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## Will the pope be American? Nope, say scholars

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Rev. Eugene Zoeller doesn't know who the next pope will be, but is certain about one thing: the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church will not be an American.

The United States is "simply too big, and we're too dominating in the world itself," said Zoeller, a retired Bellarmine University theology professor who has followed and analyzed papal selections since John XXIII's 1958 election.

The 115 cardinals who will make the selection begin meeting Monday to begin deliberations over who will succeed Pope John Paul II.

While Zoeller and other area church historians and theologians agree an American is not a possibility as pope, the 11 American cardinals could impact who is selected.

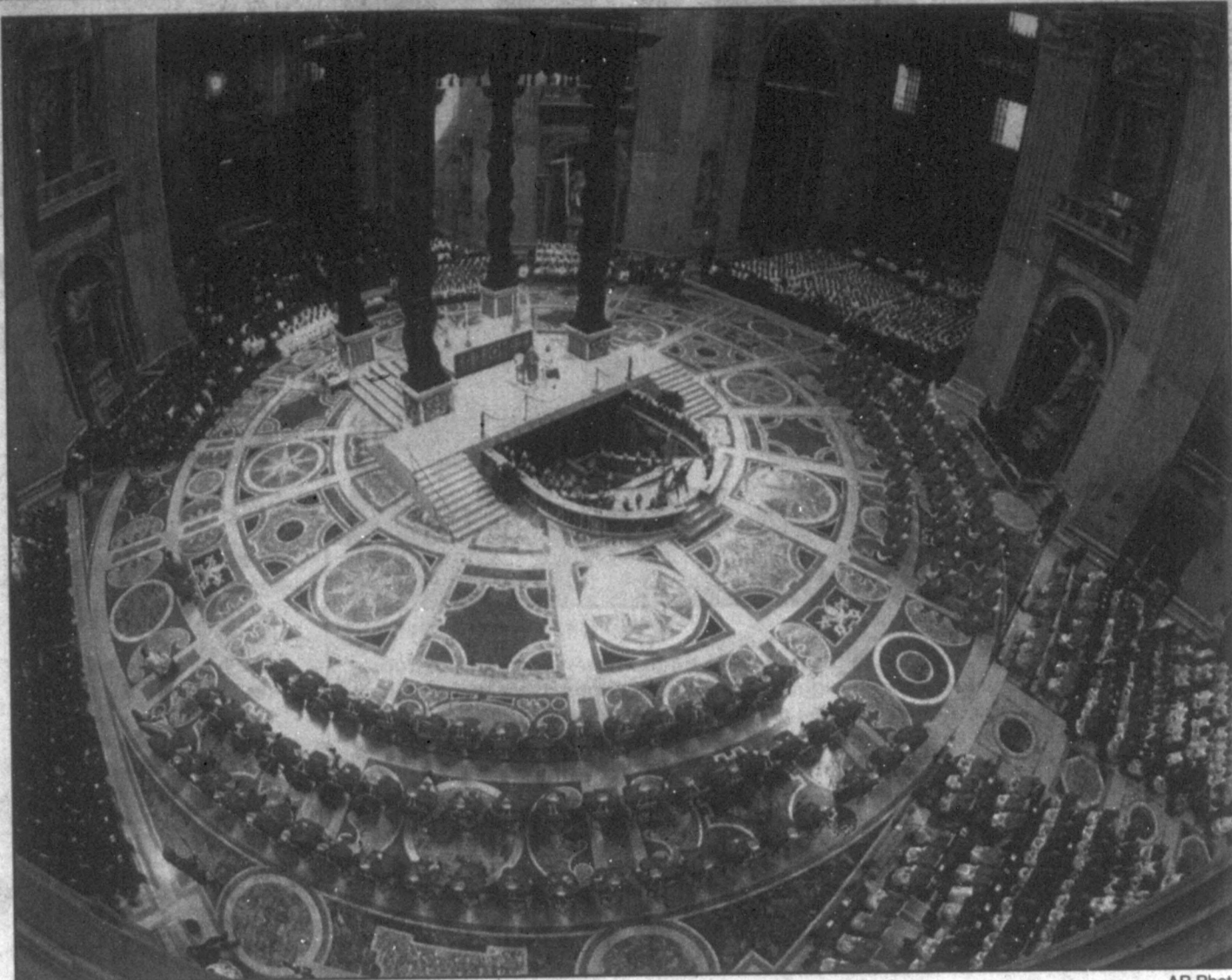
The U.S. contingent is second in size only to that of Italy. So the American votes "could be a significant help to somebody, either to get elected or they could even block somebody," Zoeller said.

Professors of church history and theologians noted that the way the United States is perceived elsewhere in the world is a roadblock to an American papacy.

The superpower status is "a problem for many non-Americans in a way that we often don't appreciate over here," said Robert Alvis, an assistant professor of church history at St. Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind. "We often assume that we exercise our power for good reasons, often for altruistic reasons. The rest of the world doesn't necessarily see it that way."

Although Americans are the church's largest financial con-

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Cardinals attend a midmorning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican today. Representing 52 countries, the 115 crimson-robed cardinals were celebrating a midmorning Mass in the basilica before sequestering themselves in the Sistine Chapel for their conclave.

AP Photo

## Conclave set to elect new pope

By The Associated Press  
VATICAN CITY (AP) — In a historic gathering steeped in intrigue, cardinals from six continents assembled today for their first conclave of the new millennium to elect a pope who will inherit John Paul II's mantle and guide the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics into a new era.

Representing 52 countries, the 115 crimson-robed "princes" of a church stung by priest sex-abuse scandals and an exodus of the faithful celebrated a midmorning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica before sequestering

themselves in the Sistine Chapel late this afternoon.

There, seated atop a false floor hiding electronic jamming devices designed to thwart eavesdroppers, they were to take an oath of secrecy, hear a meditation from a senior cardinal and decide whether to take a first vote or wait until Tuesday.

"I slept well, and now my ideas are clear," French Cardinal Paul Poupard said as he headed into the Mass. "I have realized the seriousness of the election. The Holy Spirit will do the rest." In his homily, Cardinal

Joseph Ratzinger — a powerful Vatican official from Germany often mentioned as a leading candidate to become the next pope — drew applause from fellow cardinals as he asked God to give the church "a pastor according to his own heart, a pastor who guides us to knowledge in Christ, to his love and to true joy."

He also reminded the other 114 cardinals that there are absolute truths in the church, and they should choose a man who will protect them.

Thousands of pilgrims and

tourists were expected to converge on St. Peter's Square to watch the chapel chimney for the white smoke that ultimately will tell the world that the church's 265th pontiff has been elected. The famous stove in the chapel also will billow black smoke to signal any inconclusive round of voting.

However, the partly cloudy skies over the Vatican could make it difficult for some observers to determine the color

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## Rouse earns state volunteer honor

By KRISTIN TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

The publisher of Murray and Calloway County's daily newspaper earned statewide recognition because of her work with the local United Way fund-raising campaign. But she says it's the community that deserves to be recognized.

Alice Rouse, Murray Ledger & Times publisher, was recognized as the 2005 Outstanding Kentucky Volunteer Award. She was among 10 people awarded with the honor.

Rouse served as the 2004 campaign chair for United Way of Murray-Calloway County. She is the United Way board's president-elect.

"It is a real honor for me. I didn't expect anything for my efforts. I did it because I believe in what the United Way stands for. I've seen the way it changes people's lives and the difference it makes in the community," Rouse said. "We live in a caring, generous community. Reaching our goal proves that."

Rouse led the local fund-raising effort from August to January that surpassed the \$303,000 goal. Ninety-nine cents of every dollar donated goes to the 15 local agencies the United Way of Murray-Calloway County supports.

"Alice was instrumental in us reaching our goal this year," United Way Director Peg Billington said. "She



Rouse

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## Anxiety a concern as CATS begins

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — While state education officials are considering adding more hours of testing to CATS — the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System set to begin Monday — some teachers and parents are worrying that anxiety over the test is causing some students to underperform.

"They have trouble sleeping. They feel nervous. They get stressed out," said Barbara Ballard, a guidance counselor at Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School in Louisville.

Researchers estimate that 20 to 30 percent of American students suffer from the effects of test anxiety. The signs first appear in elementary grades and increase through middle school, researchers say.

"Most people think it's a handful of kids, but it's really closer to a fifth of students," said Richard Driscoll, a psychologist in Knoxville, Tenn., who also is program director for the

American Test Anxieties Association.

Children with test anxiety score, on average, 12 percentile points lower than less anxious students, Driscoll said.

That's a concern in Kentucky public schools, which are judged on whether they meet state and federal goals by how well their students perform overall on the tests. Missing those goals opens schools to sanctions, including having to allow students to transfer to higher-performing schools.

Donna Russow, a therapist with Family & Children First, a nonprofit organization in Louisville, said she has seen more students suffering from test anxiety, especially in lower grades.

"It's not a kid who wants to get out of taking the test," she said. "They see it as a test of how smart they are, and they don't want to fail."

Younger students often fall

victim to stress because they have an intense desire to please their teachers and parents, she said.

"For a lot of these children, you will find out they are feeling like they're going to let someone down — that they're not smart," Russow said. "They've really kind of blown the whole notion of the test out of proportion."

Melissa Parman, a fourth-grade teacher at Cane Run Elementary in Louisville, said test anxiety proved to be too much for one of her students.

"He literally threw up before we even got started," Parman said. "It was test anxiety. And that I worry about for all kids."

The Kentucky Department of Education exempted one student this year from completing the writing portfolio portion of the exam because the student's doctor said the student's "extreme anxiety" could have adverse effects. The student still had to take the other CATS tests.

Tyrone Stallard, a 10-year-old student at Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School, described himself as nervous on the eve of testing.

