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#### Tuesday, May 4, 2004

# New Concord mother charged in alleged murder plot

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KRISTIN TAYLOR

A 65-year-old New Concord woman was rged with solicitation to commit murder lowing a Murray Police Department

lercover investigation that revealed she egedly wanted to hire someone to kill two enforcement officers.

Annie Wyatt, 65, of New Concord, is arged with two counts of solicitation to nmit murder of a police officer, three

counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, second-degree trafficking a controlled substance and falsely reporting an incident, according to a release from the Murray Police Department. She was arrested Friday when a grand jury indictment was

She is accused of wanting to kill a Murray Police officer and a Calloway County Sheriff's Department deputy, according to MPD Detective Capt. Eddie

Rollins. He said in an interview Monday that the incident stems from a previous drug

Wyatt's daughter, Debra Wyatt, 36, of New Concord, also was arrested Friday. She was charged with two counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and being a persistent felony offender, according to

Calloway County Sheriff's Department, Murray State University Public and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms assisted MPD with the investiga-

Annie Wyatt was arraigned in Calloway District Court Monday morning on the false report charge, a court spokeswoman said. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 11 for that charge. She will appear in Calloway Circuit Court May 10 for an arraignment concerning the solicitation to

Safety, Tri-County Area Drug Task Force, commit murder and drug-related offenses. Debra Wyatt also will be arraigned in circuit court May 10.

Annie Wyatt remains in the Calloway County jail in lieu of three different bonds - \$500,000 cash bond for the solicitation to commit murder charges, \$10,000 cash bond for the drug offenses and \$500 cash for the falsely reporting charge — a jail spokesman said Monday afternoon. Her daughter posted bond Monday and was released from jail.

# **Jnderhill makes** court appearance

#### ardin man ices attempted urder, meth aking offenses

KRISTIN TAYLOR aff Writer

A Hardin man charged with empted murder after allegedly ening an anhydrous ammonia ik in the presence of three police ficers appeared in Calloway strict Court Monday morning.

During an arraignment, a prelimary hearing for Charles Underhill, , was scheduled. The preliminary aring will be May 11.

Underhill is charged with two unts of attempted murder of a lice officer, attempted manufacre of methamphetamine and pos-

Town Crier

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ospital

The following are events

hich may be of interest to the

Murray-Calloway County CEO

'Shaughnessy will be the feaired speaker for the Chamber of commerce's Business@Breakast on May 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the

nain ballroom of the Curris

center. Call the Chamber for

lectric Cooperative will have a

lanned outage at its East Murray

ubstation on Thursday. The out-

ge will begin at 8:30 a.m. and

ast about four hours. The affect-

ed areas will be Ky. 121 passed New Providence Road, New

Concord, Irvin Cobb Road, Hwy.

80 passed East Elementary

School, Murray-Paris Road,

Shoemaker Road and most other

areas east of U.S. 641 and south

The outage is required to

change poles and repair insula-

ors on the transmission line pro-

viding service to the East Murray

substation. In the event weather

prohibits work from being per-

ormed on Thursday, the outage

for the Town Crier, call 753-1916.

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session of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine in

Calloway County. Marshall County warrant him charges

with possession

of methamphetamine pre cursor, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Underhill

He 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 spokesman said Monday afternoon.

Underhill was arrested Friday after escaping from a window at a

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# Hazel's warning siren is repaired

By BRANDI WILLIAMS Staff Writer

HAZEL, Ky. - The City of Hazel now has a working emergency siren to alert its citizens.

After having no luck acquiring a new siren through grant funds, the city council decided to have an electrician look at the siren to see if it could be repaired. According to Mayor Harold Pittman, the old siren had short-circuited but was

"When the roof was put on, the light for the flag tied into the same circuit and shorted it out," Pittman explained. The light was disconnected and the short was repaired at a minimal cost, he said.

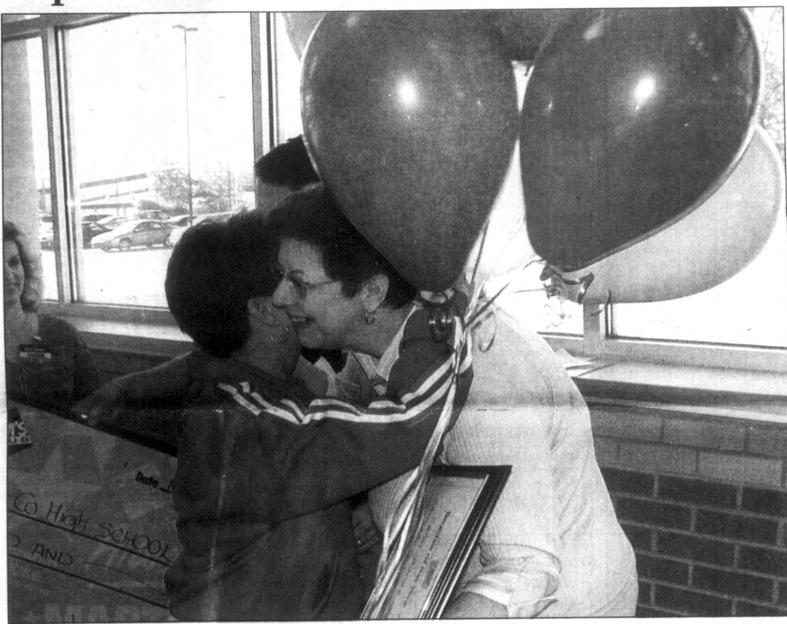
That's a lot better than spending. \$10,000 on a new siren," said commissioner Nancy Mieure.

The council was also informed that there was some money available through a county grant to allow for radio transmitters to trigger the siren in emergency situations. Pittman said those radios are being ordered right now and the city is already scheduling a siren test.

In other business, the city council passed a resolution supporting the submission of an application for

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# Top Teacher



JOHN WRIGHT/Ledger & Times photo

Calloway County High School arts and humanities teacher Carol Bonds, right, receives a congratulatory hug from Principal Yvette Pyle after being notified that she had been named 2004 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. The award is given each year to a teacher from within the Murray Independent Schools and Calloway County Schools, with how a teacher has impacted students being a major factor in the selection process. Shown to the left is Wal-Mart's Sharon Bybee who accompanied Store Manager Michael Stringer to CCHS Tuesday.

# Nurses rally to discuss MCCH changes

By KRISTIN TAYLOR Staff Writer

Many local nurses fear the quality of patient care will suffer because they worry the Murray-Calloway County Hospital administration believes they are interchangeable

among specialized units. More than 80 hospital staff members, mainly nurses, rallied together Monday night at Chestnut Park to express their opinions that the hospital was backsliding on its advances with its staff members and treatment because of anxiety among the workforce caused by uncertain-

Shuffling staff members from one unit to another in a cost-saving effort compromises the talents and dedication of nurses, some at the rally said. "Specialty areas are areas where we can excel," said Betsy Scroggins, the hospital's house supervisor. "They are a standard of

 ✓ I hope the administration sees this as a positive thing.

> — Betsy Scroggins **MCCH House Supervisor**

care nationwide. Specialty areas seem to have been dissolved at our hospital as of last week. Labor and delivery is no longer considered a special nursing area. Emergency care is no long considered a special nursing area.'

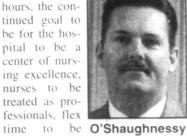
Other nurses echoed Scroggins' concern. "Everyone thinks a nurse is a nurse," one nurse said. "Yes, we can all take blood pressure. We can all take a pulse. But there are innate things that come with your experience and knowing what kind of patients you are going to treat.'

Scroggins, who has been a registered nurse for 19 years, said she and other nurses are concerned CEO Jon O'Shaughnessy and his staff are making clinical decisions without consulting the nursing staff. Shuffling staff members into unfamiliar units could create a chain reaction of other things, including liability and licensing issues, lack of continuity of care for patients, and competency concerns for nurses.

"It seems our current administration thinks a nurse is a nurse," she said. "You have to have a medical background to make clinical deci-

Eighty-one people signed a list of priorities Monday night in support of unity among the nurses and other hospital staff members. They want patient care to remain important, nurses not to be pulled to different areas unless they volunteer to cross. train in other units, full-time nurses

hours, the continued goal to be for the hospital to be a center of nursing excellence. nurses to be treated as professionals, flex allowed, PRNs



to be used as needed, units to be allowed to continue on-call practices and continued education to be encouraged and allowed.

"I realize by standing up here I have put my job on the line. That's OK with me," said Scroggins, who organized the rally. "I hope the administration sees this as a positive thing. I am compelled to bridge the gap between nurses and administra-

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WEATHER

Tonight will be

partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Wednesday will be partly cloudy with highs around

Thursday will be warm and windy.

## Wife of kidnapped contractor begins trip to Germany to see husband

MACON, Miss. (AP) — Hours before Kellie Hamill left Mississippi for Texas on the first leg of a journey to Germany and a reunion with her husband, Thomas Hamill called home with a mild warning for his family. "He said he's doing good but that

he had lost a little weight in all said his mother, Phyllis Hamill, who spoke with her son Monday, then turned the phone over to her daughter-in-law.

'His kids looked at the picture on television and said with the beard and all, it didn't look like daddy. But he looks pretty good to

Thomas Hamill, a contract truck

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Hamill

Marie Shaw, spokeswoman for the U.S. military's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, said Thomas Hamill would likely be able to return home by the end of the week.

The 43-year-old civilian contractor was expected to reunite with his wife at Landstuhl on Tuesday, offi-

"This has been answered prayer," Kellie Hamill said Sunday night. "I can't wait to see him and get him home.'

