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NASA waiting for color images from Mars rover exploration

By ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

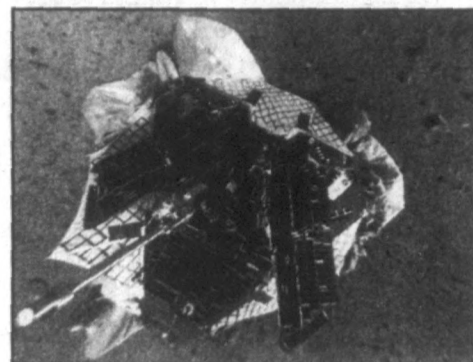
PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists marveled at crisp photographs of the surface of Mars while the NASA rover that snapped them switched from black-and-white to color as it continued to send back images of the pancake-flat plain where it landed. NASA said it hoped to release on Monday the initial batch of color photos — the first from the surface of Mars in seven years. NASA began receiving its second batch of black-and-white pictures from its Spirit rover late Sunday. The new images showed further details of what scientists believe is the rocky bed of an ancient lake that may have once

harbored life. The golf cart-sized Spirit landed on Mars late Saturday, safely returning the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to the planet's surface for the first time since the 1997 Pathfinder mission. Just three hours after the unmanned robot landed, it began zipping the first black-and-white images of its surroundings to Earth, 106 million miles distant at the time. "It was so gorgeous to see the horizon in the pictures. It's what we'd been imagining for so long," said Julie Townsend, a mission avionics engineer. The first images from Spirit show a flat, wind-scoured plain peppered with small rocks, none

more than a foot high. The scene enthused scientists, eager to send the rover prospecting among the rocks for evidence that the landing site once was awash in water. "It's all stunning, it's all new and it's all different," said Wendy Calvin, of the University of Nevada, a scientist on the mission. Calvin added the terrain appeared flatter and featured fewer and smaller rocks than the sites that Pathfinder and, in 1976, the twin Viking landers visited. "I see a race track where we can drive for meters and meters and meters," Calvin said. Late Sunday, NASA successfully established a link from Earth with Spirit's high-gain antenna. That link allows NASA to shuttle

data directly between Spirit and Earth at transmission rates greater than 11,000 bits per second — about one-fifth the rate of a 56K dial-up connection to the Internet on Earth. Spirit's fastest connection, at 128K, is expected to be through its UHF antenna. The antenna transmits data to the Mars Global Surveyor and 2001 Mars Odyssey spacecraft for later relay to Earth. The two satellites are in orbit around Mars. The \$820 million NASA Mars Exploration Rover project, also includes a twin golf cart-sized rover, Opportunity. That robot is set to reach the opposite side of Mars from its sibling on Jan. 24. Spirit made an apparently flaw-

less landing in Gusev Crater, a Connecticut-sized basin scientists believe once contained a brimming lake. There were a few minor concerns about the mission. Scientists were trying to determine whether a dark object lodged against one corner of the lander was a rock that might block the rover once it's ready to roll onto the ground. On Sunday, mission members said the object could be a dirty piece of one of the air bags that cushioned the rover's landing. Over the next three months, the robot geologist should look for geologic evidence of past water



NASA/JPL/AP Photo
This mosaic image taken by the navigation camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows a clear overhead view of the rover on the surface of Mars after its successfully landing Saturday.

Bush takes to the road to discuss 'No Child Left Behind'

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP)

President Bush is defending his "No Child Left Behind" initiative against Democrats who, in fighting for a political advantage on the education issue, argue that the law is too rigid and is being shortchanged by the administration. Bush scheduled a visit today with fourth-graders and a round-table-style conversation on education at Pierre Laclède Elementary School in St. Louis. On Thursday — the second anniversary of the signing of the "No Child Left Behind Act" — Bush will hold a similar event at West View Elementary School in Knoxville, Tenn. Both events are paired with re-election campaign fund-raisers in the two cities. Bush and other Republicans praise the law, signed on Jan. 8, 2002, saying it expands testing and toughens standards for teachers, schools and students. The initiative, however, has lost support of some Democrats who say too little money has been spent on the mandated

actions. Critics, expected to speak out more frequently as the campaign season heats up, have argued that the funding increases that Bush touts aren't nearly enough to cover the costs of the new requirements, including the expense of creating tests and processing their results. "We agree with the whole idea of standards and accountability, but it isn't being funded the way everybody thought it would be," Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers, a union representing more than 1 million teachers, said in a telephone interview Sunday. "An increase that is billions short of what you need to carry out the mandates just doesn't do it." In fiscal years 2002 through the



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MICHAEL DANNI/Ledger & Times photo
Louisville coach Rick Pitino puts his arm around Murray State's Cuthbert Victor and chats with him as they walk off the court of Freedom Hall in Louisville Saturday following the Cardinals' 91-69 win over the Racers. For complete game coverage, see today's Ledger & Times sports on page 10.

Temporary park eyed for skateboarders

By TABITHA ARMSTRONG
Special to the Ledger

Since its inception this summer, Murray's skateboard park exploratory committee has brainstormed about funds, location and even park design to conclude that a temporary park may be the most feasible solution for giving local skateboarders a place to call their own. Committee Chair Dottie Kraemer said that because funds are scarce and land on which to build a skate park is even scarcer, a temporary, movable park like one at a church in Paducah is the objective the committee will probably pursue.

United Church of Paducah hosts free summer skateboard sessions in its parking lot, where they set up portable wooden skate ramps that church members built, according to church member Crystal Bailey, who helped initiate the project. Bailey, a mother of 11- and 13-year-old skaters, said locals needed a place where they would not get in trouble for skating, so United Church has established this temporary, "hodge-podge" area until something better comes along. She said insurance restrictions keep the skateboard ramps off-limits except during planned church activities with adult supervision. Consequently, the area is open certain days or nights — about 10 times this past summer — during the summer months.

Paducah businessman and avid skateboarder Glen Arterburn hopes an area skate park is in the not-too-distant future. He launched the Web site <http://www.paducah-skatepark.com> and a campaign to garner support for a park in Paducah when he realized it was his responsibility to make sure his 4-year-old son Max has a decent place to pursue the sport safely and legally, he said.

This summer, Murray's skate park committee asked for Arterburn's advice about the costs of parks, and Arterburn said Friday in a phone interview that the cheapest acceptable park would be a concrete pad with portable metal ramp structures.

Based on research and personal experience, he priced such a park at \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on size and quality. A less desirable solution than the concrete parks costing \$150,000 to several mil-

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Graves teachers promoting National Board Certification

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Teachers are life-long learners. National Board Certification is the highest credential available for teachers, and two Graves County educators are promoting the process in western Kentucky. "It's not the end of the line; it's just another step that promotes life-long learning," said Alecia Ladd, a fourth-grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary School. Candidates have three years to complete the rigorous process. Only 40 percent of candidates nationally and 45 percent in Kentucky complete the requirements within a year. Much of the program includes in-class experiences supplemented with extensive "outside-the-classroom" work. Preparing for the certification exam and evaluation may require as much as 400 hours of work while educators continue to teach full time. "It requires you to analyze what you do in the classroom, so it makes you more analytical and reflective

on your own teaching," Ladd said. Ladd and her colleague Dana Jackson were certified in 2000. They are among five Sedalia teachers and 11 Graves County educators who successfully completed the process. There are several Calloway County teachers who also are certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. "It promotes better teaching and better learning and that in turn creates better schools," said Jackson, who teaches kindergarten. The Kentucky Department of Education aims to have one NBC teacher in every school by 2020. Oldham County leads the state with 62 National Board Certified teachers. The national certification, which is valid for 10 years, allows teachers to simultaneously earn their Rank I, which often leads to salary increases and retirement benefits, Ladd said. Ladd and Jackson are encouraging teachers in Region I, which con-

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Human services funding faces difficulties

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — As the 2004 General Assembly approaches, the state's bleak budgetary outlook bodes worse than usual for those who lobby for funding of human services — and know how meager it can be even in good times. "Your safety net for what we generically call 'behavioral health' is strained to the breaking point," said Sheila Schuster, a psychologist who lobbies on behalf of a coalition of mental health and disability organizations. "We have been chronically underfunded for years." For example, Schuster said, the state's mental health centers have not had as much as an inflationary funding increase in years. And a state assistance program to help people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities live independently instead of being institutionalized has had a waiting list for years, she said. "We're in the hole," Schuster

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said. "We start out trying to climb out of a hole." But that occurs at a time when Kentucky, like other states, is trying to keep its overall state budget in balance and also to control explosive growth in Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program that covers 673,000 poor, elderly and disabled Kentuckians. Former Gov. Paul Patton's administration managed to avoid a deficit in Medicaid this year by raising the program's eligibility standards, among other things. As a result of the new rules, which took effect in April, thousands of people who were in nursing homes or were receiving home care lost coverage. Adult day care was cut. Payments to health care providers were frozen or reduced. "It seems like every time we have to balance the budget, it comes at the expense of human services,"

said David Allgood, an advocate for the disabled from the Center for Accessible Living in Louisville. When people have to resort to emergency rooms, or lose the assistance that enables them to stay at home and out of an institution, "I'd like to know where these savings come from," Allgood said. Painful as Medicaid cuts were for Patton, the outlook for his successor, Gov. Ernie Fletcher, may be worse. More shortfalls for Medicaid are projected at current rates of revenue and spending — \$530 million in the fiscal year that starts July 1 and about \$900 million the year after that. Rep. Harry Moberly, chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said that means huge increases just to maintain current services. It would do

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Suit against former Union Carbide, Lockheed Martin plant dismissed

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit against former operators of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant by nearby residents who claimed their land was contaminated.

The plaintiffs claimed contaminated groundwater harmed plants, crops, livestock and wildlife on their property, caused by uranium-enrichment to make fuel for nuclear power plants.

U.S. District Judge Joseph McKinley on Friday granted a motion for dismissal by attorneys for former plant operators Union Carbide and Lockheed Martin, which have denied the allegations. In his ruling, McKinley said there was no evidence that the levels of

contamination were sufficient to pose a health hazard.

The lawsuit, filed in 1997 by four residents on behalf of about 135 people who own land within 10 miles of the plant, was the only case that claimed land devaluation. They also claimed that operators were negligent in allowing contaminants to spread beyond the plant and, in doing so, trespassed on the plaintiffs' property. The lawsuit sought damages of more than \$75,000.

Other lawsuits against the plant have alleged contamination was responsible for illnesses or, in an ongoing whistleblower lawsuit, that the plant defrauded the government by hiding contamination.

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GM shows new Corvette

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new flagship sedan, the Five Hundred, and the Freestyle crossover vehicle, two family-oriented vehicles aimed at helping the world's second-largest automaker recapture a piece of the car market.

Ford also introduced an updated version of its classic Mustang sports car and the concept for a new Shelby Cobra performance car, while GM unveiled a new version of the Corvette.

Ford's introductions Sunday at the North American International Auto Show marked the beginning of its "year of the car." The emphasis on cars marks a radical change for Ford, which has put most of its

resources in recent years into pickups and sport-utility vehicles.

But with Japanese carmakers gaining ground in the truck market, analysts say U.S. companies could no longer afford to neglect cars, which still make up 47 percent of U.S. auto sales, according to J.D. Power and Associates.