"It made my heart beat a little faster and faster," Stallard said.

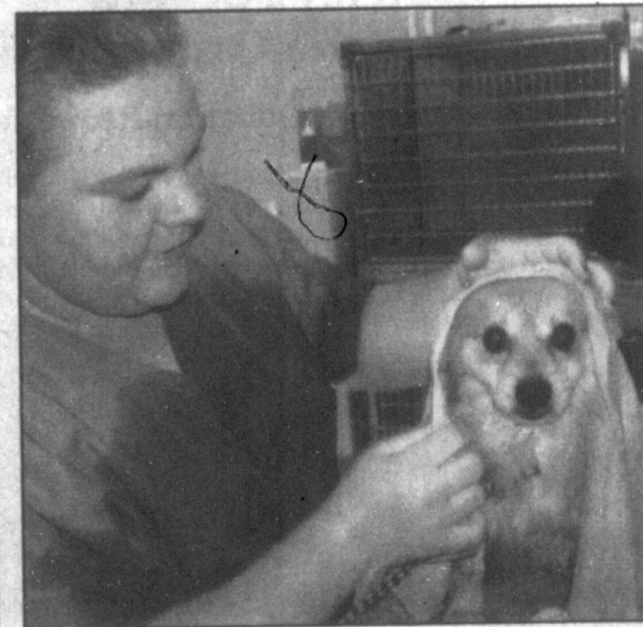
His classmate, 9-year-old Edwin Hall, said he has even been dreaming about CATS.

"I was in the classroom, and I was thinking, 'Oh, I can do this,'" Hall said. "And then I was taking the test, and I thought, 'Oh, I can't do this.'"

Ballard has given students mental exercises designed to help them think positively about the test.

"You're not feeling nervous or tense or worried because you know you're going to do your very best," Ballard told a group of students during a recent school visit. "Not perfect, because nobody's perfect. There are going to be some things on the test that maybe you're not real sure of, but that's OK."

## I Feel Grrrrr-eat!



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Murray State University sophomore Ember Tapp places a towel over Peanut, a Pomeranian mix dog, who was among an estimated 160 to 175 Murray-Calloway County area pets to receive attention during MSU's 20th Annual Animal Health Technology Day, featuring low-cost health care for pets, including dips, physicals and, in the case of Peanut, baths.

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# Fire Engineer



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photos

The Murray Fire Department's Tower 1 unit appeared to be in mid-air as it sat on the Lowe's parking lot during Saturday's Disaster Blaster event (left). This was not for show, though, as the truck's anchors were being utilized to compensate for it being parked on a slope. At right, Ashley Dawson gets a view from the driver's seat of Tower 1 during Saturday's Disaster Blaster. The third annual event was held as a way of allowing the community to meet the people charged with protecting them during disasters, along with provide information that can be used to prepare for the time a catastrophic occurrence could happen.

# PoliceLog

## Murray Police Department

- Someone from Calloway Monument Works reported a theft for a vehicle at 8:15 a.m. Friday. Extra patrol was requested, especially during the overnight shift.
  - A theft was reported at 10 a.m. Friday on Harvard Drive.
  - A juvenile was charged with theft by unlawful taking less than \$300 after a shoplifting complaint was reported at Wal-Mart at 5:29 p.m. Friday.
  - A possible gunshot was fired at 1:51 a.m. Saturday at 412 Sycamore St. Two subjects ran and got into a light-colored Ford Taurus with another subject.
  - Adam Shipley, 23, of Murray, was arrested for second-degree assault when a warrant was served Saturday.
  - A theft from a vehicle was reported at 3 p.m. Sunday at 1505 Main St.
  - Allen O'Neil Jr., 31, of Murray, was arrested for fourth-degree assault and third-degree criminal mischief after a domestic incident was reported at 4:56 p.m. Sunday at 1603 Dodson Ave.
  - An injury accident was reported at 8:52 p.m. Sunday at 2638 Backusburg Road.
  - An employee at Wendy's reported a theft at 11 p.m. Sunday.
- Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

# Mysterious bones found in abandoned Trigg house

LINTON, Ky. (AP) — Investigators are trying to determine if bones found in a vacant house in Trigg County belong to woman who lived in the home before she disappeared 12 years ago.

of Taylor, who disappeared in August 1992.

Vinson said Taylor has no known blood relatives alive, so it makes DNA testing more difficult.

"She was a 91-year-old woman then," Vinson said. "As far as I know, she doesn't have any (blood) relatives left."

A leg bone and a foot bone were found Saturday morning inside the house on Linton Road.

The home belonged to Desi Taylor, who was 91 when she disappeared.

In 1992, a home nurse noticed Taylor was missing and police searched her home, but nothing was found.

Coroner John Vinson estimated the bones to be between 12 and 13 years old and said "they possibly could be" those

The bones were sent to the state forensics lab in Frankfort for testing.

# Defense opens its case into fatal 101st grenade attack

By ESTES THOMPSON  
Associated Press Writer

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Lawyers opened their defense of a soldier charged with killing two officers in a grenade ambush by presenting a psychologist who testified Sgt. Hasan Akbar was incapable of relating to other people as a teenager.

Akbar's court-martial entered its second week of testimony Monday, after prosecutors completed their case against the 33-year-old non-commissioned soldier.

Akbar is accused of ambushing fellow soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division in their tents at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait, in March 2003, during the opening days of the Iraq war. Two U.S. officers were killed.

Dr. Fred Tuton of Baton Rouge, La., said he first interviewed Akbar in 1986, when Akbar was 14. Local child protection officials had sent Akbar for evaluation after his 4-year-old sister was found to have been molested by his stepfather.

"He just couldn't relate to people," Tuton told the 15-member jury. "He never smiled at any time during my evaluation. That was very significant ... not showing any emotion."

Tuton also said Akbar had identity problems, that his greatest worry was "becoming a nothing" and that he felt guilt because he didn't protect his sister from the abuse. Akbar was the oldest of five children.

Tuton said after four hours of evaluation, he diagnosed Akbar with an adjustment disorder and

depression. Prosecutors have said Akbar planned his attack on fellow soldiers. Last week, they introduced diary entries in which Akbar wrote he might have to kill his "battle buddies."

The defense does not contend that Akbar carried out the attack, but says he was mentally incapable of premeditating it — a necessary element if Akbar is to be given a death penalty.

Akbar, 33, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted first-degree murder and pros-

ecutors are seeking a death penalty. He allegedly rolled grenades into tents in the middle of the night and then fired on soldiers in the ensuing chaos.

Killed in the attack were Army Capt. Christopher Seifert, 27, who was shot in the back, and Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, who suffered 83 shrapnel wounds. Another 14 soldiers were injured.

The court-martial is the first time since the Vietnam War that an American has been prosecuted on charges of murdering a fellow soldier during wartime.



Sgt. Hasan Akbar

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## NOTICE

■ The Murray-Calloway County, Park Board will meet today at 6 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

■ The Murray City Council finance committee will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the first floor conference room to hear general fund budget requests.

■ The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. The agenda includes a public hearing to review the preliminary plat for North Point Professional Park on Ky. 121 Bypass North.

■ The Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Weaks Center. An amendment to the jail policy is among the agenda items.

■ The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at city hall. The agenda includes three public hearings for conditional use permits at various business locations and one public hearing for a conditional use permit at Church of the Living God on North L.P. Miller Street.

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# Massive wave forces cruise ship to dock

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A seven-story wave damaged a cruise ship returning from the Bahamas over the weekend, smashing windows, flooding more than 60 cabins and injuring four passengers.

The Norwegian Dawn was diverted from its route when the ship ran into rough weather on the way back to New York on Saturday. The 965-foot-long vessel docked in the Charleston harbor for repairs, and departed for New York early Sunday after a Coast Guard inspection, officials said. It was expected back in New York by noon Monday.

"The ship was hit by a freak wave that caused two windows to break in two different cabins," Norwegian Cruise Line said in a statement. It said 62 cabins flooded and four passengers had cuts and bruises. The wave reached as high as deck 10 on the ship, company spokeswoman Susan Robison said Sunday.

James Fraley, who was taking a honeymoon cruise with his

wife, said they called their loved ones as the wave pounded the boat because they thought the ship was going down.

"It was pure hell. We're talking 47-foot waves hitting the 10th floor, knocking Jacuzzis on the 12th floor overboard — people sleeping in hallways in life jackets," Fraley told WCBD-TV in Charleston. "Just pure pandemonium."

The ship's hull was damaged but the vessel was not taking on water, said Keith Moore of the Coast Guard Group Charleston.

"All the passengers had donned personal flotation devices as a precaution," Moore told The (Charleston) Post and Courier.

The cruise line said passengers whose cabins were flooded were being flown home from Charleston and the safety of the ship "was in no way compromised by this incident." Each passenger on the ship got a refund of half the trip's cost and a voucher for half the price of a future cruise, Robison said.

Fraley said cruise ship employees also opened the bar.

"They tried giving free alcohol away to make up for it," he said. "That's not going to do it."

The ship left New York last Sunday with 2,500 passengers aboard. Robison said about 300 passengers decided not to return by boat. About 100 people were flown back to New York and the rest made their own arrangements, Robison said.

# WEATHER

Tonight will be partly cloudy.  
**HIGH: 80** Tuesday will be partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s.  
**LOW: 55** Tuesday night will be partly cloudy with lows in the mid 50s.

