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Vive lé Bill: Calloway archer leads U.S. to victory

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Anybody that questions why international athletic competitions mean so much to the participants probably should talk to Bill Leslie. The Calloway County resident knows full well the emotions that are stirred in such an atmosphere, having experienced them firsthand this past weekend in France.

Leslie captained a three-man United States team to victory in the Federation of International Target Archers 3-D World Championship, having supplied the winning points himself with a 41-yard shot on the last attempt of the competition.

The shot carried the U.S. past host team France, enabling the American trio of Leslie, Chicago's Francisco Fletcha and Bob Idler of Detroit, Mich., to be honored with a gold medal ceremony in which they stood on the top podium and watched their flag be hoisted to the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner."

"It was probably a good thing that it was raining at the time. I had a little tear going," said Leslie after returning from France Tuesday night. "It just brought such a broad span of emotions,

but it meant so much. That was my Olympics."

Victory came after three days of intense competition for the Americans who were pitted against the top archers from more than 100 countries. Leslie and his team also were a bit handicapped with having so few members while the other nations represented fielded teams of as many as 18.

And there had been some controversy before the shoot as the U.S. had not been officially entered until the last few weeks leading up to it, allegedly because French officials had not responded to American requests to enter. However, once the competition began, Leslie said any friction had disappeared.

"The people hosting the thing, our fellow shooters, you couldn't have met nicer people," he said, explaining the only real problems came from the ever-present language barrier. "Nobody really spoke English, plus they don't use time like we do over here. Their's is military time, so that took some getting used to."

"And we had some trouble with our luggage from our flights. Bob didn't get his bags until the day after he arrived, but Francisco didn't get his

until the day before the finals [after arriving on July 21], which was Saturday. Luckily, he had brought another shirt in his carry-on bag. I just happened to have brought a bottle of Woolite with me, so he was able to wash his clothes in the hotel sink every night."

Even with that adversity, though, the Americans managed to persevere. On Day 1, Leslie won his Longbow divisions, while Idler took second in Compound and Fletcha was third in Recurve. On the second day, Idler carried the team with a first-place finish in his division with Leslie third and Fletcha fourth.

The final day came down to three shots, one from each team member at a target in the shape of a lion climbing a tree. Idler scored a perfect 10, while Fletcha and Leslie's eight-point shots sealed the victory.

"What made us so strong is we picked each other up. That's how we stayed in it," Leslie said, remembering his shot. "I thought I'd missed it. When I first shot the arrow, it looked like it was going right in the middle of the target, then it



MAN OF MEDAL ... Bill Leslie displays his gold medal he and two other Americans claimed this past week in an international archery competition in France.

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RUNNING FROM TROUBLE ... Calloway County Sheriff Larry Roberts waves some vehicles through the intersection of Ky. 94 and Van Cleave Road east of Murray that were escaping the vicinity of a propane leak at the Calloway County Propane Gas company this morning. No details were available as to how the leak happened, but Calloway County Fire-Rescue was on the scene at press time attempting to stop the leak. Ky. 94 was opened around 9:30 this morning.

JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

The Race To FRANKFORT

Bush helps with Fletcher campaign

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — Florida Gov. Jeb Bush helped raise about \$200,000 at a party to benefit the campaign of Republican gubernatorial nominee Ernie Fletcher.

Bush was the main draw for a party Tuesday night under a tent at the home of former Gov. Louie B. Nunn.

Nunn's role as host was noteworthy because his son, Steve Nunn, ran against Fletcher, the 6th District congressman, in the gubernatorial primary.

Bush, noting the elder Nunn's role, said it "shows that Republican governance truly matters and it's time Kentucky elected another Republican governor."

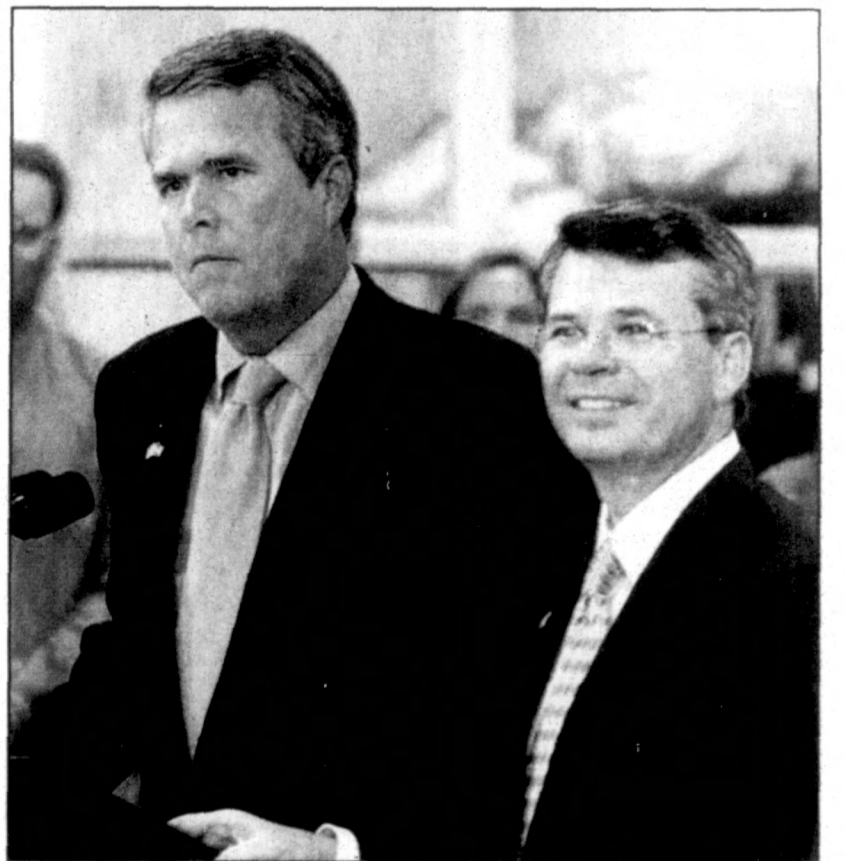
Louie Nunn was Kentucky's governor from 1967-71. No Republican has won the governorship since.

The fund-raiser took place on Nunn's farm just outside Versailles, hometown of Fletcher's Democratic opponent, Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Those in attendance included a number of Democrats, including Franklin County judge-executive Teresa Barton, who has publicly endorsed Fletcher.

Also present were some current and former members of the outgoing administration of Gov. Paul Patton. They included Jim Navolio, a commissioner in the Cabinet for

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HELP FROM FRIENDS ... Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush listen to a question during a news conference Tuesday in Frankfort, Ky. Bush was in Kentucky for a fundraiser for Fletcher.

ED REINKE/AP Photo

Stumbo to make Murray stop Thurs. at Weaks

Kentucky Attorney General candidate Greg Stumbo will meet with Western Kentuckians to discuss campaign issues such as crime and

prescription drugs at a complimentary barbecue sponsored by supporters in Calloway County.

The dinner, with performances from guitar pickers from across the state, will begin at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31, at the George Weaks Community Center. Barbecue will be served until 7 p.m.

Stumbo's crime plan, specifically targeting illegal drugs, calls for

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Stumbo

Car accident leads to power outage for southern countians

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

An automobile accident Tuesday left over 1,000 West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation customers without electricity for part of the evening.

According to David Vaughn, a member services representative with RECC, a vehicle ran into a 45-foot pole just south of an RECC substation that powers customers on Ky. 121 South and reaching all the way to Hazel. Exact details of the accident and its location were not provided by the Calloway County Sheriff's Office this morning.

Vaughn said the impact broke the pole in half, but that was not what left 1,698 RECC customers without power Tuesday.

"We didn't cut the power off until we got ready to change the pole," he said. "We had to have a construction crew out there to replace the pole."

Vaughn estimated that electricity was restored to the affected customers at approximately 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

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Sheriff's Log

Marshall County Sheriff's Office

A warrant served by Murray police Monday led to Marshall County drug charges on a Benton man. Terry L. Spiker, 35, was arrested in Murray Monday on a Marshall County warrant charging him with flagrant non-support. Upon arrival at the Marshall County Detention Center, officers discovered he was carrying a drug called Soma in a container other than the one it was prescribed in. He was then also charged with having a prescription drug not in its original container.

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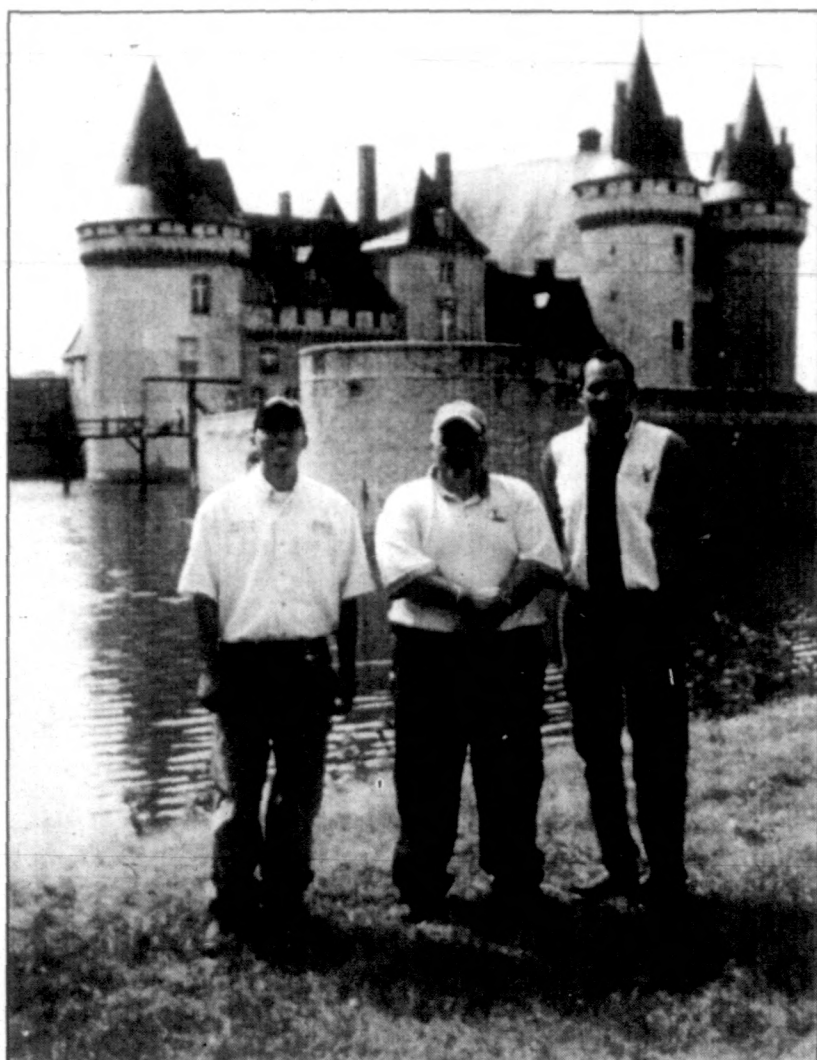


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AMERICAN ARCHERS ... From left, Bob Ilder, Calloway County's Bill Leslie and Francisco Fletcha are shown in front of the castle that served as the host location for last week's FITA World 3-D Championship.

Archer ...

From Front

started dropping. It was pretty tough. It was easily the hardest shot I've taken of my life."

Leslie himself would experience some travel woes on the way home. Thanks to a long line at gargantuan Charles de Gaulle Airport outside of Paris, he missed his original flight, then had to leave his luggage sitting in one of the facility's terminals in order to catch another one. He has been told his luggage may not be returned for at least a week, and, as of this morning, he still had no idea if his teammates had reached their destinations.

With Fletcha, though, he had special concern. In the euphoria of their victory Sunday, a phone call he received dampened the Americans' moment.

"After we got off the podium, we found out his father had died," said Leslie, who had come to know his

43-year-old teammate quite well. "It wasn't like it was sudden or anything. But it's still hard. Even now, I'm getting moved talking about it."

"I mean this guy is something. He grew up in Chicago and got in with one of the gangs but turned his life around and got out of that stuff and went to school. Now, he's a security director at one of the schools there. He's giving back."

Still, even with such news, Leslie knows that what he and his teammates accomplished is something very positive to remember. And with fellow American Lance Armstrong winning a fifth straight Tour de France title in one of the world's most renowned bicycle competitions, the last weekend of July for 2003 is one in which Americans can take a lot of pride.

"It's what dreams are made of for the three of us, and it was a great weekend for America," he said.

Motorists upset by signs celebrating Saddam's sons' deaths

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — State-hired paving contractors say they were being patriotic when they posted the words "O'dai and Qusai dead — way to go 101st" on two electronic message boards.

But some found the roadside messages about the death of Saddam Hussein's sons offensive rather than inspiring.

"Our soldiers are not members of a sports team to be rooted for," Roberta Halgrim of Adams told *The Leaf-Chronicle* newspaper. "They are not gladiators. They are our protectors, and they are willing to pay the ultimate price for peace, not bragging rights."

Eubanks Asphalt Paving and Sealing had been using the signs to alert motorists about lane closings during the last few weeks while workers repaved an 8-mile stretch of Wilma Rudolph Boulevard and Guthrie Highway.

Employees with the Charlotte-based company changed the wording on two signs Friday morning after it was reported Hussein's sons had been killed in an attack by 101st Airborne troops.

One sign was near the St. Bethlehem Elementary School, and the other near a Wal-Mart store.

Michael Eubanks said the company was trying to show its support for the military community.

TownCrier

The following are events that are of interest to our readers:

NOTICES
• The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will hold a special meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Murray's City Hall Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is being held to review a conditional use permit to operate a retail building/business owned by Smallwood Investments at 205 and 207 S. 12th St. in a B-4 zone.

• The Murray Board of Education will meet in special session Thursday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m. at the Carter Administration Building for the purpose of a work session to discuss graduation requirements. No action will be taken.

Pentagon threat-bet program to be canceled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Tuesday abandoned a plan to establish a futures market that would have allowed traders to profit by correctly predicting assassinations and terrorist strikes in the Middle East.

