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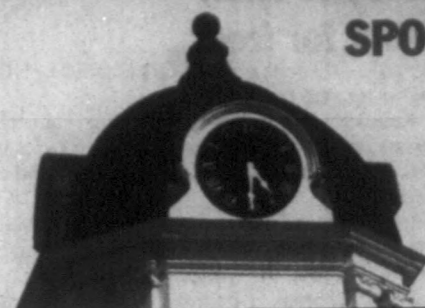


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# County dodges weather bullet

## No flooding reported here; Murray women injured in accident

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Cloudy skies and drenching rain over the weekend could have been much worse, according to county emergency officials.

Flash flood warnings issued Friday by the National Weather Service failed to come to pass in Murray and Calloway County as approximately two inches or more of precipitation fell creating a lot of mud, but no flood.

"We dodged a bullet. We lucked out, I think," said Chief Ronnie Burkeen of the Murray-Calloway County DES Rescue Squad.

Burkeen said he had a crew on standby all weekend should any flooding or other emergencies occur, but they were not called out.

"We got a lot of rain, but it didn't come all at once," he said. "We kept people on station the whole time from Friday afternoon until this morning. As far I know we didn't have any water-related accidents, no evacuations, no cars off in the water, no anything."

"I think we really lucked out."

However on Saturday, three Murray women were taken to Lourdes Hospital in stable condition following a two-vehicle collision on Interstate 24 in which the weather was believed to be a contributing factor.

Mi Lee, 40, and her daughter Seung Ha, 16, a passenger in the vehicle, were westbound on the interstate around 4:20 p.m. between the Old Mayfield Road overpass and the Husband Road exit. Lee's vehicle reportedly hydroplaned and crossed the median. She collided head-on with a vehicle driven by Elizabeth Blodgett, 68.

Lee and her daughter had to be freed from the wreckage and all three women were taken to Lourdes. Hospital officials could not be contacted this morning concerning their conditions.

John Garner, a meteorologist with NWS in Paducah, said this morning that the county registered between 1.5 and 2.5 inches of rain as of this morning.

Johnny Jackson, operations supervisor for West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., said the utility dealt with a few minor problems.

"Nothing of any consequence at all," Jackson said. "The biggest one was over at Kentucky Dam Village and that was on some of their equipment, but other than that ours were sporadic and scattered."

There was a report of a power outage in Murray over the weekend; however Murray Electric System and other city and county departments concerned could not be contacted for information.

According to a report from NWS officials this morning, rain was expected to continue this morning. Temperatures in the high 40s to the low 50s this morning are expected to drop below freezing this afternoon. Tonight is expected to be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid-20s.

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy in the morning with a partial clearing later in the day. Highs are expected to be in the mid 30s. Mostly sunny skies with a high around 40 is expected on Wednesday.



ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times

**JUST IN CASE:** A sign warning of water over the roadway along Doran Road sat near the curb in order to alert motorists in the event of flash flooding. Expected flooding never did materialize during the weekend, despite near constant rain and a flood watch that remained over the area from Friday night to Sunday night.

## Ice storm blamed for 21 deaths

By The Associated Press  
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Utility crews tried to restore electricity to about 330,000 Missouri households that were still without power following a storm blamed for 21 deaths across four states.

Waves of freezing rain, sleet and snow since Friday have caused at least 12 deaths in Oklahoma, six in Missouri, two in Texas and one in New York.

Crews hoped to take advantage of moderate weather expected today — including a few lingering snow showers and flurries — to bring power back online before an expected drop in temperatures to below zero tonight.

The storm system was expected to continue heading northeast, said National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Pedigo. While the Ohio region could see rain Monday afternoon, lower Michigan and parts of New England could see more than a foot of snow.

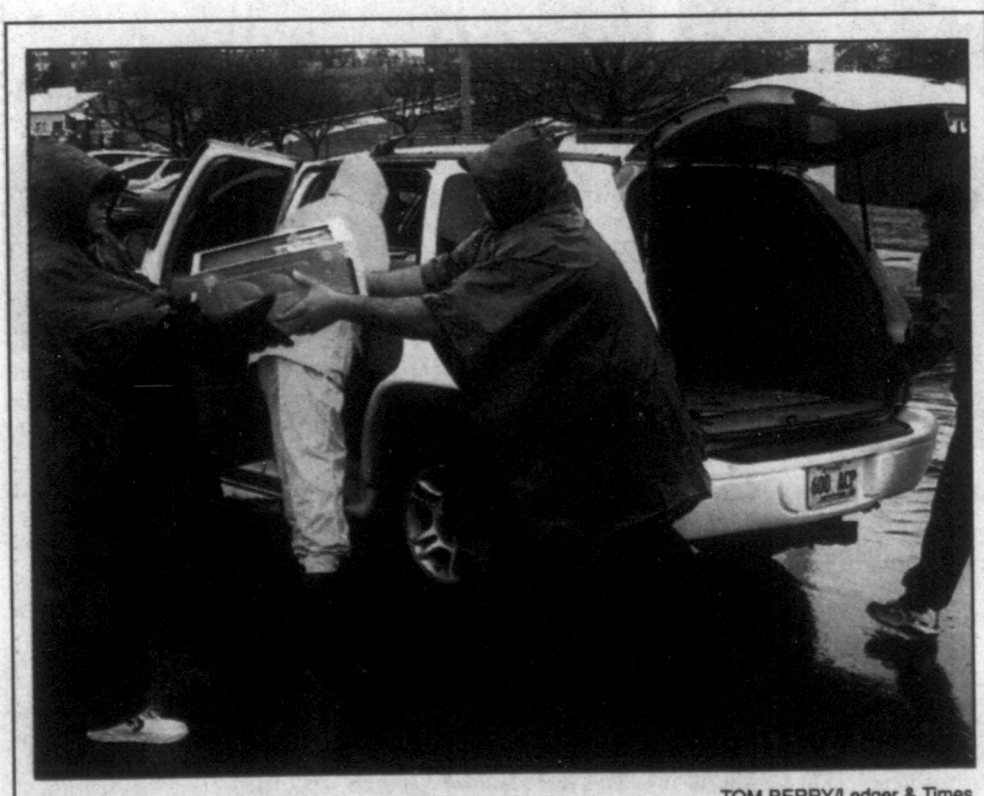
Most of the outages — a majority in southwest Missouri — were caused when freezing rain caused tree branches to break off and crash onto power lines, officials said.

Guardsmen went door-to-door checking on the health and safety of residents in the hardest hit parts of the state and helping to clear slick roads.

Amtrak canceled Sunday service between Kansas City and St. Louis due to fallen trees and other debris on railroad tracks.

In the St. Louis region, about 150,000 people remained without power Sunday afternoon, after a pattern of freezing and thaws.

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TOM BERRY/Ledger & Times

**COMPUTER DROP-OFF:** Workers with Creative Recycling of Murray, along with volunteers from the Calloway County Jail Work Program, help to unload discarded computers from a donor's vehicle during Make A Difference Day at MSU's Roy Stewart Stadium Saturday morning. State environmental officials have allocated \$17,000 for the collection of unwanted computers statewide in an effort to keep potentially hazardous materials out of landfills.

## MLK's oldest daughter: 'We must keep reaching across table'

ATLANTA (AP) — The eldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King evoked the civil rights movement while reminding those remembering her parents that America has not yet reached the promised land of peace and racial equality.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," Yolanda King said Sunday at Ebenezer Baptist Church during a presentation that was part motivational speech, part drama.

King, 51, spoke a day before today's celebration of the civil rights leader's birthday, the first since the death last year of Coretta Scott King.

Yolanda King told The Associated Press the holiday provides an opportunity for everyone to live her father's dream, and that she has her mother's example to follow.

"I connected with her spirit so strongly," she said when

asked how she is coping with her mother's loss. "I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

The stage and television actress performed a series of scenes that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus and a college student's recollection of the 1963 desegregation of Birmingham, Ala.

After the performance — attended by members of the extended family and Yolanda's sister, the Rev. Bernice King — Yolanda King and her aunt, Christine King Farris, signed copies of their books, and Bernice King posed for photographs with attendees.

On Monday, Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached from 1960 to 1968, was to be the venue for more remembrances and speeches. The keynote speaker was to be Dr. Otis Moss Sr., pastor of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

In New York, rallies, speech-

es and volunteer efforts were to mark the King holiday, some invoking the Iraq War, the conflict in Sudan and local tensions surrounding the fatal police shooting of a black groom.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Gov. Eliot Spitzer were expected to attend a forum, joining Nicole Paultre-Bell, whose fiancée was killed by police in a barrage of 50 bullets in November.

The Rev. Herbert Daughtry, the national minister of the House of the Lord Churches, said he would lead an act of civil disobedience outside the Sudan Mission in New York.

New Yorkers also planned to volunteer on the holiday in a spirit of service, such as knitting



King

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**THE FACTS OF FISHING:** Local angler, guide and *Murray Ledger & Times* outdoor columnist Jerry Maupin leads a seminar on crappie fishing Sunday afternoon at the Regional Special Events Center. The RSEC hosted the 23rd Annual West Kentucky Boat & Outdoor Show this past weekend, which showcased numerous boats and other watercraft, as well as outdoor equipment, organizations, places and events.

## Supplies of corn drop, prices rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ethanol plants and foreign buyers are gobbling the nation's corn supplies, pushing prices as high as \$3.40 a bushel, the Agriculture Department said.

Farmers haven't seen prices this high for more than a decade — a range of \$3 to \$3.40 a bushel, according to the new crop forecast. That's up 10 cents from December.

Robust prices have made corn more expensive to feed livestock.

"It makes a lot of difference," said Doug Weve, who raises cattle in Pretty Prairie, Kan., west of Wichita. "We've got to keep them gaining weight. In the cold weather we've had, they don't gain weight, and they eat more."

Weve feeds his cattle around 4,800 pounds of corn, about 85 bushels, each day.

High prices have forced some producers to switch to hay or other feed, but the dropoff in feed use was more than offset for corn farmers by growing demand from foreign markets, according to the crop report.

In Wheatland, Wyo., Randy Stevenson is feeding his cattle less corn and more distiller's grains, the byproduct of making corn-based ethanol fuel. Recent drought and high feed prices are squeezing cattle producers.

"It's very painful," Stevenson said.

Strong demand is eating into corn supplies, which are expected to drop from nearly 2 billion bushels to 752 million bushels.

That doesn't mean people will have less corn to eat; corn for livestock and fuel is different from sweet corn, the source of fresh corn on the cob and canned or frozen corn.

Eventually, sustained high corn prices would probably lead to higher grocery bills, but so far there has been no boost in what consumers pay for beef or pork.

Overall, the 2006 crop came in at 10.5 billion bushels, slightly under last month's forecast of 10.7 billion bushels. Anticipated yields were 2.1 bushels less per acre, and the area planted and harvested was slightly smaller than expected.

## KentuckyinBrief

### Kentucky moves to allow children to hunt for free

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Like so many other rural kids, 10-year-old Sierra Thomas is an avid hunter.

The southeastern Kentucky girl has been pursuing squirrels, turkeys and deer for years, and last month she bagged a 600-pound elk on an Appalachian mountaintop. She was thrilled. Her father, Donald Thomas, ecstatic.

In Kentucky, like other rural southern states, children have traditionally started hunting early — some as soon as they're old enough to shoulder a gun and walk through the woods with Dad.

"We have a motto," said Thomas, a Laurel County taxidermist who always accompanies his daughter. "Take a child hunting, and you won't be hunting your child."

The Kentucky Wildlife Commission has taken steps to make it easier for children to hunt, even removing the requirement for the state's youngest hunters to purchase licenses.

### Justice urges appellate reforms

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's first black Supreme Court justice says he would like to see reforms made in the selection process for appellate judges.

William Eugene McAnulty Jr. said he would like to see the state's district, circuit and trial judges become part of the selection process for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Justices currently are elected to that court. He said another idea for reform is to have appointment by the governor with the consent of the Senate.

"I don't throw these ideas for reform out lightly or as set in concrete," he said. "I want to plant a seed throughout the state."

