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'Mistakes have been made

Bush plan The president called for an increase of American highlights involvement in Iraq, saying the Iraqis must take a larger role in both securing and reconstructing their country.

The president also calls for the U.S. to:

- ▶ Increase force levels by 21,500 troops ▶ 10,000-12,000 troops to Baghdad
- to work with Iraqi forces 4,000 Marines to Anbar Province
- ▶ Include coalition brigade with each Iraqi army force ▶ Double U.S. civilian worker force to coordinate reconstruction efforts; add to U.S. diplomatic corps.

The Iraqi government will/must:

- oint a military commander and two deputies 18 Iraqi military brigades to work from local
- ions to win civilian trust h a police brigade in nine districts billion towards reconstruction and
 - ► Share oil revenues with Iraqi citizens ▶ Hold elections this year; reform debathification laws

Bush admits errors to nation; plans for more troops

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he erred by not ordering a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country's near-anarchy. "Where

responsibility rests with me," Bush said. The buildup puts Bush on a collision course with the new

mistakes have been made, the

Democratic Congress and pushes the American troop presence in Iraq toward its highest level. It also runs counter to widespread anti-war passions among Americans and the advice of some top generals.

In a prime-time address to the nation, Bush pushed back against the Democrats' calls to end the unpopular war. He said that "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

"If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iragis break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home,'

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Local feelings mixed on president's plan

By GREG TRAVIS Staff Writer

Local responses this morning to President Bush's troopboosting plan for Iraq were mixed.

During a Wednesday evening address to the nation, the president took responsibility for mistakes in Iraq and outlined a wide-ranging strategy to pull Iraq out of its spiral of violence, the Associated Press reported.

The key to the president's plan calls for 21,500 more U.S. troops being sent into Iraq, increasing the current presence of U.S. forces from 132,000 to 153,500. The troop surge will cost some \$5.6 billion. The highest number was 160,000 a year ago in a troop buildup for Iraqi elections, according to The Associated Press.

Customers at Sammons' Bakery gathered early for coffee and a discussion of the president's announcement - as well as some conversation about a University of Kentucky basketball

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GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times

TIME FOR A CHANGE: A crew from Hultman, Inc., of Paducah, works on the Murray State University sign adjacent to the Sid Easley Alumni Center on 12th Street. Workers endured chilly temperatures and brisk winds to update the sign. Hultman, Inc., specializes in sign work, screen printing, embroidery and ad specialties. Pictured above, Larry Savage works on the MSU logo.

Circuit clerk: S.S. card is important piece of paperwork

By TOM BERRY Staff Writer

Be sure you know where your Social Security card is and that it lists your current name because new state and federal Homeland Security rules that regulate legal licensing and identification procedures make the card more important than

Circuit Court Clerk Linda Avery says new rules passed down from homeland security officials center on the possession and accuracy of the Social Security number, name and signature. She wants everyone to be aware that the card will be required of anyone seeking IDbased certification from the clerk's office involving driver's licensing, legal name changes, getting a state ID card and more.

Avery said one of the most important rule changes concerns teens getting their driver's permit or license.

"We have to have a birth certificate and a Social Security card," Avery said. "I know a lot of times people can't locate their Social Security card, but if they know they will need it ahead of time they can get a new one before they come in."

The same requirement is in effect for women getting married or going through a divorce; as well as those seeking a stateissued identification card and do not have a driver's license.

'If you are getting married and changing your name or getting a divorce and want to use your maiden name you need to go down to the Social Security office and change your card before you come here to change your driver's license," she said.

The same rules apply elsewhere, such as at a bank. Avery cited the case of a woman who recently got married and tried unsuccessfully to open a bank account because the name she was using to open the account was not the one on her Social Security card.

Deputy Clerk Carolyn Gentry, who supervises the dri-

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Recording exec, MSU alumnus giving back with benefit concert

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Musician and recording industry executive Jerry Crutchfield wants to give back to his alma mater - and he's doing it with a little help from

With half a century worth of experience in the country music Nashville. industry in Crutchfield will return to Murray State on Jan. 31 for a concert that will benefit the scholarship fund he created at the university.

No, Crutchfield isn't performing. But some of his good friends

The concert will feature artists Lee Greenwood and Larry Stewart (former lead singer of Restless Heart), as well as singer/writer Rob

Like Crutchfield, Stewart is a Paducah native. "It's about raising money for the scholarship, but it's also going to be a really neat musical experience, sort of a tribute to Jerry because he's touched all of these people's lives," MSU Vice President for Institutional Advancement Jim Carter said in an interview with the Ledger &

Crosby and artist/actor/writer Ed Bruce.

Greenwood is most famous for "God Bless the U.S.A." while Crosby's credits include Martina McBride's "Concrete Angel," Lee Greenwood's "Hold a Good Hand," and "She's More," which was sung by Andy Griggs.

Bruce, who starred on the television series, "Maverick," has written such songs as "Mama Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys,' and the Tanya Tucker single, "Texas When I Die."

"All of the artists are extremely talented people performing credited song material," Crutchfield said in a release from the university. "I hope everyone realizes how exciting this can be.'

Carter said the concert is an approach the university hopes to cultivate by bringing more enter-

tainment acts to campus. "It's unlike anything we've attempted before," Carter said of the benefit concert. "It's right down the alley of what we want to do - an intimate, up-

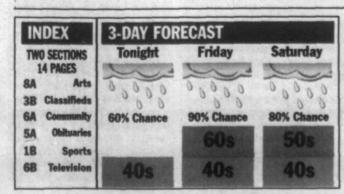
close music experience." A Paducah Tilghman High School graduate, Crutchfield graduated from MSU in 1957 after spending two years at Paducah Junior College. He's scheduled to reunite with his classmates in May when he returns to campus for the Golden

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MICHAEL DANN / Ledger & Times

CCHS BASKETBALL HOMECOMING QUEEN COURT: Six Calloway County High School girls are vying for Homecoming queen honors. From left, Julie Gingles, Haley White, Keela Evans, Alley Hendon, Kayla Simmons and Beth Ross will take part in Homecoming festivites Friday night at Jeffrey Gymnaisum. The crowning will be between the boys' and girls' games with Murray High. The Lakers and Tigers will play at 6 p.m., followed by the Lady Lakers and Lady Tigers.









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Correction

In a photo in Wednesday's Ledger, the positions of the county judge-executive and Murray mayor were incorrectly switched in the cutline. The last sentence of the cutline should have read: "Rouse was honored for her work in the community with United Way and other local charities." An editor erred.

The Murray Ledger & Times strives to ensure accurate and fair reporting; however mistakes occasionally occur. It is the Ledger's policy to correct errors. To report a news mistake or error, please call 753-1916.

Town Crier

NOTICE

■ The Calloway County Board of Education will meet in regular session tonight at 6 at the board office. Items includethe election of a chair and vice-chair for the board, a special meeting of the school district's financial corporation, reports on the 2005-06 district report card, achievement gap targets for 2007-08, and the comprehensive district improvement plan relative to the technology program. An executive session for possible litigation is also listed on the agenda.

■ The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 tonight at The hall. agenda Solid Waste includes Management Coordinator Rita Burton; the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Murray-Calloway County Hospital; the second reading of ordinances related to the annexation and zoning of land on King Richard Drive and Gibbs Store Road; resolutions related to grants for the Murray-Calloway County Parks; and municipal orders related to appointments.

The Murray Board of Independent Education is scheduled to meet at 7tonight in the central office board room of the Administration Carter Building on South 13th Street. On the agenda for the meeting is the swearing in of new board members, consideration of the district's food service no-charge policy and special reports from department heads and principals. The meeting will be preceded by a public forum concerning the district's nutrition and physical activity report at 6:30 p.m. and the annual meeting of the MISD Finance Corporation at 6:45 p.m.

■ The Calloway County Courthouse will be closed Monday to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

■ The Murray-Calloway County Park Board will meet Monday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. It has been rescheduled from Jan. 15 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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



Sheriff'sLogs

Marshall County Sheriff's Department

 Shane G. Harper, 21, of Murray, was arrested on drug charges after Deputy Steven Oakley conducted a traffic stop on Ky. 80 on Dec. 29. Oakley observed Harper driving 81 mph on Ky. 80. After the speeding citation was issued, Oakley found items that resulted in additional charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was lodged in Marshall County Detention

Micah D. Puckett, 23, of Benton, and Sue Gail Puckett, 48, of Hardin, were arrested after leaving the scene of a crash on Purchase Parkway on Dec. 30. Deputy Robert Johnson was dispatched to investigate the crash near Benton, but upon arrival the driver had left the scene. After the vehicle involved in the crash was reported stolen a short time later, Johnson began a criminal investigation, leading to the arrests. Micah Puckett was charged with failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, leaving the scene of an accident and criminal solicitation while Sue Gail Puckett was charged with falsely reporting an incident and criminal conspiracy. The charges resulted from Johnson learning that the vehicle was not stolen but had been reported stolen because of the lack of insurance in effect when the crash happened.

 Deputy Don Tidwell investigated the theft of a motorcycle from Jackson Street in Hardin after Tim R. Kincaid, 43, reported it missing Jan. 5. The Suzuki 650 valued at \$800 was not running and had to have been pushed or moved on a vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

· Stephen D. Driver, 41, of Hardin, was arrested for attempted murder for allegedly choking the victim with his belt after Deputy Dan Melone was dispatched to Unity Church Road at 12:435 p.m. Sunday in reference to a disturbance at a home. He was lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center.

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

Local feelings ...

From Front

game from last evening.

"I would agree with his call for more troops. I still feel loyal to the president and I trust him to do whatever is best for our country," commented Joshua Stewart of Murray. "I'm sure there will be some rebuke from troop families and others, but this needs to be done. We don't need to settle for a loss in Iraq."

Dr. Ray Moore, a retired Murray State University professor, noted, "At this point, 1 would favor the move. I hate the deaths that are occurring, but if we pull out now we'll never see Iraq stabilized."

"I don't see that he had much of a choice the way things are going," added retired Murray State University professor Dr. Durwood Beatty.

"I think he's all wet. We didn't have any business over there to start with. I'm against it," said Murrayan Robert Farley.

Claude Wells of Murray

remarked that he didn't think "one more wrong was going to make a right."

"I have mixed emotions about this," commented Gracie Holland of Murray. "I think it's time to come home, but if it means our safety we need to stay. I have confidence in the president's decision."

Joe Dick of Murray stated, "I support the president. If Iraq is left alone and the Iranians and Syrians come in that would be disastrous. But I would support playing our game rather than their game."

"I agree with the president. We've got to get the job done. I went through Vietnam," added Larry Simmons of New Concord, who is retired from the U.S. Army.

Meanwhile, Charles Harpole of Mayfield said the troop increase was a bad idea. "I think it's time to pull our troops out of Iraq. This doesn't seem to be our war. We need to be worrying more now about Bin Laden."

I think it's time to come home, but if it means our safety we need to stay. I have confidence in the president's decision.

- Gracie Holland

We've got enough people over there," Calvin Latimer of Murray said. "They need to start helping themselves. They need to see after their own country. It's just a shame. We're not getting any breaks on the price of oil for our help. Those people have billions of dollars to help themselves. They could hire security forces with their money. It's a useless battle."

While Congress assessed his plan, Bush was to visit Fort Benning, Ga., today in an effort to sell his new strategy to the public in the face of mounting opposition to the war, the Associated Press reported.

'Mistakes have' ...

From Front

Bush said. But he braced Americans to expect more U.S. casualties for now and did not specify how long the additional troops would stay.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq's committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad's neighborhoods and taking the lead in military operations.

Even before Bush's address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress emphasized their opposition to a buildup. "This is the third time we are going down this path. Two times this has not worked," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after meeting with the president. "Why are they doing this now? That question remains.'

There was criticism from Republicans, as well. "This is a dangerously wrongheaded strategy that will drive America deeper into an unwinnable swamp at a great cost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., a Vietnam veteran and potential GOP presidential candidate.

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps Bush's last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than \$400 billion.