Facing outraged Democratic senators, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said he learned of the program in the newspaper while heading to a Senate Foreign Relations hearing on Iraq.

"I share your shock at this kind of program," he said. "We'll find out about it, but it is being terminated."

Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., said in an interview that he received assurance from the head of the Pentagon agency overseeing the program that it would "stop all engines on this matter today."

Warner spoke by telephone with Tony Tether, head of the Pentagon's Defense Research Projects Agency, after consulting with Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Appropriations Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. The three agreed "that this should be immediately disestablished," Warner said.

Warner said that DARPA "didn't think through the full ramifications of the program."

The little-publicized Pentagon plan envisioned a potential futures trading market in which speculators would wager with one another on the Internet on the likelihood of various economic or political events in the Middle East, including terrorist attacks or assassinations. A Web site promoting the plan already is available and registration of traders was to begin Friday.

When the plan was disclosed Monday by Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, the Pentagon defended it as a way to gain intelligence about potential terrorists' plans. On the Senate floor, Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle of South Dakota denounced the program as "an incentive actually to commit acts of terrorism."

"This is just wrong," declared Daschle.

Republicans joined in the criticism. At a news conference, Warner, Stevens and Roberts said they had not been told details of the program and would never have supported it. "This defies common sense."

Fletcher says early reading to be among his education priorities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Republican Ernie Fletcher promised Tuesday, if elected governor, to help schools get more money for early reading programs.

The idea is to catch reading deficiencies in Kentucky's youngest pupils and bring to bear the resources that can put them on the right track. That includes a teacher trained in "reading intervention" in each school system, Fletcher said in a news conference.

"Ensuring future Kentuckians can read proficiently by the end of the third grade will be a priority" of his administration, Fletcher said during a visit to Peaks Mill Elementary School in Frankfort.

Fletcher's plan got an endorsement from Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who was visiting Kentucky as the main draw for a Fletcher fund-raiser later Tuesday.

Bush said early reading and other efforts to improve literacy are vital to a state's work force.

"You can't train people if they can't think. You can't train people if they can't read. You can't train people if they can't think abstractly," Bush said.

A key provision of Fletcher's plan is that first graders would be tested to determine whether they were on-track to read.

Fletcher was unable to give a precise cost estimate, but said he was confident the cost would be "reasonable."

Kentucky currently does not test students in reading before third grade.

"Children that can't read today will likely become the high school dropouts of tomorrow," he said.

Fletcher's campaign estimates that about 9,000 children entering Kentucky elementary schools each year will need special attention in order to read.

The campaign says its estimate is based on a National Institutes of Health report that, for one school child in five, reading is the most difficult skill to master.

The campaign also cited the 2002 National Assessment of Educational Progress, often called "the nation's report card," which showed 71 percent of Kentucky fourth-graders and 68 percent of eighth-graders reading at a "basic" or "below basic" level.

Fletcher, the 6th District congressman, said a federal grant program — Early Reading First — has funneled \$72 million to school districts in other states but none to districts in Kentucky, though numerous schools would qualify.

If elected, he would instruct the state Department of Education to help districts apply for the grants, Fletcher said.

A department spokeswoman, Lisa Gross, said six Kentucky districts have applied but will not know until September if they were approved. She identified the districts as Ashland, Clinton County, Covington, Lewis County, Lincoln County and Paducah.

Fletcher also praised the Kentucky Senate, whose Republican leaders in 1998 created an early-reading incentive grant program. Fletcher said the grants had been a boon to a high poverty school in his hometown — Northern Elementary School in Lexington.

Gubernatorial candidates to debate in northern Ky

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. (AP) — Only one of the state's major party gubernatorial candidates is so far planning to attend a debate scheduled in northern Kentucky.

Republican Ernie Fletcher is scheduled to attend a Sept. 23 debate at Greave's Hall at Northern Kentucky University.

Democrat Ben Chandler has a previous commitment. But his running mate Charlie Owen may substitute for him, campaign manager Mark Nickolas said.

Legacy, a nonprofit group for young professionals, is sponsoring the debate.

Josh Wice, a Legacy member, said the group heard from a Chandler staff member that Chandler was planning to attend. However, Nickolas said that was not the case.

"We're working with them to see if we can send Charlie that night," Nickolas said. "We absolutely did not commit to them."

Fewer than a fourth of Northern's pupils were reading at grade level three years ago. Today, 80 percent of its students, including 91 percent of its second graders, are reading at grade level or higher, Fletcher said.

He said the state-funded grant program should be expanded with grants targeted toward districts that do not qualify for the federal Early Reading First funding.

Fundraiser ...

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Economic Development.

"I care about the economic future of Kentucky," Navolio said when asked about his presence at the event. "It doesn't say anything about Chandler. It says a lot about congressman Fletcher."

Another Democrat, Ashland mayor Steve Gilmore, said he was representing his city, not personally campaigning for a Republican candidate.

"My role is to enhance Ashland any way I can," said Gilmore, whose mayoral office is nonpartisan. "I'll go wherever I have to go to make sure Ashland is recognized."

Fletcher and Bush told the audience that Chandler has been attacking Bush's brother, President George W. Bush. Chandler, in recent days, has been outspokenly critical of what he calls the Bush economy, and his public remarks have been largely confined to mat-

ters of job losses and declining income levels.

Fletcher says criticism of the president's performance is also a criticism of his leadership of the nation in a time of war.

Alluding to the candidates' differences, Jeb Bush said, "I kind of like a candidate for governor who is supportive of the President of the United States. I have to admit, I'm not particularly objective about this."

Stumbo ...

From Front

the attorney general's office to provide courtroom assistance and advice to town and county prosecutors.

"Officers and officials from around the state have called and sent numerous letters in support of my stance on drugs and are very excited about the prospect of seeing drug cases receive strenuous prosecution

and ample attention," Stumbo said.

Stumbo also hopes to create a new division within the Kentucky State Police called the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation. The bureau would focus on the war on drugs and the preservation of homeland security.

The attorney general said his primary concern for Kentucky consumers is with the state's young,

old, uneducated and poverty stricken. As a state representative, Stumbo sponsored and supported bills in the 2003 legislative session making the use of predatory lending attempts illegal and which protected senior citizens.

"Our seniors have a right," he said, "to affordable prescription drugs and health care by a competent physician or trusted institution."

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PATROLING ... U.S. Army Sargent Nails, from the 1st Battalion 22nd regiment of the 4th Infantry Division stays alert while riding in the back of a humvee while patrolling the streets of Tikrit late night on Tuesday. No incidents were reported during the patrol.

Tape attributed to Saddam could corner ousted leader

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — In a new audiotape attributed Tuesday to Saddam Hussein, a calm voice acknowledged the deaths of the ousted dictator's two sons and called them martyrs. U.S. forces searched for clues to Saddam's whereabouts in documents and photo albums seized in his hometown.

If confirmed, the tape — the third attributed to Saddam this month — could put to rest any remaining doubts among Iraqis that Oday and Qusai Hussein were killed in a fire-fight with U.S. soldiers in the northern city of Mosul on July 22.

The audiotape was broadcast Tuesday on the Arab satellite station Al-Arabiya, five days after the U.S. military released grisly photos of their bloodied bodies in an effort to convince Iraqis that the sons were dead and to weaken support for an anti-American insurgency.

U.S. forces on Tuesday interrogated 12 suspects arrested in Saddam's hometown, Tikrit, and examined identity cards, bound notebooks, Baath Party records and other

documents found in their homes to try to fill in the picture of his desperate flight.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council of 25 prominent Iraqis appointed a nine-member presidency, failing to agree on a single leader for the beginnings of a new Iraqi government.

In the nine-minute audiotape, a voice resembling Saddam's said he was glad Oday and Qusai Hussein were killed because such a death "is the hope of every fighter."

"Even if Saddam Hussein has 100 sons other than Oday and Qusai, Saddam Hussein would offer them the same path," said the calm, even voice. "That is the hope of every fighter for God's sake, as another group of noble souls of the martyrs has ascended to their creator."

The tape also referred to Mustafa, Qusai's teenage son, who was killed in the gunfight in Mosul. "Oday, Qusai, and Mustafa died in Jihad field ... in a brave battle with the enemy," the voice said.

In White House talks, Bush backs Sharon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has given visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon broad support on key issues, backing off from overt criticism of a West Bank security fence and disappointing Palestinians in the process.

Sharon, who was to meet Vice President Dick Cheney on Wednesday morning before flying home, promised Bush that he would make sure to minimize suffering to Palestinians through whose lands the fence will run.

Last week, Bush hosted Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas and said the partially built barrier, which in some places cuts deeply into Palestinian territory and divides farms, was not helpful to peace efforts.

On Tuesday, Sharon argued that the fence was essential to stop Palestinian bombers and gunmen from slipping into Israel to carry out attacks. He said construction would go on.

"The security fence will continue to be built with every effort to minimize the infringement on the daily life of the Palestinian population," Sharon told reporters as he stood next to Bush in the White House Rose Garden.

Bush echoed Sharon's call for Abbas to break up Palestinian militant groups so they no longer posed a threat to Israelis. If that were done, he added, the fence could become redundant.

"I would hope in the longer term that the fence would be irrelevant," Bush said. "The fence is a sensitive issue. I understand that."

Sharon made a veiled allusion to the issue on arrival at the White House and signed the visitors' book.

"True friendship among allies can overcome every obstacle," he wrote. "No barrier can separate nations and leaders committed to peace, liberty and security."

Bush said Israel must consider the consequences of its actions on the peace process, but Israeli and U.S. officials said the comment was a general one, not linked to any specific issue.

Palestinians were unsettled by Tuesday's White House talks.

"I had hoped that Mr. Bush would stand there next to Sharon and tell him stop it, stop building the wall," Palestinian lawmaker Saeb Erekat told The Associated Press in Jerusalem.

In Gaza, Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi said Bush's remarks showed that Abbas had failed to win U.S. acceptance of the Palestinian position in his trip to Washington.

"The Bush statement reflects the total bias of the United States in favor of the Zionist enemy," Rantisi told the AP, "and it reflects also the failure of Prime Minister Abbas' visit."

Bush was trying to revitalize a U.S.-backed peace plan launched last month in Aqaba, Jordan, that calls for creation of a Palestinian state by 2005. Although there has been a pause in violence, there have only been a handful of steps by each side to move the process forward.

"I encouraged the prime minister to take further steps to improve the daily conditions faced by Palestinians," Bush said.

On another touchy issue, Sharon said he and Bush agreed there would be no release of Palestinian prisoners "with blood on their hands," those who are likely to return to terrorism if released.

Abbas last week demanded the release of most of the 7,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. A few hundred have been released, and Sharon has promised to release several hundred more.

The two leaders also discussed the issue of settlements, although not in any detail, a senior Israeli official said.

The U.S.-backed, multinational road map to peace requires Israel to halt "settlement activity" at nearly 150 formal Jewish settlements. Israel must also take down small settlement outposts that have gone up since March 2001. Israel has removed a few such outposts in recent weeks, but others have been built.

Israeli official said 22 of the outposts had been dismantled and an additional 12 would follow shortly.



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP Photo
SUPPORT ... President Bush, right, walks out of the Oval Office with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on the way to the start of their joint press conference Tuesday in Washington. Bush urged Israel Tuesday to consider the consequences of its actions on the peace process. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he wanted to move ahead but defended Israel's building of a security fence and insisted anew that all terrorism by Palestinians must stop.

Sharon said that while the current pause in violence was important, "we are concerned that this welcome quiet will be shattered any minute as a result of the continued existence of terror organizations which the Palestinian Authority is doing nothing to elim-

inate or dismantle."

Following his meeting with Bush, Sharon held talks with Secretary of State Colin Powell covering the dismantling of Palestinian militant groups and other issues, an Israeli official said.

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AgreeOrNot

Indiana's gamble paying off big time

By **TODD DUVALL**
 Syndicated Columnist
FRANKFORT — If Kentuckians by the thousands were driving across the Ohio River to Indiana and spending hundreds of millions of dollars a year to buy something they can't purchase at home, Gov. Paul Patton would have named a task force to study the issue, legislative committees would be preparing legislation on the problem, and the two candidates for governor would be offering their own proposals for action next year.

Kentuckians are pouring into Indiana by the thousands — perhaps tens of thousands — to buy one thing: entertainment in the form of gambling. And Indiana taxpayers at the state and local levels are reaping very lucrative rewards. Patton hasn't named that task force. Legislative committees aren't preparing bills. And neither Democrat Ben Chandler nor Republican Ernie Fletcher has a proposal for action next year.

Some recent figures about riverboat casino gambling in Indiana are revealing and ought to motivate Kentucky's political leadership to seek a way to keep at least part of the revenues going into Indiana coffers on Kentucky soil and in Kentucky coffers.

Indiana's 10 riverboat casinos — five on Lake Michigan and five across the Ohio River from Kentucky — raked in a record \$2.1 billion in revenues last year. That represents a 12 percent increase over the previous year, and Indiana gambling officials attribute the double-digit increase to their decision to stop the pretense of making the "boats" actually leave dock and move up and down the river at regular intervals. Now moored permanently to shore, patrons don't have to wait for a boat to return.

"The guests didn't have to wait, so they had more time in the casino to enjoy themselves," one casino manager commented. By enjoying themselves, they're spending — and losing more money, a hefty portion of which goes to state and local taxes.

On the tax subject, last year the \$2.1 billion in Indiana gambling revenue generated \$670 million in state and local taxes, an increase of \$157 million from the year before. (What other state revenue source increased more than 20 percent in the last year?)

By 2005, state gaming officials believe it is possible that state revenues from riverboat casinos will be larger than state corporate income tax revenues.

Since riverboat casinos were legalized in Indiana, the state's budget agency estimates that \$400 million in state casino tax money has been used to lower property taxes, and an Indiana legislator says the casino tax revenues helped the state through an \$800 million budget deficit.