Noting that General Motors Corp. unveiled the sixth-generation Corvette on Sunday evening, Mays said: "The Cobra's role has always been to spoil the party for Corvette."

GM said the new Corvette will go on sale in the third quarter of the year and replace a model introduced in 1997.

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lions, the concrete-pad park would also be lower in quality, less appealing in appearance and more demanding in maintenance requirements, he added.

The temporary, portable park solution the committee is considering due to lack of funds and space for a concrete park does not acknowledge skateboarding's prominence, Arterburn said, though it would be better than nothing.

Murray Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Dr. Chad Foster agrees that for area youth who want to skate in town without being expelled from property, something is better than nothing. That's why he and his congregation plan to help raise money for a local skate park.

A member of the Community Involvement Action Council and the skateboard park committee, Foster

said that Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a denominational agency, has a program called Care in Congregation that will match up to \$1,500 of funds a congregation raises for a community cause each year.

"We should care about the community we live in, and not just the church we go to," Foster added, explaining why he and his congregation want to get involved with the skateboard park effort. He challenges other area congregations to join the endeavor once the committee devises a detailed plan, he said.

Kraemer said that since her position as project director for the Calloway County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention has grown due to a recently acquired grant, she is searching for a new committee chair — namely someone who is very passionate about skateboarding and has had experience with skate parks.

Foster said he agreed with the decision. "I've never skateboarded in my life," he said. "I almost think the leader should be someone who skates."

Meanwhile, Kraemer said the committee will meet again this month to plan further.

Graves ...

From Front

sists of Kentucky's 25 westernmost counties, to begin the process toward National Board Certification. There will be informational sessions from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at Crittendon County's Rocket Arena and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at Graves County High School library.

NBCT pre-candidate workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 6, May 8, June 5 and Sept. 25 at Mrs. Scarlett's Restaurant in Grand Rivers.

For more information about National Board Certification, contact Alecia Ladd at aladd@graves.k12.ky.us or visit www.nbpts.org.

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Letter bomb addressed to EU parliamentary head catches fire

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A letter bomb addressed to a senior German member of the European Parliament burst into flames today, but the latest in a string of mail attacks on European Union targets again failed to cause injury.

A second suspicious package addressed to another member of the conservative group in the EU legislature was being investigated by bomb disposal experts.

The attack against German parliament member Hans-Gert Poettering was the fifth on EU institutions in the past two weeks. Poettering is the head of the conservative European People's Party, the largest faction in the European Parliament.

A padded envelope caught fire when a member of Poettering's staff opened it early Monday.

"Luckily she was not injured," said a party spokeswoman Fiona Kearns.

The second suspect package was

sent to Jose Ignacio Salafranca, head of the Spanish conservatives in the parliament.

Party officials said the letter sent to Poettering appeared to contain a book like the incendiary package sent to the Italian home of European Commission President Romano Prodi on Dec. 27 at the start of the bombing wave.

Parliament spokesman Andre Riche said a third suspicious package addressed to parliament headquarters appeared to be false alarm.

Investigators have zeroed in on an Italian anarchist group as the likely source of bombing wave. A group calling itself the "Informal Anarchic Federation" first took credit for setting two time bombs that exploded outside Prodi's house on Dec. 21, causing a small fire.

Besides Prodi, similar letters have also been sent to the head of the European Central Bank Jean-Claude Trichet, in Frankfurt, Germany, and the offices of Europol

and Eurojust in the Hague, the Netherlands. None of the bombs have caused injury.

The woman who opened Poettering's letter did not notice if it was posted in Italy, like the other bombs, said Bob Fitzhenry, a spokesman for the European People's Party. The package was destroyed in the fire, he said.

Outside the Parliament's buildings, three firefighter trucks and bomb disposal squads were parked outside the legislature in central Brussels and plainclothes policemen were seen moving inside carrying metal boxes.

In a letter to left-leaning Italian daily newspaper La Repubblica on Dec. 23, the Italian anarchist group said it had planted the bombs to "hit at the apparatus of control that is repressive and leading the democratic show that is the new European order."

The EU said it had stepped up security since the attacks.

Winter storms hitting Midwest hard

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Many Iowa schools canceled or delayed the start of classes today after a storm dumped up to 10 inches of snow on parts of the state.

The storm also spread snow across northern sections of Illinois and Indiana and parts of Wisconsin and Michigan. Heavy rain caused flooding in Ohio.

The storm was linked to six traffic deaths.

In Iowa, most of the snow fell across the southern half of the state, and the Des Moines area got only about 7 inches, said Marc Russell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The snow had tapered off by morning, but it was followed by bitter cold. Wind chills could reach 20 to 30 degrees below zero today and tonight, Russell said. Temperatures were expected to hit zero tonight in northern Illinois.

"This is the real first (storm) like this, this winter," Russell said. "We've had snow before with a lot of

wind, but this is more of an arctic blast."

The temperature hit 26 below zero at Fargo, N.D.

The snow may have contributed to an accident that killed two people on Interstate 80 in eastern Iowa, the Iowa State Patrol said. Accidents on snow-covered or rain-wet highways killed two people in Ohio, one in Indiana and one in Wisconsin, police said.

Delayed or canceled flights stranded travelers at Des Moines International Airport. In Chicago, which got about 6 inches of snow, airlines canceled more than 300 flights to and from O'Hare International Airport, city aviation department spokeswoman Monique Bond said.

More than 40 vehicles were involved in one chain-reaction crash Sunday on Interstate 90 in Madison, Wis., and 17 were involved in another about five miles away.

"I had my window rolled down and could hear the cars crashing into each other as I rolled up to the scene," said Wisconsin State Patrol Sgt. Dennis Kruger. "You just can't stop on glare ice."

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Elizabethtown, a Democrat who is chairman of the House budget subcommittee on human services.

"You can't continue to have a Medicaid program that grows at a double-digit rate, with new eligibles every year, and freeze reimbursement rates and expect your infrastructure to stay intact," Lee said. "It's going to start crumbling."

The General Assembly, which convenes Tuesday, declined to rescind the Patton administration's more stringent eligibility rules for Medicaid. Fletcher is now being urged by some advocacy groups to rescind the rules himself.

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current 2004, Congress authorized between \$26.4 billion and \$32 billion to be spent on the "No Child Left Behind" initiative. While Bush's budget request rose in each of those years, it still fell far short of the authorization.

And in the past two fiscal years, the president's request of about \$22 billion was less than what Congress had appropriated the year before. Both years, Congress provided more than Bush requested.

"If President Bush's budgets had been accepted by Congress unchanged, there would be 6.6 billion fewer dollars for 'No Child Left Behind' over the last three years," said Joel Packer, a staffer at the National Education Association, the

national's largest teachers union.

Critics also say that the way the "No Child Left Behind" federal grading system works isn't fair in some cases because it requires yearly progress not just from a school but from every subgroup of students, including those with disabilities or ones who speak English as a second language.

Bush, however, defends the law's ambitious standards. "The time for excuses has passed," he said in his weekly radio address Saturday. "Our reforms insist on high standards because we know every child can learn."

Democrats, meanwhile, are holding strategy sessions on Capitol Hill, plotting ways to challenge Bush's record on education.

"The president's budget fails to

recognize that strong schools are as important to our future as a strong defense," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said in a statement Sunday. "Parents and communities are fighting every day for better schools with high standards for their children, and they expect the federal government to do its part."

The St. Louis stop was Bush's 14th visit to Missouri as president. In the 2000 election, he won the state's 11 electoral votes by fewer than 79,000 votes and the Bush-Cheney campaign is working hard to keep the state in the Republican column.

Following the hour-long stop at the school, Bush scheduled an appearance at a campaign fund-raiser, one of three on his agenda this week.

Mars ...

From Front

activity in the rocks and soil it was designed to analyze with its suite of instruments. If water once filled Gusev Crater, it may have been a place suitable for life.

It was a little warmer than expected — about 98 below zero Fahrenheit — possibly from dust in the atmosphere that traps heat.

That meant Spirit's solar arrays were generating only 83 percent of the power expected, said Jennifer Trosper, Spirit's mission manager for surface operations.

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Blueberries can be eaten fresh or used for jelly, jam, pies, pastries, or juice. Blueberry fruit is also low in calories and sodium, contains no cholesterol, and is a source of fiber. A major constituent of the fiber is pectin, known for its ability to lower blood cholesterol.

Blueberries contain measurable quantities of ellagic acid, which has inhibiting effects on chemically induced cancer in laboratory studies. Blueberry juice also contains a compound that prevents bacteria from anchoring themselves to the bladder, thereby helping to prevent urinary tract infections.

There are a couple of blueberry types that grow in Kentucky.

Northern highbush blueberries will do best in most parts of the state, while southern rabbiteye blueberries may do well in warm southern locations. Rabbiteye blueberries bloom one to one and a half weeks earlier than highbush blueberries and consequently are more prone to late spring frost injury. They require an acid soil like highbush blueberries but will better tolerate higher soil pHs, heat, and drier soils. Harvest is later than that of highbush cultivars.

Plant blueberries in a sunny location. Avoid valleys and low areas where cold air settles. Plant in a well-drained soil. Blueberries do best in acid soil with a pH of 4.5 - 5.2. Take a soil test to find out your pH and lower the pH by applying finely ground sulfur or aluminum sulfate if the pH is too high.

For instance, one and a half pounds of sulfur broadcast and incorporated into a 100 square foot area of medium sandy loam soil will lower the pH one unit (ex. pH 5.5 to pH 4.5). We have soil test information here at the Extension office.

Blueberry cultivars may ripen early, mid or late season. When selecting cultivars, choose at least two different cultivars that ripen at the same time for pollination. For example, Ozarkblue and Bluecrop are both mid-season highbush culti-

vars that can be planted together for pollination and production. Plants should be spaced five or six feet apart in the row with rows 10' - 12' apart.

Blueberries grow best in soil having a higher organic matter content than most Kentucky soils. To improve growth, mix one gallon of wet peat moss with the soil in the bottom of the hole prior to planting. One 6 cubic feet bale of peat is enough for 45 plants. Sawdust, hay, or compost should not be substituted for peat moss because these materials decompose they may stunt or kill the plants.

Blueberries should be planted at the same depth as they grew in the nursery with roots well spread out and soil packed firmly around the roots. Broken or injured roots should be cut off bare-rooted plants before planting. Water plants thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots after planting.

Do not put fertilizer in the hole at planting since blueberries are very sensitive to fertilizer burn. Rather, adjust soil fertility based on the soil test before planting. Then sidedress at bloom and six weeks later with 0.1 pound of ammonium sulfate per plant each time. Ammonium sulfate also helps maintain an acid pH. In subsequent years, use the same timing and increase the amount of fertilizer by

0.1 pound each year until you are applying 0.3 pound of ammonium sulfate per bush per application.

After planting, mulch blueberries with an organic mulch, such as sawdust, wood chips, pine needles, ground corn cobs, or straw. Mulch may heat while it decomposes, so keep a 3-inch circle around the plant base free from mulch to prevent cambium damage. Mulch to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, and re-apply when it rots to a depth of 3 to 4 inches. Remulching will be necessary every year or two. Blueberry roots grow at the soil/mulch interface, and if the mulch decomposes too much and is not replaced, the roots will be exposed.