Phyllis Hamill said her daughterin-law's would get a passport and travel papers in order in Houston before leaving for Germany.

In an interview Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live," Thomas Hamill's aunt, Coleene Higginbotham, said her nephew 'seems to be in very good condition. Kellie has talked to him several times and she says he talks just like his normal self." But she said Hamill's wife had not yet left Houston.

cousin, Rhonda Hamill's Cooper, added the family doesn't know exactly when they'll see Hamill.

a U.S. base in Najaf early today and at a city hall guarded by Bulgarian troops in another Shiite city. Elsewhere, four U.S. soldiers died after their Humvee overturned during a combat patrol, the U.S. Army said.

> The sporadic overnight shelling of the U.S. base in Najaf followed intense attacks Monday by militiamen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who pounded the base with mortars and fired rifles and machine guns. No U.S. soldiers were killed in either attack. U.S. officers estimate about 20 Iraqis were killed by U.S. retaliatory fire.

In Karbala, 50 miles north of Najaf, the city hall and the police headquarters, which are guarded by Bulgarian soldiers, came under mortar fire before dawn today, Bulgarian Defense Ministry spokeswoman Rumyana Strugareva said.

No casualties or damage were reported after that attack which lasted about ten minutes. Al-Sadr's forces have battled coalition troops since the occupation authorities sought his arrest last month for the killing of a rival cleric last year.

North of Baghdad, four U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division died from injuries sustained when their vehicle rolled over Monday night during a patrol near Khalis, some 40 miles northeast of Baghdad, the military said in a state-

At least 759 U.S. troops have

Sharp

## Vehicle accident kills four Americans

died in Iraq since the war began in By The Associated Press

March 2003. NAJAF, Iraq (AP) - Shiite militiamen fired several mortar shells at In Najaf, U.S. commanders said they are holding back fire to avoid serious clashes in the city, which is home to one of the most holy Shiite Muslim shrines.

"I think every soldier here understands the sensitivities of the situation," said Lt. Col. Pat White. He added that U.S. troops would "maintain our defense posture" until someone "much, much higher than me makes a different decision." The Tuesday shelling was light

compared to Monday's sharp clash-

White estimated that 20 militiamen were killed in the Monday battle - based on bodies and "watching young men fall after being hit." He said there were few civilian casualties because troops were using precision fire.

In Fallujah, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Latif, who opposed Saddam Hussein, took over as head of a new force that will replace U.S. Marines in the city, subject to a final background check by U.S. officials. Abdul-Latif would replace another general who may have been involved in Saddam-era

During a brief news conference in Fallujah, Abdul-Latif condemned the brutal killing and mutilation of four American contractors there last month, which triggered the threeweek siege of the city. However, Abdul-Latif said the people of Fallujah collectively were not to

"The people of Fallujah should take pride in the fact that that mutilation was condemned from every

Lt. Cpl. William Blackmon from the 3rd Battalion 24th Marines stands guard with a machine gun at a position at the entrance of the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, today.

(mosque) pulpit," he said. "The people of Fallujah do not share responsibility for this prohibited act."

Abdul-Latif met Tuesday with former officers of Saddam's army at the headquarters of Iraqi security forces in Fallujah.

Fallujah residents have been celebrating what many see as a victory over the U.S. Marines, who are lifting a monthlong siege and pulling back from positions. The Marines are being replaced by an Iraqi force that is largely made up of former soldiers. U.S. officials have acknowledged they did not vet the force's commanders for the extent of their ties to Saddam before letting the new brigade take over.

The new brigade has taken up

and is expected to replace Marines in the north and start patrols in the city soon.

U.S. officials say the Fallujah Brigade will crack down on hardcore guerrillas in the city even though the force itself will likely include some of gunmen involved in fighting against the Marines. Since Friday, masked and armed insurgents have moved freely in the city's streets.

In Najaf, U.S. troops fought for hours with Shiite militiamen Monday who barraged the U.S. base with mortars overnight, then in the afternoon opened fire from several directions. U.S. soldiers responded with heavy machine gun and tank

The fighting subsided late Monday, but overnight, insurgents fired several more mortar rounds at

The U.S. military moved soldiers to the base inside of the city after Spanish peacekeepers withdrew following a decision by the new Madrid government to terminate its involvement in Iraq.

U.S. troops took over the Spanish base as the coalition was cracking down on al-Sadr, who has taken refuge in Najaf, the holiest city in Shiite Islam.

Al-Sadr's forces have stepped up attacks in recent days - apparently either to pressure U.S. officials to negotiate an end to the standoff or to goad troops into retaliating and raising Shiite anger.

The U.S. military has vowed to capture or kill the cleric, whose militia launched an uprising across the south in early April.

#### Court ...

#### From Front

Riviera Courts residence. Police pursued him on foot. He and another suspect, who remains at-large, allegedly opened a tank of anhydrous ammonia, which injured three Marshall County Sheriff's Department deputies who were serving arrest and search warrants as part of a drug round up with the Tri-County Area Drug Task Force.

Related to the same incident at Riviera Courts, Amanda Rae Edmonson, 22, of Murray, is charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly assisting Ronnie Sharp Jr., 29, with evading the police Friday. Sharp is wanted on an attempted murder charge for exposing the police officers to the anhy-

appeared also Edmonson

Monday morning in Calloway District Court, where the judge scheduled her preliminary hearing for May 11. She is being held in the Calloway

County jail in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond, a jail

spokesman said.

Area Crime Stoppers are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of Sharp, according to the task force. He has two past Murray addresses and is described as a white male 5foot-11 and about 175 pounds. Anyone with information about the suspect should call Murray-Calloway County Crime Stoppers at 753-9500 or Marshall County

Crime Stoppers at 270-527-COPS.

#### Hazel ... From Front

Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to rehabilitate the existing wastewater collection/treatment system. At last month's meeting, Jeremy Buchanan of the Purchase Area Development District discussed applying for the grant to expand the sewage lagoon outside of Hazel and prepare the sewer system for more lines to be attached, if necessary.

The grant will be for \$700,000, which the 641 South Water District will have to match. The water district will be applying for a rural development grant to fund the

The council will also be alerting citizens of certain ordinances. One in particular is Hazel's leash law. Pittman said animal control recently spent a day in Hazel collecting strays.

"He took in two and the others' (dog owners) said they were new in town and didn't know about the law,"

the mayor said. "They either have to be fenced in or be on a leash at all times.'

The council will also let citizens know about the business license, mowing, unfit dwellings, pre-manufactured structures, and nuisances or keeping property in unkempt conditions ordinances. Those with questions should contact Hazel City Hall.

Furthermore, commissioner Pat Latimer told the group she was approached about Hazel having its own city-wide yard sale. The group agreed and decided to hold the event in conjunction with the city's clean-up days. The city-wide yard sale is scheduled for June 12 with city clean-up to be June 16-18.

In other business, the group:

■ Agreed to take one of the adult size basketball goals at the park and make it child size.

■ Decided to give \$50 donations to both Calloway County High School and Murray High School for Project Graduation.



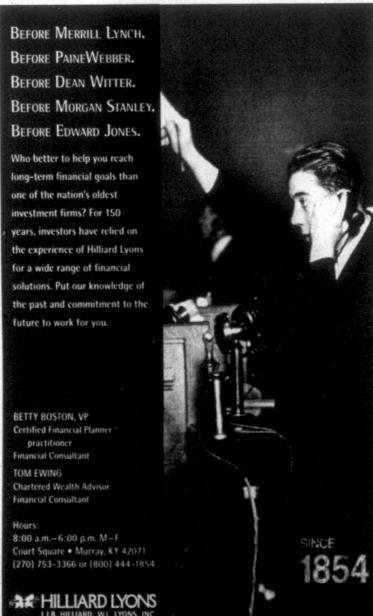
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#### Nurses ...

#### From Front

O'Shaughnessy took a step to bridge that gap beginning with employee forums today. About 75 employees, including nurses, attended one at 7:30 this morning. He distributed a memo outlining policies that address the concerns raised at the rally.

"You can't fault them for being concerned," he said in an interview this morning, adding no one would be disciplined for participating in the rally. "I am concerned, too. Hopefully we can put a cap on it. ... I do think there will be other conversations, but they will stay the course as outlined. Those are not negotiable."

competent. "In no case should an employee be pulled to an area of responsibility in which they do not possess the immediate skill sets or competencies to comply with established job specifications or requirements," the CEO wrote to all employees in his memo.

He also outlined the hospital's existing policy on flex time, PRN staffing and full-time employees. "The overwhelming consensus, even by those who formed the offsite meeting, was that this memo was specific and would meet their needs. I apologized to them that they had to go through that anxiety," he said in the interview.

Three physicians — emergency

which they were not trained and Rainbolt and cardiologist Kwabena Agyeman — attended the rally in support of the nurses. In an interview after the rally, two of the doctors expressed concerns about interchanging nurses despite lack of training and qualifications.

Gina Owens has worked as a PRN, meaning she's worked into the schedule as needed, on and off at Murray-Calloway County Hospital since 1991 and in the emergency room continuously for the past 2 1/2 years. In that recent time, she has worked about 24 hours in the emergency room. In the last week those hours were cut to 16 then 12.

"It's not that I don't think I can go anywhere. It's that I've been taught this and this is where I need to be," she said. "I excel there."

Some PRNs work at other health care facilities to supplement their income, but Owens said she has been content to work solely at MCCH.