And next year's gambling revenues in the Hoosier State are likely to set another record, because this month, the now permanently moored riverboat casinos are permanently open 24 hours a day, meaning Kentucky gamblers can lose their money just as easily at 4 o'clock in the morning as 4 in the afternoon. There also could be an 11th casino in Orange County if voters approve.

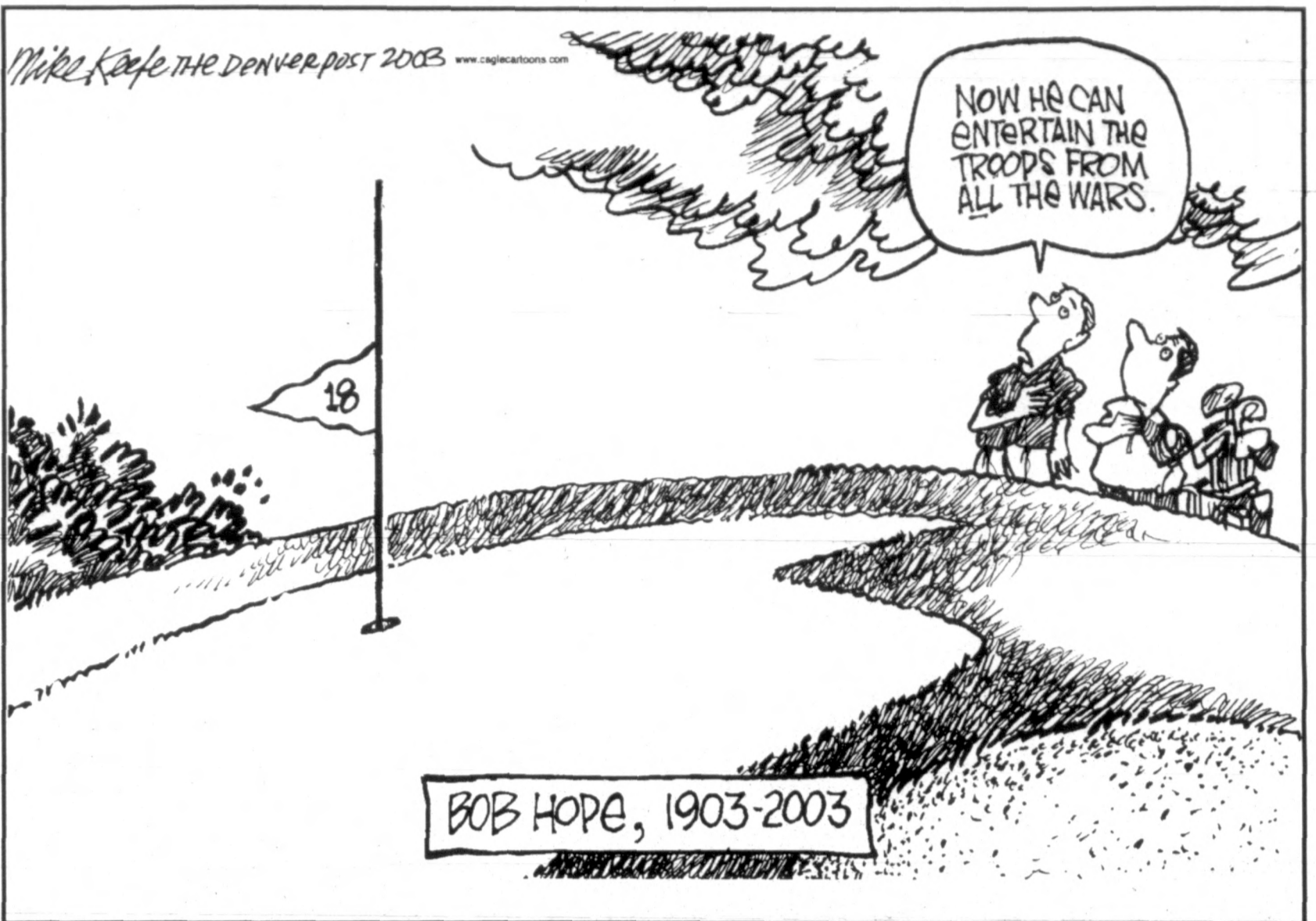
Why is it that Indiana, hardly an anything-goes Nevada and without a history of tolerance for gambling, can embrace casinos and enjoy the financial windfall, while Kentucky, with a long history of racetrack gambling, cannot accept the fact that people are willing to spend billions on gambling entertainment, even in a major economic recession?

For many years, it was considered political suicide in Kentucky even to propose a state lottery. Then along came Wallace Wilkinson, who risked his political future on just such a proposal, won the governor's office as a result, and the voters of Kentucky promptly approved the lottery amendment to the constitution, conventional wisdom entirely to the contrary. And have been buying lottery tickets happily ever since.

What Kentucky needs is another risk-taking candidate who gets angry that Kentuckians are spending huge sums of money in Indiana casinos while Kentucky's state and local governments slash programs because conventional tax revenues continue falling.

Unfortunately, the current political leadership in Kentucky, Democrat and Republican, isn't in the risk-taker mode. And there is no evidence whatsoever that Fletcher or Chandler is willing, so to speak, to roll the dice on the issue of keeping Kentucky gambling dollars — and taxes — on Kentucky soil.

Todd Duvall is an editorial writer for The State Journal in Frankfort, Ky.



All in the Family

CBS is planning to produce a mini-series on my father, Ronald Reagan for release in November. I haven't seen the script, which I understand has been leaked around Hollywood and is anything but friendly to my dad.



Making Sense
 By Michael Reagan

Nobody from CBS has talked to me or any other member of my family which leads me to believe that whatever the series has to say about the Reagans will be from hearsay, and not from family members.

The problem with being a member of my family was best expressed by my mother, Jane Wyman. She said that the problem for us is that when we have an argument in our family, as all families do, it's like having it inside a bass drum, everybody hears about it.

And then the media takes those arguments that happen in our family as they happen in all families, and try to make a big deal about it. It's as if they believe we should be the perfect family, that we should never have any problems, never have any arguments, but should think alike, walk alike, talk alike and just be alike. But we are not.

Some of us were born in the 40s, others were born in the 50s, some were born in 1911 — different time periods, different periods of life, different attitudes, and different belief systems. Some of us are conservatives, some are liberals, we have pro-lifers, we have pro-choicers, but somehow America is obsessed with the idea that we don't think alike and so when there's a problem between Patti and Nancy, or me and Nancy or Patti and dad, or Ron and Nancy, or Maureen and me — the kind of thing that happens in every family — it's a big deal.

I fear that Hollywood will show any family spats in a negative light, claiming that unlike other families we don't get along, when in reality it's the kind of thing that's common to all families.

I'll admit that there are some crazy and wild things that go on in our family. Nancy, for example believes that before you visit you should call and make an appointment, as if you were going to the dentist or the doctor. It's crazy, but that's what she does. That's the way she is.

Do I think it's nuts? Sure. But it's nothing to get all riled up about — I still see my dad. I just have to do it by appointment. So what? But Hollywood would take that and make it look as if the American Civil War was being re-enacted by the Reagans every time one of us wants to see my father.

I fully expect this miniseries will be largely unfavorable to my dad. Hollywood has never warmed up to him, even when he was going to bat for them as president of the Screen Actor's Guild and won the right for actors to get residual payments when their movies were rerun — a right he refused to give to himself because he thought that this would be a conflict of interest. So his movies alone are exempt from residuals.

Moreover, not once — ever — did Hollywood even think about giving my dad an award in recognition of his many services to the film industry and the people who work in it. So I wouldn't expect them to do a positive miniseries about somebody who gave them residuals so they could take the summers off.

Hollywood has been hijacked by the liberal left. When people watch this miniseries they need to recognize they are watching a typical American family, with all its virtues and all of its faults.

Finally, it does not matter to me that Barbra Streisand's husband James Brolin is playing the part of my dad. What does matter is who writes the script and who directs the series. All Brolin can do is read the lines the writer has written, and follow the orders of the director.

Aside from that, I'm glad that Brolin has found a job. It gets him out of the house and gives him something to do. Once again Ronald Reagan has found work for someone in Hollywood.

No preference for Saddam: Dead or alive

By **PAULINE JELINEK**
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the end, Saddam Hussein probably will be the one to decide whether he's taken dead or alive, Pentagon officials said Tuesday. They played down talk that his capture might be imminent.

On Capitol Hill, Bush administration officials drew angry responses when they refused to give senators rough estimates on the amount of money and troops it will cost to continue to occupy Iraq.

At the Pentagon, officials were asked about a flurry of comments this week from commanders on the ground in Iraq indicating that Saddam was running out of places to hide.

Since Saddam's sons Odai and Qusai were killed last week, Iraqis have been coming forward with more and better tips on his whereabouts, Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita said at a joint press conference with Lt. Gen. Northon Schwartz, operations director for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Pressed on commanders' assertions that they are closing in on Saddam, Schwartz said: "I think we should not focus excessively on Saddam Hussein. ... Do I believe that we will ultimately apprehend Saddam Hussein? I think that is the case."

Whether he will be taken dead or alive is another question. Di Rita said he knows of no instructions that troops try harder to do one or the other.

"This is a decision that's taken on the ground," said Schwartz, adding that it's tactical, complex and depends on circumstances as well as "the character of the target."

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"Given that array of considerations, the commander on the ground makes a decision on whether it is capture or kill," he said.

"The decisions made by the individual being pursued will prevail in most cases if he doesn't wish to be taken alive," said Di Rita. "In many cases it's difficult to take them alive."

Some Iraqis said it would have been better if U.S. troops had captured Saddam's hated and feared sons so they could stand trial for decades of alleged atrocities and others said they might have had valuable information on weapons programs and other issues.

Commanders said the pair chose to fight to the death. And if Saddam's purported words are any indication, he too, might choose that option.

A new audiotape attributed to him and broadcast Tuesday on Arab satellite station Al-Arabiya acknowledges the deaths of the sons last week and says they will be martyrs in heaven.

"Even if Saddam Hussein has 100 children other than Odai and Qusai, Saddam Hussein would offer them the same path," the voice on the nine-minute tape said. "Thank God for what he destined for us, and honored us with their martyrdom for his sake."

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal, who met with President Bush and his senior advisers, told reporters that "the impression that I got is that the noose is getting closer to Saddam Hussein."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and White House budget chief Joshua Bolten told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the ongoing U.S. role in Iraq will be expensive but worth the cost.

When pressed for specifics, both men declined to say what the administration thinks the costs will be in 2004 and beyond. Bolten said President Bush's 2005 budget, to be presented early next year, would not initially include any funds for U.S. operations in Iraq because they are too unpredictable.

"Give me a break, will you?" responded Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, the panel's top Democrat. "When will you guys start being honest with us?"

When Wolfowitz said it is "very misleading" to raise the issue of honesty, Biden replied that it is a matter of candor. "You know there's going to be at least 100,000 American forces there for the next calendar year and you're not asking us for any money."

In less confrontational tones, committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., told the officials that the administration should provide "at least some idea of what is likely to be required of the American taxpayer."

At a separate hearing, the Army chief of staff nominee, retired Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, said "the fact of the matter is we will be in Iraq a long time." He was responding to a question on personnel needs during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., reminded Schoomaker that Bush has said the United States will remain in Iraq no longer than needed to bring stability to the country.

At the Foreign Relations hearing, the acting Army chief of staff, Gen. John Keane, said there are about 148,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, a figure unlikely to change much in the near future even if some foreign troops arrive.

The military's costs this year were averaging \$3.9 billion a month, officials have said.

"We don't have any reason to expect a dramatic change in that number," Bolten said, though he expressed reluctance to rely on that figure beyond the next couple of months.

The testimony comes as the administration is projecting this year's federal deficit will be a record \$455 billion, soaring in 2004 to \$475 billion. Next year's figure does not include estimated costs of activities in Iraq.

It also comes as Americans struggle to reconstruct Iraq and win over the population, and as U.S. forces suffer a steady trickle of casualties.

Some troops in Iraq for many months — and their families — have expressed impatience. And some lawmakers of both parties have criticized the administration's rationales for the war and its post-war policies.

Rhode Island Sen. Lincoln Chafee, among the Senate's most moderate Republicans, said "we just haven't seen the proof" of links the administration has claimed existed between Iraq and the terror network al-Qaida.

Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., accused the administration of "constantly trying to pretend that Sept. 11 and Iraq are the same issue."

AP congressional reporter Alan Fram contributed to this report.

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Community

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Wedding



McCarthy and Lewis

Maevie McCarthy and Scott Lewis were married Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the Chapel of St. Columbanus on the campus of the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Officiating at the ceremony was Fr. Diarmuid Hogan. Roisin McCarthy and Renee Fister were bridesmaids. Michael Lewis was best man and Robert Donnelly was groomsmen. The couple visited Australia on their honeymoon.

The bride is the daughter of Matt and Celia McCarthy, Galway, Ireland. She is a graduate of the National University of Ireland, Galway, and Rice University.

The groom is the son of James and Margaret Lewis of Peace Dale, R.I. He is a graduate of Brown University and University of Rhode Island.

Both the bride and groom are employed by Murray State University and are now residing in Murray.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Foy

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Foy of Lynn Grove will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 1, 2003.

No formal celebration is planned.

The couple was married Aug. 1, 1953, by Lyle Taylor, justice of the peace, in Corinth, Miss. Their attendants were Mrs. Mary Lee Foy and the late L.C. Foy.

Mrs. Foy, the former Faye Paschall, is the daughter of the late Davey Lee Paschall and Bessie Mae Cochran Paschall.

Mr. Foy is the son of Mrs. Nancy Watts Foy and the late James Wesley Foy.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Robertson and husband, Steve, and Mrs. Paula Frederick and husband, Herbert, all of Murray.

Their grandchildren are Michael Robertson and wife, Lisa, Raleigh, N.C., Bill Robertson and wife, Julie, Murray, Joe Mark Robertson and wife, Kim, Nashville, Tenn., Anthony Robertson and wife, Lisa, Mayfield, Jonathan David Frederick and Catherine Joy Frederick.

