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Relay brings in \$225,292.86 With fewer teams, total just \$18,245.14 shy of equalling 2003 figure

By BRANDI WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Relay for Life awards took a different turn this year with a variety of new categories for heart-felt participation, plus a smaller total and fewer teams than in 2003.

Relay teams raised \$225,292.86 this year with 100 teams competing in comparison to 2003 when \$243,538 was raised with 111 teams. "I was thrilled to death," said Relay chair Kathy Hodge. "To raise almost as much money with fewer teams is a real show of these teams' dedication to Relay."

Dedication didn't stop with fundraising. During registration Friday evening, a storm came through sending team members inside the Murray State University stadium and knocking over the

already assembled luminaries. After the storm passed, Relay organizers asked people to help setting the luminaries back up.

"It was so much fun because everyone pitched in," said Hodge. "Almost every one of them lit."

Hodge said many factors had an effect on team participation for this year. She said a few loyal Relay participants decided to take a year off while some of the larger corporations had fewer teams, but Relay officials have already been contacted about next year.

At the closing ceremony, survivors did their final lap and the organizers handed out awards. Several new prizes and trophies were presented to groups who survived the elements to stay the entire night and those who participated in

events. The Relay teams created a few traveling trophies such as a fed lantern for Best Campsite, a bronze-painted statuette for the People's Choice Award, and a hat for Best Team Spirit.



Hodge

Murray Bank won Best Campsite. Best team theme was the 8th Wonders Breast Cancer Support Group—while most original fundraiser on site was bestowed to First United Methodist Church Youth and Adults for their bullriding machine. Team Smart-Award, the group that participated and won the most Cancer Smart Shop Activities, was the Woodmen of the World. The 100 percent participation award went to Calloway County Preschool.

The People's Choice award went to Murray-Calloway County Hospital for their western theme, while Murray State University's

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Members of the 8th Wonders Breast Cancer Support Group accept their prize for having the best team theme at the Relay for Life closing ceremonies Saturday morning. See Page 14 for additional photos from Relay 2004.

Guidelines help reduce farm injuries to children

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Growing up on a dairy farm in upstate New York, Jeanie Groat always heard stories about children injured or killed doing farm chores.

Since she took part in a recent study on child farm accidents that included learning the North American Guidelines for Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention, Groat said she is now better able to keep her four young children and visitors safe on their family poultry

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Town Crier

NOTICE

The following are events which may be of interest to the community:

■ The Murray State Faculty Senate will meet Tuesday for its 2004-2005 academic year organizational meeting. The meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Barkley Room of the Curris Center.

■ Murray-Calloway County Hospital CEO John O'Shaughnessy will be the featured speaker for the Chamber of Commerce's Business@Breakfast on May 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the main ballroom of the Curris Center. Call the Chamber for additional information.

■ To report a newsworthy note for the Town Crier, call 753-1916.

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Scooper-Duper!



BRANDI WILLIAMS/ Ledger & Times photo

First Presbyterian Church member Phil Wood scoops up some ice cream for Stephanie McClain at the church's ice cream social and auction Sunday afternoon. The social is the church's kick-off fundraiser for its building expansion fund. A silent auction of donated and hand-made items from the congregation was available for bid inside.

U.S. troops under fire in Najaf; escapee Hamill reunites with wife

By The Associated Press
NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Militiamen pounded a U.S. base with mortars Monday in the most intense attacks yet on U.S. troops in Najaf, where the Americans have been holding back their full firepower to avoid enflaming the anger of Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority. Another American soldier was killed in Baghdad.

The fighting came as Thomas

Hamill, a truck driver from Mississippi who escaped from his Iraqi kidnappers after three weeks in captivity, flew to Germany on Monday for a reunion with his wife.

Hamill pried open a door in the house where he was being held north of Baghdad when he heard a U.S. patrol passing by Sunday, then led the troops to the house where two Iraqis were captured.

The shelling in Najaf began overnight, with some 20 mortars hitting in and around the former Spanish base that U.S. troops moved into a week ago. There were no casualties.

Heavy mortar fire resumed at midday Monday, and U.S. troops returned fire. Tanks were moved up, swiveling their cannons — though they did not fire — and Apache hel-

Reward is offered in manhunt

By KRISTIN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Area Crime Stoppers are offering a reward as law enforcement agencies continue to search for one of two suspects charged with the attempted murders of two police officers.

The Tri-County Area Drug Task Force is cooperating with the Marshall County Crime Stoppers and Murray-Calloway County Crime Stoppers to provide a \$1,000 reward to anyone who aids in the apprehension of Ronnie Sharpe Jr., 29. Sharpe is wanted for an attempted murder because he, and another man allegedly opened an anhydrous ammonia tank when three law enforcement officers attempted to serve arrest and search warrants at a Riviera Courts residence Friday, according to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, which was working with the task force to arrest eight people on drug charges.

Sharpe has two past Murray addresses — one on North 10th Street and another on Pottertown Road. He is described as a white

male, who is 5-foot-11 and weighs about 175 pounds, according to a release from the task force.

Three officers were exposed to the anhydrous ammonia, which is used to make methamphetamine, when it was released. Marshall County chief deputy David Maddox was transported to Marshall County Hospital, where he was treated and released. EMS took task force Detective Russ Kegel, who also works for the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, to Murray-Calloway County Hospital, where he was treated and released. A third officer, Marshall County deputy Dan Melone, suffered minor burns and irritation but did not seek medical attention, according to the task force.

Multiple agencies helped the task force with the drug roundup Friday. They included Marshall County and Calloway County sheriff's departments, Murray Police Department and Benton Police Department.

Related to the same incident,

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U.S. troops under fire in Najaf; escapee Hamill reunites with wife

icopters circled overhead. Sniper fire could also be heard.

Clashes eased several hours later, but small arms fire and occasional mortar blasts could be heard throughout the afternoon.

The U.S. military has deployed at the base and outside Najaf to crack down on radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. But troops have been cautious about returning fire,

fearing that stepped-up fighting would anger Shiites, whose holiest shrine is at the center of the city, about three miles from the U.S. base.

Lt. Col. Pat White, commander of the troops, called the firefight Monday "pretty intense," but said his forces would not move against

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Obese kids more likely to be bullying victims and aggressors

CHICAGO (AP) — Overweight adolescents are more likely than normal-weight children to be victims of bullying, or bullies themselves, a study found, bolstering evidence that being fat endangers emotional as well as physical health.

The results in a study of 5,749 Canadian youngsters echo data from British research and follow a U.S. study published last year in which obese children rated their quality of life as low as young cancer patients' because of teasing and weight-related health problems.

While not surprising given the stigma of being overweight, the new findings underscore the importance of enlisting teachers and schools in the fight to prevent and treat obesity in children, said lead author Ian Janssen, an obesity researcher at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

"Anybody's who's ever been on a playground would know" that overweight children are among those who get picked on, Janssen said, adding that in some cases, that may lead the youngsters to become bullies themselves.

The study appears in the May edition of *Pediatrics*, released Monday.

Janssen said obesity rates in Canadian children tripled from the 1980s to 1990s and show no signs of slowing down, similar to rising rates in other developed nations and in the United States, where 15 percent of school-age youngsters are obese and increasingly plagued by related health problems. Nearly one-third of American children are overweight.

The toll on emotional health is just as worrisome, the researchers said.

"The social and psychological ramifications induced by the bullying-victimization process may hinder the social development of overweight and obese youth, because adolescents are extremely reliant on peers for social support, identity and self-esteem," the researchers said.

Their data is based on a national survey of Canadian youngsters, ages 11 to 16, conducted in 2002.

Among normal-weight youngsters, almost 11 percent said they were victims of bullying, compared with 14 percent of overweight youngsters and nearly 19 percent of obese youngsters.

About 8 percent of normal-weight children said they were perpetrators, compared with 11 percent of overweight youngsters.

SheriffKSPlog

Murray Police Department

■ Barry N. Lyles, 26, of Murray, was traveling north on 16th Street approaching Johnson Boulevard at 12:33 p.m. Saturday when Sadie N. Albritten, 87, of Murray, pulled out in front of him. The vehicles collided and Albritten's vehicle came to a rest in a creek. She was transported to Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room for head and face injuries. Albritten remained in stable condition, a hospital spokeswoman said this morning. Murray Fire Department and MCCH ambulance service also responded to the scene.

Calloway County Sheriff's Department

■ Criminal mischief was reported at 9:59 a.m. Friday because someone broke lights out of an International tractor on Ky. 121 North.
■ A caller said at 10:37 a.m. Friday someone has dumped drug paraphernalia at the creek that could have been used to make methamphet-

amine.

■ Theft by unlawful taking was reported at 1 p.m. Friday at Skyway. Unknown suspects took two hubcaps off a vehicle that was parked in the owner's driveway.
■ A burglary was reported at 7:10 p.m. Friday. The residents have been to their second residence that was burglarized, discovered the scene and returned home.
■ Extra patrol was requested on Kline Trail in reference to a burglary.
■ Murray Police Department forwarded a call reporting vandalism on Ridgewood Drive at 9:57 a.m. Saturday.
■ An injury accident was reported at Elm Grove Road and Temple Hill Drive at 6:01 p.m. Saturday.

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

Cadet charged with taking pictures of female cadets

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — A West Point cadet has been charged with taking nude and seminude pictures of several female cadets without their knowledge and posting them on his computer, authorities said.

Cadet Mark Conliffe, 23, of Louisville, Ky. was charged last week with 15 violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which applies to all cadets.

An academy spokesman said Conliffe loaded the photos into his computer, which was linked to the academy's network, making them accessible to other cadets.

Conliffe, a senior, was also an

offensive lineman for the Black Knights football team.

If found guilty, Conliffe would face dismissal from the Army, up to 25 years in a military prison, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

Conliffe is the son of Jefferson County Circuit Judge Kenneth Conliffe.

Kenneth Conliffe said Sunday that the situation appeared to be serious and his son needed to speak with an attorney.

The judge said his son has not been in trouble before, other than a parking ticket. "He's done well up there," Kenneth Conliffe said. "He's been on the dean's list."

Manhunt ...

From Front

Calloway County Sheriff's deputies arrested Amanda R. Edmonson, 22, of Murray, on Saturday. She is charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly assisting Sharpe in evading the police Friday, according to the task force release. Edmonson is being held in the Calloway County jail in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond, a jail spokeswoman said this morning.

On Friday, Charles Underhill was arrested after escaping out a window at the Riviera Courts. He was arrested after police pursued him on foot. In addition to two counts of attempted murder, Calloway County Sheriff's deputies charged Underhill with attempted manufacture of

methamphetamine and possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. The Marshall County warrant charged him with possession of methamphetamine pre cursor, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Underhill remains in the Calloway County jail on a \$100,000 cash bond for the Calloway charges and a \$10,000 cash bond for the Marshall County charges, a jail spokeswoman said this morning.

Edmonson and Underhill both were arraigned today in Calloway District Court.

Relay ...

From Front

Waterfield Library took home honors for Best Team Spirit.

Excalibur, a new award for teams that finish the night and participate in particular activities, was given to Murray-Calloway County Hospital's Long-term Care. To compete, teams must meet attendance requirements for Relay meetings, turn in T-shirt orders on time, turn in waivers on bank night, raise at least \$100 per team member and be represented at closing ceremonies. The winner is drawn from a hat.

All-Star Survivor Dorothy Hargrove received a gift basket with sponsor donated items, while Pella was designated as the Last Team Standing.

The first place winners who raised the most money received awards, and the second place teams were also recognized:

■ Most money raised by a non-corporate single team — 1st. D&S Mobile Homes (\$8,758); 2nd. Kirksey First United Methodist Church (\$5,315).

■ Most money raised by a non-corporate multi-team — 1st. Murray Independent School System (\$3,122.54); 2nd. St. Leo Catholic Church (\$663).

■ Most money corporate team — 1st. Pella (\$17,227.27); 2nd. Briggs and Stratton (\$10,264.07).

■ Most money raised by university students — 1st. Alpha Gamma Delta (\$2,583); 2nd. Alpha Delta Chi (\$1,914).

■ Most money raised by a youth team — 1st. First United Methodist Church (\$2,826.15); 2nd. Mason Chapel Youth (\$1,681.90).

■ Most money raised by an individual — 1st. Barbara Manning (\$1,874); 2nd. Tiffany Shemwell (\$1,818).

Injuries ...

From Front

farm.
"We have a lot of friends come here and the kids want to ride on or drive the tractor," she said. "We pull the guidelines out to teach them safety rules."

The study by the Bassett Research Institute and the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, both in Cooperstown, found that giving farming parents the safety guidelines can cut injuries to children in half.

Conducted over 21 months on 845 farms in central New York, the survey also found there are more hazards to children on farms than health experts previously thought, said Dr. Anne Gadomski, a pediatrician with Bassett.

With exposure to heavy machinery, large animals and pesticides, children on farms face serious risks. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, about 33,000 children

younger than 20 were injured on farms in the United States in 1998 and more than 100 were killed, the last year for which data was available.

Nearly 2 million children under the age of 20 live, work, or are regularly on farms in the United States, according to NIOSH. Those include children of farm families, farm workers, and migrant and seasonal workers.

The Bassett report documents for the first time the effect the 62 guidelines, created by the Marshfield, Wis.-based National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Injury, had on reducing children's injuries.

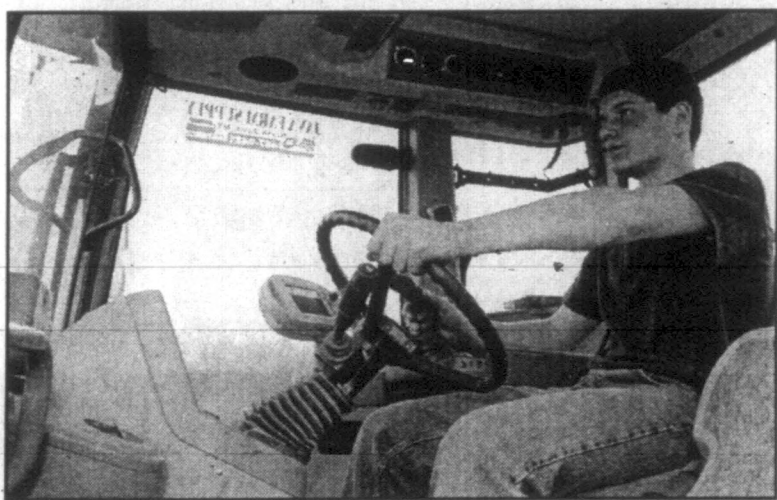
"Sixty-two farm tasks may sound like a large number, and we certainly thought that most of the tasks that cause injuries to kids on farms were identified," Gadomski said. "But we simply did not anticipate the number of injuries caused by other hazardous tasks performed by kids or by simply being exposed to hazards on the farm."

Farms that followed the guidelines had just 13 injuries from tasks covered in the standards compared with 26 injuries on farms that didn't follow the guidelines. However, another 146 injuries were caused by things outside the safety recommendations, such as horseback riding.

About 25 percent of the injuries kept children from working for a week or more and 8 percent required hospitalization, Gadomski said. One injury resulted in permanent disability.

"Even though we have these efforts, it's still an issue that hasn't been solved," said Risto Rautaiaman, an assistant professor of agricultural health and safety at the University of Iowa. "On farms, children are in the same environment as adults where all the hazards exist. You do not see children on a construction site or in an industrial situation."

The most effective ways to safeguard kids, the study found, are to cut down the time they spend doing tasks and increase the time they are



AP Photo

Philip Hanehan, 16, drives a tractor hauling a 28-foot field cultivator on land his family farms in Saratoga, N.Y., Saturday. A new study on child farm accidents, in which the Hanehans participated, has found that giving farming parents safety guidelines can cut injuries to children in half. The study by the Bassett Research Institute and the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, both in Cooperstown, found that giving farming parents the safety guidelines can cut injuries to children in half.

supervised. The test farms were also more likely to follow the center's minimum age guidelines for the use of machinery like tractors and hay balers, researchers said.

The guidelines cover farm jobs for children ages 7 to 16, including such tasks as animal care, manual labor, hay baling and tractor use. The center recommends that children under 7 not work on farms.

Groat, a poultry farmer in Walton, 75 miles southwest of Albany, said her children, ages 6 to 12, have learned to ask questions about possible dangers.

"You don't want your kids riding on tractors," she said. "It's a big

piece of equipment, not a toy. Kids don't think about that, they just want to get on and go."

Gail Scherweit, director of special programs for the North Dakota Farm Bureau, says a child's safety ultimately is in the hands of parents. Still, farmers face challenges other industries do not, she said.

"Some farmers are faced with financial constraints or they cannot get help with child care and have to take their children with them," she said. "Sometimes they live in a remote area where the nearest child care center is 20 miles away. How it's different from other jobs is they're living on their workplace."

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General says Iraqi soldiers must be well equipped

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. general facing the daunting task of training Iraq's demoralized and sometimes mutinous security forces said Sunday his job isn't "mission impossible" and that Iraqi police and soldiers can succeed if they are well equipped and led by officers who have the power to make decisions.



Petraeus

A key to the U.S. exit strategy for Iraq is rebuilding the Iraqi army and the paramilitary civil defense corps and having them take responsibility for security from the Americans.

"We can either carry the rucksack ourselves or get help," Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press. "As an infantryman you

always want help with the load."

Petraeus begins his job in June and will take command of training Iraqi security forces that are in shambles. U.S. officers admit that during recent fighting in central Iraq, almost half of Iraq's security forces in battle areas walked off the job and 10 percent of them actually took up arms against U.S. soldiers.

Iraqi security officers complained that they had outdated

weapons, were poorly trained and underpaid.

"We clearly have to embrace the security forces," Petraeus said. "We really have to treat them like our own forces, equip them properly and have them know if there is trouble we will be beside them."

Petraeus led the Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 101st Airborne Division in the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein and then took control of parts of northern Iraq, where he was widely praised for keeping stability in the area.

Under Petraeus, Mosul, the main city in the north, held the first elections in post-Saddam Iraq to choose a regional council. The 101st Airborne also helped fund projects to rebuild

the area's infrastructure.

Petraeus was known in Mosul for his hands-on approach, visiting local leaders and touring sites that needed repair like the city's looted and burned court house.

"Just empower and enable the Iraqis," Petraeus said when asked about his strategy.

"You go to the governor and you say, 'Governor, you have a problem. How can we help you,' instead of trying to solve the problem yourself," Petraeus said.

But it is not clear whether his Mosul experience will work in other parts of Iraq.

"We have to be very, very careful to recognize the uniqueness of every Iraqi area," he said. Iraq is deeply

split between a Kurdish north, a Sunni Muslim center and a Shiite south. Mosul has a large Kurdish and Sunni population and was a bastion of support for Saddam during his rule.

"I'm guardedly optimistic," Petraeus said. "You don't take on a mission if it is mission impossible."

Last month, U.S. officials said that the coalition will begin recruiting officers from Saddam's disbanded army into the new force, although all officers will be screened to make sure that they did not commit crimes under the former regime.

Petraeus would not comment on the move, but many military officers have been urging the coalition to relax its ban on admitting former

members of Saddam's regime into the military. They have said that the army needs qualified officers and that the ban was alienating top people from the coalition.

Petraeus was criticized by some for allowing former Baathists into positions of power in Mosul.

Hamill ...

From Front

the militiamen for the time being. "We can probably maintain this kind of defense until my higher command allows me to maneuver in the city," White told CNN.

A huge plume of smoke could be seen rising from a building outside of the camp where American soldiers said insurgents had been hiding. U.S. tank and machine gun fire left the building mostly destroyed.

In Baghdad, insurgents Monday opened fire on U.S. soldiers guarding a weapons cache that was discovered the night before, killing one soldier and injuring two, the U.S. military said.

Violence on Sunday killed nine U.S. soldiers across the country. In the heaviest attack, five Navy sailors and one Army soldier were killed in a mortar barrage against a base near Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

In Fallujah, the U.S. military will likely bring in a new commander for the new Iraqi brigade replacing U.S. Marines withdrawing from around the city, an official said Monday — amid uncertainty over the identities of the Saddam Hussein-era generals to whom the United States has handed over control of the guerrilla stronghold.

The Fallujah Brigade, made up of former soldiers from Saddam's army, took up further positions in the cordon around the city, replacing Marines who were pulling back to form an outer cordon. The Iraqi brigade now controls a ring around the southern half of Fallujah and is due to begin patrols inside soon.