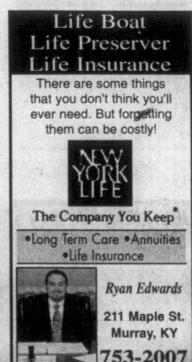
"I love being a nurse. And I loved it before these last few weeks being at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. I am just scared," she said. "I just want a positive outcome. I just want patient care not to suffer. I want people to be proud again to work at Murray-Calloway County Hospital."

Scroggins agreed that this morning's meeting, the first of three today, was productive in opening the communication lines between the parties. She said this morning that he apologized for the miscommunication that caused the concern.

Carol Marcum, who has worked at MCCH for 30 years, said all the different nursing units will have a chance to talk with O'Shaughnessy. "It's unfortunate it's not been communicated properly," she said.



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#### **Obituaries**

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#### **James Thomas Clemons Jr.**

James Thomas Clemons Jr., 44, Rendezvous Drive, New Concord, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at 8:30 p.m. at his home.

His death was from natural causes.

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

Edwin (Ed) Alexander Edwin (Ed) Alexander, 71, Barkley Trail, Cadiz, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at 1:01 a.m. at Trigg County Hospital, Cadiz. His death was because of natural causes.

He had retired from military service after 21 years serving in World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He had also retired as a park ranger at Lake Barkley State Park. A Kentucky Colonel, he was a member of the Shriners, Scottish Rite, and a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He was of Protestant faith.

Born May 25, 1932, in Lenoir City, Tenn., he was the son of the late Thomas F. Alexander and Margaret Culham Curtis.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Susan Alexander; three daughters, Ms. Peggy Alexander, Cadiz, Ms. Phyllis Alexander, Long Island, N.Y., and Mrs. Catharine Garcia, Fergus Falls, Minn.; three sisters, Mrs. Marion Greene, Riceville, Tenn., Mrs. Joyce Hope, Oxford, Ala., and Mrs. Patty Martin, Tellico Plains, Tenn.; one brother, Thaddeus Alexander, Eugene, Ore.; three grandchildren, Ethan Garcia, Jimmy Tusa and Joey Tusa; one great-grandchild, Brendan Tusa.

A memorial service will be Friday at 9 a.m. at the Kentucky Veterans' Cemetery, Hopkinsville.

Goodwin Funeral Home of Cadiz is in charge of arrangements, but no

Expressions of sympathy may be made to DAV Transportation, P.O. Box 129, Sheperdsville, Ky., 40165.

#### Mrs. Evelene Koss

The funeral for Mrs. Evelene Koss will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman & York Funeral Home. The Rev. Elijah Balentine and the Rev. Shelby Underhill will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Dean Higgins, Jason Miller, Kenny Fruit, Kerry Fruit, Leonard Clark and Stanley Barnhart, active; Jerry Wayne Higgins and Roy Gene Higgins, honorary. Burial will follow in the Matheny Cemetery in the Land Between the Lakes.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Tuesday). Mrs. Koss, 78, Ky. 94, East, Murray, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at 5:30 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

She was a retired waitress.

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

Born Oct. 8, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Berlin Higgins and Lou Cindy Cothran Higgins. Two sisters, Cleo Simmons and Maglene Brown, and four brothers, Carlos Higgins, Ira Higgins, Raymond Higgins and Harvey Higgins, also preceded her in death.

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

# Betty Riley estate provides gift to MSU Foundation

The late Betty Shroat Riley blazed an educational path for many of the students she taught throughout her 36-year teaching career in Missouri and Kentucky.

A Murray State University graduate who taught 35 years in the Calloway County School system, Riley remembered her MSU alma mater after her death last January through a generous gift of nearly \$7,500 designated to Murray State University.

Dr. Tim Miller, executive director of the MSU Foundation, said the money from Riley's estate was given to the MSU Foundation, and it will be used to assist numerous students receive a college education through scholarships. "The Shroat family has a long history of their supportive gifts to MSU, which have enabled a multitude of students in receiving an education."

Judy Shroat Futrell, Riley's niece and longtime supporter of MSU, said her aunt loved her educational roots. "She was actively involved with education in every facet through her alma mater at Murray and her teaching years at Calloway. She would want to be remembered for involvement with Murray's First Christian Church and her educational endeavors affiliated with her teaching career," she said. "She dearly loved Murray State University. The university provided her with a strong educational foundation that led her to help many Calloway County High School graduates pursue their college educations."

Riley received her bachelor's degree in English from Murray

State Teachers College in 1948 and went on to receive master's degree in 1952. A Training school graduate, Riley spent the first vear of her



Missouri before returning Murray, where she taught at Lynn Grove High School until the Calloway County school consolidation. After the consolidation, Riley taught English classes that were emphasized for college

Stephanie Wyatt, supervisor of instruction for the Calloway County School System, remembers her former English teacher as a "very focused and by the book teacher." Wyatt said it wasn't unusual for Riley to talk to her students about a college education at Murray State University. "She had high expectations for all of her stu-County High School and was very passionate about her students furthering their higher educational opportunities.

Wyatt, who went on to receive her bachelor's and master's degrees, Ranks 1 and 2, and obtained her professional certificate for instructional leadership from MSU, said Riley was an advocate for Murray State. "She opened many doors for students to pursue an education at Murray."

A native of Missouri, Riley was

a member and elder of Murray's First Christian Church and taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. A former field representative for the National Beta Club, Riley taught AARP driving lessons until 1990.

As a former member of the Alpha Delta Kappa's Murray RHO charter (a branch of the international sorority that recognizes and supports the professional efforts of outstanding women educators), Riley continually supported and channeled the sorority's mission serving in many capacities that included chairing events and holding office at different levels.

As the 1982-84 Kentucky State bound students until her retire- President of Kappa Delta Kappa, Riley was described as a "dedicated teacher who possessed the rare gift to set aglow in the life of each of her students the spirit of selfesteem and a desire to learn," Jane Miller, a past state president of KADA, said. "She helped each student find his or her personal worth and dignity."

Sue Stubblefield Adams, a coworker with Riley who taught dents, was dedicated to Calloway English at Calloway County High School, said Riley promoted high teaching standards. "She put many hours into her teaching and nurturing her students.'

To contribute to Murray State University, establish a scholarship, or for more information, contact Mark Hutchins, associate vice president of institutional advancement, by phone at (270) 762-3123 or toll-free at 1 (877) 282-0033 or by e-mail at mark.hutchins@mur-

Distinguished Alumnus recipient, will also be honored. "Muffins and Minglin' Brunch" will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at The Alumni Center. A special recognition for the Class of 1954 will be held during MSU's 2004 Commencement Ceremony. Saturday, May 8, at the Regional Special Events Center. A Farewell Luncheon will be held for mem-

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Association, an array of events

are slated May 7-8 to commemo-

rate MSU's Golden Anniversary

returning as special guests for

their 50th reunion during the

weekend. On Friday, May 7, the

1954 group will be inducted into

MSU's Emeritus Club at a noon

luncheon in the Murray Room at

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STUART ALEXANDER

## Former postmaster general, TVA exec, Marvin Runyon, dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Marvin Runyon, a tightfisted auto executive who introduced corporatestyle management to federal agencies as postmaster general and Tennessee Valley Authority chairman, died

Monday. He was 79. Runyon died of the lung disease pulmonary fibrosis at his home in Nashville, said Vicki Kessler, spokeswoman for the Atkinson Relations firm founded by Runyon's

In a sometimes stormy tenure as postmaster general from 1992 to 1998, he eliminated hundreds of management jobs, reorganized the massive operation and built a business that made more than \$1 billion in profits by the time he left.

It was the first time the U.S. Postal Service had been in the black since 1989 after losing millions of dollars every year. There was only one rate rise for regular mail during Runyon's tenure, from 29 cents to 32 cents.

"We focused on the customer; the customer is our focus. That's one of

the things about government agencies, they don't

tomer," Runyon

said at the time.

Runyon



entered public service in 1988 when President Reagan named nim chairman of the TVA, a post

Runyon

master general. At the federal utility, he earned the nickname "Carvin Marvin" for slashing the payroll by one-third, and for reorganizing and streamlining opera-

U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, a former Tennessee governor, credited Runyon with stabilizing electricity rates at TVA. He also commended Runyon for creating thousands of jobs while top executive of Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corp. operations in North America.

"I don't know of any Tennessee chief executive who has compiled a better record than that," Alexander said. "He made an extraordinary difference in the lives and standard of living of literally tens of thousands of

Tennessee families.' Alexander said Runyon liked to tell the story of a congressman who called to berate him for giving bonuses to TVA executives. After listening for a while, Runyon offered to fly to Washington and hand the keys to he held until TVA's offices over to the lawmaker becoming postso he could come make the decisions. "He said he didn't hear from him

> again," Alexander said. "Marvin Runyon was a man of great principle and ability," TVA Chairman Glenn McCullough said. "He was loyal to TVA and to TVA's mission. So this is a sad day for all of

Runyon started his career on the assembly line at the Ford plant in Dallas where his father worked. He climbed Ford's corporate ladder, eventually becoming vice president

of assembly and operations. He took early retirement from

Ford in 1980, after 37 years with the company, and became the first employee at Nissan in the United Under his stewardship, Nissan's

factory in Smyrna, Tenn., became one of the country's most automated assembly plants.

Runyon would roam the plant floor dressed in the same blue uniform as his employees with "Marvin" stitched on the shirt. During his time with the Postal

Service's, the total work force remained about the same even as its mail load grew by about 11 percent. The nation's largest civilian employer at the time, the postal service had more than 765,000 workers.

However, Runyon did trim management jobs by 23,000 while adding letter carriers and other employees to improve customer service.

In 1997, the Justice Department ended a conflict-of-interest investigation of Runyon without filing crimi-

nal charges. But Runyon paid \$27,550 as part of what the government called a "voluntary civil settlement.