Four great-grandsons are Brady, Bracken, Will and Levi Robertson.

Migrant Ministry Clothing Drive being conducted



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

The Migrant Ministry Clothing Drive is now in progress by the Baptist Student Union and Blood River Baptist Association.

Men's summer shirts and pants may be taken to the association's office in Hardin or to the Baptist Student Union at Murray State University during this week, July 28-Aug. 1. Clothes should be clean and in good shape. Work clothes are needed most.

Canned Drinks and snack cakes (no chocolate or oatmeal) are also needed. These may be taken to the association's office anytime during August and September.

Support group to meet

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will meet Thursday, July 31, at noon at the Murray City Schools Family Resource Youth Services Center, 812 Poplar St., Murray. District Judge Jeanne Carroll will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served. Any grandparent or relative in Murray and Calloway County raising grandchildren or relatives is encouraged to attend.

Clothes Closet open on Thursday

Dexter Baptist Church Clothes Closet is open each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the church in Dexter. Featured are infants to adult clothes which are free to those needing them. For information call Linda Young at 437-4890.

Glory Bound program on Thursday

Glory Bound Entertainment will her Leonard Phillips and Friends on Thursday, July 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Glory Bound Coffee House, Chestnut Street. Each one is asked to bring a can of food for Need Line. There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken. This is an outreach ministry of Goshen United Methodist Church. A taped portion of the program can be heard over Radio Station WNBS on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 to 11 a.m.

MMS soccer tryouts today

Murray Middle School tryouts for girls soccer will be today (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Mallory France Soccer Complex at Murray High School.

CCMS Council will meet

Calloway County Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Thursday, July 31, at 8 a.m. at the school.

Auxiliary fundraiser Thursday

Murray-Calloway County Hospital Auxiliary will host its second annual Gold Coast jewelry sale on Thursday, July 31, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 1, from 7 a.m. to noon in the main lobby of the hospital. The public is invited.

CCHS Freshmen orientation Aug. 7

Calloway County High School has scheduled its annual Freshmen Orientation on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 8:10 a.m. The bell will ring at 8:08 a.m. for the first full day of school and freshmen are asked to assemble in the high school gym at 8:10 a.m., according to Yvette Pyle, principal. Parents are invited to attend the orientation. For more information call 762-7375.

Social and concert Wednesday

The community is invited to an old fashioned ice cream social and concert in the Memorial Garden of St. John's Episcopal Church tonight, July 30, at 7 p.m. The garden is located behind the church at 1620 West Main St. Garden trustees will be servers and hosts. There are no charges and chairs will be provided.

MHS Class of 1971 planning bash

Murray High School class of 1971 will have a 50th birthday bash on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Murray Country Club. All former teachers, administrators, staff and other schoolmates are invited.

Mohler reunion on Sunday

Mohler reunion will be Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Marshall County Senior Citizens building on Golf Course Road, Benton. A potluck meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., but the building will be open at 11 a.m. For more information call 489-2285.

Cross Country persons needed

Any Murray Middle School or Murray High School student wanting to run cross country this year, contact Ann Greenfield at 753-1094 and leave a message.

North registration Thursday

North Elementary School will have registration for the 2003-04 school year on Thursday, July 31, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the school.

Narcotics Anonymous Thursday

Murray Narcotics Anonymous - Recovery in Action will meet Thursday, July 31, at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1620 West Main St., Murray. Persons are asked to use the back entrance. For information call 753-8419.

CCHS Class of 1973 plans reunion

Calloway County High School Class of 1973 will have its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 30. Mailing addresses are still needed for class members. Robert Dissinger, Gary Overby, Louise Downey Randall, Sandra Scott and Sandra Simmons. Anyone knowing the addresses of any of these students is asked to call Dale Arnold at 759-1759.

Soccer tryouts scheduled

Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association will conduct tryouts for all new and reforming select teams. All interested U11 and U12 players will tryout on Thursday, July 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. All interested U9 and U10 players will tryout on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Players should participate in both sessions for their age group. For further information, call Marshall Ward at 767-0398.



Photo provided

HOME DEPARTMENT...Vanda Jean Gibson, left, treasurer, installed the new officers for 2003-04 of the Home Department of the Murray Woman's Club at a recent meeting at Tom's Grill. Also pictured are Virginia Thomson, vice chairman, center, and Pat Conner, chairman, right. Not pictured was Betty Jerge, secretary.

National president will speak at meeting

BENTON, Ky. — Amos A. McCallum, national president of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a resident of Saco, Maine, will be visiting the Marshall County Elks Lodge No. 2707, Benton, the weekend of Aug. 1-3.



McCallum

Marshall County Lodge is the host for this year's state convention. McCallum will be congratulating many lodge members on their accomplishments during the

past year. The host lodge helps in many community services such as the annual golf outing that provides funding for the Marshall County Exceptional Center. This event has been held for nearly 20 years.

Other special events include the Hoop Shoot Program for the youth and the Kids Christmas program that provides for several needy families with children.

On Saturday McCallum will be honored at the Marshall County Lodge. Along with state convention activities, several other presentations will be presented by Marshall County Judge executive Mike Miller.

Watson named in publication



Watson

Kelsey N. Watson of Murray has been named a national award winner in English by the United States Achievement Academy.

Watson, a student at Calloway County Middle School, was nominated for the award by Jeanetta McCallon, her teacher.

Her biography will appear in the academy yearbook.

Watson is the daughter of Dave and Lesa Watson of Murray.

Her grandparents are Dwight Watson and the late Elizabeth Watson and Dale Jones and the late Ernestine Jones, all of Murray.

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After-school rules for public library announced

It's 10 o'clock Monday night and I'm sitting here at the kitchen table writing a column I should have had done by noon.

School's gonna start next week, so Mama and Charlie are going off to Elizabethtown. They want to see her folks for that last week of summer and attend their church's homecoming this weekend.

Library News

By Ben Graves
Calloway County
Public Library
Director

Mama's packing at this very moment. She's looking through her closet trying to figure out what to wear (this always makes her a little edgy.) Charlie's in his bedroom singing(?) "Mommy, Daddy, Daddy, Mommy" just to see who'll answer first. He's eight now. He may not live to be

tenth of our annual circulation. It's just another way we're working to get real value for you from your tax dollar.

We're still weeding, but people have been donating books faster than we can sell them. Does this mean that every book that's donated is going to be sold? Not necessarily. If a book fits into our collecting plan, then we process it right in.

But, we may already have a copy. The topic may be too specialized for us. Or it may be that the book's just too old to enter our collection. In that case, we try to send it to other public libraries in the

region. For example, Hickman County has a small library trying to serve a lot of active mystery readers. They get a lot of the mystery books. Sonja Mainord who runs a three-county bookmobile program takes a lot of our romances. And a lot of the books do wind up looking for new owners, out there on the sale table.

If you're a teacher and need books for class, if you have a waiting room, or if you need books to provide to the public, come talk to us. We can make a variety of arrangements to help you provide a home for some very nice books.

The summer reading program was a big hit this summer. Ms. Sandy Linn, our young person's librarian did a first rate job with it. (She always does.)

The program takes a little over one percent of our annual budget, but the extra books checked out during the program make up one



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GARDEN DEPARTMENT... Joanna Adams, co-chairwoman of Garden Department of Murray Woman's Club, standing in top photo, presents a potted plant to Myrtle Douglas, center, for being a valued member of the department for 50 years at the recent brunch meeting in the garden of Mrs. Adams. At right is Lula Sykes, member. Pictured, bottom photo, are Mrs. Adams, seated, with other hostesses, from left, are Ve Severns, Deb Divine, Shirley Lamb and Patty Vetter.

Lyon Art Guild plans show

EDDYVILLE, Ky. — The Lyon Art Guild will sponsor an art juried show the month of September.

Artists with art pictures are wanted as entries in the show. Entries will be accepted on Friday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lyon County judicial building on Commerce Street, Eddyville.

The entry fee will be \$15 for the first one and \$10 for each additional piece. Sales are encouraged and no charge will be made by the guild, a member said.

Clyde Lawter, professional artist from Paducah, will be the juror.

Art work will not be insured, but it will be displayed in the day time with a guard present, and at night the building will be locked.

Awards totaling \$650 will be presented at the open reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. Work not accepted for the show may be picked up on that day.

For more information call 1-270-388-6072.

Angels Shop open on Chestnut

The Angels Attic Thrift Shop is now open for business at its new location at 972 Chestnut St., between Sammons' Bakery and Paglia's. The shop will be open at its new hours from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with this community-wide endeavor which benefits the Angels Community Clinic. For more information call Joan Smith, Angels Attic manager, at 762-0505.

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By D.K. Kelley



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This is a great way to stay cool and beat the heat. You can pick up summer essentials that will keep you cool without breaking your budget.

Summer hats with bags and shoes to match can add fun to any outfit. These will be sold at great prices.

Jewelry adds polish and style to any silhouette, and with prices starting at \$1.00 you're sure to find something for yourself or a great gift for someone.

We still have capris and shorts to choose from. Did you know that capris were once considered too racy for TV? Mary Tyler Moore insisted on wearing them on the 60's sitcom *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. The sponsor Proctor and Gamble reluctantly agreed as long as Mary wore a dress in at least one scene per show.

TV has certainly influenced the way we dress over the years. Whatever the actors on *Friends* and daytime soaps wear will soon hit the stores.

Some of the big trends from the past were the "Tin Cup" necklace from the movie *Tin Cup* worn by Renee Russo.

The cross has been seen in every shape and form by the stars as well.

The vintage antique look took fashion by storm after the movie *Titanic*.

Moulin Rouge with Nicole Kidman has also had a major effect on jewelry as well as clothing.

Designer jeans and jackets are being worn to social affairs by both stars and socialites.

Jeans in every shape, cut and color are a big item for fall fashions. Many of the most popular styles have a bit of stretch for comfort and keeping their shape.

New fall merchandise is arriving daily and we are beginning to display it. If you're an early shopper who likes to stay on top of the latest styles and get the first selection you're in luck.

Ask about our new Teflon pants, no wrinkle, water and stain resistant at great prices. You'll love the comfort and easy care.

Be sure to shop our Sidewalk Sale this year. Bargains begin at \$1.00, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 racks. Friday and Saturday we will be open at 9 a.m. both days.

We are also having a Yard Sale with new and used items that the girls and I have. There will be clothing, shoes, handbags, kitchen and decorator items to choose from.

Come inside from the heat for lunch as usual from 11-2 p.m. You'll want to look at the new fall fashions, jewelry and handbags.

Congratulations to Ashley Dunn who won the bracelet and earrings at our luncheon last Friday.

Quote of the Week: "Recipe for happiness" - 1. Compliment yourself. 2. Count your blessings. 3. Celebrate the special person you are. 4. Repeat often. - Linda Knight

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CREATIVE ARTS GROUP
... Pictured in top photo are members of the Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club at the recent meeting held at the home of Jo Rae Peiffer. In side photo are hostesses, from left, Janet Wallis, chairman, Peiffer, Kay Ray, treasurer, and Ve Severns, secretary. The department will meet Aug. 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the club house.



JO BURKEEN/Ledger & Times photo
RETIRING CHAIRWOMEN...Gifts were presented to retiring chairwomen of the 10 departments of the Murray Woman's Club at a recent dinner meeting of the club. Pictured, from left, are Sue Allison, Karen Olson, Jo Farley, Marlene Beach, Lillian Robertson, Rhonda Perry, Norma Frank, Joanna Adams, Tracey Bernard and Jan Ochoa.

Steele speaker for AARP meeting

Brad Steele, director of Murray-Calloway County Parks, discussed the many activities and services at the local parks at the meeting of Kentucky Lake/Murray Chapter of AARP at Pagliai's.

"We have had 18 different tournaments played at the parks in the past year, along with the many different leagues using the park facilities," Steele said.

He expressed appreciation for the grants to allow the pool to be repaired, for the school house renovation and the trail system in the park.

Dr. Sally DuFord, president, announced that AARP will have a booth at the Fancy Farm picnic on Aug. 2. She urged members to attend and wear their AARP shirts.

A special event, "Voter Express 2003," will be Monday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Calloway County Courthouse Square.

Speakers will be AARP Kentucky officials, County Judge Executive Larry Elkins, May Tom Rushing, County Clerk Ray Gene Coursey, Senator Bob Jackson and Representative Buddy Buckingham.

The purpose of the event will be that AARP Kentucky staff and volunteers are stumping the state for voter turnout and long-term care reform.

AARP officials are also outlining plans for reform of Kentucky's



JO BURKEEN/Ledger & Times photo
AARP MEETING...Brad Steele, standing left, spoke at the July meeting of the Kentucky Lake/Murray Chapter of AARP. Also pictured, from left, are Fil Boston, Colleen Moore and Elizabeth Brown.

Long-Term Care programs and adoption of a Person-Centered Funding system, a way to take care of the frail elderly and disabled in their home and community.

The public is urged to attend this special rally on Monday and also the Fancy Farm picnic to urge the plans outlined for reform.

DuFord announced that the annu-

al Health and Wellness Festival is planned for Friday, Oct. 24, at the National Guard Armory. A festival planning meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, at noon on the lower level of University Church of Christ.

The chapter's next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 11:30 a.m. at Pagliai's Restaurant.

Writer's Potpourri

By Charlie York

Writer's Potpourri will be Saturday, Aug. 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the Calloway County Public Library.

All interested writers are invited to attend. Charlie York, director, has released some of the poems written by participants as follows:

A HUNTING TRIP

By Wilma J. Sanders

When Daddy was a little boy
He had one pair of shoes
He said they were brogans
And did his feet abuse
He went hunting in the cold
To hunt meat for the table
He walked the whole day

As long as he was able
When home again his feet had frozen
He was in a lot of pain
The heat from the fireplace

Drove him almost insane
His mother put water in a pan
Added ashes from the fire
He said she knew just what to

do
Her knowledge he did admire
Where his frozen feet had been
Was now a healthy sight
They never bothered him again
Even later were all right.