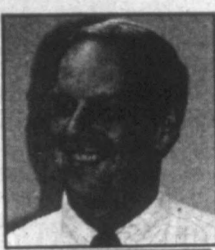
Depending on type, it will take blueberries three to five years to substantially produce. For more information on blueberry production and pruning mature blueberries call the Calloway County Extension office at 753-1452.

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Agriculture Update
By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County Agriculture Extension Agent

Kentucky leads other states in tracking cattle

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's system for tracking cattle from farm to table could serve as an example for other states spurred by the discovery last month of mad cow disease in the United States, agriculture experts said.

For the past three months, the Kentucky Beef Network has been installing new computer systems and equipment at stockyards and animal collection facilities, said Jim Akers, a beef expert with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

The beef network, the university, the Cattlemen's Association and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture are trying to improve the tracking that many farmers already have.

"We're the first state that has gotten this close to implementation of a total program," Akers said.

And now the federal government wants such a system in place soon. On Tuesday, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said the government would speed development of a national system. Such a database could let agricultural officials determine within hours where a sick animal came from and where it went — a crucial step in a disease outbreak or a terrorist assault on the food supply.

Last fall, the Kentucky Beef Network began tagging 8,000 cattle on 80 to 90 farms around the state to set up a records system. And more than 1,000 producers in Kentucky have already used similar technology in feeder-calf marketing programs, which sell young calves that will be sent to feed lots.

Research into a tracking system began in 2001, when the university and researchers in four other states

received one of the earliest federal grants for such a purpose — \$193,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The goal was to develop a tracking system that could be read by buyers, stockyards, slaughterhouses and inspectors.

"This was a novel concept at the time," said Nancy Cox, associate dean for research at the university.

"The concept is out there, and specialty entrepreneurs are beginning to use it," Cox said. "As for implementing it for the whole U.S. beef slaughtering system, that hasn't happened yet."

A larger statewide system to help farmers market their cattle grew out of that project.

The state Agriculture Development Board has invested almost \$3 million in tobacco settlement money into the Kentucky Beef Network. Most of that money was

matched by industry contributions. The tracking system still has a long way to go, Akers said.

The best radio-frequency identification system available costs about \$2 per ear tag. Tagging all the cattle in Kentucky cost more than \$4 million.

"We think we've got a concept that's much more palatable to the industry than one that only addresses traceability," Akers said. "Our attempt is to flesh out the possibility of what farmers can do with a database that collects financial and production data as well."

Garden Gurus set for Paducah stop

PRINCETON, Ky. — A day of gardening fun and adventure is planned for the Purchase Area Master Gardener Association's annual Garden Gurus program set for Saturday.

The program will feature Paul James, host of HGTV's Gardening By The Yard program. Workshops and exhibits open at 10 a.m. at JR's Executive Inn Expo Center in Paducah. In addition to workshops, the event will include plant, book and tool sales and live and silent auctions of unusual plants.

The plants used in the auctions are varieties most people would not normally get to know.

Funds from the plant sale go to the Master Gardeners research and demonstration garden. The garden is used to show plant varieties that are compatible to western Kentucky.

For ticket information contact the McCracken County Cooperative Extension Service, Paducah, 270-554-9520. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

WGN daily farm radio show ends

CHICAGO (AP) — Radio commentator Orion Samuelson sums up his 43-year run as the nation's last big-city farm broadcaster in the same words his stoic, dairy farming father used when he first sat in at the WGN studios.

"He said it must be nice to be able to look at all that hard work and then just talk about it," Samuelson said. "That is my true job description."

Starting this week, though, he'll be talking about it a lot less. The station has discontinued the daily farm hour that agriculture experts have credited with both informing farmers in Illinois and surrounding states in the Midwest and telling their story to urban listeners. Samuelson and longtime partner Max Armstrong will continue broadcasting two weekend shows.

Samuelson doesn't like the station's decision — and says he's busy responding to more than 800 e-mails from like-minded listeners — but is grateful for the rare opportunity he enjoyed.

"WGN kept a noon farm program probably 15 years longer than any other major station," Samuelson said.

It wasn't just the farmers who noticed. City and suburban listeners got valuable consumer information, including most recently a rational discussion of the mad cow disease scare, said Dennis Vercler, director of news and communications for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

"Our organization has always had

a very close relationship with Orion and Max and WGN," Vercler said. "They've had a uniquely important role to play communicating not only with thousands of farmers but millions or hundreds of thousands of nonfarmers."

Vercler said that in years past the show was a vital source of information about commodities markets and weather, and he remembers his father quieting him during noon dinners so he could get the information. Lately, Vercler said, technology has expanded the ways farmers can get information, though it hasn't changed the importance of broadcasting farmers' perspectives to consumers and urban audiences.

"The need to communicate for farmers still exists," he said. "They (Samuelson and Armstrong) made a tremendous contribution in that area and farmers will just have to work hard to try to continue this work."

Armstrong, who joined Samuelson on the air 26 years ago, said it's been gratifying hearing from all the farmers who feel they're losing their voice in the city — some of whom even thought contacting a congressman might help save the daily show.

But Armstrong said the station made a business decision and it's difficult to have hard feelings about it. He said station managers blamed the noon show for slack ratings last- ing into the afternoon.

"We're owned by a publicly traded, investor-owned company,"

Armstrong said. "This is not public radio. ... We weren't losing money by any means. We just weren't making enough."

Samuelson started his radio career as a polka disc jockey 17 miles from the family dairy farm in Sparta, Wis., so he could still milk the cows before work. Quickly he moved on to a Green Bay station where he could report on farming, and then to WGN in 1960.

"My parents never could understand why I'd live in a terrible place like Chicago," he said. "The minute Dad walked in the door he said, 'OK. We've been here. Let's go home.'"

But Samuelson stayed and grew to love the city and to build bridges between town and country. He said the daily show's end is disappointing, but also it is an opportunity to expand on other ventures such as speaking engagements. And he stresses that WGN is not abandoning agriculture, just limiting it to Saturday broadcasts.

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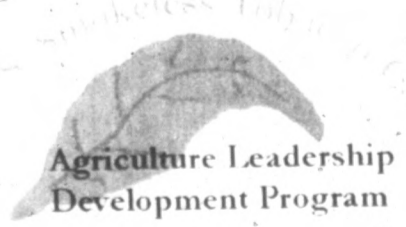
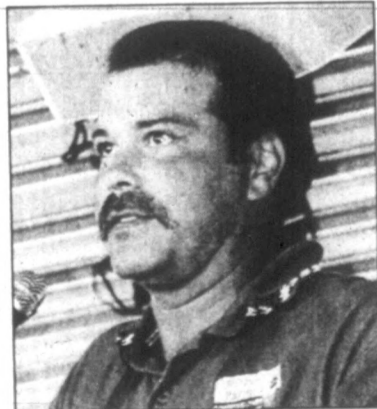
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Revamping tax code could prove difficult for Gov. Fletcher

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Question: What do locomotives have in common with farm chemicals, baling twine, tombstones, ostrich eggs, artificial limbs and buffalo?



Capitol Ideas
By Charles Wolfe
AP Writer

Answer: All are excluded from the Kentucky sales tax, thanks to some of the dozens of sales-tax exemptions the General Assembly has enacted over the years.

Some were big news at the time, such as when the legislature took the sales tax off groceries and prescription drugs.

Most, like those listed above, are much more narrow and esoteric. Many have been enacted since 1990, when the General Assembly raised the sales tax by a penny to 6 cents on the dollar.

All totaled, the legislature has riddled the sales tax with 63 specific exemptions. The latest was on repair and replacement parts for big trucks. It took effect New Year's Day.

But taxes aplenty remain. They run the gamut from personal and corporate income to bank deposits to crude petroleum — even to radioactive waste.

All of which may serve to illustrate the probable difficulty of revamping the tax code — "modernizing" it, in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's phrasing.

That was one of Fletcher's recurrent campaign proposals. He says he would like to accomplish it this year. But his idea seems likely to be shunted to the back burner — the way-back burner — when the 2004 General Assembly convenes Tuesday.

The reason is not as simple as Democrats, having lost control of the Kentucky Senate and fearful now of losing the House as well, not wanting to catch the heat from a possibly unpopular initiative of the new Republican governor.

Opposition to the idea of making big changes in the tax code is bipartisan. Some of Fletcher's fellow Republicans fear it would be a waste of political capital.

"I would hate to see him use up a bunch of time" on the tax code "when that time could be focused



AP File Photo

on a bunch of budgetary issues that could help us live within our means," the legislature's top Republican, Senate President David Williams, said last week.

Williams tends to see it mainly as a House problem. Leadership of the House's Democratic majority is in transition. Gone is Greg Stumbo, who was majority leader for a record 19 years. His successor, Rep. Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook, will be finding his footing. The majority caucus chairman, Rep. Jim Callahan of Wilder, is a lame duck. Speaker Jody Richards, who ran a respectable race for governor in the 2003 Democratic primary, may run again in 2007.

Williams said Fletcher's administration also needs to get its footing before taking on the tax code. He said Fletcher's objective makes sense. But with leadership changes and other "political situations" in the House, "I just don't know if this is the time to go forward with it," Williams said.

Fletcher said he has no appetite for appointing any blue ribbon commission or task force on tax reform. There have been enough such studies already, he said. Now it's time to get on with it.

"That means either laying the ground work this session or getting it done this session," he said.

But any tax overhaul plan has to be worked out with the legislature, Fletcher said.

"Clearly they have to be vested in this endeavor," he said.

Charles Wolfe is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.



How Bush vs. Dean might shape up

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's re-election team is bracing for a general election campaign against Democrat Howard Dean. While Republican advisers welcome the matchup, they are not as cocky about the prospects as they once were.



Washington Today
By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

The former Vermont governor has shown an ability to mobilize volunteers and raise cash, making him a formidable political force, Bush supporters acknowledge.

By most accounts, the 2004 contest will be close, perhaps decided by a few industrial states.

"I don't think there's anybody who wins in a landslide," said GOP strategist Charles Black.

"Dean has proven himself to be a pretty darn effective campaigner, so I don't want to take anything away from him," Black said. "I think Dean can consolidate the Democratic base, and that gets him up to 46 percent. If we do a good job, the president wins by a few points, but it's not going to be huge."

Such caution runs counter to initial euphoria among some Republicans that Dean represented an easy target because of his fierce anti-war rhetoric, his liberal positions on many issues, an eagerness to roll back all Bush tax cuts and his reputation for testiness.

So the comparisons made by many analysts of Dean's candidacy to the unsuccessful campaigns of George McGovern in 1972 and Walter Mondale in 1984 may be premature.

The Bush campaign is spending most of its time preparing for a race against Dean, campaign advisers said, laying the groundwork to start spending the estimated \$200 million that is being raised for the primary season. A Democratic winner is expected to emerge by early March.

Dean's momentum has slowed. His Democratic rivals have ganged up on him for suggesting that Americans were no safer with

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Bush

And those same polls show Dean as a substantial underdog in a prospective race against Bush.

Many Democrats hoped a victorious Dean eventually would be able to reposition himself to the center. But his unyielding war opposition may have made that harder.

