education. Her term on the county Board of Health will expire Dec. 31, 2006.

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Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at city hall. The agenda includes Donna Herndon of the Angel's Community Clinic and Murray-Calloway County Hospital CEO Jon O'Shaughnessy, several second readings of ordinances regarding the newly formed Murray Code Enforcement Board, and a resolution regarding the construction of a business loop. The public works committee meets prior to the meeting at 6:10 p.m. to discuss bids for the Meadow Lane culvert replacement.

■ The Calloway County Board of Education will meet at North Elementary at 6 p.m. today.

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

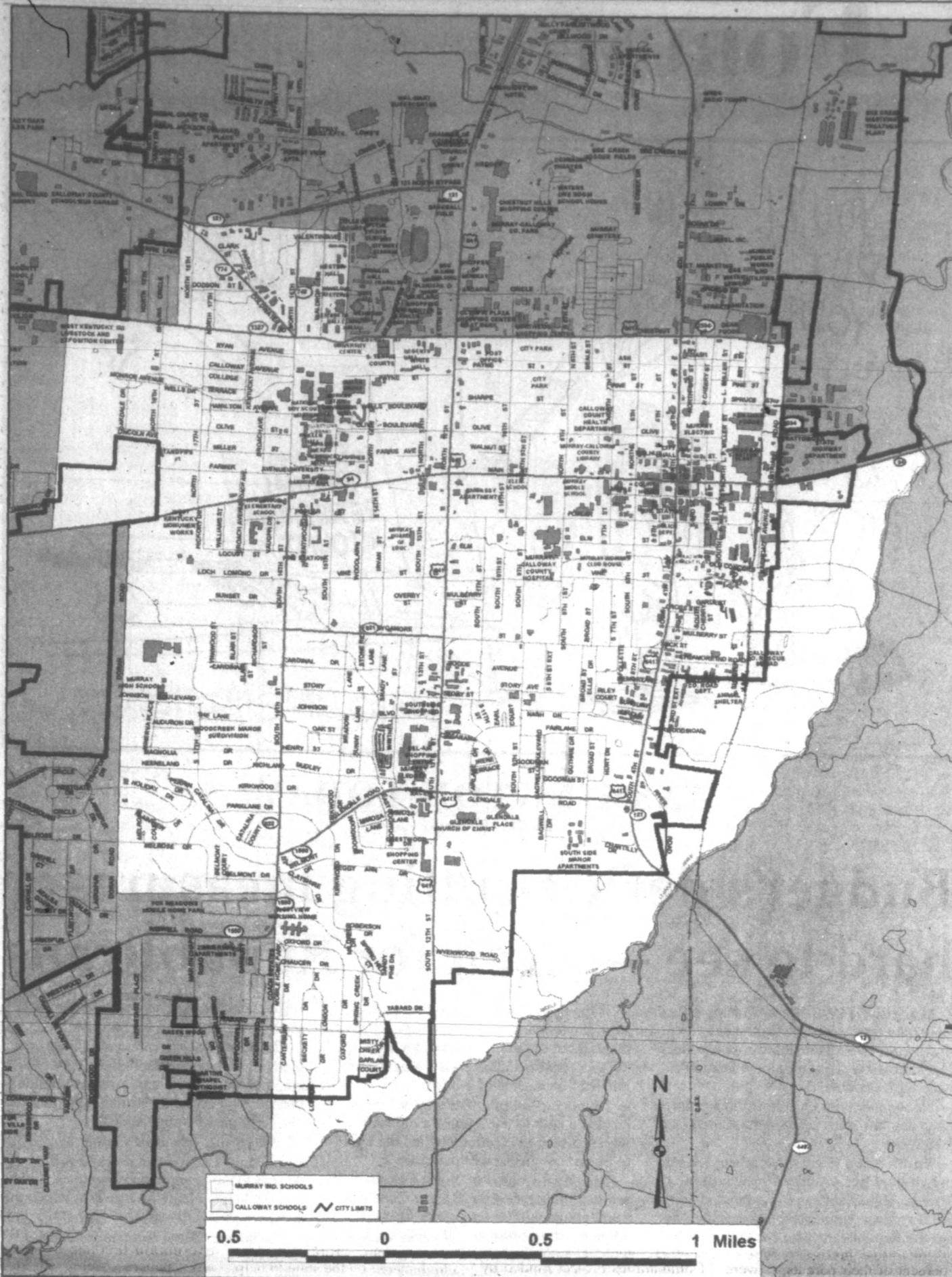
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Annexation ...

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district tax from 37 cents to 50 cents in September 2003. The tax includes 38.2 cents on \$100 property valuation and 11.8 cents for the building fund, which was allowed because the Kentucky Department of Education considered Murray a growing district. Schools also receive money from utility taxes, as mandated by state law.

The Calloway County Sheriff's Department collects taxes for Calloway County Schools while the City of Murray collects taxes for Murray Independent Schools. Both entities use residents' addresses to determine who owes the schools taxes rather than which district the students attend.

Taxes generate instructional money for schools, which also receive at least \$3,500 per student in average daily attendance money. ADA money also incorporates the state's Support Education Excellence in Kentucky program. SEEK is a formula-driven funding program that provides state dollars to local school districts and includes funding for transportation costs and special needs students, among other components, as reported by local district officials.

Calloway County Schools Superintendent Steve Hoskins said the state's 176 school districts spend about \$7,000 per child each year. The state uses the SEEK formula to equalize funding across the state, so property-rich and property-poor districts all spend about the same per pupil.

"Anytime we are getting a dollar it helps," Hoskins said. "But as you collect property tax money you're getting less SEEK money. The more you take in locally, the less you get from the state because it's equalized."

Hoskins said while the county is collecting taxes from some parents who are sending their children to city schools, the declining enrollment still hurts the district because textbook

money, extended school services and other state-supported programs are based on ADA numbers.

The local dispute arose when the two local school districts were negotiating the 2005-06 non-resident contract, which allows ADA money to be properly transferred between districts. The districts did not agree on a contract by the Feb. 1 deadline, putting into jeopardy the ADA money for students attending schools out of their home districts. More than half of Murray's students are actually county district residents. Murray has 911 Calloway residents enrolled in its district, but only 433 were included in the 2004-05 non-resident contract that Murray and Calloway boards signed in October.

Hoskins said the annexation process is more complicated than students and property taxes. There's also an element of debt. If a portion of the county was annexed into the city district, the independent district would be responsible for some of the county's debt because bonds were issued based on the district's ability to pay.

"To annex our assets like that, they'd have to annex some of our debt load," Hoskins said. "I don't see Frankfort letting them have some of our district just so those students can continue in Murray, especially with the enormous discrepancy in their reporting."

Both districts are appealing the lack of a non-resident agreement. Wilhoit is expected to make a decision within the next month. If the districts disagree with his ruling, either can appeal to the state board of education.

"It's sort of stalled because I'm waiting to see what the commissioner decides," Young said of the annexation petition. "But I still want it to be annexed so I don't have to worry about this happening again. I want to pay city taxes. It's a small sum to pay so my daughter is happy and we don't have to go through this again."

Lawmakers pose technical questions on tax plan

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Legislators who got their first formal look at Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposals for tax changes posed some technical questions, but were mostly concerned about who's paying the tab.

"I've got to go home and explain to these people," said Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson.

The alternative minimum tax, designed to pose a levy on companies that avoid other corporate taxes, drew many of the questions.

The administration estimates the tax would raise more than \$100 million a year, but legislators wondered if it would hit Kentucky companies already paying their fair shares. Budget director Brad Cowgill said the alternative tax is mostly aimed at out-of-state companies with complex corporate arrangements designed to avoid taxation.

The tax is proposed for \$950 for each \$1 million in gross receipts, which administration officials said is among the lowest rates among the states. But

officials also acknowledged there are few states with such alternative taxes.

"We need to make sure large companies aren't escaping paying Kentucky taxes," said Rep. Jon Draud, R-Edgewood. "We're hearing a lot of complaints from some people."

Cowgill said the complaints are understandable in one regard because many of the companies have avoided taxes.

"We're going to have taxpayers who have never been taxpayers before," Cowgill said.

Since its introduction, Fletcher's tax plan has drawn some fire from a broad spectrum.

House Democrats are balking

at the 31-cent increase in the cigarette tax. The alcoholic beverage industry, including the signature bourbon distillers, say it unfairly targets them by adding the sales tax to retail package sales. Advocates for the poor say it doesn't do enough to cut individual income taxes.

Cowgill said the entire package is designed to promote economic growth, though the administration said just over 10,000 new jobs will be created as a result by 2008.

"We think our tax code is holding us back," Cowgill told the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "It's not reliable. It's not fair and it's not good for growth."

Fletcher has warned that the state's very future is dependent on enacting the package, which he calls tax modernization, in order to promote economic growth.

"The budget I present is based on our current tax code, a system rooted in an economy nearly 100 years old," Fletcher said in his State of the Commonwealth address. "This is not the path I prefer, but if you cannot summon the will to reform our taxes then it is the path we are destined to take."

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, promised that some form of a tax plan would pass the House.

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Washington's failure for tobacco farmers no accident

Our leaders in Washington have failed the tobacco farmers of Kentucky and 13 other states. Instead of a "tobacco buyout" bill Congress passed a "farmer sell-out" bill last fall, letting tobacco companies off the hook for the final payment due growers. Sadly, our leaders were warned that the legislation had a serious problem, and they passed it anyway.



Guest Voice
 By Sen. Joey Pendleton
 D-Hopkinsville

Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo was one of several attorneys general who on Oct. 6 wrote Congressional leaders, pointing out that their failure to include a "January 1, 2005" effective date in the buyout legislation offered tobacco companies an out. With no effective date, the companies could avoid making the December 2004 payment to farmers.

The letter was addressed to members of the House and Senate who were on a conference committee working out final details of the legislation. Both Kentucky Senators, Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell, were members of that conference committee. Incidentally, both also receive generous campaign contributions from big tobacco.

Congress ignored the letter and passed the \$10.1 billion buyout bill on Oct. 11, without including the effective date. It wasn't an accident. Since then, the tobacco companies have taken the out -- they have refused to make the last 2004 payment.

As you might have guessed, it was a very costly mistake. The final "Phase II" payment from the cigarette companies is estimated at \$424 million, including approximately \$124 million for an estimated 160,000 Kentucky farmers, including me. I hold a small tobacco quota.

Phase II payments are intended to compensate tobacco farmers for the losses they have suffered as a result of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement among the tobacco industry and nearly all states to settle legal claims over the health effects of smoking. In addition the companies make Phase I payments to states to address their costs of treating the health effects of smoking.

Seven states, including Kentucky, have rightfully sued the companies for the final payment to farmers. That case is now making its way through the courts, which have so far sided with the companies.

A North Carolina judge ruled on Dec. 23 -- just two days before farmers thought they would be getting a check on Christmas -- that the tobacco companies did not have to make the last 2004 Phase II payment. The case has been appealed, but five of the seven justices in North Carolina who were scheduled to hear it have a conflict of interest -- they've taken money from big tobacco, own stock in tobacco companies or own a tobacco allotment. Only one has been disqualified.