### Deteriorating, historic stone fences target of legislation

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Time, weather and cattle looking to scratch an itch had crumbled parts of an intricately crafted 400-foot long stone fence that divides rolling pastures on Fred Dearborn's farm.

He spent about \$5,000 three years ago to restore the historic piece of Kentucky's past that was likely built by Irish masons before the Civil War.

"It required taking the whole thing out and putting the whole thing back," Dearborn, a 65-year-old cattleman and retired horse farmer, told *The Courier-Journal* of Louisville.

To slow that tide of decay, legislation has been proposed that would give property owners such as Dearborn tax credits and offer money to offset the cost of mending the historic stone fences that preservationists worry are slowly disintegrating, taking with them another link to Kentucky's heritage.

If the proposal is approved, fence owners could take a credit for half the cost to repair or restore dry-laid stone fences and 35 percent for repairing fences made with stone and mortar — provided the walls are at least 50 years old. Newer stone fences could receive a 25 percent credit.

### Couple to get new home from Tennessee homebuilder

FRANKLIN, Ky. (AP) — A southwestern Kentucky couple experiencing declining health while their trailer is crumbling around them will get a new home from a Christian-based homebuilder and volunteer labor.

Franklin residents James "Spike" Mallard, 73, and his wife, Leonia, 69, have spent 27 years — more than half their married life — in a trailer that will be replaced by Tennessee-based New Hope Construction. The nonprofit group broke ground Friday on an 800-square-foot home for the couple.

Their son, David Mallard, 46, of Franklin, said his father's severe respiratory problems make it hard for him to walk. And repairing the trailer, which isn't friendly to his wheelchair, would've cost more than buying a house.

## Rescued boy only talking to FBI

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP) — The uncle of a 13-year-old boy rescued four days after he was snatched on his way home from school said that no one is pushing the boy to talk about his ordeal.

Lloyd Bailie, the uncle of teenager Ben Ownby, told CBS' "Early Show" that the boy was only talking with FBI counselors.

"No one's pushing him at this point to answer these questions," Bailie said. "The biggest concern right now is all of the media coverage ... that somebody's going to ask the wrong question. ... (But) at this point, everyone has been very respectful of Ben and his family."

On Friday, police found Ben and another missing boy, Shawn Hornbeck, in the home of 41-year-old Michael Devlin. Shawn was 11 when he disappeared in 2002.

Devlin was arrested and jailed on \$1 million bond. He was awaiting arraignment on one charge of kidnapping but more charges are likely, authorities said.

Bailie said the first thing Ben asked for when he was returned to his family was a snack. Then he asked to play video games.

"It's just amazing that this just had such a great ending," Bailie said.

Also, one of the officers who arrested Devlin said he knew the man even before he began staking out his home: He had eaten at the pizza parlor he managed.

"Obviously we were shocked. He was a very laid-back and quiet individual so it kind of threw us for a loop also," police officer Gary Wagster said on the CBS program.

Wagster got involved Thursday when he and his partner noticed that Devlin's truck matched the description of one seen speeding from the site of Ben's disappearance on Jan. 8.

The officers questioned Devlin in the parking lot, and said he was initially friendly and cooperative. But his demeanor quickly changed when the officers started asking him specific questions, Wagster said. He became agitated and defensive.

With red flags raised, Wagster reported the find to FBI agents and Franklin County sheriff's deputies who were leading the hunt for Ben.

When agents arrived Thursday evening, Devlin wouldn't let them into his apartment. By the time Devlin left for work Friday morning, police had staked out his apartment and the FBI agents were investigating him.

## Town Crier

### NOTICE

■ The Calloway County chapter of the American Red Cross will meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Center for Health and Wellness in the classroom.

■ Murray Planning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at city hall. The agenda includes the installation of the new commissioner; reviews of the final plat for Campus Suites, plat for Hutson Business, and minor subdivision plat for 506 S. Ninth St.; and a public hearing for proposed text amendments.

■ The Murray Independent School District Local Planning Committee will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Carter Administration Building to discuss and/or amend continuing facility plans. A public forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. Another meeting will be held Jan. 23.

■ Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at city hall. The agenda includes two reviews of conditional use permits at Gray's Flea Market and Orschlen Farm and Home Store; a public hearing to allow two non-related people to live at 1105 Poplar St.; and two variance requests for Primary Care Medical Facility and 1808A Monroe Ave.

■ Calloway County Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Weeks Community Center. The agenda includes proposed recommendations concerning rural and secondary roads, the purchase of county road department equipment, a Judicial Building maintenance agreement and a resolution authorizing action on a new state House bill concerning local projects.

■ The Murray-Calloway County Park Board will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

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



AP

Utility workers remove debris and fallen tree branches from frozen power lines following a series of ice storms in Springfield, Mo., Sunday.

## Ice storm ...

### From Front

About 122,000 customers lacked power in Oklahoma as of Sunday night, the state Department of Emergency Management said. A gymnasium roof collapsed in Del City,

Okla., under the weight of ice and snow, but no one was inside or injured, authorities said.

In Texas, 415 flights were canceled Sunday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In Nebraska, which has been pummeled by winter storms in the past month, the weekend storm dropped even more snow, making roads treacherous.

As the storm began to fade from the nation's midsection, parts of the East began to suffer.

In Albany, N.Y., a 22-year-old died after falling about 90 feet from a bridge to a road below after climbing a railing to avoid being hit by a sliding car. He had gotten out of his vehicle around 2 a.m. after a crash.

In Syracuse, N.Y., Interstate 81 was closed for about two hours after about 30 cars were involved in six accidents early Sunday.

Several people were taken to hospitals.

## MLK's oldest ...

### From Front

blankets for babies born to mothers with HIV/AIDS, painting murals, building homes, revitalizing their community and making fleece scarves for the homeless.

This year's holiday comes on the day King would have turned 78. King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. His confessed killer, James Earl Ray, was arrested two months later in London.

Coretta Scott King died last

year on Jan. 31 at age 78. An activist in her own right, she also fought to shape and preserve her husband's legacy after his death.

Shortly after his death, she founded what would become the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. For years, she worked to establish Jan. 15 as a federal holiday, which became a reality in 1986.

"When you see the commitment my parents exhibited ... it was not for fame or fortune," Yolanda King said. "The best sermons are those that are lived."



AP

Sandra Crawford, right, of Cromwell, Conn., leads the Mount Hebron Baptist Church choir during a service honoring Martin Luther King Jr., Sunday afternoon at the Apostolic Community Church of Jesus and Ministries in Meriden, Conn.

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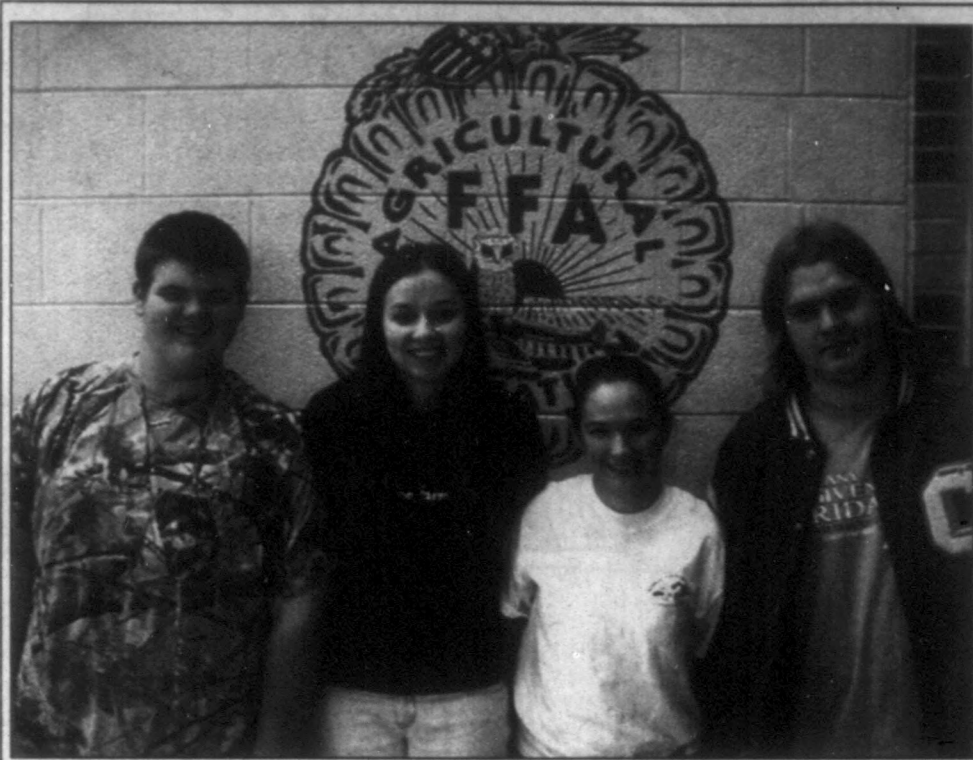


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**AG SALES CONTEST WINNERS:** The Calloway County FFA Chapter competed in the regional Ag Sales Contest on Dec. 5, and came away with a Superior 1st rating. Calloway won the contest by over 200 points, and had the top four high individual scorers. This is the second year in a row for the CCHS Chapter to win the contest, and the third time in the last four years. Students competing in the contest were Cassie Hendon, Jackie Thomas, Dustin Black and Elliott Lovett and qualified for state competitions within the FFA this summer.

## Agriculture education in the 21st century

By Bill Sampson and Jacob Falwell

Changes in the world of agriculture, especially here in Kentucky, are forcing educators to review and revise the curriculum taught in high school agriculture programs.

Gone are the days when all boys would study agriculture and all girls would enroll in home economics. The establishment of vocational education in Kentucky in 1917 actually began with that goal in mind. Today, the number of boys who intend to farm after high school is less than 5 percent of the student body, and only a slightly higher percentage of high school age girls plan to work only within the home after graduation.

These social and economic changes, along with developments in farming technology and practices, have greatly altered traditional agriculture education. Previous generations enrolled in Ag I, Ag II, Ag III and Ag IV as they progressed through high school. Today topics of study such as small animal technology, floral design, landscaping, equine science, environmental technology and ag sales and marketing compliment the more typical courses of farm management, animal science, and plant and land science.

The world of agriculture has changed, and so too has the world of agriculture education.

Farming, as an industry, is not what it was 20 years ago. Conservation measures including no-till farming, set-aside acreage, and precision agriculture have revolutionized the row crop industry. The animal industry has witnessed the introduction of embryo transfer, genetic research, and post-9/11 animal identification.

Recently changes have impacted tobacco farming. While today, tobacco is still the largest legal cash crop in the state of Kentucky, and no county in the state grows more acres of dark fired tobacco

than Calloway County, those facts seem destined to change.

In the fall of 2005, President Bush signed an omnibus bill that completely ended the 70-plus years of the government tobacco program. This change, along with the increasing social pressure from individuals and health institutions taking a stand against tobacco have threatened the way many farmers make a living.

Experts at Murray State University, Kentucky State University and the University of Kentucky have worked tirelessly to research the practicality of adopting various tobacco alternatives. Unfortunately, they have determined that the Commonwealth will never be able to completely replace the economic benefits of tobacco. Other commodities will only provide a partial replacement for the income lost as we phase out production of Kentucky's oldest crop.

At Calloway County High School, the agriculture department serves over 150 students each day, and more than 300 during the course of the school year. While the majority of students have been exposed to agriculture, fewer than 10 percent actually live or work on a family farm.

This challenges the department to teach basic agriculture skills and practices, but not to focus solely on farming. Courses such as animal science not only study feeding rations and weight gain expectations of cattle, but also touch on production of aquatic animals.

The department has a 500 gallon fish tank in which students raise tilapia, an African fish. On the school campus, horticulture students work in a modern greenhouse to raise bedding plants and vegetables available for sale to Calloway County residents. Students experience traditional growing methods as well as hydroponics production.

Plant and land science stu-

dents not only explore soil fertility requirements and balancing fertilizer ratios, but also the benefits of precision agriculture utilizing the technology of global positioning systems.