The actions concluded a probe begun in September 1996 into whether Runyon violated any laws in having discussions about putting Coca-Cola machines in the nation's 40,000 post offices. He owned Coke stock at the time.

Runyon was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and grew up in Dallas. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant. He was a management engineering graduate of Texas A&M University.

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# Losing the HIGH GROUND

WASHINGTON (AP) — The reported abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers threatens to undermine part of President Bush's rationale for unseating Saddam Hussein: that the United States had ended a regime that was torturing and abusing Iraqis.



Washington support in Iraq. **Today** By Tom Raum Associated Press Writer

The disclosures undermine American claims to a moral high ground as the United States tries to put down a growing insurgency and gain international

'Saddam Hussein encouraged and tolerated this kind of behavior — the U.S. does not,"

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday, reporting that the president had called Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to

make sure any guilty soldiers are

punished. Even so the allegation of mistreatment of prisoners 'makes the U.S. and coalition forces a legitimate enemy in the eyes of \*more Arabs than was the case before," said Anthony Cordesman, an expert on Middle East security issues at the Center for

at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad, Iraq in this undated photo. Strategic and International Studies

"Anything short of a court-martial of general officers will be seen throughout the region as a cover-

The latest setback to U.S. efforts in Iraq comes as the administration passes an embarrassing landmark - the first anniversary of Bush's "mission accomplished" speech and just two months before the United States is to turn over civilian authority to a new Iraqi interim government.

It also comes as the United States attempts to encourage more international participation in establishing a stable Iraq, particularly by Arab nations, and as the Justice Department gathers evidence for a war crimes case against Saddam and other senior members of his government.

The worldwide circulation of photos showing U.S. soldiers humiliating and abusing Iraqi prisoners at the U.S. Army-run Abu Ghraib prison has further stoked international disapproval of the U.S. and British occupation.

"This has been a very difficult

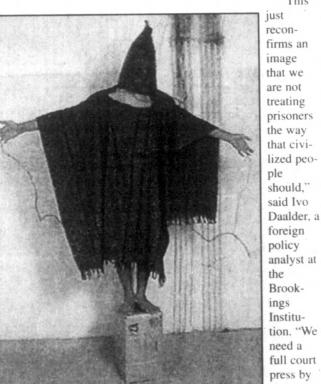
period. I don't think it is too late for us to get this right, but I don't think we have a lot of time to turn this around," said Sandy Berger, President Clinton's national security

Thus far, U.S. officials have condemned the prisoner treatment as an aberration. Bush expressed "deep disgust." Secretary of State Colin Powell told reporters on Monday that U.S. soldiers "are there to help, not to hurt."

"The actions of a few, I trust, will not overwhelm the goodness that comes from so many of our soldiers," Powell said.

More U.S. soldiers were being reprimanded, a senior U.S. military official said Monday in Baghdad. Six U.S. military police were already facing charges.

The allegations could reinforce to the world an image of mistreatment of detainees following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, including the continued holding of 600 on a U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay,



The New Yorker/AP Photo adminis-A hooded and wired Iraqi prisoner is seen

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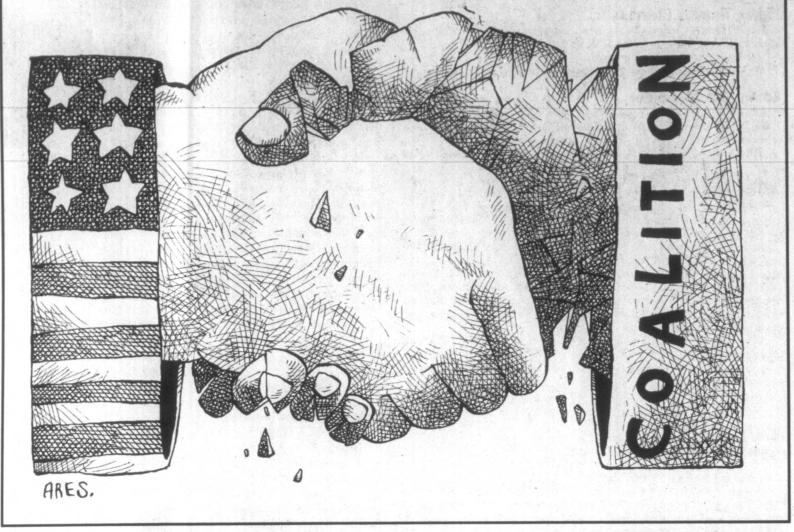
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Am-nesty Inter-national, a London-based human-rights group, alleged a monthslong "pattern of torture" of Iraqi prisoners by coalition troops, and called for an independent investigation. A leading association of Iraqi Sunni Muslim clerics called for an international investigation. And Iraq's interior minister demanded an Iraqi role in the running of all prisons.

Public opinion about Iraq has been changing in the United States. Recent polls show the country is now close to evenly divided between those who think the administration made the right decision to go to war in Iraq and those who think the war was a mistake. In December, two-thirds said the administration made the right deci-

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



# Does E.U. mean European Unity?

DUBLIN - The Irish have never needed a reason to party, but the expanded European Union (EU) on May 1 (including eight formerly communist

countries) has

given them a

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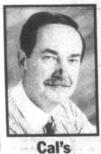
prime minister,

Bertie Ahern, is

the president of

respectable one.

And their pride



Cal's Syndicated

the European Thoughts Council of the By Cal Thomas EU. Ahern presided at cere-Columnist monies last Saturday during which he wel-

comed the 10 new member states. Europeans - or at least the member nations of the EU (more but not necessarily all to come) - have been warring with each other over land, politics, grievances and especially religion since before the Christ most no longer worship. Since the foundation of Rome in 753 B.C. there have been wars and rumors of war on the continent and with

What makes Europeans believe that this time they've got it right? The source for their optimism is recent events. Fifteen years after

the fall of the Berlin Wall and the liberation of Eastern Europe, the European states believe their moment has arrived. Optimism has always driven people and states, even when the failure to deal adequately with humanity's lower nature brought pessimism. After much haggling, the EU has yet to produce a constitution. And Britain remains on the sidelines, so far refusing to join the club.

Fifty-eight years ago, Winston Churchill spoke of an Iron Curtain having descended "from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic." That curtain has now been raised. Would it be churlish to note that Europeans were largely unable, or unwilling, to free themselves from the twin menaces of fascism and communism in the last century and had to be liberated from these evils and from themselves by the United States? While some wonder if Iraq can stand on its own, we can also ask, can Europe?

The Times of London, while editorially celebrating a "Glad Bright Morning," is right to describe the EU as "an experiment in political organization." Yes, it is convenient to travel from country to country without changing currency (though not as fun). Yes, Europeans will be

able to travel more freely within the EU and get jobs in other countries from which they were barred in the past. Yes, EU members enjoy quicker passage through airport immigration than the mere Americans who have made their present lot possible. But will union mean unity? That is yet to be demonstrated.

Europe's biggest problem will be its current one: assimilation. What does being a "European" mean? As imperfect as identity politics may have been in the past, the Germans, French, Dutch and even the Swiss had a sense of self, if not always a sense of purpose. What are they now? If they are now the 25 "musketeers " can each be expected to work for the benefit of all rather than serve self-interest?" Individual European nations do

not have a history of subordination of self-interest to the general welfare. Past alliances were mostly formed to advance the self-interests of a state or states entering into those alliances. When those interests were served (or rejected in war) the nation-states mostly continued as before.

Europeans are now being asked to subscribe to a creed grander than the United Nations, which has

failed to usher in world peace. Twenty-five nations representing 450 million people have a lot at stake in this grandest of experiments. Past grievances have often overwhelmed future hope. The Irish Times' Hugo Hamilton referred to that checkered history in a May 1 article: "Each of the new states may have a communal future to a certain degree, but they each have their own ways of remembering the past."

Hamilton seems to be engaging in an act of faith (if not a leap) when he writes, "We see the bomb attacks in Spain as something that happened to us all. That collective sensitivity shapes our decisions about the future." Is that why Spain withdrew troops from the coalition in Iraq? Is that why France, Germany and England seem unwilling (or unable, as in England where liberal laws make it difficult) to deal with its non-assimilating Muslim population and the minority (we're told) among them who call for an Islamic union, by force if necessary?

Let's raise a glass with Dubliners to the larger European Union. But given the history of Europe, I wouldn't bet more than a pint of Guinness on a successful outcome.

# A Breed Apart

When I was in my second year of college, weekend revelry began on Thursday night, down at the Extension Tavern on Olden Avenue. You had to be 21 to get in, but most of us had fake proof. Someone had gotten hold of a drivers' license for a 21-year-old named named Maureen O'Keefe, and it was passed around my sorority

> Friday and Saturday nights were reserved for partying at an hour of my campus. We managed to get through the other part of the week by

whenever a sister needed ID.

**Main Street** By Constance Alexander Murray Ledger & Times Columnist

Princeton, Rutgers or Rider, the other universities within interspersing class time with long stints in the student union, playing bridge or pinochle.

Girls wore their hair long, and if nature did not make it straight, ironing did. We were partial to Villager separates,

with sweaters dyed to match pleated skirts, knee-length shorts or slacks. Boys wore Weejuns (loafers) without socks all year long. Their oxford cloth shirts were blue buttondowns that went well with chinos or jeans.

Though the Vietnam War was heating up, and our campus had a sizeable number of returning vets enrolled, we did our best to ignore the reality of the draft and the mounting numbers of casualties and deaths. We were Baby Boomers, after all, the first generation to be brought up on TV - Lucy and Desi, Beaver Cleaver and "Father Knows Best." We were used to being special, the babies most of our parents dreamed

of during World War II.