Bush campaign officials are expected to step up their ground-work and pour money into television spots and into direct mail appeals. They plan to rely heavily on e-mail and the Internet, hoping to beat Dean at his own game.

One Bush campaign strategist says that the e-mail data base that the Bush-Cheney team is developing is at least twice as large as Dean's prized list of names.

But Dean's use of the Internet has extended to more than just generating names and e-mail addresses. It has given him a structure for



Dean

campaign activity and lifted him to near-cult status among his supporters.

Dean's followers get together via the Web site MeetUp.com and regularly attend rallies and meetings.

And even write Democrats in Iowa and New Hampshire urging them to back Dean.

Bush's chief political adviser, Karl Rove, reportedly at one point had told Republican activists that Dean was the dream candidate for the Bush campaign.

But Rove and Bush re-election campaign manager Ken Mehlman have been far more guarded in their recent assessments of the Dean challenge, according to those close to the campaign.

Republicans worry that in the face of continuing job losses in industrial states, many of the "Reagan Democrats" who supported Bush in 2000 may return to the Democratic fold. Bush's constant revisits to the Midwest and his fleeting support of steel tariffs reflect this concern.

GOP strategists hope Dean's views will be too liberal for these

pivotal blue-collar workers. Bush generally has avoided commenting on Democratic hopefuls. He made an exception when he told reporters that Dean made an "absurd insinuation" in raising questions about whether the president had advance knowledge of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Mehlman, in a recent fund-raising, e-mail accused Dean of "reckless charges."

Some Bush supporters look forward to Bush-Dean debates, suggesting Dean easily could easily his temper or flub a foreign policy question.

But University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato says "either one could lose their temper. They both have tempers. There's a chance that Dean would impress people as the more knowledgeable of the two. There's also a chance that Dean may come across as a know-it-all."

Meanwhile, the Democratic party chief hopes party ranks can close quickly once a winner is chosen.

"Let's keep our eye on the prize," Terry McAuliffe said. "This is about beating George Bush."

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Mrs. Mary Virginia Woodall

Mrs. Mary Virginia Woodall, 92, Almo Road, Almo, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 10:02 p.m. in the emergency room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was a member of Temple Hill United Methodist Church. Her husband, Kenton Woodall, one sister and 10 brothers all preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Annette Norman and husband, Gene, one son, Larry Woodall and wife, Margery, and one sister, Mrs. Mammie Evans and husband, Ralph, all of Almo; five grandchildren, Ken Norman, Tom Norman, Susan Worstell, Jennifer Molthen and Gay Lynne Starks; seven great-grandchildren.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home of Murray is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sarah J. Aubrey

Mrs. Sarah J. Aubrey, 66, Brookline Drive, Murray, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 9:15 a.m. at West View Nursing Home.

She was of Baptist faith. Born Aug. 23, 1937, in Walins Creek, she was the daughter of the late Carl Fields and Euna Cornett Fields.

Survivors include two sons, Will Aubrey and wife, Marilyn, Murray, and Forrest Aubrey, Salt Lake City, Utah; one sister, Mrs. Angeline Evans, Edon, N.C.; two grandchildren, William Aubrey, Murray, and Spri Anne Wheatley, Corbin; two great-grandchildren, Grant and Zach Wheatley, both of Corbin.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike White will officiate. Entombment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. today (Monday).

Mrs. Madeline L. Parker

Mrs. Madeline L. Parker, 88, Catalina Drive, Murray, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 7:13 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

A homemaker, she was a member of Goshen United Methodist Church.

Her husband, James A. Parker, and two sisters, Lydia Jones and Jessie Palmer, all preceded her in death. Born Sept. 16, 1915, in Calloway County, she was the daughter of the late Lucian Lockhart and Altie Palmer Lockhart.

Survivors include one daughter, Shelby Suiter and husband, Jim, Murray; two sons, Gene Parker and wife, Linda, Murray, and Dale Parker and wife, Donna Henderson; one sister, Mrs. Muetine Parker, Murray; seven grandchildren, Craig Suiter, Kim Lyles, Tammie Hoover, Traci Green, Jennifer King, Jamie Parker and Dana Parker; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. The Rev. Kendrick Lewis, the Rev. Mark Earheart and John Dale will officiate. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Monday).

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Building Fund at Goshen United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 601, Murray, Ky., 42071.

Mrs. Catherine L. Reese

Mrs. Catherine L. Reese, 80, Van Ayer Manor, Martin, Tenn., died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at 11:23 p.m. at Methodist Volunteer Hospital, Martin.

Her husband, Robert G. Reese, and one son, Deane R. Reese, both preceded her in death. Born Oct. 30, 1923, in Water Valley, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Raymond French and Josephine Thompson French Campbell.

Mrs. Reese was a member of Broadway Missionary Baptist Church, Martin.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Bobby Reese and Dana Reeves, both of Murray, Ky.; four great-grandchildren.

The funeral is today (Monday) at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Hornbeak Funeral Home, Fulton. The Rev. Don Bullock will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Itilene Thompson Uzzle

Mrs. Itilene Thompson Uzzle, 85, Hopkinsville Road, Cadiz., died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 5:15 a.m. at Cadiz.

A homemaker, she was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Muhlenberg County.

Her husband, James Luther Uzzle, died May 30, 1986, and one daughter, Shirley Jean Merrick, died Dec. 21, 2003. Born Oct. 21, 1918, in Muhlenberg County, she was the daughter of the late Bud Thompson and Angie LaFrance Thompson.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Uzzle and wife, Shirley, and Johnny Uzzle and wife, Cindy, all of Cadiz; eight grandchildren, Brandon Calhoun, Jason Uzzle, Joann Johnson, Wanda Martin, Renae Conner, Craig Robertson, Gena Maley and Jackie Henderson; nine great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. The Rev. Terry Mitcheson and the Rev. Greg Creekmur will officiate. Music will be by Martha Fortner, organist. Burial will follow in the Trigg Memory Acres, Cadiz.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today (Monday).

Roscoe Shawn Anderson

Roscoe Shawn Anderson, 38, Louisville, brother of Mark Lewis Anderson of Murray, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at his home in Camp Taylor.

He had worked for more than 20 years as a distribution supervisor for LabCorp. He was a member of George Washington Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and Chapter #447 of the Order of the Eastern Star, having served as a past patron. He was an active volunteer for Camp Taylor Little League for many years and a fan of University of Louisville sports teams.

His father, Roscoe Lewis Anderson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Chelsea Rebekah, one son, Roscoe Bradley, his mother, Lois Grant Anderson, one brother, Mark Lewis Anderson and wife, Colleen, two stepdaughters, Bridgett and Betsy Jeffers, two nieces, Molly and Maggie, one nephew, Andrew, one uncle, Michael, one aunt, Carol, a cousin, Michael Douglas, and his former wife, Beth.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of Evergreen Funeral Home, 4623 Preston Hwy., Louisville. Burial will follow in the Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the Kidney Foundation.

Alton E. (Al) Hargrove

Alton E. (Al) Hargrove, 78, Phoenix, Ariz., died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Phoenix.

Born in Graves County, Ky., he moved to Phoenix in November 1944. He worked for Arizona Public Service for 38 years as a meter reader and street light patrolman.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Ilene, two sisters, Arvena and Dahlia, and four brothers, Rayburn, Darrell, T.C. and Tellus Hargrove.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Hargrove; one son, Roger Hargrove, Jacksonville, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Janice Rogers, Arden, N.C.; one sister, Ima Lee Wilson, Phoenix; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins, many of whom reside in Calloway County.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the A.L. Moore Grimshaw Mortuary, 710 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in the Greenwood Memorial Lawn Cemetery, 2300 W. Van Buren, Phoenix.

Curtis Haddix

The funeral for Curtis Haddix will be today (Monday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton. The Rev. Raymond Lewis will officiate. Burial will follow in the Union Ridge Cemetery, Aurora.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

Mr. Haddix, 66, Shoemaker Road, Benton, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at 6:24 a.m. at his home.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was of Pentecostal faith and a member of D.C. Cregier Lodge #81 of Free and Accepted Masons of Wheeling, Ill.

Preceding him in death were one sister, Betty Haddix, and four brothers, Thomas, Eugene, Ernest and Columbus Haddix. He was the son of the late Thomas William Haddix and Winnie Haddix.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Linda Haddix, Chicago, Ill.; three daughters, Ms. Darlink Haddix, Mrs. Caroline (Sissy) Finnegan and Ms. Blue Haddix, all of Illinois; five grandchildren, Danielle and Abigail Finnegan, and McKaela, Sky and Katlyn Simmons; one sister, Mrs. Anna Patrick, Winchester; one brother, Roosevelt Haddix, Benton.



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Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, left, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Mary Armbrust look on as an unidentified passenger from Delta flight 104 from Santiago, Chile has his fingerprints taken by the US-VISIT system in customs at Hartsfield Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Monday.

Fingerprinting foreign visitors getting under way at U.S. airports

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Foreigners entering U.S. airports and seaports from all but 28 nations began getting their fingerprints scanned and photographs taken Monday as part of a new program that Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said will ensure that borders are secure in an era of terrorist threat.

Ridge was at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to meet with some of the first foreign passengers from Brazil and Chile to go through the new system. Other top federal officials also planned to be at airports across the nation to help draw attention to the new policy.

"We want to keep our borders open. We are a welcoming country," Ridge told NBC's "Today" show. "We want to secure the country as well. We want them to come to the United States to work and to visit and to study. We also need to make sure we have a record of who comes into the country and when they leave."

On CBS's "This Morning," Ridge revealed that during a pilot program that preceded implementation Monday of a nationwide system of such checks, authorities turned up nearly two-dozen people, including some with records as felons, and deported them.

"If you are a non-immigrant alien," he said, "we would like to identify you through a digital fingerprint and a photo scan."

All 115 U.S. airports that handle international flights and 14 major seaports are covered by the program, under which Customs officials can instantly check an immigrant or visitor's criminal background.

Called US-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, the program will check an estimated 24 million foreigners each year, though some will be repeat visitors.

The only exceptions will be visitors from 28 countries — mostly European nations whose citizens are allowed to come to the United States for up to 90 days without visas.

Inless fingerprints will be taken and checked instantly against a national digital database for criminal backgrounds and any terrorist lists. The process will be repeated when the foreigners leave the country as an extra security measure and to ensure they complied with visa limitations.

Homeland Security spokesman Bill Strassberger said that once screeners become proficient, the extra security will take only 10 to 15 seconds per person. Foreign travelers also will continue to pass through regular Customs points and answer questions.

Photographs will be used to help create a database for law enforcement. The travel data is supposed to be securely stored and made available only to authorized officials on a need-to-know basis.

Blair says Iraq conflict is test case for war on terror

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — British forces are likely to remain in Iraq for several more years, a top British official said Monday, a day after Prime Minister Tony Blair made a surprise visit to troops headquartered in Basra.

Also Monday, the military said a bomb exploded near a U.S. military convoy west of Baghdad, injuring three soldiers, and another American soldier was shot and wounded when a foot patrol was ambushed northwest of the capital.