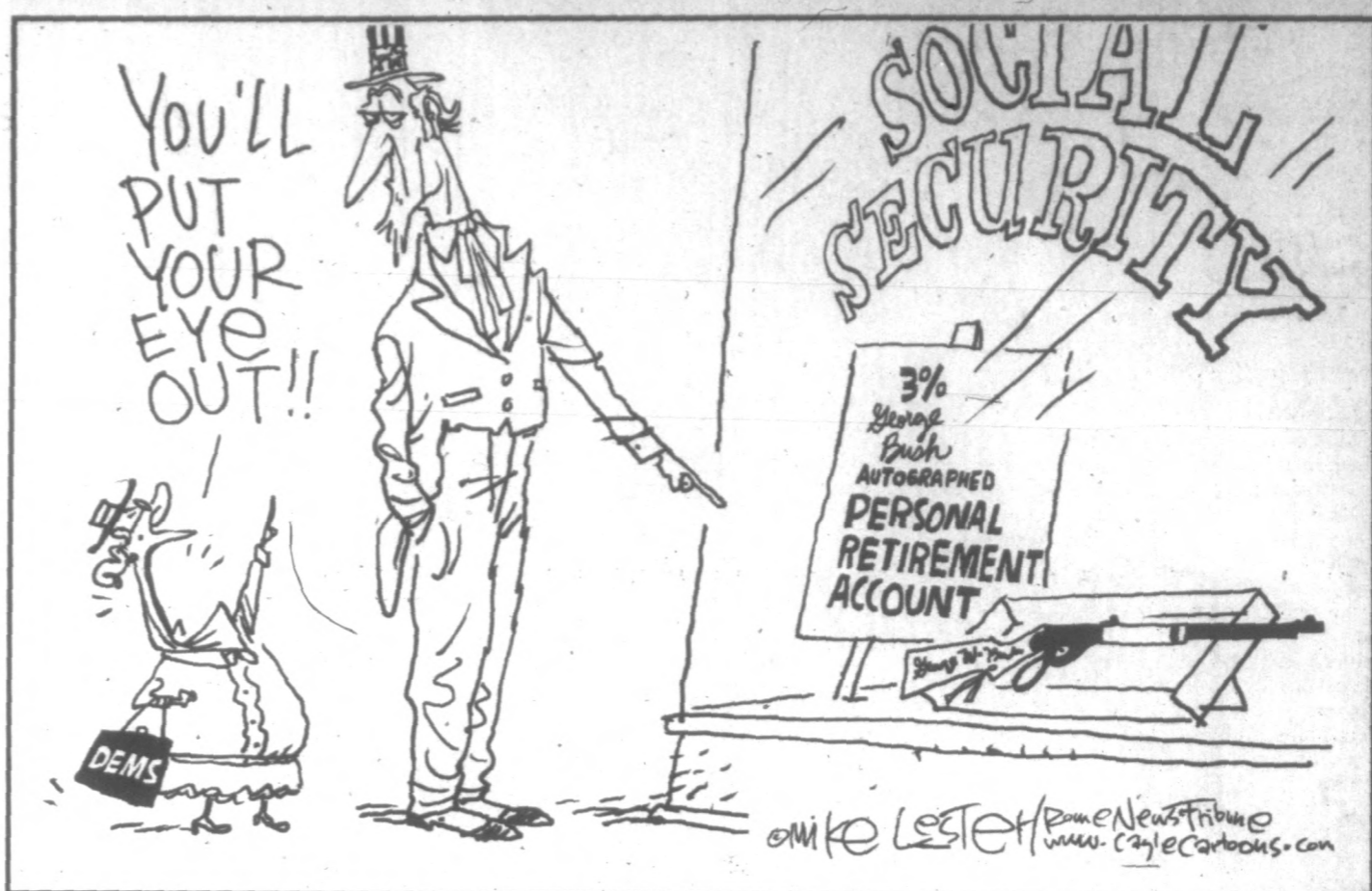
None of this would have been necessary if our representatives in Congress had done their jobs right. Kentucky's entire delegation voted for this buyout bill with its fatal flaw.

There has been some speculation that the General Assembly will be asked to clean up Congress' mess. In his State of the Commonwealth speech, Governor Ernie Fletcher hinted that he is concerned. The speech states, "Additionally as we move into advanced agriculture and natural product technology, I would like to encourage you to protect Phase I tobacco money for those purposes as we pay our farmers the Phase II money they are relying on. Our tax plan assumes this will happen." In addition, the Governor's Chief of Staff recently said the North Carolina ruling could be a "setback" for Kentucky's budget.

Congress needs to do its own housekeeping and make good on the promises made to tobacco farmers in Kentucky and other states -- promises it abandoned in the buyout legislation. If that can't happen then Kentucky, certainly, must do right by farmers.

But in the next election voters need to do some serious housekeeping, as well. They need to clean out a messy Congressional delegation that sold out farmers to big tobacco companies.

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, who represents Christian, Logan and Todd counties, chaired the Tobacco Task Force and was a member of the Phase II Board. Currently he serves on the Tobacco Oversight Committee, which approves Phase I projects.



WASHINGTON TODAY

By David Espo

Budget's deficit-cutting measures hard to see — even for Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave faint praise Monday to the deficit-cutting measures contained in his own budget. Not surprisingly, congressional Democrats were far less polite.

No wonder on both counts, on a political issue that has often seemed more imagined than real.

Bush's claim to cut government red ink in half over five years omits the cost of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq beyond Sept. 30. It reckons, implausibly, that neither he nor the Republicans who control Congress will want new tax cuts in future years.

It underestimates by many billions the money needed for Social Security overhaul. And it assumes that the GOP-controlled Congress will send veterans a new \$2.1 billion bill for health care through 2010.

It also assumes that lawmakers will acquire discipline when it comes to hometown projects.

If the numbers in Bush's glossy budget book weren't clear enough about administration goals, the president personally supplied the emphasis.

"Our priorities are winning the war on terror, protecting our homeland, growing our economy," said the chief executive who seeks increased spending on defense and homeland security, and wants previously enacted tax cuts made permanent.

Next, he told reporters at the White House, the budget "focuses on results. ... It's a budget that reduces and eliminates redundancy." That's code for merging some programs, eliminating others and squeezing domestic programs generally.

Finally, Bush got to the deficit, making it fifth in line in his prepared recitation.

"People on both sides of the aisle have called upon the administration to submit a budget that helps meet our obligations of — our goal of reducing the deficit in half over a 5-year period, and this budget does just that," he said.

If the targets are met, the budget book says, the remaining deficit will be "lower than all but seven of the last 25 years."

As a rousing endorsement, that might rate a 25 on a scale of 1 down to 25.

Democrats reacted like they had been handed a club to use against a president who just won re-election and led the GOP to bigger congressional majorities.

Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the senior Democrat on the Budget Committee, said deficits will be far greater than the administration estimates. If Bush's plans were adopted, he forecast ominously, "deficits and debt would continue to explode at an unsustainable rate and the nation's long-term economic security would be threatened."

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the second ranking Democrat in the House, added, "In four short years, this administration has turned record budget surpluses into deficits as far as the eye can see."

Yes, and won four more years in office, after an election run on personal character and issues ranging from the war in Iraq to the threat of terrorist attack and the economy. All of those are presumably more tangible to voters than the deficit.

"It's a theoretical concept as opposed to a clearcut issue," said David Winston, a Republican pollster.

He also suggested deficits were a political stalking horse.

"Democrats are interested in the deficit not because of the deficit but because they want to stop Republican tax cuts. And Republicans are focused on the deficit not because they're focused on the deficit but because they want to stop Democratic spending," he said.

Independents care more than either Republicans or Democrats about deficits, he said, a concern that was reflected in Ross Perot's emergence in the 1990s.

Recent political history suggests that

deficits don't matter as much as economic vitality and tax cuts.

President Reagan came into office pledging to balance the budget, then emphasized tax cuts and a defense buildup instead. The economy strong, he won a second term on a 49-state landslide.

The current president's father agreed with Democrats to raise taxes to curb deficits. That angered conservatives, and he lost the White House in a year in which the economy was still soft.

President Clinton and congressional Democrats pushed through a deficit-cutting plan in 1993 that leaned heavily on higher taxes — and they lost control of the House and Senate the following year for their trouble.

House Republicans swept into office determined to cut taxes while placing the budget on a path toward balance. They went after Medicare, the government shut down, and Clinton was re-elected amid economic prosperity.

Both parties claimed credit when the budget was balanced for four years during Clinton's second term. In the years since, congressional Republicans have cited deficits as the reason to curb government spending, hoping to appeal to conservatives.

Except when the spending hits closest to home.

As Bush sent Congress a budget of restraint during the day, Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., claimed credit for securing \$7 million to begin construction of a new, permanent bridge downstream of Folsom Dam.

"The funding is in addition to the \$6 million that Doolittle secured over the last two years," the statement says.

David Espo is AP's chief congressional correspondent.



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Obituaries

Mrs. Minnie Lou Thompson

Mrs. Minnie Lou Thompson, 73, Benton, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at 4:15 p.m. during a private flight from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., to Paducah.

A retired secretary for Minter Roofing Company at Benton, she was a member of Woodmen of World and Christian Fellowship Church.

One son, Steve Thompson, and one brother, Bobby Garland, both preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late John Garland and Gladys Pritchett Garland.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Edward Thompson, Benton; one daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Hammonds, two grandchildren, Candice Hammonds and Jamie Hammonds, and two brothers, Billy Garland and Johnny Garland, all of Dexter.

The funeral will be today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home, Benton. Dr. David Parish will officiate. Burial will follow in the Stewart Cemetery in Calloway County.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mrs. Reetta Phelps

Mrs. Reetta Phelps, 95, Benton, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at 2:05 p.m. at Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Calvert City.

She was a member of Altona Missionary Baptist Church. Her husband, William Phelps, one son, Jackie Phelps, two grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers all preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late Ernest Blackwell and Hattie Debuque Blackwell.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Wanda Sue Myers, Calvert City; four sons, William Boyd Phelps, Lee Roy Phelps and Ernest Gilbert Phelps, all of Benton, and Thomas Alton Phelps, Okeechobee, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Francis Harris, Murray; one brother, Victor Perry Blackwell, Paducah; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Filbeck-Cann & King Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Roger Rice and the Rev. C.C. Brasher will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fooks Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

Fred Edgar Gee

Fred Edgar Gee, 83, Jackson, Mo., formerly of Murray, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Saint Francis Medical Center, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

A self-employed interior and exterior designer, he was a member of Westside Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. He moved to Jackson from Murray five years ago. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Born Oct. 26, 1921, in Arcola, Ill., he was the son of the late Charles Arthur Gee and Dossy Munson Gee. One daughter, three sisters and three brothers also preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha Williene Graham, to whom he was married Oct. 26, 1979, in Arcola; two daughters, Mrs. Madelen McLaughlin, Cape Girardeau, and Mrs. Jody McLane, Arcola; three sons, Jerry Gee, Arcola, Gerald Graham, Dallas, Texas, and Thomas Graham, Winter Garden, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Lynwood Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau. Dr. Derek Staples will officiate. Burial will follow in the Cape County Memorial Park with full military rites to be conducted by The Missouri Honor Guard at the graveside.

Visitation will be at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. today (Thursday). Ford and Sons Funeral Home, Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Sandra Jo Wood

Mrs. Sandra Jo Wood, 78, Mill Creek, Wash., died there Monday, Feb. 7, 2005.

Born June 16, 1926, in Murray, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Eyra Heath and Freeman Redden.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Wood, one son, Dan Wood, two grandchildren, Danny and Deena, and five great-granddaughters.

Barton Family Funeral Service, 1400 Talbot Road S., Suite 104, Renton, Wash., 98055, is in charge of arrangements. It can be reached at phone 206-730-9287 or www.bartonfuneral.com.

Mrs. Virginia K. Garland

Mrs. Virginia K. Garland, 81, Sharpe, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Oakview Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Calvert City.

A retired restaurant cook in Grand Rapids, Mich., she was a member of Symsonia United Methodist Church.

Born in Aniston, Mo., she was the daughter of the late Harley E. Choate and Marean Brokaw Choate. Four sisters and one brother also preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Judith Ann Storey, Hardin, Mrs. Melva Sue Chambliss, Benton, and Mrs. Jewell M. Jones, Wyatt, Mo.; four sons, David Garland, Ohatchee, Ala., James E. Garland, Hardin, Any Garland, Paducah, and Alan McGraw, St. Charles, Mo.; two brothers, G.W. Choate and Harley E. Choate Jr., both of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. The Rev. Jim Glover will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Charleston, Mo.

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

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Lourdes Hospice, 2855 Jackson St., P.O. Box 7100, Paducah, Ky., 42002-7100 or Oakview Nursing and Rehab., 10456 U.S. 62, Calvert City, Ky., 42029.

James Elvin Garland

The funeral for James Elvin Garland will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Roy Gibson will officiate. Music will be by Oneida White and Stephanie Roberts.

Pallbearers will be Trevor Coleman, Mac Coleman, Stan Downs, Steve Downs, David Roberts and Sammy Tidwell. Burial will follow in the Barnett Cemetery.



Garland



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

Mr. Garland, 85, South Seventh Street, Murray, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at 5:36 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A veteran of World War II, he had retired as an inspector for the Murray division of the Tappan Company and was a member of Cherry Corner Baptist Church.

One sister, Neva Faye Champion, preceded him in death. Born Dec. 25, 1919, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late John J. Garland and Verdie Morgan Garland.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Charity Garland; one daughter, Mrs. Sandra Michael, Murray; one son, Larry James Garland and wife, Connie, Suwanee, Ga.; one brother, Eurie Garland and wife, Polly, Murray; four grandchildren, Charles Michael, Somerset, Anne Marie Michael, Louisville, and Shelly Garland and Ashley Garland, both of Suwanee, Ga.

Bill Cullop

The funeral for Bill Cullop will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. The Rev. Randy McClure and the Rev. Brett Miles will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Robert Young, Robert Parke, Lewis Garland, Jeff Graham, Ben Holland and Todd Pearson. Honorary pallbearers will be members of Murray Police Department. Burial will follow in Unity Cemetery.

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

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

Mr. Cullop, 65, Abilene Lane, Dexter, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. at his home.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a retired officer of the Murray Police Department.