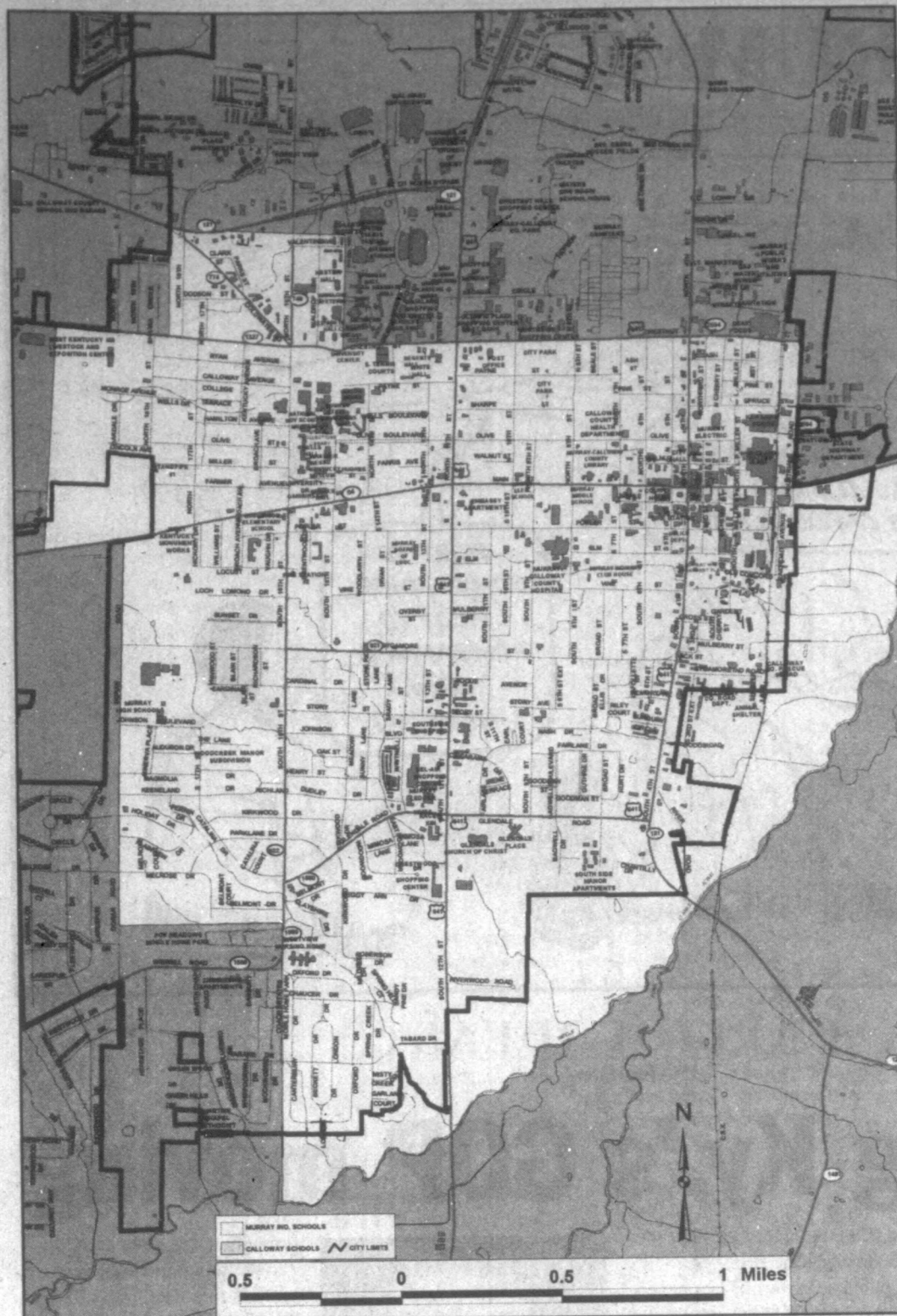
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Above is a map that shows the city school district, colored white. A vacancy is posted for the Murray Independent School Board and Wednesday is deadline for nominees to fill the seat formerly held by Jean Masthay.

### Three people running for Murray school seat; deadline is Wednesday

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Three people have applied for the open seat on the Murray Independent Board of Education.

Kentucky Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross said she would release the names of the candidates after the deadline Wednesday.

Applications are still available at the district's central office on 13th Street. Anyone interested in the seat can fax their applications to KDE in Frankfort by the end of business Wednesday, Gross said.

The seat was vacated in March when Jean Masthay

resigned immediately following the board meeting during which a four-year non-resident contract was signed with Calloway County Schools after six months of negotiations.

The open seat is up for election in November 2006.

Gross said she expects interviews to be scheduled within the following week and completed by the end of the month. A committee of educators and board members interviews the candidates and makes a recommendation to KDE Commissioner Gene Wilhoit.

KDE officials hope to have a new board member in place early next month.

Applicants must live in the

city school district. Candidates also must have lived in Kentucky for at least three years, be at least 24 years old, have a high school education or GED and be a registered voter in the district, according to Kentucky Revised Statute 160.180. No one who holds a state office requiring constitutional oath or is a member of the General Assembly is eligible. Those with relatives — meaning father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law — employed by the district also are disqualified for consideration, according to state law.

### Lobbyist drop more than \$4M during legislative session

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Corporations, lobbyists and interest groups spent \$4.3 million during the recent legislative session — more than half of that came from industries such as health care, pharmaceuticals, insurance, horses and gambling.

In 2003, lobbyists spent about \$3 million during the 2003 session, nearly 50 percent less than this year's 29-day session that ended in March.

Experts said the reworking of the state's tax code addressed by the General Assembly brought about much of the spending.

Companies were interested in minimizing their taxes, said Anthony Wilhoit, executive director of the Legislative Ethics Commission, a group that tracks lobbying costs.

"Any time you have taxes on

the table, that's when the big guns get called out," Wilhoit said.

Lobbyist James "Jitter" Allen, a former state representative who works for companies and trade groups for products like beer, cigarettes, food, cable television, railroads, asphalt, manufacturing and prescription drugs, proved to be one of the more high-profile lobbyists stalking the tax plan.

"I had clients with interests all over this thing," Allen said. "Some of them liked parts of it; some of them didn't like parts of it."

In the end, business lobbyists said, their clients generally were satisfied with the tax plan that emerged. Tobacco and alcohol company lobbyists were resigned to seeing increased

taxes on their products, but worked to keep the measures as small as possible.

The tax on a pack of cigarettes soon will be 30 cents, up from 3 cents, but some lawmakers had called for twice that, said lobbyist Ronald Pryor, who worked for Lorillard Tobacco.

"Obviously, we would have liked it to be lower. But given that it hadn't been raised in 35 years, we did as well as reasonably could be expected," Pryor said.

Of the \$4.3 million in lobbying costs, \$4.2 million paid the salaries and expenses of more than 400 registered lobbyists.

Interest groups also spent close to \$100,000 on food, drink and entertainment at receptions held for lawmakers throughout the session.

## Gingrich: No interest student loans for math, science majors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich majored in history and made his mark in politics, yet his message was that the country could use fewer historians and political scientists and more mathematicians and engineers.

The Georgia Republican waded into a rare congressional policy debate since leaving the U.S. House, endorsing a measure by two Virginia lawmakers that would waive interest on student loans for college students who major in math, science or engineering.

"Science and math are absolutely at the center of our national survival," Gingrich said. "If we do not step up to the plate this time, if we don't recognize the scale of the Chinese, the Indian, the Japanese and the European challenges, we're in desperate trouble."

The issue has concerned Gingrich for several years. During the Clinton administration, he was involved in the

biartisan Hart-Rudman Commission, which projected that the greatest threat to America by 2025 is the detonation of a weapon of mass destruction.

Less noticed, Gingrich said, was what the commission concluded was the second-greatest threat: failure to remain competitive in math and science.

Reps. Frank Wolf, R-Va., and Vern Ehlers, R-Mich., introduced the student loan measure in the House, and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., pledged to do the

same in the Senate. The proposal, inspired by a suggestion in Gingrich's book, "Winning the Future," would forgive up to \$10,000 over the life of an undergraduate loan for math, science and engineering majors who agree to work at least five years in the field after graduation.

"In an era in which students are graduating college with record levels of debt, I am hopeful that this incentive will be a significant motivator," Wolf said.

### Rouse ...

From Front

opened some doors that needed to be opened. We will be stronger because of her work. She got us moving in a direction that I think we will keep moving."

Members of the local United Way board nominated Rouse for the award.

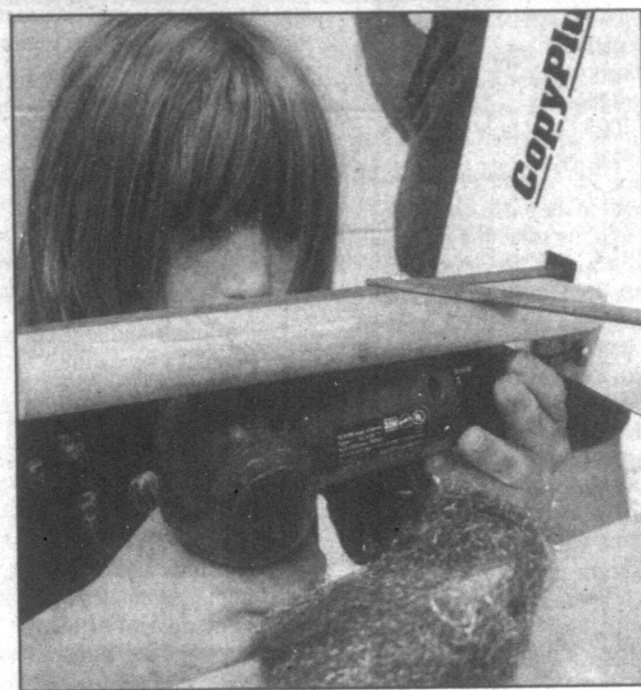
"I am not the one who deserves this honor," Rouse said. "I only accept it on behalf of the community. I am humbled by this."

Billington said Murray State University was more involved in the most recent campaign and the campaign had more of a community presence.