Though I paid my own way through college with a combination of scholarships, Social-Security benefits and on-campus jobs, I still had plenty of time for fun. So did most of my

I carried that carefree image of college into the Humanities class I taught this semester at Murray State University. I quickly discovered that times had changed. Today's breed of undergrad is generally hard-working and sober, both

in and out of class. All my students had jobs, some of them working full time. Although Humanities is required for sophomores, my class was not populated solely by 19 and 20 year olds. Some of them were parents, husbands, wives. At least two had been laid off from factory jobs, and were returning to school to start new careers. It seemed that many of the students, regardless of age, shouldered the responsibility of college along with other duties.

There was little evidence of frivolity when we got together on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30. Most of the students attended, as required, and most of them were early or on time. And if the results of the frequent quizzes I administered are any indication, most had completed homework reading assign-

Humanities 212 demands that students read at least two novels, one play, 23 short stories, 36 poems, and seven essays by prominent 19th and 20th century philosophers. The selections would hardly qualify as lit-light, with Austen, Nietzsche, Ibsen, Faulkner and de Beauvoir spiked with writings by authors from far-flung

places - Palestine, South Africa, Chile, Egypt. Besides the diversity of readings, there were the aforementioned quizzes, several tests, a couple of short papers, a project, and a final exam. In addition, students were required to attend at least two cultural activities during the semester

Despite the heavy workload, most of the students met the challenge and worked hard. Now that the semester is over and grades are in, I can

honestly say I enjoyed every minute we spent

enriched their lives had become because of the

and hand in write-ups to demonstrate how

together. In fact, I loved that class. When the semester began, I was not sure what to expect. So much of what is written about today's college students emphasizes the negative -- issues like grade inflation and the preponderance of plagiarism from the Internet get a lot of press. I, on the other hand, found my class to be intellectually curious; willing to participate; and eager to improve their skills.

My students paid attention; they took the initiative to ask questions; they were willing to dive into intellectually rough waters. No one ever whined.

While I still don't understand their need for body piercing and low-slung pants, and I have no desire to comprehend their tastes in music, I have enormous respect and fondness for this generation of college students. Based on my experience with Humanities 212, these students are a breed apart from what I remember.

Read Main Street online at www.murrayledger.com. Confact the columnist directly at constancealexander@charter.net.

# Community

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

#### Parent Involvement meeting will be Thursday at MMS



Jo's **Datebook** By Jo Burkeen Community Editor

The annual Parent Involvement meeting, hosted by Murray Middle School Title I, will be Thursday, May 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the third floor art room of the school.

Included in the program will be Parents and Title I Team sharing information and ideas; Title I Team offering information about text preparation; educational games for your children; Students (in MMS program) will receive "Testing Survival Kits"; drawing for a free television; free pizza; students must be accompanied by at least one adult.

All parents and children are invited, according to Vicky Dunlap.

**Homemakers Council will meet** 

Calloway County Homemakers Council will meet Wednesday, May 5, at 10 a.m. at the County Extension Office. All council members are urged to attend.

**Garden Department to meet** 

Garden Department of Murray Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the club house for dessert and business meeting. The group will then carpool to Flower Potts with Jane Potts to give a program on "Container Planting." Hostesses will be Shirley Lamb, Martha Crafton, Wilma Wilson and Margaret Taylor.

**CCHS** Alumni plan promotion

Alumni and Associates of Calloway County High School will have a rebate night at Taco John's Thursday, May 6, from 4 to closing. Proceeds will go toward scholarships and other ways of enhancing the education of students at CCHS.

Cordelia Erwin Circle will meet

Cordelia Erwin Circle of South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will meet Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Kappa Department to meet tonight

Kappa Department of the Murray Woman's Club will have "Ladies Night Out" tonight, May 4, at 6 p.m. at J. Edwards Restaurant. Note change of time from previous announcement. Hostesses are Dru McKinney and Evelyn Wallis.

Clothes Closet will be open Thursday

Dexter Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open on Thursday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church in Dexter. Featured are infants to adult clothes which are free to those needing them. For information call Linda Young at 437-4890.

Glory Bound scheduled Thursday

Glory Bound Entertainment will be Thursday, May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Weaks Community Center. Each one is asked bring a can of food for Need Line. There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken. This is an outreach ministry of Goshen United Methodist Church and the public is invited.

Alpha members will collect book material

Members of Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will be at the club house to collect histories of businesses, churches and communities, including those that no longer are in existence Thursday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. This material will be used in the book, "The Calloway County Family History," to be published soon.

Murray Kiwanis Club plans breakfast

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 tonight

Calloway County Laker Bands will present a spring concert tonight, 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 today

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

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 today, May 4. For information or registration call 753-4059.

Murray Singles will meet tonight

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet tonight, 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 tonight, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall, located on Highway 464 east of Almo.

**Health Express lists weekly stops** 

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

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## Theta Department of MWC





Photos provided Eric Kelleher, side photo, executive director of Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center, spoke about the activities of the seniors at the April meeting of the Theta Department of the Murray Woman's Club. Hostesses were, top photo, from left, Judy Rose, Sylvia Puckett and Opal Howard. The department will have a brunch on May 22 at 10 a.m. at Dumplin's with Naomi Rogers, Bess Kerlick and Nettie Bennett as host-

#### **Writer's Potpourri**

Writer's Potpourri will be Saturday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Calloway County Public Library.

This is open to all interested writers.

Charlie E. York, director, has released some of the poems written by participants, as fol-

The Dandelion, the Children's Flower

By Linda M. Siebold They bloom early in April, We see them all 'round On slender stalks Or low to the ground. They have sun-shiny petals As handsome as gold And may be plucked freely Small children are told. Each blooms profusely, They cover my lawn. If not for their leaves, now, All its green would be gone.

Remember the Way Home By Wilma J. Sanders When we would walk to

There was one simple rule When we started back at

close of day It's not the time to roam Remember the way home Don't wander off the route

and play It would worry Mama more She'd be waiting at the door With a frown upon her pretty

There might be peach tree tea

It's not a pretty sight in any case

So remember the way home It's not the time to roam If we want a pretty smile on

By Dub Hurt

face

When day comes to a close,

I lay me down at night Before I close my eyes to My poems I recite.

Some are amusing Some are my favorites As I lay there in the stillness And my poems I recite. I try to think of an outline or Something someone has said I'll write it down tomorrow If I can keep it in my head. It's hard to keep my mind on

When day turns to night While I snuggle 'neath the covers

But the Sandman comes to My eyes and thoughts grow

And my poems I recite.

#### by Charlie York

I'll forget it all tomorrow Because I had to go with

My Angel

By Lenda Easley You know you have an angel watching over you! She's there for me--She pours the water for my flowers (when it rains) The snow clouds are feathers when they have pillow fights The thunder is they're moving

furniture tidying up their heavens The lightning they do by turning off and on their lights When I was young and fright-

Mom would tell it would be

It's just the angels in flight You see they're all around

#### Five Little Dragons By Charlie E. York

Five little dragons started to school Each one had a book Each one had a stool. They wore rough trousers With coats of green. They were all well groomed Very neat and clean. The teacher told them The very first day. They would study first Then they would play. First the dragons counted up to five. Five active dragons very much alive. The learned about fire And how to blow smoke. How to pull a little prank And with dragons joke. Five little dragons off to see Who would be first

Mother's Rose

By Dorothy Locke Inman I wear a white rose On this Mother's Day It signifies that my Loving Mother has passed away. My children wear a red rose on this happy Mother's Day. It signifies that I'm still with them today. Red or white roses on Mother's Dav.

to get a dragon degree.

tell the old, old story That someone is loved today. God made the roses of different hues,

But he also made Loving Mothers too. Told us to honor Father and

Mother. Today Mother is your award of honor

# **Sewing By Steven**



## Calloway County marvelous May activities listed by 4-H

Numerous 4-H activities are organizing and preparing in May

for exciting educational events. Youth involved in 4-H are gaining four important lifelong skills which are

mastery,

erosity and

independence.

In the weeks

to come, we

will explore

these concepts

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**Extension** Notes Ginny Harper Calloway County Agent

for 4-H/Youth Development

our community. Independence is learning to work and gain skills as an individual and being able to care for some of your own needs and concerns. 4-H youth gain independence as they work and achieve skills as club members and gain knowledge and skills to express and determine their ideas and belonging as they work side by side with other 4-H youth and their leaders. Independence enhances self-esteem and sense of self-worth.

Many clubs and project groups are beginning their efforts this month. Here is a glance of the club work and events that are Marvelous in

■Camp registration ended May 3. All scholarship forms and registration forms were due May 3 to the Extension Office.

■The Millennium Mutts Dog Club met May 3 at the farm of leader Karen Collins. ■The Millennium Mutts will

host a Dog Camp May 14 -15 at Wildwood Farms or Expo if inclement weather. The cost is 15.00. Applications and forms were due May 3.

■The Laker Stars will meet at Camp WOW will meet May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. ■Geology Rock Hunt is

scheduled from 3:30 to 6 p.m. May 4. Youth will depart from the Extension Office, but will be canceled if raining.

■Teen Extreme will meet in May with the date to be announced. Teen Schedules are busy in May with all the other things to be done.

■4.H Cooking Class will be May 5 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office. All interested vouth are welcome. ■4-H Council will meet May

6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension

Office. All Interested are welcomed.

■Western Rivers Expo meeting will be May 6 at 5 p.m. at the Expo Center. All Interested parents are welcome.

