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Oil prices threaten road projects

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Higher gas and oil prices are forcing the state Department of Transportation to cut back on planned road paving work this fall with cost hikes possibly leading to delays in the Ky. 80 project.

State Rep. Melvin Henley, R-Murray, said this week an initial forecast from DOT officials was that 20 to 30 percent less road construction work could be expected in the coming months.

"Because of the high gasoline prices, meaning fewer gallons sold, the state may well not collect as much money as anticipated from the 18.6 cents per gallon tax," Henley said in an e-mail. "The price of asphalt, which has oil as a major ingredient, has escalated and the cost of trucking and laying the asphalt has increased substantially as the cost of fuel has gone out of sight."

In light of higher energy costs and the resulting forecast, Henley said DOT officials were asked for another update on the Ky. 80 project.

"Ky. 80 is all state-funded, and we are evaluating cash flow opportunities to keep projects like this on schedule," Mike Hancock, a deputy highway engineer with the DOT office in Louisville, said, according to Henley's e-mail. "We should note that the road bonds are giving us the opportunity to broaden the reach of our regular state funds, so there is reason for optimism. The commissioner will decide how to deal with projects like Ky. 80 later this winter."

It is not yet known how the DOT cutbacks and higher prices will affect local projects.

DOT officials had estimated an August 2007 completion date for the Mayfield section of Ky. 80, according to a press release in May, and will connect with a completed grade and drain section between Coldwater and Farmington.

When the Mayfield section is completed, the paving will be finished to the Farmington-Coldwater section to open a 10-mile section of the new four-



TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times photo

Workers with Jim Smith Contracting Co. LLC of Grand Rivers pave about a third of a mile of North 16th Street Friday afternoon under a contract with the City of Murray. But city, county and state officials say higher oil and gas prices will cause some cutbacks in paving work this fall.

lane from Mayfield to Coldwater, completing Ky. 80 about halfway to Murray.

Two sections in Calloway County are scheduled for bidding in the spring of 2006. All of the right of way property has been purchased for the entire 20 miles from Mayfield to Murray, and utility work along the Calloway County sections should be completed by 2006 allowing construction work in those sections.

However, Calloway County Judge-Executive Larry Elkins said Friday that county road department plans would also be affected by cost increases.

"Common sense will tell you that there are just so many transportation dollars and if the cost of materials goes up then you'll get less work done," Elkins said. "We're looking at the same thing on the projects that we do."

Hopefully it will be a short-term event and we'll be able to get more bang for our buck."

Elkins said the county road department is waiting on the signing of a memorandum by Transportation Cabinet officials before beginning road work this fall.

"We've already met with the contractor and have some projects ready to go, but we're not going to start until we get the documents back," Elkins said, noting a recent \$5 bid increase on the price of a ton of asphalt. "Obviously we're not going to be able to do as much as we had hoped with the money that we're going to get."

Thomas Clendenen, the city's street department superintendent, said the city also expects to pay more per ton for asphalt as bids are sought for roadwork.

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Calloway County
Judge-Executive

lars to spend and the price will determine how much we can get done," Clendenen said Friday afternoon.

He said the city paid about \$34.75 per ton for asphalt last year.

"I'm hoping that it will be under \$10 higher than last year, but I won't know until I open the bids," he said. "This year it may be \$40 or it may be \$45."

Open house coincides with National Fire Prevention Week

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

National Fire Prevention Week is more like a month in Murray.

Oct. 9 to 15 is actually designated as National Fire Prevention Week, but because both local school districts on fall break those days the Murray Fire Department has expanded its approach.

School groups have toured the downtown station this week and Murray Fire Chief Ricky Stewart expects more later in the month. An open house is scheduled for Oct. 15, starting at 9 a.m. at the station on the northeast corner of Fifth and Poplar streets.

"The public is welcome to come anytime, but we're gearing up for that day," Stewart said.

The theme of National Fire Prevention Week is "Use Candles With Care," according to the National Fire Protection Association, which annual organizes the awareness campaign. In 2002 in the United States, candles caused about 18,000 structure fires, 130 civilian deaths and \$333 million in property damage, according to the NFPA.

President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week in October 1925. In his proclamation he talked about the thousands who died in preventable fires: "The waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented."

Stewart and the Murray firefighters will have hot dogs and drinks for those at the open house next week. They will take the public on tours and provide fire safety information. A short video will be on hand for children to watch.

The open house will continue as long as people are interested in being there, Stewart said.

NYC's mayor defends decision about threat

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his police chief insisted Friday they did the right thing by going public with a terrorist threat to bomb the New York subway, brushing aside suggestions from Washington that they overreacted to information of dubious credibility.

While the mayor and federal officials weighed the threat's severity, the investigation into the alleged plot advanced as a third suspect was arrested and authorities looked into whether a fourth person took part in the scheme.

A law enforcement official in New York, speaking on con-

dition of anonymity, said the tightening of security was prompted by an informant's report of a plot to attack the subway system with bombs hidden in bags and possibly baby strollers.

"If I'm going to make a mistake, you can rest assured it is on the side of being cautious," Bloomberg said.

The dispute came as thousands of extra police officers poured into the city's subway system, pulling commuters out of rush-hour crowds and rifling through their bags or briefcases in a crackdown that was

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'YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM EACH OTHER'

MPD's Harris earns state's highest certification for field

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Sometimes the best solutions don't come from a textbook.

Rick Harris is in his 20th year in communications at the Murray Police Department. He spent five years as a dispatcher then has been the supervisor ever since. This summer he took his job a step further with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council's career development program at the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

In June, he earned a communications supervisor certificate. More recently, he was one of the first two emergency communicators in Kentucky to receive communications director certification, which is the highest level in the program.

But the training is about more than the certificate he received at the end of August. Harris said the week-long class, which had six supervisors as well as the two men working toward director status, gave him a chance to talk with other telecommunicators from both small and large police departments.

"When you are in there, you are in there with other people. You get to interact with people from other depart-

ments," Harris said. "Whether the department is as big as Lexington or as small as we are, we all have the same problems."

Harris oversees four other dispatchers in the department that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The training in Richmond focused on, leadership principles, mentoring, time and fiscal management, inter-office conflict and overall communications center operations.

The career development program was implemented after it was signed into law in 2002. Since then it has helped police officers and telecommunicators go beyond their required training.

Telecommunicators, also known as dispatchers, have two career tracts with the program. One certifies them as basic, intermediate or advanced telecommunicators. The other, in which Harris participated, has a supervision and manager/director division. So far, seven people have completed the requirements for the supervision certificate. With Harris, Daviess County's Paul Nave completed the highest level.

For Harris, who has a bachelor's degree, combined his education and

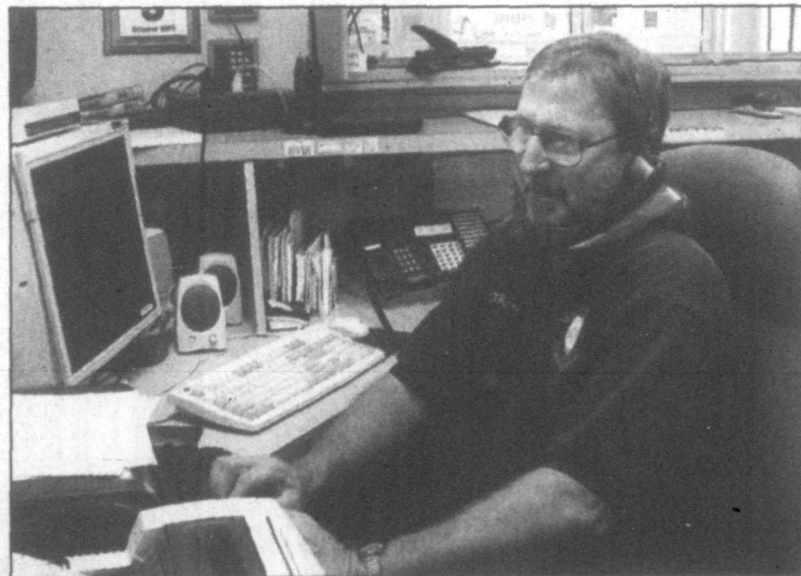
experience with additional training to qualify as a telecommunications director, according to Joe Boldt, coordinator for the KLEC career development program. He first had to complete a 40-hour course and 16 additional KLEC-approved training hours for his supervisor certificate. Then Harris completed a management course and 40 more elective hours.

"It does recognize the individual telecommunicators for above and beyond what people who aren't in the program are doing," Boldt said.

Right now, no pay raise is attached to the certification, although Boldt said he hopes local governments move toward offering some financial incentive.

In the two decades at MPD, Harris has seen many changes, the most obvious of which are the technology used. He said he's gone from using a glorified typewriter to a computer system. Even though staffing numbers haven't changed, the department receives more calls and more types of calls.

Combining experienced and continuing education gives Harris a chance to find answers and even more new ways of doing things.



KRISTIN TAYLOR/Ledger & Times photo

Murray Police Department's Rick Harris recently earned the highest telecommunications certification offered in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council's career development program. The program combines education and experience with additional training.

"It was helpful seeing how to deal with little problems you don't think there are resolutions for," Harris said of the management class, which met in early August. "You can learn a lot from each other."

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Disability center receives grant for career program

Special to the Ledger

The Center for Accessible Living, learned Friday it was the recipient of an award from the U.S. Department of Education to assist individuals with disabilities to find suitable employment through Career Choices Program at the Murray office.

"It's not a new program" center Executive Director Jan Day said. "We have participated in a Projects with Industry program with either the Department of Education or the Department of Labor since 1991. Over the years, we have placed over 1200 individuals with disabilities into competitive employment. This grant validates that effort and allows us to expand the pro-

gram to serve even more people."

Projects with Industry brings together business and industry representatives, state and local agencies and educational institutions to find selective placements for individuals with significant disabilities.

"Clearly, the U.S. Department of Education thought the project the project was worthy of continuation and even expansion," Day said.

The disability resource center's main office is in Louisville, with Murray as a satellite branch. Project funds will be used to establish a Business Advisory Council in the Murray area and to duplicate parts of the program that are successful as well as to customize services for a more rural population.

In addition to employment services, core services include information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling and advocacy.

The benefits planning program helps Social Security beneficiaries to understand work incentives. The center also has a housing component, a ramp builders program, ADA outreach, sign language interpreters and a variety of other services that individuals with disabilities may need to function in the community.

The programs and services are available free to those with disabilities. The Murray office is at 1051 N. 16th. St., Suite C and also can be reached at 753-7676. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sherifflogs

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

- Someone came into the department to report a theft at 12:25 p.m. Thursday.
- A burglary was reported at 12:28 p.m. Thursday on Palestine Church Road.
- A brush fire was reported on Ky. 280 near Miller Memorial Golf Course at 11:39 p.m. Thursday.

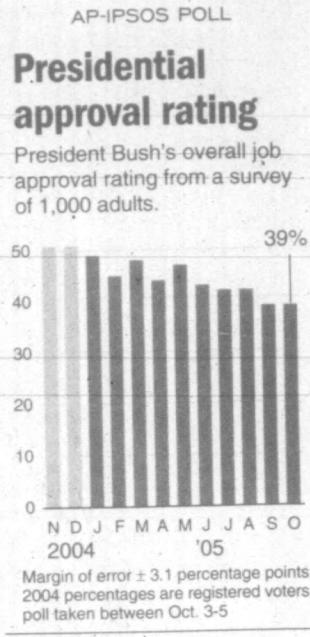
— Information is obtained from reports, logs and citations from various agencies.

Poll: Groups in Bush's political coalition worried

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evangelicals, Republican women, Southerners and other critical groups in President Bush's political coalition are increasingly worried about the direction the nation is headed and disappointed with his performance, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

The growing unease could be a troubling sign for a White House already struggling to keep the Republican Party base from slipping over Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, Gulf Coast spending projects, immigration and other issues.

"Politically, this is very serious for the president," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. "If the base of his party has lost faith, that could spell trouble for his policy agenda and for the party generally."



Public sentiment about the nation's direction has sunk to new depths at a time people are anxious about Iraq, the economy, gas prices and the management of billions of dollars being spent for recovery from the nation's worst natural disaster.

Only 28 percent say the country is headed in the right direction while two-thirds, 66 percent, say it is on the wrong track, the poll found.

Those most likely to have lost confidence about the nation's direction over the past year include white evangelicals, down 30 percentage points since November, Republican women, down 28 points, Southerners, down 26 points, and suburban men, down 20 points.

Bush's supporters are uneasy about issues including federal deficits, immigration and his latest nomination for the Supreme Court. Social conservatives are concerned about his choice of Miers, a relatively unknown lawyer who has most recently served as White House counsel.

"Bush is trying to get more support generally from the American public by seeming more moderate and showing he's a strong leader at the same time he has a rebellion within his own party," Thurber said. "The far right is starting to be very open about their claim that he's not a real conservative."

The president's job approval is mired at the lowest level of his presidency — 39 percent. While four of five Republicans say they approve of Bush's job performance — enthusiasm in that support has dipped over the last year.

Almost two-thirds of Republicans strongly approved of the job done by Bush in December 2004, soon after his re-election. The AP-Ipsos survey found that just half in his own party feel that way now.

The intensity of support for Bush's job performance has also dropped sharply among white evangelicals, Southerners, people from rural areas and suburban men.

"We've lost focus on where we're supposed to be going and not able to respond to the crises that affect the people of this country," said David Ernest, a Republican from San Ramon, Calif., who is angry about the government's response to Hurricane Katrina. "We're mired in a Middle Eastern adventure and we've taken the focus off of our own country."

Bush has tried to reassure conservatives about his Supreme Court nominee. He's also trying to counter critics of the war by tying U.S. efforts in Iraq to the larger war against terrorism. And he's made frequent trips to the areas devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita to offset criticism of the government's initial response to Katrina.

Even those efforts get viewed with suspicion by some.

"I just think the president is doing things for political reasons, not what's right for the people," said Traci Wallace, a Democrat from Tallahassee, Fla. "Every time he makes a trip to the hurricane zone, he's blowing a million dollars."

Of all the problems facing the country, the continuing war in Iraq is the one that troubles some Bush supporters the most.

"I approve of what the president is doing, but it's a mixed decision," said Richard Saulinski, a Republican from Orland Park, Ill. "We should get out of Iraq. It seems like there's no light at the end of the tunnel. I just think we're dealing with a culture we don't really understand."

The poll of 1,000 adults was conducted by Ipsos, an international polling company, from Monday to Wednesday and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Election guide available for potential 2006 candidates

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The secretary of state's office has put together a guide to help Kentuckians file as candidates for elective office next year.

With more than 4,000 races to appear on next year's ballot, Secretary of State Trey Grayson said Friday that the manual will be a "useful tool." He said the manual will provide "a much needed compilation of election information in an easy to use format."

The manual, titled Declaring Your Candidacy, will focus on such things as filing procedures, sample forms for attaining ballot access and qualifications for each office. It also contains an election schedule, sample filing forms and contact information for state election agencies.

Copies of the manual are available on the secretary of state's Web site at <http://www.sos.ky.gov/elections>.

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announced late Thursday afternoon and continued on Friday.

The city's announcement of the alleged plot — and the warning to New Yorkers to keep their eyes open for anything suspicious — led to jostling between city officials and homeland security officials in Washington, who downplayed the threat.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Doyle said Friday: "The specified intelligence was checked out through the intelligence agencies. They looked at all the information and couldn't put a credible factor on it."