Born Jan. 22, 1940, in Evergreen Park, Ill., he was the son of the late Henry Coy Cullop and Normand Jurgensen Cullop.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jean Puckett Cullop, to whom he was married Nov. 27, 1992; one daughter, Mrs. Kimberly Douglas and husband, Billy, Fancy Farm; two sons, Jeffrey Cullop, Lynn Grove, and William James (Billy) Cullop and wife, Lee, Dexter; one stepdaughter, Ms. Rhonda Lee, Murray; two stepsons, David Lee and Jeffery Lee and wife, Cherri, all of Dexter; one sister, Mrs. Juanita Hale, Metamora, Ill.; nine grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren.

Mrs. Geneva W. Simmons

The funeral for Mrs. Geneva W. Simmons was held Monday at 10 a.m. in Hopkinsville.

Mrs. Simmons, 91, Hopkinsville, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, in Hopkinsville.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Vara Thomas Williams, former pioneer farmers and landowners in Calloway and Trigg counties. Her husband, Earl W. Simmons, manager of the Buick dealership in Hopkinsville, died in 2004. Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Alma Guier, Anne Malone and Roberta Cunningham; three brothers, Gillis, Loys and Cullen Williams.

Mrs. Simmons was a member of several church and civic organizations, including the Thomas-Bridges Association of Trigg County. In 1972, she and her sisters received national recognition for being five sisters to become charter members of the James Thomas Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kaye Stagner and husband, Carl, Bowling Green, and Mrs. Beverly Wilson and husband, Harold, Cadiz; one sister, Mrs. Hilda Bridges, Cadiz; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and nephews, including Gillis Bridges of Murray, and a host of other cousins and relatives in Murray and Calloway County.

Porter Bazzell Evans

The funeral for Porter Bazzell Evans will be Saturday at 2 p.m.

in the chapel of Bym Funeral Home, Mayfield. The Rev. Mary Alice Crawford of Rising Sun United Methodist Church in Indiana will officiate. Sara Day Evans will be soloist.

Family members and friends will serve as pallbearers. Burial will follow in the Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after noon on Saturday.

Mr. Evans, 97, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore. He was a former resident of Midway and Mayfield.

He attended the one-room Landon School in Calloway County. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in England and Germany. He was retired from Bowden Cleaners and Curlee Clothing, Mayfield, and

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attended Calvary United Methodist Church, Mayfield.

Mr. Evans was married in 1935 to the former Ruth Virginia Day, who died March 28, 1978. Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Nellie Evins McCallon and Novice Evins; three nephews, Jewell McCallon, Howard (Buster) McCallon and Iris Evins Crawford. Born Nov. 27, 1907, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Joel Ollin Evins and Olive Bazzell Evins.

Survivors include one son, Joel Wesley Evans and wife, Joyce, Midway; three grandchildren, Sara Day Evans, Frankfort, Amy Evans Axon, Raleigh, N.C., and Joel Wesley Evans II, Floyds Knob, Ind.; three great-grandson; one great-granddaughter; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Mrs. Aline Evins and Mrs. Mary Evins Crawford, both of Murray; a niece, Marie McCallon Riley, Mayfield; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

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Needed are Murray State University students, staff and faculty to volunteer help at Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America.

The program is in need of tutors for elementary students at Murray Elementary School.

The Humane society needs volunteers to help at the booth at the Regional Special Events Center Feb. 17, 18 and 19. Also the Calloway County Animal Shelter needs volunteers.

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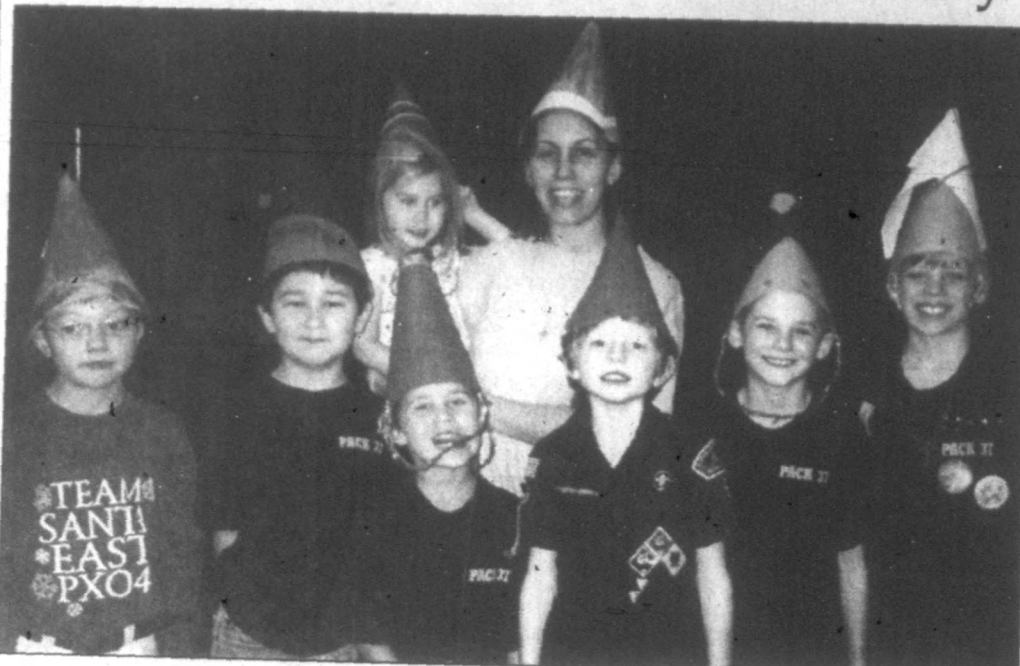
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The American Red Cross asks everyone eligible to give blood to visit a blood drive as soon as possible. Persons may call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to find a drive near you. Telephones are answered from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

It is critical that Type O be available. Type O products are important because everyone can receive O- and most patients can receive O+.

Locations are available also on the website at <http://tnvalley.redcross.org>.

Cub Scout Pack 37 hosts 'Chili Sunday'



Cub Scout Pack 37 will hold its annual "Sunday Chili Lunch" on Sunday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Served will be a bowl of chili and drink along with free ice cream and cake. This will be in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting. Pictured are Madison Schoppe, Amanda Jones, master of pack, Hunter Smith, Kris Sato, Jason Schoppe, Joshua Marvin, Ryan Baker and Joseph Villanue. Photo provided

Wall and Lough give presentations and visit schools while in Japan

Dr. Russ Wall, interim dean of the college of education (COE) at Murray State University, and Dr. Tom Lough, associate professor in the department of adolescent, career and special education, were recently invited to Japan to build the relationship between the COE and the faculty of education at Toyama University in Toyama, Japan. The two colleges have a cooperative agreement for academic exchange.

During the trip, Wall gave a presentation on education reform in the United States and Kentucky to Toyama education faculty members and graduate and undergraduate students. Wall discussed the origins of the relationship between Murray State and Toyama, as well as future opportunities for collaboration and cooperation. Wall designed his presentation to project two images simultaneously, one in English and one in Japanese. Because of this, the audience was able

to read the Japanese slides and concentrate on Wall's comments rather than concentrating on interpreting the English slides. Yoko Hatakeyama, Japanese Scholar for the Teacher Quality Institute and senior lecturer in the department of modern languages at Murray State, assisted Wall with translation.

Lough was also invited to give a presentation about his elementary science methods course. His audience consisted of undergraduate students and faculty members. He introduced the goals of his class, explained its various components and described several class projects. He also displayed photographs of his students involved in various activities.

In addition to the presentations, Lough and Wall visited an elementary and a middle school. The first thing they did at each school was to remove their shoes and switch to "inside slippers," in accordance with Japanese custom. While on the school visits, they shared green tea with the principals and learned about the schools.

The elementary school, Yamada Elementary, has 76 students and 13 teachers, and is a technology-centered school. At Yamada, Wall spoke at length

to the fourth-grade class, sharing photographs of his own fourth-grade daughter with class members. Wall hopes to connect the two classes via e-mail to share experiences and projects in the future.

Attached Junior High School, which Wall and Lough visited, is closely affiliated with Toyama University. They visited several English classes there and spoke about education in the United States and answered questions about life in America.

During the visit, Wall and Lough had a different kind of experience when northern Japan was at the epicenter of a major earthquake. The quake, they said, definitely got their attention. "I have never felt the ground shake like that," Wall said.

Several new initiatives involving the two universities have begun since the visit. "We have an outstanding opportunity in our relationship with Toyama University," Wall said. "We have a lot to offer each other, and I look forward to strengthening the professional relationship between the faculty and students of Toyama University and Murray State University."

Need Line records 515 applications for January

During the month of January, Murray-Calloway County Need Line had a total of 515 applications for help, according to Tonia Casey, executive director.

The needs were 427 for food; 78 for utilities; 30 for rent; 23 for medical; 366 for hygiene and cleaning; 83 for persons unemployed; and 417 for inadequate income.

Special items needed to fill the sacks for clients are the following:

- Cooler Freezer Pantry - fresh eggs, canned spinach,

canned sauerkraut, canned tomatoes;

- Personal and Cleaning - bath tissue, bleach, shampoo, dish liquid, tooth paste;
- Other needs - large brown paper bags.

These may be taken to the office located on the first floor of Weaks Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information call 753-6333.

The Need Line Board will meet Monday at 12:30 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, South Ninth Street, Murray.

Needlepoint workshop canceled for Saturday



Jo's Datebook

By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

The Needlepoint Workshop by Carole Lake, nationally recognized needlepoint educator from Austin, Texas, has been canceled for Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church. Lake had a death in the family and was unable to come.

But the sponsors, Western Kentucky/Tennessee Stitchers, local chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, will meet Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Christian Life Center of First United Methodist Church, Murray. The program will provide studio time to work on an old project or start a new one.

Stitching Sisters, an informal meeting of stitchers, will be Feb. 28 at the Christian Life Center.

The Paducah meeting will be Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. at Quilters' Alley, 417 North Third St., Paducah, with a program on "Threads."

For more information contact Mary Renquist, president of the chapter, at 436-5824. Guests interested in embroidery are welcome to any meeting.

DAR Chapter will meet Saturday

Captain Wendell Oury Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday for lunch at noon at Tom's Grille. DAR Good Citizen awards will be presented to Breanna Volp, senior at Murray High School and daughter of Robert and Brenda Volp, and Carl Williams, senior at Calloway County High School and son of John and Susan Williams. Sgt. Jim Osborne, Murray Police Department, will speak about Murray's "Citizen's Police Academy." Wilma Beatty and Verona Grogan will be hostesses. Members and prospective members are invited.

Fish fry planned at St. Leo church

The first of six weekly fish fries will be held Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Father Martin Mattingly Parish Center of St. Leo Catholic Church. These will continue each Friday through March 18.

Woodmen Youth event Saturday

Woodmen of World Youth event will be Saturday at 1 p.m. on Quad A, lower level of Murray State University Regional Special Events Center to attend the Murray-Austin Peay basketball game. ID required for students over age 16. For reservations call 753-4377.

Valentine's dance on Saturday

Murray Singles Organization will have its Valentine's dance on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Joe Creason Building, 1600 Park Ave., Benton. DJ Gary Long will provide the music. The cost will be \$6 per person. Each one is asked to bring a snack to share. Murray Singles will provide coffee and soft drinks. For information call Jackie at 1-270-247-7754, Helen at 761-3141 or Peggy at 753-8021.

Blood Drive will be Sunday

A Blood Drive will be Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center of First United Methodist Church.

Writer's Potpourri Saturday

Writer's Potpourri will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Calloway County Public Library. All interested writers are invited.

Glory Bound will be tonight

Lavonia Rowland of Murray and the Messengers of Marshall and Graves counties will be featured at Glory Bound Entertainment tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. This weekly event is sponsored by Goshen United Methodist Church. The public is invited and there is no charge. Items for Need Line will be taken. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Jill Alton at 753-1592.

Heskett Heart Day today

Heskett Chiropractic Center will have its annual "Doctor with a Heart Day" today. All services will be complimentary for a donation to Need Line of two bags of non-perishable groceries which can be brought to the office before Thursday. This day is for established patients and new patients as well. For information or appointment call 759-1116.

WOW Lodge will meet tonight

Woodmen of World Lodge #592 will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at Holmes Family Restaurant, Highway 121 North, Murray.

Calloway surveys may be returned

Calloway County Schools 2005-2006 Non-resident surveys may be returned to Calloway County School Board today from 4 to 6 p.m. at North and East Elementary Schools; Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Calloway County Board of Education.