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, the measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either bucking the president or supporting an esca-

Usually loath to admit error, Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government, which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-

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Iraqis watch US President George W. Bush in a televised address to the United States, in Basra, Iraq, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad. President George W. Bush said Wednesday he will send 21,500 additional U.S. troops to Iraq to quell its near-anarchy and for the first time acknowledged he had erred by failing to order a military buildup last year.

Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had assured him that from now on, "political or sectarian interference will not be

As Bush spoke for 20 mines from the unusual setting of the White House library, the sounds of protesters amassed outside the compound's gates occasionally filtered through.

Bush's approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki's willingness — and ability — to deliver on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disband Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle security operations in Baghdad.

"Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents," the president said.

"And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan "to ensure that it addressed these mistakes.

With Americans overwhelmingly unhappy with his Iraq strategy, Bush said it was a legitimate question to ask why this strategy to secure Baghdad will succeed where other operations failed. "This time we will have the force levels we need to hold the areas that have been cleared," the president said.

While Bush put the onus on the Iraqis to meet their responsibilities and commit more troops, he did not threaten specific consequences if they do not. Iraq has missed previous selfimposed timetables for taking over security responsibilities.

Bush, however, cited the government's latest optimistic estimate. "To establish its authority, the Iraqi government plans to take responsibility for security in all of Iraq's provinces by November," the president said.

Still, Bush said that "America's commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people and it will lose the support of the Iraqi people. Now is the time to

Resisting calls for troop reductions, Bush said that "failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States. ... A democratic Iraq will not be perfect. But it will be a country that fights terrorists instead of harboring them."

But Bush warned that the strategy would, in a short term he did not define, bring more violence rather than less.

"Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue, and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties," he said. "The question is whether our new strategy will bring us closer to success. I believe that

Bush's warning was echoed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading proponent of a troop increase. "Is it going to be a strain on the military? Absolutely. Casualties are going to go up," the senator said.

Bush said he considered calls from Democrats and some Republicans to pull back American forces. He concluded it would devastate Iraq and "result in our troops being forced to stay even longer."

But he offered a concession to Congress - the establishment of a bipartisan working group to formalize regular consultations on Iraq. He said he was open to future exchanges and better ideas.

Bush's strategy ignored key recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, which in December called for a new diplomatic offensive and an outreach to Syria and Iran. Instead, he accused both countries of aiding terrorists and insurgents in Iraq. "We will disrupt the attacks on our forces," Bush said. "We will interrupt the flow of support from Iran and Syria."

The troop buildup comes two months after elections that were widely seen as a call for the withdrawal of some or all U.S. forces from Iraq.

Polling by AP-Ipsos in December found that only 27 percent of Americans approved of Bush's handling of Iraq, his lowest rating yet.

The president's address is the centerpiece of an aggressive public relations campaign that also includes detailed briefings for lawmakers and a series of appearances by Bush starting with a trip Thursday to Fort Benning, Ga. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice heads to the Mideast a day after appearing Thursday with Defense Secretary Robert Gates at hearings on Iraq convened by the Democrats.

Bush's blueprint would boost the number of U.S. troops in Iraq - now at 132,000 -153,500 at a cost of \$5.6 billion.

More troops, more money

The war in Iraq has cost about \$400 billion. President Bush is expected to send 21,500 more U.S. soldiers to Iraq at a cost of \$5.6 billion this year.

Cost of Iraqi war, in billions

\$400 billion Supplemental funds for 2007 for more troops U.S. economic commitment to

stability and reconstruction in Iraq

\$414 million to help coordinate local reconstruction projects

\$400 million in quick-response funds for

teams to do local reconstruction and rebuilding projects \$350 million for field commanders to

quickly improve the daily

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SOURCES: The White House The Brookings Institution; Congr

The highest number was 160,000 a year ago in a troop buildup for Iraqi elections

The latest increase calls for sending 17,500 U.S. combat troops to Baghdad. The first of five brigades will arrive by next Monday. The next would arrive by Feb. 15 and the reminder would come in 30-day increments.

Bush also committed 4,000 more Marines to Anbar Province, a base of the Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida

Bush's plan mirrored earlier moves attempting to give Iraqi forces a bigger security role. The chief difference appeared to be a recognition that the Iraqis need more time to take on the full security burden.

Another difference involves doubling the number of U.S. civilian workers who help coordinate local reconstruction projects. These State Departmentled units - dubbed Provincial Reconstruction Teams - are to focus on projects both inside and outside the heavily guarded Green Zone, and some will be merged into combat brigades.

The portion of Bush's plan intended to boost economic aid and job creation was given a price tag of just over \$1 billion.

Several Republican senators are candidates for backing the resolution against a troop increase. Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Gordon Smith of Oregor and Norm Coleman of Minnesota said they oppose sending more

Republican Sens. George Voinovich of Ohio and John Warner of Virginia also might be persuaded. Warner said he supports the Iraq Study Group recommendations, which. strongly cautioned against an increase in troops unless advocated by military commanders.

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Kentucky Republicans generally back Bush's Iraq plan

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) -Republicans in Kentucky's congressional delegation generally supported President Bush's plan to dispatch an additional 21,500 U.S. troops to try to quell unending violence in Iraq.

Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate's top GOP leader, said a quick withdrawal of American forces would guarantee "a strategic failure" in Iraq and across the region.

"The president should be commended for adapting to the

reality on the ground in Iraq, and although the new plan is not without risk, it provides the best chance for helping the Iraqi people form a country that can defend itself and is an ally in the war on terror," McConnell said in a statement.

Bush spoke to the nation in a prime-time address Wednesday night to promote his new strategy in the Iraq war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 U.S. troops.

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield said he was "inclined" to support the troop surge, but said it must be accompanied by a stepped up role by the Iraqi military in trying to end the bloodshed

"I believe the additional troops will perform a significant role in supporting the Iraqis' efforts to stabilize their counsaid Whitfield, a Republican who represents Kentucky's 1st District, which includes the Fort Campbell Army post. "With this surge in U.S. troops, I do expect to see a noticeable increase in the level of Iraqi soldier involvement."

Whitfield said U.S. leaders should "vigilantly observe" the role of the Iraqi military.

'If we do not see an increase in activity by the Iraqi military, as promised, then we must reconsider the commitment of the Iraqi leaders to stabilize their country and ultimately our commitment in respect to troop strength," he said in a statement.

Whitfield said the troop surge should coincide with U.S. efforts to improve relations with Syria and Iran to help end the sectarian violence plaguing Iraq.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, a Republican representing Kentucky's 5th District, said if the "short-term" troop boost gives Iraqis more time to stop the violence, then "we have to

"We don't have much choice," Rogers said. "The stakes for America are too great. The Iraqis must know they are responsible for their own security, and now is the time. I am anxious for the return of America's sons and daughters to our shores."

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning said he wasn't sure the troop surge was necessary.

"I would rather see us main tain our current level and get them out of harm's way and put the Iraqi security force in harm's way," Bunning, a Republican, said the day before Bush's speech. "I would like to see us not leave Iraq, but move some of our troop deployment to different places in Iraq."

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Anniversary Class of 1957 reunion. During that reunion, a collection of Crutchfield's memorabilia - including photos, correspondence and awards - will be unveiled as part of a permanent exhibit at Wrather

Crutchfield may be starting a trend on MSU's campus.

"Our concept is for this not to just be Jerry's room, but for it to be a collection of music memorabilia related to Murray,"

After graduating from MSU, Crutchfield followed his passion to Nashville, giving up his job as general manager at WCBL. He took with him tapes he had recorded at station, where he worked while he attended Murray State.

A budding singer/songwriter, RCA offered him a job. Since then, more than 150 of his songs have been recorded - some even by big names such as Elvis Presley, Eddy Arnold, Tanya Tucker, Tammy Wynette, Charley Pride and Lee Greenwood.

Crutchfield's work in the studio as a musician led to him eventually becoming president of MCA Music Publishing, a company with which he had a 30-year association that allowed him to continue writing songs will working as a full-time record producer, and a four-year stint as executive vice president/general manager of Capitol Records.

"The requirements have changed quite a bit in the music industry from when I started," Crutchfield said in the release. "The companies develop artists they feel society at large will embrace and support. That leaves many talented people on the sidelines and they are not getting the consideration they deserve.

In 1996, Crutchfield left MCA and currently serves as president of Crutchfield Music Publishing/Glitterfish Music, which



Jerry Crutchfield

is located on Nashville's Music Row and maintains a catalogue of new and previously recorded songs that he focuses on devel-

"Jerry has had a stellar career in the music business and certainly made his mark in Nashville. He has always been gracious to remember his days at Murray State and again is demonstrating his loyalty by donating his memorabilia and assisting us with the concert," Carter said in a release from the university. "It's a testament to Jerry and his impact on these acclaimed performers that they have given their time to present this music experience."

Tickets to the benefit concert featuring Lee Greenwood and Larry Stewart of Restless Heart are \$20 each. Proceeds go the Jerry D. Crutchfield Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1987. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office in the Regional Special Events Center or through Ticketmaster at 877-894-4474 or www.ticketmaster.com. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in Lovett Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

KentuckyInBrief

Complaint against Mongiardo dismissed

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo has been cleared of an ethics violation complaint, but the order dismissing the complaint chastised him for not researching ethics laws before associating himself with a political action committee.

The Legislative Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint Wednesday. The complaint had been filed by the Kentucky Republican Party.

Commission Chairman George Troutman said in a four-page dismissal order that "the evidence does not establish by clear and convincing proof that Senator Mongiardo intended to, or did, use his official position to secure or create privileges or advantages for himself or others by organizing, forming or registering a permanent committee.

Mongiardo, D-Hazard, is the running mate of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear.

The commission found "probable cause" in December to further investigate allegations that Mongiardo violated the law by associating himself with the independent fund-raising committee.

"I respect the professional manner in which the commission and its staff conducted their inquiry and am pleased that I can now focus once again on helping to address the challenges confronting our Commonwealth," Mongiardo said in a statement. His lawyer, Jeff Morgan of Hazard, released the opinion Wednesday night.

The commission found that Mongiardo willingly agreed to serve as an adviser for the Democratic Activist Political Action Committee and even received DANPAC business cards that included his name. "The cards were never used by the senator and were thrown away by him," according to the order.

The commission's order questioned the soundness of Mongiardo's decision to associate with a fundraising committee without first researching the law.

"Although aware that his involvement with DANPAC might raise legal problems, he apparently made no effort explore exactly what those might be with any appropriate agency," said the order. "Instead he relied, at least initially, on the advice of someone whose knowledge of Kentucky election law appears to have been somewhat short of adequate.

"Looking into the law before leaping into involvement of any kind with a permanent committee would have been a better course to follow and likely would have rendered this proceeding unnecessary as well as sparing the Senator unwanted publicity," the order

State legislative ethics laws forbid lawmakers from forming "a permanent committee" other than their own election campaign fund panels. Had the commission found that Mongiardo knowingly violated the law, he could have been prosecuted for violation of a Class D felony.

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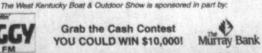
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Legislative Update By Rep. Melvin Henley

and preparations were made to reconvene on Feb. R-Murray

After attending a couple of days of briefings on ethics and legislative issues, the House received reports from chairpersons of all the interim joint committees that research legislation between sessions.

During legislative sessions, House and Senate members who have served together on interim joint committees are separated into chamber-specific committees. It is these committees that will take up legislation for consideration in February during the second part of the session.

More than 200 bills were filed in the first week alone. The legislative committees will meet to debate the merits of these measures and hear testimony from bill sponsors, industry experts and constituents with interest

in specific topics. I am honored to be serving on the Transportation, Economic Development, Elections. Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs committees. I look forward to working with my fellow members to pass legislation that will make life better for all Kentuckians.

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assignments will not only help all Kentuckians, but more importantly the people of Calloway and Trigg coun-

Education, health care, public safety and the financial well-being of Kentuckmakers face routinely each better school accountability, illegal immigration, the cost of prescription drugs, more and other items of legisla-

very different ideas on how with issues at hand. It will legislative process develops over the next three months and what consensus, if any, ic issues before the session ends in March.

by e-mail at

melvin.henley@lrc.ky.gov. You can also contact me by phone message. The General Assembly offers several tollfree line to help you keep up with the session. A taped message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650. Information on the status of each bill lawmakers consider will be available on the Bill Status Line, 1-877-765-0447.