Fallujah residents have been celebrating what many consider a victory over U.S. forces, with trucks full of cheering Iraqis driving through the city, waving flags. They also began to survey the damage from the bloody, monthlong siege.

On Monday, Iraqi volunteers wearing surgical masks and gloves disinterred bodies that had been buried in houses and backyards for reburial in a football field that has been turned into a graveyard.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Latif, a former military intelligence officer, is likely to take command of the Fallujah Brigade, a senior U.S. military official said. He would replace Maj. Gen. Jassim Mohammed Saleh, who will likely take a subordinate command in the brigade, the

official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Saleh, a former member of Saddam's Republican Guard, moved into Fallujah on Friday at the head of the new force.

U.S. officials have acknowledged they did not fully vet the leaders and members of the new brigade to see how close their ties were to Saddam's regime — a sign of the military's eagerness to find an "Iraqi solution" to a monthlong siege that had raised an international outcry and strained ties with U.S.-allied Iraqi leaders.

Latif participated in meetings with Marines last week on the creation of the Fallujah Brigade, the top Marine commander, Lt. Gen. James Conway, said over the weekend. Conway said he believed that Latif had been exiled by Saddam's regime for several years.

"He is very well thought of, very well respected by the Iraqi general officers. You can just see the body language between them. And if I had to guess at this point, when we have this brigade fully formed, he demonstrates a level of leadership that tells me that he could become that brigade commander," Conway said.

U.S. officials have shown confusion over the identities of the generals in the Fallujah force. One U.S. officer said Saleh had been involved in "an assassination plot against Saddam and that three of his children had been executed — apparently mistaking him for Mohammed al-Shehwan, a former Air Force officer who in April was named as head of the Iraqi National Intelligence Service and whose three sons were killed by Saddam.

Hoshiyar Zibari, Iraq's Kurdish foreign minister, said there were reports Saleh was involved in crushing the uprising against Saddam's rule following the 1991 Gulf War. Latif does "not have such problems" and at one point was imprisoned by Saddam, Zibari told reporters.

U.S. officials say the Fallujah Brigade will crack down on hardcore guerrillas in the city — though the force itself will likely include some of the gunmen who last month were involved in fighting against the Marines. U.S. commanders say the insurgent movement in Fallujah has been led by foreign Arab militants and former figures from Saddam's

regime. Saleh on Sunday told the Arab television station Al-Arabiya that he did not believe there were any foreign fighters in the city.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday that the U.S. military is still seeking the same objectives in Fallujah: "Deal with the extremists, the foreign fighters," rid the city of heavy weapons and find those behind the March 31 killing and mutilation of four American civilian security workers.

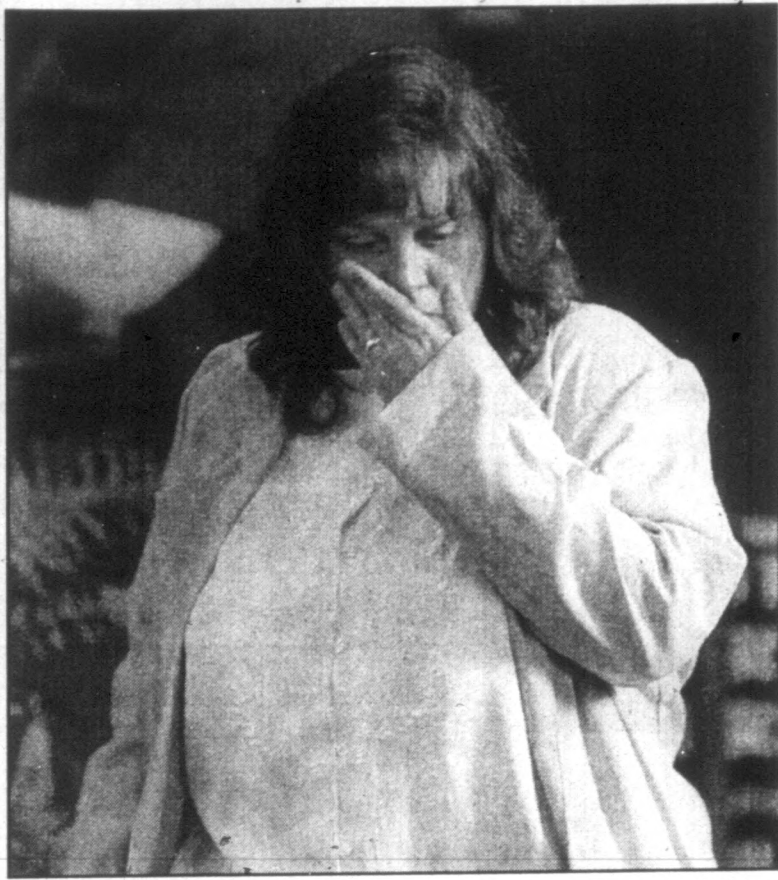
Meanwhile, Hamill arrived in Germany, where he will have a checkup at a U.S. military hospital and see his wife, Kellie.

Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver from Macon, Mississippi working for the Halliburton Corp. subsidiary KBR, was abducted by gunmen on April 9 after his convoy was attacked outside Baghdad. His fate had been unknown since he appeared in a videotape released the next day by his captors, who threatened to kill him within 12 hours unless the siege of Fallujah was lifted.

On Sunday, Hamill reappeared in the town of Balad, 40 miles north of Baghdad, when he ran up to a patrol from the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, part of the New York National Guard, and identified himself. He then lead the soldiers to the house from which he had just escaped, and two Iraqis with an automatic weapon were arrested.

Hamill had an infected gunshot wound in his left arm. The video images of Hamill soon after his abduction showed his left arm in a sling, suggesting he'd be wounded during the attack on his convoy.

Hamill's abduction came at the height of the wave of kidnappings of foreigners sparked by the intense



AP Photo

A tearful Kellie Hamill, wife of former Iraqi hostage Thomas "Tommy" Hamill, walks back to her pew during services at Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday in Macon, Miss. Early Sunday morning, Hamill learned of her husband's escape from his captors. Tommy Hamill, a fuel tanker driver for Halliburton Co. subsidiary KBR, was kidnapped April 9, when gunmen attacked his convoy of fuel trucks in Iraq.

violence that began in early April. An American soldier, Pfc. Keith M. Maupin, remains in the hands of kidnappers, as do three other Italian security guards.

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Bracketing Kerry

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Democrat John Kerry visits a battleground state, he's far from alone.

It's a sure bet that supporters and surrogates of President Bush are already there and ready to talk in public in an effort to steal, or at least divert, the spotlight.

Ahead of Kerry's visit Thursday to Harrisburg, Pa., for instance, state GOP Chairman Alan Novak told residents of central Pennsylvania "to be on the lookout for a flip-flopping presidential candidate from Massachusetts."

It's a political technique known as bracketing. Both parties do it, but the Bush-Cheney team has far more resources at its command — more than \$185 million raised for the campaign and the power of incumbency. Recent Democratic fund-raising has started to narrow the gap, but the Republicans still hold a big dollar advantage.

Prominent Republicans are dispatched to appear before and after appearances by the Massachusetts senator. The GOP circulates talking points. Conference calls are arranged with members of Congress and local officials on the day of Kerry's visit. Campaign ads are unveiled. Senior administration and campaign officials suddenly become available for local media interviews. Cabinet members drop in for visits.

"It's critical that we set the record straight before, during and after Senator Kerry visits a state," said Jennifer Millerwise, who oversees the Bush-Cheney campaign's outreach to local and regional media.

The campaign has divided the nation into five regions and has a spokesman for each region in its bustling Arlington, Va., headquarters.

Mark Kornblau, Millerwise's counterpart in the Kerry campaign, concedes that the Bush campaign has a financial advantage.

"But we have great support networks all around the country of local elected officials who have led in their communities. They'll go out and talk about differences between John Kerry and George Bush on a particular issue," Kornblau said. "These are mainly labor intensive things, where hopefully we have an advantage."

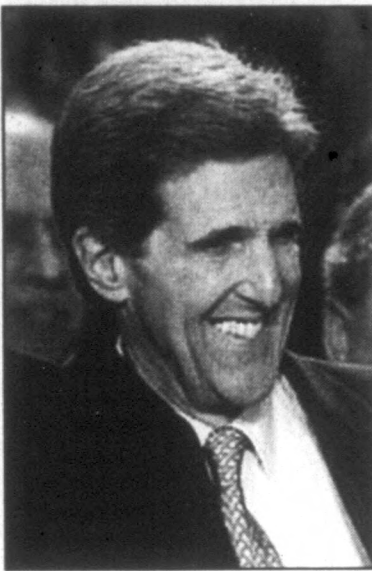
For instance, he said, when Bush went to Appleton, Wis., recently to speak about the economy, local Democratic officials — including Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton — were on hand to talk about job losses under Bush's watch. Some 1.8 million jobs have evaporated in the last three years.

"Appleton, coincidentally, is the home of Harry Houdini," Lawton told reporters covering Bush's speech. "We're wondering where the jobs disappeared to."

Former Clinton administration officials are also pressed into service.

Still, the Kerry campaign's efforts pale alongside the Bush campaign juggernaut, say veteran political observers.

"The Bush campaign is as good as it gets in this regard," said Stephen Hess, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who worked in several Republican administra-



AP File Photo

tions. When Bush campaign officials learned Kerry was to give a speech in hotly contested West Virginia — a state with a high proportion of military veterans — they turned out an ad within 24 hours questioning Kerry's support for U.S. troops. Volunteers also were dispatched to distribute pro-Bush material.

The Bush campaign gave West Virginia reporters the first preview of the TV ad — on the day of Kerry's visit — and began running it in West Virginia.

The next day, the ad aired in 17 other states and on national cable networks.

"We had two days where Kerry had to deal with our message instead of his own," said campaign spokeswoman Nicolle Devenish.

In the week before Kerry's speech on the economy in Cincinnati, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Treasury Secretary John Snow all visited Ohio in their "official" capacities.

Ridge announced a grant in Cleveland, Thompson held a town-hall meeting on diabetes in Cincinnati, and Snow visited workers in the same city, declaring "the economy's stronger."

Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist and long-time Bush watcher, said the Bush campaign's tactics began as an attempt to neutralize "Kerry's use of the daily headlines to frame his attacks on the president."

"They are recognizing that they're in a fight, and using rapid response technology," Buchanan said.

Campaign officials actively reach out to local and regional media.

When they spotted remarks by Kerry on oil in an interview with the Los Angeles Times, the comments were quickly passed to Bush surrogates in Louisiana and Arkansas, both oil states.

"That black stuff is hurting us," Kerry was quoted as saying, noting links between the burning of fossil fuels and global warming and respiratory diseases.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a leader of the Bush-Cheney campaign in Arkansas, issued a news release accusing Kerry of being "anti-job, anti-oil." Local media picked up the remarks.

"Here's the governor of Arkansas talking about how Kerry's one statement on oil will hurt south Arkansas," said Ark. Monroe III of Little Rock, Ark., a former state insurance commissioner and friend of Bill Clinton. "Now, that's effective. It does energize the base and say this guy really can't be trusted. That to me is how thorough they are."

Tom Raum has covered Washington for The Associated Press since 1973, including five presidencies.

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Opening Move

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his immediate opposition, House Speaker Jody Richards and the other four elected leaders of the House's Democratic majority, are to have a private meeting at the Capitol on Tuesday.

The subject will be the state budget — or rather the General Assembly's failure to pass a budget — and prospects for Fletcher calling legislators back into session to give them a second chance.

Fletcher's desire for a new tax code almost certainly will come up in the conversation. The Democrats declined to entertain that desire during the regular legislative session, which ended April 13.

The meeting Tuesday is but the gambit, not the whole chess match.

The governor has made it clear that the House Democrats must strike a deal with Senate Republicans before he will call a special session. There was no indication through week's end that the two sides had closed any ground on the issue dividing them.

The Senate, in taking and rewriting the House's budget bill, incorporated Fletcher's tax plan, which would cut some taxes on individuals and corporations. But because it is supposed to be "revenue neutral," it also would raise or expand other taxes. Anyone who voted for it could be accused, however unfairly, of voting for a tax increase.

In budget negotiations, Senate Republicans demanded that the House share in their pain. The Democratic leaders refused. The session ended budget-less, as also happened in 2002, when the two sides had a standoff over Republican demands to do away with partial public financing and spending limits in gubernatorial campaigns.

Then-Gov. Paul Patton called a special session to try to get a budget before the new fiscal year began. The effort failed. Fletcher said he has no intention of duplicating Patton's mistake. There will be no special session without an advance agreement.

Fletcher, like Patton before him, is preparing an "executive spending plan" with which he would run state government, beginning July 1, unless the General Assembly enacted a budget beforehand.

All around the state, school superintendents and school boards are following the continuing drama with more than a little anxiety.

Knowing they were starved for information, Fletcher last week



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gave superintendents a basic funding figure on which they could plan budgets for next year — budgets that by law have to be sent in to the Department of Education before the end of May.

Deeper issues remained unresolved and can only be finally resolved when a budget is passed. For example, no bonds for school construction projects could be issued after June 30 because there

would be nothing to back them up in the continued absence of a budget with appropriated debt service.

In a meeting with superintendents on Thursday, Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit could only leave them with some self-evident advice: Plan conservatively.

Charles Wolfe is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

AGREE OR NOT

By Todd Duvall

Friends in High Places

FRANKFORT - In the course of four - and perhaps eight - years in office, Gov. Ernie Fletcher will have hundreds of opportunities to leave his own personal and political stamp on state government through his power to appoint members to boards or commissions, whose members serve staggered terms.

Some of those appointments are critically important - governing boards of state universities as well as the Council on Postsecondary Education, the State Board of Education, the Public Service Commission among them. Other appointees regulate certain professions and industries like Kentucky's important horse racing industry. And still others promote Kentucky products and businesses.

But apparently Fletcher isn't willing to exert his authority over the public school system by appointing friendly members of the State Board of Education over time. He wants it now by way of his appointed Education Secretary Virginia Fox.

The problem is that state law says differently. One of the key reforms enacted overwhelmingly by Democrats and Republicans alike in the 1990 General Assembly was to abolish the old Department of Education and start anew from scratch. That new department was to be headed by a commissioner of education hired by the State Board of Education, who was to be a professional in school finance and governance. The elected superintendent of public instruc-

tion was relegated to obscurity until the voters could change the constitution to eliminate the office altogether.

It was a long-needed reform that replaced politicians at the head of public schools with a professional educator. Previous superintendents had played the musical chairs game of spending four years as commissioner of agriculture and four years as superintendent of public instruction and back again. Others had used - and abused - the office to spend four years preparing to run for lieutenant governor. All the while, Kentucky boasted the most illiterate adult population in the country.

In the 14 years since the 1990 Education Reform Act was passed, Kentucky has had three commissioners of education, each of them an educator of national stature who nurtured KERA and its goals through good times and bad as far as money for schools is concerned. Right now is the bad time, and without a state budget to guide them, local school officials across the state are trying to figure out how to prepare their own budgets for approval this month without knowing what to expect from Frankfort.

Local school superintendents were due in Frankfort last week to meet with Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit and department officials to learn what they should expect if no state budget is passed before July 1.

Two days ahead of that scheduled session, Fletcher and Fox summoned superintendents suddenly to their own meeting behind closed doors where Fletcher promoted his failed tax modernization plan and promised an additional \$8 million to help finance pay raises for school librarians, guidance counselors and assistant

principals.

Wilhoit wasn't at the meeting. He says he wasn't invited. Fox says there was a scheduling problem.

Someone is being less than forthright. Since he appointed Fox education secretary, Fletcher has been insisting that she is in charge of the Department of Education. He even put language to that effect in the budget he sent the General Assembly. The House took the language out. Without any budget, the statutes creating the department and job of commissioner in 1990 still apply.

What were the 100 superintendents who came to the Fletcher-Fox meeting to think? They depend entirely on Wilhoit and his agency to help them in planning everything from salary schedules to new construction projects. Wilhoit and his agency were not involved.

The bigger question is what is Fletcher's hurry in getting control of the Department of Education? What's his agenda, and what does he want Fox to do that Wilhoit either cannot or will not do?

Fox has an impressive history running Kentucky Educational Television, but she's not a professional educator grounded in the arcane world of school funding. She's a political appointee presumably doing what Fletcher expects.

That's not who the General Assembly wanted running education in 1990, and it is not who should be running education in 2004.

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

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Mrs. Evelene Koss, 78, Ky. 94, East, Murray, died today, Monday, May 3, 2004, at 5:30 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was married March 29, 1946, to Raymond Koss, who died April 19, 1994.

Born Oct. 8, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Berlin Higgins and Lou Cindy Cothran Higgins. Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Helen Fruit, Murray, and several nieces and nephews.

Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Methodist conference awaits ruling from high court in case of lesbian pastor

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United Methodists entering the final week of their national meeting have turned to the church's highest court for help enforcing a ban on ordaining gays.

Responding to a question from delegates, the Judicial Council released a ruling Saturday that church law clearly declares gay sex "incompatible with Christian teaching." The court said in its 6-3 decision that violations could lead to removal from church office.

In light of that ruling, delegates directed the court to review the case of the Rev. Karen Dammann, a lesbian who was acquitted of violating church law by a jury in Bothell, Wash.

Dammann had admitted she was in a relationship with a woman, and the March 20 verdict outraged conservatives.

The court will release its decision on Dammann before the General Conference ends Friday. The gathering, which reconvenes



Dammann

Monday after a one-day break, is held every four years to set church policy and has been a battleground on homosexuality for decades.

No one expects the 8.3 million-member denomination to break apart over the issue. Delegates have consistently voted by large margins to reject proposals more accepting of openly gay clergy. That trend is likely to continue among this year's nearly 1,000 delegates.

Still, conservatives say Methodists who disagree with church law have been ignoring it, and they have proposed giving the Judicial Council more power to intervene. If no action is taken, they warn, individual Methodists might leave their congregations or withhold donations in protest.

Seven Americans reprimanded in alleged abuse of prisoners

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Seven more U.S. soldiers have been reprimanded in the alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners, and the U.S. officer who oversaw Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib prison suggested Monday that more may be involved.

On the orders of Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, six of the soldiers — all officers and noncommissioned officers — have received the most severe level of administrative reprimand in the U.S. military, a military official said on condition of anonymity. A seventh officer was given a more lenient admonishment.

The official said he believed investigations of the officers were complete and they would not face further action or court martial. However, the reprimands could spell the end of their careers.

Another six U.S. military police are facing criminal charges.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who oversaw the prison, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that she did not know about the prisoner abuse while it was happening.

"They were despicable acts," Karpinski said Monday. "Had I known anything about it, I certainly would have reacted very quickly."

Karpinski, commander of the 800th Military Police Brigade, said that in one photograph from the prison, there appeared to be more Americans involved in the alleged abuse than the six MPs who have already been charged.

"Absolutely. One photograph showed — it didn't show faces completely, but the photograph showed 32 boots," Karpinski told ABC. "I'm saying other people than the military police."

It was not clear if that would include the seven soldiers reported reprimanded Monday.

Last week, CBS' "60 Minutes II" broadcast images allegedly showing Iraqis stripped naked, hooded and being tormented by their U.S. captors.

An internal U.S. Army report found that Iraqi detainees were subjected to "sadistic, blatant and wanton criminal abuses," according to The New Yorker magazine.



Iraqi Dhaia al-Shweiri, 30, gestures as he talks in Najaf, Iraq, Sunday, after spending several stints in Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib prison, twice under Saddam Hussein's rule and once under American.

Concern rises over schoolchildren charged with felonies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Critics of a state law that makes it a felony for anyone to injure or attempt to injure a school employee say it's bringing too many young children into the court system.

The law, adopted in 2002, is one of several authorities are using to bring criminal charges against children for behavior at school, said Peter Schuler, Jefferson County's chief juvenile public defender.

Charlie Baker, a safety official at the state's largest school district, said Jefferson County Public Schools can't always control which cases result in criminal charges. They must notify police if they suspect a felony occurred at school.

"Honestly, we sometimes are embarrassed when certain cases get to court," said Baker, who has begun meeting with juvenile justice officials to address the problem.

While schools are not required to bring criminal charges, individual victims — teachers, other school employees or parents of students — may

do so. And police officers who work in some schools may arrest students if they observe or learn of an offense.