Each of the 12 classes offered by Calloway County's agriculture department is designed to meet the rigorous Kentucky Department of Education program of studies. The freshman agriculture class, ag-science technology, is a broad survey of the wide world of agriculture. Students are given a taste of ag construction with a welding unit. They whet their appetite for environmental technology with a water quality unit. Freshmen are introduced to the wonders of plant science in the horticulture units.

The largest student organization in America, the FFA, is also presented as a unit of study. Finally, students experience the excitement of the production livestock courses with a unit in poultry production beginning with the egg and following through to the dinner plate. Students even get to act as USDA graders as they tour a chicken hatchery, a growing house, and a processing plant.

Calloway County students are now preparing for increasingly technical careers in the agriculture industry, many requiring college degrees. In fact, over 20 students have earned three hours of college credit while enrolled in agriculture courses at Calloway County High School.

Agriculture has changed, and agriculture education has had to change as well. The department has met this demand head on.

For more information regarding the curriculum at Calloway County High School visit the schools Web site at <http://www.calloway.k12.ky.us/> or contact either Bill Sampson or Jacob Falwell at CCHS for specific questions about any of the 12 agriculture courses.

## Pet microchipping clinic set for Saturday

The Humane Society of Calloway County will hold a microchipping clinic on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Orscheln's in Murray. This is an opportunity for pet owners to provide a permanent way of identifying their dog or cat by implanting a grain of rice sized microchip under the dog's skin.

Cost of the microchip and registration is \$10.

The life of the microchip is estimated at 25 years and will stay with your pet when other forms of identification fall off or are taken off. Custom identification tags can be made while you wait for an additional two dollar fee. Digital photographs will also be taken of each animal for the Humane Society's Lost Pet Photo Registry. The photo is

kept on file in the unfortunate event that the animal gets lost or separated from its owner.

The Humane Society strongly recommends both an identification tag as well as the microchip. Statistics indicate that the overwhelming majority of animals that enter shelters have no form of identification and make it almost impossible to reunite the animal to its owners unless the owner thinks to check at the shelter to find the lost pet.

Humane Society President Tom Rottinghaus says that an animal is euthanized in the United States every six seconds. The two major reasons for this are animal overpopulation and animals not having any form of identification that will help reunite them to their owners. He added that the Humane

Society provided the Murray-Calloway County Animal Shelter with a microchip scanner that can detect any brand of microchip currently used in the United States.

Anyone wanting more information about the Lost Pet Photo Registry program, custom identification tags or the microchipping program can contact the Humane Society, a United Way agency, at 759-1884, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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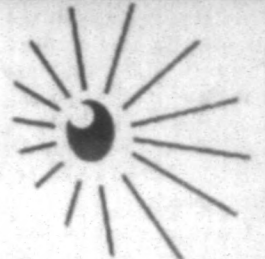
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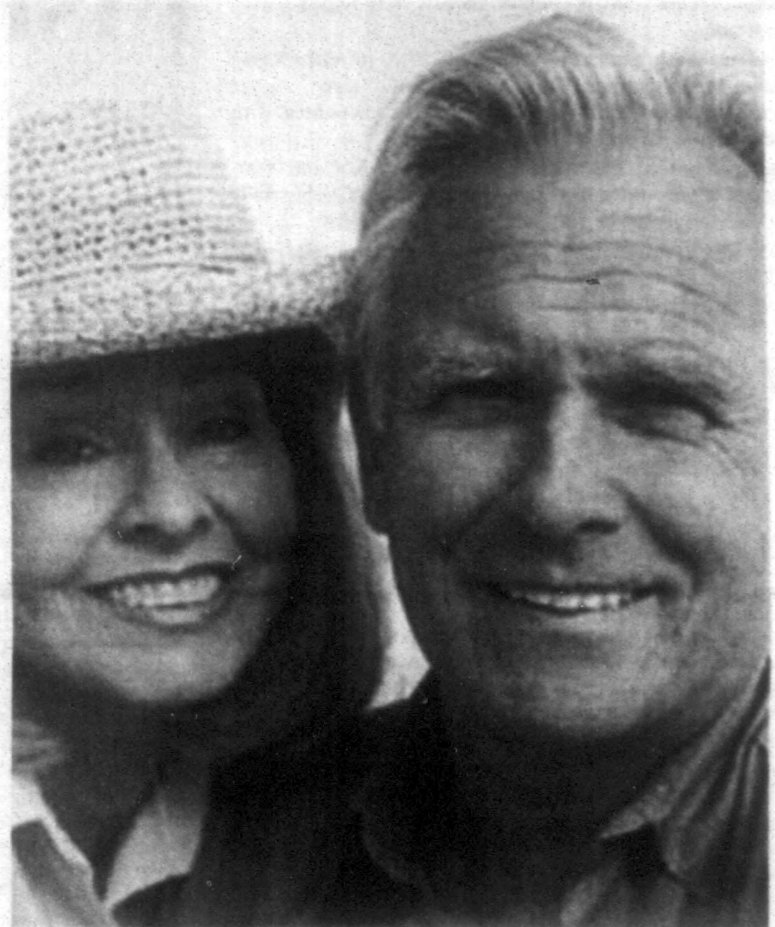
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## Remembering Dr. King's dream

This Monday, we celebrate the life and legacy of one of America's greatest heroes, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King dreamt of an America where all of America's children would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. By sharing his dream with the rest of us, Dr. King awoke a nation.

I remember all too well the days before Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement lit a fire across this country. Many parts of America were split into two separate nations, and they were certainly not equal.

As a young man I was present for not just one, but two significant events in the life of Dr. King. On August 28, 1963, more than 200,000 people gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to protest racial inequality and to hear Dr. King give what would be his most remembered speech.

I was an intern at the time for Kentucky Congressman Gene Snyder, and so I went outside to stand on the Capitol steps. I supported Dr. King and his cause, and wanted to witness what I knew would be a pivotal point in history.

In the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King issued the greatest declaration of freedom since Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation a century earlier. His words moved a nation.

I returned to Washington in August of 1965 to visit Kentucky Senator John Sherman Cooper, who I had also interned for. Thanks to him, I had my second encounter with Martin Luther King.

Congress had passed the 1965 Voting Rights Act and sent it to President Johnson for his signature. Senator Cooper led me to the Capitol Rotunda for the signing ceremony.

I'll never forget President Johnson's physical presence in that room. His commanding figure almost filled the Rotunda. But another figure was there—not as large, but just as significant.

Dr. King stood by the president and witnessed the signing of the Voting Rights Act, an Act that would not have gained America's support without his efforts.

In fact, I do not believe this country's march towards liberty and equality, and away from racial injustice and division, would have been possible without Dr. King.

It would not have been possible without his leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which first began to ignite what he called "a certain kind of fire that no water could put out."

It would not have been possible without his plea to America in front of the Lincoln Memorial, when he said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

It would not have been possible without his enlisting all of us, black and white, in the cause of freedom when he said, "human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men."

Dr. King's faith and courage continue to inspire America. Our country has traveled far since the Civil Rights Movement to reach the promised land that he spoke of. It's been a difficult journey, and the journey is not yet over.

Dr. King said, "I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose, and that in the struggle for righteousness, man has cosmic companionship. Behind the harsh appearance of the world there is a benign power."

Those words serve to remind us that no matter the difficulty or the distance of our journey, our destination is clear, thanks to the foundation laid by Dr. King. That destination is liberty and justice for all.

Senator Mitch McConnell is the U.S. Senate Republican Leader and the senior senator for Kentucky.



U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell R-Ky.



## Fish or cut bait

FRANKFORT — In less than three weeks, all the gubernatorial maybes will have to decide whether to run for governor this year or not.

To use an old phrase, it's time to fish or cut bait.

Former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup will have to decide whether she will oppose her old colleague in Congress, Gov. Ernie Fletcher, for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, never mind that she strongly supported Fletcher's candidacy in 2003.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo must stop taking surveys and make up his mind to run for governor, re-election as attorney general or take the second slot on someone else's campaign for the Democratic nomination in May.

Former Democratic Lt. Gov. Steve Henry will either find someone to run with him or he won't, thus putting an end to Henry's gubernatorial ambitions.

And any number of Republicans and Democrats will be lining up to file papers to run for the lesser statewide offices on the November ballot.

The deadline for all this is Jan. 30. Once that deadline passes, the really interesting show will begin.

If Northup takes on Fletcher in the

Republican Primary, will Paducah businessman Billy Harper decide he's already wasted \$2.5 million of his own money and withdraw? After all, Harper says he entered the race against Fletcher because he doesn't believe Fletcher stands a chance at re-election after the yearlong hiring scandal.

Northup has a far greater chance of denying Fletcher the nomination than Harper despite Harper's deep pockets.

Or if Harper stays in the race, will he get enough GOP votes in the primary to deny either Fletcher or Northup the 40 percent necessary to avoid a costly runoff between the top two?

And we'll find out exactly how effective a campaigner Northup will be outside urban Jefferson County. Farmers in the burley belt aren't going to be especially enthused by a candidate who voted against the tobacco buyout, and county officials in rural areas won't cheer for the major supporter of two costly new Ohio River bridges in Louisville that are siphoning huge sums of federal and state road building funds away for those counties.

On the Democratic side of Campaign 2007, State Treasurer Jonathan Miller will have to convince voters that he can move from managing a relatively small agency of state government to running all of state government.

After the experience of turning state government over to a congressman to manage, voters are going to be looking for experience as much as high-minded

political platitudes in 2007.

Former attorney general and Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear faces the task of re-introducing himself to Kentucky voters after two decades out of elected office and establishing his name and credentials to many voters who were in diapers the last time he ran a statewide race.

Beshear's record as attorney general also may be overshadowed by his years as an attorney and lobbyist, the latter hardly a background to impress cynical Democratic voters.

And if Stumbo jumps into the Democratic Primary race, his first task will be to convince conservative voters to remain deaf to the inevitable onslaught of criticism over Stumbo's personal life over the years.

The fact is that, while so much attention has been paid to Fletcher's vulnerabilities in even being re-nominated in May let alone re-elected, none of the other candidates and maybe candidates in both parties is a shoe-in in the primary or general election.

And because Kentucky's gubernatorial election will be watched closely on the nation level, there will be huge sums of money invested by both parties in determining the outcome.

It's probably going to be the most expensive election in Kentucky history, and it's likely to be the nastiest with so much at stake for Kentucky Republicans and Democrats alike.

Time to go fishing.



Agree Or Not

By Todd Duvall  
Syndicated Columnist

## OUR READERS WRITE

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter to the editor refers to a Murray Independent School Board Local Planning Committee meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday and again Jan. 23 at the Carter Administration Building to discuss continuing and/or amending its current facility plan. A public forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. for those in attendance to review the plan and ask questions.

At press time today, the Ledger & Times did not have an agenda for the meeting — other than the public notice that it was to take place. The possible closure of the Murray-Calloway County Area Technology Center has been mentioned before, though, in budget discussions by the district, though no course of action has been set regarding the center:

To the Editor,  
Tuesday night, there will be a Murray School Board meeting at the Carter Building at 7:30 pm. One item on the agenda is the possible closure of the Murray/Calloway County Area Technology Center located on the Murray High School Campus.

The Murray School Board is considering closing their offices in the Carter Building and moving their offices, bus garage and maintenance department to the Technology Center. This is an effort to reduce their operation cost of which I have no knowledge. I can state however, with no reservations, that this is a poor decision for the students of both Murray and Calloway High Schools. It would also be a regressive move for our community.

I taught at the Murray Technology Center for 18 years. For three years I taught applied physics and for the last 15 years I was fortunate enough to teach carpentry. I am now the principal

of the Mayfield/Graves County Area Technology Center.

I have seen and continue to see the positive effect that these schools have on our students. There are a large percentage of high school students, and not just poor performing ones, who thrive in an environment where educational material is presented in a hands-on manner.

The programs at the Murray Technology Center are automotive technology, carpentry, culinary arts, health science, machine tool, marketing, and welding. Many students have and will continue to find careers in these areas.