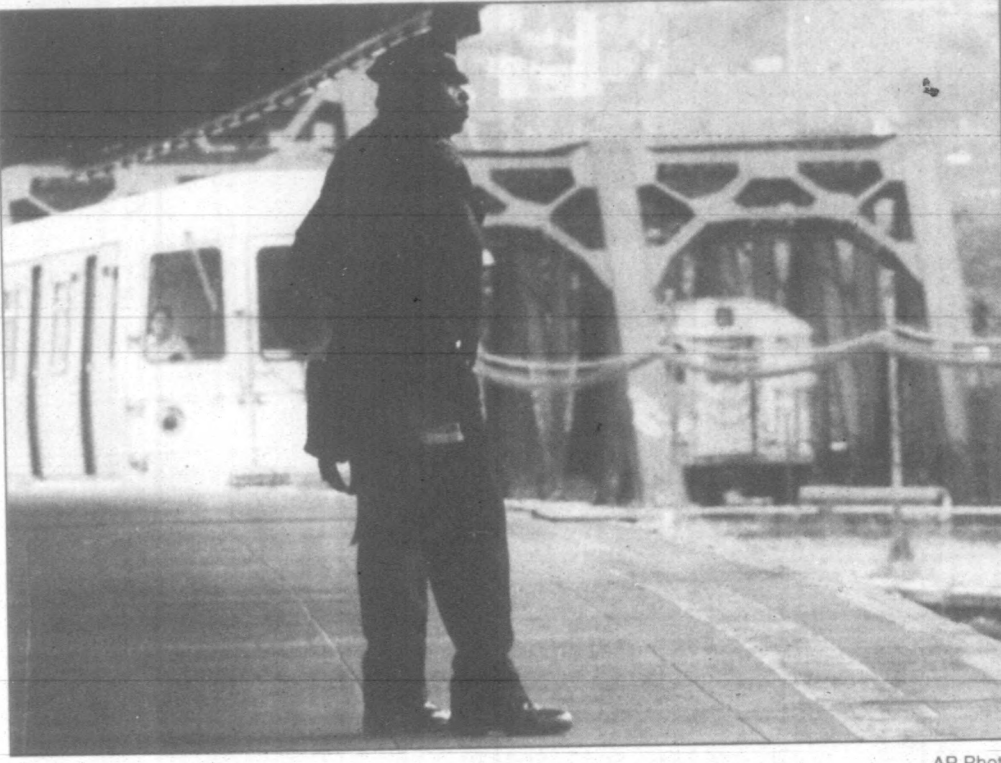
But Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly vigorously defended their decision to go public.

"We did exactly the right thing," Kelly said.

The mayor's chief spokesman said the city had been working closely with the FBI and characterized the disagreement as a dispute within the federal government.

"When different federal agencies have different interpretations of the intelligence, the mayor doesn't have the luxury of knowing which one is right," Ed Skyler said. "He has to make a decision that provides the maximum level of protection to the people of New York."

A Department of Homeland Security memo obtained by The Associated Press said the attack was reportedly sched-



A police officer patrols a platform as a subway train arrives and leave a station in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Friday. As Homeland Security expressed doubts, the city yesterday announced a credible terror threat for the city's transit system.

uled to take place Oct. 9, with terrorists using timed or remote-controlled explosives hidden in briefcases, suitcases or in or under strollers.

The memo said the department had received information indicating the attack might be carried out by "a team of terrorist operatives, some of whom may travel or who may be in the New York City area."

The memo, issued Wednesday to state and local officials, said that homeland security and FBI agents doubted the credibility of the information, but it provided four pages of advice about averting a possible attack, including tips on inspecting baby carriages with bomb-sniffing dogs.

In Iraq, meanwhile, authorities seized a third suspect Friday and investigated whether a fourth man had traveled to New York as part of the plot, according to the law enforcement official.

The official said the man's trip to New York was described by an informant who had spent time in Afghanistan and proved reliable in past investigations. But the official added that authorities had not confirmed whether the fourth man even exists.

Bloomberg called it the most specific terrorist threat that New York officials had received to date and said it was essential to err on the side of caution when protecting the city of 8 million.

Bloomberg took office months after the Sept. 11 attacks and is seeking another four-year term in next month's election.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said it was wrong for federal homeland security officials to try to discount the security concerns of New York officials.

"That sends a mixed message which confuses the people, and besides that, they're wrong," he said. "Even if there was some doubt as to what the right thing to do is, you shouldn't be having public disputes over that."

President Bush, asked if he thought New York officials had overreacted, said: "I think they took the information we gave and made the judgments they thought were necessary."

The dispute played out as new details emerged about the alleged plotters.

U.S. forces in Iraq arrested two suspected plotters who had been under close surveillance until Thursday morning, the law enforcement official in New York said. A third suspect escaped but was captured Friday.

Those arrested had received explosives training in Afghanistan, the law enforcement official said. They had planned to travel through Syria to New York, then meet with operatives to carry out the bombings, according to the official.

The official said that the threat was "specific to place," and that the window for the attack ran from Friday through at least the weekend.

A federal official said one of the suspects arrested in Iraq

Forecast

Today will be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 60s. Tonight will be mostly clear. Lows will be in the lower 40s.

Sunday will be partly cloudy with highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Calloway County Board of Education will meet in session Thursday at 6 p.m. at the board office. Agenda items include district dropout report, high school HVAC project bids, Title IX report on baseball/softball construction project, and contract with Murray/Calloway Area Technology Center services.

■ The Housing Authority of Murray Board of Commissioners will not meet in October.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Lurine Erwin Cooper

The funeral for Mrs. Lurine Erwin Cooper will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. The Revs. Fred Morton and Joey Reed will officiate. Burial will follow in the South Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ronald Burkeen, Alan Vailes, Danny Key, Gary Cooper, Jackie Cooper, W.A. Erwin, Kerry Erwin, Greg Morton and Tommy Gaines.

Visitation will be at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home from 4:30 to 8 p.m. today (Saturday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Choir Fund, 1801 Lincoln Drive, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mrs. Cooper, 92, Murray, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at 11:50 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A homemaker, she was a member of South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church where she was a past Sunday school teacher, choir director and member of the Cordelia Erwin Circle of United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Murray Woman's Club and Pottertown Homemakers Club.

Preceding her in death were her husband, R.L. Cooper in February 2000; one daughter, Mary Christie Cooper, four sisters, Ellen Erwin Orr, Lucille Erwin Cooper, Leola Erwin and Clara Erwin Key, and one brother, Ordest Houston Erwin. Born July 25, 1913, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Emmitt Erwin and Mary Outland Erwin.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Jan Cooper Taylor and husband, Ronald, Starkville, Miss., and Mrs. Sarah Cooper Kubicki and husband, Michael, Tinley Park, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jo Erwin Swearingin, Murray; one brother, James Euel Erwin and wife, Brenda, Hazel; two grandchildren, Andrew Joseph Kubicki and Jana Christine Kubicki, Tinley Park.

Mrs. Corine Sadler

The funeral for Mrs. Corine Sadler will be today (Saturday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Brown Funeral Home, Mayfield. The Rev. Donald Doerster will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Charles Harrington, Ronnie Bruce, Stephen Harrington, Bobby Sadler, Barry Sadler and Larry Bynum, active; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Dana Wilford, Karen Sadler, Amy Smeriglio, Jayla Wilford, Trevor Smeriglio and Hyden Smeriglio, honorary. Burial will follow in the Bible Union Cemetery, Martin, Tenn.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sadler, 78, formerly of the Dublin community, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of her daughter in Centralia, Ill.

A homemaker, she was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Her husband, the Rev. Edgar Sadler, and one brother, L.C. Foy, both preceded her in death. She was the daughter of the late James Wesley Foy and Nancy Watts Foy.

Survivors include one daughter, Ms. Debbie Sadler, Centralia; one son, Danny Sadler, Chandler, Ariz.; five sisters, Mrs. Helen Bruce, Sedalia, Mrs. Sue Bynum, Mrs. June Hamilton and Mrs. Ann Barber, all of Water Valley, and Mrs. Janice Hawks, Martin, Tenn.; one brother, Cleveland Foy, Lynn Grove; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Addy Eugene (Gene) Russell

A memorial service for Addy Eugene (Gene) Russell was today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Roberts Funeral Home, Ocala, Fla.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of Marion County, P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, Fla., 34478.

Mr. Russell, 80, Ocala, formerly of Murray, Ky., died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at 11 p.m. at Ocala Nursing Home.

He was a former education professor at Murray State University and a Navy veteran of World War II. He was of Baptist faith and a native of Wingo, Ky.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laverne Russell; one daughter, Mrs. Karen Costello, Ocala; two sons, Max Russell, Greensboro, N.C., and Mark Russell, Benton, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Ethelyn Summerville, Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren.

Changes in flex spending could save Kentucky cash

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky could save more than \$500,000 by streamlining how it handles certain flexible spending accounts for employees' medical expenses, according to a study released by State Auditor Crit Luallen's office.

The savings would be found in accounts under the Kentucky Department of Education's scope.

"In light of the budget crisis that has befallen state government, we need to ensure that every dollar that can be used for education and Medicaid can go to these necessary, yet underfunded programs," Luallen said in a press release.

State employees and teachers are eligible for medical flexible spending accounts each year. The state puts \$234 per month into a flexible spending account for employees who choose them instead of health insurance. Employees can also put their own payroll deductions into the accounts.

About 22,000 local school district employees waive their health insurance, Luallen spokesman Jeff Derouen said. Overall, local school districts manage \$65 million of state

money in their accounts each year, Derouen said.

Flex accounts can be used for medical and childcare expenses each year. Any money left in the accounts at the end of each calendar year is returned to the state's general fund.

Currently, there are 177 "management arrangements" in Kentucky for state employees' flexible spending accounts — one for most state employees, and 176 different arrangements for various school districts, according to the release. Merging them all into one would save the state \$553,000, according to the release.

Because of a difference in how each one of the arrangements are handled, administrative costs range from \$2 per month for each employee up to \$16, according to the release.

Department of Education spokeswoman Lisa Gross said agency officials reviewed Luallen's report and agreed with its concepts.

"We think that the recommendations are good," Gross said. "And our staff now is reviewing the recommendations to see what the effects would be on local school districts."

Businesses near Fort Campbell prepare for another lengthy Army deployment

OAK GROVE, Ky. (AP) — For businesses in Oak Grove, history is about to repeat itself.

With 20,000 soldiers preparing to leave nearby Fort Campbell for a one-year tour in Iraq, business owners in Oak Grove and Hopkinsville, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn., know that their futures depend on whether the families of soldiers stay or leave.

"Grin, bear it and hang on to your butt — that's all you can do," said Tommy Cowan, whose Oak Grove businesses include a car wash and an oil-change center.

If spouses and children of soldiers sent on their second major deployment in three years stay in town, the economic effects on surrounding communities won't be as harsh, said Carter Hendricks, military affairs director at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Chamber of Commerce.

Even so, Hendricks warned that some businesses — especially those dependent on soldiers themselves — may lose a quarter to a third of their annual sales while the troops are away.

To Cowan, that's something he's seen before — it's about how much business he lost during the 2003 deployment to Iraq and expects the same this time.

The first time Oak Grove businesses took a hit was during the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. It came as a surprise because the Fort Campbell region had not seen a deployment that large before. Surrounding cities had little in the way of support pro-

grams for military spouses, who felt little sense of community at a post miles from their hometowns.

Families with needs such as child care and emotional support and unsure how long the soldiers would be overseas, left the area to stay with relatives, taking their income and spending with them.

The result was numerous businesses near the post were forced to close.

"Since the Gulf War, we have really taken a look at ourselves to determine if we're the type of community that feels like home to the soldiers and their families," Hendricks said.

The lesson paid off when the soldiers deployed in 2003 to Iraq for a year. Hendricks said most of the families stayed.

"We feel that, much like two years ago, families will stay here because they feel connected here," Hendricks said.

Business owners credit programs such as Operation Eagle's Nest, which has spent tens of thousands of dollars to aid military families, said Bill Sites Sr., a Clarksville jeweler.

"Whether it's respite child care or fun days at the park, we've just had a number of different activities, all of them very successful," Sites said.

Becki Gaston, whose husband, Army Chief Warrant Officer Brian Gaston, was recently deployed, said programs like the Family Readiness Group have given her a sense of community with other military families in Clarksville.

"When you go home, your family is sympathetic, but they don't understand the feelings that you're having," said Becki Gaston, a native of Kansas.

Sylvia Phipps, whose husband, Col. Warren Phipps, commands the 101st Aviation Brigade based at Fort Campbell, said about 80 percent of the brigade's spouses are staying in town.

Along with providing for families, the cities around the military post have diversified their economies.

The Convergys call center opened in Clarksville in 1999 and now employs 2,000 people. The jobs have drawn some military spouses and are an incentive for them to stay, and the city also succeeded in recruiting industrial and retail operations, said James Chavez, who heads the Clarksville/Montgomery County Economic Development Council.

Despite the uptick in the number of families staying, business owners are worried about the deployment's impact on their establishments.

Facing the first deployment since buying the store two years ago, Pok Hui Ream, a native of Korea and owner of an Asian grocery in Oak Grove, has been wrestling with business issues such as how much inventory to buy, not knowing when it will be sold.

"Everybody is scared," said Ream, the wife of a retired serviceman.

Man listed as Katrina victim shot by police

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One of the 73 people listed as victims of Hurricane Katrina was actually shot by police.

Officer Ronald Mitchell shot and killed Danny Brumfield, 45, outside the convention center, the New Orleans Police Department confirmed Friday. Police said it happened about 2 a.m. Sept. 3, in the darkness before the National Guard arrived and began evacuating the convention center.

A police statement released after The Associated Press asked about the shooting said that, moments after Mitchell and his partner heard what appeared to be a gunshot, a man jumped onto the hood of their patrol car swinging something shiny. It was attempted murder of a police officer, a four-paragraph news release said.

That wasn't what happened,

say Brumfield's daughter, Shantan (pronounced "shantane") Brumfield, and his niece Africa Brumfield, both of whom were there and both of whom were interviewed by phone by the AP.

They say the officer who shot Brumfield had hit him twice with a squad car before doing so — a nudge the first time, and a heavier bump the second. That was when he leaped onto the hood and was shot, they said. Afterward, they said, the car ran over him, and other officers didn't come to investigate for several hours.

Police say he was shot because he appeared to be attacking an officer. Capt. Marlon Defillo, a New Orleans police spokesman, said he had not heard any reports about Brumfield being hit or run over by a car. He said the homicide

section is investigating the incident, and all information will be turned over to the district attorney's office.

By all accounts, that night was a time when looting was rampant and widespread rumors of violence had everyone, including police, running scared.

Brumfield had spent several sleepless nights caring for his own five grandchildren and others in the area, because people believed that they had to clutch their children against rapists and killers who would snatch them into the dark.

"The lady next to us, she had like 10 or 15 children with her and nobody to help her," Shantan Brumfield said. "He helped her feed the children. I don't know if they were her children or nieces or nephews."

When Hurricane Katrina approached, Brumfield had

stayed to protect his house from looters. He wound up having to saw through the roof so that he, his wife, Deborah, and her diabetic mother, Ruby Augustine, could escape from floods that reached high on the second floor.

His mother-in-law, wife and son wound up at the Astrodome. Danny Brumfield wound up in front of the convention center, where he found his daughter and her children. Several of their other relatives were there, too, Shantan Brumfield said.

They and other people in the area had set up chairs near some steps. The children were inside, adults in the chairs as a barricade of bodies. Shantan Brumfield said a commotion broke out shortly before the squad car came by. Africa Brumfield said a woman had been screaming for some time.

Volunteer Workers At Ty Holland Stadium



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Pictured are most of the volunteers for the work crew who helped give a facelift to the Ty Holland Stadium at the corner of South Eighth and Poplar streets and home of the Murray Schools sports teams.

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The Angel of Franklin

The Battle of Franklin, in Middle Tennessee, on November 30, 1864, was the last great offensive by the Confederacy. Led by the one-legged General John B. Hood, who had been driven out of Georgia by Sherman, some 30,000 starving rebels moved north from Alabama into Tennessee, hoping to lure Sherman in that direction instead of his marching across Georgia to the sea, and hoping to reach the Ohio and invade the federal heartland.