One of the youngest charged has been a 7-year-old at Wheatley Elementary School. His mother and attorney say the first-grader hit and kicked a counselor taking him out of the classroom for misbehavior.

Even though the boy was taking anti-psychotic medication, he was arrested, handcuffed and taken to a youth center on felony assault charges.

"It's ridiculous," said Schuler, the public defender. "It's something we'd expect the Taliban to do."

But Assistant Jefferson County Attorney Paul Richwalsky, chief of the juvenile division, said he believes that children accused of crime at school need to come before a judge. If there are mitigating factors, such as the child's age or mental health, those can be discussed in court, he said.

"They're serious cases," he said. "I have been surprised by the number of cases coming out of

the schools."

David Richart, head of the National Institute on Children at Spalding University, said prosecutors should use more discretion. Many students charged with crimes have mental-health problems or learning disabilities and arresting them won't help, he said.

"It just feels like this is getting out of hand," Richart said. "It seems like we're just kind of dumping kids on the court system."

Baker said the number of student arrests may have increased since police officers were added to 18 troubled middle and high schools in January. Neither court nor school officials track the number of charges against children that originate in schools, but juvenile court officials say the numbers are growing.

Baker said, however, that the number of arrests made by the school police officers was 53 in January, 165 in February and 40 in March. Research shows arrests decline as the police officers and students adjust, Baker said.

Prisoner from Vermont sexually assaulted in Kentucky prison

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A Vermont inmate reported he was sexually assaulted by an officer at a Kentucky prison this week, the Corrections Department said Friday.

The man is at the Marion Facility, Commissioner Steve Gold said. Ray Flum, a director at the Vermont Corrections Department, was due to travel to Kentucky this weekend to meet with the inmate and with police and corrections officials in that state. If the situation calls for it, the inmate will be returned to Vermont, Gold said.

"That's a decision we're making over the weekend," Gold said Friday.

The Vermont Corrections Department has been under intense scrutiny in the last several weeks. A report issued last month in the aftermath of several inmate deaths in state custody was sharply critical of the department's policies, and the superintendents of the prisons in Newport and St. Albans were suspended from their jobs with pay.

The release of information Friday about the assault is a sign that the department is trying to be more

open.

"We're ... wanting to improve the transparency of the department and not have things be kept a secret that don't need to be," Gold said. "So with the support of the administration, we decided to let people know this was going on."

The alleged assault happened Thursday at the prison, according to Gold, who did not release the inmate's name, age, or hometown. He said the inmate was not physically harmed, and at his request his family had been notified.

The company that runs the prison, Corrections Corporation of America, investigated the complaint and then put two officers on leave, Gold said. Kentucky State Police were also investigating, he said.

Vermont has more than 350 inmates housed in prisons in other states because Vermont prisons are full. Almost all of them are in Kentucky; 233 of them are at the Marion facility, Gold said.

Under Kentucky law, any sexual contact between an inmate and a prison officer is treated as sexual assault, Gold said. In fact, Vermont

is the only state in the country that doesn't treat staff sexual misconduct with prisoners as a criminal offense, he said. Gold thinks that should be changed.

"In my view, it can't really be consensual; you have a basic power relationship between offenders and the staff," Gold said. "That power relationship always will, I believe, create a situation that at least skews any consensual situation that might be going on between any two peo-

ple."

Because of the differences between Vermont law and Kentucky law, it's not easy to compare the number of sex assaults at prisons in the two states. Gold said he knew of several cases of sexual misconduct in Vermont prisons in recent years, but hadn't heard of a sexual assault during his tenure of just over a year.

"There certainly has been sexual misconduct that we have investigated and taken action on, up to and

including dismissal of individuals," he said. "But this is the first time in my experience in this job that I've gotten a call late at night telling me that something like this has happened."

Attorney Seth Lipshutz, a prisoner's rights advocate with the Vermont defender general's office, commended Gold for sending out a press release about the assault report.

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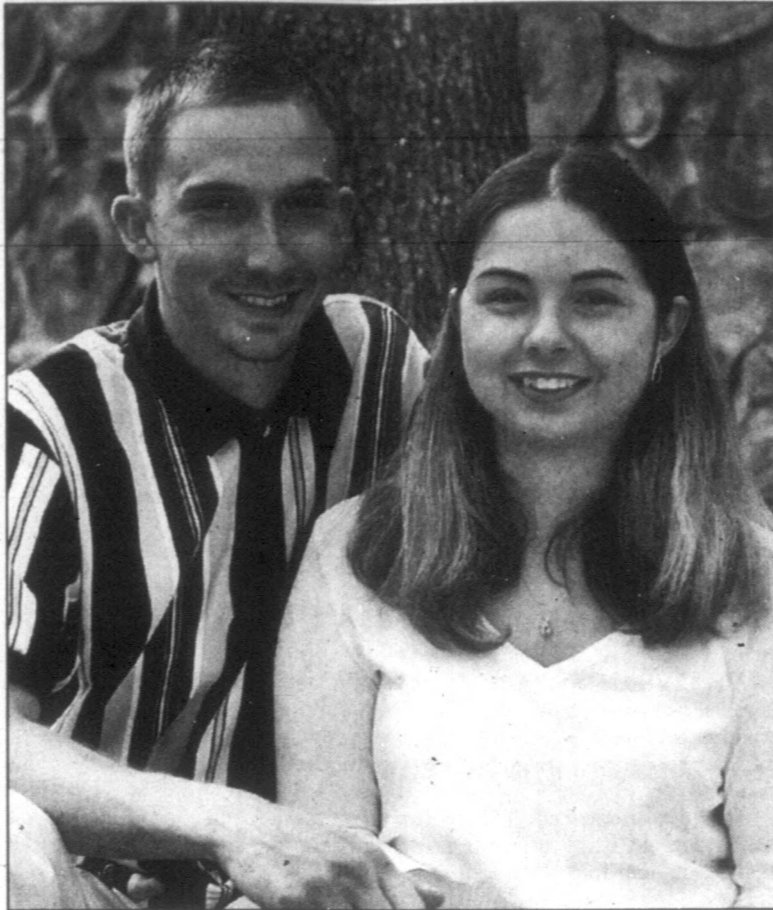
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Amy Agyeman, side photo, presented a program on the activities of the Stroke and Head Injury Support Group for survivors and caregivers held at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Health and Wellness Center. Mayrele Clark gave the thought for the day. Hostesses were, bottom photo, from left, Inus Orr, Kay Ray and Martha Joiner. The next meeting of the department will be Thursday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Health and Wellness Center.



Engagement



Myers and Tucker

Tony and Lisa Boyd of Kirksey and Billy and Carol Myers of Benton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Myers, to Mitchell Ray Tucker, son of Stanley and Dorothy Tucker of Murray.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Laverne Owens and the late Cecil Owens and of Willene Myers and the late James (Abe) Myers, all of Benton.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late John and Nell Edney of Caruthersville, Mo., and the late Freed Hardeman and Mary Christeen Tucker of Lynn Grove.

Miss Myers is a 2000 graduate of Calloway County High School and is currently a junior at Murray State University. She is employed by Murray-Calloway County Hospital Child Care.

Mr. Tucker is a 2002 graduate of Calloway County High School. He is a member of Murray National Guard and employed by M & T Painting.

The wedding will be Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at Kenlake State Park Resort Hotel, Aurora.

A reception will follow at the hotel. All relatives and friends are invited.

Travis selected to present papers at national conference

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Amy Travis of Murray, Ky., was among 22 Samford University students selected to present research papers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Ind., April 16-18.

Travis' paper was titled "Fancy Farm Picnic: Staging an Event for the Media." A journalism/mass

communication major, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. David Travis of Murray, Ky.

NCUR presenters were selected through a review process last fall. Samford students were in competition with students nationwide for available spots on the NCUR program. Projects were undertaken as part of senior-level seminars and honors courses.

BirthAnnouncements

Matthew Lane Parrish

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Parrish are the parents of a son, Matthew Lane Parrish, born on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 8:59 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed six pounds 10 ounces and measured 20 inches. The mother is the former Tonya Patterson. A brother is Will Parrish. Paternal grandparents are Terry Parrish and Danny and Cindy Dunn, all of Murray. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Ruth Knight Dalton and Linda Patterson, all of Paris, Tenn.

Paternal great-grandparents are Van McGinnis and Betty Parrish of Murray and Joe and Pat McPherson of Omaha, Neb. Maternal great-grandparent is Edith Lane Hart.

Ladies of the Oaks

Ladies of the Oaks Country Club will have its first ladies day golf of the season on Wednesday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the club.

Pairings will be made at the tee and all lady members of the club are invited.

Hostesses will be Doris Rose and Shirley Jenstrom.

The final day of regular Bridge play for the ladies was on April 28 with Maxa Read as hostess.

Winners were Jo Anne Auer, high, and Bronda Parker, low.

Murray Kiwanis Club plans annual breakfast



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Murray Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 8, from 6 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, 203 South Fourth St., Murray.

Tickets at \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under are available at the door or can be purchased in advance from a Kiwanis member.

Proceeds will benefit the children of the community.

Spring concert by Laker bands

Calloway County Laker Bands will present a spring concert on Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Murray State University Lovett auditorium. The concert will feature the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and high school bands. There is no admission cost and the public is invited.

MMS Council will meet Tuesday

Murray Middle School Site-based Decision Making Council will meet Tuesday, May 4, at 4:30 p.m. in room 103 at the school.

P.S. I Love You course scheduled

The P.S. I Love You, six weeks course for improving parenting, will be repeated starting Tuesday, May 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Calloway County Adult Learning Center, 404 North 4th St., Murray. The workshops are open to the public, but the class is limited to 10 people. These workshops teach basic parenting information that can be applied to all ages of children. For information or pre-registration call Dolores Wells at 753-2155.

Murray Art Guild plans workshop

The Murray Art Guild "En Plein Air Workshop and Paint Out" in the Gardens of St. John's Episcopal Church, Murray, will be Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, May 4. For information or registration call 753-4059.

Parent Support Group to meet tonight

Parent Support Group, formerly called Parents Anonymous, will meet today, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 753-7004.

LifeHouse promotion is today

LifeHouse will have a rebate day at Captain D's today, May 3. Customers are requested to place their receipts in the box on the counter for LifeHouse.

Kappa Department to meet Tuesday

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have "Ladies Night Out" Tuesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at J. Edwards Restaurant. Hostesses are Dru McKinney and Evelyn Wallis.

Murray Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the annex of Calloway Public Library. This will be birthday potluck night and dues night. This is open to all singles whether divorced, widowed or never married. For information call Vickie, at 753-3128, Helen at 436-5642 or Laverne at 753-0181.

Temple Hill Lodge will meet

Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 of Free and Accepted Masons will meet Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall, located on Highway 464 east of Almo.

Lodge meeting will be tonight

Murray Lodge No. 105 Free and Accepted Masons will meet tonight, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall.

MWC Board plans meeting

The Executive Board of the Murray Woman's Club will meet tonight, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the club house.

Fire district meeting tonight

Calloway County Fire Protection District will meet tonight, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the No. 1 station of Calloway County Fire-Rescue, East Sycamore Street, Murray.

Laker Band Boosters to meet today

Calloway County Laker Band Booster meeting will be today, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Calloway County High School band room. Middle and high school parents and all interested persons are invited.

Murray Tiger Booster Club to meet

Murray Tiger Booster Club will meet tonight, May 3, at 7 p.m. at Murray High School. Officers and committee chairs for the coming year will be elected. All officers, sports representatives and other interested persons are urged to attend.

Water district board will meet

Dexter-Almo Heights Water District Board will meet tonight, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the district water office, 351 Almo Rd., Almo.

Health Express lists weekly stops

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer blood pressure checks, pulse and osteoporosis screenings on today, May 3, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Save-A-Lot, Murray; on Wednesday, May 5, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Lowe's, Murray. For information call 762-1348.

Arts and Crafts Show planned

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park will mark the traditional start of the summer travel season, Memorial Day Weekend, with its annual arts and crafts show.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30, in the North Village.

The best work of regional artisans will be available for display in this juried show. Also on tap are craft demonstrations, live Bluegrass music and door prizes. There is no admission or parking fee.

Guests can also buy a wide array of traditional Kentucky food, from the region's famous barbecue, to beans and cornbread, corn on the cob and other hearty fare.

All of the other park's activities will be in full gear as the travel season heats up, from boating and swimming to golfing and riding horses.

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Wetland Reserve applications are being accepted

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications from qualified landowners for enrollment consideration into the Wetland Reserve Program. Landowners can enroll their land under a 30-year or permanent easement for a lump sum, up front easement payment and have USDA pay 100 percent of the wetland restoration costs.

Eligible lands include farmed wetlands, prior converted cropland and farmed wetland pasture. This is an opportunity to retire fields where crops are frequently lost to wetness. Review the warranty easement deed carefully as the program may not meet all landowners' objectives.

Contact the local district conservationist to determine if your land might qualify. The next ranking deadline for applications to be considered will be May 17. For more information, contact NRCS at 88 Robertson Road, Murray, or at 753-5151.

Jackson Purchase ACA issues patronage checks

In April, members-borrowers of the Jackson Purchase ACA received patronage refund checks for 2003, as announced today by Tommy Murphey, Chief Executive Officer.

The patronage refund for borrowers of Jackson Purchase ACA totaled more than 2.6 million. \$941,900 of the refund was paid in cash and the remainder was placed in a capital account for the cooperative's members.

"Jackson Purchase ACA had another successful year in 2003, and we are pleased to be able to share our success with our borrowers, to put our profits in their pockets," said David Leonard, Chairman of the ACA Board and Graves County fanner. "This is the seventh consecutive year we've paid a patronage refund. Since 1997, Jackson Purchase ACA has returned over \$13.9 million to its member-borrowers through patronage refunds."

"When we distribute our profits to our borrowers, it reduces their

effective cost of borrowing," Mr. Murphey stated, "and it proves there are distinct financial benefits in doing business on a cooperative basis."

Jackson Purchase ACA, a fanner-owned cooperative, makes long-term farm and rural home loans, home equity loans, intermediate-term loans for machinery, equipment and buildings and short-term production loans. Other financial services available through Jackson Purchase ACA are credit life insurance, crop insurance and leasing programs.

At December 31, 2003, Jackson Purchase ACA had approximately \$212 million in loans outstanding to over 1,900 members. Jackson Purchase ACA has eight branch offices located in Bardwell, Clinton, Draffenville, Hickman, Kevil, Lone Oak, Mayfield and Murray and serves Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties.

Ticks search for that special meal

I've experienced it more than once and you may have also, awakened in the middle of the night by a slight movement on an arm or leg. The movement continues in a slow progression

as the tick inches along the appendage. There are no real options as what to do next. It will have to go. I'm fascinated by the insect world and the means by which creatures persist. Ticks are interesting in a repulsive kind of way.

The two tick species which are most common in Kentucky are the American dog tick and the lone star tick. The American dog tick is a three-host tick. The tiny larva has six legs. It feeds on rodents such as the meadow vole for 3 to 6

days, then drops from the host. After about a week, it casts off its skin to become an eight-legged nymph. The nymph feeds for a similar length of time on another small mammal and then drops to the ground, where, after 2 to 3 weeks, it becomes an eight-legged adult. Adults prefer larger mammals, including dogs and humans. The male mates with the feeding female after his brief bloodmeal and does not become distended with blood. The female feeds for 7 to 10 days, drops to the ground, and after several days lays thousands of eggs. The female usually dies shortly after the eggs begin to hatch. Adults are most abundant from mid-April to mid-July. American dog ticks prefer overgrown

vacant lots, waste farm fields, weedy roadsides, and edges of paths and hiking trails. They wait on grass and weeds for a suitable host to brush against the vegetation. Once on the host, they crawl upward, seeking a place to attach and take a bloodmeal.

The lone star tick gets its name from the prominent white dot on the back of the adult female. Lone star ticks also have a wide host range and require three blood meals to develop into an adult. In Kentucky, the term "deer tick" is used when referring to very small nymphal lone star ticks which are commonly found in western and south central portions of the state.

There are several steps that help reduce tick problems:

- Avoid walking through uncut fields, brush and other areas likely to harbor ticks.

- Inspect family and pets after being in tick-infested areas, and promptly remove any ticks which are found. Ticks do not travel very far without a host. Keeping pets free from ticks helps reduce tick numbers in the yard and home. Pets may be treated with insecticide dips or sprays, although these products generally lose effectiveness in about a week.

- Keep grass and shrubs in the yard trimmed, and clear overgrown vegetation from edges of your property. Ticks avoid direct sunlight and will not infest areas which are well maintained.

Treating lawns is of little benefit since this is not a preferred habitat for ticks. If insecticides are used, concentrate treatment in areas where pets, rodents, and other potential wild hosts of ticks are likely to frequent, such as a dog house, fenceline, and along margins between wooded or brushy areas and the lawn. Carbaryl

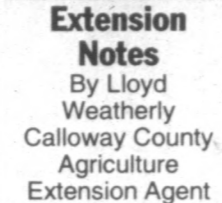
(Sevin) and permethrin are effective materials. Make 1-2 applications -- the first during April or May when ticks are detected, and another, if needed, in early July.

To remove ticks, use fine-point tweezers, grasp the tick just behind the point of attachment and pull slowly and steadily until the tick is dislodged. Wash the bite area, apply antiseptic and cover with a band-aid.

Lyme disease is a potentially serious bacterial infection, transmitted through the bite of certain species of ticks. The disease affects humans and a wide range of animals including pets and livestock. Neither of the two tick species which are most common in Kentucky, the American dog tick and the lone star tick has been shown to transmit Lyme disease. Lyme disease is present in Kentucky but the mechanism of transmission is not yet known.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever has not received the media attention of Lyme disease, but is potentially more deadly. Each year there are roughly 10-30 reported cases of RMSF in Kentucky. Although RMSF can be successfully treated with antibiotics, medical experts estimate that without treatment, 20% of those infected could die. In Kentucky, the primary vector of RMSF is the American dog tick, although lone star ticks may also transmit the pathogen.

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Extension Notes
By Lloyd Weatherly
Calloway County Agriculture Extension Agent

Farmer seeks restrictions to stem Sudden Oak Death

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer has asked United States Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to place additional restrictions on plant life coming from California into Kentucky in an effort to ward off Sudden Oak Death.

Commissioner Farmer issued a Plant Quarantine in March banning importation of nursery stock from California. The pathogen that causes Sudden Oak Death was discovered in camellias and traced back to a large-scale nursery outside a 12 county area in northern California where SOD was believed to have been contained. The U.S. Animal

and Plant Health Inspection Service subsequently issued a Federal Quarantine regulating interstate movement of known host plants and associated host plants of the SOD pathogen from California. The APHIS order superseded Farmer's March order and was not as stringent as the Kentucky ban.

"The state of Kentucky, due to its favorable climate, plant diversity, and large oak forest population, is at an extremely high risk for introduction and establishment of P. ramorum (the SOD pathogen) and would be adversely impacted by SOD if it were to become established," Commissioner Farmer

wrote in a letter to Secretary Veneman. "The impact of P. ramorum cuts across a wide spectrum of Kentucky interests, including horticulture, forestry, urban/suburban neighborhoods, and wildlands."

Farmer pointed out that the known host plant list for P. ramorum has grown from three in 2000 to 59



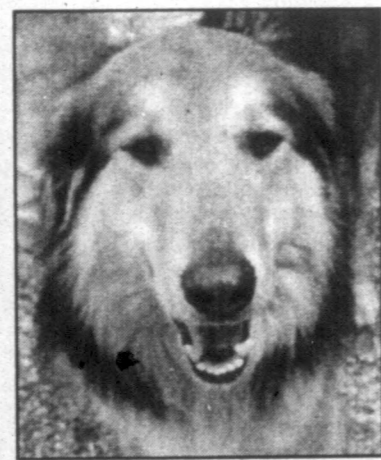
Farmer

in early 2004.

"There are too many species of plants that have not been tested by USDA to verify that this is the total number of host plants," he said. "Only after each individual plant, along with the plant material, has tested negative for SOD will plants from California be allowed entry into Kentucky."

The commissioner also noted that the pathogen escaped the 12-county confinement area in California "despite a variety of regulatory and control techniques." Sudden Oak Death was first identified in California in 1995 and killed tens of thousands of oaks there.