I have witnessed the change in many students after they enroll and discover an area of study that was not available for them at a traditional high school. With the skills they master at our school they can enter the job market making considerably more than minimum wage and many choose to continue their education in a related field at both post-secondary technical schools and four year colleges.

Our programs serve as a window to the world of work. Students can make a connection between their traditional

core education classes and their pocket books.

Our curriculum includes reading technical manuals and journals, learning and applying mathematic principles that are related to the field of study, and writing papers relating the field of study. Our students are willing to put forth a good effort in these academic endeavors because they can see the relationship between the knowledge and the application of the knowledge.

These schools can and do help the students in their other academic classes and in their CATS testing.

If you have directly experienced or indirectly witnessed the positive results that this school has had in our community, please contact a board member or come to the board meeting and help derail this decision. This is a short term, stop gap move that will only have negative impact on the future of our community. Our society will always need technicians and tradesmen to maintain the infrastructure of our communities.

Steve Arant  
Hazel, Ky.

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**Obituaries**

**Tony Williford**

Joseph Anthony (Tony) Williford, 50, Owensboro, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at his home.



Williford

A heavy equipment operator, he was a member of the Southside Wesleyan Church. His hobbies were working on cars and lawn mowers and riding his motorcycle.

He was born Nov. 18, 1956, in El Paso, Texas. His father, Joseph Williford of Murray, preceded him in death. Survivors include wife, Mrs. Terry Lynn Dick Williford, to whom he had been married for more than 14 years; three daughters, Mrs. Amy Lehman and husband, Steve, and Mrs. Ashley Clark and husband, Leon, all of Owensboro, and Mrs. Teah Croft, Princeton; his mother, Mrs. Wanda Butler, Murray; two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Avent, Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Marsha Bucy, Murray; three grandchildren, Shelby Pritchett, Austin Clark and Jacob Clark.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of Glenn Funeral Home, Owensboro. Pastor John Fowler will officiate. Burial will follow in the Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be a the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. today (Monday) and after 10 a.m. Tuesday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Mentor Kids, 1700 Frederica St., Ste. 204, Owensboro, Ky., 42301. Online condolences may be left at [www.glennfuneralhome.com](http://www.glennfuneralhome.com).

**Guy Edward Litchfield**

Guy Edward Litchfield, 88, Brewers Highway, Benton, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at his home.



Litchfield

An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mayfield Branch. He worked as a retail grocer and retired as a monument retailer and engraver. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Stella Karlene Cook Litchfield; one son, Patrick William Litchfield; three brothers, Conroy Litchfield, Thomas Earl Litchfield and Nile Gutherie Litchfield; two sisters, Erma Jean Litchfield Whitaker and Melba Joyce Litchfield Stover. He was the son of the late Henry Clifton Litchfield and Iva Birdie Joyce Litchfield.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Mabel Washburn Litchfield; two daughters, Sharon Kaye Litchfield Thompson, St. Louis, Mo., and Rebecca Sue Litchfield Lamb, Columbia, Mo.; one son, Gilbert Guy Litchfield, Spanish Fork, Utah; two stepdaughters, Laura Jean Wolf, Memphis, Tenn., and Judith Lee Dawson, Benton; two stepsons, John Lewis Dawson, Benton, and James Walter Dawson, Murray; one brother, Allan Ashby Litchfield, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mayfield Branch. Branch President Danny Miller will officiate. Burial will follow in the Jenny Ridge Cemetery in Land Between the Lakes. Visitation will be at Collier Funeral Home, Benton, from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Monday) and at the church after 9 a.m. Tuesday.

**Elizabeth Earleen Stom Thurmond**

The funeral for Elizabeth Earleen Stom Thurmond was Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Imes-Miller Funeral Home. Rev. Jimmy Stom officiated. Pallbearers were Todd Fuqua, Brandon Ferguson, Seth Grogan, Jared Adams, Clinton Adams and Wade Adams. Burial was in the New Providence Cemetery.

Mrs. Thurmond, 80, Spring Creek Health Care, died there Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at 11:10 a.m. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and worked as a LPN for Dr. Charles Clark. She attended Hazel High School. Preceding her in death were a son-in-law, William Wilson, and her parents, Earl Stom and Mabel Jones Stom.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Aleta Grogan, Murray, and Mrs. Donna Wilson, Almo; one son, Earl Grogan, two stepsons, Timothy Thurmond and wife, Sue, and Tony Thurmond and wife, Janice, and two sisters, Mrs. Henryetta Camp and Mrs. Leola Lafser and husband, Ray, all of Murray; two brothers, Donald Stom and wife, Sue, Murray, and Mitchell Stom and wife, Carolyn, Kirksey; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

**Ernest D. (Ernie) Romero**

The funeral for Ernest D. (Ernie) Romero was Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Rosary Chapel Catholic Church with Rev. Carl McCarthy and Rev. Larry McBride officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Ernie Romero Memorial Fund established for his young daughters, Olivia and Karina Romero, at Paducah Bank & Trust Co., 555 Jefferson St., Paducah, Ky., 42001, or brought to any Paducah Bank branch.

Mr. Romero, 55, Paducah, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at 2:30 a.m. at his home. Born in Douglas, Ariz., he was a private consultant for Hispanic language services and a teacher at Murray State University. He earned both bachelor and master degrees from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. He also was a former teacher and coach at Paducah Tilghman High School and Reidland High School.

He was a volunteer at Grace Clinic, Mayfield; former Hispanic culture specialist for Purchase AHEC at Murray State; a member of Rosary Chapter Catholic Church, where he served as lector, Eucharistic minister, parish council member and Bible study leader and assisted with social activities; a member of Teens Encounter Christ; and a member of Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council 1055, where he served as faithful navigator for Fr. Jon Fallon, assembly 312. Preceding him in death were his father, Antonio F. Romero, and one brother, Robert Anthony Romero.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marianna L. Schadler Romero, to whom he had been married for 15 years; two daughters, Olivia Rose Romero and Karina Antonette Romero, Paducah; his mother, Mrs. Natividad Segovia Romero, Sikeston, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Virginia Ybarro, 29 Palms, Calif.; several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Saddam Hussein's half brother, Revolutionary Court chief hanged**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two top aides to Saddam Hussein were hanged before dawn this morning, and the head of one of them — the former Iraqi dictator's half brother Barzan Ibrahim — was severed from his body during the execution, a government official said.

Two weeks and two days after Saddam was executed in an unruly scene that has drawn worldwide criticism, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh stressed that all laws and rules were respected during Monday's hanging of Ibrahim, the former intelligence chief, and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court.

"Those present signed documents pledging not to violate the rules or otherwise face legal penalties. All the people present abided by the government's rule and there were no violations," he said, adding the hangings occurred at 3 a.m. "No one shouted slogans or said anything that would taint the execution. None of those charged were insulted."

The official government video of the side-by-side hanging that was shown to a small group of reporters, including one from The Associated Press, showed Ibrahim and al-Bandar wearing red prison jumpsuits. As they reached the gallows, black hoods were put on their heads and five masked men surrounded them.

After the trap doors opened, al-Bandar could be seen dangling from the rope. Ibrahim's body was lying on the floor, chest down, his still-hooded severed head resting several yards away.

The execution was conducted on the same gallows where Saddam was hanged Dec. 30 in a building located in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the gallows were built to international standards and in accordance with human rights organizations.

"We will not release the video, but we want to show the truth," he said. "The Iraqi government acted in a neutral way."

Prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi said Ibrahim looked



Iraqi Shiites celebrate the executions of two of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants, his half brother and the former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court Barzan Ibrahim and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court, in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, 100 miles south of Baghdad, this morning. A framed photograph shows Shiite religious leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

tense when he was brought into the room and said "I did not do anything. It was all the work of Fadel al-Barrak." Ibrahim was referring to a former head of two intelligence departments.

The government came under widespread condemnation because of Saddam's chaotic execution in which video of the hanging, recorded on a cell phone camera, showed the former dictator being taunted on the gallows.

Ibrahim and al-Bandar had been found guilty along with Saddam in the killing of 148 Shiite Muslims after a 1982 assassination attempt on the former leader in the town of Dujail north of Baghdad.

The announcement drew outrage from some in the Sunni community while majority Shiites who were heavily perse-

cuted under Saddam's regime expressed joy.

Khalaf al-Olayan, a leader of the main Sunni bloc in parliament, demanded to see any video taken during the execution.

"It is impossible for a person to be decapitated during a hanging," he told Al-Jazeera television. "This shows that they (the government) have mutilated the body and this is a violation of the law."

"We want to see the video that was taken during the execution of the two men in order for them (government) to prove what they are saying," he added.

A government official,

speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to disclose the information, said the families of Ibrahim and al-Bandar would collect the bodies later Monday.

The two men were to have been hanged along with Saddam, but Iraqi authorities decided to execute the former dictator alone on what National Security Adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie called a "special day."

Last week, President Jalal Talabani urged the government to delay the executions but gave no explanation during a news conference with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said that Khalilzad asked him to delay Saddam's execution for 10 days to two weeks, but added that Iraqi officials rejected the demand.



Ibrahim



al-Bandar

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## Writer's Potpourri

by Charlie York

Writer's Potpourri did not meet on its usual second Saturday at the Calloway County Public Library as the library is closed for inventory. The next meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

Charlie York, director, has released some of the poems written by participants from the December meeting as follows:

### Peace and Love

By Wilma J. Sanders  
Wrap peace around my heart, Lord  
Let me ever be content  
Guide my wayward steps, Lord  
Know peace is Heaven sent  
Let heart-songs rise from within  
Put love within my heart  
Let me be the loving one  
The one where love can start  
Hold me close when I would stray  
With patients without end  
You are the "King of Kings," Lord  
But still my dearest friend.

### How Do You Know If God Smiles

By Deborah Holt Hale  
A little hand took hold of hers  
As they walked the country path,  
She looked down at him and smiled  
Not thinking of the questions he would ask.  
Momma, how do you know if God smiles  
Or even for sure if He really is?  
I can see you, and you can see me  
But, we can't see Him, so how can He be?  
"Oh" she thought, wondering how she could  
Explain God, and make him understand  
When even she herself had questioned  
The existence of the Great I Am.

"If we close our eyes, we can still feel the sun  
And we can hear the wind dancing in the trees,  
I guess I can tell you, I know God smiles  
By just looking at you, I know, God smiled on me."

### Empty Pages

By Margaret Davis  
Thoughts and actions of this world  
bring rhythmic compositions of words to paper and pen  
through a poet's hand  
They make you laugh, they make you cry  
and even think of days gone by  
They write about family and friends  
about their faith, love and fears  
or just simple things that happened throughout the years

Composing words is a natural thing when a poet's hand is accompanied by a pen  
Unless they are filled with an empty emotion that blocks the flow of their rhythmic notions and leaves their paper as empty as their hand  
That is why I pray today for a poet named Charlie York who lost the spirit of a poet's hand somewhere along the way  
and has no repeated action to fill the pages  
So I ask you Lord to give back to Charlie York the spirit of a poet's hand to write words of rhythmic motion again.

### The Hot Air Balloon

By Danyelle Clark  
There is a hot air balloon  
Headed for the sun and the moon  
It has 2007 charms attached  
Raise your arms high  
If you catch one  
It should bring you  
Good luck all year.



Photo provided

Pictured with stuffed toys for soldiers in Iraq are, from left, back row, Brenda Kimbro, Friendship Club, La Dawn Hale, Calloway County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Dorothy Cook, Potpourri Club, seated, Martha Butterworth, Wadesboro Club, Sue Williams, New Concord and Potpourri Clubs, on floor, Judy Stahler, Friendship Club and Judi Little, Potpourri and Foods Clubs.

## Beanie Babies for Iraq being collected for soldiers

The Calloway County Extension Homemakers are collecting and sending soft, stuffed toys small enough to fit in a soldier's pocket that he/she could give to children as they are on patrol in Iraq.

Although "Beanies" are a popular prototype for these toys, any similar soft, stuffed toy would be acceptable. It has been requested that toys with a religious connotation (i.e. angels) not be included.  
Monetary donations will be accepted and used to cover shipping costs. These toys will be sent to Kentucky National Guard units serving with U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq.