Those with hearing net access, you can keep track through the Kentucky Legislature home page at http://www.lrc.state.ky.us.

http://melvinhenley.com as well as send out updates on legislative matters by e-mail.

ians are challenges state lawsession. This session will be no exception. Issues that are expected to be faced include protection for social workers

Because Kentuckians have to address issues, it is often hard for lawmakers to reach a consensus on bills dealing be interesting to see how the is reached on various specif-

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WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush's announcement that he is sending more troops to Iraq sets up the first major test of wills between his Republican administration and the new Democratic-controlled Congress. Both sides are digging

The political stakes raised by Bush's prime-time television address were high on both sides.

Democrats, who came to power in midterm elections two months ago in large part because of growing public opposition to the war, must walk a fine line between criticizing Bush's plans and appearing to be obstructionists or undermining the mili-

And they presently rule Congress with insufficient numbers to block Bush's

For Bush, the decision to send more troops to Iraq rather than begin a withdrawal of combat forces as recommended last month by the bipartisan Iraq Study Group - is a huge gamble

If it fails, he will have few if any options left.

Defying public opinion polls and the newly empowered Democratic leadership, Bush on Wednesday moved to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq while saying it was a mistake not to have had more forces there previ-

He recognized the risks ahead. "Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties," Bush said in Wednesday's address to the nation. But, he added, to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart, and result in mass killings on an unimaginable

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Washington Today By Tom Raum Associated

Press Writer

measure opposing any increase in troops

"American voters expect us to help get us out of Iraq," said Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and a 2008 presidential hopeful.

Congress voted in October 2002 by wide margins to authorize Bush to take military action in Iraq. That authority stands.

Since they now run Congress, even though by thin majorities, Democrats also now share with the president some responsibility over the unpopular war.

Despite their vows to carefully scrutinize Bush's troop increase, their nearterm options are limited.

While it's true that Con-gress controls the government's purse strings, politi-cally about the most it can do is hold hearings and pass symbolic resolutions.

If, even if with the help of some Republicans, Congress is able to pass legislation, such as that proposed this week by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., to require Bush to get congressional approval before sending more troops to Iraq, Bush will surely veto it.

And, given the slim mar-

gin of Democratic control, such a veto would almost certainly be sustained.

"The Democrats may control Congress but they can't block the president this time without potentially being accused of losing the war. I think an awful lot of this is staging for the next time,' the 2008 presidential and congressional elections, said Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

For Bush, many dangers lurk in the new plan.

The new troops might not be enough to stabilize the country. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki might not rise to Bush's challenge to do more in controlling sectarian violence and shutting down private militias. The new U.S. troops could present more targets to militants.

"We have to succeed. We must succeed. The consequences of failure are cata-strophic in the region," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has long advocated more troops.

Furthermore, Bush risks losing more and more Republican support, which in turn would hasten his lameduck status. Next week's votes are, in part, a strategy to divide Republicans by forcing them to take a public stand on the war.

"At this point, the battle lines have been drawn pretty deeply. And the concrete is setting," said Stephen Wayne, a professor of government at Georgetown University. "I regard this as a last gasp for the president to try to get a successful resolution of the Iraq quagmire."

Both parties are divided on what to do next.

More and more Republicans are trying to distance themselves from Bush and the war.

And Democrats are divided on how far to go in fighting Bush's plan or in pressing for troop with-drawals, even as the party's liberal base pressures them to do more to bring troops home.

"If the question is whether Congress would cut off funds, the answer is no. But you had an election in November that was widely interpreted as a rejection of the president's war policy,' said John Isaacs, president of the Council for a Livable World, an arms control advocacy group.

"While Americans are not sure about how to get out, and only a small proportion back immediate withdrawal, they certainly aren't inclined to support a new increase, an escalation," said Isaacs.

Before his speech, Bush personally briefed both Democratic and Republican leaders on details of his plan. The leaders emerged in agreement on just one thing that Americans are understandably skeptical and that the war so far has gone badly.

Then, they respectively sounded what are sure to be battle themes for the coming days.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi renewed their opposition to additional troops. But, said Reid, "We as senators have had no ability to have any input in the president's position on this.'

House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the plan might be distasteful to some but he called it "our best shot at victory in Iraq."

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



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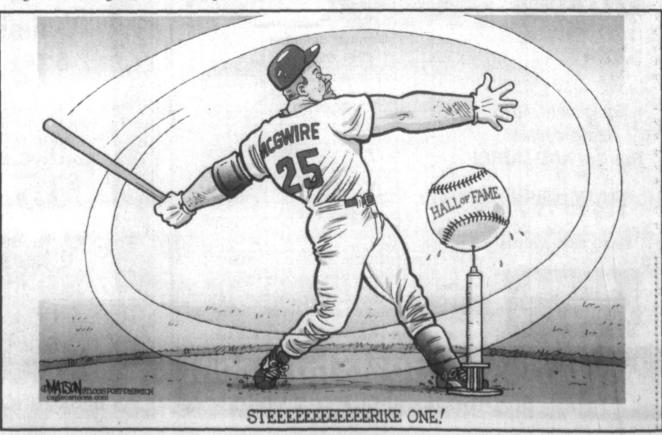
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Obituaries



Joe D. Geurin

Joe D. Geurin, 59, Carty Road, Murray, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at 11:25 a.m. at Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah.

His death followed an extended illness. He was born Jan. 1, 1948. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of

arrangements.

Geurin

Mrs. Lorraine Emily Glisson

Mrs. Lorraine Emily Glisson, 79, Penny Road, Hardin, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at 6:10 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County

A homemaker, she was a member of a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan.

She was the daughter of the late Wilford Fournier and Mary St. Thomas Fournier. Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Charles, Larry, Stanley and Jim Fournier.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Glisson, Hardin; one sister, Mrs. Shirley Ion, Dearborn Heights, Mich.; one brother, Gilbert Fournier, Lakeland, Fla.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. Bro. Alan Trull will officiate. Burial will follow in the Marshall County Memory Gardens.

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

Davey L. Merrell

Burial rites for Davey L. Merrell were in Midlothian, Texas, Wednesday. Midlothian Funeral Home, Midlothian, Texas, was in charge of arrangements.

Cards may be sent to the family at 2340 Mockingbird Lane, Midlothian, Texas, 76065.

Mr. Merrell, 56, Midlothian, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Baylor Medical Center, Waxahachie, Texas.

A 1968 graduate of Calloway County (Ky.) High School, he retired after 30 years of service with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He was born Nov. 1, 1950, in Puryear, Tenn. His mother, Hyburnia Merrell, and a nephew, Danny M. Merrell Jr., both preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Maddox Merrell, to whom he had been married for 37 years; two daughters, Mrs. Kelly Schmidt and husband, Vance, and Mrs. April Cornett and husband, Brandy, one son, Daniel Merrell and wife, Sarah, three brothers, Danny Merrell and wife, Sherrin, Dennis Merrell and wife, Tori, and Joseph Merrell and wife, Chaundra, all of Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Melanie Swaringen and husband, James, Texas, and Mrs. Debra Paschall and husband, Danny W., Kirksey, Ky.; his father, Dan J. Merrell and wife, Jo, Texas; six grandchildren, Travis and Karlee Schmidt, Mallory, Madison and Montgomery Cornett and Shawn Merrell.

Mrs. Novena Harney

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Mrs. Novena Harney, 89, Dayton, Ohio, former resident of Star Lime Works, Ky., located in the north area of the Land Between the Lakes, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007 at the Hospice of Dayton.

She was a long-time member of Pisgah United Methodist Church of Grand Rivers, Ky., but attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Dayton. She retired from Inland Manufacturing after 29 years of

Preceding her in death were her husband, Elmer B. Harney, four sisters and four brothers. Born July 15, 1917, in Lyon County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Hampton and Marbeth Fulks.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Wanda Grooms and husband, Norm, Union, Ohio; three nieces; one nephew, three great-nieces; one great-nephew; and several cousins, some of whom are residing in Calloway County.

A celebration of her life will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, Dayton. Rev. Stan Ward and Rev. Stephen Grooms will officiate. A private burial service will be at Forest Hills Cemetery with Baker-Hazel & Snider Funeral Home and Crematory

Visitation will be at the church after 6 p.m. Friday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Pisgah United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 296, Grand Rivers, Ky., 42045; Billy Graham Crusade or First Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences for the family may be sent to baker-hazelsnider.com.

Northup's former top aid says he expects her to run for Ky. governor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) Anne Northup's former top aide said Thursday that the former Republican congresswoman "is on the verge" of announcing her bid to challenge Gov. Ernie Fletcher in the spring GOP pri-

Terry Carmack, Northup's chief of staff during her 10-year congressional career, said Northup is hearing from Republicans across the state who are asking her to run because they think Fletcher cannot win re-election.

"Because of strong encouragement from around the state, Anne Northup is on the verge of announcing her candidacy for governor," Carmack told The Associated Press. "I fully expect that she will run."

Carmack said he expected Northup to make an announcement sometime next week.

Northup, known as a prolific



Ann Northup

fundraiser and tenacious campaigner, was defeated by Democrat John Yarmuth in the November election in Kentucky's 3rd District. Northup was a state representative for nine years before her election to Congress in the Louisville-area district.



Soldier intends to plead guilty to murder charges

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) - A 101st Airborne Division soldier was expected to lead guilty today to murder charges for the deaths in Iraq of three detainees as part of an agreement with prosecutors, his attorney

Spc. William B. Hunsaker, 24, intends to plead guilty to charges of murder, attempted murder and obstruction of justice during a hearing at Fort Campbell, his civilian attor-Michael Waddington, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"He's looking forward to getting back

with his family as soon as possible and get-ting on with his life," Waddington said.

Hunsaker is one of four soldiers charged in the killings that followed a raid last year on a suspected al-Qaida stronghold near Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad.

The soldiers originally told investigators they shot detainees because they were attempting to flee their custody and that the killings followed the missions' rules of engagement to kill all military-aged males.

Waddington, who would not discuss

details of the plea agreement, said it appears

the orders did not include the killing of detainees. It was a breakdown in com cation, he said.

"One guy heard one thing, and another uy heard something else," Waddington ud. "At the lowest level, the guys doing the shooting were told everybody there was al-Qaida and they were going to be shot.

The detainees were thought to be Iraqis, but evidence now suggests they were fighters from neighboring countries such as Syria and Iran, Waddington said.

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ver's licensing office, said that for women who want to change back to their maiden name following a divorce, the same rules apply plus "I have to have a judge's order that says she can go back to that maiden name."

Avery said many people that come into the office seeking identification-related licensing are not aware of the new rules which are designed to protect the legal identity of the individ-

"They come in and we have to send them away, but it all helps to protect their identity,"

Those who lose their driver's license due to accident, theft or other misfortune will also be required to produce a Social Security card to obtain a new one. "If they show us their card we can then verify who they are. Then we can find their license and give them a duplicate," Avery said.

Gentry pointed out that people should not laminate their Social Security card. "We're not supposed to take them because there are security features on them and when that's laminated you can't see it," she said.

Social Security cards are more important for identification purposes than ever before and people need to safeguard both their number and the card, according to Avery.

"In my years of growing up with Social Security, we almost never used it and that's why I think this is important. A Social Security card is an essential element for you to get a driver's license and just about any other kind of ID," she said. "I had to have a Social Security card to get on the payroll with the AOC (Administrative Office of the Court). They would not take just my number. They had to have my card.

"So people need to know that their Social Security card is important. They need to know where it is and they need to keep it secure.'

In a related matter, Avery said she wants parents to be aware that all minors will be issued a driver's permit under state graduated-licensing rules

'They'll get their permit just like they always have and then will come back and do the road



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Circuit Court Clerk Linda Avery, foreground, helps Frosty Reynolds, behind counter at left, with the paperwork to get her first driver's license Wednesday afternoon as her husband looks on. Avery wants the public to know that possession of an accurate Social Security card is more important than ever in obtaining legal identification and licensing.

test," she said. "But then they will have restrictions on that for about six months.