Pets of the Week



UP FOR ADOPTION...Murray-Calloway County Animal Shelter, located on Shelter Lane, has listed this adult male Australian Shepherd mix, left, and this adult male Collie mix for adoption. Hours of the shelter are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. For information call 759-4141.

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Sports

Monday, May 3, 2004

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'Breds sweep weekend series from UT-Martin

MSU one-half game back of SEMO for sixth and final OVC Tournament spot

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray State Thoroughbreds completed a sweep of a three-game weekend series with Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee-Martin, by winning both games of Sunday's doubleheader at Reagan Field.

MSU won the day's first game 5-4 in 10 innings on a single by second baseman Derrick Newton. The home team took the latter game 4-3 with another game-winning single by first baseman Josh Foreman.

The 'Breds won Saturday's series opener 9-5 before rainy weather forced the completion of Saturday's scheduled twin-bill to Sunday.

The series sweep, coupled with Jacksonville State's home sweep of Tennessee Tech, brings Murray (14-28, 8-10 OVC) to within a half-game of sixth-place Southeast Missouri State (8-9 OVC).

Sunday's first game was picked up where it was stopped on Saturday, with UTM leading 2-0 in the middle of the first inning.

The Skyhawks (14-28, 5-13 OVC) scored a run in the second inning, but Murray State (14-27, 8-10) responded with three in the third inning.

The 'Breds tied the game in the bottom of the seventh, when Clint Griggs led off with a single and reached second on a base hit by shortstop Alex Stewart. Scotty Scott was hit by a pitch to load the bases, and Griggs scored on a ground-out to even the score at 4-4.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, left

fielder J.D. Merritt led off with a bunt single. Designated hitter James Akin followed with a single up the middle, moving Merritt to third. Akin stole second base, and Newton ripped a single to left-center, scoring Merritt for the win.

Scott led all hitters, going 3-for-3 with a run batted in. Griggs and Newton each had two hits, with Griggs scoring twice. Catcher Bo Baxter doubled for MSU.

For Tennessee-Martin, Bryant Jones went 2-for-5 with a double, a run and two RBIs, while Nick Bruner and Kayo Anderson each had two hits. Douglas Nicodemus scored twice for the Skyhawks.

On the mound for MSU, West Harris (1-4) pitched well in relief, allowing no runs on three hits, striking out nine (tying the team season-high) and walking one in six innings.

Dustin Summers (1-3) took the loss in

relief for Martin, allowing two runs on six hits while striking out two in 3-1/3 innings.

The 'Breds completed the sweep in the series finale, scoring the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh.

Tyler Pittman got things started for the 'Breds by drawing a two-out walk. He then moved to third on a single by Stewart. Scott was hit by a pitch to load the bases, bringing Foreman to the plate.

The junior first baseman hit a single to right-center field, plating Pittman and Stewart for the 4-3 win.

Pittman led the MSU offense with two hits, compiling a double, a run and an RBI. Foreman had two RBIs for the 'Breds, while Griggs and Baxter doubled.

Brett Spivy and Nick Bruner led the Skyhawks with two hits apiece, while Nick Luper and Anderson each doubled

for UTM.

Pittman (1-1) picked up the pitching win by tossing a complete game, allowing three runs (one earned) on 10 hits, striking out four and walking none in seven innings.

Martin's Ben Meador (5-4) took the loss, allowing four runs on seven hits, striking out nine and walking three in 6-2/3 innings.

In the three-game series with the Skyhawks, Murray scored 13 of its 18 runs scored with two outs.

The 'Breds will take the week off for final exams before returning to action on Saturday at Austin Peay. The three-game series opens with a doubleheader, beginning at 2 p.m. The series concludes with a single game on Sunday at 2 p.m. All three games can be heard locally on WRKY (1130, Murray).



130th Kentucky Derby



Smartey Jones (15), with jockey Stewart Elliott up, drives down the stretch to win the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Lion Heart (3), with Mike Smith up, finished second.

Derby winner could skip Preakness

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Derby winner Smartey Jones has "some work to do" to even make it to Baltimore in two weeks for the second leg of the Triple Crown.

"If he does go back to the track and I don't like the way he's training, then he's not going," trainer John Servis said Sunday, a day after the Derby victory. "If I'm not as confident as I was this week, we'll skip it. There are too many races down the line."

Smartey Jones, the first undefeated Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977, was scheduled to be shipped to Philadelphia Park on Monday or Tuesday to resume training.

If all goes well, Servis said he would send him to Pimlico a few days before the May 15 Preakness Stakes.

Derby runner-up Lion Heart is expected to race at Pimlico, while fourth-place finisher Limehouse, The Cliff's Edge (fifth) and Borrego (10th) also are being considered.

Also expected for the 1 3/16-mile Preakness are Eddingtofi and Rock Hard Ten, two colts who hadn't won enough money to get into the Derby field; Cheiron; and Water Cannon.

Cheiron is trained by 21-year-old Kristin Mulhall, who sent out Imperialism to a third-place finish in the Derby.

"The intelligent thing to do would be to run Cheiron in the Preakness and freshen Imperialism and run him in the Belmont," said Steve Taub, who owns both Cheiron and Imperialism. "Whatever Kristin wants to do is what we will do."

Smartey Jones and Lion Heart turned what was supposed to be a wide-open Derby into a two-horse race.

Smartey Jones, with rookie Derby rider Stewart Elliott, aboard, caught the pacesetter Lion Heart near the top of the stretch and then pulled away to win the 1 1/4-mile race by 2 3/4 lengths.

"My horse ran a great race, but he (Smartey Jones) was the better

horse on the day," Lion Heart trainer Patrick Biancone said, already back at Keeneland with his colt. "I have a world of respect for him. Smartey Jones could be anything."

While Smartey Jones is 7-for-7, with five starts this year; Lion Heart has just five career races — three this year.

Servis said the Pimlico course known for tight turns and a speed bias won't give Lion Heart an edge. However, he said Lion Heart "can easily go forward in a big way" since he's so lightly raced.

The Preakness is limited to 14 starters, but there has not been a full field since 1992.

Lady Lakers take 2nd place at tournament

Staff Report
Murray Ledger & Times

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Calloway County Lady Lakers took second place over the weekend, falling to Beech Academy, Tenn., in the championship game of the

Lexington Catholic Invitational on Saturday.

The Lady Lakers (16-5) suffered a 9-0 shutout against the team that hails from Nashville. Calloway junior hurler Kayln Fox took the loss, going the distance while allowing five hits on nine runs and striking out four.

Five errors in the sixth inning proved to be the difference for CCHS. Previously, the team had won nine in a row, including four in the tournament.

In order to get to the championship game, the Lady Lakers disposed of Allen County-Scottsville, 8-3. Fox took the win on the mound, giving up two earned runs on eight hits and striking out five.

Danielle McMillen and Chelsea Morris each finished 2-for-4 on the day. Morris also had two RBIs

in the win. Jessica Greer had two RBIs and was 1-for-3.

Carrie Radke and McMillen each scored in the first inning. Ashley Chadwick, Whitney Hendon, Fox, Radke, McMillen and Morris all scored in the third inning.

In the first game on Saturday, CCHS pounded the host team, Lexington Catholic, 10-2.

Fox threw a three-hitter and struck out 11. She helped herself out offensively, going 2-for-2 with a triple and an RBI. Radke finished 2-for-3 at the plate while Greer was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. McMillen was 1-for-2 with two RBIs and two walks.

Fox scored in the first inning and again in the third, along with Radke and McMillen. Chadwick added a run in the fourth. Aimee Dial, Fox, Radke, McMillen and Greer all scored in the fifth.

On Friday night, Chadwick threw a one-hitter as Calloway beat Ashland Blazer 12-2.

Chadwick fanned 10 and walked none. She finished 3-for-4 at the plate. Fox went 3-for-3 and striking out five.

The Lady Lakers were scheduled to play at Reidland today at 5 p.m.



Cardinals' coaches Joe Pettini, center, and Dave McKay, left, congratulate Scott Rolen after his 10th-inning, bases-loaded single beat the Chicago Cubs on Sunday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Spurs rally past Lakers in Game 1, 88-78

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal says his team got a good look at the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series. Next time the Lakers will be ready.

Los Angeles shot poorly in the first half Sunday, staged a bold rally in the third quarter, then collapsed in the fourth in an 88-78 loss to the defending champion Spurs.

"This game was a 'feel-out' game so we know how the series is going to go," said O'Neal, who made only one basket and had no rebounds in the fourth quarter. "We'll go back home and review some tapes, practice on a few things and we'll be ready."

Game 2 of the Western Conference semi-

NBA Playoffs

final is Wednesday in San Antonio, with the Spurs going for their 17th straight win.

Tim Duncan scored 12 of his 30 points in the final period, including three straight jumpers in a late 10-0 run, to lead the Spurs' comeback.

Los Angeles, leading 65-62 after three periods, committed 10 turnovers and scored only 13 points in the fourth quarter. The Lakers were held without a field goal for a six-minute span, and San Antonio had seven steals in the quarter.

"We tried to force-feed Shaq, and they got four or five turnovers out of that helped

them get back into the game," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "By and large, we were victims of our own inability to execute."

Duncan drew double-teams almost every time he got the ball in the second half, causing him trouble both posting up and driving. After scoring 15 points in the first two periods, he had only one basket in the third.

He scored on a layup and a jumper in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, then made his three straight jumpers in the decisive run.

In the only other game Sunday, New Orleans beat Miami 89-83 to force a seventh game Tuesday night in their Eastern Conference series.

Cards top Cubs in 10

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After Matt Morris and Carlos Zambrano matched zeros, the St. Louis Cardinals took advantage of the Chicago Cubs' bullpen again.

Scott Rolen capped a three-hit game by lining a bases-loaded single off Kyle Farnsworth to the warning track in the 10th inning, giving St. Louis a 1-0 victory Sunday.

The Cardinals have won two of three in the four-game series, both in their final at-bat and both times thanks to wild Cubs pitching. Mike Matheny drew a bases-loaded walk from LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth inning of a 4-3 victory Friday, one of four walks in that inning, and Farnsworth walked three in the 10th on Sunday.

"I'll take that every time, to pitch like that, keep your team in the game and for us to pull it out," Morris said. "It's a little more demoralizing to the opponent to win a close ballgame like that."

Farnsworth also took the loss Friday, when he walked Albert Pujols to start the ninth.



Five members of the Jackson Purchase Futbol Club have been chosen to represent Kentucky as members of the Kentucky Olympic Development Program Final State Team. Two additional players were selected as alternates. Members of the team include (front row, from left) Matthew Hines, Graham Puckett, Jacob Hines, (back row) Bobby Puckett, Bryan Aldridge, Drew Nowlin and Ian Bradley. Bradley and Bobby Puckett are the team's alternates.

Darden seventh among strong-men

Special to the Ledger

According to the latest Samson-Power IFSA-USA Rankings, Clint Darden of Murray is ranked seventh among American strongmen on the professional level.

Currently, there are 40 pro strongmen in the United States who are all competing to be the best in the country.

Darden, 26, is 6-foot-2, 290 pounds. He has competed in strongman competitions for the last three years. He earned pro status in February 2003.

This year, Darden traveled to Boston to compete in one of the most challenging strongmen contests in the country. He competed with a torn left hamstring.

"My hamstring has really held me back a lot since December, and it has been a constant challenge since I injured it again in Boston," Darden said. "But I'm doing the best that I can, and I'm having a lot of fun. That is what any athlete should be doing anyway."

"The rankings may have me placed a little high at this point in the season, but hopefully with some good fortune in the rest of the season I can maintain that seventh-place spot and gain on it in the future."

Darden is currently training for the St. Louis Show Me Pro-Am



Clint Darden

contest, to be held May 8-9 in St. Louis.

"Right now, there are about 30 guys who are fighting for 10 spots to Nationals. When I get to St. Louis, there will only be five spots left up for grabs, so I know that it is going to be tough."

"The best competitors in the country will all be there with one of the toughest two days of competition ever seen in the U.S. I'm really excited to have the opportunity at one of those five qualifying spots left."

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Philadelphia	11	12	.478	3	Baltimore	12	10	.545	2
New York	10	15	.400	5	Tampa Bay	8	15	.348	8 1/2
Montreal	6	20	.231	9 1/2	Toronto	8	17	.320	7 1/2
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Pittsburgh	12	11	.522	2 1/2	Detroit	13	12	.520	2 1/2
St. Louis	13	12	.520	2 1/2	Cleveland	10	13	.435	4 1/2
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	3	Kansas City	7	16	.304	7 1/2
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Los Angeles	15	9	.625	—	Texas	15	9	.640	—
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San Francisco	12	14	.462	4	Oakland	12	13	.480	4
Colorado	11	13	.458	4	Seattle	9	16	.360	7
Arizona	10	14	.417	5					

Saturday's Games
Detroit 4, Seattle 2
Cleveland 3, Baltimore 2, 13 innings
N.Y. Yankees 12, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 5, 14 innings
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 1, Chicago Cubs 0, 10 innings
Colorado 13, Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 2
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 4
San Francisco 9, Florida 8, 11 innings

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Madux 1-2) at St. Louis (Marquez 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 3-0) at Houston (Oswalt 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Colorado (Jennings 1-3) at Montreal (Vargas 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 2-1) at Florida (Beckett 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 1-1) at Philadelphia (Myers 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Tomko 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
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San Diego (Eaton 1-1) at Atlanta (Ru. Ortiz 2-3), 6:35 p.m.
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Pittsburgh (Fogg 0-3) at Houston (Pettitte 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Seattle 12, Detroit 2
Baltimore at Cleveland, p.p.d. rain
N.Y. Yankees 4, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 2
Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 2
Texas 4, Boston 1

Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Gobble 1-0) at Toronto (J.Miller 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Schilling 3-1) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Schoenweiss 2-1) at Baltimore (Answorth 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Abbott 2-2) at Texas (Rogers 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 3-1) at Anaheim (Colon 3-2), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston (Lowe 3-1) at Cleveland (C.Lee 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 0-3) at Toronto (Hentgen 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 4-0) at Baltimore (DuBoise 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-2) at Texas (Park 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 1-2) at Seattle (Moyer 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Robertson 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Conteras 1-2) at Oakland (Mulder 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

Lady Lakers edge out Lady Tornado Laker tennis spilt with Paducah Tilghman

Girls

Calloway Co. 5, Paducah Tilghman 4 (Friday, April 30)

Singles — Katie Bogard (C) won 8-0, Shelby Webb (C) def. Amy Chan 8-2, Jennifer Vincent (C) def. Amy Tempus 8-0, Natalie Parker def. Brittany Lemons (C) 8-0, Sara Chen def. Chelsea Darnell (C) 8-1, Meredith Lortie def. Nahyun Yoo (C) 8-1.

Doubles — Vincent-Webb (C) won 8-0, Lemons-Yoo (C) def. Chan-Tempus 8-6, Chen-Lortie def. Bogard-Franklin (C) 8-1.

Boys

Paducah Tilghman 7, Calloway Co. 2

Singles — Jon Black (C) def. Max Voorhies 8-1, Anthony Taylor (C) def. Jacob Haley 8-6, Mark Kaltenbach def. Josh Stewart (C) 8-0, Alex Johnson def. Chris Conner (C) 8-0, Will Pinkston def. Jared Vincent (C) 8-1, Tyner Dumortier def. Josh Price (C) in a tiebreaker 9-8, (7-4).

Doubles — Kaltenbach-Johnson def. England Taylor (C) 8-0, Dumortier-Pinkston def. Black-Price (C) 8-4, Haley-Rowton def. Cantrell-Vincent (C) 8-1.

Derby highest rated since '92

NEW YORK (AP) — Smarty Jones' win in the Kentucky Derby produced an 8.3 overnight rating, tying the 2001 and 2002 races for the highest-rated since 1992.

The rating for NBC's broadcast of Saturday's race was up 8 percent from last year's Kentucky Derby, which was won by Funny Cide and produced a 7.7 rating.

The rating for Saturday's race peaked from 6-6:30 p.m., the half hour that featured the running of the race. That time slot had an 11.9 rating, up 20 percent from last year's 9.9 for the same segment.

Smarty Jones became the first undefeated winner of the Kentucky Derby since Seattle Slew in 1977 and the first winner with a first-time Derby trainer (John Servis) and jockey (Stewart Elliott) since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

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Blood in the urine is never normal

DEAR DR. GOTT: Six months ago, at age 52, I began having a dull pain in my testicles and groin. Then I noticed a brown color to my urine, which my urologist confirmed was blood. A digital exam and PSA cancer-screening test were normal. He diagnosed a prostate infection and put me on an antibiotic for three weeks. The problem continued.

Several weeks later, a second urologist performed an ultrasound exam of my bladder and kidneys. Nothing abnormal showed up and he told me to "sit on it for a while." I'm still bleeding into my urine. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt, hematuria (blood in the urine) is never normal. It can result from infections, stones or growths in the urinary tract. Thus far, you have had appropriate testing — but not enough. In my opinion, you need to have a set of kidney X-rays and — quite possibly — cystoscopy, a test during which a urologist examines your bladder and lower urinary tract with a lighted tube, in search of polyps or a cancer.

"Sitting" on your problem is not, in my view, a reasonable alternative. Seek out a third opinion from another urologist. Although your bleeding may be entirely benign — such as simple leakage from a weakened blood vessel — if a more serious situation is present, it should be aggressively addressed. A "wait and see" strategy is not good enough.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder/Urinary Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send a

long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 49 and basically healthy. My problem is that I am constantly hungry. I feel that I need an appetite suppressant and wonder what you would recommend that is safe.

I don't eat red meat, just a little chicken or fish and quantities of vegetables. I frequently snack on junk foods. One hundred-sixty pounds is too much for my height, but I'm so darned hungry all of the time.

DEAR READER: First, you should be examined by your family physician to determine whether your excessive hunger has a physical basis, such as diabetes or an endocrine disorder.

Second, you may wish to analyze your life pattern to see if stress could be playing a role. For example, when people are depressed or under a lot of emotional pressure, they may eat excessively to reduce tension. Your doctor can organize the various tests and resources that you need. I urge you to avoid appetite suppressants, which can be dangerous and are not appropriate for long-term use, because they can increase blood pressure and may be habit-forming.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which contains my no flour, no sugar diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

Teen who outgrows shelter searches for new direction

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I was placed in an emergency shelter for seven months, until I graduated from high school. I turned 18 three weeks ago. Because of state guidelines, I was forced to leave the shelter and went to a foster home for a week.

The shelter has a policy that there be no contact between the staff and clients for 18 months, but I was allowed to call there. Last week, I got a call from the director of the shelter, saying, "I needed to stop calling and move on with my life."

My problem is, before I went there I had no positive support or role models, and now, when something good happens, I want to call and talk to one of them because I got real close to them.

Do you have any advice on how to move on with my life? -- LOST IN ALABAMA

DEAR LOST: It is unconscionable that children are dumped from the system with no skills, no one to confide in, and no one to mentor them.

Contact the foster youth program in your state. Ask to speak to a social worker and inquire about transitional counseling and support. You should also contact the YWCA and see if they provide mentoring. You have reached a point where you must decide where you want to go in life.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in the fall and have asked my niece to be the only musician and play her violin in my wedding. She agreed to do it as a gift to me.

I want her to purchase a bridesmaid's dress and shoes (together about \$220) so she'll match the

bridesmaids, as she'll be in the front of the church. Her family refuses to buy the dress or shoes. This has upset me and my family and caused a lot of tension.

It is my wedding, and I feel they should accommodate my wishes. Don't you agree? -- HURT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR HURT: Not necessarily. Two hundred and twenty dollars may not seem like much to you, but it may be to your niece. So be prepared to pony up the money and pay for her outfit if you're determined that she match the bridesmaids.

Look at it this way: You're getting a live musician at no cost. Consider the costume your gift to HER for participating in your dream wedding.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old high school student. My friend "Denise" has an almost insane crush on a friend of ours. Denise is so obsessed with him that she has hysterical fits of crying and rage if he pays attention to another girl. She talks about suicide if she can't be with him.

I know this is not normal, but I don't know what to do. I'm concerned Denise will hurt herself or someone else. -- CONCERNED FRIEND IN CALGARY

DEAR CONCERNED: Tell your parents, a teacher, or a counselor at school about her behavior, her threats and your concerns. Your friend has gone off the deep end and may need to be psychologically evaluated.