Monetary donations above shipping costs will be used to purchase additional stuffed toys.

Collections will be taken at the Calloway County Extension Office through Thursday, Feb. 22.

For more information contact La Dawn Hale, Calloway County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 753-1452.

## Free financial aid workshop will be Tuesday at CCHS library



A free financial aid workshop will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the library/media center at Calloway County High School. Charles Vinson from Murray State University will present a program on federal aid and other sources of financial assistance for college. All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

## Jo's Lodge 138 plans event

Woodmen of the World Lodge 138 will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Harmon Hall, C.C. Lowry Drive, Murray. The installation of officers for 2007 will be conducted. The lodge will furnish spaghetti, lasagna, bread and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dessert.

## Soccer board will meet

Board of directors of Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Automated Direct Mail, 1410 N. 12th St., former Heilig Meyers building, north entrance. The meeting is open to the public.

## CCMS committee will meet

The Curriculum committee of Calloway County Middle School Based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the media center.

## MES Council will meet

Murray Elementary School Based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room.

## Southwest Council will meet

Southwest Elementary School Based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the counselor's office.

## Alumni association will meet

Alumni and Associates of Calloway County Schools will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at P agliai's. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information on the association call Laura Lee Winchester at 227-3441.

## Support Group will meet

Death of a Parent Support Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. This is a support group for people who have lost one or both parents due to death and to help each other through the hard times. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-7129.

## Music Department will meet

Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a potato bar supper with the Relay for Life as host. Contributions will be appreciated and call Gale Vinson at 73-5452 to reserve your potato.

## Masonic lodge meets tonight

Murray Lodge # 105 of Free and Accepted Masons will have a Third Degree ceremony tonight at 6 at the Masonic hall. A meal with the lodge furnishing the meat, bread and drinks, will follow the ceremony. Bobby Hale, master of the lodge for 2007, urges all Masonic lodge members to attend.

## THEOS group will meet Tuesday

THEOS (They Help Each Other Spiritually) Group, a bereavement support group for persons who have lost their spouses to death, will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the community room of Calloway Public Library. Opal Howard will present the program on "Making A New Life for Myself." The group will go later to eat at Sirloin Stockade. For more information call Lillian Steele at 753-2875, Opal Howard at 753-1998, or Karen Isaacs at 753-2411.

## Hospital retirees will meet Tuesday

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

## Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and osteoporosis screenings Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at Hospital Center for Health and Wellness; and on Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Food Giant, Murray.

## Republicans will meet Tuesday

Calloway County Republicans will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Weeks Center. This will be a working meeting with everyone stuffing envelopes with invitations to The Jackson Purchase Republican Lincoln Day dinner for Feb. 10 here in Murray. The keynote speaker for the dinner is fellow Kentuckian Mike Duncan, chairman of The Republican National Committee. Most of the statewide Republican candidates will also be attending.

## Al-Anon meeting Tuesday

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

## TOPS will meet Tuesday

Murray Chapter of TOPS, #616 will meet Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at University Church of Christ, near Wal-Mart. Persons are to enter on the side of the church where the carport is located. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Joyce at 753-9080 or Amy at 435-4054.

## Ladies of the Oaks

The Ladies of the Oaks Country Club held their regular bridge play on Jan. 10 at the club. Winners were Melva Hatcher, first place, and Shirley Wade, second place, according to Bronda Parker, hostess. Regular bridge will be played on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at the club with Janet Kirk as hostess. To sign up, call Kirk at 753-7418.

## Birth Announcement

### Lukas William Johnson

William Johnson and Tasha Edmonson of Speaker Trail, Murray, are the parents of a son, Lukas William Johnson, born on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at 2:26 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Thomas and Rhonda Duff and William Senior and Sylvia Johnson, all of Murray.

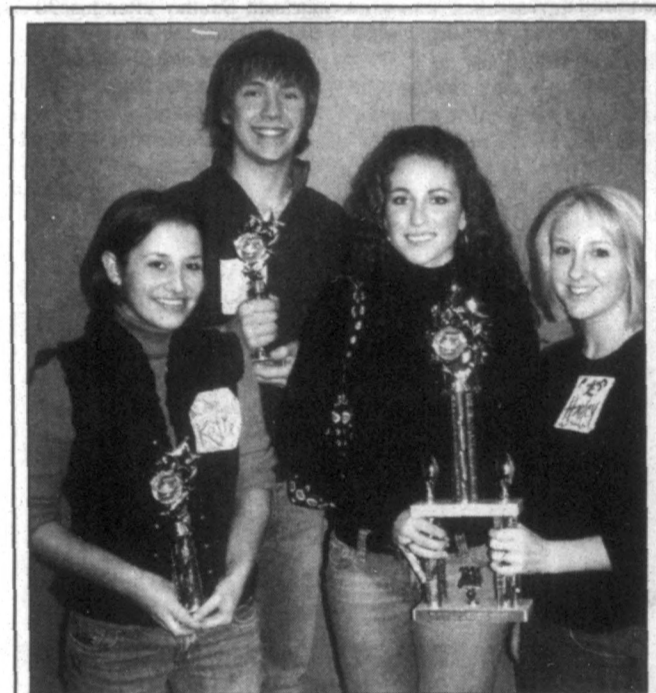


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**OFFICERS ATTEND CONFERENCE:** Murray High School Beta Club Officers recently attended the State Beta Leadership Conference in Burksville. Pictured are Senior Katie DeCillo and Juniors Collin Capps, Laken Peal and Hailey Dean. Capps and Decillo both came home with individual awards, while the officer team came home with an overall leadership award. Adviser Jill Herndon also went on the trip and attended adviser sessions.

**Hickory Woods**  
Retirement Center  
**HAPPENINGS**  
by Annita Peeler

Cyndi Porter came this week and presented a program on "How To Beat The Blues." It is such a let down after Christmas and with the cold dreary weather, it's difficult to be excited about getting up in the mornings. Something about the sunshine and the birds singing makes it easier to feel good physically and mentally. That's why January is "Pampering" month at Hickory Woods. We've scheduled several extra special treats to pamper our residents this month. Once we survive January, everything looks up. February is a special "Love Month" and after that spring!

Congratulations to Jessie Barrow - our resident of the month! Jessie is 101 years old and we are looking forward to a big 102nd birthday party in March. Jessie says she contributes her long life to living right, being raised on a farm and plain old home cooking from all their home grown vegetables, beef and pork. Jessie is certainly an inspiration to all who know her.

We want to wish Debbie Hargrove a happy birthday! Debbie has been with Hickory Woods since 2003. She frequently entertains us with her piano playing and she also does a great job as our substitute Sunday school teacher.

We also have another happy birthday - not a resident or staff member but an executive director supporter - my husband, Charlie. I could not do this job without his support. Actually, it's probably because of him that I'm at Hickory Woods. We were living in Paducah and I was working at Lourdes Hospital when Hickory Woods was being built. Charlie came to Murray three to four times a week to care for his mother. I told him the next time he came to Murray to stop and get the telephone number off of the Hickory Woods sign so I could call and inquire about a job. He did and I interviewed with the company. The day my boss called to tell me I had the job, Charlie sold our house in Paducah - the same day! When the Lord wants you somewhere, he makes things happen!

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MSU BASKETBALL

# Lady Racers get high marks

By MSU Media Relations

After a dip in the rankings last week, the Murray State Lady Racers find themselves back among the best shooting teams in Division I, ranking among the top 15 in all three shooting categories: Field-goal percentage, 3-point field-goal percentage and free throw percentage.

Only national leader Maryland can make a similar claim out of the 335 Division I teams.

According to rankings released last Thursday by the NCAA, Murray State is 10th in the nation in 3-point field-goal percentage (.397), 14th in free throw percentage (.763) and 15th in field goal percentage (.470).

MSU ranks 13th in fewest turnovers (14.1 per game), 21st in 3-pointers per game (6.9) and 25th in scoring offense (75.9 points per game). The Lady Racers are also 32nd in scoring margin (+13.4 points per game) and 66th in win percentage (.714).


Individually, senior forward Joi Scott is 11th in the nation in scoring (21.1 points per

**Lady Racers at Alabama A&M**

When: Today, 6 p.m.  
Where: Huntsville, Ala.

Records: MSU 10-4; Alabama A&M 9-6  
Coaches: MSU, Joi Felton (43-55, fourth year); Alabama A&M, Altherias Warmley (60-68, fifth year)

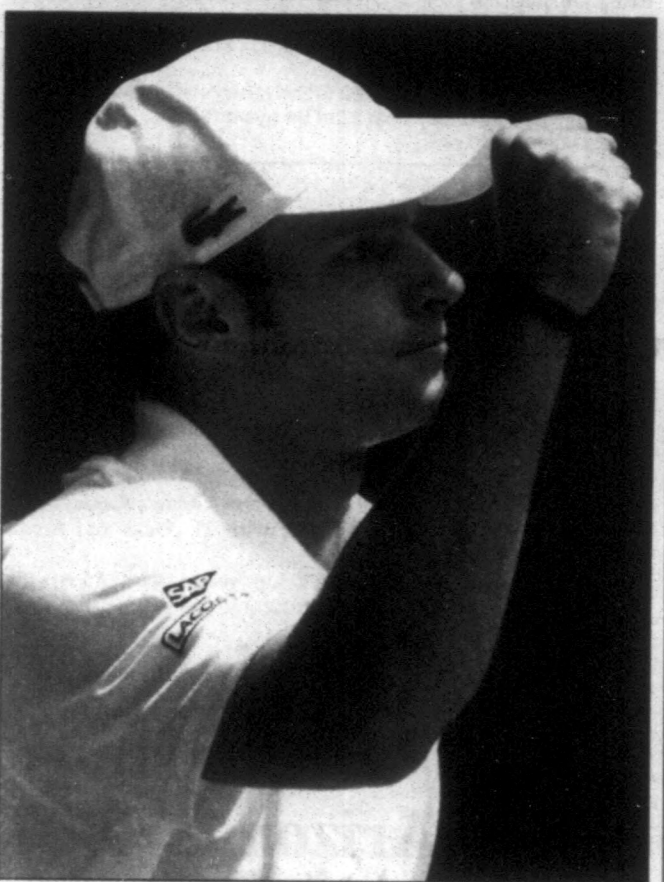
Top Players: MSU, senior forward Joi Scott (21.1 ppg., 7.9 rpg.); Alabama A&M, senior forward Tamika Green (11.7 ppg., 5.4 rpg.)  
Radio: WNBS (1340 AM)



game), 13th in field goal percentage (.591) and 98th in blocked shots per game (1.4). Sophomore guard Amber Guffey ranks 13th in 3-point field-goal percentage (.459), 29th in free throw percentage (.868), 40th in 3-pointers per game (2.4) and 92nd in assists per game (4.2).

Murray State (10-4, 7-1 OVC) steps out of conference play to visit Alabama A&M (9-6, 5-0 SWAC) in a battle of league leaders. Tip-off is scheduled for at 6 p.m. today. It can be heard locally on WNBS (1340 AM, Murray), or worldwide through the audio link at [www.GoRacers.com](http://www.GoRacers.com).

AUSTRALIAN OPEN



AP  
Andy Roddick reacts during his first-round match today against France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne. Roddick won 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3.

# Federer, Roddick overcome jitters

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Even Roger Federer gets jittery in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament.

The world's No. 1 player and winner of three majors last season dropped serve three times in the first set against Germany's Bjorn Phau before rallying for a 7-5, 6-0, 6-4 victory Monday to begin defense of his Australian Open title.

Amelie Mauresmo, who captured her first Grand Slam title last year in Melbourne, also had a nervous start, and Andy Roddick struggled against a wild-card entry ranked 212th. Fourth-seeded Ivan Ljubicic didn't make it, falling 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4 to American Mardy Fish, who has returned to the top 50 after plummeting to No. 341 and undergoing two wrist operations in 2005.

In the day's last match, 2005 champion Marat Safin beat Benjamin Becker of Germany 5-7, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, a 3 1/2-hour contest that ended at 12:30 a.m. in the late-night chill.