"It's a very good idea," Avery added. "They get their permit and they and they can drive, but it provides an extra six months of parental supervision."

Some of the restrictions for 16- and 17-year-old drivers include passing a driving skills test within 180 days of receiving a permit; a parent or a guardian must be financially responsible for the minor's liability until they turn 18 years of age; an "intermediate" sticker must be placed on the permit by a Kentucky State Police examiner; those with driving permits may not drive under any condition between midnight and 6 a.m.; only one non-relative under age 20 is allowed to be in the car when the teen is driving; the driver must not accrue any moving violations during the probationary period; and anyone under 21 years of age must maintain a blood-alcohol level at or below 0.02.

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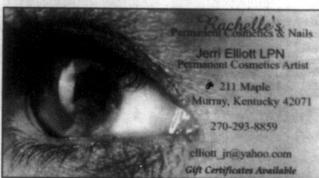
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"The restrictions are a great idea and it's something that I had already put on my girls because I've read too much about carloads of young people getting into accidents ... fatal accidents," she said, referring to restrictions on the number of non-related passenger in a car operated by a teen with a driver's permit.

Driver's permit applicants must also be accompanied by a parent along with the necessary paper work. If accompanied by a legal guardian and not a parent, paperwork from a judge is required as proof of legal over-

Licensing tests are given on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 to 10:30 a.m.





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Additional aquatics classes to be held at Center for Health & Wellness

Special to the Ledger

Because of such high demand, the Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer additional parent and child aquatics classes at the Center for Health & Wellness at Murray-Calloway County Hospital during the month of January.

The Red Cross is well known for its aquatics programs because they provide comprehensive training teaching people how to swim and to help them be safe in, on or around water. There are swimming courses for all ages and abilities with the goal of helping everyone enjoy the water in a safe environment.

The Calloway County Chapter will offer two parent and child classes beginning Jan. 29. These classes will run Monday through Friday during that

This is for children from 6 months to 5 years old and will be offered from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8 p.m. The cost for the class is \$30. There are no skill prerequisites, but the ray-ky.net.

parent or other caregiver must accompany each child into the water and participate in each

Those that take the class will learn how to: increase knowledge of water safety and practices; provide an opportunity for water adjustment and swimming readiness skills; use play as a basic form of learning and provide fun and enjoyment in the water; encourage participant socialization; and provide parental involvement in the learning process and reinforce the parent or caregiver's role in the child's learn-

Pre-registration is required for these classes and class space is limited. To register, stop by the Red Cross office in the George Weaks Center between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. Registration deadline is one week prior to the start of the class.

For more information, call the office at 753-1421 or email callowayredcross@mur-

New Beginnings group hears Erickson speak

The New Beginnings Support Group recently met at Westside Baptist Church with Media Erickson as the featured speaker. Erickson shared a song, then spoke on the subject of "The Radiating Joy of Complete Freedom in Christ."

She lives in Murray with her husband, Scott, and their two daughters.

Erickson is employed by Heskett Chiropractic and is an active member of First Baptist Church.

New Beginnings Support Group is an arm of Westside Jail/Prison Ministry and is aimed toward helping people who have been in prison, or have a friend or relative there.

The meetings are bimonthly. The next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church. The



Media Erickson

public is invited. For more information call Ron and Linda Wright at 753-0156





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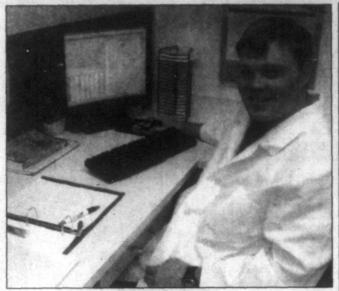
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Brent Anderson

Anderson graduates from Vanderbilt University

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -Brent Anderson of Murray, received his master of science in laboratory investigation in ceremonies at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine for the class of 2006.

His thesis title was "A detailed examination of the genes in the serotonin system in autism."

Anderson said "Our primary research interest is the localization and identification of genes involved in human disease. For many diseases, this is a necessary first step in dissecting the etiology and physiology of the disease process, while for others it serves to demonstrate that genes are in fact important in the disease process. To achieve our goals we use a combination of techniques adopted from the fields of molecular biology, genetics, computer science and epidemiology. We integrate a number of molecular, statistical and computational methods including genetic linkage, allelic association, gene structure and variation, computer simulation, bioinformatics, and parametric and non-parametric statistical analysis.

Ray Mernaugh Ph.D., professor of cancer biology, medicine and cell development biology program, gave the keynote address, and along with Ann Richmond Ph.D., announced the names of the 17 graduates.

Anderson is employed as lab manager of the Vanderbilt University Lab of Disease Gene Discovery.

He received his bachelor of science in biology with a minor in chemistry in 2001 from Lipscomb University, Nashville.

Parents of Anderson are Vernon and Brenda Anderson of

Pritchett will receive Eagle Scout pin in court of honor

Luke Pritchett of Dexter will receive the Eagle Scout pin in a court of honor ceremony on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Dexter Baptist Church.

The ceremony will be conducted by Boy Scout Troop

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Eagle candidates must earn 21 merit badges and complete community service project.

Pritchett earned 34 merit badges under the direction of Scoutmaster Larry Painter.

He completed his Eagle proj ect at First Christian Church, sponsor of the troop. With the help of fellow troop members and other volunteers, he completed several landscaping proj-

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Luke Pritchett

fellow scouts into the Order of the Arrow of which he has obtained the rank of Brother-

Pritchett, 18, is a senior at Murray High School. He is the son of Tim and Alexia Pritchett of Dexter and the grandson of James and June Pritchett of Dexter and the late Fran and Ruth Harrington.

Horrobin wins second in contest

Alexandra D. Horrobin, a senior at Murray High School, took second place in the annual Fleet Reserve Association 2006 Essay Contest. Horrobin finished between

Jessica Thompson, a senior at St. Mary High School in Paducah, and Caitlin Jones, a senior at Trigg County High

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District study will be held at First United Methodist Church



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are invited. Football banquet Saturday

United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Murray will host

the mission study, "India and Pakistan,"

on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the social hall

The Victor Raj family will be the guest speakers. This will be for United Methodist

women of the churches in the Paris, Tenn.,

A soup and sandwich luncheon will be served. All Methodist women in the area

of the church at 503 Maple St.

and Dyersburg, Tenn., districts.

The banquet to honor the 2006 football be Saturday at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Murray State University Curris Center.

Russell Chapel plans promotion

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

Mother to Mother Group to meet

Mother to Mother, a support group for breastfeeding moms, is scheduled to meet Saturday at 10:45 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Featured will be refreshments and door prizes. Pregnant moms, dads and older children are welcome. For more information call Heather Duffy at 436-5657.

Reformers Unanimous to meet

Reformers Unanimous, a Christ-centered addictions program, meets each Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. For information or for a ride call 753-1834.

Glory Bound Entertainment Friday

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry will have its: weekly event on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Goshen United Methodist Church, located at 4726 Ky. 121 North at Stella. Featured this week will be Tarnished Gold, Set Free and Amanda Groves. There is no admission charge, but items for Need Line will be accepted. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Patrick Lea at 761-2666.

Angel Alert issued by center

An Angel Alert has been issued for a futon or twin or full size bed and mattress for a grandmother of two grandchildren has been issued by the Calloway County Family Resource Center. Any person having any of these to donate call the center at 762-7333.

Genealogical Society will meet
Calloway County Genealogical Society will meet Saturday
at 11 a.m. at Garden Gate Cafe, Ky. Hwy. 94 East, Murray.

Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off tonight

Girl Scout Cookie Kick-Off will be tonight at 6:30 at the Murray State University Curris Center Ballroom, For more information contact Cheryl Hicks at 753-6016 or Kandee Hous-

Relay for Life team plans promotion

Relay for Life team of McKinney Insurance will have a rebate day today at Mugsy's Hideout, 410 Main St., Murray, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and osteoporosis screenings today from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Lowe's in Murray.

Make A Difference Day planned
The Resource Centers of Murray and Calloway County will

host the 59th Make A Difference Day on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Murray State University Stewart Stadium. Items to be recycled are paper and cardboard (please box, bundle or bag); aluminum cans; eyeglasses; tin cans; plastic and glass; used motor oil; ink jet cartridges; cell phones; used clothing; old computers but there is a limit of two computers per carload. For more information call Rita Burton at 759-

Post 6291 to meet tonight

Post 6291 of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Murray is scheduled to meet tonight at 7 at the headquarters of Murray State University Reserve Office Training Corps inside the Trio complex of the campus off North 16th Street. For information contact David Foley at 753-5822.

Lodge 592 will meet tonight

Woodmen of the World Lodge 592 will meet tonight at 6, at Ryan's Family Steakhouse.

Athletic Hall of Fame banquet planned
The Murray State University Athletic Hall of Fame banquet

will be Friday, Jan. 19. The reservation deadline is Monday, Being inducted this year are Dennis Jackson, football and track, (1960-1964); Gary Stephens, rifle (1984-1988); Tony Wretlund, men's tennis (1985, 1987-1989); Jill Doty, women's track & volleyball (1988-1993); Ronald (Popeye) Jones, men's basketball (1989-1992); and Jessica Widman, women's golf (1996-2000). For reservations contact Crystal Morrow, administrative assistant, department of athletics, MSU, at 809-3746.

Laker Band cards available Laker Band cards are still available at the cost of \$10 each

and can be purchased by calling Wendy Collins at 293-2932 or at the Calloway County Board office.



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Samuel Grayton Noble Price

Jeremy and Karin Price of Murray are the parents of a son, Samuel Grayton Noble Price, born on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at 7:55 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and measured 21 inches. His siblings are Sydney Reid, McKenna Price and Jaxon Price.

Paternal grandparents are Curtis and Teresa Price. Maternal grandparents are

Bill and Nancy Fandrich. Great-grandmothers are Violet Price and Cleva Paschall.

LBL plans programs

GOLDEN POND, Ky. Land Between the Lakes has activities planned for the coming week.

The Homeplace Living History Farm, Nature Station, Golden Pond Planetarium, and Hillman Ferry, Energy Lake and Piney Campground are all closed for the winter and will reopen on March 1. The Elk & Bison Prairie, Wranglers Campground, Turkey Bay OHV Area and several small camping areas are open year-round.

Elk and Bison Prairie is open daily. Admission is \$3 per car.

"Lunch with the Eagles River Cruise" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., departing from Kenlake State Park Marina on Saturday, Sunday and Monday with the cost being \$55 and reservations are limited. "Dinner with the Eagles River Cruise" on Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. will depart from Kenlake State Park Marina and the cost is \$60 and reservations are limited. This is recommended for ages 5 and up. Reservations and full deposits required by calling 1-27-0-924-2020.

Also on Saturday will be "Processing Pig Iron at the Great Western Furnace" from 1 to 4 p.m. This is free to LBL visitors.

For more information call toll free at 1-800-LBL-7077.

Robert Burns Supper planned

Murray Caledonia Society will present its 14th annual Robert Burns Supper on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Murray Country Club, 2200 College Farm Rd., Murray. A reception will start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30

Featured will be the traditional ceremony, feasting, toasting, music and Scottish frivolity. Kilts and tartan dress is optional and Scottish heritage is not required. Reservations at \$30 per person may be made by calling the Murray Tourism at 753-5171.

Guild schedules workshop

Murray Art Guild has scheduled a Beginning Oil Painting Workshop starting Monday, Jan. 29, and continuing through Thursday, Feb. 1.

Hours will be from 6 to 9 p,m. each day. Mary Fuhrmann, local artist, will focus on the basic materials and techniques of oil painting. This will be an opportunity for beginners or a good refresher for oth-

Participation is limited. Interested persons may call 753-4059 or e-mail murrayartguild@murray-ky.net for registration and information.

Park ranger will be speaker at Civil War Roundtable

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Roundtable will be seld Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the cafe of Borders Books store in Governor's Square Mail. This is located on Wilman Rudolph Highway (US 79) just south of Exit 4 off 1-24 in Clarksville. The meeting is always open to interested nearbers of the public.