Southern Seen
By Larry McGehee
Syndicated Columnist

Finding Schofield's army entrenched at Franklin, Hood ordered the entire army to charge, despite the strong opinion of his generals that it would be suicide to do so. Some 6,500 Confederates were killed or wounded, including six generals. Eye witnesses on both sides described the waves of 30,000 soldiers marching down open slopes the most unforgettable scene imaginable. That night, Schofield moved on to Nashville, reunifying with George Thomas. Hood foolishly followed with what remained of his army, and lost that remnant in an impossible siege.

Franklin is a beautiful town, attracting white-collar families who commute to and from Nashville, and very mindful of its history and avid in its preservation efforts. Beautiful brick buildings adorn the town, and large plantation homes surround it. Word has it that the town has bought a Pizza Hut and a country club in trying to save its battlefield. One of those outlying manor homes is Carnton, ancestral and wartime home of Col. John and Caroline (Carrie) McGavock.

Numerous accounts of the Battle of Franklin have been published over the years—some by generals who were there, some as chapters in histories of the Army of Tennessee, and more recently, Five Tragic Hours by James Lee McDonough and Thomas L. Connelly (1983) and Embrace An Angry Wind by Wiley Sword (1992). Howard Bahr turned the saga into a novel, The Black Flower (1997), a love story of a wounded Mississippi rifleman and a McGavock relative. I have often referred to its Chapter Seven, an interlude about the cemetery, as the best-written book chapter ever written.

Some of the same real-life characters—the McGavocks, their two surviving children (Hattie and Winder), General Forrest—that appeared in Bahr's book shown up again in a gripping new novel by Robert

Hicks: The Widow of the South (Warner Books, 2005, 426 pp., \$24.94), apparently enjoying best-seller status these days.

Hicks wrote the book because he had become involved in efforts to restore and preserve Carnton, the McGavock House where four slain generals were laid side by side on the porch, where hundreds of wounded men died or were operated on and saved, and where a cemetery with nearly 1,500 Confederate dead was created.

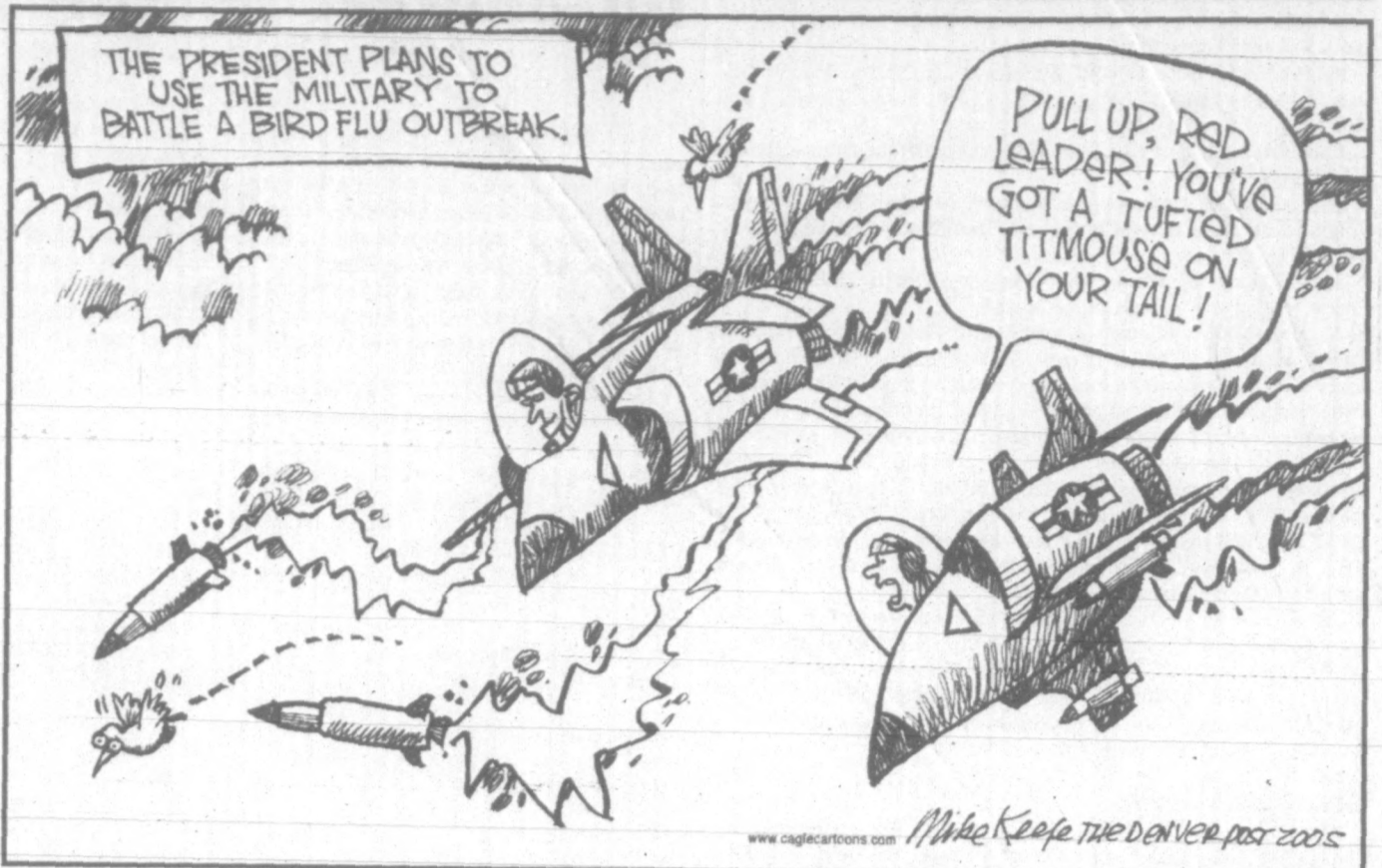
My 33-year-old great-great-great-uncle, Elijah A.C. McGehee, a captain under Hood, survived the deadly charge, but was killed while trying to surrender at the Union barricade, so Franklin has had a special hold on me as I have waded through a couple thousand Civil War history books for four decades.

Carrie McGavock, mistress of Carnton, a Louisiana-reared Mississippi belle, who married her cousin, John, and moved to his Franklin plantation, is one of two pillars upon which Hicks' story rests. The War had passed Franklin by until its closing months, and Carrie, black-garbed and soul-deadened from mourning the deaths before the War of three of her children ("The Lost Children" painted by William Browning Cooper), begins to come alive by carrying for the dying and wounded when Carnton is commandeered as a hospital.

One sergeant, Zachariah Cashwell, the second pillar of the story, spared as he carried a fallen flag to the trenches, particularly intrigues Carrie, and she labors to understand him, they begin to understand each other and their separate destinies.

Carrie finds a purpose in life in answering letters from parents wanting details of how their sons died, and when an embittered merchant in Franklin sets about plowing under the mass graves of the fallen, Carrie turns into a crusader, and in the cemetery she makes, soldiers laid out in neat rows by states and units, with markers, she finds her life's mission, tending to the memories of the too-young dead, giving their roaming souls rest and peace, keeping meticulous logs of them, and acting as hostess to their visiting families and surviving comrades.

Hicks has written, in engaging language, both a fictionalized history and a meditation, putting into the thoughts and dialogues of his characters meanings and transcendence bordering on theology. When Oscar Wilde came to America in 1882, he asked to go to "sunny Tennessee to meet the Widow McGavock, the high priestess of the temple of dead boys". (She actually was not a widow until 1893, but no matter.) When she died in 1905, one obituary announced, "The last Rebel was buried at Carnton yesterday."



POLITICS TODAY

By Natalie Gott

Edwards focused on poverty

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — John Edwards is still talking like someone running for president, and for him that means talking about poverty in America.

But while he got good reviews for his recently unveiled plan to help every student in a rural North Carolina county go to college, some wonder if the former senator needs to move outside his comfort zone and start talking about other issues — such as the war in Iraq and rising gas prices — if he's serious about another bid for the White House.

"The question of whether (poverty) is sufficient is answered with the question ... 'When is the last time you saw John Edwards on the evening news?'" said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University. "I think the answer is, 'It's been awhile.'"

As he did during his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2004, and during his time as Sen. John Kerry's running mate, Edwards is focused on his message that America needs to do more to help the poor escape poverty.

He's the director of the Center for Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina law school and has crisscrossed the country to speak on the topic. This month alone he plans to visit 10 universities to encourage young people to do more to eliminate poverty.

Last month, he announced a pilot program in eastern North Carolina's Greene County that stems from "Two Americas," the anti-poverty message on which he based his 2004 campaign. The program will allow 140 students to go to their first year of college for free if they meet certain criteria.

"We need to make sure that all of you, and in fact all of our young people, get the same kind of chances that I've had in my life. That's why I take this all very, very personally," Edwards,

the son of a mill worker, told the high school seniors.

But Jillson cautions poverty isn't an issue that wins national elections because low-income Americans are the least likely to vote.

In a Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll released Wednesday, Edwards was a distant second to New York Sen. Hillary Clinton among Democrats surveyed on their preference for 2008. Edwards was tied with Kerry at 14 percent, well behind Clinton's 42 percent.

Edwards is quick to deflect questions about whether he plans a 2008 presidential bid, saying "there'll be plenty of time to talk about that later" when asked about his future while introducing the college tuition program in Greene County.

But Edwards has already spent plenty of time in two states with early presidential primaries. He's been to New Hampshire three times this year and to Iowa four times since the 2004 election. In a September visit to Iowa, Edwards was the keynote speaker at Sen. Tom Harkin's annual fundraiser, one of the year's largest gatherings of Democrats in Iowa.

Phil Roeder, who runs a public relations firm in Iowa and is active in Democratic politics in the state, said poverty is not a bad issue on which to focus. "Is it enough to get yourself elected president? Probably not. Is it enough to at least give you a unique platform during what is obviously a down time in the election cycle right now?"

Roeder said, "I think it makes a lot of sense." And not everything has a rank political calculation, said Michael Munger, chairman of the political science department at Duke University. The free college program "seemed sort of nice and it's a nice philanthropic gesture, but it doesn't fit with someone" who is trying to build up his foreign policy



Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., shakes hands with Greene Central High School principal Steve Bryant, right, in Snow Hill, N.C. in this Sept. 28, 2005 file photo. Edwards won't say if he's running for president, but the former senator from North Carolina and candidate for vice president in 2004 keeps acting like he's on the campaign trail.

knowledge, a frequent critique of Edwards during his 2004 campaign.

"He doesn't know anything about foreign policy and this doesn't help," Munger said. "I think it's fairly possible that he just thinks it's the right thing to do."

Edwards' team is quick to point out the work he's done in foreign policy. He was recently in Moscow as part of his role as co-chair of a Council on Foreign Relations task force looking at U.S. relations with Russia. He met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Britain's treasury chief, Gordon Brown, earlier this year, and a

trip to India is planned.

And others experienced with presidential politics aren't as quick to dismiss Edwards' continued talk about poverty. It was, after all, the key issue of a campaign that successfully made the first-term senator from North Carolina a known commodity nationwide, said New Hampshire Democratic state Sen. Lou D'Allesandro.

That, he said, puts Edwards in a good position for the future. As president, "you've got to run this nation," D'Allesandro said. "People have got to believe that you have their interests at heart."

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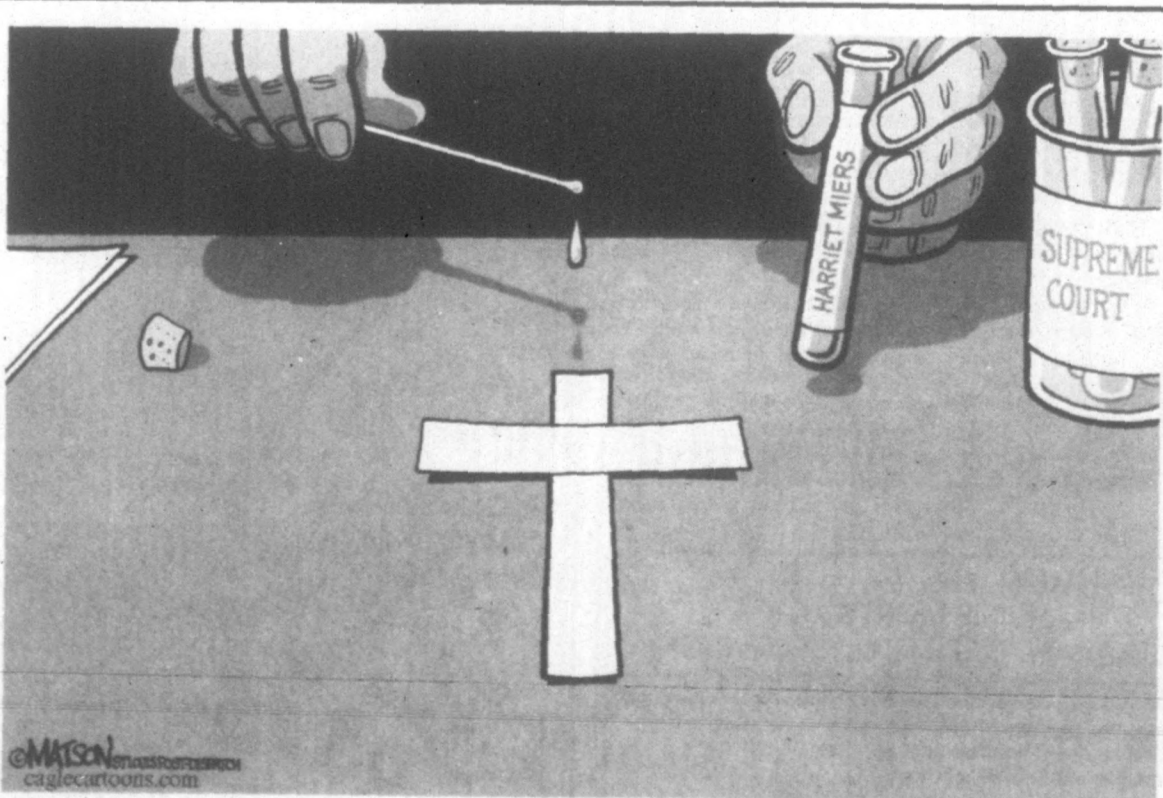
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THEOS Group plans luncheon on Tuesday at Library Annex



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

THEOS (they help each other spiritually) Group, a bereavement support group for persons who have lost their spouse to death, will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is a free community service.

At noon on Tuesday, the group will meet for a potluck meal at the annex. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished.

"If you have lost your spouse to death recently, please come as our guest for the meal and the meeting to learn more about getting through the grief," a group spokesman said.

For more information call Lillian Steele at 753-2875 or Opal Howard at 753-1998.

Artists' reception Sunday

An artists' exhibit spotlighting the work of Bryan Warner, wood artist, and Chuck Ehram, fiber artist, will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Murray Art Guild. The public is invited.

Calloway Republicans will meet

Calloway County Republican Executive Committee will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the new headquarters on Ky. Hwy. 121 North, Murray.

Calloway FEA plans promotion

Calloway County High School Chapter of Future Educators of America will have a rebate day at Captain D's on Monday. Customers are asked to tell the cashier they are there for the FEA.

Lodge 728 will meet

Woodmen of the World Lodge 728 will meet Monday at 6 p.m. at the new Harmon Woodmen building on C.C. Lowry Drive, Murray.

Sigma Department will meet

Sigma Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the club house. Candy Webb will be hostess.

Pannunzio Show on Monday

Murray State University Racers Athletics and Froggy 103.7 invites the community to the Coach Joe Pannunzio Show every Monday at The Big Apple. The show will begin at 6 p.m. to be followed by a question and answer session with fans.