"It seems every time Alice said, 'I'll get this job done,' she got it done," she said. "We are very fortunate we have people in our community like Alice that give back to the community. The United Way appreciates that."

The award is presented each year as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week to individuals who have shown exceptional leadership, vision and dedication to the United Way mission. This week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

## MORE POWER!!!



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Justin Murdock, 9, of Murray, shows his skill with power tools as he removes a screw from the back portion of his soap-box car during Saturday's opening construction session leading to this year's All-American Soap Box Derby in Murray. Murdock was joined Saturday by his father, Larry. The next construction session will be May 7 at Murray State University's Trio building and will be one of two to be held before the derby is run in June.

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## A Big Chunk of Change

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Crit Luallen released the results last week of an audit of state government's efforts to secure federal funds that shows just how dependent Kentucky is on federal largesse at a time when Congress may be cutting back sharply on funds for a host of programs Kentuckians rely on.



Agree Or Not

By Todd Duvall  
Syndicated Columnist

Luallen's auditors found that in the 2003 fiscal year, \$5.8 billion in federal money was channeled through the state budget. That's billion with a "B."

Nearly half of that amount represented the federal share in the state's Medicaid program of health care for the poor, disabled and elderly. That's the same program Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his administration are trying to bring under control all the while Congress is considering cutting back.

But the rest of the \$5.8 billion is spread over everything from highway construction projects - a major sum of federal money in Kentucky - unemployment insurance claims, school lunches, welfare payments, education grants - literally hundreds of sources of money from Washington spent throughout Kentucky.

While Kentuckians can be gratified that so much federal money flows into the state, Luallen pointed out that the amount is not necessarily such a positive thing, because it is "a symptom of our systemic problems with poverty and poor health."

Exactly. Most federal programs dealing with social, education and health issues are based on need, and sadly, Kentucky can demonstrate much need among its population in those areas.

In fact, because Kentucky is a poor state in relation to many other states, it receives back from the federal government more tax dollars every year than Kentuckians send to Washington. We rely on federal taxes paid from wealthier states to pay the bills for our schools, highways, social and health programs.

Without all that federal money flowing from Washington to Frankfort and then into all 120 Kentucky counties, we would be in bad shape, very bad shape indeed.

That fact is in sharp contrast to a growing attitude in wealthier regions of Kentucky that they are not getting back from state government enough of the taxes those regions send here every year.

Like wealthy states that subsidize poor states with their taxes, Kentucky's large urban areas - the so-called Golden Triangle of Louisville-Lexington-Northern Kentucky suburbs of Cincinnati and the counties surrounding them, as well as Owensboro, Paducah and Henderson - send more tax money to Frankfort every year than they get back in the form of state programs and services.

And the largely rural areas of the state, as well as the mountain counties of the east, in turn, are subsidized by the taxes paid by wealthy regions.

In recent years, there has been a growing sentiment by elected officials and legislators from Kentucky's wealthier regions that they deserve a greater share of the state taxes that originate in those areas.

Heaven help all of Kentucky if that sentiment were to take a national turn.

If California and New York, for example, demanded and received the federal highway taxes that originate in those states, there probably would not be the billions necessary to build two new bridges across the Ohio River at Louisville. If a dozen or so wealthy states with large populations convinced Congress to return to them most of the taxes paid by their citizens to be used for affordable health care, Kentucky and similar states would have to shut down their Medicaid programs altogether.

It may be difficult for a taxpayer in Jefferson County to recognize that his or her taxes must help widen a highway in Estill County or assist with medical care for a poor family in Owingsville, but it's true. Otherwise, the gap between rich and poor in Kentucky would be even greater than it now is, and vast areas of the state would revert to the way they were 40 or more years ago.

The good news is that Luallen's audit found the state is doing a good job attracting federal funds, and with appointment of a central coordinator in the state's budget office, probably could do even better.

Given the stakes, sounds like a reasonable idea to me.

Todd Duvall is editorial page editor for The State Journal in Frankfort.



## CAPITOL IDEAS

By Joe Biesk

# Keeping Ky.'s GOP moving

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Darrell Brock, set to become state Republican state party chairman, isn't satisfied with complacency.

Brock, who was expected to officially take over the state GOP reins Saturday, said he's planning new successes for his party. That includes an eventual GOP takeover of the House, winning control of more local offices throughout the state and attracting new voters.

"We're full speed ahead. We're aggressive. Everything we're doing is action," Brock said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "We're raising more money, we're recruiting more candidates, we're registering more voters, and we're mobilizing our manpower."

Brock, who has the support of Gov. Ernie Fletcher and U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, would succeed current state chairman John McCarthy, whose resignation was effective Friday. McCarthy said he wanted to return to the private sector.

Brock takes over at a time when the state GOP has experienced recent good fortune in Kentucky.

It's registered a series of political blows to Democrats at

the polls. Including Fletcher — who became the first Republican governor in a generation — the GOP has four statewide constitutional office-holders. Meanwhile, the Democrats have three.

Republicans also hold five of the state's six congressional seats and both U.S. Senate seats. And, the party maintains control of the state Senate and has made recent inroads in the House.

"It's all about work," Brock said. "There's no maintaining here. We're moving up, and we're moving fast."

Brock, 39, most recently was commissioner of the Governor's Office for Local Development. In that position, Brock was in charge of the allocation of millions of dollars in state and federal money to local communities.

A Kentucky native, Brock is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. Brock has worked for Johnson Controls in Georgetown, and for Total Interior Systems in Evansville, Ind.

While Brock has spent much of his career in the corporate world, he says he's always followed politics. During Fletcher's gubernatorial cam-



Darrell Brock  
State GOP Chairman

paign, Brock served as co-chairman of the governor's western Kentucky operations.

"I've always had an interest," Brock said. "It's been in my heart and a passion that I have."

Now, Brock plans to take that interest and help catapult the GOP forward. That includes gaining control of the state House and winning local offices

throughout the state, he said. "We're not the majority party in this state," Brock said. "We hold most of the offices. But that's one of the things that we want to work on — to become the majority party in the future."

State Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Lundergan said he wished Brock "the very best," as chairman. But, Lundergan said he thought Brock's goals would fall short.

"The Republican Party has peaked," Lundergan said. "I think that basically they have fooled a lot of Kentucky voters. They have indicated to Kentucky voters one thing and done another."

Still, Brock points to the passage of a state budget, and an overhaul of Kentucky's tax code as some examples of recent successes.

Meanwhile, Fletcher said he supported Brock because he was "an excellent individual" who had knowledge about the state and its citizens.

"He's a good Republican," Fletcher said last week. "He shares the values of most of Kentuckians and I think he'll do a good job of organizing and leading our party over the next several years."

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# 50 Years of the Polio Vaccine

My first memory is of my mother buying me a pair of low-top saddle oxford shoes when I was 4 years old. That may seem like a pretty unremarkable recollection. But for me and my mother, those shoes represented our successful two-year battle against polio.

Last week marked the 50th anniversary of the announcement of Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine, which saved thousands of lives and allowed hundreds of thousands more to walk unaided and without pain. In 1952, just three years before Dr. Salk's vaccine, nearly 58,000 polio cases were diagnosed in America. By 1979, polio was eradicated nationwide.

Thousands of Americans still live with the effects of the disease today, however. I'm one of them. When I was 2 years old I got a disease that felt like the flu-I felt sick all over. But after the fever passed, my left leg was afflicted.

My father, A.M. McConnell, was overseas fighting in World War II at the time, and my mother, Dean McConnell, and I were staying with my aunt in Alabama. Luckily, we were only about 50 miles away from Warm Springs, Ga., and my mother was determined to do everything she could so her child would one day walk properly. So she drove me to the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, founded

by America's most famous polio victim, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The doctors there told my mother that to regain the use of my leg, she would have to keep me from walking. Now, imagine trying to stop a 2-year-old from running free. The only way was to watch me like a hawk, all the time, which she did for two years. She administered a physical therapy regimen of stretching and exercising my leg three times a day. She made clear to me that although I could walk, I shouldn't walk-a tricky concept for a 2-year-old to grasp. But she did it.

I have always felt that this incredible discipline she instilled in me had a profound effect on the rest of my life. I credit perseverance, more than any other trait, as the root of any accomplishments I've been blessed to achieve. When I talk to successful people, from presidents to senators to local community leaders, they say the same thing. I will always owe my mother for teaching me the value of determination, even before I was old enough to appreciate her lesson.

After two years of therapy, the doctors told my mother I would have a normal life. To celebrate, we bought those shoes. I went on to enjoy school and sports. My only reminder of that childhood experience is a little difficulty going down stairs. Most people would rather walk down stairs and take the elevator up, but I prefer the reverse because the polio affected my left quadriceps muscle.

I made out a lot better than other kids my age with polio. Some were paralyzed for life. Others had to live trapped in an

iron lung. The least fortunate died before they ever got to grow up.

Luckily, our children today live without fear of polio. It's been wiped out in the United States, and we're on the verge of crushing it worldwide. Last year, only 1,263 cases were diagnosed, most in developing countries like Nigeria and India. Public health organizations and private charities have worked hard and directed hundreds of millions of dollars to eliminate polio once and for all.

The Senate Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which I've been privileged to chair for most of the last decade, has appropriated over \$160 million towards that fight in the last six years. Those funds go to the UN, the World Health Organization, and other agencies that take Dr. Salk's life-saving vaccine into these countries and deliver it to the people who need it.

Credit also goes to Rotary International. They made this fight a priority 20 years ago and since then have collected about \$600 million to deliver the vaccine to all parts of the world. Thanks to all of these efforts, we hope to be able to declare the world polio-free in the near future.