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This month Jeff Patrick, park ranger and historian from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Springfield, Mo.,

will be the speaker on "Mean Fowt Fight": The Campaign under his command surround-and Battle of Wilson's Creek." ed pro-Southern militia mus-

Wilson's Creek was fought on Aug. 10, 1861. It was the largest Civil War battle fought in the state of Missouri, a state that would see hundreds of smaller fights of a particularly nasty type often between fellow residents. The battle was the cultaination of Union Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's campaign for Missouri and it cost him his life. Lyon had helped save St. Louis for the Northern cause

tering in the city under orders of the pro-Confederate Gov. Claiborne Jackson. This defeat allowed Lyon, promoted from captain to general, to chase pro-South Missouri State Guard forces westward across the state winning some victories and securing St. Louis and the crit-ical Missouri River trade routes.

The Missouri State Guard forces under Gen. Sterling Price, now reinforced by Confeder-

ate troops from Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas, sought to confront Lyon in the Southwest portion of the state. Lyon, a bold commander, attacked this army of 11,000 men in the rolling hills along Wilson's Creek with his smaller army of 5,400 and nearly won the battle, The casualties of 2,500 men for both sides presaged some of the other bloody battles that were to come in the war. The Confederates failed to follow-up their win due to

a feud between senior com-

Jeff Patrick is a park ranger at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. A native of Indiana, he holds bachelor of arts and master of arts. degrees in history from Purdue University. He has been employed by the National Park Service since 1991 and has been at Wilson's Creek since 1992 where he is currently park librarian.

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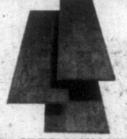
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HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES: Christmas songs were performed for the residents of Spring Creek and Glendale Place during the holidays by Jackie Hill's music students. Each student and Hill played two songs at Spring Creek and one song at Glendale Place. Those who performed at Glendale Place (left photo) included Claire Wilson, Danielle Potts, Kara Taylor, Brittany Robertson, Elizabeth and Michael Chadwick, Whitney and Sydney Carver, Rachael and Sarah Wooten, Abigail and Morgan Stringer, Logan and Taylor English, Kelsey, Sydney and Allie Daniel, Marley McCollum, Laney Stinson and Elizabeth Roberts. Those who performed at Spring Creek (right photo) included Ian Holmes, Janene Johnston, Anna Waggoner, Tatum Dale, Alex Mehr, Madison Erwin, Dylan Warmack, Austin Chapman and Landon Fike.

Music From the Front Porch annual concert, auction for WKMS set for Jan. 20 at MSU's Johnson Theatre

WKMS-FM, the listener supported public radio service and NPR member station from Murray State University, will present the 12th annual Music From the Front Porch Concert on Jan. 20.

The event is at 7 p.m. at Robert E. Johnson Theatre, Murray State University's Price Doyle Fine Arts Center and features the bluegrass rhythms of Kentucky favorites Bawn in the Mash and The McKendrees. A silent auction begins prior to the concert at 6 p.m., with proceeds benefiting WKMS.

Music From the Front Porch is heard Saturdays at 10 a.m. on WKMS. Hosts John McMillen and Mark Welch bring listeners a traditional mix of folk, bluegrass, acoustic and western swing. January's show is an opportunity for WKMS to bring fans the music they desire in an intimate acoustical setting.

Front Porch concerts past have drawn a sizeable crowd.

"We look forward to a great show, and are excited to have Bawn in the Mash and The McKendrees on the roster. We encourage people to attend the silent auction prior to the concert as well, as area businesses are generously donating items of interest," said WKMS Membership Coordinator Stephanie Nutter-

Tickets are \$10 at the door only. The Robert E. Johnson Theatre seats just less than 300. People are encouraged to arrive early to get seats. Latecomers will not be permitted to sit on the stage wings or in the aisles, due to fire marshall regulations.

See the entire WKMS schedule at wkms.org.

WKMS is Murray State University's listener supported public radio service at 91.3 FM. The station also airs on 92.1 FM, Paducah; 99.5 FM, Paris, Tenn.; and 105.1 FM, Madisonville, and online at wkms.org, where the station offers extensive web resources regarding its programming and more. For further information call 800-599-4737 or e-mail wkms@murraystate.edu.

Twilight Cabaret has 'Mystery Brewing' at Ken Bar Lodge

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — Twilight Cabaret Theatre Productions will present "There's a Mystery Brewing at Twilight Cabaret" as its winter production.

Known for many years for mystery plays, the Dueling Chefs will take center stage in the kitchen at Ken Bar Lodge, home of Twilight Theatre. Opening Jan. 26 and 27, guests should expect some mystery, some surprises and wonderful food prepared during the show. The Chefs will also perform on Feb. 2-3. The duel begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Seating is limited and reservations may be made by calling (270) 436-2399 by Wednesday of the weekend you expect to attend.

Shirley T. Johnson is the producer.

The kitchen is located at Ken Bar Lodge, 7711 Highway 641 North, Gilbertsville, near Kentucky Dam Resort





SCOTT NANNEY / Ledger & Times The return to the OVC of coach Scott Edgar - speaking with an official during Monday's game at the RSEC - has refueled the rivalry between the Racers and Southeast Missouri

Edgar's return makes **SEMO** serious threat

LAKERS, TIGERS ALMOST DEAD EVEN IN LONG RIVALRY

If the outcome of Monday night's contest was any indication, the rivalry between Murray State and Southeast Missouri State has been rekin-

The Redhawks' 96-85 triumph over the Racers at the



Sidelines By Scott Nanney Sports

Regional Special Events Center coupled with the return to the OVC of former MSU head coach Scott Edgar - may

have signaled the reemergence of Southeast Editor as a viable counterpart

to Murray, not to mention a force in the league.

Most Murray State fans would argue - and with good reason — that their team's annual battles with the boys from nearby Cape Girardeau, Mo., haven't produced much of a rivalry, except for proximity's sake

To say that the Racers' have dominated this series would be an understatement. SEMO, which joined the OVC prior to the 1991-92 season, has won only 16 of the now 56 meetings in the all-time series.

Until Monday, only seven of those victories had come in Murray. MSU has also dominated in games played in Cape Girardeau, winning 19 times in 27 tries.

The overall competitiveness of the Southeast squad hasn't helped matters much. The Redhawks - formerly the Indians - have finished better than fourth in the final OVC standings only twice since joining the league.

With the geographical

advantages and the fan support of the SEMO program, the conference figured it had found the perfect foe to challenge Murray State's dominance of the hardwood. But that powerhouse program has never really mate-

Southeast has threatened to bump the Racers from their throne just twice since the early 1990s, finishing second to MSU during the 1998-99 regular season before suffering the indignity of a buzzer-beating shot by point guard Aubrey Reese in the finals of the 1999 OVC Tournament that sent the Racers to yet another NCAA Tournament appearance.

The following year, the then-Indians got their revenge by tying MSU for the league's regular-season crown before defeating Reese and the Racers 67-56 in the tournament final that March.

Southeast's two-year run had many around the conference convinced that it was on the fast track to powerhouse status. But a disappointing 18-12 finish in 2000-01, which included just an 8-8 OVC record and a middle-of-the-pack finish in the final standings, quelled much of that talk.

The next season, SEMO dipped to just 6-22 overall and 4-12 in league play. Since then, the program has failed to finish higher than fifth in the standings. Last year's 7-20 mark, which included a 4-16 OVC finish, signaled the end of head coach Gary Garner's tenure at the school.

Meanwhile, the Racers have kept their status as perennial contenders, advancing to the NCAA Tournament three more times since their supposedly disastrous loss to Southeast in

Edgar himself may have said it best after his first Redhawk team knocked off the Racers on

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KENTUCKY 84, AUBURN 57

Cats hammer Tigers

CRAWFORD, **BRADLEY COME** UP BIG FOR UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Strange boxscore, but Kentucky will gladly take it.

The 3-point shooting specialist, guard Ramel Bradley, couldn't buy a 3-pointer but set a career-high with 11 rebounds.

The red-hot Joe Crawford hit shots from everywhere for the second straight game - everywhere except the free-throw

And all 13 players on the Wildcats' roster saw action, even newcomer Ramon Harris and Dwight Perry, who made just his second cameo.

Funny stat lines or not, the Wildcats opened the home portion of their Southeastern Conference schedule Wednesday night with one of their most impressive performances of the year - an 84-57 victory over Auburn.

"Guys were making shots, and when you do that, it puts pressure on the opposing team with their shots," coach Tubby Smith said.

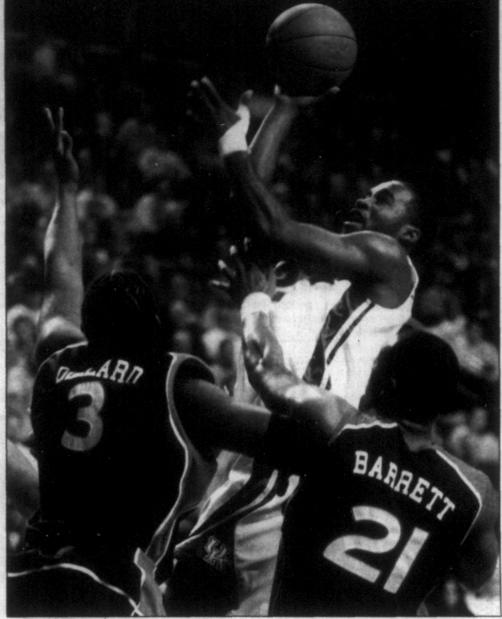
Against a small Auburn team that kept trying desperation 3pointers, the ball kept bounding off the glass to Bradley and Jodie Meeks, who tied a career high with nine rebounds.

"Whenever you play against a 3-point shooting team, the rebounds are going to be long," Bradley said. "It's up to you to pull those rebounds down."

The Wildcats (13-3, 2-0) stretched their winning streak to nine games and beat the Tigers for the 22nd time in 23 games.

It was strange but productive night for Bradley, Kentucky's 3point shooting specialist, who made only one of seven longrange shots but still managed 18 points - half from the foul line.

Forward Perry Stevenson said he wasn't surprised the



Kentucky's Joe Crawford shoots over Auburn players Josh Dollard and Rasheem Barrett during the first half of Wednesday's game at Rupp Arena. The Wildcats improved to 2-0 in SEC play with an 84-57 pounding of the Tigers.

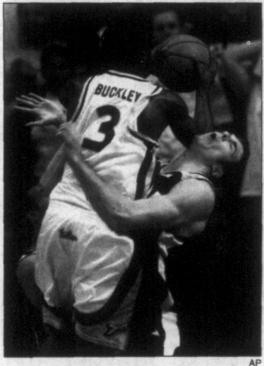
team's vocal leader had a big rebounding night.

When we come into games, he always tells us to box out so he can grab rebounds," Stevenson said. "So sometimes it's a little bit of fool's gold, but he does a good job of grabbing loose balls.

For the second game in a row, the scoring star was Crawford, who had 21 points after matching a career-high 23 Saturday at Mississippi in the SEC opener.

Crawford missed four free throws down the stretch but ignited the Wildcats' offense

LOUISVILLE 81, SOUTH FLORIDA 55



South Florida's Melvin Buckley (3) elbows Louisville's David Pagett, right, in the face as he drives to the basket during the first half of Wednesday's game in Tampa, Fla. Buckely was called for an offensive foul.

Cards smash Bulls for first Big East win

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - With Louisville's top frontcourt player sidelined by injury, coach Rick Pitino made some hasty adjustments that worked to perfection.

"We experimented, we gambled, and once in a while it pays off," Pitino said after employing a four-guard lineup for much of the Cardinals' 81-55 rout of South Florida on Wednesday night.

"We tried something at the last second and worked on it for an hour and 20 minutes at a walk-through. ... Our guys played terrific 2-3 zone. They pressed extremely intelligent. And in the second half, we didn't turn the ball over but three or four times when it count-

With Juan Palacios sitting out because of a bruised wrist that made him an offensive liability the previous four games, Terrence Williams had 17 points and Brandon Jenkins keyed a decisive second-half surge to help the Cardinals (11-5, 1-1 Big East) rebound from losing their conference opener 78-

62 at Notre Dame.