The violence Sunday underscored remarks by Blair that the U.S.-led coalition must "get on top of the security situation" in Iraq as the country prepares for self-rule. Blair was in the southern city of Basra on Sunday for an unannounced visit to the 10,000 British troops serving in Iraq, the vast majority stationed in and around Basra in southern Iraq.



Blair

Defense announced Monday. There was no evidence of hostile fire in the accident early Thursday.

In London, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he could not be precise about when British troops might withdraw after the planned transfer of power this summer from the coalition to an Iraqi authority.

"I can't give you an exact time scale," Straw said. "It's not going to

be months for sure. I can't say whether it's going to be 2006, 2007." Straw, in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. radio, also said he had no reason to believe power would not be transferred by July 1, as agreed by the occupation authority and the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

But he added that considerable numbers of British troops would likely remain in Iraq long beyond that date, despite the ongoing anti-coalition insurgency.

Blair's top envoy in Iraq, Sir Jeremy Greenstock, warned Sunday that rebels likely will stage bigger and more sophisticated attacks.

"The opposition is getting more sophisticated, using bigger bombs and more sophisticated controls. We will go on seeing bigger bangs,"

Greenstock told reporters after meeting with Blair.

Blair said: "The important thing is to realize we are about to enter into a very critical six months. We have got to get on top of the security situation properly and we have got to manage the transition. Both of those things are going to be difficult."

On New Year's Eve, a car bomb killed eight people celebrating in an upscale restaurant in Baghdad. On Dec. 27, coordinated strikes including four car bombs struck the southern city of Karbala, killing 19 people, including seven coalition troops, and wounding some 170.

Overnight, two mortar shells exploded in the vicinity of the coalition headquarters in the southern city of Nasiriyah, causing no damage or injuries; on Sunday, insurgents

ambushed a U.S. foot patrol in Tikrit, injuring one American soldier, and a bomb exploded as a U.S. convoy was passing in Beiji, wounding three U.S. soldiers.

All four injured soldiers were evacuated to combat support hospitals for treatment, the military said.

Witnesses reported that gunmen wounded coalition-appointed lawyer Mohammed al-Jawadi and his son in the northern city of Mosul on Monday morning. Sources at the local hospital said al-Jawadi, the general prosecutor of a newly established court to fight corruption, was in critical condition, but his son's life was not in danger.

Greenstock said he thought 75-80

percent of attacks were being carried out by loyalists of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the rest by foreign terrorist groups that were putting in place "cell structure."

Blair, a staunch ally of the United States whose popularity plummeted amid allegations his government overstated the threat from Saddam Hussein, used his visit Sunday to reiterate charges that preceded the U.S.-led invasion.

Saddam's Iraq, he said, embodied the dual threats facing the world from the "incredibly dangerous" terrorism that is "a perversion of the true faith of Islam" and brutal and repressive regimes that use weapons of mass destruction.

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Community

Monday, January 5, 2004

Candy hearts - the latest stamp - to debut in January

Candy hearts - a Valentine's tradition for more than a century - adorn the latest stamp in the U.S. Postal Service Love series bearing the sweet message "I love you." The Love: Candy Hearts stamp will be made available for the first time on Jan. 14 at a ceremony at the New England Confectionery Company Revere, Mass. The stamp will be available nationwide the following day.

"Since 1973, the Love stamp has been a popular addition to cards and letters mailed to friends and loved ones all year long and particularly to celebrate Valentine's Day," said David Failor, executive director of Stamp Services for the Postal Service. "In 2004, the candy hearts - those little tokens of affection - will help spread good cheer on millions of letters mailed in virtually every town across America."

To help celebrate the issuance of the 2004 Love stamp, NECCO, makers of Sweethearts Conversation Hearts, will manufacture a special run of candy hearts with the "I love you" message included in boxes with perennial favorites such as "Be Mine," "Marry Me" and "Cutie Pie."

"People have been using Sweethearts to express their affection since the 1800s. We're very honored the Postal Service is using these candy images on their new Love postage stamp to help people further communicate their sentiments," said NECCO President Dominic M. Antonellis. "Our hearts have been passed down from generation to generation and the new stamp is a testament to our candy's place in U.S. history."

To meet demand for its Sweethearts, NECCO produces approx-

imately 8 billion hearts per year at three manufacturing facilities in the United States. The entire production - roughly 100,000 pounds a day - sells out in just six weeks.

For the 2004 Love stamp design, artist Michael Osborne of San Francisco, Calif., illustrated two hearts - one yellow, in the foreground, and one pink, slightly behind it - and added in red the letter "I" and a heart symbol on the yellow candy and the word "YOU" on the pink candy to spell out "I love you." Osborne also illustrated the two colorful 2002 Love stamps, whose designs featured stylized block letters and a heart-design "V" spelling the word "LOVE."

The first Love stamp was issued by the Postal Service in 1973 with a denomination of 8 cents and an iconic design by pop artist Robert Indiana. Since that time, Love stamps have featured a wide range of subjects, including flowers, animals, cherubs and love letters as well as abstract designs.

To see the Love: Candy Hearts stamp, and other stamps in the 2004 U.S. commemorative stamp program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collectors Corner.

Current U.S. stamps and stationery, as well as a free catalog, are available by toll-free phone order at 1-800-STAMP-24. In addition, a selection of stamps and other philatelic items are available at the online Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop. Custom-framed art prints of original stamp art are available at www.postalartgallery.com.

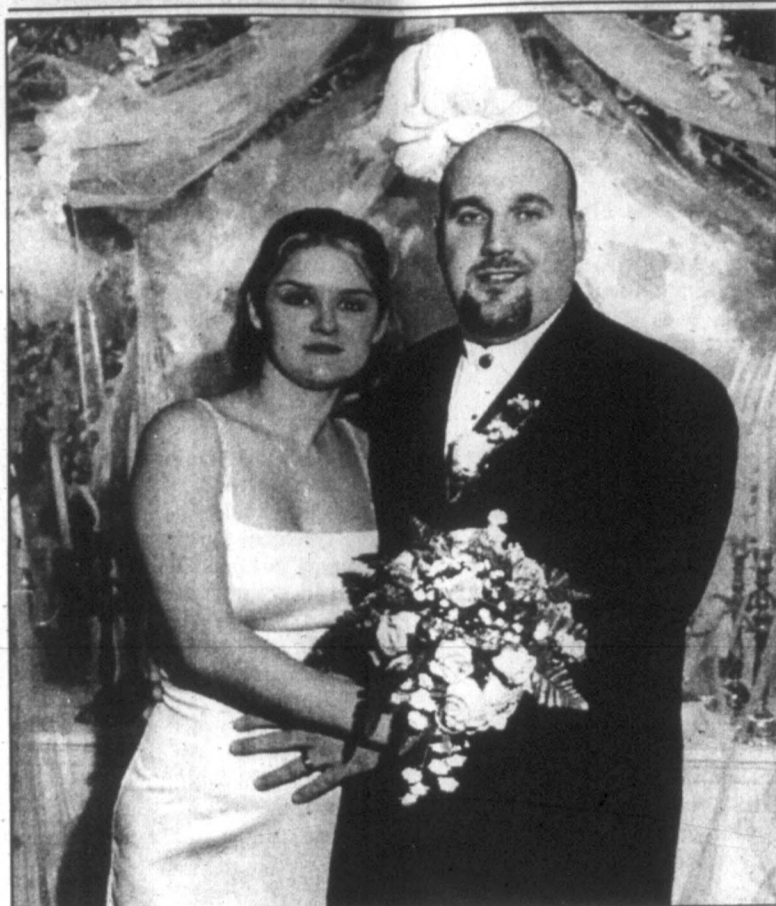
YMCA Indoor Soccer planned

The YMCA coed indoor soccer league is for boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 10. Games will be played Saturday mornings, Jan. 17 to Feb. 28. The registration fee is \$30 per player (\$25 for additional players from the same family). Registrations

will be accepted through Jan. 13 at the YMCA of Murray-Calloway County, 808 Chestnut St., Murray.

For information call 759-YMCA (9622). Scholarships are available for those who qualify for assistance.

Wedding



Williams-Morris vows said

Courtney Williams and Shayne Morris were married Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003.

The ceremony was held in a Hollywood wedding chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of David Williams and Carla Feezor, both of Murray.

The groom is the son of Michael and Joan Morris of Murray. Mr. Morris is employed at Briggs & Stratton, Murray.

The couple is now residing in Murray.

MCCH cardiac rehab support group to meet in January

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation program offers a Cardiac Rehab Support Group for patients, families, and friends who have been affected by a heart problem.

The Cardiac Rehab Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the third floor classroom at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. At the

meeting, patients, past and present, along with their families and friends will have the opportunity to hear Bobbie Weatherly, Center for Health and Wellness Membership Coordinator, discuss Stress Management.

For more information about the Cardiac Rehab Support Group, contact Jerri Mjos, Charge Nurse and Coordinator, at 270-762-1170.

Housing Authority will offer two-day classes



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

The Housing Authority of Murray will offer the following two-day classes for the month of January:

Introduction to the Internet (beginner course) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 7 and 14;

Introduction to Outlook Express (beginner e-mail class) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 28.

All classes will meet at the Housing Authority of Murray main office at 716 Nash Dr., Murray. For more information contact Faye Dodd at 753-5000.

Girl Scout training tonight

The mandatory Girl Scout Leaders Training on selling cookies will be tonight, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of the Murray Board of Education, South 13th Street. "At least one leader, co-leader or cooking chair person needs to be present to learn all of the information about selling cookies or a troop will not be able to participate," said Darlene Brumley, assistant communications chair for Murray Girl Scouts. For information call 767-0590.

CCMS Council plans meeting

Calloway County Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 3:15 p.m. in the media center. Brian Harper, principal, invites all interested persons.

Goshen UMW plans meeting

United Methodist Women of Goshen Church will meet Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at the church. Kathy West, president, invites all interested women.

MHS Football Banquet planned

Tickets are now on sale for the 2003 Murray High School Football Banquet to be Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Murray State University Curris Center. Tickets at \$15 each are available through Jan. 13. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information call Regina Hudspeth at 759-4499.

Bass 'n Gals group will meet

Kentucky-Barkley Bass 'n Gals is scheduled to meet Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. at Tom's Grille.

Temple Hill Lodge will meet

Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 of Free and Accepted Masons will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall, located on Highway 464 east of Almo.

Kappa Department will meet

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the club house. "Dance Fever" will be the program to be presented by Karen Balzer. Hostesses will be Sue Allison, Sondra Barnett, Mary Shipley, Sherree Story and Barbara Barnett.

Al-Anon meeting on Tuesday

Al-Anon will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer glaucoma screenings, blood pressure and pulse checks at its stop on Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Save-A-Lot, Murray. For information call 762-1348.

Murray Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (S.O.S.) will meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. This will be the birthday potluck and dues night. This is a group for all singles whether divorced, widowed or never married. For more information call Vicky at 753-3128 or Shirley at 753-6224.

Parent Support Group to meet

Parent Support Group, formerly called Parents Anonymous, will meet tonight, Jan. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Peggy Pittman-Munke, Murray State faculty member, is Parent Support board chair. For information call 753-7004.

Masonic lodge to meet tonight

Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons will meet tonight, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall.

MWC Board will meet tonight

The Executive Board of the Murray Woman's Club will meet tonight, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the club house.