The genius of Dr. Salk, combined with American ingenuity, drive and generosity, has contributed mightily to the defeat of a terrible affliction. Polio was one of the greatest scourges of the 20th century. Today, it's on its way into the history books. In this new century, let's hope America's talents can do the same to cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, and more.



Guest Voice  
By Sen. Mitch McConnell  
R-Ky.



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## Ladies of the Oaks

Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will have their regularly scheduled Bridge play on Wednesday.

Play will start at 9:15 a.m. at the club house with Martha Enix, phone 753-3352, as hostess. If you have not signed up, call Enix.

Winners of Bridge play on April 13 were Maxa Reed, first, and Jo Anne Auer, second. Lou Ann Philpott served as hostess.

## Ladies of Murray Country Club

Ladies of the Murray Country Club will have their regular ladies day golf on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the club.

Betty Jo Purdom, phone 436-2133, will be the hostess.

The line-up has been released as follows:

Tee 1A - Betty Jo Purdom, Peggy Shoemaker, Ann Brown and Susan Johnson;

Tee 3 - Linda Burgess, Marilyn Adkins, Freda Steely and Venela Sexton;

Tee 4 - Ve Severns, Betty Stewart, Brenda Rowland and Evelyn Jones;

Tee 6 - Sue Outland, Barbara Gray, Norma Frank and Patsy Chaney;

Tee 8 - Cindy Cohoon, Jennifer Crouse, Patsy Green and Inus Orr;

Nine Hole players - Tee 1B - Ann Stanley, Beth Belote, Bev Reuter and Betty Shepperson.

## Angels Attic Thrift Shop displaying quilts

Angels Attic Thrift Shop is displaying donated vintage quilts in its display window during the month of April.

Silent bids are being accepted on the quilts and quilt pieces until the store closes at 5 p.m. on April 30. Also on that date all quilts will be made available for inspection in the store.

Included in the plethora of quilts are a 1930's handmade quilt with uncarded cotton, an action figure tied twin quilt, and an unfinished baby quilt.

Winning bidders will be notified by telephone beginning May 3 and will be given one week to pick up their merchandise before it is offered to the second highest bidder.

Proceeds from sales provide financial support for the Angels community clinic.

## PrimeLife planning Iceland trip

PrimeLife of Murray-Calloway County Hospital is planning a trip to Iceland, leaving Oct. 4 with deposits due by May 1. This trip includes eight days, 10 meals and round trip airfare for \$2,439. Visits will be made to Reykjavik, Icelandic Horse Farm, Blue Lagoon and Skaftafell National Park. A minimum of 10 people is required for the trip. For more information on this trip or how to become a PrimeLife member, contact Ethelyn Loberger at 767-2190.

## Horticulture group plans event to farm

Murray State University Horticulture Department now has tomato plants and coleus for sale at the Pullen Farm Greenhouse. For information call 767-0467.

## Engagement



## Dennison and Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Dennison of Murray announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Lane Dennison, to David McGavock Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Richardson of Clemson, S.C.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Eissler of Newburg, Ind., and Mrs. Dorothy Dennison and the late E.W. Dennison of Jackson, Tenn.

Grandparents of the groom-elect are the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas Gillespie of Anderson, S.C., and Mr. and Mrs. John Neute Richardson of Gainesville, Ga.

Mrs. Dennison, a graduate of Murray High School, will graduate from Murray State University in 2005. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Mr. Richardson is a graduate of D.W. Daniel High School and Clemson University. He received his master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He is employed by Destination Real Estate and Marketing.

A summer wedding is being planned.

## 4-H Dog Camp will be held at Wildwood Farm

What could be better than dogs, kids and exciting instructors to teach them to increase skills with their animals?



### Extension Notes

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

On May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wildwood Farm of George and Karen Collins, Millennium Mutts 4-H Dog Camp will be a barking great time for all participants. Youth will learn to groom, to do agility and to encourage obedience. Guest speakers will join the group. The cost for the day camp will be \$15.

Karen Collins, leader of the Millennium Mutts and organizer of the event, says "This Dog Camp will increase the youth's ability to work with their dog and will strengthen the bond between the two. I hope that we have a good number of youth and dogs ready to spend time together learning. Active learning as well as guest lectures will be a part of these fun filled days."

Youth are to bring snacks, dog, collar, leash, current health papers of dog, plastic bags, crate, parent or guardian if possible. Youth are to bring a gift worth less than \$7 for a prize for the Dog Show. There will be meals and drinks provided to participants. Youth are to wear comfortable clothes, hat and sun screen.

The deadline to sign up is May 5. Forms are available at the Extension office. Call the Extension office or Karen Collins at 753-2294. Limited spaces are still available.

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

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky counties, cooperating.

## Ruiz will present demonstration for Quilt Lovers meeting Tuesday



Quilt Lovers of Murray will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway Public Library.

Lois Ruiz will present a demonstration of "The Dimensional Bow Tie" pattern. The room will be available at 5:30 p.m.

All members and interested persons are invited.

## Jo's Datebook

By Jo Burkeen  
Community Editor

## Department plans contests

Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have its student vocal and piano contests Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the club house. Hostesses will be Kathy Stanfa, Lillian Robertson, Gale Vinson, Jean Watkins, Oneida White and Jan. Wilson.

## Alumni and Associates plan event

Alumni and Associates of Calloway County High School will have rebate night at Captain D's Tuesday. All proceeds go to enhance the education of the students and to help fund two scholarships. The board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Captain D's.

## MES Council will meet

Murray Elementary School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in the conference room of the school. All interested persons are invited.

## HA commissioners to meet

The Housing Authority of Murray Board of Commissioners will meet Tuesday at noon at the main office of the Authority at 716 Nash Dr., Murray.

## Hospital retirees will meet

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

## Al-Anon meeting is Tuesday

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

## Singles will meet Tuesday

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

## Health Express gives stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer osteo heel scans as well as blood pressure and pulse checks on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at Center for Health and Wellness; on Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Marshall County Senior Citizen Center, Benton; on Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Murray.

## IAAP group will meet today

Murray Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet today at 5:15 p.m. at the Pella Corporation on Pella Way. After a brief business meeting, an appetizer potluck dinner will be shared. For more information call Jeanne Fleming at 753-5650.

## Murray Lodge will meet tonight

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

## Parent Support Group will meet

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

## Youth Swim Team needs members

Murray Youth Swim Team is looking for new members of all ages. Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool unassisted. Swimmers are encouraged to come to the Health and Wellness Center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday night will be a fun swim for those currently on the team and new members while an informational meeting will be held for the parents. For more information go to www.swimkentucky.com and click on the MYST link.

## Narcotics Anonymous will meet

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

## Garden Department plans event

The Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club has changed its annual spring luncheon and card party to April 28. Tickets for the luncheon and card party are \$12 and may be purchased from Billie Hall, 753-7886 Jan Ochoa, 759-4154, or Janet Wallis, 489-2186.

## Scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the alumni and Associates of Calloway County High School scholarships. Candidates may pick one up in the office at the high school and has to be returned before the deadline of April 29.

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## Jackson Purchase ACA patronage refund checks totaled more than \$2.7M

Special to the Ledger

In April, members-borrowers of the Jackson Purchase Agricultural Credit Association received patronage refund checks for 2004, as CEO Tommy Murphey recently announced.

The patronage refund for borrowers of Jackson Purchase

ACA totaled more than \$2.7 million. About \$1,480,000 of the refund was paid in cash and the remainder was placed in a capital account for the cooperative's members.

"Jackson Purchase ACA had another successful year in 2004, and we are pleased to be able to share our success with our borrowers, to 'put our profits in

their pockets,'" said ACA Board Chairman David Leonard, who also is a Graves County farmer. "This is the eighth consecutive year we've paid a patronage refund"

Since 1997, Jackson Purchase ACA has returned over \$16.6 million to its member-borrowers through patronage refunds.

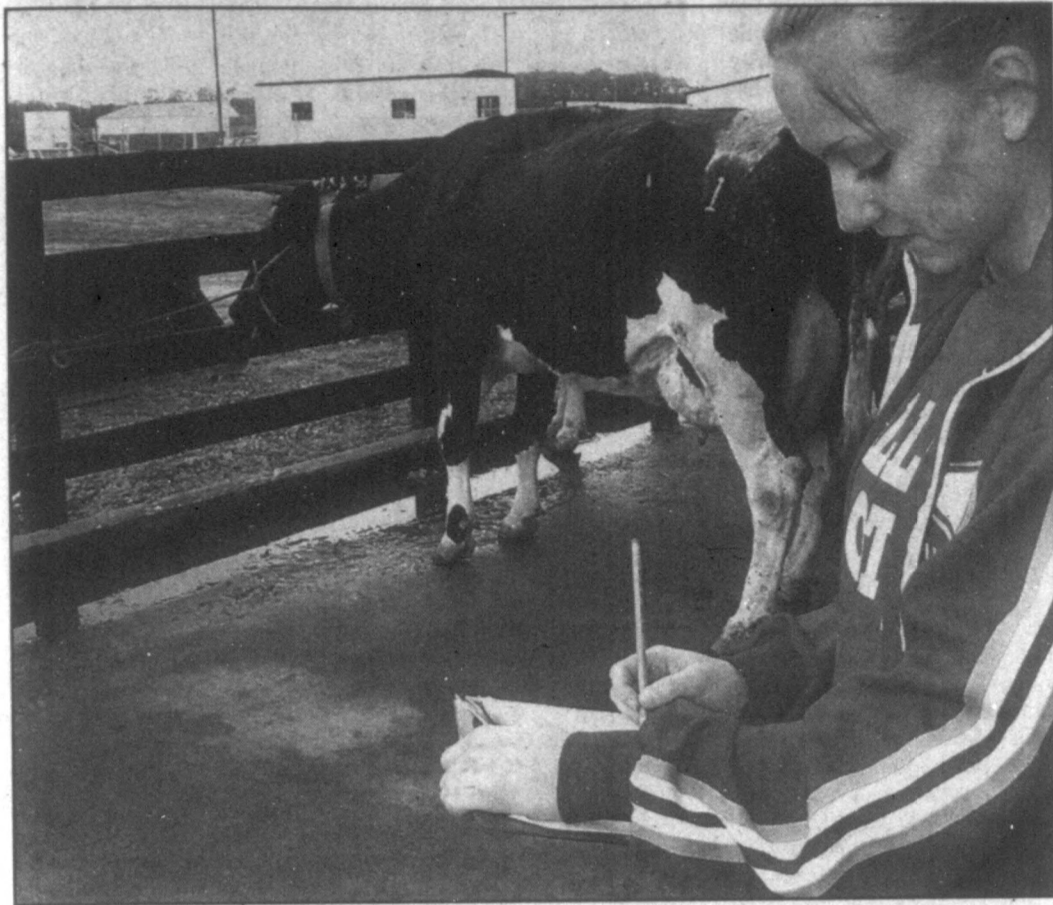
"When we distribute our profits to our borrowers, it reduces their effective cost of borrowing," Murphey said, "and it proves there are distinct financial benefits in doing business on a cooperative basis."