Jenkins finished 5-of-6, including all four of his 3-point attempts, and scored eight straight points to thwart South Florida's last push to get back in the game early in the second half.

Jenkins scored 14 points. Edgar Sosa had 12 and David Padgett and Jerry Smith added 11 apiece for Louisville, which started three guards and two forwards. The 6-foot-6 Williams led the Cardinals with nine rebounds.

"The way we played tonight, anywhere we went in the country, Louisville was going to win," Williams said. "I think everybody had just one thing on their minds - winning, no matter what it took."

Kentrell Gransberry led South Florida (9-8, 0-3) with 19 points and eight rebounds. Melvin Buckley had 15 points for the Bulls, who have lost 18 of 19 Big East games since entering the league last season.

ST. LOUIS BASEBALL

Mulder agrees to stay with Cardinals

Free agent left-hander Mark Mulder elected to remain with St. Louis, signing a two-year deal with the defending world champion Cardinals on Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS (AP) - On his way home after the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series parade, Mark Mulder told manager Tony La Russa that he wanted the team and the town to see him at his best.

Mulder made good on those parting words Wednesday, agreeing to a \$13 million, two-year contract that could be worth up to \$45,075,000 over three seasons.

"At the end of the year we were all kind of full of it and he was talking about coming back and letting the fans see the real Mark Mulder, La Russa said recently. "I got a pos-

The 29-year-old left-hander, recovering from rotator cuff surgery, is expected to miss the first

half of next season. He also had been negotiating with the Cleveland Indians and Texas Rangers.

"Mulder's return will be a real boost to our rotation," general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We've seen what he is capable of when healthy. Mark is very determined to

return to his All-Star form." St. Louis also agreed to a \$1 million, one-year deal with right-hander Ryan Franklin and minor league contracts with outfielder Rick Ankiel and infielder Jolbert Cabrera. Ankiel, a one-time pitching phenom trying to return to the major leagues as an outfielder, missed last season with a knee

Mulder gets \$5 million this year

and \$6.5 million in 2008, and the Cardinals have an \$11 million option for 2009 with a \$1.5 million buyout.

He can earn \$6,525,000 in bonuses this year based on starts, getting the full amount with 35, and any of those bonuses earned would be added to his 2008 salary. He can earn \$3.75 million in performance bonuses in 2008, and his 2009 option could increase to an amount matching his 2008 salary.

If he earns all the performance bonuses, Mulder would make \$11,525,000 this year and \$16,775,000 in each of the following two seasons.

Mulder was 6-7 with a 7.14 ERA in 17 starts last year. He was side-

lined from June 22 to Aug. 23 because of rotator cuff damage and what the team called an impingement in his shoulder, which caused him to alter his delivery. He went back on the DL on Aug. 31.

Mulder had 88 wins the previous five seasons, tied for most in the major leagues during that span, including a 16-8 record in his first season with St. Louis in 2005. He has a career record of 103-57 with a 4.11 ERA.

When he returns, he'll bolster a rotation missing several pitchers who helped the Cardinals win their first World Series title since 1982. Jeff Suppan signed with the Brewers and Jason Marquis left for the Cubs.

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New coach, Cards wait on Brohm for decision

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) The coach and running back that helped propel Louisville to unprecedented heights are gone.

Now, the Cardinals can only hope star quarterback and hometown hero Brian Brohm can resist what Bobby Petrino and Michael Bush could not: the lure of an NFL payday.

It's a hope not lost on new coach Steve Kragthorpe. From the moment Kragthorpe met with Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich on Monday to disreplacing Petrino, Kragthorpe has been aggressively courting Brohm, trying to persuade him to stay.

"I think that's one of my strengths is working with quarterbacks and working with offensive players," Kragthorpe said. "I'm hopeful that he'll see this as a great opportunity to be a great player."

Brohm, at least, seems to be willing to listen. The two spoke on the phone on Monday night, and Brohm met Kragthorpe at the airport on Tuesday when Kragthorpe flew in to accept the job. During Kragthorpe's first press conference at Louisville on Tuesday afternoon, Brohm stood off to the side with some of his teammates and listened while Kragthorpe outlined his plan for keeping Louisville among college football's elite.

Still, during one of the most turbulent 48 hours in the program's history, he remained quiet about his future. Brohm hasn't spoken to the media since leading the Cardinals to a 24-13 win over Wake Forest in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, and his silence has only fueled speculation that he'll skip his senior season and enter the NFL Draft.

Brohm, who is being projected as a first-round pick by some NFL experts, has until Jan. 15 to

Little will return to UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) -Running back Rafael Little will return to Kentucky for his senior season rather than enter the National Football League draft, Wednesday.

Little, who led the Wildcats with 619 rushing yards, was one of two prominent offensive players mulling leaving school early to try for a spot in the NFL. The other, wide receiver Keenan Burton, has until Monday to declare his inten-

"I have a lot of things to improve on," Little said in a written statement. "I enjoy all our coaches and my teammates. I've had a great time at UK and I'm excited about the (upcoming) season. And, it will help me get my degree."

Little, who missed four games this past season because of a knee injury, had a breakout performance as a sophomore in 2005 when he led the Southeastern Conference in allpurpose and punt return yardage.



REGION CHAMPS: The Calloway County Laker varsity cheerleaders won first place in last Saturday's the Region I KAPOS competition. The finish sends CCHS to the state competition for the second year in a row. The squad is coached by Sarah Loveless, Mike Young, Laura Holt and Jennifer Williams. Many cheerleaders also received academic honors for maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. Those receiving academic honors were Keela Evans, Allie Dandeneau, Kaytlin Young, Heather Lowe, Kaitlyn McCoil, Holly Emery, Ellie Fisher, Courtney Futrell, Destiny Bustle, Ashley Bowman, Jacqlyn Murdock, Toree Rogers and Kayla Todd. The Laker Cheerleaders will represent Region I in the state competition on Saturday, Feb. 24 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

BASEBALL

uestions for the man not there

NEW YORK (AP) - An empty chair on the dais would have been appropriate.

Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn soaked in their new status as Hall of Famers on Wednesday, flanked by baseball officials in an ornate hotel ballroom. During the formal 45minute portion of the news conference, Mark McGwire's name was not mentioned, as if those 583 home runs had been erased from history.

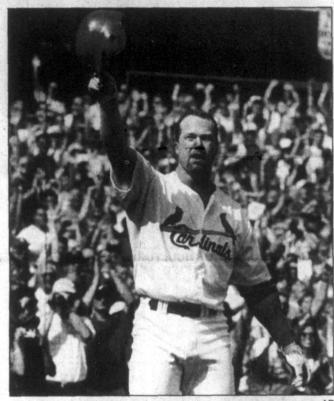
There was a large poster of Ripken on the left, a matching one of Gwynn on the right, each portraying the player batting and fielding. Posters of Goose Gossage and Jim Rice had been prepared, too, just in case they gained election.

But no poster of McGwire was necessary. Hall officials knew it wouldn't be needed.

Big Mac wasn't going to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer. If he keeps up his disappearing act, evading questions about his role in baseball's Steroids Era, McGwire's poster won't ever be ordered.

Like Pete Rose, McGwire visiting might end up Cooperstown only as a guest, not a member. Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa also could find themselves on the outside look-

Their cases no doubt will be re-examined decades from now by historians who will try to



Primarily due to steroid allegations, former Cardinal Mark McGwire received little support for induction to the Hall of Fame when votes were announced earlier this week.

hits leader and some of its most prodigious home run hitters were locked out of the sport's

When given the chance two years ago to tell Congress what

determine why baseball's career he did or didn't do, McGwire stonewalled. After the formal news conference Wednesday, when writers gathered around Ripken and Gwynn, questions were asked about McGwire and

Report: Bonds failed amphetamine test

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds failed a test for amphetamines last season and originally blamed it on a teammate, the Daily News reported Thursday.

When first informed of the positive test, Bonds attributed it to a substance he had taken from teammate Mark Sweeney's locker, the New York City newspaper said, citing several unnamed sources.

"I have no comment on that," Bonds' agent Jeff Borris told the Daily News on Wednesday night. "Mark was made aware of the fact that his name had been brought up," Sweeney's agent Barry Axelrod told the Daily News. "But he did not give Barry Bonds anything, and there was nothing he could have given Barry Bonds.

Bonds, who always has maintained he never has tested positive for illegal drug use, already is under investigation for lying about steroid use.

A federal grand jury is investigating whether the 42-year-old Bonds perjured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

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"Murray is the OVC champion until somebody beats them," noted Edgar, who made his own contribution to the Racers' dominance by compiling a 78-40 record while winning two league crowns as the MSU coach from 1991 to 1995. "The road to the OVC championship is going to go through Murray, Ky. ... In a heavyweight fight, you're not going to win a split decision with the champion.'

No, but the Redhawks may have just delivered a serious blow to the champs' jaw. Will the Racers answer the bell for Round 2 later this month?

Stay tuned! Happy 100th!: Speaking of rivalries, the matchup that boils the blood of many Calloway Countians returns on Friday

night, when bitter crosstown foes Murray High and County County will meet on the hardwood for the first time this sea-The boys' matchup between

Calloway's Jeffrey Gymnasium will mark a milestone, as the two rivals will meet for the 100th time.

So just how close are the numbers in this long-standing rivalry?

According to CCHS assistant coach and statistical guru Ed Chapman, the all-time series is practially dead even, with Murray holding a razor-thin 50-49 edge in the previous 99 meetings.

The Tigers once held a bigger lead in the series, but the Lakers have tightened things considerably with their current nine-game winning streak.

A closer look at the series numbers reveal just how close this matchup has been:

Calloway holds the edge in scoring, tallying 5,917 points to Murray's 5,717. That translates into an average margin of victory of 59.8 to 57.7 for the

Eighteen of the previous 99 games have been decided by three points or less, while 52 of them have been decided by sin-

CCHS leads in games played at Jeffrey Gymnasium, 19-15. The Lakers also lead 17-12 in games played at MHS.

Murray High holds a 20-11 advantage in games played at Murray State University. The Tigers are also 3-2 against Calloway in neutral site games.

Murray High holds an 18-8 lead in district tournament play. The two squads, however, have never met in the First Region Tournament.

Current Calloway head coach Terry Birdsong is 9-7 against the Tigers, while MHS second-year head coach David Fields is 0-2 versus the Lakers.

Anyone willing to bet that tomorrow night's matchup won't be close

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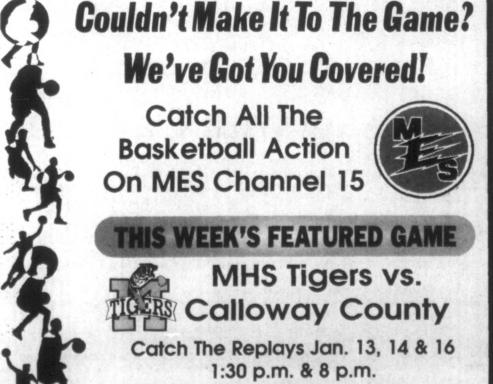
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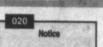
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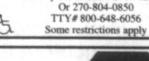
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, Jan. 12, 2006: This year make a point of aiming for what you want with the full expectation of getting it. Your circle of friends and associates expands, opening new doors. Sometimes a new door could cause you to close another one. Make that OK, as you are in a period of tremendous change, which will ultimately create greater happiness. You will be like a cat with nine lives, always landing on your feet. Even if a situation looks bleak, it will turn around. Learn to trust more often. If you are single, meeting people will not be the issue. Your choice is what you need to consider. If you are attached, discuss what you would like to create together. Start manifesting and talking. SCORPIO helps you achieve exactly what you

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) *** Let go of the reins and allow others to demonstrate what they have to offer. Get into a meeting. Enjoy the many people around you. A goal-directed conversation lays important groundwork. Tonight: Quality time with a

special person TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You might disagree with others' choices. Recognize that everyone has to live his or her own life and see the consequences of his or her actions. A surprise visit or action allows you to relax more. Work with a pal Tonight: Such a popular Bull! Work through your options

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** What you haven't completed might demand your attention. Clear your desk. Get errands done. If someone is distracted, smile and enjoy the compliment. Keep your main focus -- for now. Others are full of surprises. Tonight: You might be underestimating someone's caring.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** With your imagination, you might be able to dream up what isn't obvious. Emotions could be a strong resource right now. What you feel might be going on probably is. Get facts to back you up. Don't just act. Tonight: Dance the weekend in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might want to pull back, especially if a situation doesn't make sense. If you have a strong intuitive feeling, check it out before acting on it. Someone might be more unpredictable with money than you realize.

by Jacqueline Bigar

Tonight: Quiet and relaxing VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You have the right words for nearly any situation. If you don't know the correct words, your actions will speak for themselves. You have a special way about you that makes others want to draw closer to you.