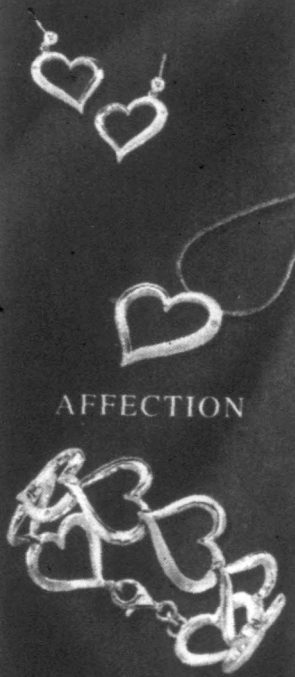
VFW Post scheduled to meet

Post 6291 of Veterans of Foreign Wars is scheduled to meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Red Cross plans CPR Classes

Calloway County Chapter of American Red Cross will offer its monthly second Saturday "Community First Aid & Safety" course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calloway Public Library. Course fee is \$50 which includes all books and materials and certifications in Adult, Child and Infant CPR as well as First Aid. Registration is required by Friday at the Red Cross Office at 607 Poplar St. CPR recertification-only will be Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Weaks Center. For information call Holly Webb, Red Cross director at 753-1421.

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Homemakers Club expands horizons

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A statewide association once associated with farm wives gathering for quilting and cooking lessons is undergoing major changes to spur participation, and attract younger and more diverse members.

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association, a private volunteer organization with clubs in nearly every county in the state, has seen its membership drop about 50 percent in the past 20 years.

Also, the organization's core membership is aging fast, with the average age of homemakers nationwide at about 60, said Bonnie Tanner, assistant director for family and consumer sciences at the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and an adviser to the association.

Club leaders attribute the membership drain to competition with other social and civic organizations, as well as people's hectic work schedules.

Another problem, they say, might be the perception that homemakers clubs are just for older women.

"I've had people say to me, 'I really want to be in Homemakers. When I retire, that's what I'm going to do,'" said Sheila Fawbush, an extension agent in Shelby County.

By expanding its focus, the association hopes to widen its demographics.

Recent club meetings have included sessions on fashion, influencing public policy and trading stock market tips.

Homemakers in eastern and western Kentucky recently had a lesson called "Walk Your Land," which teaches people how to determine if an illegal methamphetamine laboratory is operating in their area.

said Deborah Murray, regional program and development coordinator for the UK Cooperative Extension Service in Eastern Kentucky.

At least one club is using technology to reach busy members.

Susie Wright, president of the River Homemakers Club in Johnson County, started a Web site for homemakers several years ago that now draws visitors from other clubs in the state and people across the nation who are not club members.

"I have all kinds of people from everywhere that join this," she said.

The first homemakers clubs were formed in Kentucky about 80 years ago and were originally known as Home Demonstration Clubs.

The statewide association of homemakers clubs is closely tied to the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, which provides educational materials for the clubs to use. Extension service offices in Kentucky's counties provide facilities for the clubs to hold meetings.

There is a homemakers club in nearly every county.

Homemakers club leaders, aided by county extension agents, are trying to come up with ways to attract new people to the organization. Shelby County, for example, has had a homemakers club designed to help Hispanic immigrants adjust to their new Kentucky home.

Also in Shelby County, efforts are being made to start clubs geared to high school and college students and young mothers and professionals.

When Japanese-owned manufacturing plants opened up in Central Kentucky,

Mercer County had a club that reached out to new Japanese residents.

"We have what we call a friendship circle and that is for people who are interested in joining," said Rita Smart, Madison County extension agent for family and consumer sciences. The friendship circle meets once a month, and participants have mentors who are members of homemakers clubs. The idea is that after circle participants become familiar with how the clubs work they will want to start one themselves or join an existing one, she said.

Fayette and Jessamine County extension offices are working to start clubs for college students, said Diana Doggett, Fayette County extension agent for family and consumer sciences.

The Fayette County office also is planning a mother-daughter retreat this spring, intended to generate interest in mother-daughter homemakers clubs, Doggett said.

Despite the changes, some homemakers clubs still hold strong to some traditions. Traditional homemakers' lessons in things like cooking and sewing continue to be a draw.

"In the early days women didn't have information and help and communications, so they literally used those clubs ... to take care of their families," said Rene Siria, president of the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association.

Today, she said, "the things that they learned early on are not as important. The basics are not as necessary, but they're not totally obsolete."

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

Christian Women meet



JO BURKEEN/Ledger & Times photos

The Rev. Emily Burch, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church right, in top photo, was the featured speaker at the January potluck luncheon of Christian Women of Murray. Pictured at left is Effie Kemp, chairman, who introduced Burch. Soloist was Martha Joiner, bottom left photo, and presenting the special feature about special items at her store, Vintage Rose, was Sarah Jones, owner, bottom right photo. The next luncheon, catered by Judy Stahler, will be Feb. 18 in the social hall of First United Methodist Church which is open to all interested women of the area. For information call Freda Lovett at 753-3999 or Jo Lovett at 753-4683.

Birth Announcements



Samuel Ryan Chapman

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Jason and Kelly Chapman are the parents of a son, Samuel Ryan Chapman, born on Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at 5:55 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches. The mother is the former Kelly Coleman.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie and LaJeanna Chapman of Murray. Paternal great-grandparents are Martha Cole and the late James Calvin Paschall of Murray and E.G. and Ruth Chapman of Dexter.

Maternal grandparents are Vicki Coleman of Russellville and Kenny and Eileen Coleman of Olmstead. Maternal great-grandparents are G.C. and Doris McMillen of Russellville and Betty Jo Coleman and the late James Allen Coleman of Olmstead. Maternal great-grandparents are Howard Ham and Blanch Coleman, both of Russellville.



Addison Kay Schumacher

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Casey and Krista Schumacher of Murray are the parents of a daughter, Addison Kay

Schumacher, born on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at 7:58 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces and measured 17.5 inches.

Grandparents are Mary Smith of Murray, Robert Schumacher of New Concord and Fred and Linda Stalls of Almo.

Kaitlyn Nicole Shaffer

Bill and Sarah Shaffer of Richmond are the parents of a daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole Shaffer, born on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at 8:26 p.m.

The baby weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and measured 18 inches. A sister is Allison Paige.

Grandparents are Denton and Ann Shaffer of Murray and Noah Junior and Patsy Stallons of Dexter.

Trista Lee Brooke Tidwell

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Tidwell of Hardin are the parents of a daughter, Trista Lee Brooke Tidwell, born on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at 6:59 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother is the former Michelle R. Schmitt. A sister is Kelsi R. Tidwell.

Grandparents are Elaine Mills of Hardin, David Schmitt Jr., Midlothian, Ill., Kathleen Jackson of Hardin and the late John Paul Tidwell.

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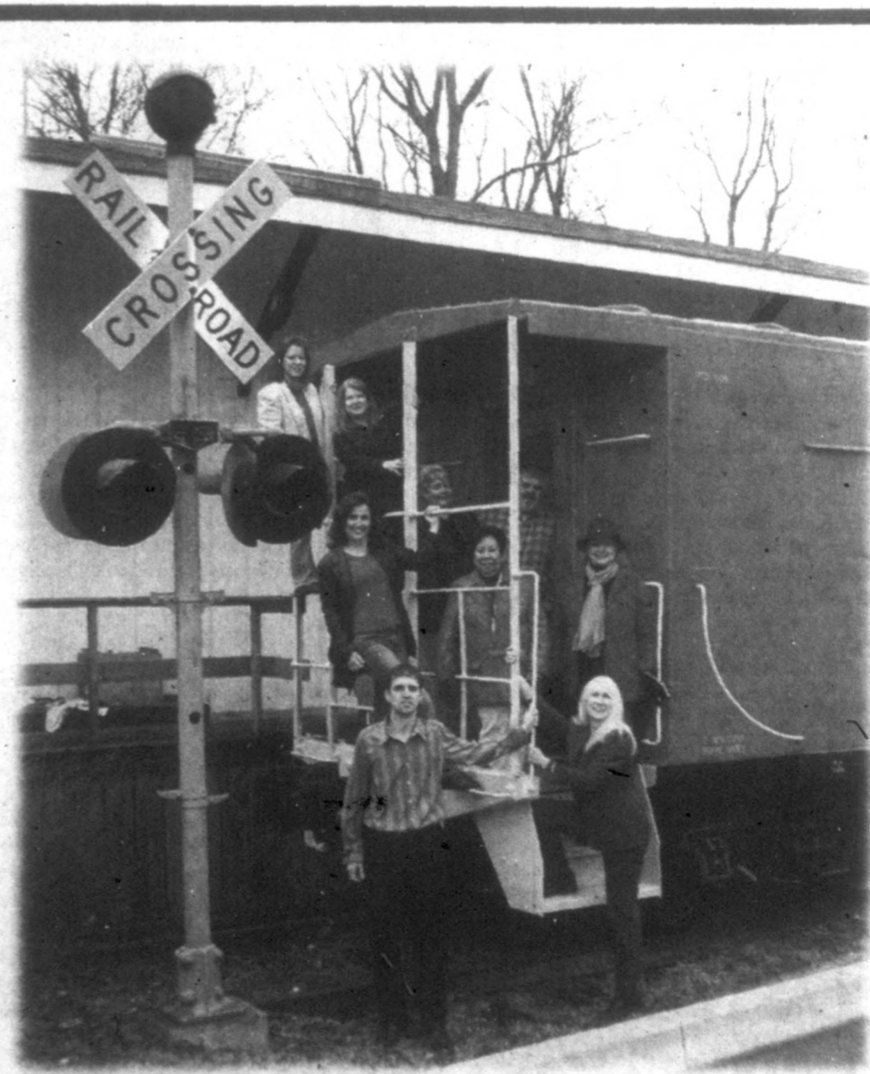
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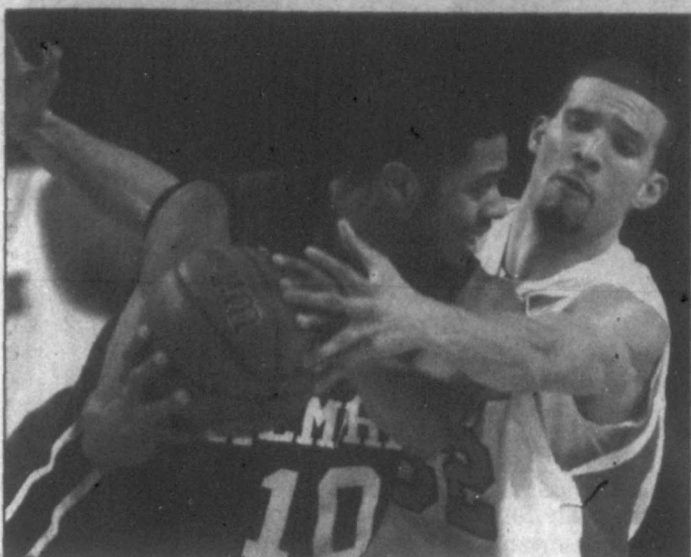
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Louisville's Francisco Garcia, right, tries to get the ball away from Memphis' Rodney Carney during the second half of the Tigers' 85-68 upset win Wednesday in Louisville. Carney had 24 points in the win. Garcia fouled out with seven points.

MEMPHIS 85 - LOUISVILLE 68 Memphis mauls Cardinals

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville coach Rick Pitino insists that the ninth-ranked Cardinals should not yet be considered one of the nation's elite teams.

Now, he has a game film to prove it. Freshman point guard Darius Washington scored 25 points and Memphis coach John Calipari earned his 300th victory Wednesday night in the Tigers' 85-68 rout of Louisville.

The Cardinals (20-4, 8-2 Conference USA) were leading the nation in margin of victory coming into the game (plus 23), but were dominated from the start by the more aggressive Tigers.

"I knew it was coming," Pitino said, "I just didn't think it would be this bad."

Taquan Dean and Ellis Myles each scored 17 points for Louisville, which suffered its

worst home loss in four seasons under Pitino.

The frustrated coach kept his players away from the media afterward.

"Our locker room is closed," he said. "I don't think they are worthy of speaking to you."

The Cardinals were outbounded 41-30 and shot a season low 33 percent (19-of-58). But Pitino was more critical of the Cardinals' defense, which allowed the Tigers to shoot 51 percent for the game and 68 percent in the second half.

"We've been relying on making shots and when a night comes like tonight, it's not there," Pitino said. "We have to get back to basics defensively."

Rodney Carney added 24 points and Anthony Rice had 15 — all in the second

half — for the Tigers (14-10, 7-3 Conference USA), who beat a Top 25 team on the road for the first time in five tries this season and snapped Louisville's nine-game winning streak.

"I'm calm now," said Calipari, who turns 46 on Thursday. "But when I get near the plane, I'm going to do some back-flips up the steps. I'm so happy."

The Cardinals rank second in the nation in field goal percentage defense, but the Tigers' defense took control early, triggering a 16-5 opening run by holding the Cardinals without a point for more than 9 minutes.