Band Boosters sponsoring event today

Calloway County Band Boosters will sponsor a Scavenger Hunt today. Riders, via motorcycle, car, whatever, will begin and end at the schoolhouse pavilion across from Playhouse in the Park in Murray-Calloway County Central Park. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and is \$10 per entrant or \$30 for carload of four. Paid entry fee will give many different chances to win prizes. Other chances to win include raffles and a \$0/\$50 pot. Food will be available. This is one of the many activities being held to fund the Laker Band's trip to the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., this December.

ACCESS Singles will have dance

ACCESS Christian Singles will have an old fashioned barn dance tonight at 7 p.m. at 230 Babbland Dr., Paducah. Featured will be a campfire for hot dogs and marshmallows. Each one is asked to bring a two liter or some kind of snack and a lawn chair. Coffee, hot dogs, buns and fixings will be provided. For information call 1-270-559-4788. This is an interdenominational group for Christian singles in Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois.

Toy Run will be Saturday

The 15th annual Toy-Run will be today at noon at the Wal-Mart parking Lot. This is sponsored by the KMA/KBA District #7 and Bikers of Calloway County. Admission will be a toy or donation for the children of Calloway County. All vehicles are welcome.

Presbyterians plan fish fry

First Presbyterian Church, 16th and Main Streets, Murray, will have a fish fry today from 3 to 6 p.m. Served will be Kentucky Lake catfish, hush puppies, white beans, cole slaw, iced tea, lemonade and desserts for \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12, and free to under 6. Proceeds will go toward the building fund.

IAAP Chapter will host seminar

Murray Chapter of IAAP will host a free leadership seminar titled "The Radical L.E.A.P. - Extreme Leadership" on Oct. 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Leo Catholic Church. Interested office professionals, administrators, managers, assistants, students, etc., are all invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is requested. For more information and to register, call Kay Hays CAP at 762-2234 or e-mail at kay.hays@murraystate.edu.

Heartwalk promotion planned

The Murray Bank is sponsored a promotion for the American Heart Association. Tickets will be sold for \$1 for one or six for \$5 for the winner of a gift basket containing gift certificates from seven local restaurants. All proceeds will go to The Murray Bank American Heartwalk team.

Beta Club collecting coats

Murray High School Beta Club is collecting coats during the month of October for people who are in need. Anyone who has a coat in good condition that they do not need is welcome to bring it to the front office of MHS. The coats could also be brought to Jill Herndon's room if one desired. The coat drive started Wednesday and will continue through Oct. 28.

Fire Marshall Walls Speaker at Nurses' Meeting



Photo provided

Murray Fire Marshall Dickie Walls, fourth from right, spoke about "Surgical Fires Learn Not to Burn" at a meeting of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses held at The Big Apple. Fundraising was discussed. The Western Chapter of AORN donated \$200 for Hurricane Katrina relief. The money was used to purchase 20 ziploc bags for personal items which were sent to Louisiana through a local radio station. Pictured, from left, are Barb Randall, Marlene Schroader, Jennifer Thweatt, Kathy Ort, Amy Grogan, Walls, Monica Powell, Vanessa Lyons and Andrea Fassiotta.

Alexander publishes chapbook of poetry

Constance Alexander, a writer from Murray, will be adding "poet" to her resumé when Finishingline Press publishes her chapbook of poems titled "dreamfish" in November. The book was chosen as one of 10 distinguished manuscripts to be featured in the publisher's New Women's Voices series for 2005.

Advance reviews of dreamfish contain enthusiastic words of praise for Ms. Alexander's poetry. Maria Gillan, founder of the Poetry Center at Passaic (NJ) Community College and editor of "The Paterson Review," calls the voice in dreamfish "electric, alive, whimsical, ironic, and one we won't easily forget." Gillan also compares Constance Alexander's work to Anne Sexton and the tradition of the "wild metaphor."

Dana Roeser, winner of the 2004 Morse Poetry Prize for her book "Beautiful Motion," lauds the poems in dreamfish as "tart, satirical, tender, passionate, always precisely rendered with both the broad insight and the telling particular."

Poet Sally Ball, whose book Annus Mirabilis will be published this month, describes dreamfish as "funny, lusty and raw." She says that the world of the poems is "dangerous, and livable only if one shifts lickety-split between the headlong and the self-protective."

Alexander is an award-winning playwright, poet, newspaper columnist, fiction writer and essayist. She has received grants and awards for her writing from Kentucky Foundation for Women, Kentucky Arts Council, the Ragdale Foundation, the Pilgrim Project, the Kaiser Foundation and the Kentucky Press Association.



Constance Alexander

is her first book of poems.

A New Jersey native, Alexander has lived in Murray since 1988. She is a graduate of the College of New Jersey, with an M.A. from Kean University (NJ) and an MBA from Pace University (NY). She is married to Roy Davis, artist and custom coffin maker. She currently is faculty scholar in arts & humanities at Murray State University's Teacher Quality Institute.

In 2004, she was the Kentucky winner, in fiction, of the Writers' Exchange, a competition sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. Her work as an independent producer of radio documentaries was a semi-finalist for the Batten Award from the Pew Center for Civic Journalism in 2002.

She has published articles, poems, stories and essays in various literary magazines and publications. Her play, "Kilroy Was Here," was published by Doubleday. Another play, "Last Call," will be published in an anthology in 2006 by Western Michigan University Press. Dreamfish

SeniorActivities

BY TERI COBB
Activities director

Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens are located in the George Weaks Community Center, 607 Poplar St., Murray. We invite you to check our facility and the many services offered. Our telephone number is 753-0929.

We invite you to come and join us for lunch which will be served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a suggested donation of \$1.50. Low-fat milk, coffee and iced-tea are our daily choices of beverages. Meals are also sent to private homes.

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

Our exercise room is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who

are 60 and older are invited to exercise at no cost. We also have two indoor Shuffleboard Courts available. Our basketball court is also open for a variety of games and times. Contact the center for more details.

Activities and menus for the week of Oct. 10-14 have been released as follows:

Monday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers will leave at 10 a.m., a presentation on Macular Degeneration and Sight Impaired Resources will be given at 10 a.m. in the dining room, Bingo at 12:30 p.m., Beginning Line Dance Class begins at 1:30 p.m. and Advanced Line Dancing at 2 p.m. in the gym. On the lunch menu will be sweet and sour meat balls, rice pilaf, brussels sprouts, roll, margarine and orange.

Tuesday events include Strength and Stretch Class from 8 to 9 a.m. in the gym, a Chair Volleyball demonstration at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room, and Ping Pong at 12:30 p.m.

in the gym. Ham, cabbage, carrots, corn bread, margarine and brownie will be on the lunch menu.

Wednesday events include Armchair Aerobics at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m., Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m., Powder Puff Pool from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Pinochle Club at noon and Women of the Bible Class at 12:30 p.m. On the lunch menu will be beef stew, tossed salad, toasted French bread, margarine and peach cobbler.

Thursday events include Strength and Stretch Class at 8 a.m. and an arts and crafts class at 12:30 p.m. Kentucky Legal Aid will be at the center at 8:30 a.m. to meet with people regarding wills, living wills and other legal matters, but call the center for an appointment. Chicken fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, biscuit, margarine and pistachio dessert with crushed pineapple will be on the lunch menu.

Friday events include Armchair Aerobics Group at 8:30 or 9:30 a.m. and Stride with Pride Walkers at 10 a.m. A

variety of board games will be set up in the education room from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scrabble is included in this. "Beach" Volleyball will be played in the gym from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The ROMEO's will head out at 10:45 a.m. for lunch. Open Bridge will begin at noon. On the lunch menu will be grilled pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, margarine and cranberry relish.

Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens is a United Way agency.

HospitalMenus

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

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

Menus, subject to occasional change, for the week of Sept. 19-26 have been released as follows:

Monday - pot roast of beef, cabbage roll, lemon pepper chicken, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, "summer vegetable blend, Chuckwagon corn, vegetable beef and barley

soup. Tuesday - chili, breaded chicken livers, hot dogs, "smoked turkey on homemade bun, chopped steak with gravy, "baby carrots, "seasoned green beans, "sautéed summer squash, "baked potato, "chicken gumbo.

Wednesday - Domino's pizza, meat loaf, "fish almondine, "chicken a la orange, fried apples, "new red potatoes, "broccoli spears, wild rice pilaf, "Italian wedding soup.

Thursday - "chicken Caesar wrap, Salisbury steak, spiral baked ham, "Francois blend vegetable, macaroni and cheese, "brussel sprouts, spicy

potato wedges, "garden vegetable soup.

Friday - "BBQ chicken breast, "sliced pork loin, corn dogs, tator tots, "cream style corn, "sautéed zucchini squash, baked beans, cream of potato soup.

Saturday - pot roast of beef, "salmon patty, roasted potatoes and carrots, "green beans, "baked apples, cream of broccoli soup.

Sunday - "oven fried chicken, "crumb topped fish filet, "baby lima beans, yellow squash casserole, corn nuggets, "minestrone soup.

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Located at 15th and Olive, Vitello's (left photo) is now open featuring authentic Italian at its finest. Evo Lucus and his employees offer a warm atmosphere, vast menu and lunch specials, either dine in or carryout. Open daily for lunch and dinner, call this new eatery at 759-3663. At right, El Mariachi Loco is open daily on North 12th Street. With a colorful and fun atmosphere, delicious food and friendly service, El Mariachi also offers entertainment on Sundays. Ezequiel Lopez and his family invite everyone to come and eat. Their number for carry out is 759-9000.

Health care technology featured in Chamber publication

Did you know... The Chamber of Commerce is developing a tabloid featuring the economic impact of health care facilities and well trained physicians in our community? New technologies available in Murray and future expansions in health care will also be highlighted. Quality health care is important to a growing community and helps to recruit businesses, industries and retirees as well as offer convenient services for existing residents. A physician's directory will also be included in the tabloid. Advertising space in this publication is limited. To reserve space, call the Chamber



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

at 753-5171.

Coming Up Around Town

- MSU Racers vs. Jacksonville State, Stewart Stadium, Tonight, 6 p.m.
- MSU Rodeo Team Barrel Racing & Roping, West KY Expo, Oct. 8 - 9.
- Functional and Sculptural Wood Art by Brian Warner and Weavings by Chuck Ehram, Murray Art Guild, through Oct. 28. Artist's reception, Oct. 9, 2 - 4 p.m.
- Calloway County/Murray Schools Fall Break, Oct. 10 - 14.
- Wolf Awareness Week, Nature Station, LBL, Oct. 12 - 18, go to www.lbl.org for a variety of fun and educational activities at Land Between the Lakes.
- Center for Diabetes to offer Shopping Smart Educational Session, Oct. 13, 9 - 11 a.m., preregistration required. Diabetes Self-Management Classes, Oct. 4 & 5 and Oct. 27 & 28. Call MCCH for more info. 762-1806.
- Bull Blowout, West KY Expo, Oct. 14 & 15, 8 p.m.

- Run Between the Rivers team relay, Piney Campground, LBL, Oct. 15, 9 a.m., www.RunBetweenTheRivers.com
- Traditional Floor Cloths Made Easy, Murray Art Guild, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- MCCH Hospice Education Program volunteer training, Hospital Private Dining Room 1, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m., call 767-2108.
- Center for Health & Wellness Free Glaucoma and Osteoporosis Free Screenings, Oct. 18, 8 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., appts. necessary, 762-1348.
- Photography: Digital vs. Film, Murray Art Guild, Oct. 19, 6 - 8 p.m.
- The Demon Barber of Sweeney, Playhouse in the Park, Oct. 20 - 23 and Oct. 27 - 30.
- Miss Black & Gold Pageant, Lovett Auditorium, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
- Murray State University Homecoming, MSU, Oct. 22.
- Murray Independent Schools Tiger Pride Homecoming Breakfast, Bull Pen Restaurant, Oct. 22, 7 - 9:30 a.m., \$10 ticket.

- NPHC Greek Step Show, Lovett Auditorium, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
- AQHA Horse Show, West KY Expo, Oct. 22 - 23.
- Murray Trade Day, MCC Park, Oct. 24, 7 a.m. - noon.
- High School Quad State Strings Festival, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
- Trails of Treats, Chestnut Park, Oct. 28, 5 - 9 p.m., lots of seasonal fun for the whole family, bring pumpkins to carve, enjoy games, hay ride and costume contest.
- Kentucky Lumberjack Challenge, MCC Park Amphitheater, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., free admission.
- Murray Lion's Club Radio Auction, WNBS 1340 AM, Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & Nov. 3, 6:30 - 9 p.m.,
- Saturday Market, Court Square, every Saturday through October, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings/Open Houses

- Mugsy's Hideout, 410 Main, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. (Chicago style restaurant).
- Enix Jewelers, 107 South

- 4th, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. (Grand opening with owner Marvin Enix).
- The Gallery, 301 North 12th, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m. (Introducing a new artist's line).
- On A Personal Note at Vintage Rose, 303 North 12th, Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m. (Celebrating 10th anniversary and acquiring new business).

Highlights from the Commerce Centre include

- WKMS-FM is conducting its autumn fundraiser beginning Oct. 13 with guests and volunteers in the studio. WKMS is working towards a goal of raising \$95,000 by Oct. 22 in order to maintain financial stability. The station broadcasts at 91.3 FM with 100,000 watts of power from a transmitter in Land Between the Lakes and streams live online at wkms.org. WKMS is also heard through translators 92.1 FM, Paducah; 99.5 FM, Paris, TN; and 105.1 FM, Madisonville.
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funds to support local eye conservation and care programs as well as eye research in Kentucky. Hundreds of donated items will be auctioned each night. Make plans to bid and support our local Lion's eye care efforts.

- The 5th Annual Murray-Calloway County Woman's Show is Nov. 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weeks Community Center located on Poplar Street. This event is sponsored by Calloway County Homemakers in cooperation with the Murray Ledger & Times and the Chamber of Commerce. Many booths will be set up offering merchandise, door prizes and demonstrations. All ladies are invited to attend this upcoming show for a festive kickoff to the holiday season.

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

InBusiness

Crouse is registered representative with WFS

Sheila Crouse has become associated as a registered representative with Woodmen Financial Services, Inc. WFS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society. As a broker-dealer, Woodmen Financial Services provides various financial products, including mutual funds.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to work with individuals and families to help them meet their changing financial needs," Crouse said. "The products and services offered through WFS complement the insurance and annuity products available through Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society."

Woodmen of the World, founded in 1890, is one of the largest fraternal benefit societies in the nation, offering insurance protection and financial services with member benefits. Woodmen's product portfolio includes whole life, flexible premium life and term life insurance, cancer insurance, hospital supplement insurance, long term care insurance and annuities.

Dabbs completes commercial casualty KAPIA course

Steven S. Dabbs, agent/accounts manager of McKinney Insurance Services, Inc. in Murray, has successfully completed the Certified Insurance Service Representatives Commercial Casualty course held in Paducah on Aug. 10.

The insurance course attended was one of the five parts offered by the Kentucky Associations of Professional Insurance Agents. After the successful completion of all five courses covering all major areas of the insurance field, and five comprehensive examinations, Dabbs will be awarded the CISR designation by the National Alliance for Insurance Education & Research, the nation's foremost provider of professional insurance and education.

U.S. consumer confidence is sagging

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer confidence remains low, with high energy prices, war and fallout from hurricanes Katrina and Rita sapping American's enthusiasm about the nation's economic health and their own.

The RBC CASH Index, based on polling by Ipsos, showed that consumer confidence clocked in at 66.8 in October. That was up slightly from September's reading of 61.5, the lowest since early March 2003 when the nation was on the brink of war.

The confidence index is benchmarked to a 100 reading on January 2002, when Ipsos, an international polling firm, started the gauge.

A year ago, confidence stood at a buoyant 97.4. But consumers are much less assured now, weighed down by high

energy prices, death and destruction on the Gulf Coast, continued bloodshed in Iraq and other things.