Safin showed his renowned temper and smashed his racket while continuing his comeback from a left knee injury that dropped him to a No. 104

ranking. Becker's strong serve and stinging groundstrokes left the 26th-seeded Russian muttering. Safin slammed his racket to the ground after missing a forehand in the second set. Minutes after a fan shouted "Get angry!" in the third, Safin broke his racket, drawing a warning. He was on his best behavior the rest of the way.

Federer's finals opponent last year, Marcos Baghdatis, also advanced, backed again by a vocal crowd from Melbourne's large Greek community. Baghdatis, seeded 11th, defeated Rainer Schuettler 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Federer feared losing the first set, which helped him regain focus.

"I got broken in the first set three times, and that makes you a little bit nervous," said Federer, who went 92-5 with 12 titles last season and is on the cusp of breaking Jimmy Connors' record of 160 consecutive weeks atop the men's rankings. "You try to stay cool, but I got a little bit nervous."

"I'm happy I'm through because it looked like it was definitely going to head for a first-set loss, but I came through," he added.

LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL

# Brohm staying with Cards

## QB PUTS NFL CAREER ON HOLD

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm will return to the Cardinals next season rather than enter the NFL draft, he announced Monday.

Brohm said he had an opportunity to "get a good position in the draft," but decided that he wanted to come back for his senior season and try to lead his hometown school "to greater heights."

"We've accomplished a lot

of great things and there are still some things we can accomplish," he told reporters.

Brohm said he made the final decision Saturday night.

Brohm threw for 3,049 yards and 16 touchdowns for the Cardinals in 2006 while helping Louisville to a 12-1 record, a Big East title and a win in the Orange Bowl. Louisville finished sixth in the final Associated Press poll, tied for the highest final ranking in school history.

Brohm's decision caps a tumultuous week for one of the nation's hottest programs. Coach Bobby Petrino resigned eight days ago to become the head coach of the Atlanta Fal-

cons and running back Michael Bush opted to enter the NFL draft rather than accept a medical redshirt.

New coach Steve Kragthorpe met with Brohm several times since accepting the job on Tuesday afternoon in an attempt to get Brohm to remain at the school he help put on the map.

Kragthorpe said he looked forward to spending a year coaching the prize quarterback.

"I think it makes a huge statement about his commitment, not only to this program but to the city of Louisville," he said. "...He's going to lead this team to great things and great heights."

Brohm said after Louisville's regular-season finale last month that he "expected" to return, but wavered in the days leading up to the Orange Bowl. He called the idea of coming back next fall "appealing" after throwing for 311 yards in Louisville's 24-13 win over Wake Forest, but said he'd weigh all the factors before making a final decision.

Brohm had been projected as a first-round pick by some draft experts who thought his 6-foot-4, 226-pound frame and accurate right arm will translate easily into the NFL. Brohm has thrown for 6,751 yards and 41 touchdowns in three seasons. Both marks are fourth on the school's all-time list.

NFL PLAYOFFS

# Kickin' It GOULD BOOTS BEARS INTO NFC TITLE GAME

CHICAGO (AP) — Rex Grossman spent two weeks channel-surfing. Every time he'd see a clip or story about himself on TV, he'd click and move on to another program. He didn't need the abuse.

The criticism, the scrutiny and the analysis of the Chicago Bears' quarterback was overwhelming at times. So much so that he finally found a place where he could shut it all out and, at the same time, take the Bears where they hadn't been in 18 years.

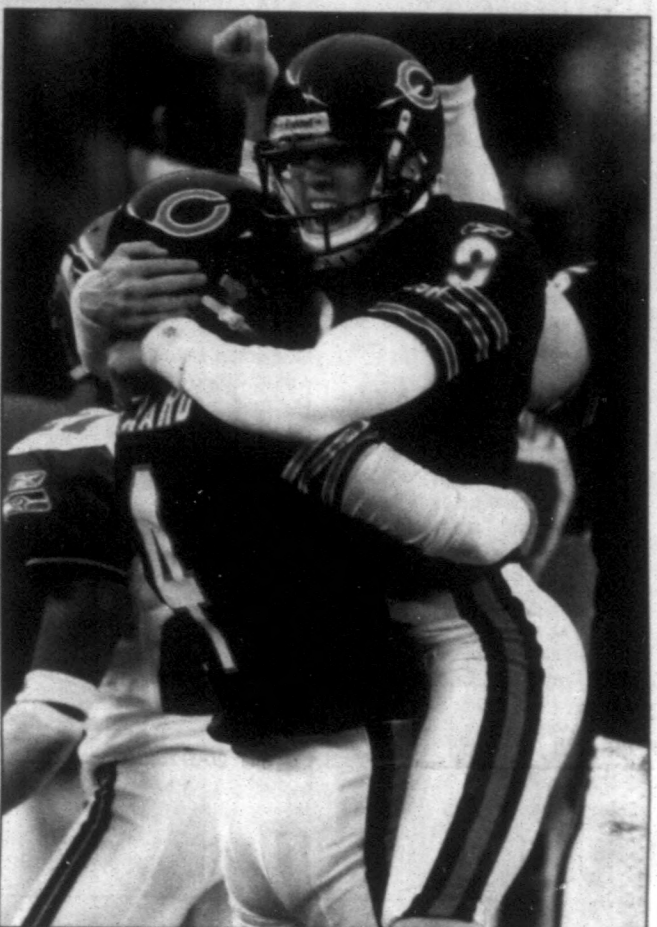
Grossman's play at the newly sodded surface at Soldier Field wasn't perfect, but it was good enough — especially a solid pass he made in overtime — to lead the Bears to a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks and a berth in the NFC title game.

"The most important thing is we won. I don't care how we do it, I really don't," Gross-

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Sunday  
NFC  
New Orleans at Chicago, 2 p.m. (FOX)  
AFC  
New England at Indianapolis, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

Super Bowl  
Sunday, Feb. 4  
Miami  
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 5 p.m. (CBS)



AP  
Bears place-kicker Robbie Gould (9) and holder Brad Maynard (4) react after Gould kicked a 49-yard field goal to defeat the Seattle Seahawks 27-24 in overtime of Sunday's NFC Divisional playoff game in Chicago.

■ See BEARS, 2B

# Patriots' rally stuns Chargers

## NEW ENGLAND WILL FACE COLTS AGAIN

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tom Brady and Tedy Bruschi walked off the field together after stunning the San Diego Chargers, very much alive in their quest to get the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in six seasons.

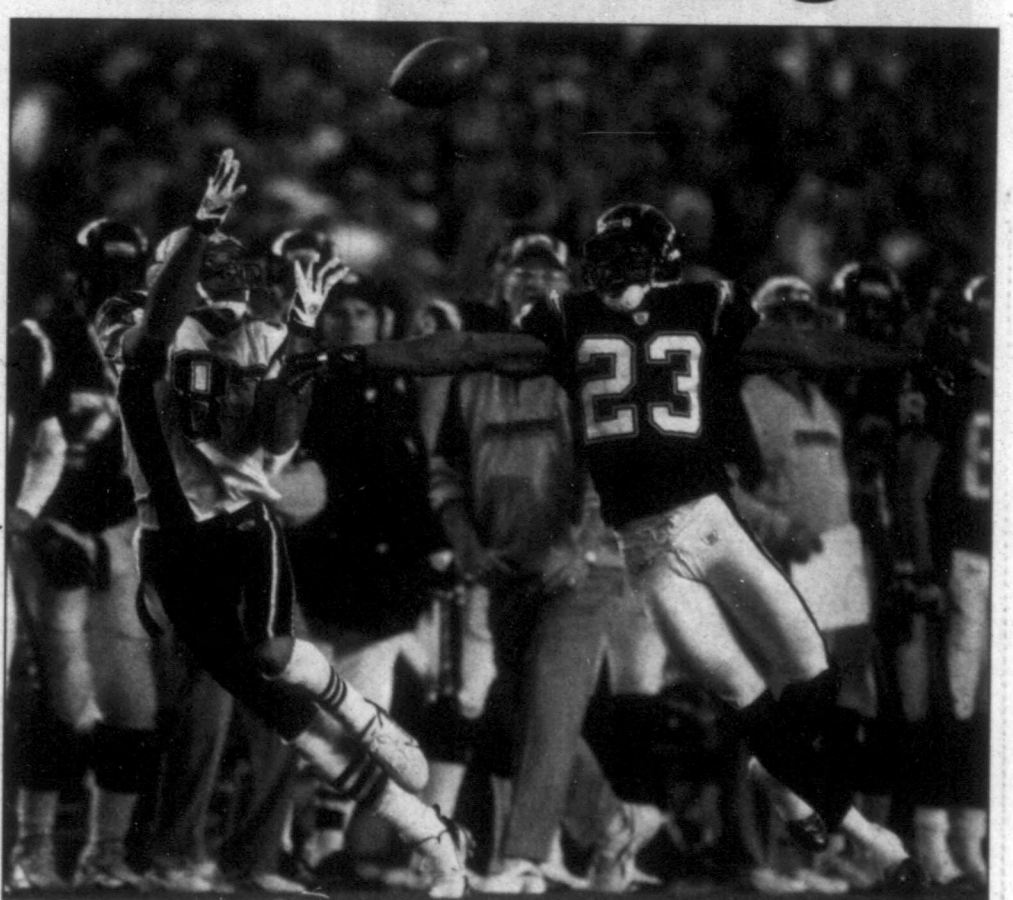
"I said to Tedy, 'Man, that was not easy,'" Brady said. "He says to me, 'They never are buddy, they never are.'" If not easy, then maybe expected from the Patriots. Despite a big game from league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, the top-seeded Chargers made too many mistakes and the Patriots capitalized for a 24-21 win on Sunday to advance to the AFC championship game.

Brady was as cool as ever, delivering every time the mistake-prone Chargers handed him another chance. He overcame three interceptions, his career playoff high, to finish 27-of-51 for 280 yards and two touchdowns.

Already a three-time Super Bowl winner, Brady led the Patriots to 11 points in 3:26 late in the game. He and coach Bill Belichick now have a 12-1 postseason record together, and need to win at Indianapolis next Sunday to make their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons.

It was a gut-wrenching loss for San Diego and its coach; Marty Schottenheimer, whose job could be in jeopardy after his career postseason record tumbled to 5-13.

Tomlinson shattered several



AP  
Patriots wide receiver Reche Caldwell, left, hauls in a Tom Brady pass against Chargers cornerback Quentin Jammer for a 49-yard gain in Sunday's AFC Divisional playoff game in San Diego. The reception set up a field goal in New England's victory.

league records in helping the Chargers go an NFL-best 14-2, including 8-0 at home in the regular season.

Once it was over, Tomlinson, like Brady one of the most laid-back superstars in any sport, lost his cool. He went after an unidentified Patriots player and had to be restrained by a teammate and former Charger Reche Caldwell, who had a huge game for the Patriots.

Tomlinson yelled and point-

ed at the Patriots player, upset that some Patriots were dancing on the Chargers logo at midfield after they had silenced the record crowd of 68,810 at Qualcomm Stadium.

"I would never react in that way. I was very upset," Tomlinson said. "When you go to the middle of our field and start doing the dance Shawne Merriman is known for, that is disrespectful. They showed no class and maybe that comes from the head coach."

Merriman, nicknamed "Lights Out," did a spasmodic dance to celebrate each of his NFL-high 17 sacks.

"We lost to a better team today," Tomlinson said. "Hopefully the next opportunity we have we'll learn something from this."

Tomlinson ran for 123 yards and two scores, and caught two passes for 64 yards.

San Diego had nine players voted to the Pro Bowl team and five to the All-Pro team.



■ Bears

From Page 1B

a ring on my finger for the rest of my life."

Chicago will host the Saints next Sunday in the NFC championship game; New Orleans never has been this far.

The Bears haven't reached the Super Bowl since beating the Patriots in the 1985 season.

"The Super Bowl is the reason why you play football, even at Pop Warner, you watch the Super Bowl as a kid. Now we have an opportunity, we win one home game and we're there," said Bears' running back Thomas Jones, who ran for two touchdowns. "It's something that you never expect, and when it happens, it's kind of like, 'Wow.'"