Louisville, averaging 85 points per game, missed seven straight shots and committed five turnovers during the drought. At the end of one sloppy possession, Myles threw up

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DUKE 71 - NORTH CAROLINA 70

Be-Deviled Again

Duke has won 15 of the last 17 meetings with its archrival

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — For the second straight year, Roy Williams watched as North Carolina squander a chance to win in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

David Noel dribbled the ball out of bounds as the buzzer sounded, sealing the second-ranked Tar Heels' 71-70 loss to No. 7 Duke on Wednesday night. It was their 15th loss in the last 18 meetings with the Blue Devils, and fourth in a row at Duke.

It was another painful finish for the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) in an arena where they have won just once in nine years. Last season, they trailed by three points when Rashad McCants lost the ball in front of the Carolina bench with 4.4 seconds left in a 70-65 loss.

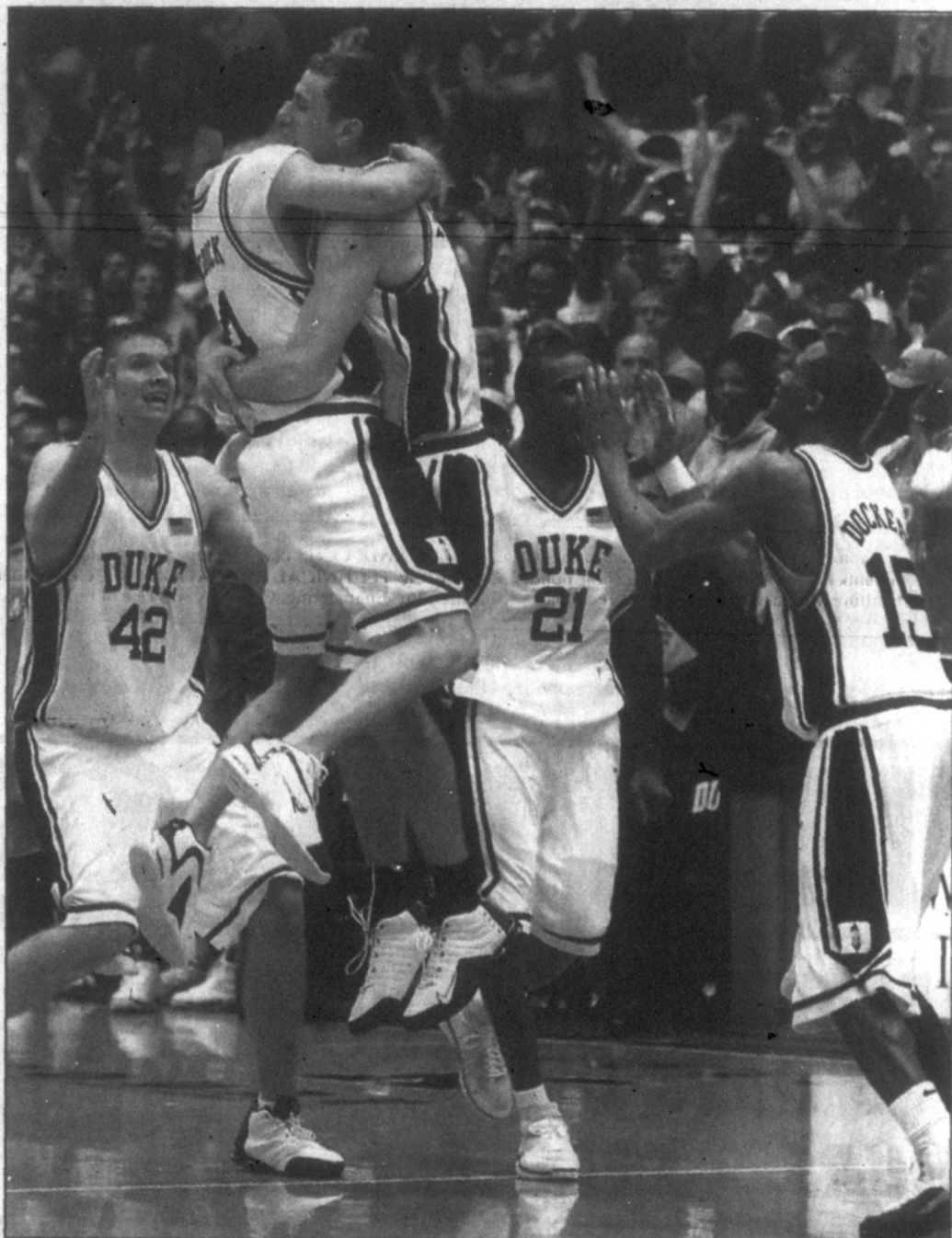
This time, they couldn't get off a final shot in a game in which they trailed most of the way.

"We'd have folded last year and got beat by 20," said Sean May, who had 23 points and 18 rebounds. "We had an opportunity to win. We just didn't make the play at the end."

The botched possession capped a night in which Duke's defense harassed Raymond Felton and the Tar Heels, who couldn't protect the ball, get out in transition or score the points that have come so easily all season.

Duke (18-2, 8-2) kept the game almost entirely in the halfcourt, slowing the pace and derailing an offense that came in averaging a national-best 92 points per game. North Carolina finished with 23 turnovers — eight coming from the normally sure-handed Felton — that led to 26 points for the Blue Devils.

Instead of running with the Tar Heels, Duke held the ball



Duke's J.J. Redick (4), second from left, and Lee Melchionni (13) leap into the air as they hug after beating North Carolina 71-70 at Cameron Indoor Stadium Wednesday in Durham N.C. Joining in the celebration are Duke's Shavlik Randolph (42), left, Demarcus Williams (21) and Sean Dockery (15), right. No. 7 Duke won 71-70 over No. 2 North Carolina.

on many possessions, milking time and letting J.J. Redick, Demarcus Nelson or Daniel Ewing drive in the waning seconds of the shot clock. "The strategy worked perfectly."

"They slowed us down when they got the job done on

offense," Williams said, "I mean, they spread the floor and controlled the tempo that way. And in their pressure defense, there's no question that bothered us, too."

Duke went 21-for-22 from the free-throw line, punishing

the Tar Heels each time they failed to play foul-free defense.

"When you're trying to play great defense for 35 seconds every time and end up with a foul, that takes a lot out of the team," said McCants, who finished with just 11 points.

Catching Up With ... Eddie Ford recalls fond memories at Murray State

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Eddie Ford is certainly not the most well-known name among the Murray State basketball program's legion of alumni.

However, one might be hard-pressed to find a former Racer who thinks as highly of his alma mater as the Nortonville native does.

"Those were good times," said Ford, a former MSU guard under long-time head coach Cal Luther from 1964 to 1966. "I have a lot of fond memories of Murray State, and I have a lot of close friends there who will be my friends for the rest of my life."

"Murray is such a unique place. People really care about their basketball program, and it's not just lip service. They really step up and do what it takes to be successful there," he added.

Ford's affection for MSU rubbed off on his family — and particularly on his son, Travis.

"Travis's dream was to play at Murray State. ... That's how fond we were of Murray," Ford recalled. "But he had an opportunity to go to a bigger school, and I can't blame him for that."

Travis Ford went on to star at the University of Kentucky, where he earned first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors twice and helped lead the Wildcats to the 1993 Final Four. Travis is now the head coach at Eastern Kentucky University, where his Colonels routinely do battle with his father's former school.

By virtue of his son's career, Ford keeps a regular check on the Racers' progress during the basketball season — even returning to Murray each year when the Colonels play MSU at the Regional Special Events Center.

"It is kind of weird because my heart was always there," noted Ford of returning to Murray to root for the opposing team. "I don't get a chance to get back there very often, but I always enjoy going back to Murray for a game."

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— Eddie Ford
Former Murray State basketball guard that played with the Racers from 1964 to 1966

Like many Murray State alumni, Ford is impressed with the luxuries and amenities offered by the seven-year-old Regional Special Events Center, but prefers the atmosphere of tradition-rich Racer Arena.

"The first thing I think about when I think of Murray State is Racer Arena," Ford claimed. "It was such a special place. ... Nobody wanted to come to Murray and play there because it was such a difficult place to play. So many times, we'd here (opposing players) say that they hated going there."

Ford, who now lives in Henderson, still remains very much involved in basketball in Kentucky, serving as a Nike representative within the Commonwealth. He is also involved with the annual Nike Elite basketball camps and works with the Kentucky All-Star basketball program.

Last summer, Ford had the opportunity to re-live a part of his Murray State days by inviting his former college coach to tour with the all-star squad.

"I ran into Coach Luther last year at the Final Four, and I asked him to go to Italy with us," said Ford. "He coached the team for me. That brought back a lot of memories. He's a very outstanding coach who really knows the game, and I was fortunate enough to have played for him."

Walker ready to begin second chapter

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Murray resident Dan Walker opened another chapter of his athletics career a few days ago by being inducted into the Sycamore High School Hall of Fame near Cincinnati, Ohio.



Walker

However, as he has discovered in return ventures home over the years, the Sycamore Township he left after his senior year of 1958 at Sycamore High School is quite different in appearance. It has grown significantly — now with a population of 20,000 permanent residents — which may account for why Aviator athletics is as lively now as it was in his days as a letterwinner in four different sports.

"I was discussing this with somebody at the banquet that night, and they told me how

they now have la crosse. I'm like, 'La crosse...?' They didn't even have a pool when I was there."

"It's just grown so much," said Walker, noting how only The Ohio State University fields more competitive athletes of all the schools in that state. "You know, what makes me so proud, though? The all-aroundness that existed when I was there is still going."

That multi-task idea for Sycamore athletes was formed in the 1950s by a coach who started the 3,000-Point Club, which awards athletes not for how many points they score in games, but more for participation — particularly in practices, which meant multi-sport athletes could really pile up the points.

Still, Walker did seem to especially excel on the gridiron, where he played all four years and was the Aviators' starting quarterback the final two.

His adoration for NFL legend Johnny Unitas led him to sign with Unitas' alma

mater, the University of Louisville, where, shortly after signing his letter-of-intent, he spent a day with the Baltimore Colts star just months after he had led the Colts to victory in the 1958 NFL Championship game.

"I got to work out with him that day and got to see him throw some. I'll tell you, I got to see why he was so good. He had just huge hands," he said. "But he was a really nice person, too, and he told me things he thought could help me."

"Of course, also working out with us that day was the guy that beat me out (Johnny Giles). He went on to break Unitas' records there. So, I didn't get to play offense like I wanted."

Walker resorted to what he had learned at Sycamore about multiple opportunities and accepted an invitation to be a free safety. He spent three years as a starter on teams that finished a combined 26-13 from 1959-62.

Shortly after graduating, Walker's versatility struck again as he decided against joining

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Louisville ...

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just the ninth 3-point attempt of his career, missing it badly.

"The first 10 shots we took were terrible shots," Pitino said.

The Tigers, meanwhile, committed only one turnover in the first 12 minutes after coughing up a season-high 26 in a loss to Houston last Saturday.

Much of that was due to Washington, who repeatedly glided through the Cardinals' full-court pressure for layups.

"I was breaking the press, getting in the middle," said Washington, who had five assists and five rebounds. "I was taking it and they just fell."

Myles made two free throws with 7:47 left in the half to end Louisville's scoreless stretch. He had a layup and zipped an assist to Francisco Garcia to trim Memphis' lead to 16-11.

Carney then hit two 3-pointers during a 10-2 run that muted the capacity crowd. He and Washington scored 28 of the Tigers' 34 first-half points. The Cardinals mustered only 22

first-half points after missing 15 of 20 shots.

Louisville continued to sputter in the second half, missing 10 of its first 13 shots.

Rice hit a 3-pointer with 16:49 left to launch a decisive 16-2 run. Garcia hit a free throw with 11:05 left, but Rice made a 3-pointer to push the lead to 57-31, the Tigers' biggest to that point.

"I was shocked," Washington said. "We got them down and we kept them down."

Dean hit a 3-pointer with 7 minutes left as Louisville's defense finally started generating turnovers and easy baskets.

A layup by Myles with 5:12 to go trimmed Louisville's deficit to 66-49, but Rice made four free throws over the next minute as the Tigers pushed the lead back over 20.

"It helps us a lot to beat Top 25 team," Carney said. "Not a lot of teams come in here and win."



Murray State Stock Team Coach Don Delaney, left, and MSU Equestrian Team member Cynthia Charleville display the awards the squad won during an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competition, held late last month. Delaney is holding the High Point Team trophy, while Charleville received the Individual High Point Award. Charleville also won both the Open Horsemanship and Opening Reining divisions of the competition.



AP Photo
Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, middle, is surrounded by the media after a ceremony to announce the city of San Francisco as the host for the 2007 All-Star Game in San Francisco, Calif., Wednesday. Selig is confident that baseball's new steroid policy will be in place when spring training opens next week and dismissed criticism that it does not go far enough to rid the game of performance-enhancing drugs.

Steroids talk overshadows All-Star announcement

The 2007 All-Star game will be played in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Commissioner Bud Selig knew what direction questions would go when he came to the area that's been at the center of baseball's steroid scandal.