Water District Board meeting tonight

Dexter-Almo Heights Water District Board will meet tonight, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. at the office, located at 351 Almo Rd., Almo.

Fire district meeting tonight

Calloway County Fire Protection District will meet tonight, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m. at the No. 1 station of Calloway County Fire-Rescue, East Sycamore Street, Murray.

UMW meeting is tonight

United Methodist Women of South Pleasant Grove Church will meet tonight, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at the church. Sue Veazey will lead the program. Members of Blankenship Circle will be hostesses.

Marriage Festival scheduled

The 2004 Marriage Festival of Blood River Baptist Association will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, 2004, at Lake Barkley Lodge near Cadiz. Rick and Kathy Roepke will be leaders for the conference. For more information or to register, call the association office at 437-4203.

Murray Middle School Shamrocks 4-H Club



Photo provided

Murray Middle Shamrocks 4-H Club collected items of food, candy, fruit, games and personal care items and delivered a Christmas gift basket to residents of Long Term Care Unit at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Club leaders are Stacy Wortham, fourth grade teacher, and Donna Miller, 4-H Council. The Fourth and Fifth Grade Club meets the second Wednesday of each month immediately after school in Wortham's room. If interested enroll by calling the 4-H office at 753-1452.

Ladies of the Oaks

The Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will play their regularly scheduled Bridge on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

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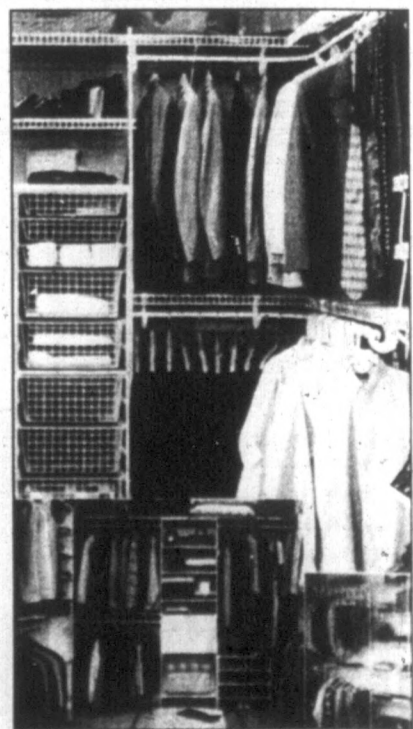
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by Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004:

You'll have a year to remember. You will travel, or at least become an armchair traveler. Some might want to sign up for classes or become more spiritual. Your mental growth will open doors for you emotionally and professionally. You will see emotional results faster than professional results starting fall 2004. You have the ability to look past problems and the immediate uproar to see the whole story. You develop an excellent ability to find answers. If you are single, you will attract people because of your openness and way of thinking. If you want a relationship, you can have one. Those of you who are in relationships could find that you often respond to mixed signals. Work on your communication, and you will bond more tightly. Schedule that special trip. CANCER plays devil's advocate.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

A serious conversation is long overdue, and it might happen as soon as tonight. In the meantime, start being aware of how much you are contributing to a situation. Do your best to clear out your. Tonight: You finally enjoy yourself at home. Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Finally, someone will start speaking his or her mind and share his or her feelings about what is going on. Stay open, even if chaos breaks out, as you will see solutions appear. You might want to discuss a topic you have been putting off. Tonight: Know that finally, the doors have opened.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your ruler goes direct today in your opposite sign. If you would like, a partner seems more amenable to a discussion later in the afternoon. Mend bridges rather than letting your pride interfere. Caring will flow on a deep level. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

The Moon in your sign gives you that extra oomph you might need. You could be shocked by what someone says to you. Don't be; it is about him or her, not you. Remember that, and let a personal exchange begin. Tonight: The world is your oyster — finally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You finally see a difference in what happens at work. Suddenly people are more cooperative. Now you can start planning a longtime objective, both personally and professionally. Caring seems to exude from you. Tonight: Mellow out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your ability to be understanding could make a big difference right now. You might feel overwhelmed by what is going on. With your ruler going direct, you find that others work better with you. Keep smiling, pinch yourself. Tonight: Follow your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Feel free to do whatever you need to do in order to clear the air with a loved one or a child. A project finally moves off the back burner, to your relief. You accomplish much more of what you like. Ignore a touch of chaos. Tonight: A must show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You could be in the mood for more fun at work, and that is exactly what you will get if you go and enjoy. Finally, others seem ready to work with you. Give them the space to back down from their positions gracefully. Tonight: Discuss vacation plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Celebrate as Mercury goes direct, though you might still see some of its recent withholding or chaotic impact. Kick back and watch what goes down. Your ability to understand a loved one or even an associate comes through. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you want, you will find someone who understands more of your needs right now — finally. Trust your financial instincts, as you will be able to make a firm decision in the next few days. You will start feeling more together — if not total, then soon. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have a good time wherever you are, doing whatever you want. Listen to feedback from a friend who could easily reverse his or her opinion. A relationship will straighten out sooner rather than later. Tonight: Let others seek you out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Follow through on what you have wanted. Partners and friends start falling into place, returning to the way they were several weeks ago. Don't make a big deal out of any of this. Instead, enjoy what is happening. Tonight: Trust that what is going down is for the good, because it is.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Rowan Atkinson (1955), actress Bonnie Franklin (1944), martyr Joan of Arc (1412)

TV Listings published daily

MONDAY EVENING JAN. 5, 2004. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30) and rows for various TV channels (WKRN-ABC, WSL-ABC, WSMV-NBC, etc.) listing programs like 'Cast Away', 'Fear Factor', 'Yes, Dear', etc.

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CHARLIE NEIBERG/ALP Photo Democratic presidential hopefuls (L-R), Joe Lieberman, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, and John Kerry walk into Iowa Public Television Studios before the start of a debate in Johnston, Iowa, Sunday.

Rivals seek to slow Dean campaign

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Looking to slow his high-flying campaign a bare two weeks before voters launch the presidential nominating season, rivals focused their fire on Democratic front-runner Howard Dean in a feisty, year-opening debate.

Unfazed, Dean described his opponents as part of a failed political establishment turning off voters in droves.

Given a chance to ask each other questions in the Sunday debate, virtually all sought to press Dean on issues ranging from his handling of official papers as governor of Vermont, to his credibility as a national candidate, to his free-wheeling style.

Dean stressed that he is the only candidate who offers a clear choice to President Bush.

"I'm the only one who has actually balanced a budget," he said. "What we need is a Democrat who is going to stand up to George Bush."

Other Democrats, he contended, have been "co-opted by the agenda of George Bush."

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman led the charge, challenging Dean on his assertion the nation wasn't safer after the toppling of Iraq's Saddam Hussein, and hammering Dean for refusing to make public all of his gubernatorial records.

When Dean fired back that he has turned that issue over to a judge to decide, Lieberman interrupted to charge: "You're ducking the question. The people of Vermont have a right to know, the people of America who are judging your candidacy have a right to know."

Aides to Dean said they were delighted that the election year opened with a debate in which he was the center of attention, because that underscored his political strength.

"Anytime there's a debate and we're the center of focus it's a good thing," said campaign manager Joe Trippi.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards pressed Dean on his proposal to eliminate all of Bush's tax cuts, including parts that benefit middle-class voters.

"He does not have a proposal to reduce the tax burden on middle-class people," said Edwards.

Edwards departed from his rivals when asking his question, focusing instead on Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt and his quarter-century in Washington. "You've been there a long time," said Edwards. "How do you stand to change the culture that exists in Washington?"

For his part, Gephardt sought to draw distinctions on trade, arguing that he led the fight against the North American Free Trade Agreement while his rivals have waffled.

Gephardt has accused rivals of favoring big trade deals while telling voters they favor protections. Trade is an important issue for the Jan. 19 nominating caucuses in Iowa because labor leaders, a crucial constituency, worry those deals encourage the shipping of American jobs abroad.

"You've got to reject the extremism of George Bush and the extremism of Democrats who would put up walls of protectionism," Lieberman argued.

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More on Canadian drugs

DEAR DR. GOTT: I represent a state health alliance that is committed to affordable prescription drugs for our clients. Consequently, we sell prescription drugs from Canada, have been satisfied with the arrangement, do not believe that it's illegal, and will continue to do so. Our senator has endorsed the plan and confirmed that the quality of the medications is superior — not deficient, as many critics have alleged.

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DEAR READER: Since I off-handedly suggested that readers consider buying their prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies (to save bundles of money), I have received a torrent of mail criticizing me for bad judgment. Much of this mail has been from drug companies, U.S. pharmacists and federal authorities, claiming that purchasing drugs from Canada is illegal, the medicines are impure or contaminated, the practice should be abandoned, and I — as a columnist — should be ashamed.

The issue seemed so unbalanced that I printed a retraction, because I

didn't want to jeopardize patients' health; nor did I want to endorse illegal activity. In my printed retraction, however, I did ask the question: How can the Veteran's Administration be allowed to purchase drugs in Canada? (This has been reported in the media.)

No answer from my critics — yet. However, your letter, like so many others, does stress the financial savings and appropriateness of ordering medications from Canada. Therefore, I am printing it, along with additional information that I hope will be of interest to my readers.

Let me summarize my position as neutral. Drugs are expensive in the United States; the Canadian option is real and is utilized by many. I cannot comment on the legality of the practice because so many state and federal agencies are subscribing to it. So, from my perspective, the issue is closed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is psoriatic arthritis? **DEAR READER:** Patients with psoriasis, a chronic skin disease marked by scaly patches, will often develop arthritis that can be difficult to treat. Actually, most autoimmune diseases, of which psoriasis is one, are associated with arthritis to a lesser or greater extent.

If you have psoriatic arthritis that has not responded to ibuprofen or basic prescription drugs, you should, in my opinion, be examined by a rheumatologist, a specialist in autoimmune disorders. There are new treatments available. The doctor can advise you.

Workers who make holidays happy deserve our thanks

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to thank all those generous people who work nights, weekends and holidays.

Without the help of the auto club operator who answered my call one

Christmas morning (and the mechanic who showed up), I would have missed the joy of seeing my grandchild opening gifts.

We no longer argue about what everyone wants for Christmas breakfast because of the servers, chefs and busboys who give me the best present of all — more relaxed time with my family because everyone can eat what they want.

And let's not forget the emergency medical workers who are always there for childhood emergencies, all too often in the middle of the night or on holidays. Thanks, too, to the pharmacists who fill prescriptions when the establishments around them are closed.

I am grateful to everyone who gives up precious time with their own families and friends in order to make life easier for the rest of us.

Abby, thanks for printing this. I want all these generous people to know how appreciated they are, especially at holiday time. Bless you one and all. — GRATEFUL

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for an uplifting letter. Counting our blessings is a wonderful way to start a new year, and you have mentioned only a few of our unsung heroes. Add to that our police, our firefighters, our brave young men and women in the military, and caregivers everywhere. They, too, are unsung heroes.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Phil," and I lost a child two years

ago on Christmas Eve. Before that Phil was always affectionate. Now he hardly shows his emotions at all, and doesn't tell me he loves me as often as he used to.

I love my husband with all my heart and want things the way they used to be. I think he is still hurting, but he refuses to get help.