"Consumers are apprehensive. They are apprehensive about energy prices. They are apprehensive about rising interest rates. They are apprehensive about their low level of savings," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank. "This may lead to a little bit of rethinking of their spending habits, which could have an important influence on economic growth."

Economists monitor confidence for indications about consumers' willingness to spend, which plays a major role in shaping the strength of overall economic activity in the United States.

Shoppers stuck to the basics in September and shied away from nonessentials, leaving many mall-based stores disap-

pointed, retailers reported Thursday. That, along with the anxious state of consumers — cast a pall over prospects for a merry holiday sales season, some economists said.

The October confidence report showed that a continuing source of nervousness for consumers concerns is their economic expectations over the next six months, including conditions in areas where they live or work and their own financial situations.

This "expectations" measure did move back into positive territory in October but nonetheless came in at a weak reading of 0.9. In September, this measure plunged to a negative 13.5, the worst showing on record and the first time this gauge fell into the negative zone.

Consumers' feelings about economic prospects over the next six months have seriously deteriorated over the last 12

months. In October 2004, this expectations barometer came in at an energetic 95.3.

"They feel a lot less assured about the economy's outlook," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

Analysts believe a host of factors are behind the erosion. Those factors include high gasoline prices and expected increases in winter home-heating bills; fears that the housing boom could suddenly go bust; concerns about rising interest rates, which are pushing up the cost of mortgages, payments on credit cards, home equity lines of credit and other consumer loans; and the low levels of personal savings, which offers little cushion for unexpected finances.

The Federal Reserve has been tightening credit since June 2004 and is expected to push borrowing costs higher in the months ahead to keep inflation under control.

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We want to thank all the employees from Briggs & Stratton and the ones from Tappan & Ken Gas.
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WKMS Autumn Fundraiser underway

In its 35th year of listener supported public radio service from Murray State, WKMS-FM is conducting its autumn fundraiser. The on-air portion of the fundraiser starts Oct. 13 with guests and volunteers in the studios encouraging pledges and answering pledge phones. WKMS is working towards a goal of raising \$95,000 by Oct. 22 in order to maintain financial stability. WKMS broadcasts at 91.3 FM with 100,000 watts of power from a transmitter in Land Between the Lakes and streams live online at wkms.org. WKMS is also heard through translators 92.1 FM, Paducah; 99.5 FM, Paris, Tenn.; and 105.1 FM, Madisonville.

WKMS is licensed to Murray State University, which provides the station with nearly half of its annual budget. Station manager Kate Lochte says, "The University looks to our region to help provide the other half of the station's operating budget, including contributions from listeners and business underwriters, and grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting based on our community support." The station's latest audit is online at wkms.org.

Listener contributions pay for broadcast equipment, maintenance and repair, program subscriptions, program production expenses, and all business expenses including wages for Murray State University students who gain broadcasting experience on-air, in technical operations, development assistance and news internships. Listener contributions enable Murray State University to receive substantial grants for WKMS operational upgrades,

like last year's \$85,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to install a digital transmitter alongside the station's analog transmitters to meet the FCC's mandate for digital broadcasting.

WKMS listeners are in a 27 county area of far western Kentucky, southernmost Illinois and northwest Tennessee. They tune in for National Public Radio's Morning Edition, Talk of the Nation, and All Things Considered, Public Radio International's The World and BBC World Service overnight, and American Public Media's Marketplace. WKMS listeners also seek a variety of music, including concerts of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, its Chorus and its Children's Chorus, as well as programs from the Department of Music at Murray State University.

Listeners enjoy nationally acclaimed music and variety programs like Performance Today, A Prairie Home Companion, Car Talk, Only A Game, A Splendid Table, Radio Reader, World Café and more. WKMS volunteers and staff produce programs in the Doyle Fine Arts Building studios including Commonwealth Classics, Meridian, Café Jazz, The Eisenhower Hour, Jazz Horizons, SoulFlight, Music From the Front Porch, Stetline Blues, Rockin' Saturday Night, Beyond the Edge, The Indie Connection, The Jazzman Show, Ports of Call, and Sounds Acoustic.

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Horoscope by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 10, 2005: You express traits of strength, endurance and determination this year. You could consider a purchase or an investment in a piece of real estate. You want to dig in and make your roots even deeper. Community involvement might also play a role in building your secure niche. Those you deal with financially could often test your decisions. Money will come in beginning midwinter. You will want to save rather than spend if you are concerned with security. If you are single, you might want to nest this year, but finding the right person could be challenging. If you are attached, avoid fighting about money. Consider separating your checking accounts. CAPRICORN is an anchor.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might feel pressured by circumstances and people. The good news is that you find the time and energy to handle what drops on your plate, which is a lot. Think about what you'd like to do to treat yourself, for a change. Tonight: Work late; order in dinner.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others don't seem to be able to see the big picture. You can explain; you can draw pictures -- but no matter what your message, it doesn't seem to get through. Avoid seeing red. Try again later. Enjoy your detached perspective. Tonight: Rent a movie.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Working with individuals on some level could be stressful. As you see, not everyone sees eye to eye with you. Your ingenuity helps you make your point. Tap into your subconscious for solutions. Tonight: Keep conversations and socializing on an individual level.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Face facts: Others are running with the ball. You might be tempted to trip them up. Don't. Stay on course, following someone else's lead. You might want to duck home early. A meeting is lively. Tonight: Cater to a friend or loved one. You do it so well!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You certainly are focused. You handle the many phone calls you get quite well considering various possibilities. Still, you seem to set a certain course and will not be veered off of it. A boss or authority figure proves to be very demanding. Avoid a conflict with this person. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your creativity might

be necessary with a challenging money matter. You might also discover that someone is pushing you very hard to have something his or her way. Avoid flagrant spending. Tonight: Get into a hobby.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ If you can work from home, do so. You might want to deal with basic issues, but others might disagree and let you know it in no uncertain terms. Some might be uniquely demanding. Work on saying no - as hard as that might be for you. Tonight: Happiest at home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ How you say something, the words you choose and your expression can make or break a conversation. Understand that someone might be testy or overly assertive. Know when to pull back. A power struggle or disagreement is not worth it. Tonight: Swap the day's tales with a pal.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Handle spending. You have many talents. If need be, use them. Others respond in strange ways. In fact, you might decide to do the job yourself, though others might not want you to do it alone. Tonight: Time to treat yourself.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You know exactly what you want, but might find that others have very different ideas. Be direct with those you deal with. Ultimately, your creativity and sense of humor win someone over. Tonight: Just ask.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might be more in your head than you realize. You might want to write down some of your ideas to look over at another time. Someone might be quite contentious. Step back and don't get involved. Tonight: How about some sleep?
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might be more forceful than you realize. If you would like to get someone to agree with you, tap into his or her imagination. Be careful around machinery and other equipment. You could be careless. Tonight: Join friends.

BORN TODAY
Singer Tanya Tucker (1958), playwright Harold Pinter (1930), musician Thelonious Monk (1917)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
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Gratitude is the best attitude.

-Author Unknown

Looking Back

10 years ago Dr. Kern Alexander was installed as president of Murray State University in ceremonies at Covett Auditorium.

Births reported include a boy to Terri and Robert Kalafat, Oct.

Murray State University Racers won 33-9 over UT-Martin in football game at Roy Stewart Stadium.

20 years ago Published is a picture of Kentucky Adjutant Gen. Billy G. Wellman, commander of the Kentucky National Guard...

Births reported include a boy to Sharon and Garry Bybee and girl to Susan and Bobby Miles, Oct. 4.

30 years ago Beginning the week of Oct. 3 all subscribers in the Kirksey exchange will be changed over to private telephone line service...

Matt Sparkman spoke about "So You Are Retired" at a meeting of the Home Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

40 years ago Published is a picture of the employees of Lerman Bros. Department Store at the 40th anniversary dinner of the firm...

Murray High School Tigers won 25-0 over Trigg County Wildcats in a football game at Ty Hol-

land Stadium. 50 years ago Clara Eagle of the fine arts department of Murray State College talked and showed slides of her travels in Europe...

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Compton. 60 years ago United States President Harry S. Truman will be the guest of Western Kentucky on Oct. 10...

Wilton Lee Dunn, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Dunn of Union City, Tenn., was killed Sept. 29 by a passenger train between Murray and Clark's River Bridge.

Voris Howard, member of the Lynn Grove 4-H Club, won first place with his senior class Jersey at the Purchase Dairy Show at Mayfield, according to Calloway County Farm Agent S.V. Foy.

Published is a picture of Jane Orr and Sarah Ruth Rhodes, both of Murray, who are majorettes for the Murray State College Marching Band.

Marriages announced this week include Ann Hubbs to Shirley Nance, Sept. 29.

Margaret Campbell, social studies critic teacher at Murray Training School, presented a program on "Club Aims for 1945-46" at a meeting of the Delta Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

Ex-boyfriend's harassment gives woman cause to fear

DEAR ABBY: I moved away from my ex-boyfriend, "David," seven months ago. Since then, our "perfect" relationship has changed drastically. He has been using horrible language toward me and saying he hates me. David also has said if I was near him, he would beat me. Now that I have told him it is over and have begun talking to someone else, he has decided he wants a second chance.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

First, David begged me to go back to him. Then, when I refused, he threatened to ruin my life.

DEAR SCARED: People who love each other do not treat each other the way you are being treated. Your ex-boyfriend has become obsessed, and is trying to force you to capitulate through intimidation and blackmail.

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More drugs for cholesterol control?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My question is regarding optimal cholesterol level. Per recent blood-work reports, my total cholesterol is 153 mg/dL, LDL is 103 mg/dL and HDL is 35 mg/dL. I am on regular drug therapy of Crestor, Niaspan and a baby aspirin a day.



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

Without further information about your health status, I cannot provide any definite conclusions. I suggest that you meet with your physician for a complete discussion about your concerns.

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167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: In reference to your previous article regarding the old gentleman who hit the accelerator instead of the brake in an effort to stop, as you stated this is not an unusual event among elderly folks.

I realize this is not a health matter, but crashes frequently result in bodily damage and sometimes death. I recommend that any driver under 40 begin this practice, since the left foot has absolutely nothing to do and the right would be much less likely to hit the accelerator hard had it not been accustomed to "braking."

I am an avid reader of your column and, considering the many readers you have, I feel this message would induce countless thousands who are not already practicing this method to do so.

Doctor Gott is a practicing physician and the author of the new book "Live Longer, Live Better: Taking Care of Your Health" (Quill Driver Books, www.quilldriverbooks.com).

Today in History

By The Associated Press (AP) - Today is Saturday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 2005. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while no other deadly blaze broke out in Peshtigo, Wis.

On this date:

In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1944, "The Adventures

of Ozzie and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio.

In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0.

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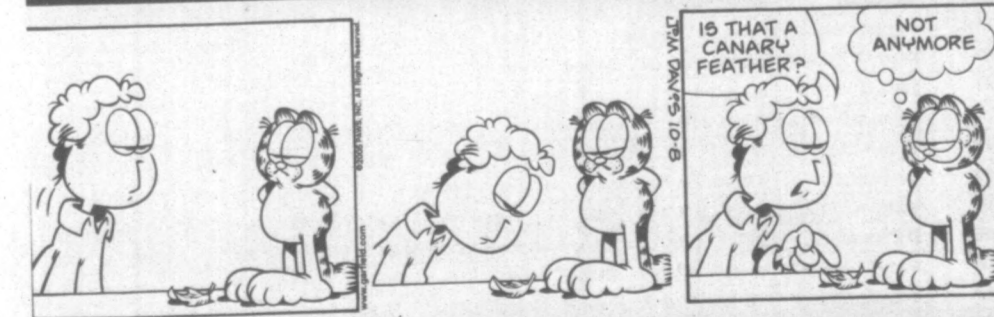
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The bidding: South 4 NT West Pass North 5 NT East Pass 6 NT

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

This deal was reported in a 1940 magazine article by the famous bridge writer Robert Gray of Scotland.

The bidding went as shown, and West led the club queen. South took the trick with the ace, retaining the king as an entry to dummy. He then cashed the A-K-Q of hearts and A-K-Q of diamonds, hoping the jack of either suit would fall and provide him with a 12th trick.

Unfortunately, West had the J-9-x-x of both red suits. Declarer then cashed the A-K-Q of spades, hoping to find the spades divided 3-3. Alas, they also broke 4-2.

Crushed by these unlucky developments, South thereupon threw in his cards, conceding down one. Actually, it was the only wrong move he made during the play, since this was the three-card position that had at that point developed:

North ♥10 ♦10 ♣K South ♠5 ♥9 ♣96

To make the slam, all South had to do now was to lead the five of spades. West cannot afford to discard either red jack, so he must discard the jack of clubs.

South counters by discarding the club king from dummy, whereupon East, after taking the spade five with the jack, is forced to return a club from his 8-5 to South's 9-6, and the slam is home.

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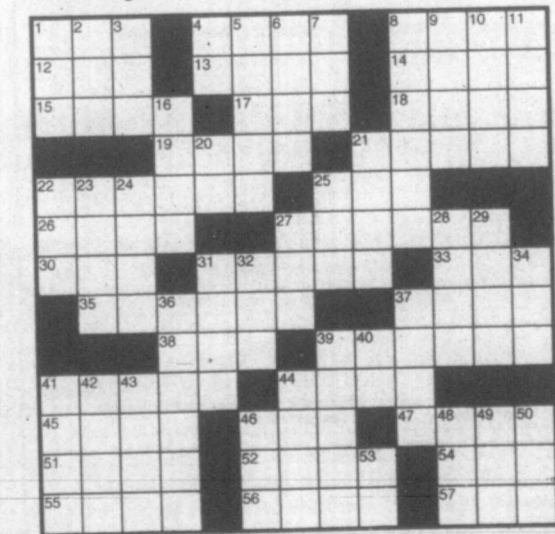
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Table of TV listings for Sunday, October 9, 2005. Columns include channel, time, and program name. Rows list various shows like 'Good Morning', 'CBS News Sunday Morning', and 'The Price Is Right'.

TV Listings Monday, October 10, 2005

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Table of TV listings for Sunday Afternoon. Columns include channel, time, and program name. Rows list various shows like 'PGA Golf', 'NASCAR Racing', and 'The Sopranos'.

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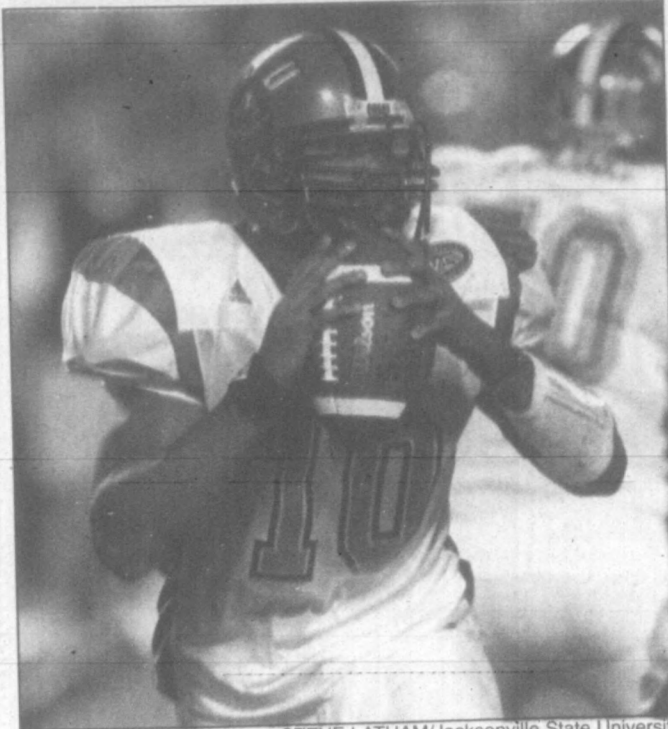
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MONDAY EVENING

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Murray State vs. Jacksonville State — 6 p.m.