THE TWILIGHT

By Charlie York

Yes he was old get
He saw the beauty.
His eyes were dim
Yet he remembered.
His hair was thin
More than thin on top.
Yet he savored each
Moment of life.
When the sun rose
Getting out of bed was a chore.
He remembered little
Of yesterday.

Yet the long ago

He remembered clearly.
He remembered his roots
Growing up.
With those he loved
and respected.
Somehow the past and the
Present are fused into one.

WAR

By Lenda Easley

This war isn't easy
on any of us.
They covered the face
of Hussin's bust.
Everyday you see the
deaths of days before.
Each and everyday
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Health

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Too salty: A push to lower hidden sodium in food

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average American consumes the equivalent of nearly two teaspoons of salt every day, almost double the upper limit for good health. And before anyone protests about hardly touching the salt shaker, consider: The vast majority of that sodium is hidden inside common foods, from spaghetti sauce to frozen dinners.

Now public health specialists are pressuring food manufacturers and restaurants to cut the salt, because too much sodium is bad for your blood pressure — and high blood

pressure hurts your heart, brain and kidneys.

Reduced-sodium alternatives are rare in grocery aisles. A Food and Drug Administration effort to ratchet down the sodium in some foods the salt-conscious might choose — those labeled "healthy" — has largely stalled. Manufacturers argue it's hard to change the recipe but keep the taste.

On one thing do food makers and health critics agree: Making our food supply less salty will require consumer demand, and so far that has focused mostly on trimming the fat.

"There's only so much people can worry about when it comes to food," said nutri-

tionist Bonnie Liebman of the consumer group Center for Science in the Public Interest. "But the fact is high blood pressure rates are going up, the evidence that salt raises blood pressure has only gotten stronger, and people need to hear that message."

Being overweight and inactive are the major culprits for high blood pressure, but too much salt plays a role, too. The 50 million Americans with hypertension are advised to eat a low-sodium diet, about 1,500 milligrams a day.

For healthy people, the government recommends no more than 2,400 mg of sodium

daily, the equivalent of a heaping teaspoon of salt. But the average American eats over 4,000 mg a day — three-quarters of it from processed food and restaurant meals, says Dr. Stephen Havas of the University of Maryland.

Time-crunched families depend on the convenience of processed foods, so the American Public Health Association, backed by dozens of other health and medical groups, issued a challenge to the industry: Cut in half the sodium in those foods over the next 10 years.

Havas, who wrote APHA's policy, estimates the change could cut by 20 percent the

number of hypertension sufferers, eventually saving 150,000 lives a year.

The industry couldn't provide statistics, but there are some lower-sodium alternatives, which FDA regulates. "Lightly salted" peanuts, for example, must have half the salt of regular ones. A food labeled low-sodium, such as low-sodium V8 vegetable juice, can contain no more than 140 mg per serving — regular V8 has over four times more.

Stores carry a handful of "no salt added" canned vegetables. For tomatoes, that can save 175 mg of sodium over the regular variety, and 375 mg per serving of canned green beans.

Agyeman joins MCCH staff

Murray-Calloway County Hospital is pleased to welcome Kwabena O. Agyeman, M.D., Cardiology, as a member of the medical staff at the hospital and the Holman Heart Clinic.

Dr. Agyeman is a native of Petersburg, Va., and received his undergraduate degree from Howard University College of Liberal Arts in Washington, D.C. He attended medical school at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Va., and Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Agyeman did his Residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Agyeman comes to MCCH from the National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C., where he was involved in Cardiovascular research. He has received many honors and awards, including First Chief Resident and Outstanding Resident in the Department of Medicine at Howard University Hospital.

Dr. Agyeman is married to Amy Agyeman, owner of Interview Etiquette, and has a daughter, Saran Anderson.

Dr. Agyeman has joined Holman Heart Clinic, located in the MCCH Medical Arts Building at 300 S. Eighth St., Suite 181 West. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (270) 753-3022.



Agyeman

Diabetic smart shopping sessions set for August

The Center for Diabetes at Murray-Calloway County Hospital will be offering an education session entitled, "Shopping Smart."

The class is for people with diabetes. It is an extension of the Diabetes Self-Management class, so a person must have attended this class before taking the Shopping Smart class.

"Shopping Smart" will teach those trying to control diabetes smart grocery shopping tips along with direction in reading food labels, eating out, and a review of carbohydrate counting.

The class uses a PowerPoint presentation to take participants into the grocery store, isle by isle and topics such as fiber, sodium, and saturated fats are discussed. Healthy eating is the key to controlling diabetes and this class will help teach basic skills for eating right.

The session is Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the Center for Health & Wellness. Pre-registration is required so contact Tara Shelton at the Center for Diabetes at 270-762-1806 or 1-800-822-1840, extension 806.

"We are excited to start offering these classes," said Tara Shelton, Diabetes Educator at the Center for Diabetes. "The more a person can know about diabetes, the better they can control it."

"We spend 2-3 hours on carbohydrate counting in the Diabetes Self-Management class, but do not have the time to discuss other important components of the diet, which are also important. This class will allow us to get into those other areas of the diet and discuss their role in diabetes."

Diabetes Self-Management classes are offered every month and in most cases, Medicare and commercial insurance companies will cover the cost.

The next Diabetes Self-

Management Classes are August 28 & 29 at the Center for Health & Wellness.

To find out more about the Center for Diabetes at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, call 270-762-1806.



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SEC Media Day

Brooks accepts another challenge at Kentucky

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Rich Brooks is no stranger to taking over a lightweight program in a heavyweight league.



Brooks

The new Kentucky coach did it once before. At Oregon. — In 1977. "I think I'm going into a program that is in a little bit similar situation in the SEC as Oregon was in the Pac-10, where we were a team that most of the other schools in the league put a 'W' by it at the start of the season," Brooks said Tuesday at the Southeastern Conference media days.

The 61-year-old Brooks makes it clear he doesn't expect the Wildcats to be an automatic win on anybody's schedule under his watch.

He points to his own turnaround job at Oregon from 1977-94 — his last college job — and revitalized programs like Maryland and Kansas State as proof that losing isn't a permanent affliction for programs.

"Kentucky's had a long dry spell, and it's time for things to change," Brooks said.

Guy Morriss set the resur-

gence rolling in his second season, going 7-5 after Kentucky had endured back-to-back 2-9 years. Then he left for Baylor, not exactly a vote of confidence for a program trying to regroup from NCAA sanctions.

Brooks isn't just looking at rebuilding as a long-term process — and not only because he's 61.

"I would hope that there's some pressure on me," the former St. Louis Rams head coach said. "I would hope there's some expectations, because I have them myself. I don't think there's ever been pressure or expectations that have exceeded my own. I believe we can win at Kentucky."

"I'm not a patient man. I don't want to wait 10 years to do it. I want to win now."

Brooks was out of coaching for two years, watching football via satellite, golfing and fishing, uncertain if he'd return to the game.

He takes over a program on its third coach in four years and needing some stability.

"In my mind, I still have a lot to prove to the young men I'm coaching, and they have some things to prove to me," Brooks said. "I don't think we're there yet, but I think we're well on the way in that direction."

But, he promised, Kentucky

will give its SEC counterparts more competition in recruiting. Brooks also said Kentucky has better facilities, better attendance and more prep talent than Oregon did in 1977.

The Wildcats have not been to a bowl game since 1999, but Brooks is hoping to give the seniors a postseason send-off. Kentucky qualified for a bowl last season but was shut out by NCAA probation.

"My goal with this senior class is to win enough games to have them leave with a bowl game under their belt for all the hard work that they've put in in their years at Kentucky," he said.

Derek Abney, a receiver and All-American return man, likes the sound of that. The Wildcats last went to a bowl in his red-shirt year, and he and a few teammates were too sick with the flu to enjoy the experience. "I want to make this my bowl game," Abney said. "I want it to be one I contribute to. I want to really enjoy it this time and not be laying in bed with an IV."

"I think we've got a great offense. I don't see why we can't win this year," he said.

The Wildcats would also like to shake one bitter memory from last season.



LINDA KAYE/AP

CAREER NIGHT ... Boston's Bill Mueller (11) follows through on his second grand slam in the eighth inning of Tuesday's game against the Texas Rangers. Mueller became the first player in major league history to hit grand slams from both sides of the plate in the Red Sox 14-7 victory.

Mueller makes history

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Bill Mueller doesn't understand his record-setting power display.

Mueller became the first player in major league history to hit grand slams from both sides of the plate in a game Tuesday, connecting for three homers to lead the Red Sox over the Texas Rangers 14-7.

"I was just trying to have good at-bats like the guys in front of me," Mueller said. "I was just trying to drive some runs in. I was fortunate to get some balls up in the air and they carried out. I was just trying to hit line drives, but tonight they went out."

Mueller, batting left-handed, hit a solo homer in the third against R.A. Dickey.

Batting right-handed, he hit his first slam off Aaron Fultz in the seventh for a 9-4 lead. One inning later, he connected from the left side against Jay Powell for a 14-4 advantage.

"You never come to the ballpark thinking you're going to do anything like this," Mueller said. "It didn't turn out like an ordinary night. I'm very humbled by this."

Mueller had a career-high nine RBIs with the first three-homer game of his career. He has 13 homers this season, also a career best, and four career slams.

It was the 12th time a player hit two grand slams in a game, the first since Boston's Nomar Garciaparra against Seattle on May

10, 1999.

"I'm not a big stats or records guy," Mueller said. "Records are made to be broken and I just happened to be the first guy to do this. I'm just glad I made a positive contribution."

Mueller had his second multi-homer game this season, the third of his career. He hit two homers against the New York Yankees on July 4, connecting from each side of the plate.

Boston, which began the night 1 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East, won for the eighth time in 10 games.

"There's a big race in our division and in the wild card," Mueller said. "We're focused on winning games."

Razorbacks' Jones could double as wide receiver

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — With his hands, size and speed, Matt Jones won't have to worry about playing time for Arkansas. The only question is, will he spend more time throwing passes or catching them?

"When he's not at quarterback, he'll be a receiver," coach Houston Nutt said at Southeastern Conference media days Tuesday. "He can go get it and he has great hands."

The 6-foot-6 Jones worked at receiver in the spring and has proven a double threat. He broke his own school record for a quarterback with 614 rushing yards last season.

Jones had a 70-yard touchdown run against Auburn, but also threw a school-record 92-yard scoring pass to Richard Smith against Alabama.

Jones could split time with senior Ryan Sorahan, who's more of a dropback passer. Nutt said he doesn't know yet how he'll divvy up plays between the two, but could alternate.

"As long as they're executing and moving the team and are putting the team in the end zone without a turnover ... I really believe those two guys can do that," he said.

Receiver George Wilson has faith in Jones at both positions.

"He can take it the distance. Matt has big playmaking ability. You have to have the mentality of 'if the ball comes my way, I have to make the play.' And Matt has that mentality."

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Another player who could be shifting to a new position is outside linebacker Tony Bua, who will get a strong look at replacing Ken Hamlin at free safety.

"We're just missing that quarterback in the middle of the field," Nutt said. "We want to give him the opportunity. He thinks he can do it."

Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt will be hard-pressed to improve on its passing attack. Quarterback Jay Cutler is back, but his two top receivers, Dan Stricker and M.J. Garrett, both are gone.

Brandon Smith is the only returning wideout who caught more than three passes last season. Coach Bobby Johnson knows the Commodores can't immediately replace Stricker, the school's all-time leading receiver, but thinks they can be stronger top to bottom at the position.

"We'll be more athletic," Johnson said. "Brandon Smith proved last year that he's very athletic. He made some great catches for us in tough situations."

Junior Chris Young was redshirted last season for disciplinary reasons while sophomore Otis Washington was forced to sit out for academics.

"You wouldn't believe what a great job they did on our scout team," Johnson said. "They earned the respect of all the other guys."

It's so hard to say ¡Adios! to writing career

A funny thing happened to me during my first year as a sportswriter and photographer for the *Ledger & Times*.

Peering out from the dugout of the Calloway County High School baseball team during a Laker home game in the spring of 2000, I was deeply focused on my mission: a quality action photo for the next day's paper.

That concentration was my demise.

As I stood transfixed on what was taking place on the diamond, several Laker pranksters took advantage of the situation to play an amusing — to them, mostly — game of "hotfoot" with me.

Fortunately, when I caught on to their shenanigans and noticed that a lit piece of paper had been taped to the back of one

of my shoes, the flames were still a good six inches from causing any physical damage — though the ego did take a little hit.

Of course, I didn't need any clubhouse hijinks to tell me that I had a hot job here at the *Ledger*.

From the first Murray-Calloway basketball game of the millennium to the past year's incredible run of championships for the Calloway County boys' and girls' basketball teams and Murray State's football, baseball, women's golf and women's tennis teams, you could say that my career as a sports journalist has been "on fire."

I have thoroughly enjoyed (almost) every day I have spent covering the local sports scene, even those late Friday nights that turned into Saturday mornings when sports editor Scott Nanney and I toiled to beat the deadline after traveling far and wide to follow Murray High and Calloway on the prep gridirons each fall.

Heck, even chronicling and dissecting the horror show that

was the Murray State women's basketball team a few years ago had its bright spots.

So it is with a heavy heart (I blame the cholesterol) that I announce that after almost four full years here in Racor Country, I will be leaving the *Ledger* at the end of this month.

As some of you already know, I will turn over a new leaf Aug. 11 when I start a brand-new profession — as a Spanish teacher at Madisonville-North Hopkins High School.

From journalist to foreign language teacher? Yes, that's right.

As weird as it seems, there is a method to my madness. The explanation for this bold move, though, would require more space than I'm sure Scott is willing to allow for what is, admittedly, a self-serving column.

But ... that's OK. A lot of the people I've come into contact with over the years are clearly aware of how eager I am to talk about myself.

Through it all, I have cherished the many wonderful expe-

riences I've had tracking every endeavor of this area's athletic programs and the relationships I've built along the way.