What should I do? Please help me. — LOVING HIM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR LOVING: It's clear that your husband is still grieving and has not been able to move on as quickly as you have. Since he refuses to go to grief counseling, go without him.

It may help you to understand that grief is an individual process, and perhaps it will better enable you to help him through it.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

DEAR ABBY: I really need some help. When I was 15, my half-brother raped me. I am now almost 40. I want nothing to do with him, and I don't want him around my kids.

Abby, my half-brother keeps trying to call me. How can I make him leave me alone without anyone knowing what happened? — EMBARRASSED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Please stop protecting him with your silence. Contact a rape crisis hotline. You have no reason to be embarrassed or to keep this a secret. A rape victim is never at fault.

LookingBack

10 years ago
Published is a picture of Bob Billington, Tom Rushing, Dan Miller, Ruby Hale, Bill Wells, Howard Koenen, Tommy Sanders, Danny Hudspeth, Don Henry, Charles Homra, Joe Rexroat and John E. Scott taking their oaths of office as members of the Murray City Council by Circuit Judge David Buckingham. The photo was by Staff Photographer Amy Wilson.

20 years ago
Published is a picture of workers with H.C. Hanson Construction Company continuing their work on two new bridges on U.S. 641 South, Murray. The cost of structures and approaches, estimated at about \$850,000 should be completed around May of this year. The photo was by Staff Photographer Greg Travis.

30 years ago
Charles Jason Modglin was born Jan. 4 at 4:45 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital to become the first baby of 1974. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Modglin.

40 years ago
Tass Hopson Jr., 22, died today at 1:25 a.m. from injuries sustained in a one-car accident on U.S. Highway

648, east of Paducah, that occurred on an icy highway. He is a 1970 graduate of Calloway County High School and a student at Murray State University.

Births reported include a boy to Dr. and Mrs. David H. Winslow Jr., Dec. 11; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blalock, Dec. 25; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat Barnett, Dec. 27; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Donelson, Dec. 28.

40 years ago
Tennessee Valley Authority announced detailed planning will begin immediately on Land Between the Lakes with locations selected and designs prepared for such facilities as roads, camping, boat harbors and launching ramps and wildlife areas.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Magnus, Dec. 14.

Sharon Rose Robinson and Jimmy Dale Graham were married Dec. 24 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Robinson.

50 years ago
A formal resolution calling on President Dwight Eisenhower to "provide adequate funds for Tennessee Valley Authority in his message to Congress" was adopted today by the Calloway County Fiscal Court and mailed to the White House in Washington, D.C.

Carman Motel at 1505 West Main St., Murray, held open house at the new facility on Jan. 3. Owners of the motel are Mr. and Mrs. A. Carman.

Jane Fitts and Thomas B. Lovett were married Dec. 26 at the home of the bride's brother, Cecil Fitts.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2004. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper ("Wiener Presse") reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

On this date:
In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Captain Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Truman labeled his administration the "Fair Deal."

In 1993, the state of Washington executed Westley Allan Dodd, an admitted child sex killer, in America's first legal hanging since 1965.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

One year ago: Two Palestinian suicide bombers set off back-to-back blasts in a central Tel Aviv area crowded with foreign workers, killing 23 bystanders.

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ContractBridge

Famous Hand

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 5 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 7 6 2
♦ J 10 9 8 3
♣ A K

EAST
♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ J 10 9 5 4
♦ K 5
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J
♥ A Q
♦ 7 6
♣ J 10 9 8 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the Canadian Trials to select a team for the 1972 world women's team championship. The hand features a sparkling defensive play — the kind you read or hear about but rarely ever see.

The heroine of the piece was Sharyn Linkovsky of Montreal, who held the East cards at the first table. Her partner led the jack of diamonds. The winning defense would have been easy to find had declarer played

the queen from dummy; in that case, Linkovsky would have taken the king and returned a diamond, leaving South in a hopeless position.

But declarer, no green hand, went up with the ace on the diamond lead, and it was on this trick that Linkovsky made the magnificent play of the king! As a result, declarer went down one. West won the club lead at trick two, established her diamonds and soon afterward got in with another club to cash her remaining diamonds and set the contract.

Had Linkovsky neglected to drop her king of diamonds on the ace, declarer would have made 10 tricks with proper play — instead of the eight she actually wound up with.

At the other table, North became declarer at three notrump, and East made the perfectly normal lead of a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led the queen of clubs. West took the king and shifted to the jack of diamonds, but North went up with the ace and led another club to make four notrump.

At the second table, East could have duplicated Linkovsky's feat had she found the brilliant opening lead of the king of diamonds. But in Canada, they don't play the game with mirrors.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- Rover's treat
 - Not worth a —
 - Single entity
 - Racing sled
 - 'Nova' network
 - In the money
 - Soldering tool
 - Help-wanted abbr.
 - Apartment dweller
 - Moist
 - "— been had!"
 - "This — — bust!"
 - Cut the cake
 - Gold Rush st.
 - Kind of roast
 - Showery mo.
 - Yang complement
 - Fish eggs
 - Teller's stack
 - Harmful ray
 - Bishop's rule
 - Web addr.
 - Burrow
 - Written reminder
 - 45 Hunks of cheese
 - Formal attire
 - Scheme
 - Chills the wine
 - Actress
 - Hagen
 - Zillions of years
 - "Cope Book" aunt
 - Sapphire
 - Kind of ranch
 - Pants and jacket
 - Prickly seedcase
 - "Don't bet —!"
 - Riviera resort
 - Cultural
 - Dress style (hyph.)
 - Mongol dwelling
 - To Claudius
 - Dispatches
 - Gush forth
 - Submit
 - Club for Gts
 - High dudgeon
 - Nero s 104
 - Coffee maker
 - Meadow plant
 - Permanent marker
 - Mongkut portrayer
 - Total
 - England's FBI
 - Playing marbles
 - Snagged a dogie
 - Overpopulated
 - Remote button
 - Semester ender
 - Magician's rod
 - Neutral tone
 - Highway cruiser
 - Harbor boat
 - Pollster — Harris
 - Perched

Answer to Previous Puzzle

YUK OVED FEAT
ATE ZETA URGE
WAYS ION GLUE
CORN QUEEN
RECORD STE
FLAT RAISES
DER CLOMP ELL
CAVEIN PLOP
ADD JOISTS
BADGE CASE
ALOU OOP DUCK
RENE CLAP MOA
NEAR TANG AYN

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SPORTS

Cards put pressure on to top Racers

By SCOTT NANNEY
Sports Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Old friends Rick Pitino and Mick Cronin are at a similar stage in their coaching careers — both are in the process of rebuilding traditional college powerhouses.

The only difference is, Pitino's rebuilding of the Louisville program is at a much more advanced stage than that of his former pupil Cronin, who is now just 12 games into his head coaching career at Murray State.

Pitino, in his third season at the UoL, showcased his rebuilt unit in the second half of Saturday's matchup against MSU as the 11th-ranked Cardinals quickly dispatched a first-half threat by the fired-up Racers for a 91-69 triumph in front of a sold out crowd of 19,292 at Freedom Hall.

In overcoming a 37-35 half-time deficit, the Cardinals (9-1) looked to star forward Francisco Garcia, who set a school record with 15 assists and scored 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore — along with junior forward Larry O'Bannon, who scored eight of his 20 points during the decisive run — was an integral part of Louisville's 10-0 blitz to start the second half. The game-changing sequence stunned the Racers, who were outscored 56-32 in the final 20 minutes.

"It was definitely a tale of two halves," said Cronin, who recruited Garcia and several other Cardinals who had a hand in Murray's second-half misery on Saturday. "We just didn't handle their defensive pressure in the second half, and Larry just threw a dagger into our hearts with those two 3-pointers. That's why they're a great team."

Murray (10-2) stood toe-to-toe with its highly-regarded in-state foe early on, using a combined 21 points from forwards Kelvin Brown and Cuthbert Victor to forge its two-point edge at the intermission.

The Racers handled nearly everything the Cardinals threw at them in the opening 20 minutes, successfully managing UoL's sig-

Louisville 91
RACERS 69

MURRAY STATE (10-2)
Brown 8-11 1-1 17, Victor 5-11 2-4 12, Wheelchel 0-5 2-2 2, Chiles 4-11 4-6 13, Shumate 3-7 6-9 12, Paschel 2-7 2-5 6, Akin 1-2 0-0 2, Hornig 0-0 0-0 0, Witherspoon 2-4 0-0 5, Totals 25-58 17-27 69.

LOUISVILLE (9-1)
Whitehead 8-15 6-6 23, O'Bannon 8-12 1-20 20, Diakite 0-1 1-2 1, Dean 3-11 0-0 8, Garcia 7-9 2-2 17, Tinch 1-1 1-2 3, Dartez 4-5 1-2 9, Jenkins 1-1 0-2 3, Gianiny 0-0 0-0 0, Mohammed 1-3 1-2 3, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Daniels 0-2 0-0 0, George 1-5 2-2 4, Totals 34-69 15-21 91.

Halftime — Murray State 37, Louisville 35.
3-Point Goals — Murray State 2-17 (Witherspoon 1-3, Chiles 1-4, Paschel 0-1, Brown 0-1, Victor 0-3, Wheelchel 0-5), Louisville 8-21 (O'Bannon 3-6, Dean 2-8, Whitehead 1-1, Jenkins 1-1, Garcia 1-2, George 0-1, Mohammed 0-2).

Fouled out — Victor (7), Louisville 38 (Garcia 7), **Assists** — Murray State 11 (Chiles 4), Louisville 22 (Garcia 15). **Total fouls** — Murray State 18, Louisville 21. A — 19,292.

nature pressure while overcoming a pair of six-point deficits.

Brown gave MSU its first lead (35-33) by converting an old-fashioned three-point play with just 58 seconds left in the half. Garcia's jumper pulled Louisville back even, but Kevin Paschel shocked the pro-Louisville crowd with a driving layup that beat the buzzer for the two-point lead.