LookingBack

10 years ago
Murray State University hosted the 56th annual senior breakfast this morning at eight o'clock at the ballroom of Murray State University Curris Center.

A special exhibit featuring art work created by Sherry Darnall's Murray High School Art Class is now on display at the downtown branch of Bank of Murray.

Births reported include a boy to Dave and Regina Pfeiffer, March 15; a girl to Tammy and Michael Henson, a girl to Sheila and Jackie Herndon and a boy to Lucinda and Russell Wilson, April 28; a boy to Becky and Christopher Sledd and a girl to Jennifer and Ricky J. Revel, April 29; a girl to Lee Ann and Mitch Adams, April 30.

20 years ago
John Mack Carter received the Distinguished Alumni award at the annual banquet of Murray State University Alumni Association. Carter is editor-in-chief of *Good Housekeeping* magazine and director of Magazine Development for Hearst Magazines. Carter is a former resident of Murray.

Murray State University Tennis Team has won its fifth championship of the Ohio Valley Conference. Bennie Purcell is coach.

Marine Pvt. David J. Denham, son of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Denham, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

30 years ago
Z.C. Enix was named "Man of the Year" for 1974 by the Murray Chamber of Commerce at the 48th annual anniversary banquet at Murray State University Student

Union ballroom. Charles Weinsbreider, vice president of marketing of Fisher-Price Toys, was speaker. Grayson McClure, president, presided.

Named as superlatives of the 1974 senior class of Murray High School were Denise Hook, Glenn Jackson, Rhonda Garland, Ricky Lowe, Ray Lane, Cathy Mitchell, Larry Lovett, James Clayton, Beth Wilson, Debbie Landolt, Tyrone McCuiston, Sheri Thornton, Trina Nicks, Phillip Adams, Krista Kennedy and Tony Thompson.

40 years ago
A chapter of Friends of the Library has been formed by a group of interested citizens for Calloway Public Library. Officers are Ruth Cole, Mrs. Henry McKenzie, Mrs. James Fee and Jessie Shoemaker. Directors are Dr. A.H. Kopperud, Dr. Donald Hughes and Charlie Lassiter. Trudy Lilly, junior at Murray High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Lilly, has been awarded her state homemaker degree by the Kentucky Chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

James O. Williams of the department of languages and literature at Murray State College, spoke about "Censorship of Literature" at a meeting of the Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club.

50 years ago
Winners of the essay contest on "Independence Hall," sponsored by the Murray Woman's Club, were Elsie Love, first, and Carolyn Wallis, second, for Eighth Grade; and Lochie Bell Overbey, first and Stephen Sanders, second, for Seventh Grade.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, May 3, the 124th day of 2004. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Twenty-five years ago, on May 3, 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

On this date:
In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

Ten years ago: President Clinton presided over a televised forum from Atlanta, during which he denied suggestions he'd vacillated on foreign policy, but said global problems were more difficult than he'd imagined.

Five years ago: Tomatoes roared across Oklahoma and Kansas, killing at least three dozen people and injuring hundreds. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 11,000, just 24 trading days after passing 10,000. One year ago: New Hampshire awoke to find its granite symbol of independence and stubbornness, the Old Man of the Mountain, had collapsed into rubble. Funny Cide rolled to victory in the Kentucky Derby.

ContractBridge

Famous Hand

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A J 2
♥ 10 6
♦ A Q J 3 2
♣ Q 10 3

WEST
♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ K J 2
♦ 10 6
♣ K 9 6 5

EAST
♠ —
♥ 8 3
♦ K 8 7 5 4
♣ A J 8 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 5 3
♥ A Q 9 7 5 4
♦ 9
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♥
Pass 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 4 ♠
Pass 5 ♠ Pass 5 ♠
Dble Pass Pass Rdbld
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠
Dble Rdbld All Pass

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Nearly all of the attention to the United States' victory over Italy in the Bermuda Bowl last November has been focused on the last two deals, which saw the U.S. overcome a 21-IMP deficit to win by 1 IMP.

But another remarkable deal that made a critical difference in the outcome was this one from earlier in the 128-board match. The Italian pair of Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio

Duboin held the North-South cards in the auction shown. North's two-club response was artificial and asked South to further describe his hand. A series of relay bids ended with North-South in six spades redoubled.

Bob Hamman, West, led a diamond, the suit his partner had doubled on the five-level. Duboin put up dummy's ace, led a heart to the ace and played a second heart, planning to ruff a third round of hearts in dummy, if necessary, and so make the slam.

Hamman won the second heart with the jack and, knowing what Duboin did not know — that the trumps were divided 4-0 — cleverly continued with the king of hearts. Duboin ruffed with dummy's jack to forestall a potential overruff by East and then cashed the ace, learning that he had to lose a trick to Hamman's ten for down one.

Had Duboin cashed the ace or jack of spades before starting the hearts, he would have uncovered the trump situation and would have had an easy time making the slam.

At the other table, the U.S. North-South pair stopped conservatively in four spades, making five for a score of 450 points. This, added to the 200 gained at the other table, gave the U.S. a pickup of 12 IMPs. Had Duboin played a high trump from dummy at trick two, however, Italy would have gained 15 IMPs and would have won the world title by 26.

Tomorrow: Circumventing a guess.

Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- Crack pilot
 - Casual greeting
 - Nest builder
 - Romantic song
 - Kook
 - About 0.4 in.
 - Feminist — Jong
 - Cargo
 - Workout place
 - Rain hard
 - Attention getter
 - Installment
 - Smidgen
 - Mug for the camera
 - of approval
 - Two, in combos
 - Puts on guard
 - Reduced one's intake
 - Fridge maker
 - Vow
 - Electric swimmers
- DOWN**
- The rudiments
 - Pitch a tent
 - Loop train
 - Shrew
 - Common phrase
 - Concerning
 - Slick
 - Act moody
 - Mont. neighbor
 - Look sleepy
 - Morgan — Fay
 - Cautioned
 - Billiard sticks
 - Cathedral part
 - Flying prefix
 - chi ch'uan
 - Gance or Ferrara
 - Proposals
 - Lobby call
 - Dairy-case item
 - Sediment
 - Faucet
 - Brook
 - Football stands
 - Mr. Sulu's place
 - Zany
 - "The — Mutiny"
 - Map detail
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 - Film speed ind.
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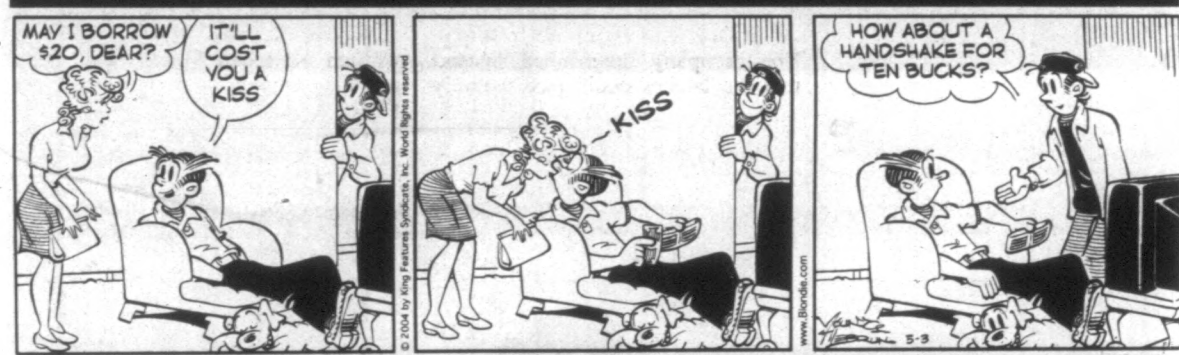
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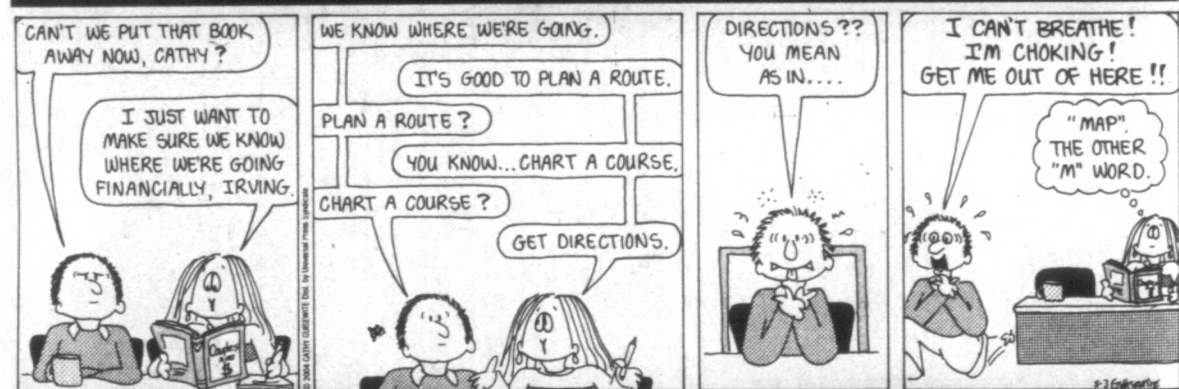
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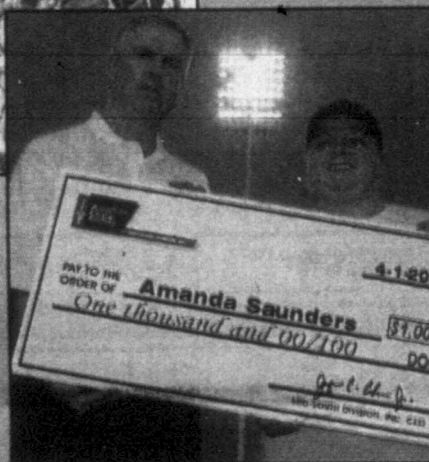
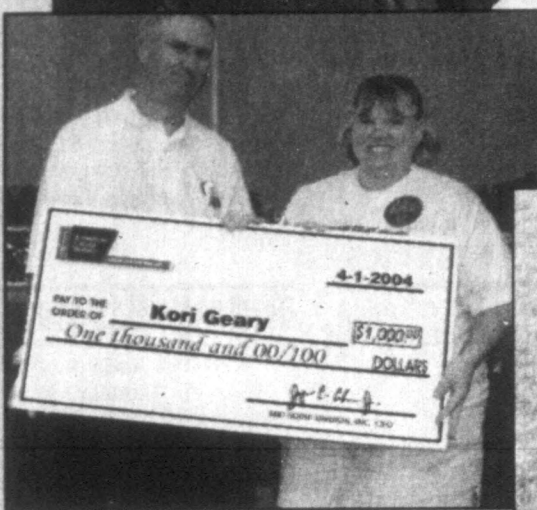
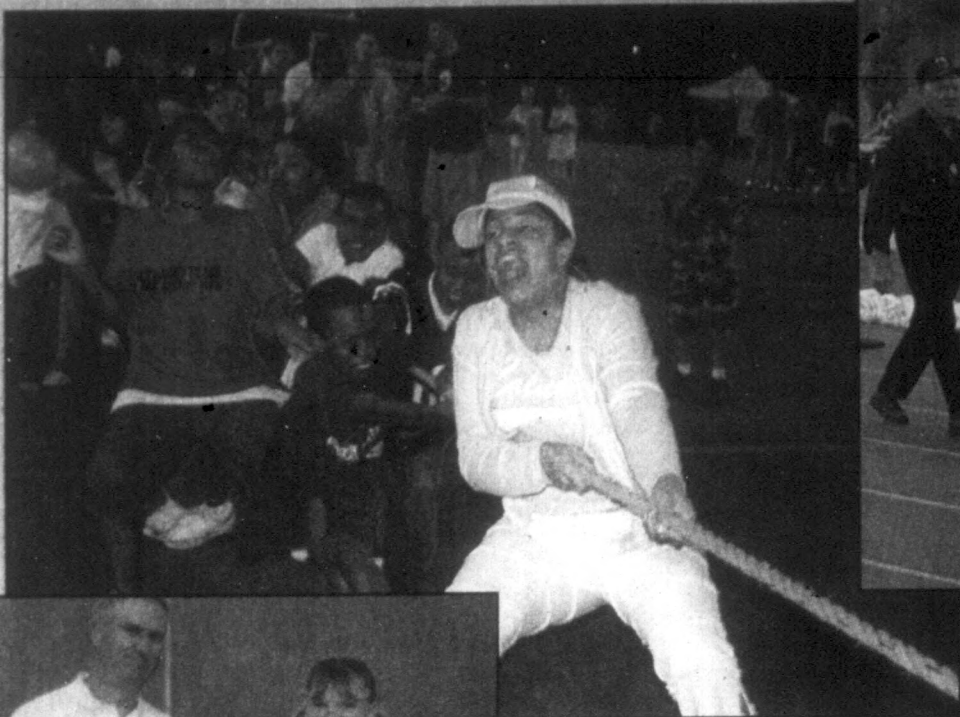
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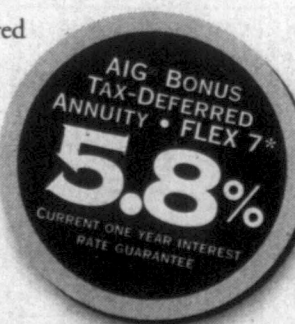
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My mom is all kinds of things. This is just a couple of things. But I could list them forever. My mom does a lot of amazing things. She is very funny. If I were going on a trip and it was taking a long time she would be joking and say lets just go home. One time she said it and I didn't know she was joking. But after that my mom told me and I felt better. She is also very sweet. One time my mom took me out of bed because there was a tornado. But she comforted me. She is very helpful when I need it. When I'm down she cheers me up by asking if I want to go on a bike ride, or play ping pong with her? Of course I always say yes! Because its so fun. I think sometimes she lets me win when we're playing ping pong. But thats ok, that means she loves me. And it always makes me feel better. One time I was sick and she set with me. Those were some of the reasons that I love my mom and will never stop loving her.

Anne Courtney

My mom is special becuse she takes me to soccer tournaments when its raining or not. Just a few weeks ago we got a pool and every day she goes and looks if their is any dirt in the pool. My mom is funny because she said "I'll be the first one in the new pool." But she wasn't my brother, and I were the first ones in the new pool. She will be the last one in. My mom is brave becuse it was hailing and a tournado came at a soccer game so we ran to Tylers car to be saff. That's why I love my mom.

Alex Miller



Holly Bloodworth's class at Murray Elementary School

Do you have a loving caring mom like I do? One time she ran into the living room and turned off the tv and we ran to the bathroom and I asked her why she did that? She said there was a tornado and she shared the blanket with me. That's why I love my mom. My mom loves me very much. I bet yours does to so go give her a big hug.

Garrett Holland

My mom is a very special person in my life. One reason is because she is caring. She goes to soccer games that she probably doesn't even want to go to. Another reason is because she never gives up on a project she is working on. She helps me fix mistakes on my homework or in my life. The last reason is because she makes me feel happy when I'm down. That is why I love my mom.

Lyssie Wright

I love my mommy because she is very sephl to me. My mommy git's me stuff when I need it. Sometimes when I want somethan she gets it for me. My mommy is nice to me because she gives me good hugs and kisses. My mommy was brave when she had sugery. She recoverd well. My mommy makes our house look and smell good. She is so nice.

Ian Umstead

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■ **Bloodworth's ...**

From Page 2

Why I love my mom is because she is tall and pretty. She has short blond wavy hair. She always buys the things I want. She spends her money on swimming lessons. She always takes me to school shopping. Sometimes she is a little goofy. She is my hero. She is always taking time to come watch me jump on my trampoline. She will let my friends come and spend the night at my house. My mom is the best person in the world. For dinner, she will cook what I like. That's why I love my mom.

Hayley Warner

My mom has brown hair and brown eyes. My mom is super. She spent all her money on me Saturday. We went to Fish Fry. She gave me money to get snow cones. She always wins me stuff such as a Susey doll. Another reason is she tells me stories about her childhood for example. She tells me about when she rode the bus to school with her brothers. When she went to school her mom was sick. She died when she was young. She lets me get stuff like this. I want snacks. "Well we need some." OK. She lets me get it. I love my mom. She takes me to school. When I get out she says have a nice day and I say love you mommy. That's why I love my mom.

Kirby Pittman

Do you have a special person in your life? I do. It's my mom!!! She loves me very much and I love her the same. My mom is a great role model. She makes right choices and hardly ever makes mistakes. She shows me how to do a lot of things. I look up to my Mom. My mom is good at surprising. When I'm bored she'll surprise me with Yu-Gi-Oh cards and movies. My mom is always by my side. When I don't feel good she takes me to the doctor and makes me chicken noodle soup. My mom always does stuff with me. She plays games with me. We play Cadeo, Trouble and Monopoly. She always wins except for sometimes I win!!! She also takes me to movies. We have a great time together. I love my mom a lot!!!

Jacob Menage

She's nice, funny, brave and loving. She has brown hair and likes the color red. She's very nice because she sacrifices her time to get my clothes ready to sell. She teases me to make me laugh. When I am grumpy it makes me happy. She also is brave enough to teach a 2nd grade class at church that is as wild as a bear who got stung by a bee. My mom is loving because she reads me books that I want and reads me more when she doesn't get to another time and that's very loving. I love my mom very much and I hope nothing happens to her. And she's my mom.

Paige Drew

My mommy has brown hair and likes basketball. I love my mommy because she takes me to school. Every day she says, "Have a nice day." I say "I will." Another reason why I love my mommy is because she plays with me. One time we played horse outside, I'd never beaten her before. I beat her that day HORSE to HORS. Also she helps me. In an all-star tournament, I had a bad headache. We'd played 3 games in a row in over 90° weather. She told me to drink water. And I did. Then I went back out to play and won the MVP. The last reason why I love my mommy because she is tough. When her mom passed away in March a couple years ago, and her dad passed away 18 days later in the same month. She cried but she still hung through it. That's why I love my mommy. The end.

John Lollar

My mom has black hair and brown eyes and that's what I think is beautiful. My mom is almost a cheerleader for me. She roots for me in my games and I feel safe with her on the sideline. She drives me to school and every single time she says, "Bye I love you, and I would say, "Bye love you too." My mom gets food on the table by babysitting. We sometimes help her when she is trying to fix a bottle for the baby. When she has time to play with us we go jump on the trampoline. It is really fun with my mom. That's why I love my mom.

Tyler Greer

I love somebody very much in my family and she's very special to me. Her name is Stacie and she's my mother. I have a bunch of reasons to tell you why I love my mom. One reason is because she stands up at work for thirty hours at Briggs and Stratton working on engines. Another reason is because she buys food for us and says things like if somebody robs us and tries to shoot us she will get shot first to protect us. One special reason is how she became a Christian and that really changed her life and me and my sister's life. Because it shows us how we should act and to be lady like and that's why I love my mommy.

Dominique Gary

There is someone in my family that means everything to me. That person is my mom. When I'm not feeling well she will say, "Nurse Foo Foo is coming." That's what we call my dog when my brother or I are sick. That always brightens my brother or I up. Another reason is that she is always there for me. Like when I'm sick and she has to work she calls her work and takes off until I'm a little better. She is also really active. My mom and I love to go shopping and out to eat. We love to go places like Dairy Queen and we love to take long walks. The last reason is she is the best mom in the whole entire world. My mom loves to try new things like tennis and kickball. That is why I dearly love my mom.

Maggie Morris

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■ Bloodworth's ...

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My mom is caring, wonderful, stands up for me and when she goes on a trip she always get me something. My mom stands up for me. She will try to give a message to the person I am mad at. She is a very nice person once you get to meet her. But she still has her moody sides. My mom is a wonderful person. She is a wonderful mom because she will get away from Murray with me because we are in a situation that we both don't want to be in. We both go out and have a ball when we get away. My mom is a caring person. If I have a bad day at school she will comfort me in her arms. She will say its ok and tommorows another day. When my mom goes on a trip she always gets me something. She is a giving person. Like when she went to the rodeo while I was grounded she got me a T-shirt from the rodeo. My mom is a nice person.

Joey Miller

My mom has brownish red hair and she sometimes wears glasses. And she has brown eyes. I love my mom because she takes care of me. And takes me to soccer. She cheers when I make a goal and cheers when I don't. She makes me feel good when I'm sad and mad. She makes me the best supper ever. I think she should be on t.v. as a chef. She takes care of me when I'm sick. She gives me medicine and puts the thermometer in my mouth. I love my mom.