JSU in unfamiliar territory



STEVE LATHAM/Jacksonville State University

Jacksonville State quarterback Maurice Mullins, shown here during a game earlier this season, poses a threat to the MSU defense. The senior signal caller, a Preseason OVC First-Team selection, has thrown for 3,054 yards and run for 1,170 more in his collegiate career.

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

Even though the Jacksonville State Gamecocks have been in the Ohio Valley Conference since 2003, they are in unfamiliar territory entering Saturday's 6 p.m. matchup with the Murray State Racers at Roy Stewart Stadium.

During their previous two years in the league, the Gamecocks were looking down at the competition from their first-place perch atop the league standings. JSU won the last two OVC championships by winning 14 of its first 16 conference games.

However, the Gamecocks (1-4, 0-1 OVC) are finally looking up in the standings after dropping their league opener, 31-14, to Eastern Kentucky last weekend in Richmond.

Jacksonville State's slow start has veteran head coach

Jack Crowe searching for answers.

"We've just got to get ourselves together. Somewhere in there is a better football team than we've been showing," said the sixth-year Gamecocks' field boss, who is a former head coach at Arkansas and has also served stints as an assistant at Clemson and Auburn. "The light's going to come on for some of these guys eventually, I believe. ... It's not the heart, it's a state of mind. And we've got to get everybody in the right state of mind."

Things aren't quite as desperate around the Gamecocks' camp as Crowe might suggest. After all, two of JSU's four losses have come in the final seconds of play. Visiting Furman, the nation's second-ranked team in Division I-AA entering the season, defeated Jacksonville State 37-35 in the season opener

at Paul Snow Stadium, as former Florida quarterback Ingle Martin threw the game-winning touchdown for the Paladins on the last play of regulation. In a 21-18 home loss to Chattanooga on Sept. 10, the Mocs scored with just 10 seconds left on the fourth-quarter clock.

The Gamecocks' lowly record certainly doesn't deceive Murray State head coach Joe Pannunzio, who is 1-1 against JSU — handing the Gamecocks their first OVC loss in a 23-17 overtime decision in 2003 at Stewart Stadium before falling 35-14 last year in Jacksonville, Ala.

"Obviously, they're the two-time defending champions, and they possess a lot of talent," Pannunzio said earlier this week. "They have probably the best offensive player in the league in (quarterback) Maurice Mullins, and they are very

explosive on both sides of the ball.

"Defensively, they play a 3-4, which is new to us and presents some problems. They're a lot like us; they're not playing real good. But in order for us to get better, our defense has to step up and play to its capability," he added.

The MSU unit was torched last weekend, allowing over 400 yards and 42 points to a Tennessee Tech squad that had scored just six points in its last eight quarters entering the contest. Golden Eagle quarterback Stephen Britton, who had thrown eight interceptions and no touchdowns in his previous four games, tied a school record against the Racers with five scoring tosses.

Murray will little doubt see a more explosive offense this

■ See JSU Page 3C

White Sox eliminate defending champs

BOSTON (AP) — Frank Thomas limped through the Chicago White Sox's clubhouse, a bag covering the cast on his left foot to protect it from the champagne. He is a spectator in these playoffs, but an interested one at that.

"We've been waiting a long time to get here," said the injured first baseman, the longest-tenured Chicago player. "This is just as big to me, even though I'm not playing. I've been here 15 years. I've been waiting."

Just as Boston's victory in the World Series last year was as much for the former players as the current ones — for Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky and generations of fans — Chicago's sweep in the first round of the AL playoffs brought cheer to those like Thomas and Harold Baines and Minnie Minoso who have waited all their lives to see the team win even one postseason series.

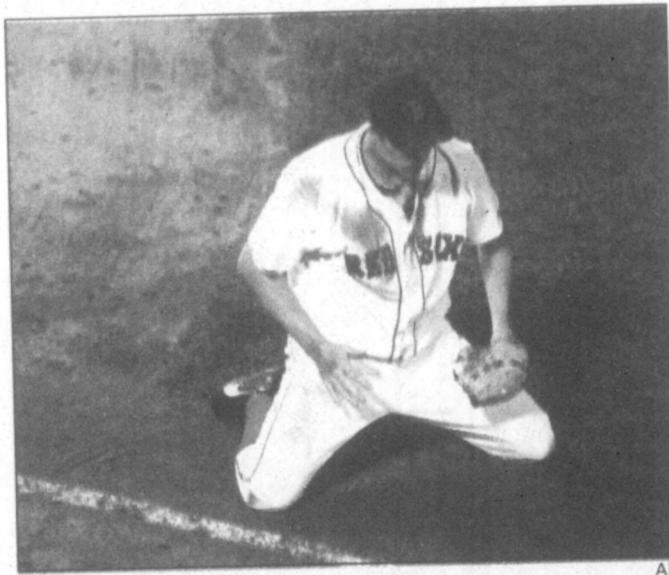
"This is something that I've not seen before. I'm glad that my team did it, and I know that

we're going to go all the way," the 82-year-old Minoso said. "We want to do things like the Boston Red Sox did."

Orlando Hernandez pitched out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam, and Paul Konerko hit a tiebreaking homer. Friday as the White Sox beat Boston 5-3 to sweep the World Series championships out of the playoffs.

It was Chicago's first victory in a playoff series since Shoeless Joe Jackson's team won it all, way back in 1917. Two years later, Jackson's "Black Sox" took payoffs from gamblers to throw the Series; eight men were out — banned from baseball for life — and every White Sox player since has lived with a longer but lesser-known "curse" than the supposed one the Red Sox busted when they ended their 86-year drought last season.

"Finally, we make another big step," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "They have waited a long time for this moment. And this team is making it happen this year."



AP

Boston Red Sox pitcher Mike Timlin kneels on the grass after a throwing error allowed a run to score in the ninth inning of Game 3 of their American League Division Series against the Chicago White Sox in Boston Friday.

Angels push Yanks to brink in ALDS Game 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Chone Figgins charged through Yankee Stadium's center-field swamp to thwart New York with his glove, then he put the Angels ahead with a suddenly revived bat.

On a soggy night when The Big Unit was a big bust for New York, Figgins' clutch plays pushed Los Angeles within one win of the AL championship series.

The speedy Figgins saved at least one run and possibly two with his diving grab of Gary Sheffield's liner, then hit a go-ahead single in an 11-7 victory Friday that gave the Angels a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five playoff series.

"Figg's been our catalyst the entire season," Darin Erstad said.

Garret Anderson had four hits and five RBIs for the Angels, who roughed up Randy Johnson

and set their postseason record with 19 hits. Los Angeles can close out the series Saturday, eliminate the Yankees for the second time in four seasons and earn a spot against the Chicago White Sox in the ALCS.

Los Angeles lefty Jarrod Washburn is scheduled to face Shawn Chacon in Game 4.

"Our team has always been able to come back against any team with the little things, like we did today," Bengie Molina said. "That's just the kind of team we are."

Molina homered for the third straight game and Anderson hit a three-run shot, through the raindrops as Los Angeles went ahead 5-0 and chased Johnson in the fourth. His playoff debut for the Yankees was a dud — he allowed nine hits while getting only nine outs in the shortest of his 15 postseason starts.

Friday Night Lights
Tigers roar past Fulton City

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Writer

FULTON, Ky. — Earlier this week, Murray High head coach Lee Edwards ran down the list of who's who among the top running backs his Tiger team has faced this year.

The first-year skipper left two off his list. Although, it was an easy mistake because he doesn't have to face them each week.

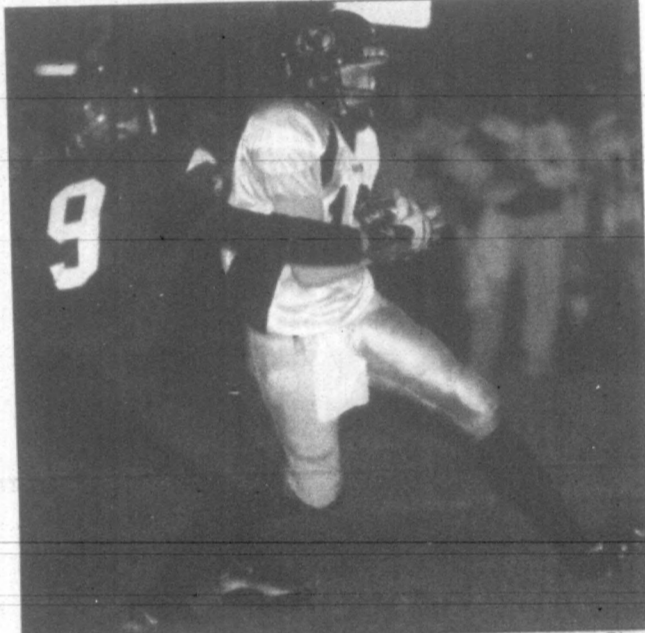
Fortunately, they are his own.

Jon Wilson and Hugh Rollins rushed for a combined 307 yards as Murray rolled over Fulton City 43-16 in high school football action Friday night.

Wilson accounted for the bulk of Murray High's ground game against the Bulldogs, biting them for 202 yards on 32 carries and three touchdowns, including two in the second half.

Meanwhile, Rollins, a senior quarterback, played keeper of the pigskin, picking up 105 yards on 17 carries while scoring three TDs of his own.

Afterwards, Edwards



MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times Photo

Murray High School's Joe Benton hauls in this pass from quarterback Hugh Rollins for 25 yards against Fulton City Friday night. Benton and the Tigers beat the Bulldogs 43-16.

addressed his desire to establish the ground game, adding he had not one, but two good

backs to do it with. But he also spoke of Daé Ron Williams, also known as Fulton City's

"Mr. Do-Everything."

"We've got two good backs. Hugh also is a very good back. Yes, we've got a good one, we knew that," Edwards said. "We faced another good one tonight. Daé Ron is a good player, but out kids just played harder."

Williams lined up at quarterback Friday against the Tigers. He also spent time at tailback and lined up at wide receiver. In all, Williams was 2-for-6 behind center with two interceptions and 30 yards. He had 25 yards rushing on 15 carries, including a first-quarter touchdown on the Bulldogs' opening drive.

Williams hooked up with Blake Lawson from 11 yards out for an early 6-0 Fulton County lead. The duo then found each other one more time on the 2-point conversion for an 8-0 lead. Williams touched the ball on four tries in the opening possession. Fulton City used a eight plays covering 65 yards for the score.

Edwards said that his squad usually comes out like a ball

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Despite progress, Lakers still lose

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

The rebuilding of the Calloway County Laker football program has been a slow process for head coach Josh McKeel and company. But that's not to say there hasn't been progress.

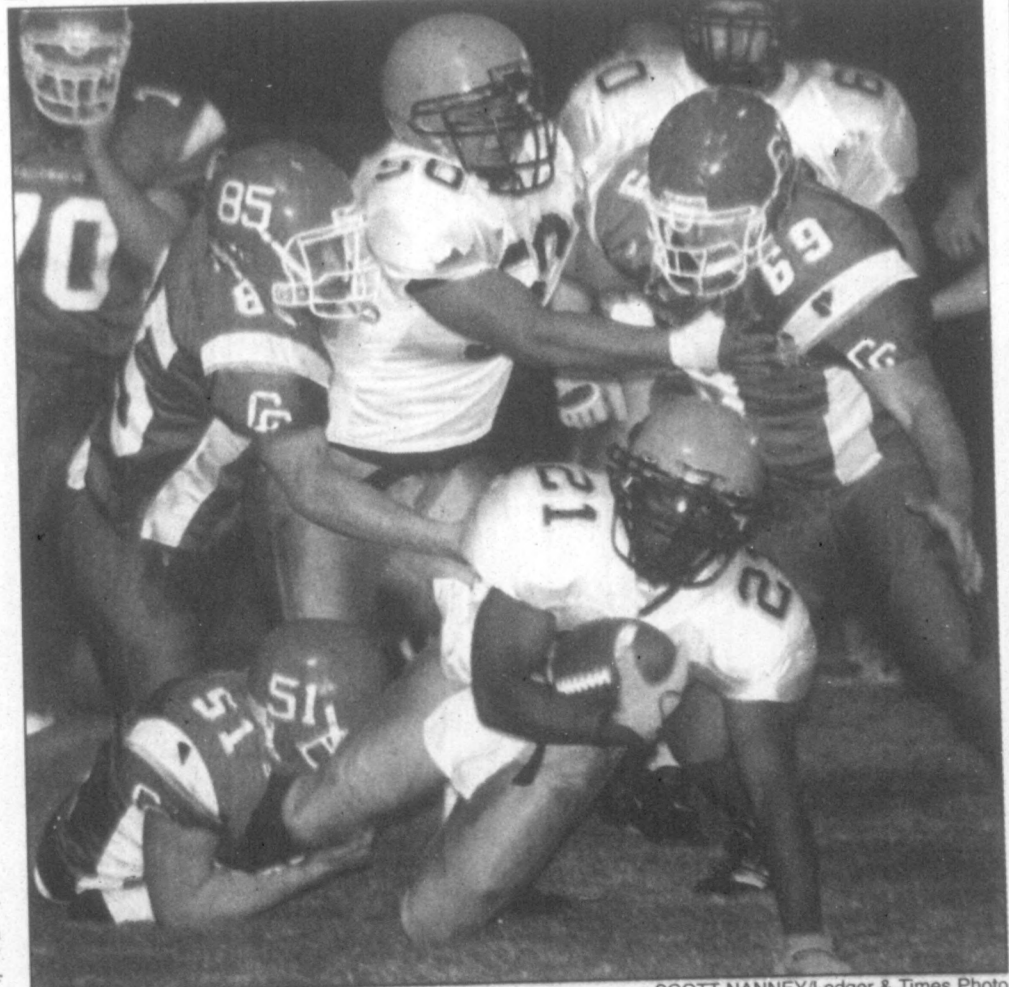
The Lakers showed some of that progress against Class 3A, First District rival Hopkinsville on Friday night at Jack D. Rose Stadium. Although, it failed to show up on the scoreboard yet again in a 27-7 loss to the Tigers, dropping Calloway's record to just 1-6 with three weeks remaining in the regular season.

McKeel continued to praise the efforts of his first CCHS squad, but pointed out that a positive result on the scoreboard is the ultimate goal for his troops.

"Our kids played hard, and they played well," said McKeel. "But we've got to despise losing. There's got to be a hatred for losing around here, and that's what we're continuing to work toward."

Calloway hung tough for the majority of the night on Friday, trailing just 14-7 entering the fourth quarter of play. But — in what has been a familiar pattern this season — the youthful Lakers were outmanned down the stretch, as a strong Hopkinsville running game wore down the CCHS defense.

The backfield duo of junior Emmanuel Taylor (15 carries, 131 yards) and senior Mario Brasher (14-124) combined for 255 of the Tigers'



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times Photo

Freshman defensive end Zach Bell (51) brings down Hopkinsville running back Mario Brasher (21) as teammates Tyler Brockman (85) and Lucas Stone (69) assist on the play. Brasher rushed for 124 yards on 14 carries as the Tigers rushed for 301 yards on their way to a 27-7 triumph over the Lakers on Friday night.

390 total yards. Only 89 of Hopkinsville's yards came through the air, but senior quarterback Brandon Robinette did manage to connect with senior wide receiver Josh Ladsoon for

scoring strikes of 1 and 4 yards. Robinette also added a 1-yard touchdown plunge in the fourth quarter to lead the Tiger offense.

"They have two very good

running backs who ran the ball really well on us," McKeel noted. "Their offensive line was opening big holes for them, and they just hit them

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on fire, but this time it was the polar effect for Murray. "Typically, we come out and play really sky-high for a series, and then we tail off. I think maybe they (Fulton) did that tonight," Edwards said after the game. "They were really emotional coming out and got after us. They did a good job, but our kids responded."