■Southwest Superstars will meet May 10 after school until 4:30 p.m. 4-H youth will learn of Summer Opportunities and end their school year club with some fun. "

■For youth and parents Interested in Livestock Projects and participating in Showing Animals this summer, there will be an informative session at the Extension Office May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Discussion of 4-H FFA Show and Sale, requirements for local and regional shows will be addressed and upcoming dates to participate

given. ■4.H Archery meets with. Larry Benton on Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Call for more

information. ■The Scrapbooking and Stamping Club will meet May 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the

Extension Office. ■East Clovers are performing their State Fair bound Variety Show Act for the residents of Glendale Place May 8 at 3 p.m. They are also sponsoring a Rebate Night at Sirloin Stockade

May 13. ■Horse Judging Team and Horse Bowl teams practice on Tuesdays at the Expo Center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. All interested youth are welcome. Catie Ford and Leslie Belt will be the coaches. State Competition is set for June 14-16 at the Horse

Park in Lexington. ■The East Clovers will meet Monday, May 17 after school

until 4:30 p.m. ■A Geology Family Weekend is planned for May 21 to 23 in Farmington. Mo. Families will be responsible for own transportation and lodging. The group has four different sites to explore and search for rocks and minerals. Youth should be able to find agates, quartz, galena and much more. Call the Extension Office by May 18

participate. ■Entomology Club will meet May 15 or 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Extension Office.

■Tagging Date for goats, hogs, lambs and beef heifers is set for May 27 at the Expo Center from 4 to 7 p.m. Allmarket animals to be shown at District or State Fair Competition must be tagged. Call me, if you have questions 753-1452.

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# Garnett wins 1st NBA MVP award

Kid is all grown up, and he has an NBA MVP award to prove it.

Kevin Garnett got 120 of 123 first-place votes to beat two-time winner Tim Duncan for the honor Monday, three days after his Minnesota Timberwolves won a playoff series for the first time.

Garnett's teammates attended a packed news conference at the Timberwolves' arena, and he praised them repeatedly.

"I wouldn't be nothing without those knuckleheads, believe me," Garnett said. "It's a team game, and I've always kept that perspective."

He has played at an MVP level for years, but this was a breakthrough season for the Wolves. They earned the top seeding in the Western Conference playoffs with a franchise-best 58-24 record, then ended a string of seven straight first-round exits from the postseason by beating Denver.

"This is best situation I could ever think of, or dream of," Garnett said

Playing everywhere from center to point guard, the 7-footer averaged 24.2 points, a league-leading 13.9 rebounds and 5.0 assists this season - and his playoff stats are even better.

Garnett joined Larry Bird as the only players to average 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for five consecutive years.

He received 1,219 points in voting by sports writers and broadcasters in each of the league's cities. San Antonio's Duncan was next with 716 points, and Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal finished third with 523. Peja Stojakovic and Kobe Bryant were next.

"He's definitely deserving of it," said O'Neal, like Garnett a high school standout in South Carolina. "He waited his turn. A lot of people thought he should've won it last year.

Garnett was taken by Minnesota with the fifth pick in the 1995 draft out of Chicago's Farragut Academy, where he spent his senior year. Bryant also went straight from high school to the pros the next season, and now dozens of teenagers skip college each year in hopes of making it in the NBA.

Nicknamed "The Kid," Garnett made the All-Star team in his second season.

"When he came into the league nine years ago, the No. 1 thing he said to myself and Kevin McHale is he wanted to be the best player in the league," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett holds up the Maurice Podoloff Trophy after being named the NBA's Most Valuable Player Monday in Minneapolis. Garnett received 120 of 123 firstplace votes, easily beating two-time winner Tim Duncan and Jermaine O'Neal.

# Adams to join Racers that produced a First Region-best 23-6 scored over 1,000 points in his four sea-

By SCOTT NANNEY

Sports Editor Non-scholarship players have taken on an increased roll within the Murray State basketball program since head coach Mick Cronin took over the Racers in April 2003.

A.J. Adams certainly hopes that trend continues in the next four years.

The Graves County senior recently agreed to join the MSU program as a non-scholarship player, beginning with the 2004-05 season.

"I really like the program and the style of ball they want to play. That's the way I'm used to playing," said Adams, a 6-foot-6 forward who averaged 17.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game during his senior year for an Eagles squad

MICHAEL DANN/Ledger & Times photo Graves County senior A.J. Adams, pictured during a game earlier this year, has agreed to join the Murray State basketball team as a nonscholarship player in 2004-05.

record in 2003-04.

"It really came down to being able to go somewhere (to college) that was close to home," added Adams, who also received interest from Tennessee-Martin head coach Bret Campbell, who wanted him as a walk-on with the Skyhawks.

According to Adams, the Murray State coaching staff began showing interest in his talents last December at the Marshall County Hoop Fest.

"One of the (MSU) coaches came up to me after a game and told me that they really liked the way I played," Adams noted. "They kept in contact with me and (Graves) coach (Allan) Hatch-

Adams got a first-hand look at the MSU program in March, when he attended a practice during the Racers' preparations for their appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

"I don't really think it's anything different than what I've been through in the last four years," said Adams, who

sons with the Eagles - the last three as a starter. "Their style of ball is what I'm used to playing.

Adams will start his MSU career as a non-scholarship player, but hopes to earn a scholarship on the floor.

"They said they would have given me a scholarship for this year, but they didn't have one to give," Adams claimed. "I hope I can come off the bench for a few minutes and show them what I can do.... I feel like I can shoot and handle the ball pretty well."

In addition to his on-court skills, Adams also possesses an impressive academic resume' after posting a team-best 3.72 grade-point average during his senior year at Graves County. He plans to major in physical therapy at MSU.

Adams' decision to join the program preserves a Graves County connection on the Racer roster. Guard Tim Haworth, a Mayfield native, just completed his fourth and final year as a non-scholarship player at MSU.

# Maddux helps Cubs earn

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The do-itall performance of Greg Maddux helped the Chicago Cubs split a four-game series with the St. Louis Cardinals, an outcome that seemed fine with both teams.

"It ended up even and right, the way it should have," said the Cubs' Todd Walker, who homered and had three RBIs in Chicago's 7-3 victory Monday. "We certainly could have won the two games we lost and they certainly could have won the two games they lost. "So it worked out fine, espe-

cially for us being on the road." There's no tougher place for the Cubs to play. They're 7-27 at

Busch Stadium since 2000. As for the Cardinals, their unheralded pitching staff stood up to the Cubs. And they won two games in their final at-bat despite continuing struggles at home, where they're 6-11.

'We haven't been playing very well at home, so at least we were able to put on a good series and not really lose any ground or gain any ground," Reggie Sanders said. "It was a very good series, an exciting, postseason type series. More to come."

In the only other National League game Monday, Cincinnati beat Houston 7-5.

Maddux (2-2) beat the Cardinals with his arm, bat and legs.

He pitched seven strong innings, stole a base, got an infield hit and scored twice.

Sammy Sosa and Derrek Lee also homered for the Cubs, who split despite scoring only 14 runs. The games drew a total of 181.826 fans — an average of 45,456.

"As a player you appreciate the added excitement and the enthusiasm," Maddux said. "It's always cool playing here. Even as a Brave it was cool playing here, but with the Cubs it's a whole new level."

Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer for the Cardinals and also flied out twice to the warning track. Jim Edmonds hit a solo shot in the eighth off Cubs reliever Francis Beltran.

But the Cardinals got only 10 runs in the four games.

"Our starting pitchers did a great job against this high-powered offense," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "I knew we weren't going to get out of town without Pujols getting somebody, I'm just glad it was a solo."

Maddux outpitched former Braves teammate Jason Marquis for his 291st career victory. He allowed two runs and seven hits, walking none and striking out six.

Maddux entered the game with an uncharacteristically high 5.65 ERA, then his third straight solid outing left him at 5.05 ERA.



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Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux follows through on his pitch during the first inning of Monday's game against the Cardinals in St. Louis. Maddux pitched seven strong innings, stole a base, got an infield hit and scored twice in the Cubs' 7-3 victory.

#### family, friends remembered elite Ranger unit since 2002, from spe- eral friends have said the terrorist attacks

decision to walk away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to fight for his country made him a hero to some of the people he used to idolize.

Many celebrities and politicians were among the approximately 3,000 people who came out in his hometown Monday to remember a man so moved by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that he left the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army.

"I was told he admired me but it's the reverse ...," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wrote in a letter read by his wife, Maria Shriver. "Pat's journey, that's the American dream and he sacrificed that. That to me is a real hero."

Tillman, 27, died April 22 in Afghanistan in a firefight near the Pakistan border as he was leading his team to help comrades caught in an ambush.

The Army gave few details of how Till-

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Pat Tillman's man was killed, but said he was fatally shot while fighting "without regard for his personal safety.

Shriver said Tillman epitomized the message her uncle, John F. Kennedy, delivered in his presidential inauguration 43 years

"My uncle once said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.' You, Pat, have lived those words," she said.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Hall of Famer Gene Upshaw, executive director of the players' union, were among those who attended the public memorial at a municipal rose garden.

"The underlying thing was his courage and selflessness on the athletic field, in his community and now as a soldier," Tagliabue told reporters before the service.

Last week, the military posthumously promoted Tillman, a member of the Army's

cialist to corporal. He also was awarded a Purple Heart and Silver Star.

While many of us will be blessed to live a longer life, few of us will ever live a better one," said Sen. John McCain. R-Ariz., who spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. "He was a most

honorable man.' Tillman attended San Jose's Leland High School and was drafted by the Cardinals after starring at Arizona State.