Hogan Sullivan

My mom is tough. She never gives up on me when I'm in the dumps. She plays with me. She plays catch with water balloons and football in the backyard. She is brave doctors me with I am very ill. Great role model always gives a bright warm smile when she is mad or sad.

Jared Benningfield

My mom is nice in all kinds of ways but I could only pick four so I picked the best ones. The first reason is she always there when I'm down like when I'm sad she picks me up when I fall. What I am trying to say is when I'm sad she picks me up and says it's going to be okay. The second reason is she loves me. She sometimes lets me do the things I want to do but she does not let me do things she thinks will hurt me. The third reason is she hugs me when she misses me. She gives me the best hugs ever. The fourth reason is she's tough when my great great Granny Ella died they were really close but my mom was tough she made it. If somebody dies in your family think about the good times with them. It will make you feel a little better. They will love you forever. Just try your best to be happy as possible. If your happy it will make the person that you miss happy. This is how I feel about my mom.

Alexandrea Milby

There's a special person in my life. She's my mom. She is loving, brave, kind and sweet. My mom is loving because she works all the time for me and gain. And to by us food. She is brave because her baby died. Then she got divorced. She was strong about that. My mom is sweet because she tucks me in every night. My mom is kind because she gives me healthy food and sometimes she lets me eat chocolate.

Michelle Milligan

Hi my name is Meagan Winder. I'm going to write about a special person in my family. This person is my mom. My mom has wavy brown hair. She works at the hospital, and she wears glasses. My mom is warm, lovable, comfortable, and makes me feel safe. At night she comes into my room and tucks me in. When I hug her she feels warm. When I'm tired she always lets me put my head on her lap and covers me up. When I'm scared or tired she'd always hug me. Last year when we had that big storm my house alarm went off. I thought someone broke in or we had a fire. I was waiting for the burglar or fire to come to me. I heard something. It was my mom running to get me! She carried me into her room. My dad was in the kitchen with the radio. He thought a tree was going to fall on the house. When my mom hugged me I felt safe. That's why I love my mom.

Meagan Winder

The reason why I love my mom is she takes care of me. Because she buys me my needs. The second reason is she is fun. She buys stuff for us to make it with her. The last but not least is the third reason is she takes me out to eat. When she takes me out to eat I have to be good for that. That is why I love my mom a lot. I love you mom.

Samantha Bowman

My mom is special because she is helpful. She likes t.v. She likes jokes too. We all like cats in my family. She's helpful because she helps me with my homework. She likes HG t.v. or home and garden television. She likes jokes. One of her favorite jokes is what do you call a pig that takes karate? A pork chop. She likes cats. She had one when she was little. Now we have three cats.

Charlie Graves

My mom is special to me because she is everything to me. She is special in my family. When I'm sick she will stay and not go to work then the next day I feel better than I go to school. My mom goes to work. Then if I be good for a week we get to shopping and get something from Wal-Mart. Then we go home.

Danté Howard

I love my mom because she buys me food like spicy chicken sandwiches. She always tucks me in at night when I go to bed she says "night night see you in the morning." Sometimes she lets me sleep in her bed. Mom buys me stuff like toy water guns and all kinds of stuff. She waits outside when I get off the bus. She also is a good maker. She makes buttons and bumble bees. My mom takes me to my ball games. She's done so many things for me. That's why I love my mommy.

Brandon Redd

My mommy is nice, very nice. She takes care of me by washing my clothes and feeding me. She helps me with my homework. She is a baseball softball mom. She is a good mommy. I love her!

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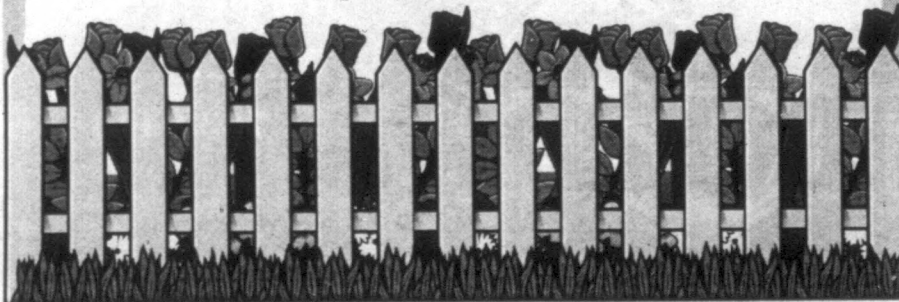
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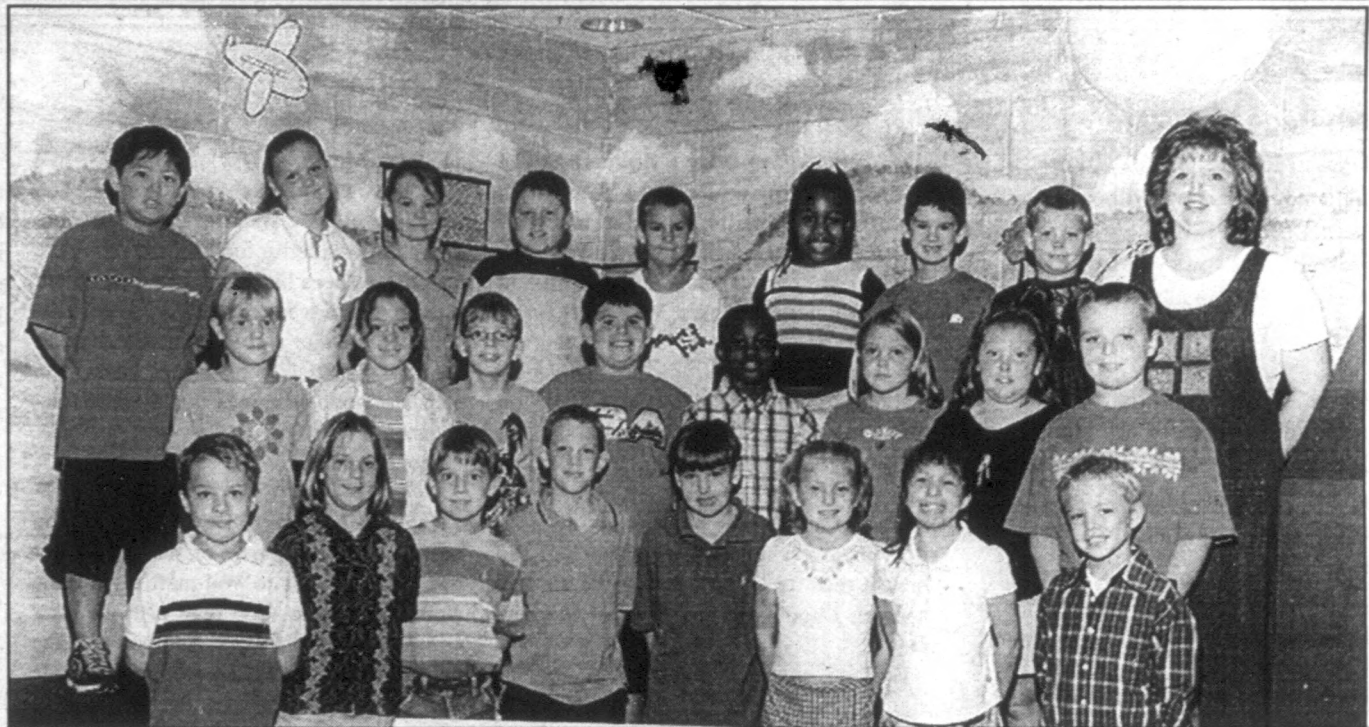
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Happy Mother's day! I love you because you take me to school. You take me to dairy queen which is relly cool. You laugh and you cry just like me. You cheer and make cake's which is relly neat. You helped me when I broke my leg, you helped me when my fish was dead. You tuck me in at night and get me out of fright and those are the most important reasons I love you.

Adrian Herndon

Happy mothers day I love you because your'e my mom. you buy me food and fix it. you take me to sports. you hunt with me. you buy me toys. you buy me clothes. you tuck me in at night. you let me walk with you and when I get tired you go back when you could keep going. you help me with my school work. you take me places like gatties and church skating rink and much more I Hope you have a good mothers day

Jay Roth



Kandi Dawson's class at Murray Elementary

Happ Mother's Day! I love you for what you do. When you are babysitting for me that makes me feel like you are trying to help with my chores and thank you. When you cook dinner and even when you cook lasagna that is my favit of all. When you take my to dairy queen after school it makes me feel great. When I need help with my homework you're there for me. Thank you for being there!

Peyton Mays

Happy Mothers Day! Resons I love you...You take care of me when I'm sick. That makes me feel good. You buy me cloth even though I rip holes in them. You give me an allowance. That makes me feel loved. You tuck me into bed at night. When you do that I feel warm inside . I love you!

Stephen Orr

I love you because I love the way you tuck me into bed. I really love the way you help me clean my room. I like the way you clean my clothes and makes them nice and clean. I love the food you make for the family. I like the way you do work for the family. I really love you and happy mothers day!

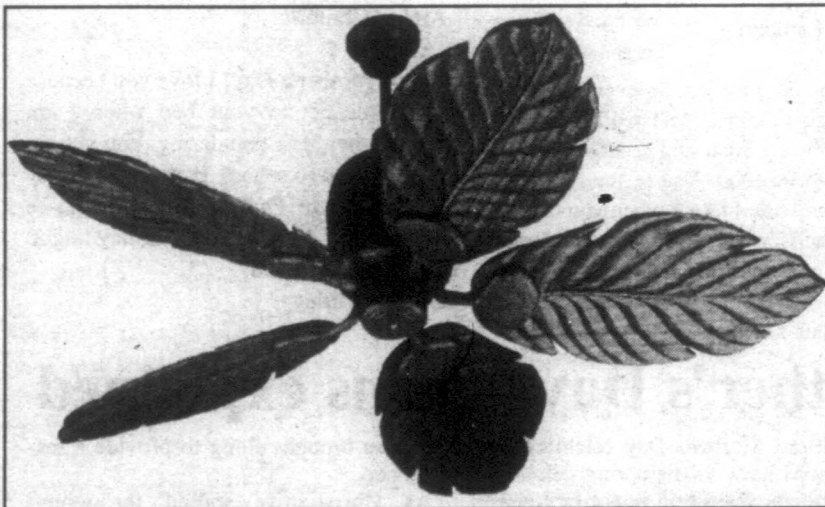
Sarah Whitworth

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because you love me. You make me happy so mach that I can't hold it in 1 hand. You love me for who I am. Did I tell you that I love your food you make. You hale me with my problems. Have a great mother's day.

Kelsey Roberts

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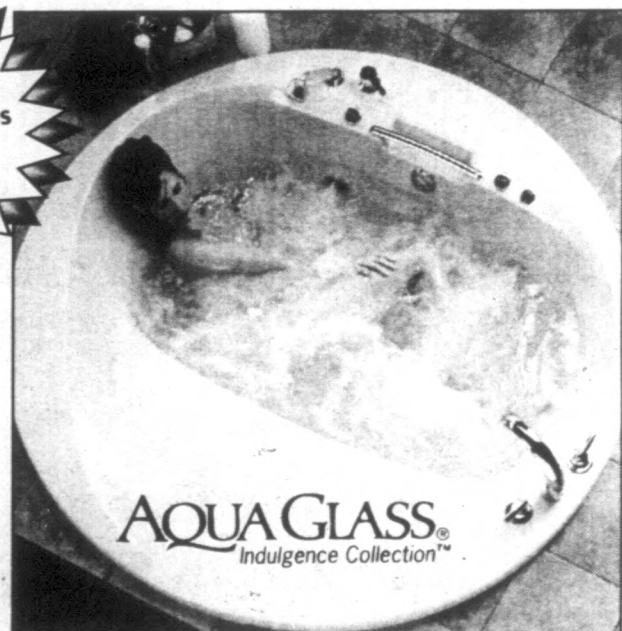
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■ Dawson's ...

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Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day would not be happy without you. You make me happy. I love it when you give me ice cream. I love you cause your my mother so please read this letter.

Drew Shelton

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because sometimes you buy stuff for me. You are the best mom who could ever live. You make me happy. You make me laugh. You trust me and I will always trust you.

I hope you have a great Mother's Day!
Morgan Day

Happy Mother's Day!! You are the best Mom! Wald you want to hear why? OK. You do the dishis and landry. You do sports like tinis. You brot me to DQ. You are the best mom. I hope you read this.

Richard VanSickle

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because you're my mom. You pet the cat with me. You fix me my favoiert food. You help me study school work. I hope you have a good Mother's Day.

Max Crofton

I hope you have a good Morthers Day! I like the stuff you do for me. I like it when you fix my favorite food for me. You make me hungry. I like it when you play catch with me. It feels good! I like it when you get me toys at Wal*Mart.

Andre Phillips

Happy Mothers Day! I love you because you're my mom. Sometimes you make me laugh like when you do that jumpy thing. When you tuck me into my bed. You take me to places like the skating rink and take me to Wal*Mart so I can have a tech deck Dude you make me feel special. I hope you have a great Mothers Day!

Dalton Cooksey

Happy Mother's Day! I love you mom. You tuck me in at night. It makes me fell special. I like the way you trust me outside. I like that you never are late my ballgame. You take me to church every Sunday. I love you, Mom.

Christian Dinh

I love my mom because you fix me every meal of the day, you take me to school, you do my londry, you take me to church and best of all your my mom.

Adam Melton

Happy Mother's Day! I couldn't live without you. You do so much for me. You wash my clothes and that helps me alot. You cook wonderful food for me. You take me out to places like Kentucky Oaks Mall. You buy clothes for the family I know that you love me alot and I feel happy. You let me go outside with my sister Faye. You help me work on things that I make mistakes on. I love U.

Tiya Muuka

Happety Mother's Day! I love you because you take me on the best forweeler rids. You take me to Wal-mart and by me clothes and toeys. You play with me after you get home from work. And you tuck me in at night and it maks me feel warm in side and speshal. You are a grate mom! I cold mistake you for suppermom. I hope you have a grate mothers day!

Kassidy Knight

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because you're awesome. You tuck me into bed at night. That makes me really happy. You fix my favorite food at least once a week. I feel loved and hungry, too. You take me to plays and you come to my plays at least twice. I hope you read my story and enjoy your Mother's Day!

Logan English

Happy Mothers Day! I love you because you do things for me like you cook me dinner, you buy toys, you also help me with my homework and you take me to Dairy Queen. I like you to feel proud of me. I hope you like my present. You are my mother and you always will be. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Lindsay Lambert

I love you because you do everything for me! You go to work. And work hard for me! You fix my food and sometimes you fix my favorite food. You're the one who gaves us our hase. I like it when you take to Soccer Practis when you take me places, and when you tuck me into bed. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

MacKenzie Downey

I love you because you do things for me and you play games with me and take me to baseball pratice. You are nice kind and loving. You can git strict some times. You fix my favrit food some times. You take me to DQ and basketball practis. You do larndry and clean the dishes and you clean my room you bye me teck deck dudes and evrithing.

Matt McReynolds

Happy Mothers Day! I love you because you clean our pretty house. I feel happy about that. I like it when you let me eat in bed. Plus you help me with my homework and you take me to DQ. I like it when you tuck me into bed. You also wash my clothes and you always work hard. You also put flash lights under my pillow incase for a storm. Happy Mother's Day

Daniel Nisbet

Happy Mother's Day! I love you becous you take me to school. You bey me games. You clean my clothes and you clean the dishis. You help me clean my room. You take me on long trieps. And that is why I love you.

Nick Adams

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because of the many things you do for me. You take care of me when I'm sick. You play with me every now and then. You have brown hair, blue eyes, short hair, and your'e friendly. You help me clean my room. You take me places I want to go. That's some reasons I love you. Have a Happy Mother's Day.

Amber Clinton

Happy Mother's Day! I love you because you let me get in your bed when I am scadred when it is thundering. You get me up so I can go to school. Every Wednesday you take me to Pagliais. Then we go to church every Sunday and Sunday night. You are a great mom.

Heather Turley

Mother's Day origins explained

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake,

was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Mass ever year.

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Allie Mae Carter

I love you. Thank you for taking me to Florida, Six Flags and camping. Thank you for the rented games and bought games. You bought me a bunch of DVD's. You got me toys, eye's, my bed and my cloths.
Kade Cullop

You are the best mom because you make me feel better when I'm sad. You are the best mom because you buy me things I need to live.
Tyler Masthay

I love you because she takes me place. You are the best mom because you help a lot.
Joel Ferguson

I love you, because you check my homework, let me get on the enternet, and care about me. I think you are the best Mom, because you are my mom.
Simon Mikulcik

I love you very much. Because you do a lot for me and you let me stay up late. I love you Mom because you got me hamsters and their cute. I love you mom because you make good tacos. I love you mom because you check my homework. Your the best!
Allen Fitzpatrick

I love you because you are very nice. You make the best diners. You care about me. You are the #1 mom in the world.
Hannah Riley

I love you because, you care about me, and get me what I need. You buy me toys, food, and lots of other things. You take me fun places like Disney World, and the beach. I love you Mom. Your my number 1, Mom.
Jan Kathryn Hutchins

I love you because you take care of me when I'm sick and help me in a hole lot of ways and take care of me all the time.
Reed Harris

I love you very much. You are the best Mom because you love me, you care about me, and you get me things I need. You make me feel better sometimes, you go shopping with me, you play games with me. And that is a good mom. I will love you my whole life no matter what. You are a good mom.
Taylor Richerson

I love you because you take care of me and love me. You are neat mom. Thank you!
Eric Wann



Genese Reid's class at Murray Elementary School

I love my mom because she takes care of me she puts food on the table She helps me when i am hert somtims am scard of something she talk to me abut it.
Christopher Floyd

I love you because you check my homework. You make good cookies. You by me toys. You buy me food. You buy me clothes. You take me places. You love me. You are nice. You help me with my homework. You care about me. You make me feel good.
Lucas Anderson

I love you becuse you are nice and loveing and you always help me. You alway tell me what to do. You are the best. You are the onley Mom for me. You cook the best food ever and I loke your spagati the most. I love you and Mom and I always will.
Megan Durbin

I love you becuse you help me with my homework and when I get hurt she helps me. She is always sweet kind and loveable to me and theres one more thing I want say I love her.
Kayla Verburg

I love you because you are the nicest man I've ever seen, because you are so prity. You make the best cookies it tast so good, you are the best mom ever you help me with my homework and math your the best mom ever.
Erik Hanna

I love you because, your nice, and you get me toys. I like it when you make beef soup, and when you buy me nerd ropes. You're the best Mom in the world.
Sam Medlock

You are the best mom in the whole world because you care about me and you take care of me and you sometimes get me what I want. I love it when you tell me you love me and when you kiss me before I go to bed. I get the best flaps when we lay on the couch together and wach tv. I love you so much I would die for you. No other mom would fit me. I don't know what I'd do without you.
Madison Houck

I love my mom because...she buys me stuff, she takes care of me, she helps me with my home work, when I get hurt she makes me feel better, she says she loves me and gives me a hug and kiss. I love my mom. My mom loves me. She is the best.
Sarah Morgan

My mom takes care of me, and she takes me places. She loves me. My mom is the best Mom.
Christian Clere

I love you because your the only mom I have and I don't want to loose you. Your the best mom because you let me do a lot of things other kids don't get to do. Happy Mother's Day.
Hunter Cochran

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Brittany Lamb

The reason I love my mom is because she takes me everywhere that I need to go. She lets us buy a kids quzine when we go to Wal-Mart. She also feeds us and takes care of, and she also lets us buy toys or other fun things that we like to play. And last she lets us ride the three-wheeler and four-wheeler I love my mom and I will never want another mom. No matter what happens I will still love her and never hate.

Darien Maness

I love my mom because she love me back Also she buys me alot of toys and games and she is really nice and stuff. She aJways let me go somewhere wiht my cousins.

Westley Myles



Barbara Wildey's class at Murray Elementary School

Why I love my mom because she cooks dinner for me and takes me to the doctor. She takes me to a place on my birthday. She buy me toys that why I love my mom and she helps me with my homework.

Austin Barnett

I love my mom because she makes good food, takes me to schoo, packs my lunch and plays with me. Me and my mom scrap book together & we cook together to. She is nice kind and loveabul. That is why I love my mom.