Jackson Purchase ACA, a farmer-owned cooperative, makes long-term farm and rural home loans, home equity loans,

intermediate-term loans for machinery, equipment and buildings and short-term production loans. Other financial services available through Jackson Purchase ACA are credit life insurance, crop insurance and leasing programs.

As of Dec. 31, 2004, the association had about \$217 million in loans outstanding to

more than 2,000 members. Jackson Purchase ACA has eight branch offices located in Bardwell, Clinton, Draffenville, Hickman, Kevil, Lone Oak, Mayfield and Murray and serves Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties.



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Calloway County High School's Christy Westphal jots her observations onto a clipboard as she participates in the Dairy Judging competition of Wednesday's FFA Field Day at Murray State University.

## Calloway County High School takes second at FFA Field Day

The Calloway County High School FFA chapter continues to find big success at the Murray State University FFA Field Day. Wednesday, the CCHS chapter joined 34 other schools from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri and Indiana for the 53rd edition of Field Day and placed second overall. This came one year after CCHS was third.

Calloway representatives claimed several first-place honors in individual competitions. Included in this were:

- Horse Judging Team (Cynthia Barnett, Kaycie Wyatt, Mindy Wright and Madison Selstad);

- Rachel Talent in Burley Tobacco Grading;

- Dark-Fired Tobacco Grading Team (Kyle Overby, Bryan Craig, Cody White and David Crouch)...Crouch also finished first in the individual event;

- Lucas McCallon in Air-Cured Tobacco Grading;

- Erin Jakaub in Small Animal;

- Nursery Landscape Team (Grant Barrow, Jacob Young, Courtney Parker and Wes Tucker). Tucker also received overall high individual.

- Finishing second were:

- Madison Selstad in Horse Judging;

- Hugh Falwell in Burley Tobacco Grading;

- Cody White in Dark-Fired Tobacco Grading;

- Courtney Parker in Nursery/Landscape

- Floriculture Team with Rachel Barber taking second individually;

- Two horticulture teams.

In addition, the CCHS Livestock Judging team was third, along with the Soil Judging team. Josh Reynolds, a freshman participating in such an event for the first time, took third in stationary roping, as did sophomore Jackie Thomas in tobacco auctioneering.

Calloway County's Air-

Cured team was fourth, as was its Dairy Judging team. Also, senior Kaycie Wyatt was fifth in horsemanship.

Also representing CCHS were: Bryan Coles; Brandon Montgomery; Josh Polk; Emily D'Angelo; Trent Cossey; Samantha Hill; Tripp Crane; Jordan Mathis; Jacob Benke; Ashley Henson; Audrey Oakley; Christy Westphal; Shawn Wilkinson; Cassie Hendon; Amanda Schroader; Shane Burkeen; Kelsey Watson; Kayla Holmes; Maegan Coles; Jessica Bryan and Tisha Williams.

## Bush drops plan to cut government payments

By LIBBY QUAD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two months of fierce resistance from farmers and Congress, the Bush administration has dropped an effort to cut government payments to farmers.

"Perhaps the administration has finally begun to hear the roar from the heartland," said Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.

Cuts in payments would be felt most keenly by cotton and rice farmers in the South and California, but across the country, growers oppose any cuts.

Bush asked Congress in February to slash billions of dollars from payments to large farm operations, dropping the maximum farmers are allowed to collect from \$360,000 to \$250,000 and closing loopholes allowing some growers to obtain millions of dollars. He also proposed to cut all farm payments by 5 percent.

Last Tuesday, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns told key senators that while spending must be reduced to hold down the federal deficit, he is willing to look elsewhere in agriculture programs for cuts.

Johanns acknowledged to a Senate Appropriations Committee panel on farm spending that such proposals as the one to cut the payment limit are "quite sensitive."

"We recognize Congress may have other proposals to achieve these savings, and we are willing to work with the Congress on other cost-saving measures,"

Johanns testified.

He told reporters afterward that reducing the deficit is more important than anything else. Bush wants to cut the deficit, projected to rise to \$427 billion this year, in half by 2009.

"The goal is deficit reduction. We have to keep our eye on the ball," Johanns said. "The president's got good proposals out there. There may be some other ideas. We'll look at those ideas. We'll try to factor those in."

Johanns has argued that bigger operations collect too big a share of government payments. According to his department, 8 percent of producers receive 78 percent of subsidies.

The administration still supports the payment limit plan, Agriculture Department spokesman Ed Loyd said.

"We are signaling a willingness to work with Congress to achieve these savings," Loyd said.

Bush's proposed cuts would total \$8 billion over 10 years, as calculated by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Last month, House budget writers cut Agriculture Department spending for 2006 by \$5.3 billion, while their Senate counterparts cut it by \$2.8 billion.

If cuts don't come from payments to farmers, they still must come from somewhere.

Republican committee chairmen have suggested reductions in spending on land conservation and nutrition programs, such as food stamps, also run by the Agriculture Department.

Advocates of payment limits said it's possible the administration could still manage to improve subsidy programs.

"Payment limits is but one of the many tools Congress and the administration can use to reform our subsidy programs," said Scott Faber, spokesman for Environmental Defense, one of several groups advocating payment limits. "There are many ways you could reform subsidy programs to cost less and help more farmers."

Lincoln and other farm-state lawmakers were relieved by Johanns' comments.

Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., said that if administration officials are willing to change their minds, "you better believe I'm going to take them up on it."

"I'll continue working with the administration and my colleagues in the Senate until we've found a reasonable compromise between a responsible budget and the needs of our farmers and ranchers," Burns said.

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AP Photo

Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, his fellow countryman Cardinal Angelo Sodano and German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (from left) pray during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican today.

**American ...**

**From Front**

tributors, Alvis said another roadblock is the perception elsewhere that Catholics in this country question church teaching on such issues as birth control and the ordination of women and married men.

"It's a church in which many Catholics speak openly (and champion some rather controversial causes, liberal causes," Alvis said.

Alvis also cited the child sexual abuse scandal involving priests in the United States poses another impediment to an American being named leader of the 1.1 billion-member church.

There is a perception among the cardinals "that the American hierarchy mismanaged the sexual abuse scandal," Alvis said.

Lawsuits from those claims

led to prosecutions of priests and large civil settlements in several dioceses, including Louisville, where the archdiocese paid \$25.7 million in 2003 to settle lawsuits with more than 240 plaintiffs.

Although it's almost guaranteed that the next pope won't be coming from the United States, Willie Massay wouldn't rule it out forever.

Massay, an Archdiocese of Louisville seminarian from Tanzania, said the world would welcome an American pope.

"To me, if there would be a figure, like a pope in the church who was from America, it means that this pope might be able to even influence his government" and the American people to respond even more to the suffering of other peoples, Massay said.

**Conclave ...**

**From Front**

of the smoke. "I feel really cool being here," said Kathy Mullen, 49, a writer from Beverly, Mass., who was among hundreds of pilgrims lining up early on a sunny morning to pass through metal detectors on their way into the basilica.

Young American men studying theology in Rome waved a giant U.S. flag as they emerged from the Mass.

"We like Ratzinger," said Nicholas Lebish, who studies at Lateran University. "He is both conservative and compassionate, and he knows all about church teaching."

Although the conclave could last for days, a pope could be chosen as early as this afternoon if the red-capped prelates opt to begin casting ballots after their solemn procession from the Vatican's Apostolic Palace to the chapel.

If they decide to wait a day, they will hold four rounds of voting — two in the morning, two in the afternoon — on Tuesday and every day until a candidate gets two-thirds support: 77 votes. If they remain deadlocked late in the second week of voting, they can vote to change the rules so a winner can be elected with a simple majority: 58 votes.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said smoke from burned ballot papers enhanced by special chemicals likely could be seen at about noon (6 a.m. EDT) and about 7 p.m. (1 p.m. EDT) on each day of voting by the cardinal electors, all of whom are under age 80. At some point soon after the new pope is chosen, the Vatican also will ring bells.

On Sunday, the cardinals moved into the super-secure Domus Sanctae Marthae, the \$20 million hotel that John Paul II had constructed inside Vatican City so the cardinals could rest in comfort in private rooms between voting sessions. Swiss Guards, their brightly colored

uniforms covered by dark rain gear, saluted the prelates as they were whisked to the residence in limousines.

The daily newspaper *La Stampa* said cardinals gearing up for a stressful stretch of days had packed compact disc players and headphones in their bags along with prayer books and snacks to nibble on in their rooms.