I still get a kick whenever I think back to some of the more memorable post-game interviews I've had with the talented athletes I've had the pleasure of watching in action, not to mention the friendly in-game conversations I've had with students, parents and fans.

I am certainly grateful to all the coaches I have worked with over the years and the amount of access they've given me. While getting the assistance I needed to perform my duties for the *Ledger*, their cooperation has also allowed me to get a glimpse of what to expect when I begin the coaching aspect of my new career.

I definitely would like to thank my wife, Gretchen, for grudgingly putting up with my odd working hours; she can't wait for my new schedule (8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with summers off) to get underway!

I would be remiss if I didn't

thank my partner-in-crime, Scott, managing editor Eric Walker, publisher Alice Rouse and all the other great employees of the *Ledger* for making the office — the one place where I actually felt like what I did was work, since covering the games was so much fun — a truly interesting place to be, especially in the few minutes before 10 a.m.

And I also want to thank you, readers of the *Ledger & Times*, for your appreciation of my good articles, your questions concerning my more lackluster efforts and your willingness to volunteer information to make sure that I knew and understood the whole story ... or at least what was appropriate to print!

Anyway, if you see me up in the stands this fall or run into me sometime at Wal-Mart or elsewhere in the community, don't be afraid to say "¡Hola!"

I will be commuting to Madisonville for work every day (See? I told you I was crazy!), but that means I get to keep living in this great city, with its great people and its great sports.

Bryant prosecutor secures funds

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Prosecutors handling Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case won a request for additional money Tuesday, securing \$105,000 from county commissioners and the possibility of more.

The aid could be increased again based on District Attorney Mark Hurlbert's needs, Eagle County commissioners said. Other counties in the judicial district could be asked to contribute to Hurlbert's \$2 million budget, county finance director Mike Roeper said.

Roeper said it was the first time in his two-and-a-half years in office that a prosecutor has asked for additional funds.

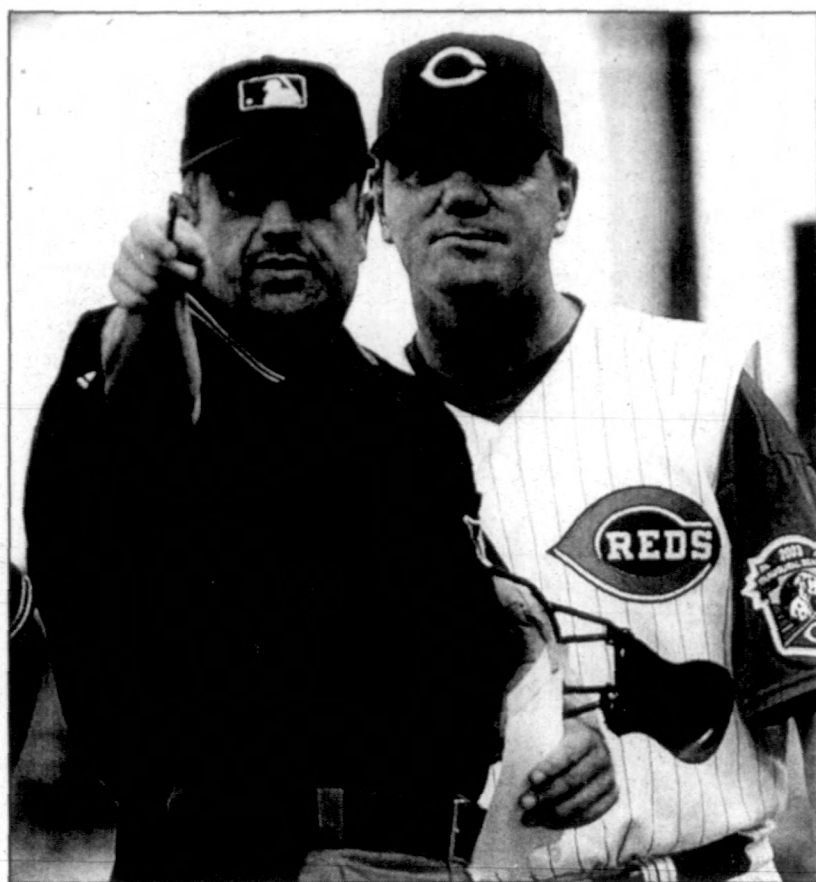
Dozens of reporters are expected here next week for Bryant's initial court appearance on a felony sexual assault charge. The Los Angeles Lakers superstar has said his 19-year-old accuser had sex with him willingly at a resort in nearby Edwards on June 30.

Also Tuesday, attorneys for several media organizations filed motions to open sealed court records, saying many details have already been publicized — some of them by Bryant and Hurlbert.

"Ironically, at the same time, both the district attorney and Bryant are opposing the very thing that would permit the public to independently test the veracity of their public relations statements, i.e., unsealing the court file," the attorneys wrote.

Bryant's attorneys, Hal Haddon and Pamela Mackey, did not return phone calls seeking comment. The defense did ask Judge Terry Ruckriegle not to allow expanded media coverage of the case, saying it could jeopardize Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Along with the money, Hurlbert also got some additional expertise: Ingrid Bakke, head of Boulder's sex assault and domestic violence unit, is on loan for up to a year to help with the case. Hurlbert's office has deputy district attorneys, but so far has been the lone prosecutor to address the case publicly.



Miley takes over in Cincy

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ten years ago, Dave Miley seemed to be on the fast track.

He was the Cincinnati Reds bench coach in 1993, helping rookie manager Tony Perez ease into the job. At that point, the former minor league catcher was 31 years old and seemingly destined for big things.

Forty-four games into the season, Perez was fired by general manager Jim Bowden and Miley was demoted to bullpen coach. The next year, he was in the minors again.

"That was a long year, to be honest with

you," Miley said Tuesday. "That was just a tough year. It seems like a long, long time ago."

Ten years later, he's back. This time, the former Louisville Bats manager is in charge. One of the Reds' most loyal employees finally got his chance to manage in the majors when Bowden and manager Bob Boone were fired Monday as part of a front office makeover.

Miley will be interim manager for the rest of the season, trying to steady the team through uncertain times. The Reds don't expect to hire another general manager until after the World Series, then choose a manager.

If the Reds do well for the rest of the season, Miley could be a candidate. He arrived in Cincinnati on Tuesday with no promises and no pretensions. He was just glad to arrive.

"With the time you spend down there, you wonder if it's ever going to happen," he said. "I spent all those years in the organization, and I always wanted the big club to win."

Miley got a firsthand idea of the immense job ahead. The Reds matched their season high with four errors and traded closer Scott Williamson during a 5-3 loss to Colorado.

Loyalty was a factor in Miley's long-awaited promotion. He had chances to leave for other organizations, but stuck it out with the Reds, who chose him out of high school in the second round of the 1980 amateur draft.

"My claim to fame is I was drafted before Eric Davis," he said.

Injuries to his right knee slowed him, and he took the Reds up on an offer to start coaching in the minors at age 24. He has spent the last seven years managing their Triple-A teams.

When he arrived and held a team meeting on Tuesday, he looked around and recognized the majority of the players. He then thanked them for making it possible for him to get to the big leagues.

Bowden used his Triple-A teams as a try-out for pitchers hoping to make it back to the majors after poor seasons or surgeries. Miley showed a knack for dealing with a revolving roster, disgruntled former major leaguers and up-and-coming youngsters.

"Dave's proven that he can manage people," said Tim Naehring, director of player development.

Williamson, Mondesi dealt

By The Associated Press

The Boston Red Sox bolstered their bullpen Tuesday, acquiring closer Scott Williamson from the Cincinnati Reds for a minor league pitcher, a player to be named and cash.

The team they are chasing in the AL East, the New York Yankees, made two deals Tuesday, including sending outfielder Raul Mondesi and cash to Arizona for outfielder David Dellucci and two minor leaguers.

Williamson, the NL Rookie of the Year in 1999, converted 21 of 26 save opportunities for the Reds this season.

"He's got three well-above-average pitches and it's really a potent combination coming out of the bullpen," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said.

He said he envisions Williamson as a setup man for closer Byung-Hyun Kim, acquired in a May 29 trade with Arizona.

"We're extraordinarily happy with the job that Byung-Hyun Kim has done as a closer," Epstein said.

The deal was one of five made Tuesday. The trading deadline is Thursday.

The Chicago White Sox acquired left-hander Scott Schoeneweis and

a minor leaguer from Anaheim for reliever Gary Glover and two minor leaguers.

The New York Mets traded seldom-used infielder Rey Sanchez to Seattle for minor league outfielder Kenny Kelly.

The Yankees also traded right-hander Dan Miceli to Houston for a player to be named or cash.

The Reds' trade was their first since firing general manager Jim Bowden on Monday.

"We've been talking to the Reds on and off for a week or two," Epstein said. "Once they made their move in the front office,

things really accelerated ... we got down to business very quickly."

The Reds got left-hander Phillip Dumatrait, 22. He was 7-5 with a 3.02 ERA in 21 games at Class A Sarasota.

Epstein said the Red Sox are still looking to acquire another starter before the trading deadline.

"A great opportunity came along and we feel that we made our team a lot better," he said. "We're not done."

Mondesi, 32, is joining his fourth team in five seasons. He was rookie of the year with the Dodgers in 1994.

Fitch has hernia operation

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Gerald Fitch underwent outpatient surgery Tuesday morning to repair a hernia, but the Kentucky guard shouldn't miss any practice time, coach Tubby Smith said.

Fitch had the surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He developed the hernia in late May in Colorado Springs, Colo., during preliminary tryouts for the U.S. team for the upcoming Pan American Games. Fitch

re-aggravated the injury last week during the final tryouts for that squad.

The senior from Macon, Ga., withdrew from the tryouts last Wednesday and returned to Lexington from Orlando, Fla.

"Gerald is an integral part of our basketball team," Smith said. "We are thankful that by addressing the problem now, Gerald will be back to full strength when the team reports for the fall

semester."

The 6-foot-3 Fitch started 35 of 36 games last season and was Kentucky's second-leading scorer (12.3 points per game). He was third on the team in assists (2.4 per game) and was the Wildcats' top 3-point shooter (41.5 percent).

He will enter the season 78 points shy of becoming the 50th Kentucky player to score at least 1,000 points.

MSU's Orazine on record pace

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times
PADUCAH, Ky. — Murray State senior golfer Nikki Orazine shot a 3-under-par 69 Tuesday at the Country Club of Paducah to forge a six-stroke lead going into today's final round of the 50th Paducah Sun Ladies Tournament.

Full records for the tournament, which began in 1954, are not available, but Orazine could become the first player to finish the event under par when

play begins this morning at Rolling Hills Country Club.

At 4 under through 36 holes, Orazine (70-69-139), the tournament winner in 1998, leads defending champion Roberta Sental (71-74-145) by six shots.

Mary Bain of Murray, the 2001 titlist, carded her second straight 73 Tuesday to sit seven swings off Orazine's record pace. Currently in third place, Bain is eight stroke ahead of the rest of the field.

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SportsBriefs

The annual Murray High School boys' soccer alumni game will be held Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Mallary France Soccer Complex on the MHS campus. All former Tiger soccer players are invited to participate.

All boys in grades 7-8 at Murray Middle School interesting in playing for the MMS football team this fall are asked to attend an organizational meeting Monday at 5 p.m. in the MMS auditorium.

The Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association will hold registration for the fall season beginning Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trophy Case.

Registration is also scheduled for Aug. 14 from 5-8 p.m. and Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fees are \$40 for players in U-8 and under, \$5 for U-10 and up and \$10 extra for select teams. For more information, visit www.beecreek.org.

BOAZ, Ky. — The Kentucky Regulators DIPA Club has begun to sponsor self-defense classes in Graves County. The classes will be held at the Graves County Courthouse and at the blub range in Boaz.

The next class is the Kentucky Concealed Carry Weapons Permit Class Aug. 9-10 from 2-6 p.m. If interested, contact John Muir by phone at 559-2808 or E-mail at john@johnmuir.com.

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A RARE COIN ... A 1913 Liberty Head nickel, above, one of only five in existence, is shown Tuesday in Baltimore. Paul Montgomery, president of Bowers and Merena Galleries, at left, holds a 1913 Liberty Head nickel.

French hackers break into state Transportation Cabinet computers

By JOE BIESK

Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — State investigators believe French hackers have been using the Transportation Cabinet's computers to store pirated computer files including newly released movies and video games.

Transportation Cabinet employees also used about 35 state computers to access pornographic Web sites 6,000 times on four randomly chosen days, investigators learned in a separate finding.

State Auditor Ed Hatchett said the finding was part of an annual audit.

Hatchett said he believed the hackers entered the system on April 2, and have been using it since. Because the hackers also gained access to the system's administrator and user password files, they could be able to manipulate any state file on the infected network, Hatchett said.

"These unknown person or persons have as much control over the Transportation Cabinet's system as those users of the system who are authorized in the department," Hatchett said.

Based on the Internet addresses investigators were able to trace, they suspect the hackers were from France, said B.J. Bellamy, chief information for the auditor's office. Other Internet addresses they found were based in Canada and Croatia, Bellamy said.

Hackers had used the Transportation Cabinet's computer system "in capacity and in processing power" to store and distribute movies, music recordings, computer games and television shows.

Copyrighted medical textbooks also were posted and distributed, and the system was playing host to an Internet chat room.

At least two movies — "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" and "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over" — were posted to the site within 24 hours of their release last Friday, according to the report. Other movies, in French, including "Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring," "Bloodwork," and "Die Another Day" were also stored there.

Transportation Cabinet Inspector General Bobby Russell said the department had already been work-

ing to tighten its computer security system before the auditor's findings.

"We will be working to remedy the situation," Russell said. "We certainly share their concerns about others jeopardizing our computer system and using them to serve video music and other pirated files to others."

Hatchett said the security breach could jeopardize private information including driver's license and registration information. Hackers could have accessed any state, local or federal agency that might have been connected to the same network, Hatchett said.