Taylor Pope

I love my mom because she loves me and had me and gets me cool stuff she makes me supper. That's why I love my mom.

Matt Tatum

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■ Wildey's ...

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I love my mom because she is a very respective person, she cares for every one. I love my mom very much. My mom is very very nice. I love my mom with xs and os.

Jackson Willie

Why I love my mom is because she fixes good suppers. She washes my clothes. She buyes me stuf that I don't need. She let's me go places with her. She plays games with me. That is why I love my mom.

Tyler Garland

I love my mom because she sleeps with me when I'm scared. When I want something to eat she makes it for me. Well only some times. She makes good supper but I don't always like it. I like others, moms but my mom is the best in the world. Especially when she buys me toys. And she sleeps with me when I'm scared to look down the stairs. I have a fantastic mother, and I wouldn't want any other.

Tiffany McGrew

I love my mom cause she is nice to me and she takes care of me. She loves me. She will take me to the hospital if I'm sick or I breck something. My mom is fantastic. She will get me what I need. I love her, lots. Even though I get mad at her sometimes I still love her. She lets me do stuff with her. That is why I love my mom so much!

Allyson Futrell

The reason I love my mom is because she is very nice to me. I love her because she gives me food. She takes me to lots of very cool places. She takes me to art guilds in different cities. She buys things for me that sometimes I do not even need. I love her because she helps me do new things. I love my mom for what she does for me.

Gabe Leavell

I love my mom because she is very nice. She is my bible butie teacher at church. My mom lets me watch t.v. on our 20 in t.v. My mom is the best.

John Ramey

I love my mom becuse she helps me. She loves me she makes dinner for me. And especially buys toys for me she really is fantastic maybe she yells at me sometimes-but I know I have a freind no I don't I have a mother and she dosen't know that I really do have her in my heart plus she teaches me games that I don't understand she is my mom.

Jacob Clingermyer

I love my mom becoue. She loves and cares for me she will always love me I hope I love her especially when she give me hugs and kisses. That's why i love my mom.

Hannah Harrison

The reason I love my mom is because she does a lot of stuff for me. Like she byies me new clothes, she makes my food, she takes me out to buy toys. I especially love her when she lets friends come over. I love her when she lets me lay in her bed and watch t.v. I love her because she helps me when I need it. I love her because she reads me books. And that is the reason I love my mom.

Hugh Paschall

I don't love my mom just becós she get's me anything I want I love her becós she will get me to the hospital she will walk if she has to wene I don't feel good or if Im in trouble she just loves me the way she does hers a saying that I always say yore haert can get full but cant get full enof.

Briann Shirley

I love my mom cause she lets me go to my friend's house cause she gives me the best toys and I love her cause she make me supper and lunch. I love her cause she gives me a house to sleep in. I love her cause she is my mom and I love her very much.

Samantha Armstrong

The reason why I love my mom is when I'm feeling low she cheers me up either talks about it with me or she let's me talk about my problem. And when my tummy hurts and I accidently vomit on the carpet she brings me either milk or apple juice. That really calms my stomck. She even sometimes reads me a story before bed. And she stands up for me when Derek gets alot of harshness up my sleeves. And she lets me help her do her chores because I know how tiring chores can get. I'll always love my mom!

Michael Rudolph

I love my mom because she is nice the dinner is fantastic-especially when she makes her spagttia with ham and cheese it very good. She takes me to the park and the pool somtimes we order dominos pizza for me and my mom sometimes we make cake together. We usually she make fillign and chocolate. But somtimes we make tacos.

Elizabeth Hernandez

I love my mom because I can tell her all of my problems. The solution she tells me work absolutely fatastically. We go fishing a lot and why I love her is because she loves me.

Anna Brashear

I love my mom because she is a lovable, caring, sweet person and she is fantastic. She can paint like Leanardo Devinci. Wow wait til you hear this one, she is a fantastic, super, intelligent mom. She is the sweetest mom in the world, even to my sister my mom is so, so, so, so, so, so, nice she buy's me nice things, like games, cloths, shoes all that good stuff. I love my mom because she is a sweet, caring, lovable stuffed animal sometimes like a care bear. More like a care, care bear.

Kassity Winchester

I love my mom because she allways takes me places. She allways takes me to my friends house. I love my mom. She is the best. I hope she sees this.

Patience Moore

I love my mom because she lets me do anything unless I have work to do. Everything she comforts me in every way she can. She feeds me good, gives me sleep, bandages my cuts and that is why I love my mom.

Philip Crawford

Why I love my mom because she takes care of me, especially when I am sick. She fixes supper for me every night. She takes me places and does things with me. She loves me more than anything in the world. That is why I love my mom.

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My mom is so spectacular to me. She is so nice to me. My mom is so funny because she lets me go on long bike rides. One time it took me one hour. I did the loop so much. One time she said "Don't be mason soups." Mason Soup means don't get hit by a car! And that's why she is funny.

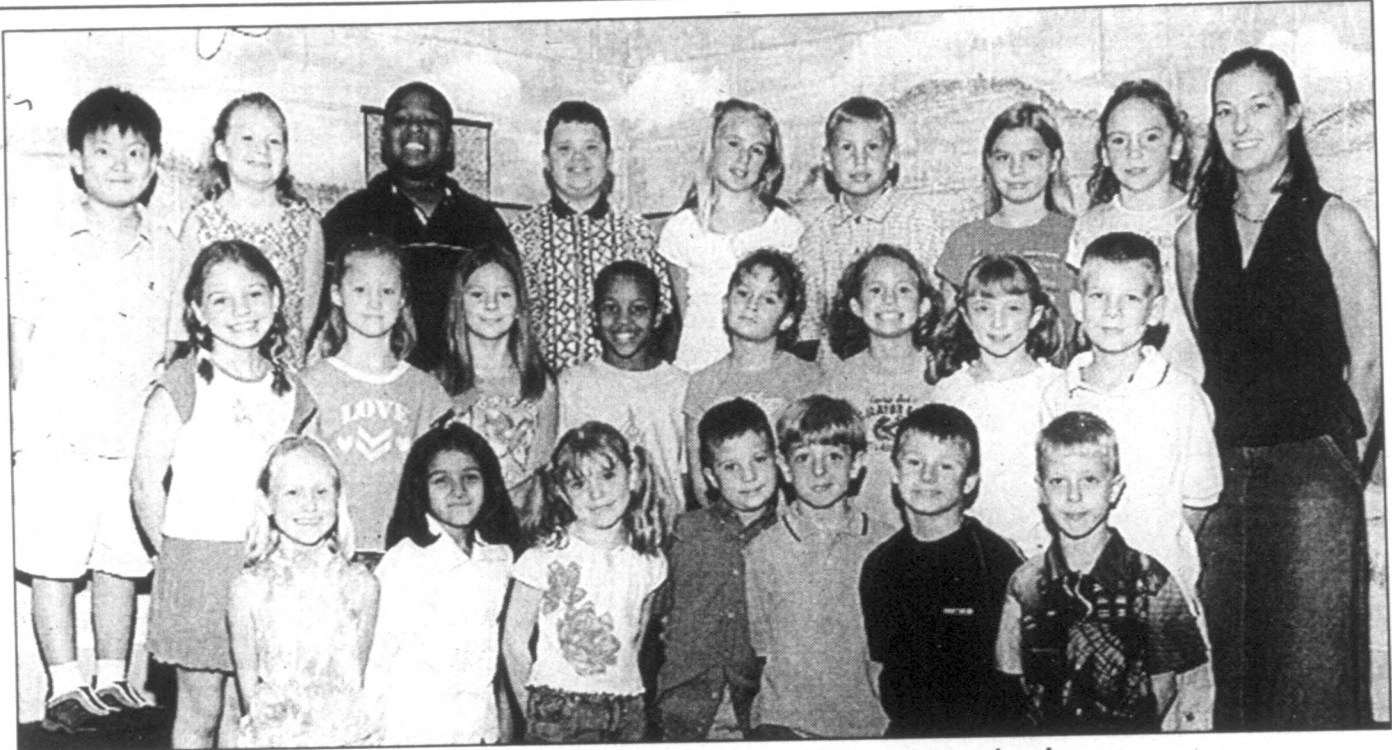
Mason Owens

I love my mom because she takes me to the gym every Saturday night. I love my mom because she buys the things I want. I love my mom because she gives me time to play games before homework. I love my mom because she lets me do the cleaning. I love my mom because she lets me stay up late. That's why I love my mom.

Jason Yu

I love my mom because she lets me have a birthday party every year. This year she let me have six friends over instead of just five. My mom also stayed home with me when I was sick. She would get me things when I needed them. Sometimes when I'm sick she lets me go to work with her. When I do she always buys me donut holes and chocolate milk. My mom always listens so when Christmas comes she gets me exactly what I want. That's why I love my mom.

Jason Spann



Jaclyn Tompkins' class at Murray Elementary school

I love my mom because she acts like a child. I don't mean being scared and crying I mean fun! She watches movies with me and plays games. She skips to which is kind of embarrassing, but when she skips faster than me then I get mad. She's not the best cook but I like her cooking. She may be a mom to me but she's a friend too!

Sarah Taylor

Mom is always by my side. She takes care of me. I love her if she loves me. Sometimes she acts like a monkey and sometimes a child. And she always lets me have ice cream. My mom never forgets my lunch box well sometimes. Well that's my mom and that's why mom's special.

Lexi Pierce

You can't believe how much my mom means to me. I wouldn't trade one million dollars for her. I love her so much I would never ever do anything to hurt her. I would do anything to make her happy. What I tring to say is Happy Mother's Day!

Aileen O'Brien

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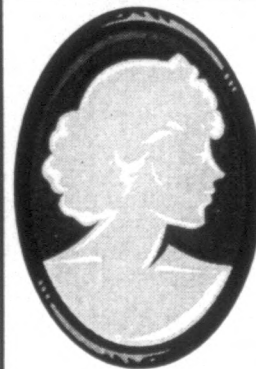
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■ Tompkins' ...

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My mom is very special. One time I wanted a fish, so we went to the pet store and I saw this really cute and small dog. But it was really expensive. I asked Mom can I get this dog? and she said, I thought we were here to get a fish. But I guess you can get it. Now you can see how cool my mom is.

Alex Montgomery

I love my mom because she used to save lifes. She drove a big, fantastic anmbles. I think that job is cool. She now works at Dr. G's office. She anwsears phones. It is not as cool as her old job, but still is a good job. She does the dishes and cooking just like any other mom, but she's my mom.

Devin Miller

My mommy is very specail. One time she took me to the animal shelter to see if there was a dog I wanted. But there wasn't. Even one time she took me on a four wheel-er ride. I don't think she wanted to but she did. I love her very much and no one can change that.

Kristin McNutt

My mom and I love going shopping together and takes care of me when I get sick. My mom is a very special person and is from India and then moved here. Every time I say I want to get something somewhere like a Game Cube game she says yes. I love my mom very much and I always will.

Dheepa Loganathan

My mom is special because when I get hurt she's always there to help me. Like when I fell on the ground and scraped my knee. She took me to the hospital to get stiches. She holds my hand while the doctor puts in the stiches. Thats what a special mom does.

Zachary Kondratko

I love you Mom! You are the best mom because you always treat me the same as my sister. You helped my stapl get better when I busted it open because I was jumping on the bed and I hit a dresser. I love my mom!

Sarah Hodges

I love my mother because she buys me the most books anyone has ever seen! I want to build up my reading skills so maybe that is why she buys me a lot of books. Thats why I love my mother.

Hunter Heathcott

I love my mom because most of the time she does cool things with me. I like that. Like one time I was tring to ride my bike and my mom helped me. Another time we went to six flag and my mom let me swim in the swimming pool and she has a kid like me. That why my mom is special.

Donovan Gary

I love my mom because when I'm sick she blends orange juice and ice in a blender and makes me feel better. Like when we were having a garage sale I got to work at the fax machine and play with all my stuff at the garage sale before it was gone. And theres more reasons that I love my mom, so much that I can't tell.

Logan Foster

Not anyone has a mom like mine! She is so cool because she is sort of like me. She will go outside anytime because she loves nature. My mom is speical because she gives me tips on stuff. Also she like music and takes chances on stuff. She can scare me alot sometimes. She does scary noises and puts on scary mask. My mom does not give up unless it's impossible. One time we were jumping on the trampolen and she double bounced me and I came back down and she fell. There may be millions of Mary Jo's but there's only one thats my mom. Happy Mother's Day! Love ya!

Chloe Farris

I love my mom because she's there for me when I feel left out or sad. She's always at my side when I'm hurt, like when I hurt my knee when I fell off my bike. She always watches a movie I want to watch. She always compliments me on my drawings. I love my mom because she's a heart full of love. I love my mom so much!

Beth Courtney

My mom helps me with my homework if I get stuck on a problem. She picks me up from school every day and most of the time takes me to D.Q. She gives me money if I get A's on my report card and if I don't get all A's we count all the A's I got and I get that much money. My mom plays games with me. My mom reads book to me. I love my mommy.

Sydney Carver

My mommy is special because she buys me stuff when I'm sick. My mommy is really cool, she's funny, fun, nice and awesome!!! She loves me with all her heart and I love her the same way!!! My mommy helps me with my homework. She may get mad when I don't get my math right off the bat but she says shes sorry. Once we went to Marrion. I had a friend with me. So she snuck up and scared us like two wet rats in a sewer on a cold Sunday morning! Well I guess what I'm saying is Happy Mother's Day!!!

Morgan Bogard

I love my mom because she always takes care of me when I am sick. And she always lets me eat ice cream. And we go to the mall together all the time. I remember when the candy stor just opened and my mom let me get lots of candy. Thats why my mom is speical to me.

Arin Boyd

I love my mom because she's always there for me. My mom is really funny. My mom is funny when she imatates the crocodile hunter. My mom takes me to DQ all of the time. My mom loves me the same as I love her. My mom is the boss plus a great mom. One time my mom took me to the skating rink for my birthday. I was skating by myself for the first time and there was a boy behind me, I fell down and she had to jump over me. My mom is the best mom in the world.

Emily Bland

Roses are red, viletesor are blue tonight we want you sometimes your child gives you a mother's day card will here's a Mother's Day note your lucky your mother because you get mother's day next Sunday you get gifts, you get pets, you get all kind of stufe. I hope you have a nice Mother's day. I hope you like the note. -----

Deon Howard

Do you have a special Mom? Well I do. She plays with me every day. On Sunday we get ice cream from Dairy Queen. I get a hot fudge sundae with nuts. My mom get a hot fudge sundae. My mom and I play together. One day my mom and I play baseball together. One time she hit a baseball to me and I put the baseball glove out and the baseball hit the side of my glove. I miss the ball. My mom is so special to me and my friends.

Andrew Fraher

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I love my mom because she helps me an my home work like the time I was stuck on a problem she helped me out. I love my mom because she give me money when I don't have none like the time I wan'ted that pink dress. She gave me the money to pay for it. I love my mom because when I get sad she is always there for me. Like the time I went to go the store with my dad. She cheered me up, now you now why I love my mom.

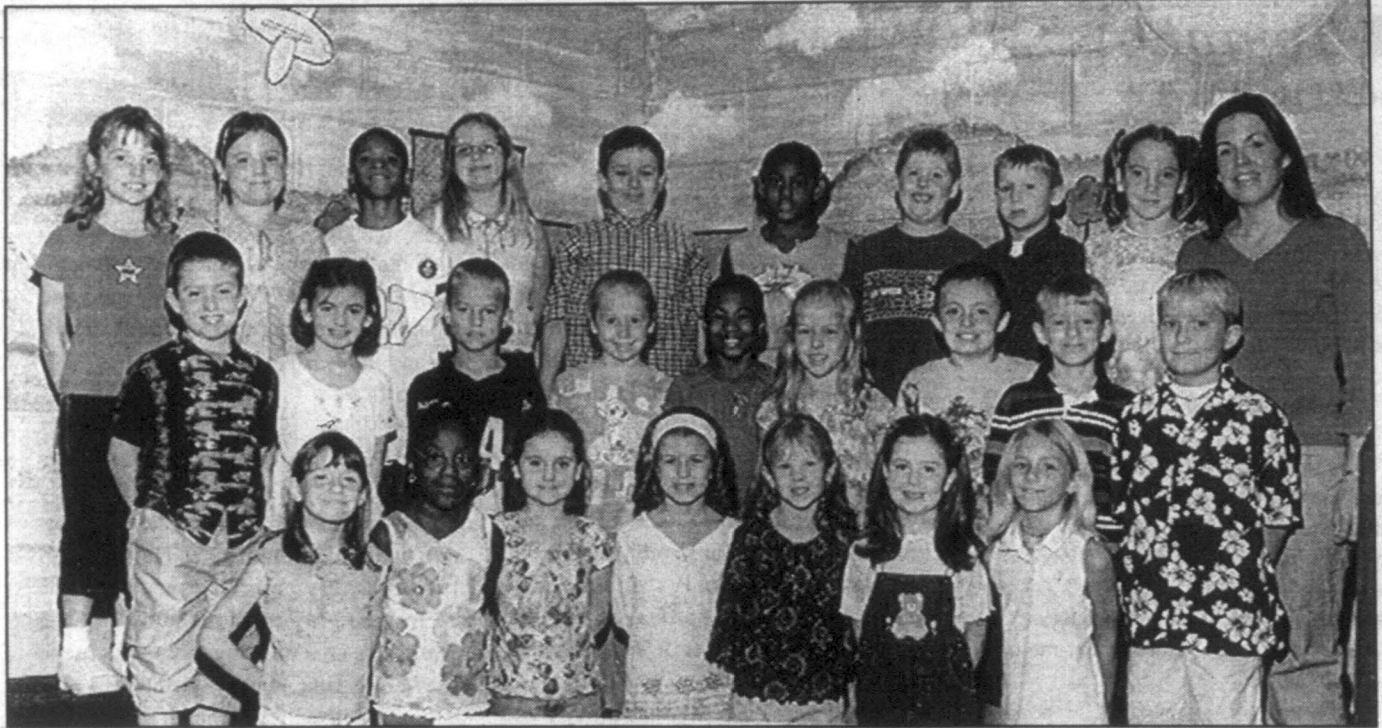
Jalisa Farmer

Why I love my you ask, well, she not just a mom, but shes a speshal mom because my mom buys me clothes. To ceep me warm. She alwas takes me to my soccer games and she allwas loves watching me play. And when I'm sick my mom alwas takes care of me. Thats why I'm heltey and well. Whe I saw a squert gun on tv. And on the next day she let me and my brother go to Wal-Mart but they didn't have the squert gun that I wanted and my mom said "you can only get that squert gun, but she let me get another gun and that's why I love my mom.

Alex Ward

I have never broke one bone in my body but my mom was allways there for me when I was sick. Just like about two days ago when I was sick to my stomach. I love my mom for when she is. Because she is the best mom there is. Infact she's the only one I've got! She's the best mom since well moms. Because she gives me ice cream and cake. My mom is the funnest mom. Because she calles me hanna, shanna and banana. I love my mom!

Shanna Williams



Vanessa Durfee's class at Murray Elementary School

The reason I love my mom is because she is there to read 40 days of purpose. Right now we are on chapter 4. Every night we read each chapter. Now we only have 37 days to go. That why I love my mom.

Joseph Winchester

I love my mom because she let's me barow money for Mighty Beans. And buy's me close like my favorit shirt. And food like pizza and gave me lunch money she also gave me birth.

Bryce Mills

My mom pay for college. I am going to MSU. She gives me the thing I need like birth day present. She is always there when I need her like a straped nea. She feels me when I'm hungry like cherry coke and cheetos. Takes me places like dance, church and girl scouts.

Elizabeth Wall

Why I love my mom "you ask." I love my mom because she helps me when I'm sick at school our at my house. And she gives me vegetable soup and water. She watches me when I'm scared because on Monday night I watched a very scary movie and she let me sleep in her room. She gives me what I want. She gave me a digi-draw and a puppy. She takes me wherever I want like Dariy Queen and Wal-Mart. My mom helps me pick my clothes out because when I pick my clothes out I look very bad. And so my mom picks out my clothes. When my room is not clean my mom helps me clean my room so it will look good.

Holly Heathcott

I love my mom because she takes me where I want to go like when I have to go to cheerleading when I want to go to (Wal-Mart). She will also let me eat what ever I want like noodles and (chips). When ever I am sick or hurt she loves me gives me hugs and kisses. Like when I was hurt and had pains, ran out of breath and took me to the doctor. I love my mom 1,000 red mm's.