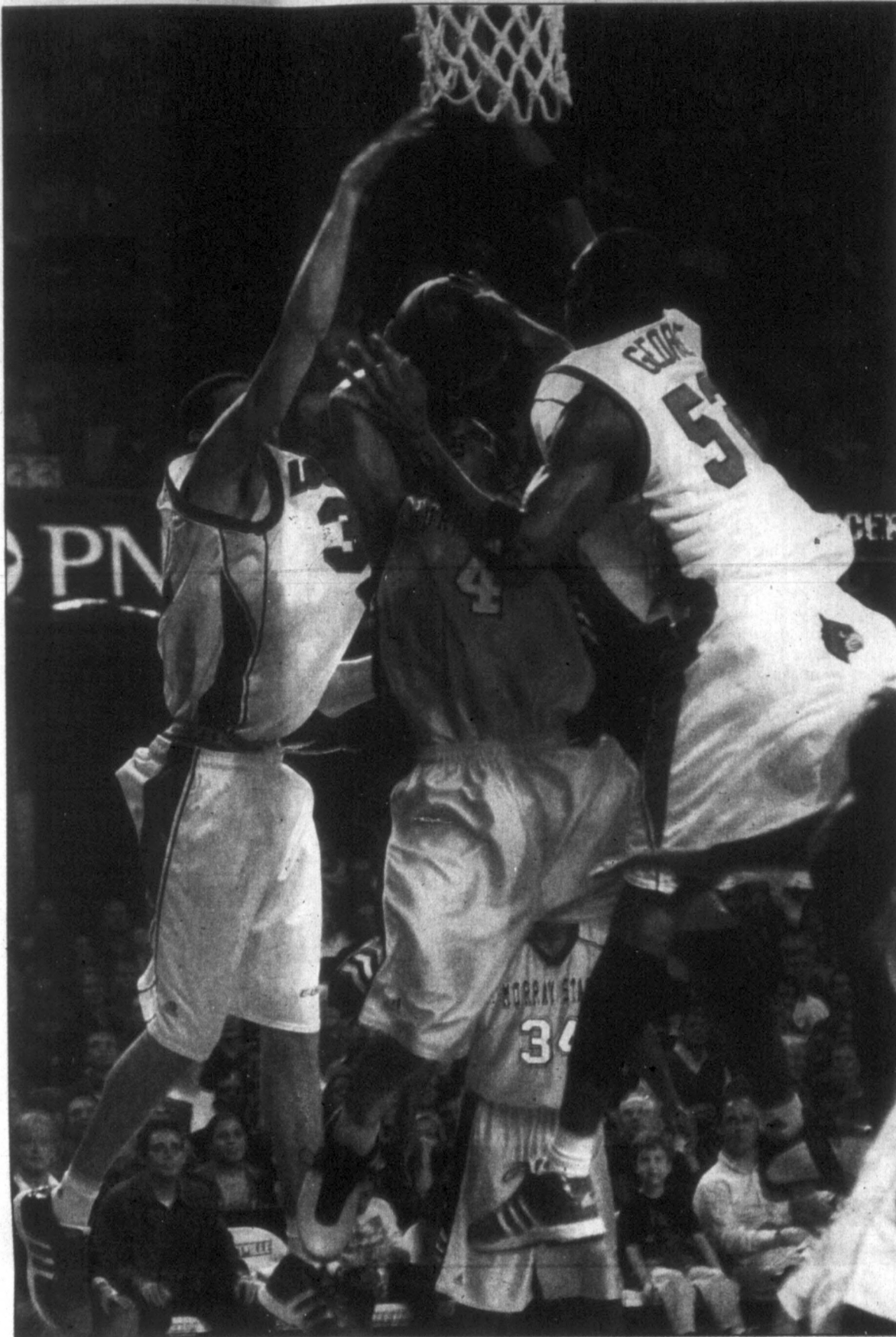
The Racers' inspired play impressed Pitino.

"We've played a lot of tough teams. But inch for inch and pound for pound, they're one of the tougher teams we've played. That's as tough as we've had to work for a win," he explained. "Murray's as good or better than some of the teams in our conference."

"We had to work extremely hard because they're a well-coached team. I'm proud of Mick and what he's been able to accomplish there ... If (MSU) does not have a bad shooting night, they've got a great chance to go to the NCAA Tournament."

As well as the Racers handled the Louisville press in the first half, they had an equally tough time with the Cardinals' pressure in the second half.

Garcia started the decisive run with a jumper. Forward Luke Whitehead, who scored a game-high 23 points in 30 minutes of



Murray State junior guard and Louisville native Adam Chiles is swarmed by Cardinal defenders Francisco Garcia (left) and Otis Geoge in the second half at Freedom Hall on Saturday afternoon. No. 11 Louisville knocked off the Racers 91-69.

play, then came up with a steal. A Garcia feed to O'Bannon for a 3-pointer gave the Cardinals the lead for good.

O'Bannon later added a layup and then capped the scoring spurt with another try to get Louisville off and running.

Murray, which held the Cardinals to 40-percent shooting in the first half, allowed UoL to shoot 66 percent (20-of-30) in the final 20 minutes.

The Cards shot 52 percent (34-of-65) for the contest.

"I told the guys at halftime if they were still shooting 40 percent when we came back in (after the game), we were going to win the game," Cronin noted. "But you have to give them a lot of credit. They made some tough shots."

The Racers were hamstrung by the loss of shooting guard Rick Jones, who missed the game due to a stomach ailment.

"Rick Jones being out really hurt us," said Cronin. "When you look at our scholarship situation, we're only playing with nine scholarship players. And we were playing with only eight (Saturday). The worst team to play if you're short-handed is Louisville."

The Racers begin Ohio Valley Conference play on Thursday at Morehead State before finishing the fabled "Death Valley" trip on Saturday at Eastern Kentucky.

LSU tops Sooners for share of title

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The colorful, rich history of LSU football can now claim the one thing that had been missing for almost a half-century: a national championship.

Backed by frenzied fans wearing purple feather boas, gold beads and faces painted with tiger stripes, LSU earned its share of the title Sunday night, holding off Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and Oklahoma 21-14 in the Sugar Bowl.

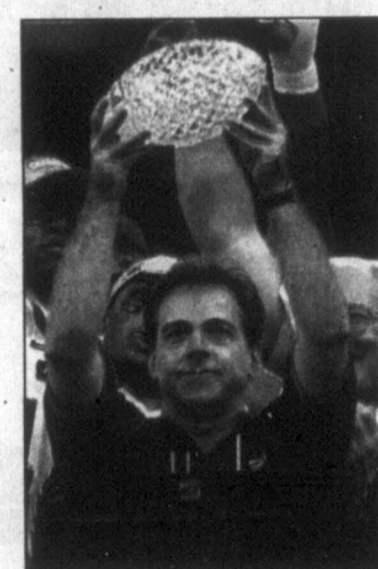
Jessie Daniels tipped away a fourth-down pass into the end zone with three minutes left, sealing a victory that made the Tigers the best team in the bayou, on Bourbon Street and in the Bowl Championship Series.

So what if it was Splitsville everywhere else in college football, with USC also earning a crown? The Tigers hardly cared.

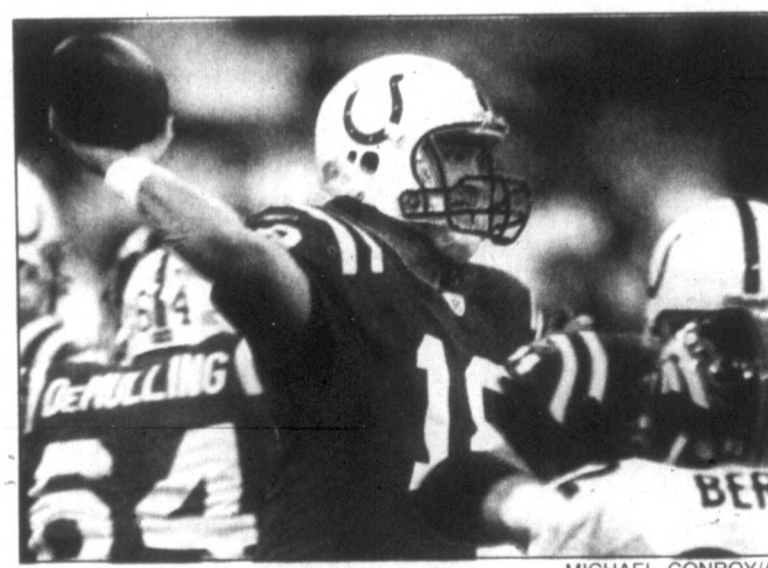
"Do they deserve to share the title?" LSU All-America defensive tackle Chad Lavalais said. "Yeah. But when I tell my friends, I'm going to say we're national champions. In this part of the country, we are national champions."

"It doesn't bother me," he said of the split. "It's like winning the lottery, but you have to share the Powerball with another person."

The No. 2 Tigers automatically received the USA Today/ESPN coaches' crown.



LSU coach Nick Saban holds up The National Champion trophy after LSU defeated Oklahoma 21-14 in the Sugar Bowl Sunday night in New Orleans.



Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws over Broncos defender Bertrand Berry, right, during the first quarter in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Manning leads Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts entered the playoffs facing a lot of questions.

Their 41-10 rout of the Denver Broncos provided all sorts of positive answers.

Yes, Peyton Manning could win a playoff game. Yes, Tony Dungy could coach a team to a postseason win. And yes, that two-touchdown loss at home to the Broncos two weeks ago was no more than one bad game.

"What happened in the past doesn't dictate what happens in the future," said Dungy, who had lost four straight playoff games in which his team didn't score a touchdown. Three were with Tampa Bay, and the fourth was a 41-0 rout by the New York Jets a year ago.

As he is in most Indianapolis victories, the major factor was Manning, who shared the NFL's MVP award with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair.

He won for the first time in

four playoff starts, throwing five TD passes. That made him the first quarterback to throw for five or more three times in a season. He had six TD passes against New Orleans and five against Atlanta in the regular season.

"Every ball he threw was perfect," said Brandon Stokley, who had two TD catches, including an 87-yarder just after the 2-minute warning of the first half. Marvin Harrison also had two scores and Reggie Wayne caught the fifth.

The Colts (13-4) led 31-3 at halftime, and Manning was 14-of-16 for 327 yards by then.

Denver was sloppy in the loss, with their most memorable gaffe with 24 seconds left in the first quarter, when Harrison caught a pass at the Denver 30 and went down.

As four Broncos stood around without touching him, Harrison slowly got up and trotted to the end zone to complete a 46-yard scoring play.

ECA wins tourney

Staff Report

Murray Ledger & Times

Eastwood Christian Academy rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat host Heritage Christian Academy 70-52 in Hopkinsville Saturday to win the Heritage boys' basketball tournament.

ECA (8-4) still trailed 49-44 at the end of the third quarter before going on a 26-3 spurt to close the game.

This marked the Warriors' second come-from-behind win in the tournament. They also went that route to defeat Christian Commu-

nity Academy of Nashville, Tenn., 66-53 Friday night.

Three Warriors recorded double-doubles in the championship win, with center Jordan Harrell leading all scorers with 21 points and adding 16 rebounds.

Guard Erik Ramsey supplied 13 points and 10 rebounds as well, while point guard David Craig had 18 points and 10 assists. Jonathan Craig also had 16 points.

Against Christian Community, Ramsey had 21 points, Jonathan Craig 20 and David Craig 18.

Packers top Seahawks

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — It wasn't vintage Brett Favre throwing touchdowns all over the lot. Nor was it Ahman Green running rampant through Seattle's defense.

The hero of Green Bay's thrilling 33-27 overtime playoff victory against the Seahawks on Sunday was none other than Al Harris, the cornerback known as much for the long dreadlocks that flow from his helmet as for his coverage skills.

He jumped in front of Seattle receiver Alex Bannister, grabbed Matt Hasselbeck's throw and headed down the sideline — right past former Packers coach Mike Holmgren.

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Rank	Team	Rank	Team
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2	Southern California (3)	2	LSU (17)
3	Oklahoma	3	Oklahoma
4	Ohio State	4	Ohio St.
5	Miami (Fla.)	5	Miami
6	Georgia	6	Michigan
7	Michigan	7	Georgia
8	Iowa	8	Iowa
9	Washington State	9	Washington St.
10	Florida State	10	Miami (Ohio)
11	Texas	11	Florida St.
12	Miami (Ohio)	12	Texas
13	Kansas State	13	Mississippi
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15	Boise State	15	Tennessee
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