Conspicuously missing from their quarters were cell phones, newspapers, radios, TVs and Internet connections — all banned in new rules laid down by John Paul II to minimize the chances of news influencing their secret deliberations and to prevent leaks to the outside world. The Vatican's security squad swept the chapel for listening devices, and cooks, maids, elevator operators and drivers were sworn to secrecy. Excommunication is a possible punishment for any indiscretions.

No conclave in the past century has lasted more than five days, and the election that made Karol Wojtyla pope in October 1978 took eight ballots over three days. He died April 2 at 84 after a pontificate that lasted more than 26 years, history's third-longest papacy.

Cardinals faced a choice that boiled down to two options: an older, skilled administrator who could serve as a "transitional" pope while the church absorbs John Paul II's legacy, or a younger dynamic pastor and communicator — perhaps from Latin America or elsewhere in the developing world where the church is growing — who could build on the late pontiff's popularity over a quarter-century of globe-trotting.

The prelates agreed after John Paul II's funeral not to talk publicly about the process, but the world's news media have been rife with speculation centering on about two dozen candidates considered "papabile," Italian for "pope material."

The Vatican said Ratzinger would be the last to enter the

**Conclave to begin papal election**

On the first day of the conclave — from the Latin "with a key" — cardinals will meet in the Sistine Chapel to cast their first ballot for a new pope. After which, they will meet twice a day, casting two rounds of ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon. At least two-thirds must agree on the new pope. After about 30 rounds, only a simple majority is needed.

**Voting process**



Three sets of three cardinals are chosen at random — scrutineers to count the ballots, revisers to double-check the count and infirmarii to collect those from cardinals at the Vatican, but too ill to attend.



Each cardinal writes his choice on a ballot, folds it, and carries it to the altar. He recites an oath, places the ballot on a plate and tips it into an urn to show there is only one ballot.

The first scrutineer counts the ballots and places them in another urn. If the count matches the number of cardinals voting he then takes one out, unfolds it, notes the name and passes it to the second who does the same.

The third scrutineer reads the name aloud and pierces each ballot with a needle and threads them together. A record of each vote is made for the Vatican archives.

Ballots and notes are burned after each vote with chemicals added to produce black or white smoke.

**Once elected**



White smoke and the ringing of Vatican bells will signal a new pope has been chosen and that he has accepted.



The dean of cardinals asks by what name he wants to be called. The name Peter is never taken out of reverence for Peter the Apostle and first pope.



Cardinals pay homage and obedience to the new pope, who during this time changes into the traditional white papal vestments.



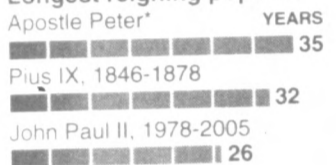
Senior cardinal announces to the people that the election has taken place and the name of the new pope. The new pope appears at the balcony and gives his first blessing.

**Habemus papam (We have a pope)**

**Pondering the pope**

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**First pope ...**

To use a papal name: John II (533), originally named after the pagan god Mercury; last to keep name was Marcellus II (1555).

**18 YEAR OLD**

And last teenage pope: John XII, elected at 18 (955).

**... and last**

Non-Italian elected pope before John Paul II: Hadrian VI of The Netherlands (1522)

Coronated with triple crown tiara Paul VI (1963); John Paul I (1978) abandoned it



SOURCE: "Lives of the Popes" by the Rev. Richard P. McBrien

SOURCES: "Universi Dominici Gregis," Apostolic Constitution; "Conclave," by John L. Allen Jr.; "Papal Transition" from "America" Catholic weekly by Rev. Thomas J. Reese, S.J.

conclave, preceded by Cardinals Angelo Sodano of Italy, Alfonso Lopez Trujillo of Colombia and Giovanni Battista Re of Italy. Sodano and Re also have been mentioned as papal contenders. Ratzinger was to recite an opening prayer in Latin that the voters be guided "in our hearts, in love and in patience."

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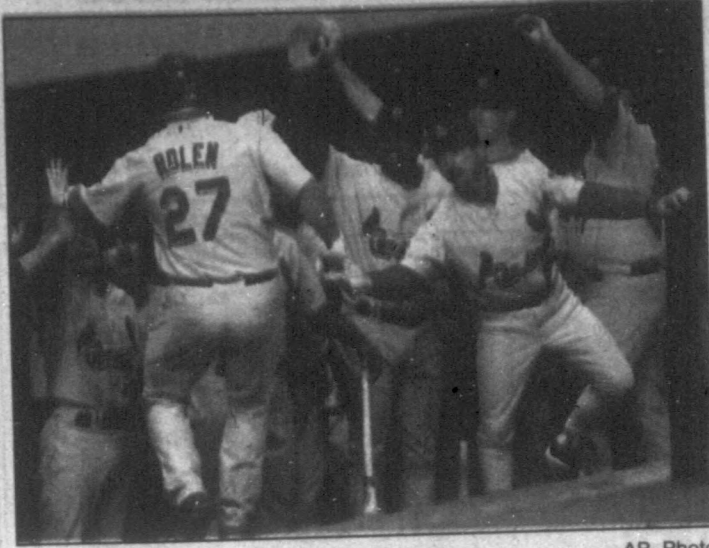
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## ST. LOUIS 3 - MILWAUKEE 2

## Rolen's homer sweeps aside Brewers



AP Photo  
Cardinals' third baseman Scott Rolen is congratulated by teammates after hitting the game-winning home run against the Milwaukee Brewers in the ninth inning Sunday in Milwaukee. The Cardinals won 3-2.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Scott Rolen could see it coming.

Rolen had three hits and three RBIs, including a tiebreaking home run in the top of the ninth inning, to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 3-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Rolen, a triple shy of hitting for the cycle, hit his second homer of the season on the second pitch he saw from reliever Mike Adams (0-1).

"I always pay attention to a guy who's a serious player," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "(Saturday) he said he started seeing the ball better."

St. Louis starter Jason Marquis (2-0) retired the final 18 batters he faced. He allowed three hits and one earned run to

go with five strikeouts in eight innings, and the Cardinals swept the Brewers in Milwaukee for the first time since Sept. 9-11, 2002.

"Once I started getting confidence in my mechanics in the third inning is when it turned," Marquis said.

Jason Isringhausen got the last three outs for his fifth save in as many chances, and giving La Russa his 800th win with the Cardinals.

"We're really not swinging the bats right now," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "We couldn't muster any offense. We're not finding any holes and not picking up any hits. We're not producing runs right now."

Trailing 2-0, St. Louis scored its first

run in the fourth. Pujols got the Cardinals' first hit of the game with a sharp grounder that bounced off the glove of third baseman Russell Branyan. Pujols took second on a wild pitch and scored on Rolen's single to left.

St. Louis tied the score in the sixth on a strange play. After Pujols hit an infield single with two outs, Rolen hit a bloop double to center field.

Clark charged and dove for the ball but it trickled away from him. He fumbled the ball as he was trying to pick it up, but Pujols was held at third base by coach Jose Oquendo. Pujols came on to score, however, when first baseman Lyle Overbay misplayed Clark's throw to the

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Biffle  
powers to  
Texas 500  
victory

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Greg Biffle's body was sore heading into the NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway.

A little more than 24 hours earlier, Biffle ran over debris on the track during a practice session, cutting down his right-front tire and slamming hard into the wall. The hit destroyed a new Roush Racing Ford race car and had Biffle a little unnerved at the start of Sunday's Samsung/Radio Shack 500.

"There was a lot of pressure today," he said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself, but I stayed pretty calm inside the race car. I knew what I needed to do. I knew I needed to hit my marks and be easy on the right-front tire. I was conscious of how much brake pedal I was using all day."

He needn't have worried.

Biffle overpowered the rest of the 43-car field on the way to his second victory of the season and the fifth of his career.

The 35-year-old driver from Vancouver, Wash., easily turned aside a late challenge from Casey Mears and, best of all, kept well away from those unforgiving concrete walls lining the 1 1/2-mile oval.

"I was sore when I went to bed, sore when I woke up and I'm still sore," Biffle said, wincing. "It's been in the back of my head thinking about it ever since, but it hasn't slowed me down."

And, fortunately for Biffle, his backup No. 16 Taurus was the same car in which he won earlier this season in California, so he wasn't too concerned about being competitive.

Despite starting from the back of the field after switching to a backup car, Biffle wound up leading 219 of 334 laps.

He picked off cars two and three at a time early in the race, moving all the way to the top a few laps later. He took the lead for the first time on lap 87.



AP Photo  
Greg Biffle celebrates his win in the NASCAR Samsung/RadioShack 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday.

## INVITATIONAL OF THE SOUTH

## Lakers Track the Field



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo  
Calloway County's Rachel Adams clears the high jump bar at four feet, 10 inches en route to clearing the winning jump of five feet, four inches Saturday at Invitational of the South at Marshall County High School.

## Calloway finishes middle of the pack at the Invitational of the South meet over weekend; Adams takes first place in high jump

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

DRAFFENVILLE, Ky. — Freshman Rachel Adams and eighth grader Megan Summers were Calloway County's top finishers in Saturday's Invitation of the South track and field meet, held at Marshall County High School.

Adams tied for first place with Clarksville (Tenn.) Rossvie's Lynette Rives in the high jump competition with a leap of five feet, four inches.

In the freshman 1,600-meter run, Summers took second place with a time of 5:58.68. Summers was also fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Calloway's girls' team finished 13th out of 19 teams with a team score of 24. Clarksville Rossvie won the meet, easily outdistancing Briarcrest Christian School of Memphis with 120 points to Briarcrest's 72.6.