Tonight: Someone acts like a wild thing!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might want to slow down, especially if your actions could have monetary ramifications. Know when you need to and process. Someone stop could become demanding and argumentive as he or she attempts to get you to cave in

Tonight: Time for a treat SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** With the Moon in your sign, you might be hard to stop. Realize your limitations with someone who has far different ideas from you. An expenditure could be going overboard. Think and decide just how important it is. Tonight: What knocks your

socks off! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

** Know when to back off. You have reason to smile. Share good news with a caring friend Not everyone has to hear your news right away. You might actually enjoy keeping some details hush-hush. Tonight: Do a vanish-

ing act CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). **** Your goal is quite clear, and the good news is that with teamwork, you could hit a home run. Pressure yourself less and accept the inevitable. A hunch about an expenditure pays off literally and figuratively. Tonight:

Where the action is. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Know your limits, and if you need to say "no," do just that. Don't stand on ceremony if you are uncomfortable with someone's request. Sometimes by saying how you feel, you can prevent doing a wild Aquarian rebellion. Tonight: A force to be

dealt with PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Sometimes looking ahead is helpful, but at other times it could be a problem. By anticipating an issue, you could halfway cause it to happen just by your expectation. Decide to liberate your future by changing your behavior! Tonight: Opt for

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different.

Author Jack London (1876), radio personality Howard Stern (1954), singer Amerie (1980)

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LookingBack

Published are pictures of snow scenes of children and youth playand sliding. The photos were Staff Photographer Bernard

Life House Care Center will have open house on Jan. 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. in honor of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

Alex Surkow of Russia, a student at Murray State University, spoke about the problems facing Russia today as the country makes the transition from state control of everything to a more Democratic form of government at a meeting of the Murray Rotary Club.

Murray State University Racers lost 76 to 64 to Eastern Illinois Panthers in a basketball game at Charleston, Ill. Deteri Mayes was high scorer for the Racers.

20 years ago The 1986 Shield, Murray State University yearbook, has been awarded a first place certificate for the eighth successive year and an All-Columbia award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. Pam Reynolds of Benton was edi-

Donna K. Miller and Randall W. Dick were married Dec. 5 at Scotts Grove Baptist Church.

Births reported include a boy to Gretchen and Bradley Gilkey and a boy to Traci and Randy Scarborough, Jan. 8.

Murray State University Racers won 85-64 over IUPU-Indianapolis. High scorer for Murray was Craig Eversoll.

30 years ago Published is a picture of workers from the Murray City Street Department on the job yesterday, throwing cinders on the hill on N. Fourth Street ear Main Street. Roads remain treacherous today

throughout the city and county,

especially the secondary roads in the county. Both the city and county schools remained closed. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Hill.

Dexter-Hardin Methodist Church, located at the Calloway-Marshall County line, held a special service of dedica-tion on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

Published are a page feature story and pictures on the history of the beginning of Murray State College. This was written by L.J. Hortin, journalism professor at Murray State University.

40 years ago
A special celebration honoring V. Foy for his 23 years as Calloway County Farm Agent, will be Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at Calloway County High School. He retired Dec. 31. Speakers will include Carman Parks, Robert Hendon, Ray Broach, Leon Chambers, Jim Garrison, Rob Gingles and Keys Keel.

Elected as officers for 1967 of the Twin Lakes Coonhunters Club were Ted Atkins, Joe Pat Jones, Howard Conner and Neal

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grogan will be married for 68 years on Dec.

Aubrey Hatcher of Murray announced today that he will open a new Lincoln-Mercury Agency in Union City, Tenn., with Charles K. Cochran of Murray as man-

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nolin, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lovett and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chaney.

Dr. C.S. Lowry spoke about "The Three Way Split" at a meeting of the Murray High School Unit of the Parent-Teacher Asso-

Facts of life for parents are laid out in questions

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading your list of questions for "Are You Ready for Parenthood?" (12/6). Your advice was fine, if you were addressing a mature adult. To reach a 15-year-old, try this:

"If your child throws up



Dear Abby

baby is sick, By Abigail will Van Buren cancel your plans with your friends and

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stay home?
"Will you skip buying clothes or the latest cell phone for yourself because you can barely afford food for your little one? Are you willing to give up your dreams of school or travel because the child you gave birth to will grow up and need shoes, an education or medical care? Are you pre-

ing 2-year-old? "If you continue your education, will you have the energy to work and care for a child who totally depends on you for all physical and emotional needs? And, most impor-

tant of all, can you handle all

this alone if suddenly the father

pared for when this cute, cud-

dly infant becomes a scream-

decides he's 'not ready' for the responsibility?" --WAITED TILL I WAS OLD ENOUGH AND GLAD OF IT!

DEAR WAITED: No one could say it more plainly than you have. I received a bushel of mail from readers who, like you, wanted to weigh in on the subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Nancy in Flagstaff" concerning "Are You Ready for Parenthood?" the question that should be No. 1 is: Are you married? Sex before marriage, though rampant, is still wrong. TIM IN LAWTON, OKLA.

DEAR TIM: Sex before marriage may be "wrong," but if my mail is any indication, it's happening. And while having children outside of marriage is not the ideal, the fact remains that folks are doing it and probably will continue -- if the folks in Hollywood are any example. (Where have all the role models gone?)

The fact that more than half the households in America are headed by single parents should be evidence that the old rules however valid they were are now being ignored. I'd change it if I could, but I have to deal with reality.

DEAR ABBY: Here's my addition to your list: Are you emotionally, physically and financially ready if you have a premature or handicapped baby? I am the parent of a severely handicapped son. His twin sister has ADHD, and by God's grace and just dumb luck, I am handling it well so far. -- FLYING SOLO IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR ABBY: Parents need sense of humor, an infinite amount of patience and thick skin. Children take the longest time eating, using the bathroom, telling a story, asking a question, etc., and there will be many occasions when they will tell you that you are the meanest mommy or daddy or that they hate you. Can you handle it with grace, firmness and patience? -- WISE MOM IN

ALABAMA

DEAR ABBY: My question is, Can you provide a safe environment to raise the child? One of the biggest dangers to young children is abuse. Having heard so many stories about young parents shaking babies that won't stop crying or worse -- this should be carefully considered before becoming a parent. -- SEEN TOO MUCH IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ABBY: I don't have a question to add to your list. But I would like to share some great advice my aunt gave me when I adopted my daughter. She said, "Just give her your wallet now; it won't be yours ever again!" It's true - and I wouldn't change it for the world! -- KEVIN IN AKRON

Medication preferable to surgery for arterial blockage

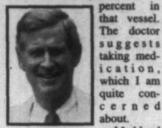
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DEAR DR. GOTT: A few months ago, I had a carotid doppler done, and it found that my right internal carotid artery values reach only 134 cm/second, reflecting a moderate stenosis of 50 percent to 70 percent in



pressure is normal, and By Dr. Peter Gott my cholesterol level is at the top of the normal range. I am on a low-fat diet and a good exercise program, and I take vitamins and Coenzyme Q10 on a regular basis.

I am a 70-year-old man in good health and a few pounds overweight. I have never been on medications, as I always had problems with them. I would like your opinion on the necessity of taking med-ication for cholesterol and blood pressure at this stage.

DEAR READER: Apparently, you are developing arterial blockages, especially in your neck (carotid artery). However, the degree of blockage has yet to reach a critical level requiring surgery. Nonetheless, your physician is correct that nonsurgical options should be considered. I advise you to lose weight, follow your doctor's instructions and have annual ultrasound exams.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report

"Coronary Artery Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter is 38 and has a prob lem that no doctor has been able to help. She's healthy and slim. About five years ago, her right leg started swelling from the knee down. At her job, she's on her feet all day. Over the years, it has gotten worse, to where now her foot is also swollen. She takes water pills. She's been to about eight medical doctors, a chiropractor and a naturalist. Every test imaginable has been done: dye injected to detect blood clots, leg, pelvis, abdominal and esophageal ultrasounds and MRIs. Her leg is just huge. They say she has a stoppedup lymph node. They say nothing can be done.

Isn't that dangerous, if the lymph should move through her body? What would you recommend?

DEAR READER: Unilateral leg edema - swelling of one lower extremity - can be a diagnostic challenge, because causes vary. Once the tests for venous blockage have been reported as normal, attention centers on treatment, with pressurized stockings, watereliminating pills and physiotherapy.

Given your daughter's level of discomfort, I vote to have the node excised. This would enable the doctors to check for cancer, as well as remove the lymph blockage to permit the leg to return to normal. Keep me posted.

TodaylnHistory

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2007. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

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In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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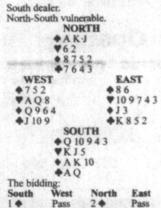
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to the jack, losing to the queen. West made the fine return of a second trump, which declarer took in dummy to lead another heart. When the king lost to the ace, West returned a third round of trumps.

Declarer was now at the end of his rope. He could not avoid losing a diamond and another heart, and so finished down one.

The odd part of the hand is that if declarer had been dealt three small hearts instead of the K-J-5, he would surely have made the contract! In that case, given the same opening lead, he would have arranged to ruff one of his heart losers in dummy.

After winning the club, he would have returned a heart. Then, regard-less of what the defenders did next, he would play another heart, putting him in position to trump his third heart in dummy.

But the presence of the K-J-5 of hearts induced declarer to cross to dummy with a trump in order to lead opened the gate for repeated trump leads by the defense and eventually

brought about South's downfall. avoid this pitfall, declarer should have led any heart from his hand at trick two, and 10 tricks would have been assured.

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Plenty of excitement building for new year at Grand Rivers playhouse

By GREG TRAVIS Staff Writer

Variety! Music, Memories & More, the Branson, Mostyle family entertainment show featuring a professional cast of singers and a live band, will once again return to the Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers on Feb. 10. In addition to the Variety! show there are numerous, exciting activities planned for the theater in the upcoming months, according to Bill Minihan, producer of the shows.

"We are really excited about 2007, we had a strong finish to 2006 with our Christmas show and 'Tuna Christmas.' One of the most encouraging things was the groups business that we did. Normally, venues like ours have to wait years to see the groups business. We were blessed with the fact that some groups returned multiple times to multiple shows. We also had shows with some national groups with the tour bus industry," he said.

The Variety! show will open in 2007 with a good portion if not most — of the show changed, he said. "We have a great cast established now and most, if not all, will be back. Another performer from Branson, Dana Poulson, who also worked for us in Savannah, is moving to Nashville and will join us then, as well. We are planning on reworking portions of the stage to give the show a different look. We hope to keep our momentum going throughout the year with Variety! and our other shows," he added

Minihan said there are also a few other shows they are in negotiations over and they hope to have announcements soon about those performances.

Among the various shows scheduled will be a Bluegrass and Gospel Night on Jan. 27 featuring The McKendrees, a young group of musicians and signers that got their start performing at the Bethel Baptist Church near Kentucky Lake in Marshall County.

"This family is so talented and wonderful. They deserve to be touring nationally with the kind of talent they have. We are lucky to have them. This is their third appearance at the theater and they always bring in a good crowd," Mini-

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The grand prize winner will also receive a guest spot on opening night of the 2007 Variety! show on Feb. 10.

For complete rules and an entry form, e-mail talentshow@grandriversvariety.co m or visit the Variety! Web site at www.grandriversvariety .com.