Gould, working construction 16 months ago, hit his second field goal of the game. He'd just barely made a 41-yarder late in the fourth to tie the game.

Grossman completed 21-of-38 for 282 yards with an interception, a fumble and a 68-yard TD pass to Bernard Berrian. It was quite an upgrade from his final performance of the regular season, when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 in a 26-7 loss to Green Bay.

Seattle got the ball first in overtime, but Chicago's Israel Idonije forced an 18-yard punt by Ryan Plackemeier with a strong rush. Grossman hit Davis, a former Arena League player, for a third-down pass of 30 yards to the Seattle 36. Four plays later, Gould connected.

The Bears had won a division title and earned a first-round bye in their previous two playoff appearances, only to lose their first game at home, so their elation was relief.

"It's a stressful-type of situation just because you hear a lot of people, you hear what they're saying, and you want to prove people wrong," Jones said. "Any time somebody says you can't do something, you want to show them that you can. It was definitely a stressful week as far as hearing the one-and-done and all that kind of talk, but they can't say that now."

# Split Personality

## Grossman shows contrasting flashes

CHICAGO (AP) — After almost 500 throws during the regular season, half that many in practice each and every week, and three dozen more against the Seahawks late Sunday afternoon Bears quarterback Rex Grossman finally let one fly that kept a city from tossing him into the lake.

This week, anyway.

For the record, it was a 30-yard completion to Rashied Davis, who split the seam on the right side of Seattle's zone defense on a third-and-10 play in overtime and carried the ball to the Seahawks' 36.

"A lot of guys," Chicago center Olin Kreutz said, "wouldn't throw that pass."

True.

So just for good measure, Grossman tempted fate once more before laying the game on the foot of kicker Robbie Gould.

After handing off twice to Cedric Benson for 4 yards, Grossman went back to pass and was flushed from the pocket. He took off to his right, running for his life on one of those impromptu adventures that all too often have been preludes to disaster.

This time, though, instead of trying to do too much, Grossman simply threw it so far out of bounds that the vendors in the stands were more likely to fight over it than anybody wearing a uniform. He then wisely ran off the field with his head down, not looking up until it was time to track Gould's game-winning kick from 49 yards.

"The most important thing is we won," Grossman said.



Bears quarterback Rex Grossman (8) and wide receiver Bernard Berrian (80), react after Berrian scored on a 68-yard touchdown pass from Grossman during the second quarter of an NFC Divisional playoff game against Seattle on Sunday in Chicago.

"I don't care how we do it, I really don't."

Neither does the town that would like to adopt him but can't get too cozy with a quarterback who plays like Bart Starr one week and Bart Simpson the next.

Chicago had enough of that with Jim McMahon. The punky QB never dealt well with authority — he often likened coach Mike Ditka to "Sybil."

But compared to "Good Rex-Bad Rex," McMahon was a model of consistency, on the field, anyway.

Grossman threw 23 touchdowns in the regular season, offset by 20 interceptions. He's been the league's highest-rated quarterback a handful of times and its lowest-rated almost as often. No wonder every week became a referendum on whether to bench Grossman in favor of backup Brian Griese. With the Bears' bye giving fans two weeks to rage, the latest debate was the loudest.

After Sunday's 27-24 victory, Grossman was asked: "How long have the last two weeks been?"

Thankful for an easy question, Grossman smirked.

"Fourteen days," he said. Without prompting, he added, "I think you give yourselves too much credit how (the criticism) affects me. It affects my family more than it affects me."

His teammates, taking their cue from stubborn Bears coach Lovie Smith, have bailed Grossman out a few times and supported him after every one. But you had to wonder how long that would have lasted Sunday had Grossman's first pass not bounced off the hands of Seahawks cornerback Jordan Babineaux on the second play of the game and into the waiting arms of Bears wideout

Bernard Berrian.

"When the ball bounces your way," Berrian said, "sometimes that's because it's meant to be."

Other times, it meant absolutely nothing.

Grossman has had great throws tipped into the wrong hands for interceptions and poor throws, like the one Babineaux could have stolen and sent the Bears into an early funk, work out wonderfully. One reason his teammates consistently cover his back is Grossman behaves the same either way.

He doesn't point fingers, and so far, they've returned the favor. It makes no difference whether the town and the newspapers lionize him, as they did early in the season, or call for his head, as they often did at the end.

"They love to hate him, I'll tell you that much," Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "The media is all over him."

"But us as a team, and our head coach? He's our guy. We believe in him. He comes through for us," Urlacher added, "when he has to."

Grossman must do it again next week when the Saints come to town — with a much stronger offense and a healthy secondary to boot. The Seahawks were so devastated by injuries to their defensive backs that they played Pete Hunter, who was working in a Dallas-area mortgage office until recently, at one spot and left over-matched rookie Kelly Jennings out there in another. Grossman knows the pickings won't be that easy against New Orleans.

"We're in the NFC championship, and we win one game, we're in the Super Bowl," Grossman said. "Two wins away," he said, "from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my life."

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Toronto	17	21	.447	Dallas	31	8	.795
New Jersey	16	20	.444	San Antonio	27	11	.711
New York	16	22	.421	Houston	25	13	.658
Boston	12	24	.333	New Orleans	14	22	.389
Philadelphia	10	27	.270	Memphis	9	29	.232
Southeast Division				Northwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Orlando	22	16	.579	Utah	24	13	.649
Washington	20	16	.556	Minnesota	19	16	.543
Miami	17	19	.472	Denver	18	17	.514
Charlotte	12	23	.343	Portland	15	24	.385
Atlanta	11	23	.324	Seattle	14	25	.359
Central Division				Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct	Team	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	23	13	.639	Phoenix	28	8	.778
Detroit	21	14	.600	L.A. Lakers	24	13	.649
Chicago	21	17	.553	Golden State	18	20	.474
Indiana	20	17	.541	L.A. Clippers	17	20	.459
Milwaukee	16	20	.444	Sacramento	14	20	.412

**Saturday's Scores**  
New Orleans at Milwaukee, p.p.d.,  
Weather  
Charlotte 89, Philadelphia 83  
Detroit 81, Boston 73  
San Antonio 93, Washington 80  
Minnesota 109, New Jersey 98  
Chicago 111, Memphis 66  
Miami 119, Utah 110  
Phoenix 107, Orlando 101  
Houston 115, Sacramento 111, OT  
Cleveland 104, L.A. Clippers 92

**Sunday's Scores**  
Dallas 97, Toronto 96  
Denver 109, Portland 93

**Today's Games**  
Utah at Washington, noon  
Sacramento at New York, noon  
Milwaukee at Charlotte, noon  
Boston at Atlanta, noon  
San Antonio at Chicago, noon  
Toronto at Philadelphia, noon  
Indiana at New Jersey, 2:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 2:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 3 p.m.  
Phoenix at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.  
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Orlando vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Seattle, 9 p.m.

### SportsBriefs

■ The McKinney Insurance and Benson Sporting Goods Relay For Life team is offering opportunities to win a Remington, Model 870 Wingmaster 12-gauge shotgun with a 26-inch barrel. The tickets are available for a \$10 donation. Only 150 tickets are available. Once those tickets are gone, the shotgun drawing. The winner must be 18-years-old and able to pass an FBI background check. Interested persons should contact either McKinney Insurance or Benson Sporting Goods.

■ The Kirksey United Methodist Church Relay For Life team will hold a rebate night on Monday, Jan. 22 at Backyard Burgers. The event will be held from 4 to 10 p.m.

### OVC ROUNDUP

## Tech tames Bulldogs

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Belton Rivers led Tennessee Tech with 25 points in a 73-59 win over Samford on Sunday.

Samford (9-8, 6-2 Ohio Valley Conference) was up by one less than two minutes into the first half, but Tech (8-9, 4-4 Ohio Valley Conference) regained the lead less than a minute later and never trailed after that.

Tennessee Tech led 35-29 at the half. Although Samford continued to score it couldn't catch the Golden Eagles, who also were helped by Anthony Fisher with 21 points and Amadi McKenrie with 10 points.

Randall Gulina was Samford's top scorer with 15 points. Curtis West and Travis Peterson scored 14 each and Jerry Smith contributed 11.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## No. 15 Oregon stuns No. 10 Arizona, 79-77

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — After knocking off two Top 10 teams in eight days, No. 15 Oregon probably deserves a higher ranking.

But coach Ernie Kent isn't complaining.

"They can keep us under the radar all they want," Kent said. "The rankings really don't mean anything right now. Right now, we're just managing the conference season."

They're doing more than that. Oregon's exhilarating 79-77 victory over No. 10 Arizona in McKale Center Sunday night underscored how far the Ducks have come since last year, when they finished 15-18.

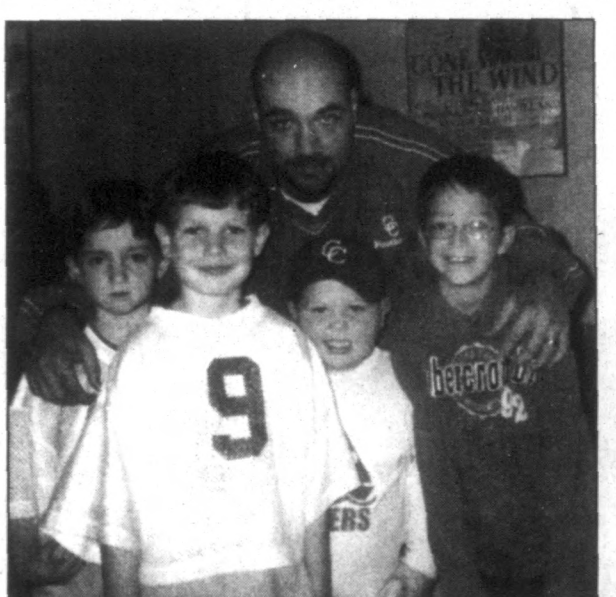
Eight days after they beat then-No. 1 UCLA, the Ducks stunned the Wildcats on a running bank shot by senior point guard Aaron Brooks, who celebrated his 22nd birthday by scoring 21 points.

The game also highlighted the strength of the Pac-10, whose coaches often complain that the league deserves more credit and national media attention.

"This was an incredible ballgame," Kent said. "This was the only game being played at this time in the nation, and football (the NFL playoffs) was already over. This showcased the Pac-10. It was two great teams playing in a great game."

In the only other Top 25 games on Sunday: No. 11 Duke beat Miami 85-63; and No. 22 Notre Dame topped Seton Hall 88-76.

Many fans east of the Mississippi River knew about the perennially powerful Wildcats, who have played at Virginia and against Louisville in Madi-



SAYING HELLO: Calloway County High School head football coach Josh McKeel recently visited with some of his potential future players — members of the Calloway County Little League program — during the team's awards dinner at Mr. Gatti's. Pictured with McKeel are (from left) Nolin Dale, Jared Gray, Josh Conner and Will Sivills.

### UK women fall to Ole Miss

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Armitie Price scored 15 points and had 11 rebounds as Mississippi beat Kentucky 67-65 in overtime Sunday for its sixth straight win.

The Rebels (15-4, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) withstood a desperation 3-point attempt at the buzzer by Samantha Mahoney, who led the Wildcats with 16 points, but went 0-for-5 from beyond the arc.

Price got her sixth double-double of the season and the 48th of her career as Ole Miss continued its early dominance in the SEC. The Rebels beat Auburn to start the conference slate and then reeled off victories against top-ranked Vanderbilt and LSU before downing the Wildcats (13-5, 2-1).

Sarah Elliot pulled down 18 rebounds and scored 14 points for Kentucky. Carly Ormerod added 12.

Ashley Akward and Alliesha Easley each scored 12 points for Ole Miss, who led 32-28 at the half. Carla Bartee chipped in 10.

### Report: Malzahn to leave Hogs

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn, who had to subordinate a passing offense while the Razorbacks relied on their running game last season, has accepted a position as co-offensive coordinator at Tulsa, a newspaper reported.