Responded, they did. The Tiger defense held Fulton City (2-5, 1-1) on almost every possession, forcing the Bulldogs to a fumble on their second possession before forcing a three-and-out and four-and-out on two tries before halftime.

Meanwhile, Murray (3-4, 2-0) countered on Fulton City's first score, putting a six-spot on the board when Wilson broke in from 4-yards out with 2:15 to play in the first quarter. Rollins ran in the QB keeper for the 2-point conversion to tie the game at eight.

After the Bulldog fumble, Rollins again found the end zone from 2-yards out, while Ryan Nolan provided the point after for a 15-8 lead with 9:14 remaining before halftime.

After the Bulldogs' three-and-out, Rollins scored his second touchdown of the game, ramming his way in from 7-yards out to take a 22-8 lead into the halftime break.

That 14-point cushion still wasn't enough for Edwards to breathe easy.

"Not with No. 5 (Williams)," Edwards said. "I told our coaches, three plays and they are easily back in the game. He's that good a player."

"But our defense is getting much better. We feel like that is the key for us. Our offense — it's OK. We have been all year. We've got some guys that I think are finally understanding our philosophy. Our defensive staff continues to work hard. I can't say enough good things about them."

Rollins scored his third touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a 1-yard run, and Wilson punched the ticket twice in the fourth quarter, scoring from 15 and 41 yards out.

Fulton City	8	0	0	8	16
Murray	8	14	7	14	43

First Quarter
FC — Lawson 11 pass from Williams (Lawson from Williams) 9:28
M — Wilson 4 run (Nolan kick) 7:15
Second Quarter
M — Rollins 2 run (Nolan kick) 9:54
M — Rollins 2 run (Nolan kick) 2:04
Third Quarter
M — Rollins 1 run (Nolan kick) 10:01
Fourth Quarter
M — Wilson 15 run (Nolan kick) 8:30
M — Wilson 41 run (Nolan kick) 5:46
FC — Graves 90 punt return (2-point conversion) 2:30

M	First Downs	FC
98	Rushes	8
61	Rushing Yards	26
396	Passing Yards	49
4:7-0	Passing	6-12-4
71	Total Yards	67
467	Fumbles-lost	116
11	Penalties	4-1
9-81	Penalties	5-45

Individual Statistics
Rushing — (Murray) Wilson 32-202 3TDs; Rollins 17-105 3TDs; Wells 8-75; Henskel 1-5; King 2-4; Watson 1-2; Hurt 3-3 (Fulton City) Williams 5-21; Williams 15-25; Maddox 7-11; Wilson 2-5
Passing — (Murray) Rollins 4-5-0 71; Stephens 0-2-0-0 (Fulton City) Williams 2-6-2 30 TD; Maddox 5-7-2 40
Receiving — (Murray) Pierce 1-11; Jackson 1-21; Wilson 1-14; Benton 1-25 (Fulton City) Lawson 2-30 TD; Farmer 1-22



The Father Satter Council of the Knights of Columbus recently hosted a Soccer Challenge competition for area youth. Pictured are the winners of the competition: Sara Wann, 10-year-old division champion, and Sarah Wooten, 13-year-old division champion. Also pictured are (back row, from left) John Young of the Knights of Columbus; David Wann and David Wooten; and Kevin D'Angelo of the Knights of Columbus. These winners will be eligible to advance to District-level competition, and potentially regional, state and international levels of competition.

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really well." Despite its ability to run the ball, Hopkinsville led just 14-7 at the halftime break. After Robinette's 4-yard pass to Ladson for the first score of the game at the 7:01 mark of the first quarter, the Lakers tied the score on Aaron Dossey's dive over the goal line from 2-yards out with 8:19 to go before the intermission. The Tigers then went back in front on Taylor's 27-yard scamper with 3:43 remaining.

CCHS threatened to knot the score once again just before the half. Junior quarterback Logan Seay — who finished 16-of-28 passing for 161 yards and an interception before leaving the game late in the fourth quarter with an elbow injury — completed 5-of-8 passing attempts to put the Lakers on the cusp of the end zone with just under a minute to go.

An acrobatic catch by wide-out Tyler Brockman on a third-and-17 play gave Calloway a first down at the Hopkinsville 18-yard line with just seconds left in the half. But time ran out on the Lakers and Seay, who threw a desperation heave into the end zone the fell harmlessly to the turf as the first-half clock expired.

The Lakers' failure to put the ball in the end zone proved to be costly. Calloway drove deep into Hopkinsville territory with a chance to tie the game on three separate occasions, but came away with no points each time — missing on a field goal try on the opening possession of the third quarter before turning the ball over on its second drive of the second half.

Seth Asher's missed 35-yard field goal attempt with 7:24 on the third-quarter clock ended an 11-play CCHS drive that started on the Laker 25. But despite that missed opportunity, the Calloway offense was back on the field after its defensive unit stopped the Tigers on five plays.

On their second possession of the third quarter, the Lakers were mixing effective running plays in with a successful short passing game, moving methodically down the field on the Tiger defense. But an errant pass by Seay on second-and-7 from the Hopkinsville 37 found the waiting arms of junior defensive back Billy Lawrence, who returned the interception to the Tiger 46. Six plays later, the Tigers put the game out of reach on a 1-yard dive by Robinette with 11:03 remaining in the final period.

JSU ...

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week. With Mullins at the helm, the Gamecocks rank second in the OVC in rushing offense with an average of 189.8 yards per game.

The 6-foot, 198-pound senior has seen his numbers slip a little bit this season, completing 52.6 percent of his pass attempts while throwing for 676 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions. However, Mullins, the 2005 Preseason All-OVC First Team signal-caller, has 3,054 career passing yards and 1,170 yards on the ground.

Behind Mullins is tailback Clay Green, who ranks second in the league in rushing at 108.2 yards per game. Green rushed for 150 yards on 21 carries in the loss at Eastern Kentucky, and is just one of three OVC players to rush for more than 100 yards in three games this season. Green also returns kickoffs for the Gamecocks, ranking second in I-AA football in all-purpose yardage with 188.8 ypg. Mullins' favorite receiving

Hopkinsville	7	7	0	13	27
Calloway	0	7	0	0	7

First Quarter
H — Ladson 4 pass from Robinette (Hayes kick) 7:01
Second Quarter
CC — Dossey 2 run (Asher kick) 8:19
H — Taylor 27 run (Hayes kick) 3:43
Fourth Quarter
H — Robinette 1 run (Hayes kick) 11:03
H — Ladson 1 pass from Robinette (2-point run failed) 8:49

H	First Downs	CC
22	Rushes	17
34	Rushing Yards	34
301	Passing Yards	173
4-12-0	Passing	16-31-1
89	Total Yards	161
390	Fumbles-lost	334
5-1	Penalties	2-0
6-70	Penalties	7-52

Individual Statistics
Rushing — (Hopkinsville) Taylor 15-131 TD; Brasher 14-124; Thomas 4-43; Ladson 1-3 (Calloway) Travis 17-56; Chrisman 2-55; Winchester 2-27; Seay 11-15; Young 2-7; Dossey 2-3 TD
Passing — (Hopkinsville) Robinette 4-12-0 89 2TD (Calloway) Seay 16-28-1 161; C. Brockman 0-3-0-0; T. Brockman 0-10-0
Receiving — (Hopkinsville) Ladson 3-56 2TD; Thomas 1-33 (Calloway) T. Brockman 4-50; Chrisman 4-48; Clymer 6-37; Winchester 1-18; Young 1-8

the opening possession of the third quarter before turning the ball over on its second drive of the second half. Seth Asher's missed 35-yard field goal attempt with 7:24 on the third-quarter clock ended an 11-play CCHS drive that started on the Laker 25. But despite that missed opportunity, the Calloway offense was back on the field after its defensive unit stopped the Tigers on five plays. On their second possession of the third quarter, the Lakers were mixing effective running plays in with a successful short passing game, moving methodically down the field on the Tiger defense. But an errant pass by Seay on second-and-7 from the Hopkinsville 37 found the waiting arms of junior defensive back Billy Lawrence, who returned the interception to the Tiger 46. Six plays later, the Tigers put the game out of reach on a 1-yard dive by Robinette with 11:03 remaining in the final period. Calloway finished the night with 334 total yards, but found the end zone just the one time. "It's about finishing and putting the ball in the end zone, and we didn't do that," McKeel noted. "They took away our running game, but we were still able to move the ball. We just couldn't put points on the scoreboard."

Cardinals not counting on sweep of Padres

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The word sweep swirled around the St. Louis clubhouse so many times the Cardinals decided to do good sports and play along. Yes, of course they'd like to finish off the Padres in three games in the NL division series and rest up for a return trip to the NLCS.

"The last thing we want to do is give these guys life to get back in the series," second baseman Mark Grudzielanek said Friday after his team worked out at Petco Park in preparation for Saturday's Game 3.

But just because the Padres struggled mightily to emerge as champion of the underachieving NL West and nobody expected them to do much of anything in the club's first postseason trip in seven years, the Cardinals aren't convinced the series is over despite their 2-0 lead.

Especially with former teammate Woody Williams taking the mound for the Padres. Williams, a 39-year-old right-hander, went 9-12 for San Diego, but manager Bruce Bochy chose him over Adam Eaton for Game 3 based on past playoff experience. Williams made four starts for the Cardinals in the postseason last year, including Game 1 of the World Series, which St. Louis lost in four games to Boston. "There's a big sense of urgency for both teams," said Titans receiver Drew Bennett. "This is a very important game. Not in the scheme of the NFL and all the analysts looking at teams, but for the two teams playing this is a very important game." Indeed. The pair that most

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Texans look for first win of season as Titans visit

HOUSTON (AP) — The last time the Houston Texans lost three games in a row they rallied from an 18-point deficit for a win over the Tennessee Titans.

On Sunday they face the Titans again, winless and desperate for a victory after getting off to the worst start in their short history.

But after losing both meetings last season the team they replaced in Houston certainly won't make it easy.

The Titans (1-3) hope to have coach Jeff Fisher leave the city where he first became a head coach with his 100th career victory.

"There's a big sense of urgency for both teams," said Titans receiver Drew Bennett. "This is a very important game. Not in the scheme of the NFL and all the analysts looking at teams, but for the two teams playing this is a very important game." Indeed. The pair that most often occupies the bottom rungs of the AFC South standings could both use a win.

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3 p.m.
ESPN2 — NHRA, qualifying for Fall Nationals, at Ennis, Texas (same-day tape)
11:30 p.m.
SPEED — Formula One, Japanese Grand Prix, at Suzuka, Japan

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
11 a.m.
ESPN — Wisconsin at Northwestern or Marshall at Virginia Tech
ESPN2 — Wisconsin at Northwestern or Marshall at Virginia Tech
FSN — Kansas at Kansas State
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Noon
ABC — Regional coverage, Minnesota at Michigan, Oklahoma at Texas, or Virginia at Boston College
ESPN CLASSIC — Cent. Michigan at Army
2:30 p.m.
CBS — National coverage, Georgia at Tennessee
FSN — Arizona at Southern Cal
3 p.m.
TBS — Texas Tech at Nebraska
ESPN — Iowa at Purdue
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — LSU at Vanderbilt
FSN — Texas A&M at Colorado
6:30 p.m.
TBS — California at UCLA
6:45 p.m.
ESPN — Ohio St. at Penn St.
9:15 p.m.
FSN — Oregon at Arizona State

GOLF
1:30 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, Greater Hickory Classic, second round at Conover, N.C.
3:30 p.m.
ABC — PGA Tour-WGC, American Express Championship, third round, at San Francisco
4 p.m.
TGC — LPGA, Longs Drugs Challenge, third round, at Auburn, Calif.

HORSE RACING
3:30 p.m.
NBC — NTRA, Frizette Stakes and Champagne Stakes, at Elmont, N.Y.; Shadwell Turf Mile and Lane's End Breeders' Futurity, at Lexington, Ky.
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — NTRA, Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile Stakes and Ancient Title Breeders' Cup Stakes, at Arcadia, Calif.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Noon
ESPN — Playoffs, Division Series, Chicago White Sox at Boston, if necessary
3 p.m.
FOX — Playoffs, Division Series, LA Angels at N.Y. Yankees
6:30 p.m.
FOX — Playoffs, Division Series, Atlanta at Houston
10 p.m.
ESPN — Playoffs, Division Series, St. Louis at San Diego

SOCCER
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Men's national teams, World Cup qualifier, U.S. vs. Costa Rica, at San Jose, Costa Rica (same-day tape)

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Anglers can expect changes in lake

We can expect some major changes in our lakes this week due to the massive amounts of water being moved around.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is trying to shuffle massive amounts of water out of the area above the Tennessee River and Kentucky Lake, which is the normal route for all of this water to go. The heavy storms from the last two hurricanes placed a little more water into this system than it usually receives in the fall. All of that extra water has to be removed before winter.

Fishing Line
By Jerry Maupin
Outdoors Columnist



Dusty Pirtle poses with his largest fish of the day while on a recent outing with Ledger & Times columnist Jerry Maupin. The two caught 30 striper while fishing at a Kentucky Beach Resort.



Ashley Curd displays two of her striped bass catch after a recent trip with Ledger columnist and fishing guide Jerry Maupin.

few times since the spring. Gordon did a terrific job with the striper. It ran sideways and deep several times, and each run was shorter. We felt good about holding onto the rockfish. I kept the boat ready so Gordon could just hang on and let the fish wear itself out!

I wanted this fish badly because Gordon is such a nice guy. He really does a good job of fishing. Plus, it would have been his first big striper! He worked it back and forth as it came closer to the net.

The striper came alongside the starboard of the boat, where we could land it with my net. There was a second of relaxed tension on the rod, and then the big rockfish dove straight down and away, pulling the rod and reel vertical to the water. Pow! The line snapped like a gunshot! I could see the pain in Gordon's face as he realized that the big striper had broken the line.

We traveled to other areas of the lake and caught other strippers, but the vision of that big rockfish remained for several hours. We caught some nice smallmouth bass that jumped and fought very well. I think that helped ease the pain a little.

Ron caught a largemouth bass on a crankbait. That made him smile a little bit. We had to contend with a brisk south wind. That is tough enough — even if the fish are biting well. However, these guys are seasoned professionals. They all took it in stride. We'll be back for another round, and we'll win the next time, they said!

Happy Fishing!

ly possible.

One must spend a little time looking for and studying the shad baitfish in order to assess their movements. I believe this could be one of the best times of the year for finding big largemouth and smallmouth bass and rockfish striper.

If you haven't been lucky enough to have a 10- or 20-pound striper smash into your lure and attempt to take it completely out of your hands, now is your chance! I know deer season is on the horizon, but this is comparable to taking a deer — unless it is your first one!

I should tell you that you should have at least two rods equipped with reels that have new line strung on them. Noth-

ing less than 14-pound test line is reasonable. I know some of you think that you can set that line drag, play that striper and land it just the same as you do a big largemouth or smallmouth bass. But I'm sorry to say that you will lose that striper, your lure and most of the line if you don't go to a heavier line.

The water temperature has begun to come down as the first cool nights approach. This helps us a lot because it sends a message to their larger species of fish that fall is upon us and it's time to start building that body fat! The coming winter will probably drive them deeper. But until it does, we can expect good surface and shoreline angling.

I had the pleasure of fishing again with a good friend, Gordon Curd, and his friend, Ron. I'm terrible about not writing down last names, and I forgot to just that with Ron. So, Ron, I will put you on the trail of some big fish as a way to compensate for that mistake.