A Nashville Songwriter's Night will be held this Saturday and Jan. 20 for local residents to enjoy. Scheduled to appear are Jon Conly, Katie Conly, Amy Bruce and Cole Bruce.

Jon Conly is a former lead guitar player and bandleader for Wynonna Judd, LeAnn Rimes and Lee Greenwood. He also performed for several years in Branson at 76 Music Hall.

Katie Conly performed for several years in Branson with Jim Stafford and the 76 Music Hall.

Amy Bruce has performed in the Variety! show from the very beginning and is most famous for her starring role as Patsy Cline in "Always...Patsy Cline" at the Badgett Playhouse. Her Branson credits include the 76 Music Hall, the Jim Stafford Show and Pump Boys & Dinettes.

Cole Bruce has performed in the Variety! show since 2006 and was the bandleader for the fall run of "Always...Patsy Cline." He plays several instruments and was with the group "Ten-Mile Drive" of Nashville.

"We did a few of these at the beginning of 2006 and this was a part of our show throughout the '06 season — with all of the different folks in our show who were from Nashville. This night is all theirs and should be really great. We have a really impressive line-up of talent as well," Minihan added.

Pump Boys & Dinettes, a rock 'n roll, country and blues musical revue celebrating life and love in a small southern town, will be featured on Fridays from March 2 through May 25.

As the house opens, Pump Boys Jim, Eddie, Jackson and L.M. come out on stage to tune their instruments. Besides being 'Pump Boys', they are actors, singers, dancers and musicians.

While they are busy tuning and chatting, the Dinettes, Prudie and Rhetta, are preparing their-diner for opening and have a little chat with the incoming audience.

Pump Boys and Dinettes is the sort of show that feeds off the energy and pleasure of its audience, Minihan said.

Half of the setting is a country diner out on Highway 57, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna, and the other half is a gas station, meant to be located on the other side of the highway. Its characters are four guys who pump gas, and two gals, the Cupp sisters, waitress/proprietors of the Double Cupp Diner across the highway.

One of the unique and exciting aspects of the show is the fact that the audience is an integral part of the action. For instance, the characters hold a raffle or lottery where one of the audience members actually goes home with a prize, and one lucky guy gets serenaded with a love song.

Showtimes are at 8 p.m. For more information contact the Playhouse box office at 1-888-362-4223.

TV Listings Friday, January 12, 2007 A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D- GALAXY **FRIDAY MORNING** A B C D 6:0 N-ABC 2 2 (5:00) News Good Morning America E Regis and Kelly The View (N) 30 SL-ABC 3 3 3 News Rachael Ray (N) III The View (N) III Tyra Banks Show Good Morning America **E** IV-NBC 4 4 The 700 Club 🕮 Today (In Stereo) I VTVF-CBS 5 5 News 🖭 PSD-NBC 6 6 6 6 News IE Today (In Ste BJ-ABC 7 7 7 Good Morn Good Morning America **3** Lions Arthur Couch Teletub Rogers Calllou Si-Fox 9 9 2 3 Paid Judge A. Judge A lanny Mad Abt. Megan Mullafly Eye Eye Eye Eye FVS-CBS | 12 | 12 | 12 | Breakfr Hillbil- Hillbil- Matlock "The Chef" Magnum, P.I. III Hagee Life Tod Your Today KMU-PBS 21 21 5 11 Noddy Arthur Curious Clifford Dragon Big DKA-MINT 22 16 10 Chapel Griffith Libertys Paid One Believ- Paid My Wife My Wife 24 29 26 8 SportsCenter E SportsCenter E NFL Live Game 25 30 25 (5:00) Mike and Mike in the Morning (Live) ® 26 49 27 24 The Big Ten True Life Sweet Sweet True Life 28 27 39 14 Angel "Calvary" (Charmed (Charmed E ER (In Stereo) I ER (In Stereo) Œ 29 41 41 Hi-5 E Bus Bigfoot Peep Baby Baby Mother Baby 30 52 31 31 Fit Lite Workout Nanny Nanny Golden Golden Frasier Frasier 32 51 49 5 JAG "Imposter" E JAG (In Stereo) E Texas Ranger Texas Ranger Texas Range wie: ** "Jet Pilot" (1957) John Ways 35 35 44 27 The District © 24 (In Stereo) © City Confidential American Justice Cold Case Files © Crossing Jordan 36 53 36 2 Family Family Boy Boy The 700 Club 🗷 Living Videos Gilmore Girls 🗷 OddPar- Sponge Sponge Dora 43 36 18 Design-Painted Painted Quilts Duvall Duvall Scrapb- Knitty Threads Craft Paid Paid The A-Team Police Videos The Shield I Amazing Video lovie: ★★½ "Jersey Girl" (2004) 國 65 32 50 Ed, Edd Coden- Cartoon Tom Scooby Ellen COURT | 66 | 61 | Bloom & Politan: Open Court **Best Defer** 67 39 (5:00) BET Morning Inspiration Movie: "Cadence" (1990) Movie: ±1/2 "King's Ransom" (2005) Movie: "Major Payne" (1995) Batman vie: *** "Robots" (2005) | Movie: **1/2 "The Island" (2005) Ewan McGregor. | "Wolf" (# Novie: ** "The Californians" (2005) IE Mickey Handy Dood- Charlie Koala Wiggles Higgly Lilo

FRIDAY AFTERNOON A- CHARTER, B- MURRAY ELECTRIC, C- MEDIACOM, D. GALAXY RN-ABC All My Children (E) One Life to Live | General Hospital | Judge J. Judge J. News | News | ABC SIL-ABC All My Children 🖾 One Life to Live General Hospital Dr. Keith Ablow | Montel Williams ws Passions (N) Days of our Lives Dr. Phil (In Stereo) Oprah Winfrey E WTVF-CBS Y & R Bold As World Turns Guiding Light
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Inside News E News Inside Insider Dr. Phil (In Stereo) Jeop- Million-SD-NBC Days of our Lives Passions (N) BJ-ABC All My Children @ One Life to Live General Hospital Dr. Phil (In Stereo) Oprah Winfrey E PT-PBS Berens- Lions Reading Cyber-Shrinks Zoboo Dragon Clifford Curious Maya The 700 Club 🖾 Paid Cops @ Maury @ WQTV-CW Enter-News House Reba E Greg Behrendt Holly-As World Turns KFVS-CBS News Bold Guiding Light @ Oprah Winfrey
News Moesha Cosby **Greg Behrendt** Even Lizzie Home Life Tod Fellow-Hagee Pre GED News Lions Arthur Fetch Clifford Dragon Math Cyber-Maya Jerry Springer 🖾 Feud Feud Divorce Divorce Judge Mathis ® 1st and Lines NFL Burning Horn Boxing (N) Super Bowl Top 10 🕮 Sweet Sweet Sweet Sweet Next TNT Judging Amy 🖾 Law & Order 🕮 Law & Order (E) Charmed (E) Charmed E Law & Order @ Younger Younger Baby Baby Baby Baby Trading Spaces Chef Chef LIFE Still Still Reba (Reba (Still USA lovie: ** "You Got Served" (2004) @ Law Order: Cl AMC (11:15) Movie: ** "Ronin" | Movie: *** "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979) "PG" | Movie: *** "Pa A&E 24 (In Stereo) IE City Confidential American Justice Cold Case Files Crossing Jordan CSI: Miami IE FAM Family Family Step FullHse FullHse Sabrina Sabrina Gilmore Girls 🖾 NICK Sponge Sponge Neutron Phan- OddPar- Avatar Sponge Drake School OddPar- OddPar- Neutro HGTV Mission Decorat- Get Painted First Free-Design Design I Did Extreme If Walls House Deep Space 9 Star Trek Gen. Star Trek Gen. Trek: Voyager Trek: Voyager Harvey Home Home Yes Yes King King Cartoon Coden- Titans Xiaolin Ben 10 Team Poké- Naruto Grim Grim Banfield & Ford: Courtside Nancy Grace: Closing Argumer Catherine Crier BET Now E The Center [#] 106 & Park: Top 10 Live Wayans | Wayans | Rap City | CMTV (11:00) Top 20 Countdown (In Stereo) CMT Power Picks Hogan Hogan Hogan Hogan Hogan Hogan Hogan Hogan vie: "Cry Baby" (1990) 🗵 | Star Wars-The Phantom Menace (11:20) Movie: "Wolf" (1994) Movie: *** 1/2 "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts. "PG-13" III M SHOW pt From the Sea" (1997) Movie: "The Keeper" (2004) Movie: *** "Maverick" (1994) Mel Gibson. "PG' "Pretty Woman" "R Timon Buzz Raven Raven Raven Raven Mon- Mon- Mon- Sulte Suite Suite Suite Novie: "The Last Unicom" | Gamera: The Guardian of the Universe | Movie: *** "Of Mice and Men" (1992) | *½ "Dream a Little Dream 2" A Father, a Son-Hollywood Movie: ** "Stay" (2005) 'R' Movie: ** 'Wayne's World" (1992) Movie: "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" (8

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Tonight Show Late Night WBBJ-ABC Children's Hospital Brothers and Sisters 20/20 🗷 Nightline Jimmy Kimmel Live Frasier @ Poker Chi National Geographic To Be Announced NOW (E) lanny 911 (In Stereo) Trading Spouses Friends Frasier 🖾 King Simp-WQTV-CW | WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (In Stereo) | News Raymond Oprah Winfrey (# Chrysler Date KFVS-CBS Ghost Whisperer (E) Close to Home (N) (E) NUMB3RS (In Stereo) News WGN News at Nine | Sex & Scrubs @ Scrubs @ Becker @ Home Videos NSP Britthrgh Sekulow Today Life Tod Your Day Gospel Fellow- Various Feed Wash Wk NOW E China-Inside Ky Life Woodsongs Watch Over Me @ Judge J. Judge J. Rose-Rose-Will ESPN NBA Basketball: Wizards at Hornets NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Denver Nuggets. SportsCenter (Live) ESPN2 Boxing: Friday Night Fights. (Live) 國 **Quite Frankly** Real Wrid Real W TNT Movie: *** "Under Siege" (1992, Action) III | Movie: *** "Under Siege" (1992, Action) III | Movie: ** "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001) TLC What Not to Wear @ What Not to Wear @ Dinner Takes All LIFE Movie: "cyber seduction: His Secret Life" (E) Gay Reba @ Reba @ Gay Will USA Psych 🖫 House "The Mistake" | Monk @ AMC vie: *** "The Quiet Man" (1952) John Wayne. "NR" Fran A&E CSI: NY (In Stereo) E CSI: Miami E CSI: Miami (R) FAM ovie: ** "Sister Act" (1992), Maggie Smith Lincoln Heights 🗉 The 700 Club 🗉 NICK Sponge Sponge Nicktoon Nicktoon Full Hse. Full Hse. Fresh Pr. Fresh Pr. Cosby HGTV Designed Buy Me Design Save House House Parents FreeStyle Designed Buy Me SPIKE Disorderly Con. Amazing Video WTBS ss" (1995, Comedy) III | Movie: **1/2 "Sugar & Spice" (2001) III Partner Coden- Foster Partner Class Foster COURT Police Chases Dominick Dunne: BET Jamie F. Jamie F. In Color In Color CMTV My Truck My Truck Cowboy U (In Stereo) My Truck My Truck CMT Giants: Reba (In Stereo Cowboy U (N) HBO ne "Triumph" E Rome "The Spoils" E Lewis Black Movie: "Hard Target" (1993) 'R' | Movie: ** "The Dentist II" (1998 MAX ter's Vampires" (1998) Movie: ***1/4 "King Kong" (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts. "PG-13" | Sex Woman The L Word I SHOW Masters of Horror (E) The Big Black Comedy Show (E) Movie: "Reind Suite Life So Raven Suite Life So Raven Montana Kim FLIX Movie: *** "Evil Dead 2" (1987) Dead Man on Camp rie: ** "The Amityville Horror" (1979) 'R' | Jason Goes to Hell HBO2 le: *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Movie: ** "House of Wax" (2005, Horror) "R" Dane Cook Victous Circle III

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