The Morning News in Springdale cited an unnamed source Monday in its report on its Web site that Malzahn would leave.

The story was also reported by Tulsa, Okla., television station KOTV.

Malzahn joined Arkansas coach Houston Nutt's staff before the 2005 season when Nutt added an offensive coordinator.

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1 p.m.  
WGN — San Antonio at Chicago  
6:30 p.m.  
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TNT — Miami at L.A. Lakers

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VERSUS — Montreal at Detroit  
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VERSUS — Colorado at San Jose

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**Horoscope**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007:**  
You have an unusually dynamic style this year. Often, you don't say or reveal much and then suddenly reverse directions and startle those around you with information and feedback. You could decide to revamp certain areas of your life, especially involving long-term goals and friendships. If you are single, you cannot be too discriminating this year. Someone you choose could be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, spend lots of time together. Split for some fun weekends. CAPRICORN understands 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)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Daytime spontaneity works in your favor, yet you might decide at the last minute to totally reverse direction. Of course, you will have a good reason -- like you wanted to or just felt like it. You become more serious as the evening approaches. Tonight: Run errands.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* An associate, close friend or loved one becomes an invaluable resource once more. It appears you have really perfected the art of teamwork. Before making a major decision, find an expert or get more info.

buy a new car or computer. Listen to the advice of an older friend. Tonight: Out and about, smiling as only you can.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\* If you must make a purchase, do so. You might wind up returning the item quite quickly. Decisions will suddenly come from a more practical basis than just "I want." Schedule a meeting for the end of the day. Tonight: Meet a pal.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You might be like a ball rolling down a hill -- unstoppable. You might hit a bump that forces you to rethink ideas and plans. How you visualize a changing situation defines the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself to dinner out, or perhaps a new item for your wardrobe.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
\*\*\* Take your time during the daylight hours. You could change your opinion many different times. Know when you are ready to discuss this issue. Tonight: Time to enjoy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You might be overwhelmed by all that heads down your path. As a result, you might decide to restructure a key relationship. Your goals also are changing. Tonight: Time off from the world. Do you have a good book?

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\* Others keep tossing more and more on you. If you keep accepting new responsibilities, people will not realize you are on overload. Look at your life and reorganize. Feel free to let go of a duty or errand. Tonight: You feel like the fun might be just beginning.

**BORN TODAY**  
Director John Carpenter (1948), model Kate Moss (1974), singer Sade (1959)

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Looking Back

10 years ago
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Births reported include a girl to Su Jung Lee and Byeon Joo Lim, Jan 8; a girl to Marian and Mylon Gearing and a boy to Debbie and Ricky Morris, Jan. 9.

Murray State University Racers won 97-75 and Lady Racers won 94-58 over teams from Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles of Cookeville, Tenn. High team scorers for Murray were Deteri Mayes and Stephanie Minor.

20 years ago
Jody Alan Lassiter of Calloway County High School and Dustin W. Ellington of Murray High School are seniors named for the Good Citizen Awards for 1987 by the Captain Wendell Oury Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mike Mahoney, former assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Murray State University, has been named as the head football coach at Murray State, according to Dr. Kala Stroup, MSU president.

Births reported include a by to Jyote and Ramesh Patel and a boy to Debbie and Johnny Boyd, Jan. 11.

Murray State University Racers lost 57-64 to Middle Tennessee State University in a basketball game. High team scorer for Murray was Jeff Martin.

30 years ago
Three new members of the Calloway County Board of Education, Billy Joe Kings, Ferrell Miller and Lubie Parrish, are pictured taking the oath of office

being administered by Marvin Harris, Calloway County Clerk at a meeting of the board. Joe Dyer was elected as chairman and Walter Byars as vice chairman of the board. The photo was by Staff Photographer Mike Brandon.

Published is a picture of Murray High School students sliding down the slope by Murray State University Cutchin Field. The photo was by Staff Photographer David Hill.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Lasater Jr. and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hart, Dec. 31.

40 years ago
Two Murray boys, Jimmy Ramer and Lee Crites, were presented their Eagle badges, highest honor in Boy Scouting, at a Court of Honor held by Boy Scout Troop 45 at First United Methodist Church.

In high school basketball games University Colts won 67-27 over St. Mary's Vikings with James Gantt high scorer for Colts; Calowy Lakers won 43-39 over Ballard County Memorial with Clayton Hargrove high scorer for Lakers; Murray Tigers lost 56-81 to Hickman County with Vic Dunn high scorer for Tigers.

50 years ago
Dr. Prieo Doyle, nationally known in music education circles, will retire from the Murray State College fine arts department in June after 27 years of service. His place will be taken by Dr. Richard Farrell, a member of the department since 1945, according to Dr. Ralph H. Woods, MSC president.

In the published statement of the Bank of Murray for the period ending Dec. 31, 1956, the assets were listed as \$10,839,798.33.

Parents' big loan delivers wedding on a shoestring

DEAR ABBY: I was married recently, but I am extremely embarrassed about the wedding. My husband and I are recently out of college and have no money. The wedding was done on a shoestring, and it looked it. It was certainly



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

During a chat with our loan officer, she let it slip that "the wedding must have been gorgeous" because my parents took out a huge loan to pay for it. Well, they didn't pay for anything but the food. It was barbeque and not expensive.

I am very hurt that my parents used me as an excuse to get a large loan and didn't even offer to help. I never expected anything from them. I worked my way through college. Now that I'm aware of their lie, I want to talk to them about it. Should I? -- UPSET IN IDAHO

DEAR UPSET: The loan officer was wrong to have revealed confidential information. However, rather than being hurt by the news, perhaps you

should be concerned. It's possible your parents took out the loan to help with the wedding but needed the money for some emergency. By all means discuss it with them, but don't do it with a chip on your shoulder.

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 years old and in the Navy. I am in the medical field, and the chances of my going to Iraq are very high. Lately, all I can think about is when I die what song I want my parents to play at my funeral. I have the song already picked out. My problem is, how do I bring this up to my parents without freaking them out? -- CONFUSED CORPSMAN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONFUSED: Write your parents a letter "to be opened in the event of my death." In that letter, outline whatever wishes you have regarding your funeral -- should you need one -- and the disposition of your property. (I am surprised that the subject of a last will has not been raised already by the command of your unit.)

It is not necessary to discuss this with your parents right now. Hold a good thought and keep in mind that most members of the military come back alive after their tours of duty. Leave the letter with your attorney or your parents - or a trusted friend, to be delivered if you do not return.

P.S. Please do not think negatively. It will only distract you. Your safe return is in the prayers of many people today and every day.

DEAR READERS: Today marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a martyr of the civil rights movement, who was shot to death at the age of 39 in 1968.

Dr. King rose to prominence because of his eloquence in pleading for social justice and his persistence in the face of violent opposition. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His words of wisdom ring as true today as when they were spoken during his acceptance speech:

"Nonviolence," he said, "is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

God bless America. May we as Americans learn from Dr. King's example.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Is breast-cancer medication worth the risk?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been taking tamoxifen since my breast-cancer diagnosis and treatment six years ago. Now I've read that the drug may cause uterine cancer. How can I respond to this?



Dr. Gott

By Dr. Peter Gott

Medical authorities advise women at high risk to continue the drug under the supervision of their physicians. This is yet another example of the risk/benefit ratio.

Recent studies have shown that Evista is as effective in preventing a cancer relapse but with fewer side effects. Therefore, many oncologists recommend treatment with both drugs.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders."

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been a reader of your column for many years and have profited in many ways from the advice you have shared. Now I would like to give something back. For the reader who recently had trouble swallowing pills, here is what I have discovered.

Use a drinking straw to help you swallow pills. Simply put the pill or pills in your mouth, and then take a sip through the straw, and the pills will go right down your throat without your even thinking about it.

DEAR READER: Good solution, but I have found success by recommending that patients take their pills with applesauce if swallowing the medicine is difficult. Thanks for sharing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has atrial fibrillation. He is 73 years old.

His doctor wants to put him on Coumadin, but we are very much against this, as we have heard so many horror stories. We have the booklet on it, and we also looked it up on the computer, and it turns us off even more. He is very active and in good health. He works on our farm for a pastime. He is retired from the Air Force and a job at a bank.

We would appreciate your advice, as we read your column every day and think you are a common-sense doctor. I know this is not a detailed medical report, but we would like to know what you would do.

DEAR READER: It's very easy to get turned off by detailed knowledge about medication. Case in point: Coumadin (also known as warfarin or "rat poison"). Can the drug be harmful? Absolutely. If prescribed in overdose, it can severely slow blood coagulation, leading to bruising and internal hemorrhage.

Coumadin, however, when administered in appropriate dosages under close medical supervision, can be literally life saving.

In your husband's case, atrial fibrillation (irregular pulse) is associated with the risk of stroke. Anti-coagulation is vital to prevent this serious disorder.

I urge you to discuss your concerns with your family physician rather than put all your eggs in the computer basket. I am certain that Coumadin therapy, despite its drawbacks, is appropriate for your husband.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2007. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:
In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Con-

necticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's National Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first Super Bowl (although the matchup was then officially called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game).

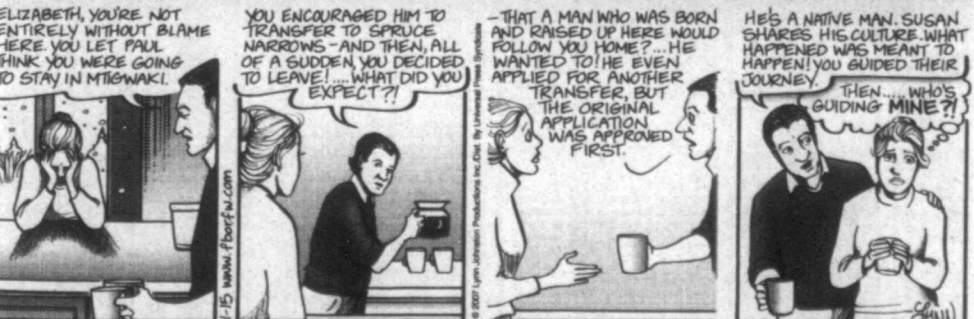
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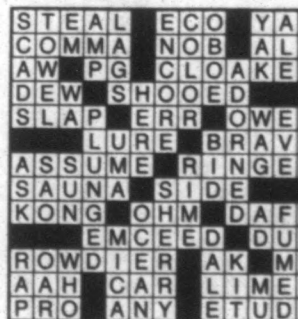
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Calloway gourd drums featured on KET program

A Taylor County teenager who sings country music and calls herself a "Philly-Billy," as well as a collection of dragonfly enthusiasts and a Calloway couple who march to the beat of a different kind of drum are featured of the next edition of "Kentucky Life."

Americas; held last summer in Cave City. The dragonfly, one of the oldest insects on Earth, inspires devotion for its gossamer wings and incredible diversity. "Kentucky Life" follows these enthusiasts on a soggy collection expedition.

image to tout. The country singer calls herself a "Philly-Billy," since one of her parents is of Filipino heritage. This segment features her authentic country singing and her supportive parents, who vow to keep their talented daughter grounded as she reaches for the stars.

'Lost' producers talking with ABC about setting end date for the tropical island drama

By DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Makers of the tropical island drama "Lost" say they're talking with ABC executives about setting an end date for the series. There's no sense the finale is coming anytime soon. But knowing they have a deadline will help writers of the convoluted drama lay out how they want the story to end, producers said Sunday in a meeting with TV critics here.

May. The schedule was a direct result of fans' complaints about reruns disrupting their concentration in past seasons, producers said. It's likely next year that all 22 episodes will run consecutively, much like Fox is doing with "24."

tural sensation. The producers concede that it's a demanding story for viewers to keep up with, and not one that people can join in the middle. "We want them back," executive producer Damon Lindelof said of the lost fans. "We really believe in the show and the audience we're getting. But if we write towards getting them back, we may alienate the audience that we already have."

TV Listings Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, etc.) and rows for various TV channels (WKRN-ABC, WSIL-ABC, WSMV-NBC, etc.) listing programs like News, Good Morning America, and The View.

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