He became the Cardinals' starting safety and broke the franchise record for tackles in 2000.

"It was an honor to coach Pat," former Cardinals assistant coach Larry Marmie said. "I learned a lot from him. Players often look for the respect from their coaches. I found myself trying to earn Pat's respect."

Though he never publicly offered reasons for his decision to join the Army, sev-

affected him deeply.

"He wasn't interested in headlines," Upshaw said. "But he was interested in giving everything for a cause, whatever the cause may be.'

Tillman was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and was based in Fort Lewis, Wash.

He was one of about 100 U.S. soldiers to have been killed in Afghanistan since the United States invaded in 2001. He is the first NFL player killed in combat since Buffalo offensive tackle Bob Kalsu died in the Vietnam War. Nineteen NFL players were killed in World War II.

"I came to pay my respects," said Joel Cascio, a San Jose resident who served two years in the Navy during the mid-1960s. "He put his career aside. That's a courageous thing to do, no matter what walk of life."

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) Tayshaun Prince said what the Detroit Pistons wouldn't before their series with New Jersey.

"Obviously, last year weighed on our minds," Prince said.

Fueled by being swept in the conference finals last season, the Pistons held the Nets to the second-lowest point total in NBA playoff history in a 78-56 victory Monday night.

Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal also featured the lowest-scoring first half in a postseason game. The teams combined

for just 62 points, with the Pis tons leading 37-25.

The Nets ending up losing by 22 points despite holding the Pistons to no more than 21 points in any quarter.

After winning Game 1 in the first round against Milwaukee, the Pistons dropped the next game before winning the series in five games. They don't want to follow the same pattern Friday night in Game 2 when the Nets come back

to The Palace. "The first thing I told my team is that we had had an unbeliev-

able win against Milwaukee, and we lost the home court in the next one," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "New Jersey is a great team, and they will play their best game

on Friday." Prince had 15 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and Richard Hamilton also had 15 points. Ben Wallace had 13 points and led the defensive effort with 11 rebounds, four steals and three

blocks. New Jersey shot just 27.1 per-

cent and tied the postseason record for fewest field goals - 19 in what was easily its worst offensive performance of the season.

The Nets scored just 39 points through three quarters and needed reserve Tamar Slay's jumper with 42 seconds left to avoid tying the lowest playoff total in league history - 54 points by Utah against Chicago in the 1998 NBA Finals.

"It was almost like we thought we were playing a different game where the lowest score wins,

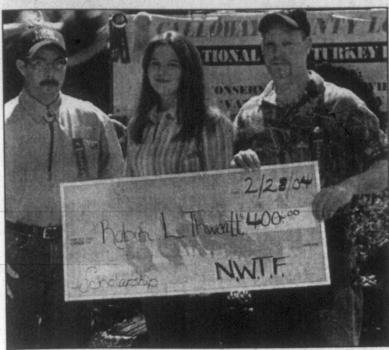
Nets star Jason Kidd said. The loss snapped New Jersey's

streak of 14 consecutive postseason victories against Eastern Conference teams.

"That's no big deal," Richard Jefferson said.

Kenyon Martin and Jefferson New Jersey's top two scorers - combined for twice as many fouls (10) as field goals. Martin scored just 11 points, less than half his playoff average, and Jefferson had eight after missing 11

of 12 shots. "I'm a 50-percent shooter for my career, so 1-of-12 is absurd," Jefferson said.



The Calloway County chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation recognized Robin Thweatt as this year's scholarship winner at the annual Super Fund Banquet. Chapter president Michael Lax and vice president Chris Drew presents the check to Thweatt.

## **■ Limehouse out of Preakness**

# **Smarty Jones to**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones had a playful walk around the shedrow Monday, one day before returning to Philadelphia Park.

Trainer John Servis said the colt is to leave for home Tuesday afternoon and would not return to the track until he gets to Bensalem, Pa.

"He came out of the race great," Servis said of Saturday's Kentucky Derby. "He's super. I couldn't be happier.

"This morning, he was playing as he was walking around. It's a nice and cool morning, so he came out on his toes. I couldn't ask him to come out of the race any better.'

In other news, Limehouse, the fourth-place finisher in the Kentucky Derby, likely will not run in the Preakness, Dogwood Stables President Cot Campbell said

Campbell said Limehouse had little chance to win with the current lineup for the May 15 race at Pimlico.

Limehouse is in good shape, but will probably head for the Belmont on June 5 or the Ohio Derby on June 12, Campbell said.

"He came of the race in great shape, and there are many worlds to conquer, but none of them seem to be in Baltimore on May 15," Campbell said.

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Money

1, Dale Earnhardt, Jr, \$2,967,552. 2, Tony
Stewart, \$2,313,747. 3, Jeff Gordon,
\$1,975,172. 4, Matt Kenseth, \$1.891,939. 5,
Kevin Harvick, \$1,754,234. 6, Elliott Sadler,
\$1,733,274. 7, Kasey Kahne, \$1,599,747. 8,
Jimmie Johnson, \$1,589,534. 9, Scott Winney
\$1,512,893. 10, Bobby Labonte, \$1,470.662.

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14,116,877. 34, Busty Wallace, \$1,401.66. rett, \$1,416,877...43, Rusty Wallace, \$1,401,659
14, Sterling Marlin, \$1,221,974. 15, Robby Gordon, \$1,207,938. 16, Jeff Burton, \$1,176,962.
17, Kurt Busch, \$1,168,937. 18, Michael Waltrip, \$1,166,602. 19, Terry Labonte, \$1,154,027. 20, Joe Nemechek, \$1,147,412.

By The Associated Press Through May 3 Vijay Singh
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PGA Tour Money Leaders

# Manic Monday Singh finishes with flurry to steal Classic win

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Vijay Singh is known for his marathon practice sessions on the driving range. He's also more than willing to put in extra time on the course.

Singh won for the third straight time in a tournament pushed back to Monday because of rain delays, overcoming a six-stroke deficit on the final nine holes to win the HP Classic.

The big Fijian played the back nine in a sizzling 7-under 29, capping his 9-under 63 with a 25foot birdie putt for a one-stroke victory over Masters champion Phil Mickelson and Joe Ogilvie.

Singh won the Houston Open last week in a Monday finish, and won the John Deere Classic in September in another Monday finale. He also won on a Monday in the 1997 Memorial.

"I think it's a good day for me," Singh said. He thought he was out of it

with nine holes to play. and I said, 'Well, it's over," Singh

sudden I said I've got a chance. That eagle putt on 15 got me close. If I had made a birdie there, I may still not have won. I think that kind of tightened up the guys behind me as well."

said. "But then I made a birdie

on 11, 12 and 13, and all of a

Ogilvie, the third-round leader who finished with a 68, almost forced a playoff after Singh's putt, but his blast out of the sand trap missed by an inch.

"I knew he was around but I didn't realize he was going to shoot 7 under on the backside," Ogilvie said. "

Singh finished at 22-under 266 and became the first three-time winner on tour this season, taking \$918,000 of the \$5.1 million purse. The victory - his fifth in his last 17 tournaments — moved the 41-year-old star to top of the money list with \$4,267,899.

It was Singh's eighth come-frombehind win. He has 18 career PGA Tour victories, trailing only Tiger Woods (40), Mickelson (23) and "I looked up after nine holes, Greg Norman (20) among active players on tour.

Lady Laker tennis

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Nahyun Yoo (C) 8-3, Sarah Seay def. Chelsea Dar-

nell (C) 8-1. Exhibition: Ashley Winkler (C) def.

Emily Berry 9-8, Sarah Haygood def. Clara Franklin

(C) 8-0, Lauren Bradford def. Amy Winkler (C) 8-

Doubles - Georgiou-NJorge def. Bogard-Yoo

(C) 8-3, Brown-Cook def. Vincent-Webb (C) 8-2,

def. Shelby Webb (C) 8-1, Laura Cook def. Jennifer Vincent (C) 8-

2, Lainie Georgiou def. Brittany Lemons (C) 8-4, Missy Beasley def.

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good def. Darnell-Franklin (C) 8-4, Lakeisha Watson-Aleisha Weath-

erby def. Teela Etheridge-Laura Orduna (C) 9-7.



Vijay Singh reacts after sinking the winning putt on the 18th hole of the final round of the HP Golf Classic at English Turn Golf and Country Club in New Orleans Monday.

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Junior third baseman Clint Griggs was named Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week, according to a release issued by the league office Monday after-

Griggs went 7-for-15 (.467) last week, including a 6-for-11 (.545) weekend series against conference rival Tennessee-Martin. Griggs led MSU last week with five runs scored, and slammed, two doubles and had three runs batted in, all against UTM.

Griggs leads the Thoroughbreds with a .349 batting average and 51 hits in 40 games. He is sixth in the OVC with 1.08 runs per game and 0.38 doubles per game. He is second in the league with 0.68 walks per game, and is fifth in the conference with an on-base percentage of .484, with more walks

(27) than strikeouts (24). In conference play, Griggs ranks second with 1.39 runs per game, seventh with 0.44 doubles per game and 10th with 1.50 hits per

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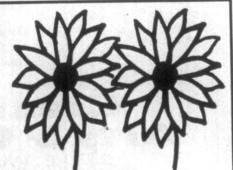
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#### **Good Times**



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Katlin Walker & Aaron Maisala along with other Calloway County Elementary students play video games while attending the YMCA Goodtimes Afterschool Program at the Main Street Youth Center.

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Calloway County High School seniors Tonya Duncan and Alicia Woods accept a donation check from the Murray Fire Department for Project Graduation.