It took only a short time for the topic Wednesday to shift from San Francisco being awarded the 2007 All-Star game to the controversy surrounding BALCO, Jose Canseco's upcoming book and baseball's new steroid policy.

"I'm shocked it took 10 minutes for somebody to ask that question," Selig said when asked about the book by Canseco that reportedly accuses Mark McGwire, Jason Giambi, Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez of steroid use.

The new book by Oakland's former MVP and the BALCO investigation that has cast a cloud over Giambi, Barry Bonds, Gary Sheffield and other players has made the Bay Area the center point of the steroid controversy.

Selig wouldn't directly com-

ment on Canseco's book, but said baseball executive vice president Sandy Alderson, a former president and general manager of the A's, would address the book after it's released next week.

Selig did say he is confident that baseball's new steroid policy will be in place when spring training opens next week and dismissed criticism that it does not go far enough to rid the game of performance-enhancing drugs.

"As a sport, we have done everything that we could at this point," he said. "There are immediate penalties, random testing, a player gets publicly named if heaven forbid he does test positively."

"I'm very sensitive about this whole subject, but I think the sport has addressed it. It isn't as if we have ignored it."

Baseball didn't have a steroid policy until 2002, when allegations by former MVPs Canseco and Ken Caminiti pressured players and management to negotiate one into the new labor

agreement.

That policy, which consisted of only survey testing the first year and no suspensions until a second positive test after that, was ridiculed as ineffective.

With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program last month that will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The two sides are finalizing the language of that agreement, and Selig expects it to be in place when spring training opens next week.

"We've done what we needed to do," Selig said. "We were told we didn't have a testing policy and then we did that. People said it was weak and toothless. Then, all of a sudden people said maybe it is working, but now we've done a lot more. I know there are some people who have been critical. They're wrong. This is a good policy, a tough policy."

While whispers of steroid use

in baseball date back more than a decade, when bulked-up players began hitting homers in record numbers, Selig said he hadn't heard the rumors until about 1998, when McGwire broke Roger Maris' single-season-home run mark.

"I never even heard about it," Selig said. "I ran a team and nobody was closer to their players and I never heard any comment from them. It wasn't until 1998 or '99 that I heard the discussion."

Even though some of the sport's most cherished records are now held by players accused of steroid use, Selig said there were no current plans to put a special notation on those marks in the record book.

Selig also said baseball would have announcements upcoming about its plans to market Bonds' pursuit of Hank Aaron's home run record. After the San Francisco Chronicle reported in December that Bonds testified to a grand jury that he used substances prosecutors believe are steroids.

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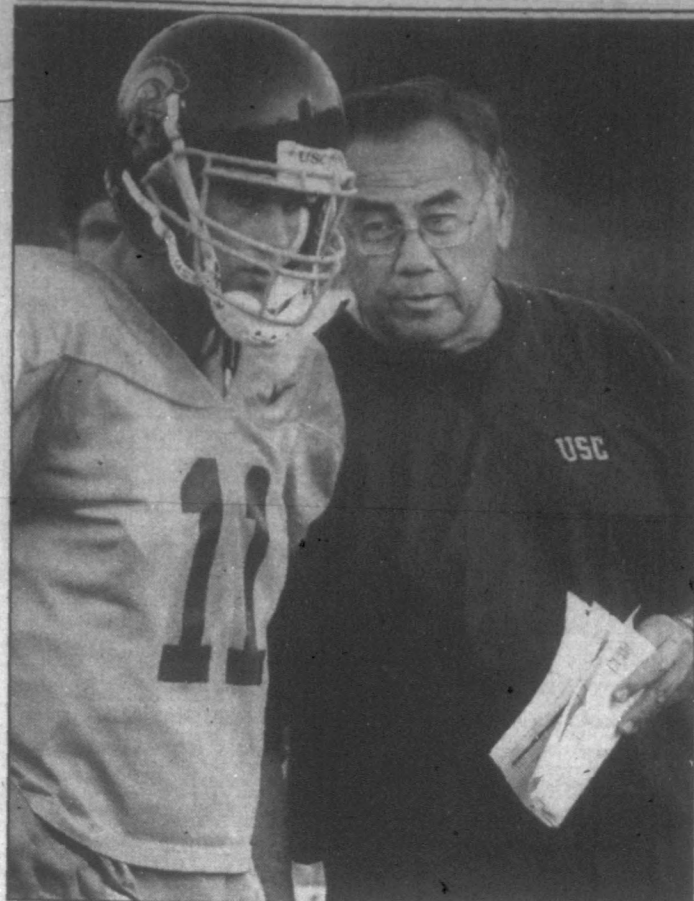
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AP Photo
Former Southern California offensive coordinator Norm Chow, right, talks with quarterback Matt Leinart in this Nov. 4, 2003, file photo taken in Los Angeles. Chow was hired as offensive coordinator of the Tennessee Titans, Wednesday after helping USC win two consecutive national championships. This is Chow's first job in pro football after 32 seasons at Brigham Young University, North Carolina State and USC.

USC says 'Chow' to Norm

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Norm Chow's impressive college resume was more than enough to convince Titans coach Jeff Fisher that he was the right man to be the NFL's newest offensive coordinator.

Fisher lured Chow away from his job as offensive coordinator at Southern California, where he helped the Trojans win two consecutive national titles.

"Everybody understands it's an opportunity for me and my family to get to the highest level of football, and they understand the excitement that we have," Chow said during a conference call Wednesday.

Fisher said he was impressed with Chow's ability to teach young players and pointed out that Chow has coached three Heisman Trophy winners, including the most recent in Matt Leinart. He also noted that Chow's offense has ranked in the top 10 nationally 15 of the last 21 years.

"We know which direction our offense wants to go, and I felt without any question in my mind that he's the right guy to get us there," Fisher said.

Fisher has no doubt Chow can handle NFL defenses despite spending 32 years coaching in the college ranks. Chow's hiring may have also given quarterback Steve McNair another reason to return for next season.

"I believe that this decision put a little more bounce in his step than he's had," Fisher said of McNair.

One of Chow's top priorities is "to keep a quarterback on his feet and keep him from getting knocked down," Fisher said Wednesday at a news conference.

"Obviously, we share similar

opinions. So that's one thing that's going to be a paramount priority of ours is to keep the pocket clean and keep Steve from getting hit."

McNair had bone grafted onto his sternum Dec. 28 after missing six starts and parts of two others last season. He has said he'll wait to decide whether he should retire from the NFL after 10 seasons.

Fisher said he believes McNair will return. The quarterback met with Chow on Friday, and McNair's recovery is nearly complete.

"He's doing very well right now, and I know he's excited about this," Fisher said.

Chow replaces Mike Heimerdinger, who was hired as the New York Jets' offensive coordinator last month.

This is Chow's first job in pro football after 27 seasons at BYU, a season at North Carolina State and the last four at USC. Chow had some NFL opportunities in the past, but never pursued them.

Asked about reports of friction with USC coach Pete Carroll, Chow said there was nothing to that talk.

"All of that is exaggerated," Chow said. "I owe a lot to Pete Carroll. He knows that. He knows how I feel. I know how he feels. We can't control anything else."

A USC alumnus, Fisher also interviewed assistant head coach George Henshaw and quarterbacks coach Craig Johnson off his own staff.

'Bama cleans boards and Tennessee in win

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alabama established its dominance under the basket early against Tennessee, and coach Mark Gottfried went into the locker room at halftime happy about almost every phase of the game.

The No. 17 Crimson Tide was beating Tennessee on rebounds 23-6 at the break and finished with an advantage of 24 in a 72-54 victory Wednesday night.

Alabama could have had a bigger lead if not for 12 turnovers in the first half.

"I cheered our team on (at halftime). Every phase of the game in the first half from our field goal percentage to their field goal percentage and the rebounding margin. The only thing was the turnovers," Gottfried said.

Rebounding was an emphasis against the Volunteers after Alabama (18-4, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) was embarrassed

on the boards in a 31-point loss at Florida on Saturday. The Gators beat the Tide 46-23 on the boards and snapped Alabama's six-game winning streak.

"I hate that it took us to lose for us to get our mind right, but we do have it right now," Alabama's Chuck Davis said.

Kennedy Winston led the Tide with 18 points. Jermareo Davidson had 16 points and 14 rebounds and Davis had 16 points and a career-high 13 rebounds. Earnest Shelton added 12 points.

The Volunteers (11-12, 4-6) got as close as three points after scoring the first basket in the second half, but the Tide had a 12-4 run to push the lead to 42-31 with 14:37 remaining.

Alabama trailed once in the first half, but after Tennessee went ahead 18-15 the Tide had a 10-2 run to regain the lead for good.

The final rebounding tally was 43-19, and Tennessee's previous season-low rebounds was 25. Alabama came into the game with a 2.5 rebound margin over its previous SEC opponents.

"I told our team in practice that we had to keep Alabama from getting offensive rebounds. You cannot have that big of a difference and still have a chance to win the game," Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson said.

Alabama has won six straight over the Vols, including a 35-point rout in the first round of last year's SEC tournament.

C.J. Watson had 15 points for Tennessee. Despite the return of center Brandon Crump from injury, the Vols mainly used the smaller lineup they employed when Crump was out.

It created mismatches in favor of the Tide on the boards and on defense, and Alabama had counted on it.

Look West for weekend's top Derby winners

By The Associated Press

An early matchup of top Kentucky Derby contenders is set for Sunday, with Bob Baffert's Roman Ruler and D. Wayne Lukas' Consolidator making their 3-year-old debuts in the San Vicente Stakes at Santa Anita.

Roman Ruler was fifth as the favorite in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in October, but gets a new rider in Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey, who replaces Corey Nakatani.

"He looked like the Roman Ruler of old," Baffert said this week after his colt worked six furlongs in 1:11.40, the fastest time of the day.

While three-time Derby winner Baffert has 12 horses nominated for the Triple Crown races, Roman Ruler enters the Derby chase as the trainer's No. 1 prospect, with three victories in five starts.

Consolidator, fourth in the BC Juvenile after getting bumped, worked five furlongs in 58.60 on Sunday. Owned by Bob and Beverly Lewis, Consolidator will be ridden by Victor Espinoza, who takes over for Rafael Bejarano.



AP Photo
Rafael Bejarano guides Consolidator to a two-length victory in the \$500,000 Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington.

Walker ...

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the United States Marine Corps at the last minute when he received an unexpected invitation to become the first head football coach at just-constructed North Hardin High School in Radcliff, which consisted of players that had never previously played.

Three years later, Walker had led the Trojans to a 7-3 mark — the first real success for a program that has now grown into one of the state's most powerful.

Yet it would be a sport that Walker had not joined at Sycamore — wrestling — that provided perhaps his biggest memories at North.

"That actually is what led to me coaching college football," said Walker, who left for Morehead State University in 1968 to become that school's head wrestling coach and a football assistant. "I was without an assistant football coach at first (at North), so they finally did get an assistant in there and he was our wrestling coach."

"We made a deal that we'd assist the other one in their sport. Well, the year he leaves, we had a really good team that finished third or fourth in the state. The year after he left (1968), I took over as head coach and we won the state championship, so I was fortunate there."

The Morehead job brought an opportunity for more success later as he developed a friendship with an assistant named Mike Gottfried, who hired Walker as quarterbacks coach at Murray State in 1978.

In so doing, Gottfried helped Walker find his new home. It would be the place Walker would finish his professional career, spending 19 years with Calloway County High School's football program after leaving MSU following the 1980 Ohio Valley Conference championship season. Murray is where he still lives to this day.

"I like to sit down and talk about coaching with him, but also with all our other coaches that have been here at

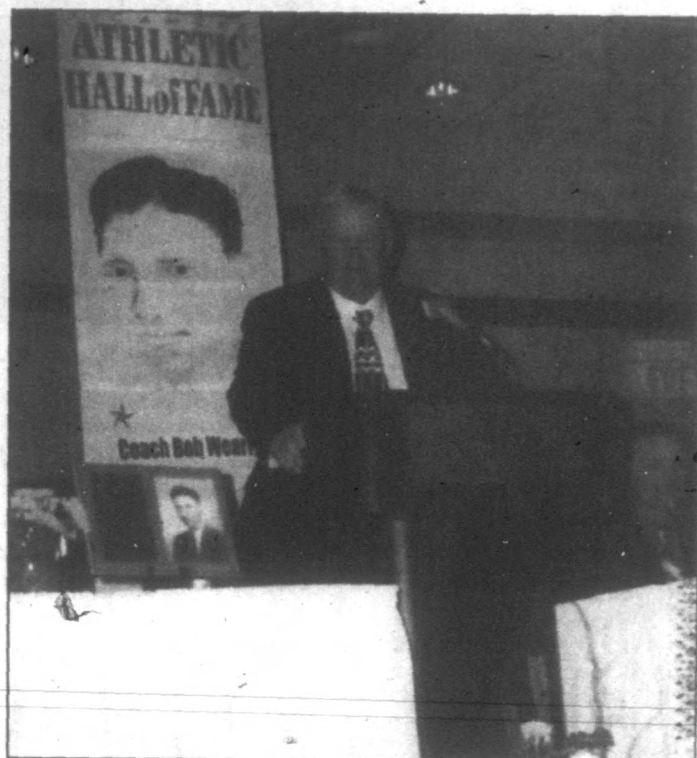


Photo Submitted
Dan Walker speaks during a ceremony honoring his induction into the Sycamore High School Hall of Fame.