The water was moving when we traveled the main lake, so we expected the striper to offer us a chance of getting a limit. I failed to notice that there was less than a quarter moon and that the surface had cooled by four degrees on the main lake. Evidently, this had some major effect on the shad and the striper. We saw lots of gulls along the lake, and we felt good about them being

there. I had Gordon and Ron rigged with spinning tackle and roostertail spinners as we selected a flat to cast on. The striper were scattered more than usual. The action was slow at first. The ones we were catching seemed to be full of shad. That's when I realized they had fed at night, and that this day might be tough.

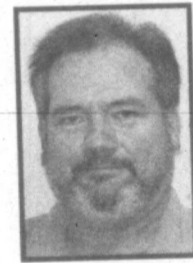
Slowly, we added to the livewell. But then our big chance came along when Gordon latched onto a very big rockfish striper. We had just strung the reel with some new 14-pound test line. I was confident that it was going to hold.

The reel was a closed-faced reel. It had been used only a

Tips for enjoying the youth-only deer weekend

The youth weekend for deer hunters is being held this Saturday and Sunday.

Any youngsters age 15 and under as of the day of the hunt may hunt deer with a firearm statewide during this hunt. Unlike the free youth weekend at the end of December, youth hunters must have the appropriate license, hunter education card and abide by all other bag limits, zone restrictions, and other requirements.



In The Field

By Kenny Darnell
Outdoors Columnist

Hunters under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult who can be in position to take control of the youth's firearm at any time. A single adult may accompany up to two youth hunters, but the adult hunter is not permitted to have a firearm. This does not mean that the adult cannot carry the firearm to and from the

field for the youth hunter or hold the youth's firearm while in the field. Adults are prohibited from hunting deer during the youth hunt and cannot possess a firearm for that purpose.

Youth deer hunters have the option of purchasing a single youth deer tag this year that allows the youth to take one deer. Up to two youth permits may be purchased, or the youth can simply purchase the regular deer tag that allows the taking of two deer. As always, only one antlered buck may be taken per hunter per year — youth or adult.

Just to make it complicated, a bonus buck may be taken on certain quota hunts or on certain refuges and military reservations if so permitted and the hunter has the appropriate bonus tag. But during the statewide seasons, all hunters are limited to a single buck regardless of method, season, or zone.

Hunters under age 15 may purchase a less expensive youth hunting license. This applies to both residents and nonresidents. The youth license covers all small game and migratory birds, but youth license holders must also purchase a deer permit to

hunt deer. Youth hunting on property owned by their parents do not have to purchase a license or deer tag.

Any youth hunters and the adults who accompany them during the youth firearm season must wear the appropriate amount of hunter orange at all times while in the field. Hunter orange garments must be solid orange (except for one small patch), must be worn as an outer covering, and must be visible from all sides. An orange cap and orange vest or jacket will satisfy the requirement — as long as it is visible from all sides. Hunter orange in a camouflage pattern is not legal in Kentucky.

Any hunter born after Jan. 1, 1975 must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting. Children under 10 years of age, however, are exempt from the hunter education requirement. Hunter education cards issued by other states are valid in Kentucky. Adults who accompany young hunters during the youth hunt are not required to have a hunting license and are therefore not required to have a hunter education card if born after Jan. 1, 1975.

Young hunters during the youth season may take as many deer as allowed by the zone regulations where they are hunting as long as they have the appropriate permits. The youth hunter may take more than one deer per day if allowed by the zone and the permit, but as stated before, may not take more than one buck. Button bucks do not count against a hunter's antlered deer limit, but hunters should be careful to avoid taking a button buck.

After the harvest, the young hunter must immediately fill out a portion of the hunter harvest log before the deer is moved. Before midnight on the day of harvest, the hunter must call 1-800-245-4263 to complete the check-in process.

A confirmation number will be assigned at the end of the call. Hunters must write the confirmation number on their harvest log. The log must be completed and the confirmation number obtained even if the hunter is exempt from purchasing a license.

All hunters should know that it is illegal to hunt upon land owned by someone else without the landowner's written or oral permission. The

KDFWR reminds hunters that railroad right-of-ways are not public lands. Permission must be obtained by the owner before hunting. Young deer hunters may use any caliber of rifle as long as it uses a center-fire cartridge. Shotgun slugs may also be used. Buckshot, on the other hand, is not legal for taking deer in Kentucky.

Hunters are also strongly encouraged to obtain and read a copy of the 2005-2006 Kentucky Hunting Guide before going afield. The guide is a good summary of the Commonwealth's hunting laws and regulations, and provides an infinitely better defense if caught afoul of the law than what your brother-in-law told you.

Kentucky is very generous in allowing time for younger hunters. Please take advantage of this opportunity not only for your youngster, but for the future of the sport. In a world where everything and everyone is competing for a child's attention, a person could do worse than spending a day in the woods, one-on-one, with a youngster. Be safe and above all, have fun!

Boat owners list most common mistakes when winterizing vessels

With winter approaching, Boat Owners Association of the United States has reviewed its insurance claim files and reports the following six most common mistakes made when winterizing a boat:

- Failure to drain engine block: Surprisingly, it's the balmy states of California, Florida, Texas, Alabama, and Georgia where boaters are most likely to have freeze-related damage to engine blocks — and it routinely occurs to boats stored ashore. Water retains heat longer than air so boats left in the slip are less susceptible to sudden freezing.

- Failure to drain water from sea strainer: Like an engine, the seawater strainer must be winterized or residual water could freeze and rupture

the watertight seal. Sometimes you don't know it's damaged until spring launching and water begins to trickle in.

- Failure to close seacocks: For boats left in the water, leaving seacocks open over the winter is like going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a thru-hull cannot be closed the vessel must be stored ashore — the sole exception are cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat under, allowing water to enter through hulls well above the water line.

- Clogged petcocks: Engine cooling system petcocks clogged by rust or other debris can prevent water from fully draining. If it's plugged, try using a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine's

intake hose to flush anti-freeze through the system.

- Leaving open boats in the water over winter: Boats with large open cockpits or low freeboard can easily go under by accumulating snow. Always store them ashore.

- Use bimini covers as winter storage covers: A cover that protects the crew from the sun do a lousy job protecting the boat from freezing rain and snow. Unlike a bonafide winter cover, biminis tend to rip apart and age prematurely by the effects of winter weather.

To get a free copy of the Boat U.S. Winterizing Guide full of tips to help you prepare your vessel for the winter, go to BoatUS.com/Seaworthy and click on "Winterizing Your Boat," or call 800-283-

2883. Boat U.S. — Boat Owners Association of the United States — is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its 620,000 members with a wide array of consumer services including a group-rate marine insurance program that insures nearly a quarter million boats; the largest fleet of more than 500 towing assistance vessels discounts on fuel, slips, and repairs at over 825 cooperating marinas; boat financing; and a subscription to Boat U.S. Magazine, the most widely read boating publication in the U.S.

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Gulf's community colleges hit hard by hurricanes

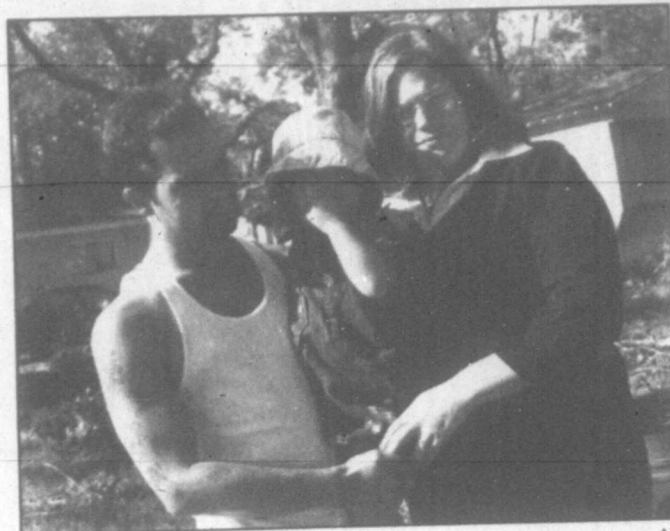
By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

(AP) - Nunez Community College in Chalmette, La., was Tristan Perry's ticket to a better teaching career. But Nunez was nearly washed away by Hurricane Katrina, and Perry's dreams are on hold.

"It's upsetting because I was finally getting to do something with my life," said Perry, who had just started work in an early childhood education program when the storm struck, ruining her home. Now she, her husband and children are living with her parents, and have more pressing concerns than restarting coursework.

Classes "just have to go out the window for now," she said. "There's so much more that I have to do."

While many students at four-year colleges hit by Katrina pondered where to continue their studies this semester, the question for their counterparts at community college students often wasn't "where" but "if."



Tristan Perry, right, her husband Simon Pham and daughter Alexis Pham pose in front of her parents trailer in Madisonville, La. in this Tuesday Oct. 4, 2005 photo. Nunez Community College in Chalmette, La., was Tristan Perry's ticket to a better teaching career. But Nunez was nearly washed away by Hurricane Katrina, and Perry's dreams are on hold.

Of the 21,000 Louisiana community college students displaced by the storm, state officials estimate at least half have

not temporarily re-enrolled at other schools. At Nunez, Chancellor Thomas Warner said he thinks only about a third of his school's 2,400 students were currently enrolled elsewhere.

In Mississippi, all but one of 10 community college campuses that were damaged have reopened, but thousands of students have not returned. Enrollment is down about a quarter at the six campuses of Gulf Coast Community College.

"The nature of our students is a lot different" than at traditional four-year colleges, Louisiana Technical and Community College system Chancellor Walter Bumphus said. Most students in the system live at home, and 80 percent are working their way through school. Many of their jobs no longer exist.

"For them it's a matter of trying to get their legs under them with regards to their families," Bumphus, a graduate of Murray State University, said. "We've heard from a number of students who were just trying to get their

lives back together."

Perry's first priority after the storm was tracking down her husband. Only recently have they even seen their home, which was badly damaged by mud; their only consolation was finding a kitten that survived.

Students who have managed to continue their coursework have often faced considerable obstacles, despite efforts by others schools to accommodate them.

Deionne Jones, four months from her nursing degree at Delgado Community College in New Orleans, scrambled to find a place to finish her credits. Each of the half-dozen campuses she called and visited was full. Finally, about to give up, she heard El Centro College in Dallas was taking Delgado nursing students. With her four sons she moved in with a brother in nearby Arlington, determined to finish even though there was no job there to support her.

"I really did it for them," she said of her children, ages 7 to

16. "Having kids, I couldn't live off of \$5.15 (an hour) for the rest of my life. If it was just me, I probably would have just sat out and waited."

Besides Delgado and Nunez, three campuses of Louisiana Technical College suffered extensive flood damage and will almost certainly be closed for at least the semester. If they do not recover quickly, it could hamper the reconstruction of the whole city, which will likely rely on the schools to retrain New Orleans residents whose former livelihoods have been destroyed.

"There are a lot of people who have not been students but may have to be students," said George Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges.

There is some good news. Community colleges have experience accommodating students who need flexible schedules and programs, and many students will probably get credit for online coursework — if they can get access to the Internet.

Video cards have come a long way, baby

In our column this week we are going to discuss video cards or graphic cards if you prefer. Basically video cards



The PC Doctor
By Lee A. Hatcher

send information from the computer to the monitor. Video cards like computers have come along way in twenty years. I remember when the number one video card was a Hercules graphics card with a resolution somewhere around 80x25. It transmitted its signal to a monochrome monitor that came in green, amber, or even black and white. The memory on the card was negligible and it fit in an ISA slot on the motherboard. Today we have cards that can reach unlimited resolutions.

Today's video cards come in many shapes and sizes as well as prices. Let's discuss a few terms first:

AGP - (also called Advanced Graphics Port) is a high-speed point-to-point channel for attaching a graphics card to a computer's motherboard, primarily, to assist in the acceleration of 3D computer graphics. These ports come in AGP 1, 2, 4, 8, 64 and PRO. AGP has become old-school now because it has reached the maximum capabilities of its type. Others take up where AGP leaves off.

PCI Express - or PCIe, (formerly known as 3GIO for 3rd Generation I/O, not to be mistaken for PCI-X) is an implementation of the PCI computer bus that uses existing PCI programming concepts, but bases it on a completely different and much faster serial physical-layer communications protocol. It comes in the 1x, 4x, 8x, and 16x versions.

Scalable Link Interface - (SLI) is a method for linking two (or possibly more) video cards together to produce a sin-

gle output. It is an application of parallel processing for computer graphics, meant to increase the processing power available for graphics. This is engineered by NVIDIA.

Crossfire - is a brand name for ATI Technologies multi-GPU solution, built on ATI's AMR technology, to compete with its rival NVIDIA's Scalable Link Interface (SLI). The technology allows a pair of graphics cards to be used in a single computer to improve graphics performance.

Now that we have covered the terms, what does it all mean to the computer user? It means that choosing a video card is as complicated as choosing a computer. Every computer bought in a computer store comes with a video card, usually the brand of card offering the best deal to the computer manufacturer at any given time. This video card may not be sufficient to meet your needs or it may not be compatible with the types of things you will be doing.

Therefore, before you buy a computer you need to decide

what you are going to be doing with your system in order to get the appropriate card.

If you are into photos, videos, and gaming you will probably want to look at buying a pair of SLI or Crossfire video cards ... yes two video cards. They can range in price from around \$100 each up to over \$599 each. The lower priced cards will probably have 128 mb of video memory and the high end cards will have 512 mb or higher on each card. It appears that the industry is heading in the direction of using two cards in one computer. But at the cost of buying two at a time it is not likely to become an everyday practice for the average computer user for a while.

What is going to be in the average computer is a PCI Express video card. They can range in memory from 128 mb to 512 mb at the present. According to several tests in numerous computer magazines, there is a difference in performance between AGP, PCI Express, SLI, and Crossfire but

not enough to warrant a change yet.

If you are going to be buying a new computer in the near future I would strongly recommend one with at least a PCI Express video card. But do your research before you buy. Be sure the video card you are buying is capable of handling whatever you will be using it for or if the system already has an appropriate video card in it. You can always upgrade your video card when buying a new system but, again, make sure the upgrade is capable of doing what you want it to and is compatible with the new system you are buying or with the system you already have.

Next week we will be wishing Microsoft Windows a Happy 20th Birthday for November. Yes, Windows actually turns 20. A special thanks this week goes out to our dog, Queenie, who helped me write the column by nosing through computer magazines on the floor for pertinent information.

Please send your questions or comments about the column

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Pictured from left to right are Jeanne Mathis, Director of Critical Care; Anne Policrasti, Associate Vice President of Support Services; Allen Peters, Vice President of Patient Care Services; Jamie Rhodes, RN; and Keith Travis, Vice President of Human Resources. Rhodes was nominated for an Above and Beyond Award through the Journey to Excellence program at MCCH.

Rhodes recognized by MCCH

Murray-Calloway County Hospital is pleased to recognize Jamie Rhodes, RN in CCU, for receiving an Above and Beyond award through the Journey to Excellence program at the hospital.

Rhodes went "above and beyond" her job duties by adopting a family with two children whose father was in the Critical Care Unit. Jamie Rhodes along with Lillian Gierhart, another RN in Critical Care, provided stuffed animals for the kids along with support to the entire family during the father's illness and with his passing.

"Jamie has a compassionate heart," said Jeanne Mathis, Director of Critical Care.

Rhodes has worked at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for eight years as a registered nurse. She is currently working on her master's degree in nursing at Murray State University and should have this completed in eight months. She is married to Jessie and has a three-year-old child, Madison.

"This is an honor and a surprise," said Rhodes.

The Journey to Excellence program at MCCH provides the opportunity for guests, patients, and employees to recognize

MCCH employees for any good deed, big or small, by completing a card describing the deed or act done. Those deeds or acts that result in positive guest relations, fulfill one or more of the hospital's values: "Moving forward with compassion, confidentiality, and honesty built upon respect and teamwork," and goes above and beyond required job duties, will be reviewed and recognized by MCCH. Cards to nominate employees for going "Above and Beyond" are available at the hospital and off-site facilities.

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