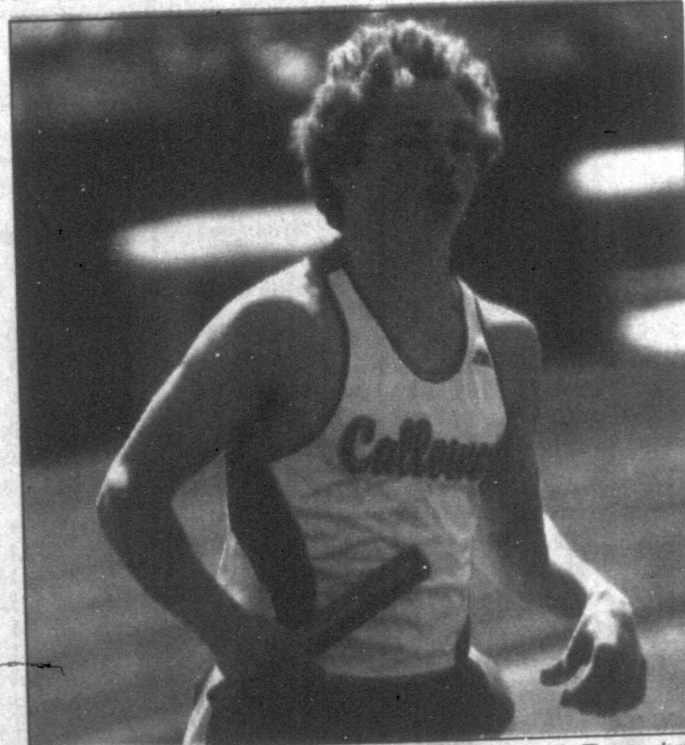
On the boys' side, Calloway County finished 13th in the 22-team field with a team score of 19. Paducah Tilghman easily won the meet, scoring 156 team points to blow away the field. Clarksville Kenwood placed second with 70.5 points, while Sikeston (Mo.) finished third with 65.5.

The Lakers had several boys competing in the field.

Eighth grader Josh Lee finished fourth in the freshman 1,600-meter run, while teammate Blake Lencki finished fifth. Lencki, a ninth grader, was fourth in the 110 hurdles.

Sophomore Aaron Dossey was fifth in the high jump competition.

Both Calloway squads are scheduled to compete in a meet Tuesday at Murray State University.



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo  
Laker eighth grader Josh Lee runs the first part of the 4x800 relay for Calloway County High School Saturday. Lee also finished fourth in the freshman 1,600-meter run.

## GENERALS CLASSIC

## Lakers win two of three at Lafayette

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Calloway County baseball team returned from weekend competition in The Generals Classic at Lexington Lafayette High School, where the Lakers improved to 10-2 with wins over state-ranked Lafayette and Estill County.

Calloway's lone loss in the Classic was to Madison Central in a 3-1 decision on Friday night.

On Saturday, Calloway beat Lafayette 5-4 and defeated Estill County 17-9.

Against Madison Central (7-1), Pete Thackston provided the lone CCHS run of the game on a solo home run.

Against the Generals (6-2), Austin McCuiston improved to 3-0 on the mound with a strong seven-inning performance.

McCuiston allowed four runs (three earned) and six hits, while striking out six and walking two.

The Lakers got on the board early in the first inning, taking a 2-0 lead when both Taylor Thieke and Thackston

scored. Lexington Lafayette scored two in the bottom of the third to tie the game at 2-2.

In the top of the fourth, Brockman, Colby Starks, McCuiston and Thieke all singled with two outs. As a result, Brockman and Thieke plated runs to give Calloway a 4-2

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ALL 'A' CLASSIC  
Tigers fail to  
make grade  
at All 'A'

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. — A six-run first inning helped the Heath Pirates cruise to their second straight All "A" Classic First Region championship in a 13-6 decision over Murray High in prep baseball action Sunday at Heath High School.

The Tigers (6-5) committed six errors in the contest — four in the first inning — to aid the Pirates' (10-2), who scored single runs in the second, fifth and sixth innings and four more in the fourth.

Murray fell behind 7-0 before finally getting on the board in the top of the third, scoring four times on just one hit while taking advantage of two Heath errors.

Tim Masthay singled home the first two MHS runs. Then, Masthay and Zach Baker both came around to score on a throwing error by Pirate catcher Brock Wright to make the score 7-4.

But that's as close as the Tigers would come to their counterparts, as Heath regained the momentum in the bottom

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'Breds  
lose rubber  
match to  
Morehead

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Host Morehead State scored the last four runs of the game in a seesaw affair to defeat visiting Murray State 9-7 in the rubber game of a key three-game Ohio Valley Conference series Sunday afternoon.

The 'Breds (20-17, 8-4 OVC) still retained their hold on second place in the league standings despite dropping two of three to the first-place Eagles (20-15, 10-1). Murray won the series opener 9-2 in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, but dropped the second contest 9-1.

On Sunday, the 'Breds got on the scoreboard first with a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Chaz Ebert had the big hit in the inning with a solo home run as Murray led 2-0. But Morehead pushed across three runs in the bottom half of the frame to take the lead.

In the third, Murray State re-took the lead on a two-run double by Seth Hudson. But the Eagles answered right back with two of their own in the bottom of the third for a 5-4 edge.

The 'Breds plated three runs in the fifth on run-scoring singles by Austin Swain and Lincoln Kent to put Murray back

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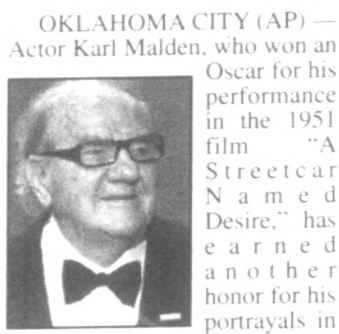
# Baked & Fried



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times photo

A crowd of about 150 gathered on a blazing Saturday afternoon at the Pine Creek Resort near Lynn Grove to hear The Lizards rock band play during the Kentucky Fried Music Festival.

# Malden earns honor for Westerns



Malden

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Actor Karl Malden, who won an Oscar for his performance in the 1951 film "A Streetcar Named Desire," has earned another honor for his portrayals in Westerns.

Heritage Awards. The ceremony was held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Though health problems kept Malden from attending, he addressed the crowd via videotape. In his message, Malden recalled being the villain in the 1961 film "One-Eyed Jack" and a gun duel around a fountain with star and director Marlon Brando.

Inductee, represented Malden at the ceremony, which also recognized Malden for his work in such Westerns as "The Gunfighter," "The Hanging Tree" and "How the West Was Won." Malden was nominated for an Oscar in another Brando film, "On the Waterfront," and for an Emmy for his role as a detective in TV series "The Streets of San Francisco."

# Horoscopes

by Jacqueline Bigar

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 19, 2005:

You have the ability to make money hand over fist, as long as you curb extravagance. You tumble into many opportunities, though you might be overwhelmed by the possibilities. You cannot take good enough care of your health. Exercise, a good diet and checkups need to be even higher priorities.

Know that you can kick back and gain a perspective. Not everything is as you think it is. Laugh and relax with the company of someone you care about. Learn more by being quiet and listening. Be sensitive to others. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

place if you assume a hands-off approach. You will learn a lot about others as a result. Lighten up about another's need to control. Empathize; you have been there. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

### The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

- 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Solutions pop up for the practical Ram. You also discover that being gentle and caring draws a positive response.

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FAM
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Shinzo
Rangers
Rangers
Bey- So Little
Living
The 700 Club
Gilmore Girls
Full Hse.
Full Hse.
NICK
37 22 24 4
Oddpar- Neutron
Rugrats
Sponge Dora
Blues- Lazy- Spider
Dora
Blues- Little Bill
HGTV
43 36 18
Rebecca
Solu- TYPical
Quilts
Duvall
Duvall
Room
Room
Country
Homes
Crafters
House
SPIKE
44 33 30 23
Paid
Paid
Paid
Paid
Hrsep- Trucks!
7 Days (In Stereo)
Deep Space 9
Deep Space 9
WTBS
52 26 21 13
Saved- Saved- Movie: "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"
Dawson's Creek
Dawson's Creek
Ed "The Decision"
TOON
65 32 50
Totally Coden- Ed, Edd
Mucha
Krypto
Looney
Scooby-Loch Ness
Monster
Scooby
Tom & Jerry
COURT
66 61
Paid
Paid
Paid
Paid
Open Court
Trial Heat
BET
67 39
(5:00) BET Morning Inspiration
BET Start
106 & Park: Top 10 Live
BET
CMTV
70 34
(5:00) CMT Music
HBO
68 71 51
Movie: \*\* Kazaam
Movie: \*\* "Freaked" (1993)
Sinbad: Legend of Seas
Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters
Cher-
MAX
75 72 54
Movie: "Hard to Kill" (1990)
Movie: \*\* "Wisdom" (1986, Drama) R
Movie: "Caddyshack" (1980)
Anything
SHOW
70 73 52
Movie Little Miss
White Wolves III
Little Bigfoot 2: Journey Home
Movie: "Checking Out" (1989)
Positive
DISN
78 31 57
Koala
Dood- Higly
JoJo
Wiggles
Charlie
Rolie
Out-Box
Dood- Wiggles
Koala
Higly
FLIX
78
Movie: \*\* "The Bride and the Passion" (1957)
Movie: \*\*\* "Scoop" (1973) PG
\*\* "Calendar Girl"
HBO2
62
Movie: \*\* "Alaska" (1996) Thora Birch.
Movie: \*\* "Gothika" (2003)
Movie: \*\* "Taking Lives" (2004) R
And

# TV Listings Tuesday, April 19, 2005

TUESDAY MORNING A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY
Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various channels and programs.

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON

TUESDAY AFTERNOON A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY
Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for various channels and programs.

# TUESDAY EVENING

TUESDAY EVENING A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY
Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30) and rows for various channels and programs.

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