Calloway," said newly-named CCHS head coach Josh McKeel, who played on Calloway's 1996 team that, if not for a 13-9 loss at Hopkinsville, would have played for the Class 3A West sub-state crown.

"That was the high-point for our program here. We were 11-2, and (Walker) was our offensive coordinator. He brought the four-wide offense to us, and we had a lot of fun with it. He had an outstanding offensive mind and could just look at a defense and study it and be able to take advantage of its weakness. With him still living here, I definitely think I need to take advantage of that."

"I did think about leaving, though," Walker said of how he nearly decided to go with Gottfried to his next coaching stop — the University of Cincinnati. "To tell you the truth, though, I was really wanting to get back to coaching high school kids at that point. Some people are more geared to high-intensity things like that, and

(Gottfried) clearly was that. I just didn't think I was geared for it."

"Yes, it would've been a chance to have gone closer to home. By then, though, I was happy where I was. Murray sort of reminds me of the place I grew up, and I like that."

At CCHS, he was part of the school's three district championships in Class 3A — the first coming in 1981 when the Lakers led early against heavily favored Franklin Simpson, only to fall 20-14 in Murray.

The last came in 1997, when the Lakers compiled a solid 9-3 mark but again were ousted by Hoptown in the second round of the playoffs.

In his CCHS tenure, Walker also had the opportunity to tutor eventual University of Kentucky quarterbacks Robert "Pookie" Jones and Billy Jack Haskins, who transferred to Paducah-Tighe before his high school years but was coached by Walker on an all-star little league team.

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Charles to marry Camilla, but she won't be queen

LONDON, (AP) — Prince Charles said Thursday he will marry his divorced lover Camilla Parker Bowles in April, putting an official seal on a long romance that Princess Diana blamed for the breakdown of her tempestuous marriage to the heir to the throne. The announcement ruled out the possibility that she would become queen.

The Prince of Wales and Parker Bowles will marry on Friday, April 8, at Windsor Castle, said Clarence House, Charles' residence and office.



Bowles

During a visit to London's financial district Thursday, Charles accepted congratulations on his pending nuptials.

"Thank you very much, you're so kind," he said. "I am very excited."

Parker Bowles will use the title Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall after the marriage. When Charles becomes king, she will not be known as Queen Camilla but as the princess consort, Charles' office said.

That decision by the prince appeared to be a nod to public opinion, which has never warmed to Camilla.

The marriage will be a civil service and not a Church of England service.

"There will subsequently be a service of prayer and dedication in St. George's Chapel at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside," Charles' office said.

The decision on the type of service reflects the fact that both are divorcees, and that Parker Bowles' ex-husband is still living. In general, the Church of England, the legally established faith of the nation, disapproves of the remarriage of divorced people in church.

As Britain's monarch, Prince Charles would be the supreme governor of the Church of England. Some Anglicans could oppose him holding this role as a divorcee who remarried outside the church.

The announcement received the blessing of Queen Elizabeth II, who said she was very happy that her son and Camilla Parker Bowles will marry.

Prime Minister Tony Blair also said he was "delighted."

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams said the wedding service plans "have my strong support and are consistent with Church of England guidelines concerning remarriage."

Neither Charles nor Camilla possess the star-power of Diana, whose memory remains strong in Britain, but theirs has been a peculiarly deep love story — one that has endured time, scrutiny and such intense criticism that Parker Bowles was once regularly insulted in the street.

"It had to happen sooner or later," said Dina Pine, 73, a retired restaurant owner. "But I



AP Photo

Britain's Prince Charles reacts to wellwishers, as he leaves Goldsmith's Hall in the City of London today. The Prince's office had earlier announced that he is to marry his long-time partner Camilla Parker Bowles. Mrs Parker Bowles will become HRH Duchess of Cornwall when she weds Charles on Friday April 8, and will be known as the Princess Consort when he eventually becomes King. The pair will marry in Windsor Castle.

don't think she should be queen."

Charles, 56, divorced from Diana in 1996, a year before she was killed in a Paris car crash. Camilla, 57, obtained her divorce from army officer Andrew Parker Bowles in 1995.

"Diana is still in so many people's hearts," said Chris Morris, 54, a building engineer. "Queen Camilla wouldn't be so popular."

Charles, the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II, first met Camilla at a polo match in Windsor in 1970 and over the next few years they became very close. The relationship cooled after Charles joined the Royal Navy and Camilla married Andrew Parker Bowles, a long-standing admirer.

Throughout the late 1970s Charles and Camilla kept up contact and became close friends again toward the end of the decade. They remained so after Charles' 1981 marriage to Diana.

In the early days of their romance, when Parker-Bowles was still single, she reportedly told the prince: "My great-great-grandmother was your great-great-grandfather's mistress, so how about it?"

Diana blamed the friendship for the failure of her marriage to the Prince of Wales.

"There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded," Diana said in a 1995 TV interview.

While the saga of the disintegrating royal marriage played out publicly, Parker Bowles was often cast as the villain, the object both of invective for being a "marriage breaker" and

of ridicule over tapes of intimate conversations between her and the prince that emerged in 1992.

In 1994, Prince Charles admitted in a TV documentary that he had strayed from his marriage vows, but he insisted the infidelity happened only after the marriage was "irretrievably broken down, us both having tried." It was widely assumed, but never confirmed, that Camilla was the other woman.

Camilla soon became a recognizable figure and in April 1997 took a tentative step into public life when she became patron of the National Osteoporosis Society. An official photograph was released to mark the occasion.

In July that year, Charles hosted a party for Camilla to celebrate her 50th birthday.

The couple appeared less frequently in public after Diana's death in August 1997, but in 1999 Camilla met Charles' sons Prince William and Prince Harry for the first time.

In recent years, she has regularly accompanied Charles to galas and become accustomed to appearing before the media. She now lives with Charles at his Clarence House residence in central London.

Last year, a poll indicated that more Britons support Prince Charles marrying Parker Bowles than oppose it. Thirty-two percent of respondents to the Populus poll said they would support Charles if he remarried, while 29 percent were opposed to the remarriage. Thirty-eight percent said they did not care and the rest had no opinion.

Reagan stamp is celebrated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A beaming, twinkle-in-the-eye Ronald Reagan is depicted on a new commemorative stamp, perhaps an especially fitting honor for a former president who is said to have sent at least 10,000 letters in his lifetime.

The 37-cent stamp was unveiled Wednesday in ceremonies around the country, including at the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center. Several of those in

attendance, calling themselves "Reaganites" and Reagan administration "alum," recalled Reagan's sense of humor and bright optimism, saying those characteristics were evident in the painting used for the stamp.

James Miller, chairman of the Postal Service board of governors, said the stamp shows Reagan's famous smile, tilt of head and twinkling blue eyes.



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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an 80-year-old woman in good health. Last year I passed blood in my urine and extensive testing revealed a small tumor on my right kidney. My choices are: an operation to remove my kidney, or wait six to 12 months and be re-scanned. I'd appreciate your opinion.

DEAR READER: I hope that your "extensive testing" included a biopsy of the tumor. Without a tissue diagnosis, it is virtually impossible to know what is causing the growth. If, for example, it is a highly malignant cancer, your best option — despite your age and the obvious risks — is surgery.

On the other hand, if the lesion is a pre-malignant but relatively innocuous collection of cells, re-scanning in six to 12 months is certainly appropriate because the risks of unnecessary major surgery are significant in a person your age.

In my view, you need a detailed sit-down session with a urologist or oncologist (cancer specialist). Any decision will depend, as I stated above, on the precise diagnosis of your kidney lesion. Let me know what you and your doctors decide.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a smoker, age 60, with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Because my cigarettes have already damaged my lungs, is there any benefit to me stopping smoking? What do I have to look forward to? I feel as though I've been given a death sentence.

DEAR READER: You have been given a death sentence if you continue to smoke. Air pollution, including tobacco smoke, will not only cause COPD but will worsen the condition fairly rapidly.

As you pointed out, some permanent damage is done, so even if you give up cigarettes, the COPD will not go away. However, in my experience, people with chronic lung disease often notice as much as a 30 percent improvement in breathing capability after giving up tobacco. More important, you need to arrest the progressive lung damage before your pulmonary disorder results in a permanent handicap and the need for oxygen supplements. "Chronic lungers" (as they are sometimes called) who refuse to alter their cigarette habits often end up slowly and progressively suffocating to death — not a favorable prognosis.

Take your lung condition seriously, stop smoking immediately, and follow your physician's advice about therapy and appropriate monitoring.

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Ex-boyfriend's new woman needs warning of his ways

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 2 1/2 years, "Neil," broke up with me last August. At the time, I couldn't understand why he suddenly changed so drastically. Early in our relationship he had been accepting of my two children, but toward the end he became distant and cold to them. Then he told me he didn't want to raise another man's children and wasn't interested in being a mentor to a teenage boy.

Neil was also angry that I refused to end my relationship with my best friend, who happens to be a gay man. Neil said there is no place in society for gays and he didn't want a gay person calling his house.

Neil works for a company that he has always had an interest in owning. Last spring, the owner died suddenly and left shares of the business to his widow, "Nancy," and their children. Neil told me intended to borrow money from his family and buy out the youngest son's interest — but his family didn't have the money to loan. About a month after that, in the midst of complaining to me about his financial woes, Neil commented, "Maybe I'll get me a rich older woman to take care of me ... someone like Nancy."

Over the next few months, I saw him less and less. Little did I know Neil had already manipulated a relationship with her.

Abby, Nancy is a very nice, classy person. I like the woman. I went to her home for her husband's wake. Should I tell Nancy what Neil is up to, that he's a conniving loser? I'm

afraid if I do, she won't believe me. Neil can be very sweet when he wants to be, and I'm sure she hasn't glimpsed his hateful, controlling side. His only real love is money and power.

My motive is not spite. I don't want Neil back. I have a new boyfriend who is everything Neil could never be. I just feel Nancy should know what's ahead. She has a gay teenage son. I'm sure when Neil gets what he wants, that boy's life will be hell.

So, you tell me: Should I talk to Nancy and risk looking like sour grapes, or let her find out what a lowlife, gold-digging scumbag Neil is for herself? — **TORN IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR TORN: Ordinarily, I would tell you to stay out of it. However, because of Nancy's son, I'm reversing myself. Make a date with Nancy (if she'll see you), and without calling names, tell her about Neil's longtime interest in buying into her business, his cash-flow problem and his homophobia. If she has a legal adviser, I'm sure that person will discuss with her the advisability of a prenuptial agreement should she decide to remarry. And your conscience will be clear.

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LookingBack

10 years ago
Published is a picture of men honored for rescue efforts in a house fire on Broad Street on Dec. 28. One person died, but two persons were saved. Honored were Brad Haugh, ambulance service, Jim Shropshire, assistant fire department chief, Dickie Walls, Bruce Leavell and James Crowder, firefighters, and Major David Smith, Murray Police Department.

Births reported include a boy to Mitzi and Scott English and a girl to Kristy and Joey Tabers, Jan. 31; a girl to Rochelle and John Jenkins, Feb. 1; a boy to Dianna and R.G. Stubblefield and a girl to Stephanie and David Roberts, Feb. 3.

20 years ago
Calloway County School District students who had been out of school for more than week because of weather conditions have had an attendance rate close to normal this week, according to Jimmy Nix, director of pupil personnel. Calloway schools will be in session Saturday for a make-up day.

Army Pfc. Charles E. Turley is serving as a medical specialist with Third Infantry Division in Wuersburg, West Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Darnell were married 66 years Jan. 25.

30 years ago
Kieth Letterman was presented an award for having top producing cows in the state at the fourth annual Kentucky Dairyman's Conference in Louisville.

Official dedication ceremonies for Laurine Wells Lovett auditorium, a Murray State campus landmark renamed in her honor, will be Feb. 12, just prior to the first presentation of Campus Lights.

Murray Lady Tigers won 31-25 over Hickman County Lady Falcons in a high school basketball game. Tammy Boone was high scorer for Murray.

40 years ago
Murray-Calloway County Library has been notified it will be the subject of a 21-month pilot demonstration which will be financed by the state of Kentucky, according to Margaret Willis, state librarian.