Alyson Mathis

I like my mom because she cares about me. She buys me popcorn and root beer. She also gave birth to me of course. My mom always invites my friends over. She buys me underwear. My mom buys me the stuff I want. Now you know my mom is the best.

Chase Martin

I love my mom because she lets me go to school and get an egication. My mom lets me go to Mr. Gatties restaurant with my Nana and Papa. My mom lets me talk on he phone with my friends. She also lets me have my own room and computer. My mom is always there to help me when I need her.

Alexandria Nance

I love her for my coulge money. When I have to go place my mom takes me. On the holidays mt mom byes it for me. My mom also gave me burth. I love her becuse she makes me do my homework.

Dakota Dukes

Because she always helps me with my homework. When we eat dinner and we are finished. we go out to get dessert at D.Q. I help her cook dinner as all ways. When I'm hurt she helps me. She is so nice. She gets me things. We like to go out to the mall and shop. She is a allsome caring mom.

Megan Perry

My name is Brianna and I want to tell you about my mom. One thing is she is nicer than ever. Like when she let friends come over. Next you now that some parents don't take you to really nice restrants well, my mom does she took me to Tom's once. You know now one in the world is as great as my mom. The reasin is couse most people aren't like her that's why. I now she loves me very much, even if she gets mad at me.

Brianna Jo Ohnemus

Hello, my name is Whitney Carver. I am going to tell you about my mom. Like one time my mom was going to the store. And she got me digidraw. And when she got me a neopet. Also my mom gets me food. So I can take my lunch. Like she gets me rootbeer. She takes me places, like everyday she takes me to school. Also she takes me to soccer. My mom is very nice!

Whitney Carver

She takes me anywhere I want to go. She gives me twenty dollars for my alawance. She let's me chose where we get to eat. She get's me any thing I want from Wal-Mart when we go. She gives me hugs when I need them. She pays for my colage and buys me bikes. That is why I love my mom.

Logan Parker

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Hi, Im Autumn Hill. I want to talk about my mom. My mom gets me stuff. Like my big heads. I love to play with those. She also scratches my back at church. I fall asleep alot. My mom buys me alot of stuff like wishbone, my dog. Mom takes me places like my soccer games. She lets me eat what I want like popcorn & candy. Also my mom lets me stay outside alday. My mom is so cool.

Autumn Hill

I love my mom because when I don't feel good she buys me something cold. I love my mom because when I'm scared she makes me feel good. When storms come and I'm scared she protects me. When I have a belly ache she takes care of me. When I have a sore she put medicaine on it. I love my mom because when I want to spend the night with my friend she let's me. When I'm hungrey she feeds me stuff like healthy food. I really really love my mom.

Allie Harris

I love my mama because she buys me my baseball stuff like my bat & glove. My mom takes care of me when the time I was sick at daycare. One day I was at school I didn't have anybody to play with. So she played with me and were having to much fun. She takes me to baseball games & everthing she helps me clean my room.

TréChaun Johnson

Why I love my mom is because she's always their for me, like when I had my concution at the mall she hepled and always's stood near me. I also have had a broken arm. She was there for me too, because I was scared. She takes me places, like the D.Q. She helps me when I'm sick. I love her alot. She is the best mom, because of all those reasons and alot more. I love my mom.

Allie Daniel

I love my mom because she is always there for me. Like, when I broke my wrist she was there. She was there when I did my first recital, too. She also lets me go to fun places like Birthday Parties. Which are fun. She also gets stuff (junk) I want. Like when she bought a cute, little beanie baby cat. I love my mom. Do you love your mom?

Tori Chapman

My mom is the best mom, she will buy stuff that costs alot of money like the DVD player. She takes me where I need to go, gymnastics, softball, and basketball. She'll always help me with stuff when I don't understand. She makes the best food like taco salad and fajhitas. My mom is the best mom. I love her alot.

Ashley Dawson

Sometime on thunderstorms she lets me snuggle because I'm scared of thunder I know it's funny I just does. Sh thing I'm funny for instance when I act like Ed in Ed, Edd, and Eddy. First I started saying "But Eddy, I love chickens." She was laughing like crazy. I also love her for who she is. My mom.

Tristan Enoch

I love my mom because when I was sick she had to go somewhere that same day but she stayed home just for me. My mom is so great that she let me have go play with my friends when my homework wasn't even done that's why I love my mom. Happy Mother's Day!

Brett Watson

Pamper mom: Make her breakfast in bed for Mother's Day

One the best way to celebrate Mother's Day is to give your mom the day off. Let her take it easy and relax while the rest of the family does the work.

Many families begin Mother's Day with breakfast in bed. Usually Dad and the Kids will let mom sleep late as they go into the kitchen and prepare her favorite meal. A Mother's Day breakfast can consist of anything your mom likes.

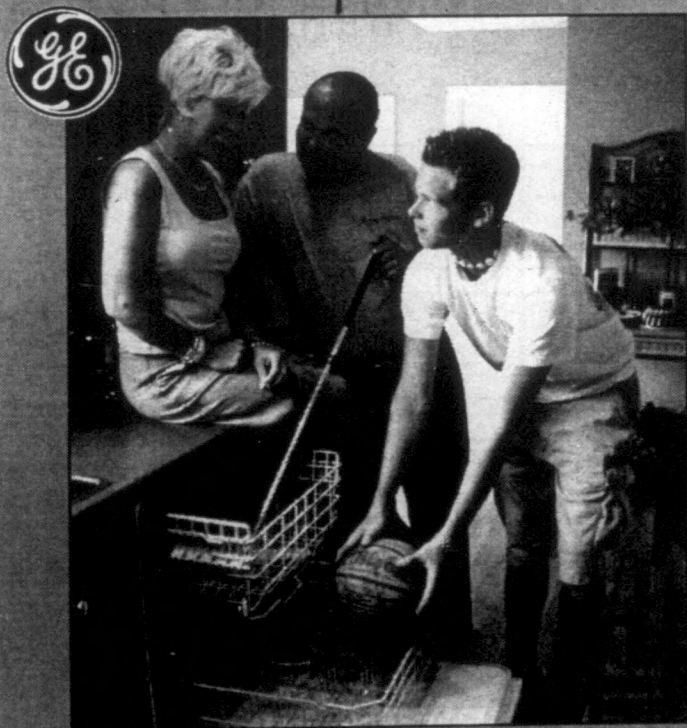
After the food is cooked arrange everything nicely on a tray. Don't forget the vase with a single flower. With spring here, the children can pick a tulip or daffodil from the garden outside. When everything is ready carefully carry the tray and mom's favorite sections from the newspaper up to her bedroom. Cards and small presents from the children can be placed on the tray before it is presented to mom in bed.

Many Families make a special Mother's Day dinner or take mom out to her favorite restaurant for a meal. It is a good day to let your mom relax and let her see what a wonderful family she has.

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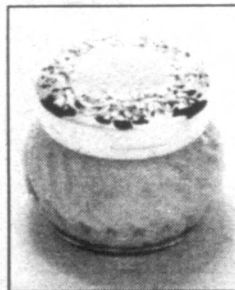
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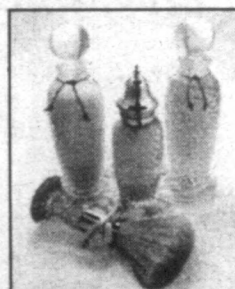
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I love my mom because she is loving to me and my family. She buys us things that we need and some times she buys us things we want she is very very kind because she loves me and I love her. My mom is very very funny because she gets to dress up as a clown at her arts and craftss fesivals. My mom is the best mom and no one can ever replace her!
Destiny Owsley

Happy Mothers Day, the reason I love you is because you teach me whats imor-tant. If I was with another mother I would die. I love you more than anybody besides grandma. I love you two the same. Mom I don't know what I would do without both of you truly. You're helped me through the sad moments in my life now I want to help you.
Sirena Beach

My mom Kim Jo Campbell is the best becuase of all the things she done for me. My mom took me to the drivein and let me play my Nintindo too. My mom is a loving mother because she loves me and I love her too.
Namia Gilpin

Dear Grandma, You are the greatest! I love because you play with me, comfort me when I'm sad, you help me with homework, and because you take care of me when I'm sick. Sometimes you seem like a mother to me. I love you.
Miranda Braun



Diane Patterson's class at East Calloway Elementary School

Your the best mom because you love me and you make sure that I get up in time for school. You get food so I can eat and you see that, my close are clean. You buy me close and shows. You tell me what is right and what is wrong, so when I grow up I'll know right from wrong. You help me on my homework if I need help. And thats why I love you mom.
Kaylee Ingram

I love my mom. She is the greatest of all. We are in scrapbooking together. I love her and she loves me. Do you love your mom that way?
Kellie Chapman

I love my mom because she is always there for me. I love her because she loves me and I know she loves me. She is a good mother. My mom is special.
Brandon Pemwell

I love you because you take care of me and love me and comfort me when I'm sad. And you play with me and you help me with my homework. And give me shelter.
Jeremy Addison

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Your the best mom ever because you take me swimming and is always nice to me and you take me to go skating.
Jesse Redden

I love you, Happy Birthday! You are the best mom in the world. You help me make a lot of neat stuff and you helped me when I fell off my bike. You help me play the video game when I lose. You are the only mom in the world that is the greatest.
Robert Riley

I love you cause you are nice. You teach me what is right and wrong. You can stop me and Nikki from fightin. You help dad stop yelling. And I get scared when dad yells. That is why I love you. Happy Mother's Day.
Lonnie Thorn

I love my mom. She is the best mom I ever had. She plays games with me and we go places together. One time we went to California together and we had fun and then we went home.
Samantha Williams

I love my mom because she takes me to Wal-Mart and she loves me very very much and I love her very very much too. Because she is nice to me and I am nice to her to and she takes me out to eat and mom is special to me and I am special to her. That is why I love my mom.
Tyler Green

I love because you have to take care of two chilren. You have to go threw a lot of stress. Just for me and Khalil. That's why you really don't have time to play with me and you care for me and I care for you. Nothings going to change that. You are special to me and I hope I'm special to you.
Dedrick Ballard

You are the best mom in the world to me. You pay for all of my trips at school. You cook for me and the rest of the family. My mom watschs movie with us. You help me do activities when I want to spend time with you. You do my hair when we have to go some where special. You by all of my clothes and hats. You take me to the library. You are the best mother a girl can have.
Kaylan Hall

Your the #1 mom allways. I love you more than the world. I love playing Monopoly with you mom. I love the necklace you bought for us. You are special to me. I hope I'm special to you.
Samantha Birdsong

Your the best cause your always there for me. I really cherish your my mom! Also I'm glad you have taught me so much activities. I think your the most greatest mom in the whole wide world and I love you with all my heart!
Megan Tremblay

You are the greatest mom in the world. When I cry you always help me all the time. I love you playing with me. And you allways give me something special for my birthday. I love you.
Dylan Davis

I love my mom because she is the best mom in the world. I love my mom because she plays Trivial Pursuit with me. I love my mom because she plays Outburst Jr. with me. I love my mom because she plays Uno and catch with me. I love my mom because she plays lots of games with me. Happy Mother's Day mom.
Austin Jackson

She plays with me. Buys me stuff. She loves me.
Joshua Higgins

I am so glad I have a good mom. She does a lot of stuff for me. She helps with my homework. I should be very proud of my mom for all these things she does for me. Because if I didn't have a mom who would cook my food or wash my cloths. I love my mom so much. She is the best mom. Happy Mother's Day mom.
Destiny Skinner

I love my mom because she takes good care of me. She helps me with all sorts of things. She plays Uno, Monopoly, Nintendo and Life. I love my mom very much. Happy Mother's Day mom.
Steven Wooldridge

I love you because you are the greatest mom any child could ever have because you help me with my homework when I'm stuck. She's there when I need her. She's there when I'm down. Her name is Margaret Ann Downs. She loves me. She helps me and she plays games with me. There are an never enough reasons to love your mom I could never ask for a better mom. She's special. I love her.
Shelly Downs

You're the greatest mom because you do all sorts of things with me. Like when you play tennis with me, and when you play Nintendo with me. I love you.
Wyatt Cagle

Why I love my mom. She loves me, she put a roof over my head, food on. She comforts me wen I am sad. She always plays with me. We do alot of neat activities together. She helps me with my homework. We (as in my mom, brother and me) go out and have fun like go shopping for clothes and go out to eat like at Ryans and Pizza Hut. Some nights we just sit and play board games or playstation. Those nights we have sandwiches for diner. Bu we always have fun no matter what. My mom is the best mom arfy child could ever have I think. She is the most loveing mom I ever have known of.
Austen Misner

You are the best mom ever because you rub my back when I can't get to sleep, you got me when I was two or three and you've been with me for six or seven years and brought food and alot of clothes for me and you even got me a go-cart for some occasion, you let me go to my friend's birthday, and go to Wal-Mart which my other mom would never do for me!
Devon Warmach

Mother's Day for grandmothers too

Mother's Day is also a time to remember grandmothers. Recently 16-year-old Kate Reeves, daughter of Kate Apperson Reeves and Dave Reeves, had a selection she wrote published in the book "The Granny Mystique: Nine Granny Wisdoms" by Marguerite T. Langstaff.

"My Mama Rain is not necessarily considered my grandmother but my best friend. She has beautiful sandy, blonde, curly, hair; tan skin, very fit and has an enthusiastic personality. She is a kind woman who is always there when you need her at any time of the day or night. My grandmother enjoys buying nice things to wear and they MUST be comfortable. My grandmother also enjoys reading any chance she gets. She even has a chair just for reading in the corner of her room. I must say that that is one of my favorite places in her house.

The best part about my grandmother is she only lives around the corner. If for some crazy reason the phones cut out and never work again, its ok because we are so definitely in yelling distance. There are many grandmothers out there who cook and clean, or bake and sew, but not mine. She plays tennis, golf's, and walks every morning with what she calls her "walkie talkies." Yes, Mama Rain likes jewelry, but who doesn't. Yet she always seems to let her eldest granddaughter in on the jewels. When I was little she used to sing and play the piano for me. Everyone else in the family hated it, but I LOVED it when she would play for me. My grandmother is the BEST grandmother in the whole world. Its not often you have someone 3 times your age and u can still call them your best friend. She is my inspiration, my teacher of life and most of all ... my grandmother."

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I love my mom because she's loving, caring and smart. When I am sick she is cuddly and I can always count on her. If I am playing in a soccer game my mom is always in the crowd cheering and supporting me. Sometimes my mom is strict but I know she still loves me. My mom is smart because she went to school and got good grades. She is caring too. She provides me stuff I need school supplies and winter and summer clothes. And that's why I love my mom
Tamra Torsak
Allison Torsak

I love my mom because she's smart and she teaches me things. She provides the things I need. She buys me supplies for school. She is fair to me. She is very playful because we have lots of games to play. She is loving because she gives me lots of hugs. She is trustworthy because she is loyal and stands by her families, friends and community. She is very, very helpful because she helps me when I am sick.
Caitlin Gray

I love my Grandma because she is kind to me. The reason she is kind is that she loves me and I love her. She makes me obey her and follow orders. And she is helpful. The way she is helpful is she helps me with my homework.
Destinie Lincoln

I love my mom because she is kind and not mean. She supports me in everything I do. She is trustworthy because she keeps her promises. I love her because I can tell the truth and not get into as much trouble. She is smart because she teaches me things. She is helpful because she helps me in everything I do. My mom is loving and nice. My mom is very dependable because I can depend on her all the time. She is fun and always with me. She is very caring and she always cares for me. My mom is really pretty. I know she loves me because she is a little bit strict. My mom is unique person. My mom is the best mom in the world, so good that she should get a certificate someday. To the best mom in the world: Amy Futrell.
Bailey Futrell

Hello mom mother's day is coming up soon. And this is just a little gift for you. You are playful because you play with me you are helpful because you help me with my homework if I need help on it. You help me clean my room you are very smart because you know your divisions very fast. You are fair you are sweet.
Brittney Russell

I love my mom because she is the only one. And no one can take her place. She is very kind helpful, smart, nice, fun, cuddly and sweet.
Shray Ricker

I love my mom because she is loving because when I get in trouble I tell her and I don't get in lots of trouble. But I do get punished. My mom is caring and sweet and fun, and nice. My mom loves me and I love her too.
Sarah Bivins

Why I love my mom is special because she married my dad so I would be here for the rest of my life she tells me not to tell lies and tell her when I need help.
Dorrie West



Sally Scott's class at East Elementary School

I love my mom because she is loving. My mom always supports me. My mom is like my friend because I can tell her the truth without being scared. My mom, is smart. She knows multiplication and division without counting. My mom provides me things I need. I love my mom because she loves me.
Kristen Clayton

My mom is helpful for an example she helps with the church when we have dinner there and she helps me with my homework and she helps me with my chores, she is caring cause she cares for me. She is fun loving cause she plays with me. That's why I love my mom and her name is Stephanie Kelly.
Kelsy Kelly

My mom is fair because when I get in trouble I can tell her and won't get in much trouble. My mom is playful because she plays basketball and soccer with me and jumps on the trampoline. My mom makes me mind. She helps me clean my room, I'm so glad she is my mom!
Audrey Roberts

I love my mom because she is sweet, she helps me when I'm hurt, she is kind, she is smart, she is helpful, she is fun, she is playful, and she is caring. My mom is helpful because she takes care of me when I am sick and she is playful because she plays with me, and she is fun because she does cool stuff with me and most of all she loves me and I know she always will.
Ryan Baker

I love my mom because she loves me back. She's helpful because she helps me on my homework. She's strict because she makes me clean my room. She's trustworthy because when she says she will do something she will do it. And that's why I love my mom.
Timothy Wyatt

I love my mom because she is trustworthy and she tells me when I make mistakes. She is fair to me and she buys me the stuff I need. She is a person that I can depend on.
Taylor Hale

My mom is loving and kind in all of her ways. She loves me and hugs me. She provides the things I need. She is kind because she helps me clean my room. She is very smart and she always helps me with my homework. She almost knows every question on Who Wants to be a Millionaire. She is always there for me. Like the time I got stitches in my arm. She got kind of psychd but still she was there for me.
Katie Shinkle

I love my mom because she's smart she teaches me stuff. When I do something wrong. She is helpful because I see her mow the next door neighbor's yard. She is kind she buys me some stuff when I need it. She's smart because when I need help on my homework she helps me she is caring because I see her clean my sister mess. She's loving because she loves me and my sister and family. That's why I love my mom.
Hailey Wallace

Why I love my mom because she is loving because she holds me tightly. She is strict but when I do something bad she still loves me.
Dylan Knaup

I love my mom because she is funny and she is kind to me she helps me clean my room and my closet too. She is loving, fun, and smart, pretty playful, and nice because that is what she does.
Ray Bowman

My mom is cuddly. She acts kind. She puts other first. She buys the things I need. She is smart, I learn things from her everyday.
Reece Milam

My mom is kind and she always supports me. She is dependable and helps me clean my room. My mom is trustworthy because I tell her the truth and don't get in as much trouble. She is the nicest person I know.
Jeffrey Krauss

My mom is kind, helpful, loving and caring. She helps me do my homework. She lets me stay up late on the weekend. She tells me when I have been wrong. She loves me for who I am not what I am.
Ben Whalen

She is respectful and she cares for me. She would take me places that I don't even know. My mom is special to my family. Like Venture River one morning mom told me to get up she said "Get your swimming trunks on but she didn't tell me where we were going." she said we are going some place with a lot of water. My favorite ride was the pink and purple slides. My mom is special to my family because she looks out for me and tell me not to go somewhere that is dangerous without an adult.
Tyler Brandsasse

Why I love my mom because she loves me and tells me so. She is kind, helpful, loving, strict, smart, nice, sweet, caring, trustworthy, cuddly, dependable, beautiful, playful, and fair. She makes me obey her. She provides stuff I need. She always supports me. I can tell her the truth and I don't get in so much trouble. She helps me clean my room. That's why I love my mom! Did I mention is responsible for me too.
Kari Cotterman

I love my mom because she is kind to me. She is loving and caring because she helps me clean my room. One day while I was at school she and my dad prettied my room up. It was beautiful! She is the best mom ever!
Cassidy Edmonson