However, James Ramsey, the Transportation Cabinet's chief information officer, said driver's license and registration information is stored on a different server that was not invaded.

Still, Hatchett said the state's computer security needs work.

"I am frustrated, because for three years, this office has committed its resources to testing the security of state government computer systems and we don't see much movement in the proper direction," Hatchett said.

Harmful influences deluging children

QUESTION: I have heard you say that we have shamefully mismanaged the present generation of children. Explain what you meant by that.

DR. DOBSON: I was referring to the many harmful influences that previous generations didn't have to confront — at least not to the degree that we see today. That includes safe-sex ideology, violence and sexual imagery in movies, rock music and television; it refers to gang activity and drug abuse, and many other dangerous aspects of our culture.

I was also speaking about the extreme emphasis on physical attractiveness and body consciousness in Western nations that is having a terrible impact on children. It can even be life threatening to them.

A study done at the University of California has shown that 80 percent of girls in the fourth grade have attempted to diet because they see themselves as fat. One elementary school girl justified her dieting by saying she just wanted to be "skinny" so that no one would tease her.

How sad it is that children in this culture have been taught to hate their bodies — to measure their worth by comparison to a standard that they can never achieve. At a time when they should be busy being kids, they're worried about how much they weigh, how they look and how they're seen by others. For young girls, this insistence on being thin is magnified by the cruelties of childhood.

Dozens of studies now show that overweight children are held in low regard by their peers, even at an early age. According to one investigation, silhouettes of obese children were described by 6-year-olds as "lazy," "stupid" and "ugly."

This overemphasis on beauty does not occur in a vacuum, of course. Our children mirror our prejudices and our system of values. We, too, measure human worth largely on a scale of physical attractiveness. It's bad enough when adults evaluate each other that way. It's tragic when millions of children have already concluded that they're hopelessly flawed.

even before life has gotten started.

We must take the blame for the many pressures on today's kids. Fifty years ago, parents and other adults acted in concert to protect kids — from pornography, sexual abuse, harmful ideas and dangerous substances. Millions of husbands and wives stayed together "for the benefit of the children."

It was understood that tender minds and bodies needed to be shielded from that which could hurt them. But now, child abuse, date rape and sexually transmitted disease are rampant.

As the family has unraveled, and as adults have become more self-centered and preoccupied, children are often left to fend for themselves in a very dangerous world. It may be our greatest failing as a people.

QUESTION: I've read that it is possible to teach 4-year-old children to read. Should I be working on this with my child?

ANSWER: If a youngster is particularly sharp and if he or she can learn to read without feeling undue adult pressure, it would be advantageous to teach this skill. But that's a much bigger "if" than most people realize. There are some parents who find it difficult to work with their children without showing frustration over immaturity and lack of interest.

Furthermore, new skills should be taught at the age when they are most needed. Why invest unnecessary effort trying to teach a child to read when he has not yet learned to cross the street, tie his shoes, count to 10 or answer the telephone?

It seems foolish to get panicky over preschool reading. The best policy is to provide your children with interesting books and materials, read to them every day and answer their questions. You can then introduce them to phonics and watch the lights go on. It's fun if you don't push too hard.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or www.family.org.

Focus on the Family presents Renewing the Heart Conference for women on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn. Register by calling 1-800-A-FAMILY or online at www.renewingtheheart.com.

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Home is where the school is

Educational option drawing interest

By TABITHA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Sue Ann Stevens first came face-to-face with homeschooling as a young Christian and new member of a church in which all the families educated their children at home.

Her experiences with the children at church immediately astonished her.

"The difference was phenomenal compared to the kids that I knew from my neighborhood and the kids that I had grown up with. They were polite; they were extremely smart, and it wasn't because each one of them had an exceptional I.Q. They were just well-rounded," she said. "So I decided that when I did get married and have kids that I was going to homeschool my kids."

Today, she's married to a pastor, and happily homeschools their sons, Lowell, 10, Leeman, 8, and Seth 6. She's also beginning her term as director of the Calloway County chapter of the Lakeland Christian Home Educators, a local homeschool support group that's about 30 families strong.

Jennifer Eells, another leader in the local support group, and her husband Brian have three children: Zackary, 9, Kelsey, 6, and Ally, 3. Their start with homeschooling came as a surprise.

When Zackary was old enough for kindergarten, the Eells were hesitant to send him to school because he did not seem ready, but eventually chose Christian Fellowship School, Mrs. Eells said. She was pregnant at the time, and when the doctor later put her on bed-rest, she couldn't drive their son to Draffenville from their home near Murray for school any longer. After some deliberation, they decided to homeschool him for the rest of the year and send him back to school the next year.

But he never went back. During that year, the Eells did extensive research on home education, and being pleased with the experience homeschooling their son, they chose to continue.

Now with Zackary ready to begin fourth grade, Kelsey ready to begin first grade and Ally ready for pre-school-level studies, the Eells are convinced that homeschooling is ideal for their family relationally, academically and spiritually.

Benefits

Eells said homeschooling promotes togetherness, which enables them to make learning a family matter. "The impact of just our family being together and what we can

incorporate to the kids is probably our main reason for homeschooling now," she said.

Additionally, Eells said the children thrive as a result of the individual time they get with their educator.

"They are excellent, and I think that it's because they get the one-on-one attention."

She said she also finds that the time with her kids allows her to recognize their personality types and learning styles to individualize their learning.

"We can individualize their learning specifically to what better them, and what kind of gives them that little bit of edge."

Eells added that she can also cater her children's classroom experiences to their interests, which she sees as an advantage because teachers who have more than a few students are less able to do that.

Spiritually, the home education experience allows the family freedom for prayer, Bible study and memory verses in the classroom — "a lot of character development that they would not get if we were not homeschooling."

Stevens said her primary reasons for homeschooling are to offer her children a Biblical education and individual attention. By teaching her sons that the Bible is their standard for education and character, she said they learn that there are absolutes.

"When my children are left without boundaries, they can vacillate here and there; they don't really know what's expected of them. So when you have an absolute standard, they know what's expected of them," she said.

Homeschooling also offers a promising alternative to 30-student public school classrooms, Stevens believes.

"When you teach children one-on-one, you are able to focus on that one child. But not only that, I love that child. Teachers don't love my children. They may like them or they may not like them, and if my children tend to grate on someone's nerves, they won't give them the kind of attention that I would because I love my children to the very core of their little selves."

She added that her love for and understanding of each of her children enables her to give them exactly what they need in order to learn material.

"The fact that when you homeschool, you are able to do one-on-one tutoring with your kid, and you know exactly what speaks to each child, it's inevitable that your kids will succeed," Stevens said.

"When the public school kid is struggling in an area, the parent will hire a tutor, and they will come in and they will sit with them and they will bring them up to par. So you can imagine how much that would benefit your kid if that's all they got every day."

But Stevens added that every family is different, so her reasons for homeschooling are not typical of all homeschool families.

"Each family is different, and they homeschool differently. Their curriculum needs are different; the reasons they homeschool are different."

'Not the weird family on the block'

Stevens added that with the increased number of families homeschooling and the diversity among the families, home education seems to be shedding the stereotype it's had in the past.

"Years ago, they were able to kind of categorize homeschoolers ... 'Oh, she's a homeschooler. She bakes her bread; she wears a jumper; she sits her kids down, and they do the pledge at 8 o'clock in the morning, and they run through their school day.' It's not like that anymore," she said. "We have homeschoolers from all walks of life — whether they're farmers or university professors."

Eells agrees. "Homeschooling has grown to such proportions that there are all kinds of families that

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FIELD TRIP ... A homeschooling class of Sue Ann Stevens are shown during a trip to the Southern Baptist Seminary Museum. In the background is a facsimile of the Rosetta Stone.

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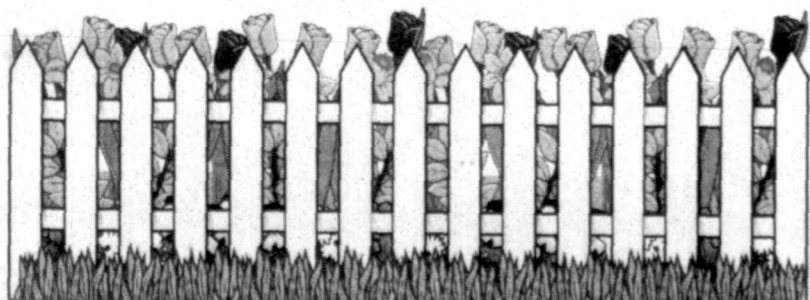


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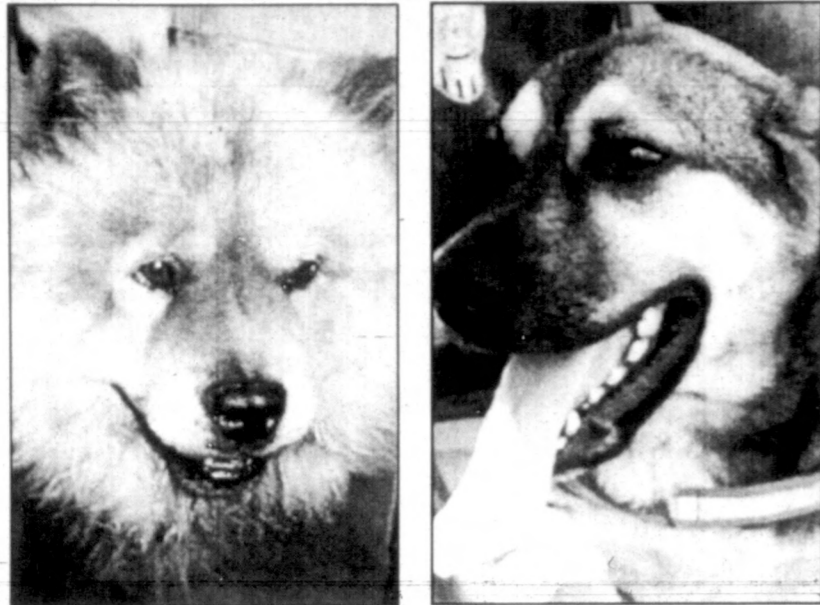
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Dodder entwines ornamental bed

The lady who telephoned was obviously concerned. "I've got a thin yellow vine growing all over my salvia and perennials! Someone said it would spread and I should pull up the plants, take out the soil and put in new topsoil! Is that true?"



Agriculture Update
By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County Agriculture Extension Agent

Dodder is a parasitic plant that is often referred to as love vine, strangleweed and devil's-hair. Parasitic plants attach to the host plant by way of specialized organs called haustoria through which they derive nutrients and water from the host and to the detriment of the host.

Mistletoe species are probably the most commonly known parasitic plants and comprise a majority of parasitic species but there are many others.

Dodder is a twining yellow or orange plant sometimes tinged with purple or red. Occasionally it is almost white. The stems can be very thin and thread-like or relatively stout depending on species.

I've seen fencerows matted with thin yellow dodder stems. It has small white, pink or yellowish flowers that normally appear from early June to the end of the growing season. The fruit is about one eighth inch in diameter, with thin papery walls and contains 1 to 4 seeds. The seeds are yellow to brown or black, nearly round and have a fine rough surface with one round and two flat sides.

What amazes me is the way seedlings find a host. Dodder seeds drop to the ground and germinate the next growing season if a suitable host is present. Dodder seedlings must attach to a suitable host within a few days of germinating or they die. The young seedling is sensitive to touch and the yellowish stem actually gropes in the air with somewhat circular movements until it makes contact with a plant.

The contact is made firm by one or more coils about the stem. If the plant happens to contain foods suitable to the seedling then a secondary stimulus is aroused which causes root-like branches (haustoria) to form and penetrate the stem. The basal part of the parasite soon shrivels away so that no soil connection exists. If no suitable host is present, the seeds may remain dormant for five years.

Back to the caller's dilemma. Should she remove and replace soil in the bed, which was a fairly large bed? With a severe infestation of dodder that has obviously seeded out, maybe.

In this situation I would pull off all the dodder strands that were apparent on the perennial plants and check them periodically, removing new strands that appear making sure no seeds formed and dropped to the ground. Then pull up the infected annuals and discard them and either replant if plants are available or mulch the bed and replant next growing season.

DCPA (Dacthal) is a preemergent herbicide that reduces seed germination, which can be used around a number of plants. Check the bed regularly next year to see if the infestation is better or worse and continue removing any strands that appear. Then make a decision about replacing the soil, which is a last resort.

Dodder is not commonly found in landscape and garden situations. When present, usually it is because this weed has been introduced from some outside source such as contaminated soil, tools or clothing. There's no guarantee that dodder won't infect plants but inspecting plants regularly, pinching off strands that appear and preventing seed formation will help in maintaining dodder-free beds.

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Be on the lookout for fall armyworms on the move

PRINCETON, Ky. — With many acres of Kentucky's corn planted late this spring, the crop may be susceptible to fall armyworm damage.

While the amount of fall armyworms has been low, farmers should be monitoring corn in the whorl stage for fall armyworms, said Ric Bessin, an entomologist with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Most farmers who late-planted corn used a high percentage of Bt corn to prevent damage from corn borers.

"That was a good decision, if they have a market for it," Bessin said. "We've seen some real benefits particularly in June plantings to

using Bt varieties that are resistant to European and Southwestern corn borers."

Research at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton has found that June planted corn can have as much as a 40-bushel yield loss due to corn borers, he said. But using Bt varieties does not mean they have the "silver bullet" for all insect problems with this late planted corn, Bessin said.

Some of the newer Bt varieties are also effective against fall armyworms but others only suppress them. So, farmers should continue to monitor their fields for these pests. This pest does not overwinter in the state and must move in from warmer climates each year. Generally, it arrives too late to have much impact on corn, which it prefers to feed on in the whorl stage. But because of the late planting this year corn may be vulnerable to attack for several more weeks.

The number of fall armyworms in the state has been low for the past

few years, and 2003 also appears to be another year with low numbers, he said. But as long as the corn is in the whorl stage farmers need to be watching for this insect.