The Industrial Road from U.S. Highway 641 North to Highway 94 East will be resurfaced, according to Kentucky Highway Commissioner Henry Ward.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cothran, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stubblefield and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Allbritten.

50 years ago
The Grand Jury returned 15 indictments in its report to Circuit Judge H.H. Lovett Sr., in Calloway County Circuit Court on Feb. 9. James W. Erwin was foreman of the grand jury.

In high school basketball games Brewers Redmen won over Almo Warriors and Benton Indians won over Murray Tigers. High team scorers were Larry Treas for Brewers, Gené Herndon for Almo, Steadman Baker for Benton and Dale Alexander for Murray.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ernsterger.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2005. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

On this date:
In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1942, the former French liner "Normandie" capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chatanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than one million copies.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

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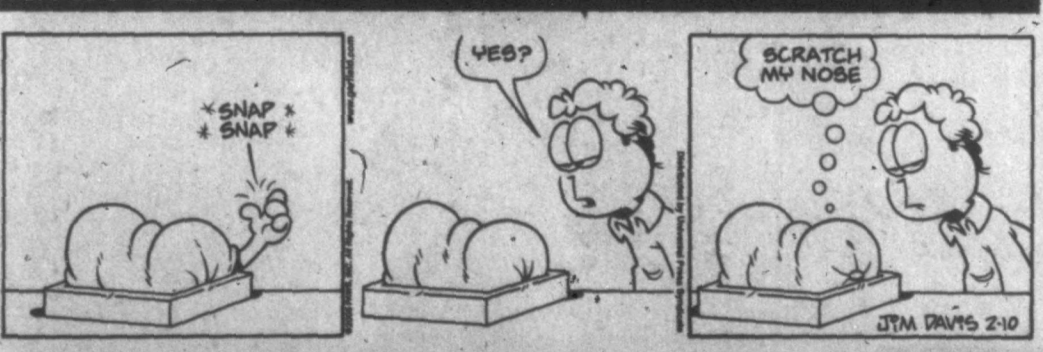
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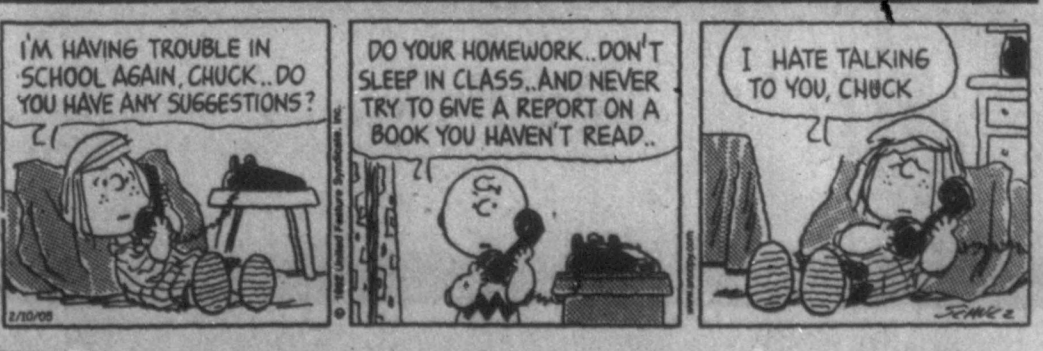
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♦ K 6 2
♣ K 9 8 3
WEST
♠ Q
♥ 10 3 2
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ Q 10 6 4
EAST
♠ A 8 7
♥ 9 8 6 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ 7 5 2
SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 6 4
♥ A K Q
♦ 8 3
♣ A J

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

Most books on play tell you how to handle card combinations that occur frequently. But because these books can't treat all possible combinations, it becomes important to learn to solve such problems all by yourself.

Take this deal where South is in four spades and three rounds of diamonds are led, declarer ruffing the third. He crosses to dummy's only entry, the king of clubs, and leads a trump on which East plays the seven.

Declarer is now faced with a crucial problem: Should he play the jack or the king? In attempting to solve this problem, South dismisses all those cases where his play makes no difference. Thus, if West has a void, the singleton eight, the singleton ace, the A-Q or the A-Q-8, South fails whether he plays the jack or the king.

This leaves those hands where West was dealt the A-8 or Q-8 (in which case tossing a coin is as good a solution as any), and hands where West started with the singleton queen of spades.

It is when you reach this point that the correct play becomes apparent: The king is the percentage play, since it wins in two cases — where West started with the Q-8 or the singleton queen — while it loses only when West started with the A-8.

In effect, declarer eliminates from consideration all hands where the missing trumps are divided 2-2 or 4-0 because his cause is either hopeless or amounts to a 50-50 guess. The only case that matters is when the trumps divide 3-1 and West has a singleton honor.

If West's singleton honor is the ace, South cannot succeed whether he plays the jack or the king. But if West's singleton honor is the queen, South can play the king, catch the queen and so make the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Crosswords

ACROSS

- 1 The — is up!
- 4 Hole-making tool
- 7 Tiny stream
- 11 Clever play
- 12 Caesar's 52
- 13 Sidle past
- 14 Earthen jar
- 15 Teacher's favorite
- 16 Pickled veggie
- 17 Coronet
- 19 Capital of Tibet
- 21 TV's McCloud
- 22 Clothes horse
- 24 Sock filler
- 27 Hockey goals
- 28 Be sincere
- 29 Druid or shaman
- 32 Tigers and bears
- 34 Lemon peel
- 35 Govern
- 36 Fabric meas.
- 37 Lobster source
- 39 Close a parka

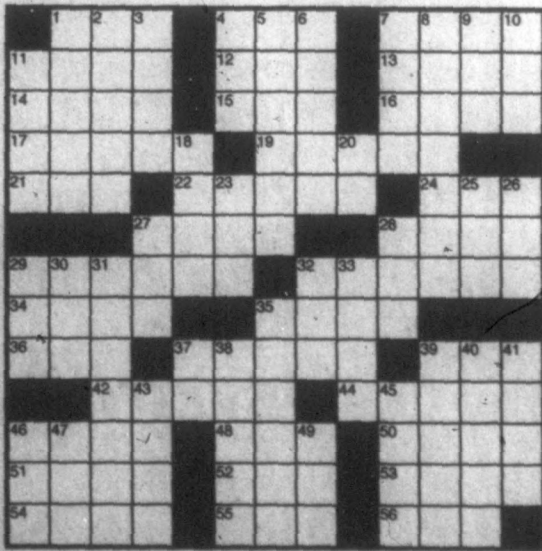
DOWN

- 42 Disagreeable people
- 44 Cello kin
- 46 Bronze and iron
- 48 Brief engagement
- 50 — a-brac
- 51 Points of convergence
- 52 Compilation
- 53 S&L offerings
- 54 Cats' quarry
- 55 Omelet need
- 56 Put down turf
- 1 Actor Raul —
- 2 Sufi's faith
- 3 Machine part
- 4 Jungfrau or Eiger
- 5 Handles with ease
- 6 Agile
- 7 Yanks' foe
- 8 Forms a thought

Answer to Previous Puzzle

LOOK TYS QUIP
YORE RIO UNTO
SHERRIES AILS
MEAT TITLE
SHUI LAZED
AUNT COD SPA
LLD LIMOS LOW
TAO EOE CARA
LOUSY OBEY
NUDES EEN
OKRA CASHFLOW
MEIR PRE EYRE
ESPN OKS READ

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Photo provided
Laura Miller, left, outgoing director of the Murray Art Guild, is shown comparing notes with new director Karen Mize Harper.

Art Guild welcomes new director, pays tribute to Miller

Members of the Murray Art Guild gathered to pay tribute to outgoing director Laura Miller and welcome new director Karen Mize Harper during a reception held in their honor Friday evening.

Miller began her part-time duties as the first official director of the guild in September 2002. During her time with the guild, she has expanded the field of workshops for all ages, increased public awareness, membership and participation, and enhanced relationships with other arts organizations.

Harper, a portrait artist in oils, art instructor and designer, brings a rich background of experience to the guild and the community. In addition to educational studies in fashion design at El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, and North Texas State University in Denton,

Texas, she also studied theater and telecommunications at the University of Kentucky.

In 2002, she graduated magna cum laude from Murray State University with a bachelor of science in art and a minor in theater. She has been the recipient of art and design scholarships and received awards, as well.

The community is invited to visit the guild Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m., or by appointment at 270-753-4059. The guild is located at 103 N. 6th St., downtown Murray.

It is a non-profit educational and cultural organization open to beginners as well as artists with varying degrees of skill. Membership is also open to anyone with an interest in the visual arts, either active or supportive.

Lawyer: Cosby denies latest allegations

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby, under investigation for possible sexual misconduct, denied claims by a second woman that he drugged and fondled her. The second accusation dates to 30 years ago, and a prosecutor suggested Wednesday such an old claim likely wouldn't be relevant in the current case.

The 67-year-old comedian's lawyer also blasted the Philadelphia Daily News for printing the accusations by Tamara Green, who was described by the newspaper Tuesday as a model-turned-lawyer who worked for Cosby in California at the time of the alleged encounter.

The report was published as prosecutors mulled whether to file charges against Cosby in the complaint by a former Temple University employee.

Green, 57, told the newspaper that Cosby gave her two pills at a restaurant after she felt ill. She said he then drove her home and tried to undress and kiss her.

Green, who allowed her name to be used, said she came forward this week because her experience closely matched one alleged by the former Temple employee who went to police last month to report that Cosby

had given her pills and fondled her at his suburban Philadelphia mansion a year ago.

According to the State Bar of California, Green entered a program for lawyers with substance abuse or mental health problems in October. The bar had lodged disciplinary charges against her in March.

Thiede performs Book One graduation recital

Jonny Thiede, 10-year-old son of Ted and Dianne Thiede, recently performed his Book One Piano Graduation Recital in Farrell Hall at Murray State University. Performance, by memory of all of the pieces in each book is a requirement of the Suzuki Approach. Thiede was assisted by his mother in the reading of a story he wrote using the titles of the pieces in the book. The pieces are more difficult than repertoire found in most beginning traditional piano methods.

The Suzuki Approach is based on the philosophy of Dr. Shinichi Suzuki and says a child can learn to play a musical instrument in the same way he learns to speak his native language or dialect. This is done by the child listening daily, to recordings of the music being learned and working with a parent who attends the lessons, learns the material along with the child, and serves as the home

teacher in an encouraging environment.

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Note reading is delayed until the aural and musicianship skills are developed just as reading of the native language is delayed in a child until speech is developed. This allows the child to begin music study at an earlier age than in many traditional methods and to develop the memory and ear first. Note reading is introduced at the beginning of the second book.

During the past year the Jonny, a fifth-grader at Murray Middle School, participated in the Kentucky Music Teachers Association Student Workshop and was selected by judges to perform in the recognition recital. He also performed in the MMTA all-male recital "It's A Guy Thing" and Murray Music



Jonny Thiede

Teachers Association Sonata Saturday.

He prepared a memorized 10-piece national program for Guild Auditions for which he received a superior rating. A member of the MMS chess

and academic teams, Jonny enjoys basketball, soccer, and video games and is a member of Royal Ambassadors at First Baptist Church. His piano teacher is Margaret Wilkins of Murray.

Ingram Hill to perform at Lovett Feb. 21

Hollywood Records' touring powerhouse Ingram Hill returns to Murray State University for a free, all-ages show at Lovett Auditorium on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. Michael Tolcher also is scheduled to perform. For more information, call (270) 762-6951.

Last year launched Ingram Hill on a steady trajectory, revving up with their signing to Hollywood, basting off with the nationwide release of their CD "June's Picture Show" and reaching full speed during their relentless tour, hitting the stage with everyone from Michelle Branch to Los Lonely Boys, Hanson to Johnny Lang.

Their first single "Will I Ever Make It Home," graced both the Billboard Adult Top 40 Singles chart and the Radio and Records Hot AC Chart and enjoyed a successful ride on the soundtrack for "13 Going On 30," which hit No. 2 on the Billboard Soundtracks chart.

The band celebrated the holiday season with a rocking rendition of "Santa Claus Is Back In Town." Redone with all the swagger that first made the tune popular by fellow Memphis Elvis Presley, the single was released to radio in early December and as performed live in Los Angeles at the annual

Mark & Brian Christmas Show, produced by KLOS 95.5 FM. Now, fans can look forward to seeing the pop/rock quartet on national television, as appearances on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and CBS' "Second Cup Cafe" are confirmed for early in the year.

Ingram Hill has played upwards of 200 shows a year since its inception and looks forward to more of the same throughout 2005.

Formed in the summer of 2000, the quartet is Justin Moore (vocals/guitar), Phil Bogard (guitar), Shea Sowell (bass/vocals) and Matt Chambliss (drums). The band initially came together at the University of Memphis where Moore and Chambliss were attending on full scholarships.

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