"This insect, when it does show up, does so in very large numbers and can cause some very serious defoliation in this late planted corn," he said. "It prefers to lay its eggs on vegetative corn, it doesn't like to lay its eggs after the corn plant has tasseled."

Monitoring the fields will allow farmers to see if a problem develops and, if necessary, to apply an insecticide. "I think farmers may think this field is Bt corn and I don't have to look after it, and that is true with corn borers, but there is this pest that doesn't show up very often that could still take advantage of some of those fields," Bessin said. "I'm hoping it doesn't, but it's just one of those things we want to remind people that they need to look out for."

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VS.,
NOTICE OF SALE

CINDY VAUGHN, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on July 24, 2003, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Monday, August 11, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., c.s.t., or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows to wit:

Legal description of a tract of land situated in the County of Calloway, State of Kentucky, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 2, Range 4 East, being Lot No. 2 of a Minor Subdivision Plat of the Kelly Woods property of record in Plat Book 23, Page 32, Slide 2145, and being further described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the east line of Seth Avenue, the northwest corner of Lot No. 1 and the southwest corner of Lot No. 2 described herein;

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thence, with the south line of Lot No. 3 north 75 deg. 04' 59" east 320.77' to 1/2" diameter rebar set, the southeast corner of Lot No. 3;

thence, with the east line of Lot No. 2 south 05 deg. 04' 02" east 190.49' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, the northeast corner of Lot No. 1;

thence, with the north line of Lot No. 1 south 88 deg. 26' 09" east 304.07' to the point of beginning.

This tract contains 1.0536 acres.

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The aforementioned property shall be sold on credit for 30 days with the purchaser to have the privilege of paying cash, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the Commissioner one-third (1/3) of the purchase price and to execute bond with good surety for the remainder of the purchase price, with good and sufficient surety, said amount bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2003 ad valorem taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
Max W. Parker
Master Commissioner
Calloway Circuit Court

COMMISSIONER'S SALE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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ALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-CI-00144

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COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF.

VS.,
NOTICE OF SALE

JAMES B. SILL,
LOETTA SILL,
GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK
OF TALLAHASSEE, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on July 15, 2003, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Monday, August 18, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., c.s.t., or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows to wit:

Being 4.594 acres of land, as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 22, Page 54, in the Calloway County Clerk's Office, and being a portion of that land described in Deed Book 194, Page 158, of record in the Calloway County Clerk's Office and said property is generally located 5 miles south of Lynn Grove, Kentucky and at the end of Herman Lane (a/k/a Protemus-Howard Road) and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a found iron pin at the northeast corner of this described tract and at the northeast corner of the Parent Tract, Deed Book 194, Page 158; thence S 01 minutes 57 feet, 46 seconds East 769.82 feet along the west line of the William Murdock property Deed Book 127, Page 151, to a found 1/2" iron pipe; thence N 87 degrees 51' 26" E 107.0' to a found 1/2" iron pipe in the west line of said William Murdock property; thence S 05 degrees 02' 32" East 421.47' along said Murdock property to a found 1/2" iron pipe at the southeast corner of this tract and the southeast corner of the Parent Tract; thence S 87 degrees 01' 39" West 412.21' along the north line of the Lassiter property, Deed Book 191, Page 229, to a set iron pin and cap #2345 at the southwest corner of this tract; thence with a severance line and the west line of this tract N 04 degrees 07' 03" W 381.34' to an iron pin and cap #2345; thence continuing with a severance line N 82 degrees 59' 51" E 197.86' to a set iron pin and cap #2345; thence, continuing N 00 degrees 58' 52" W 753.93 feet to a set iron pin and cap #2345 in the north line of said Parent Tract and the northwest corner of this tract; thence S 82 degrees 55' 30" E 38.0 feet along the north line of said Parent Tract to the point of beginning.

Being a part of the same property conveyed to James B. Sill and wife, Loetta Sill, by deed dated August 10, 2000, and filed August 15, 2000, of record in Deed Book 353, Page 170, in the Calloway County Clerk's Office.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on credit for 30 days with the purchaser to have the privilege of paying cash, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to deposit with the Commissioner one-third (1/3) of the purchase price and to execute bond with good surety for the remainder of the purchase price, with good and sufficient surety, said amount bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2003 ad valorem taxes.

Respectfully submitted,
Max W. Parker
Master Commissioner
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COURT OF JUSTICE
ALLOWAY CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-CI-00527

COWLEY VERNON, PLAINTIFF.

VS.,
NOTICE OF SALE

LLOYD LONG, RITA F. LONG,
MURRAY-CALLOWAY COUNTY PUBLIC
HOSPITAL CORPORATION, d/b/a MURRAY-
CALLOWAY COUNTY HOSPITAL,
COUNTY OF CALLOWAY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Calloway Circuit Court on July 14, 2003, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the City of Murray, Calloway County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Monday, August 11, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., c.s.t., or thereabout, the following described property located in Calloway County, Kentucky, with its address being 6527 State Route 121 South, Murray, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows to wit:

Legal description of a tract of land situated approximately 5 miles southeast of the City of Murray, in the County of Calloway, State of Kentucky, being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 1, Range 5 East, and being Tract II of a Minor Subdivision Plat of the Cowley Vernon property of record in Plat Book 25, Page 81, Slide 2395, and being further described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the south line of Kentucky Highway 121 South, located approximately 912' east of the centerline of Hicks Cemetery Road, the northeast corner of Kenny Kingins (Deed Book 265, Page 127, see Plat Book 23, Page 51, Slide 2164 for Tract I) and being the northwest corner of Tract II described herein;

Thence, 35' from and parallel to the centerline of Kentucky Highway 121 South, south 58 degrees 33' 08" east 359.66' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set, corner to the Gus Yarbrough property (Deed Book 104, Page 108);

Thence, south 09 degrees 39' 33" west 266.60' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set;

Thence, north 84 degrees 13' 54" west 437.92' to a 1/2" diameter rebar set in the east line of the Cowley Vernon property (Deed Book 222, Page 160);

Thence, with Vernon's east line, north 11 degrees 30' 10" east 124.55' to a 1/2" diameter rebar found, the southeast corner of the Kenny Kingins property;

Thence, with Kingins east line north 27 degrees 36' 49" east 230.96' to the point of beginning.

This tract contains 3.2698 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Lloyd Long and wife Rita F. Long, by deed from Cowley Vernon dated September 2, 1998, and recorded in Book 295, at Page 312, and by Deed of Correction dated September 25, 1998, and recorded in Book 297, at Page 88, both in the Calloway County Clerk's Office.

The aforementioned property shall be sold on credit for 30 days with the purchaser to have the privilege of paying cash, but if sold on a credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall be required to execute bond with good surety for the purchase price, with good sufficient surety, said amount bearing interest at 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security. All delinquent taxes shall be ascertained and paid, but the property shall be sold subject to the 2003 ad valorem taxes.

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Support Group

Though group members home-school for varied reasons, Stevens said the organization seeks to support all of them.

"Homeschool support groups have been around ever since home-schooling started. Whenever you try to do something new and different, and you come against some opposition, you kind of need people that will support you in it," she said. "Our function as a group is to offer resources, materials, counsel, advice, classes, clubs, field trips — we offer about everything."

The group remains a Christian organization, though. "We work with all families, from all kinds of kinds of backgrounds, albeit we are a Christian group."

Stevens added that the group welcomes its members who aren't necessarily homeschooling from a Christian perspective — "They are an asset," she said.

Lakeland Christian Home Educators places an emphasis on helping parents help their children. "Basically what we do is offer a way for all these parents to find out 'who can help my kid with the areas that they want to excel in,'" Stevens said.

The group utilizes parents, professors and university students to teach co-op courses in which students can learn about subjects like biology, geometry, physical education, foreign language, sign language, critical thinking, entomology and art.

For the Eells, the local home-school support group is a source of stability. "Having that group in place ... can become a staple, something that families really depend on."

They got involved with the group their first year homeschooling, and since then, Mrs. Eells has emerged as a leader. Last year, she co-lead the group, and this year she will serve as secretary-treasurer.

"It's now a really nice group," Eells said. "I think for the first time in a long time, we have a long-term goal and a vision, and are really trying to pull the families together and offer activities and support."

Curriculum

When the Eells began home-schooling, they were overwhelmed with the number of curricula available, especially at national home-schooling conferences.

"The vendor halls look like the [Regional Special Events Center] gym floor — that full, and it's just one company after another, after another," she said.

Veteran homeschool parents in the support group provided guidance for her as she selected an all-in-one-type curriculum for the first year. Now Eells pulls several curriculum sets together, and has tried a vast number of different ones.

"I have done it all. I would be probably the curriculum queen in our group," she said.

Stevens constructs her own curriculum based on her sons' learning styles and her experiences home-schooling. She uses a Christian-based history source, and has her sons read both fiction and non-fiction books as part of their history courses. For mathematics, they use a secular textbook. They did dictation and narration exercises for the majority of their language arts studies this year.

The Dollar Factor

Since Stevens constructs her own curriculum, she saves on book expenses. She said she is able to borrow many of the books her children use from the library. She spends about \$350 per year on homeschooling materials, not including music lessons.

But as with the reasons parents homeschool, the cost of home-schooling can also vary.

"There are people [who] will range," she said. One of her friends homeschools two high school students and spends several thousand dollars per year on their education, including music and foreign lan-

A light unto their path



The L.A.M.P. Home School Association recently met to elect new directors for the upcoming school term 2003-2004 and to adopt by-laws that will help to successfully carry out the work of home schooling.

L.A.M.P. is a cooperative group providing families support to home school their children through Loving, Affirming, Ministering and Preparing them to take their role in the family, the church and be a light in their community. They have come together to encourage each other and provide the resources necessary to make the home schooling experience a positive one for all. The association provides family support through monthly meetings and get-togethers, a newsletter, field trip opportunities, park days, club organizations, classes and much more.

Anyone interested in home schooling or who would like to meet other families in the community who are home educating should call Steve & Sue Ann Stevens at 753-3626 or Michael & Sandra Stringer at 759-3057, or visit the web site at www.calloway-lamp.org for more information.

Pictured left to right are Steve & Sue Ann Stevens, Director; Brian & Jennifer Eells; Sec/Treas; Michael & Sandra Stringer, Asst. Director; Jeannie Saylor, Special Events Coordinator; Diane Cavitt, Co-Op Coordinator. Not Pictured: Dianna Greene, Service Project Coordinator; Dana Lawson, Field Trip Coordinator; Susie Powell, Scholastic Books Coordinator; and Angela Thomas, Publicist.

guage lessons.

Since she's always searching for new books and learning tools for her children, Eells said she has no idea how much she spends per year homeschooling.

"I don't have any idea. We probably spend a lot because I am a book

person, and I'm constantly looking for new things."

But whatever the cost, both mothers seem to agree that home-schooling is worth every penny.

Stevens said, "I love home-schooling, and I love homeschoolers."

Appalachian doctors seeing more drug-addicted babies

WHITESBURG, Ky. (AP) — As a nurse in eastern Kentucky, Diane Watts is all too familiar with the ear-piercing screams of drug addicts suffering through withdrawal.

Comforting them through the pain and tremors has become a regular part of her job in the obstetrics unit at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

The number of infants born addicted to prescription drugs like OxyContin and methadone has sharply increased over the past year. In the newest twist to the prescription drug epidemic in the mountain region, hospitals have found themselves doubling as detox centers for babies hooked on powerful narcotics.

"From May 1998 to May 2002 we delivered three babies that were born addicted," Watts said. "But from May 2002 to May 2003, we saw 24 babies born addicted."

The increase in addicted babies is part of the legacy of abuse by adults of OxyContin and other prescription drugs in the mountain region. Scores have been jailed for black-market trafficking in painkillers, and several physicians have been indicted for over-prescribing drugs.

Watts, the nurse manager of obstetrics and pediatrics at the Whitesburg hospital, said her staff began to notice an increase in the number of babies born addicted to narcotics in November 2002, and began testing all expectant mothers for drugs.

Doctors at the University of Kentucky Family Practice Center in Hazard also started screening more of its obstetrics patients for drug abuse after four drug-addicted babies were born in February, said Dr. Chandramohan Batra, who worked at the center until June. Physicians at the Family Practice Center, a division of the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health, deliver only about eight babies each month, he said.

Doctors at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington also have seen an increase in babies born addicted to opiates. Dr. Henrietta Bada, chief of the division of neonatology, said that

in 1997 the neonatal intensive care unit saw two babies exposed to opiates. From 2001 to 2002 that number increased to 20.

At Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the percentage of addicted babies jumped from 3 percent of the 200 treated each year in the hospital's neonatal intensive care to 6 percent in the past year, said Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd, a neonatologist.

Watts said caring for drug-addicted babies can be physically and emotionally draining. "You have to hold them a lot," she said. Babies experiencing drug withdrawal are very irritable and hard to comfort. They have this high-pitched cry and they're very jittery."

Drug-addicted babies also have trouble sleeping, eating and even breathing, Watts said.

Nurses working with these babies comfort the infants as much as possible and keep them in a quiet place, Watts said.

"Most drug-addicted moms are in denial and they think that if they go to a clinic it will be OK," Watts said. "The parents don't think the effects are that serious."

But withdrawal symptoms can be severe, including tremors and seizures, she said. Doctors have also seen an increased incidence of sudden infant death syndrome in babies addicted to methadone — which is the drug most commonly seen at Whitesburg ARH Hospital, Watts said.

Babies suffering from severe withdrawal symptoms are placed on Phenobarbital, Watts said. The drug can help the babies eat and sleep better and help reduce the excessive sweating that is another withdrawal symptom. Improvements can be seen within 24 hours of the first dose, but the recovery process is long for infants. The babies will be given the medication for at least a month until the symptoms subside.

Compounding the problem, Shepherd said, is that some mothers don't seek prenatal care because they don't want doctors to know they're taking drugs. "If they admit that they're taking drugs they feel like they're threatened and the baby may be taken away," she said.

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