#### Agencies help parents prepare to meet college costs

Kentuckians seeking student financial aid have a free resource in The Student Loan Peoples and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

Established to improve Kentuckians' access to higher education, the agencies administer scholarships, grants, work-study, savings plans and Federal Family Education Loans and provide free financial aid information to students and parents.

Brochures that are particularly helpful are Planning for College 101, a handy guide to the financial aid process; Student Financial Aid Programs, which briefly describes Kentucky's student aid programs; Top 10

Student Financial Aid Tips, which helps students learn how to find and apply for financial aid; and Surf the Net, which lists web addresses for Kentucky colleges and universities and other sites that provide free infor-

mation about higher education and financial aid. To request copies or for more information about state financial aid programs and services, visit www.kheaa.com or www.studentloanpeople.com.

You can contact KHEAA by writing P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798 or calling (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. You can contact The Student Loan People by writing P.O. Box 24266, Louisville, KY 40224-0266 or calling (888) 678-4625.

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Courtney Lamb, a senior at Calloway County High School, accepts a donation from Bro. Tim Coles, president of the Hazel chapter of the Murray Lions Club, for 2004 Project Graduation.

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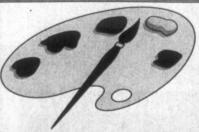
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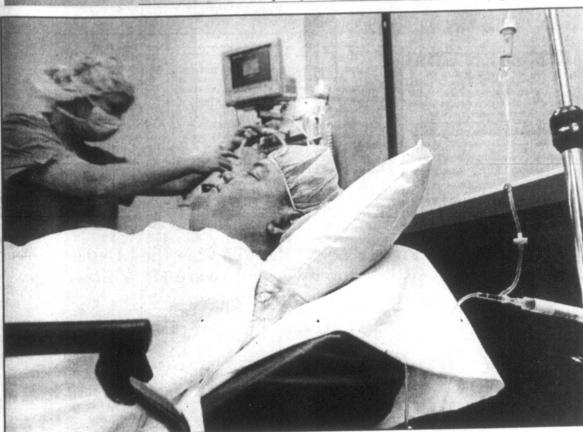
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Tuesday, May 4, 2004



Scott Adams of Renton, Wash., lies on a bed at Overlake Hospital Medical Center in Bellevue, Wash., as antibiotics flow into his intravenous tube at right, about 20 minutes prior to undergoing knee surgery, as nurse Barbara Fifield works in the background. Doctors at Overlake didn't need fancy new medicine or expensive equipment to prevent infections during the surgery. Instead, they took simple steps that are proven to prevent infection. Theykept Adams warm during surgery, clipped his leg hair instead of shaving it, and administered antibiotics at the right time. Easy, cheap and effective — but many hospitals fail to take these steps.

# Hospitals learn simple steps can help prevent infections

By REBECCA COOK

Associated Press Writer

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) — To prevent Scott Adams' knee surgery from getting infected, doctors at Overlake Hospital Medical Center didn't need fancy new medicine or expensive equipment.

Instead, they took simple steps that are proven to prevent infection. They kept Adams warm during surgery, clipped his leg hair instead of shaving it, and administered antibiotics at the right time.

Easy, cheap and effective - but many hospitals fail to take these steps. Although fewer than 3 percent of the 30 million U.S. surgeries each year result in infection, the cost of treating it raises the cost of hospital care and insurance.

And the stakes are even higher: getting a surgical infection doubles a patient's chance of dying.

A national survey of 39,000 operations in 2002 found that nearly half the patients didn't get antibiotics at the correct time, which is one of the best ways to prevent infection.

Health care leaders are trying to reduce infection risk. By concentrating on simple preventive measures, 56 hospitals that took part in a government-sponsored project last year succeeded in cutting their overall surgical infection rate by 27 percent.

The results were even more dra-

matic at Overlake Hospital, a 337bed community hospital in suburban Seattle. Overlake recently took part in a 13-month surgical infection prevention program run by Qualis Health, a Seattle-based health care quality improvement organization. The hospital cut its number of surgical infections by more than half, from 12 in 2002 to five in 2003. The hospital performs more than 14,000 operations annually.

Adams, a jovial 31-year-old engineer who blew out his knee playing flag football, noticed the emphasis on preventing infection.

"Pretty much anybody who put a needle in me talked about the risk of infection," he said.

His leg hair was clipped instead of shaved because shaving causes tiny skin abrasions that can let in infection. He got antibiotics exactly 20 minutes before his surgeon made the first cut, the optimum time for getting the most infection-fighting power from the drugs. And doctors and nurses kept him warm, which helped his body fight infection.

Adams particularly enjoyed the "bear hugger," a comfortable puffy blanket filled with warm air, that he wore during surgery.

"I've got to get one of those for me at home," Adams said. He was recovering comfortably and infection-free a few days after his anteri-

or cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction surgery

"I'll be back playing football again next year," he predicted.

About 780,000 surgeries lead to infections in the United States each year, about 2.6 percent of the total.

A 1992 analysis published in the medical journal "Hospital Infections" found that a surgical infection adds an average of \$3,152 to the infected patient's hospital bill

Other studies estimate that 40 percent to 60 percent of surgical infections are preventable. The most powerful preventive medicine is antibiotics, given within an hour of incision. Give the drugs too early or too late, and they'll either wear off or won't get into the bloodstream fast enough to work.

This isn't new information. Studies dating back to 1957 have told doctors about the need for welltimed antibiotics. So what's the

"There are problems translating good research into actual practice, said Dr. Dale Bratzler, principle clinical coordinator for the Oklahoma Foundation on Medical Quality and a leader of the national Surgical Infection Prevention Project. He's working with the authors of major antibiotic studies to set consistent national guidelines.

With 10,000 studies published every year, "there is no physician that can keep up with all the publications," Bratzler said. "We need to make it more systematic.

He said the best thing patients can do to protect themselves is to ask their surgeons about antibiotic treatment and make sure to explain any drug allergies. Also, general good nutrition and health will help. he said. The healthier a patient is going into surgery, the smaller the chance of infection.





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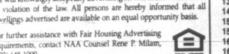
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#### **CCMS Student of the Month**



Calloway County Middle School's sixth grade Students of the Month for the month of March are Jared Harrison, Karissa Wilcox, Jordan Henson, and Brittnee Deitz. These students were chosen because of outstanding character, work habits, behavior, and cooperation with their peers and teach-

#### by Jacqueline Bigar **Horoscopes**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 5, 2004:

Often, how you see yourself - especially professionally or your community image - be off. Take your time making decisions about work and interpersonal relationships. You could choose to feel deceived, but the truth lies closer to the fact that you haven't done your homework, or perhaps you have been walking around with your rose-colored shades on. Be more realistic about options that surround your life. Encourage others to play devil's advocate more frequently. If you are single, don't count on a relationship being long-term. You will enjoy your dating life, especially through the summer. If you are attached, don't point the finger at your sweetie. Take responsibility for what goes down. Relate more individually. SAGITTARIUS helps you zero in on what you want.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\* \* \* You could be startled by someone else's thinking this morning, but this could change rapidly. Putting an emphasis on goals could be disappointing but might take you to a new level. Reach out for someone at a distance whom you care about. Tonight: Think "vacation." Think 'Memorial Day weekend." TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\* \* \* You wake up to a mixed bag. You and/or those around you have expectations that cannot happen. Clear through the confusion, allowing others to share more of themselves. Discuss problems with one person at a time. Tonight: Work as a team

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\* \* Proceed into work ready to check out information or a wild idea. You might be disappointed that an idea is not as solid as you would like. Work on filling in the gaps. Others seek you out later in the day. Tonight: Just don't be alone. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\* \* \* \* ★ Visualize more of what you want; listen to feedback a partner or associate gives you. Understand that you don't have all the right ideas. Be willing to exchange and brainstorm with others. Extreme feelings come out in a partnership. Tonight: Work as late as necessary. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ Dealing with others could be frustrating, as they might not be able to work on facts and insist on visualizing. You also could be putting a family member or

roommate on a pedestal. Work in the here and now in order to achieve success.

Tonight: Express your playfulness. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* \* Clearly, your objectives might not match those of co-workers or associates. You might decide that others are in la-la land. Base your actions on reality and what is true for you. Examine mutual interests and home in on the details later.

You find others hazy at best. Tonight:

Vanish home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You could be dealing with finances under a false haze. Also, how you see a personal matter could be the effect of rose-colored thinking. Avoid risks. Use the later part of the day to work out problems through conversations and tracking events and information. Tonight: Chat the night away. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You wake up feeling your Wheaties, though somehow you stumble into others. Be gracious and thoughtful when dealing with a family member and those in your immediate circle. You might not like everything you hear. Take a strong hand with finances. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\* You might want to think through a problem on your own. Information could be distorted, but so could your thinking. Do what you need to do to check out your sources and hunches. You won't get a clear perspective until late in the day. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \* \* You might be deceiving yourself about how much you will need to spend. Key in to where the problem might lie. Avoid making monetary commitments until you have a better sense of where your funds will be going. Tonight: Take a

night for yourself. AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\* \* ★ Visualize, but don't consider your ideas grounded just yet. Test out concepts with someone whose opinion you value, preferably a person who doesn't always agree with you. Meetings provide more feedback. Tonight: Take a midweek

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

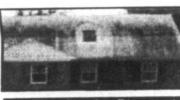
\*\* \* You might not be sure of your facts. Repave recent groundwork, realizing what might need to be done in order to handle an issue that involves work Don't listen to office gossip. Find the experts, if you can. Later today, you'll gain a better perspective. Tonight: Out

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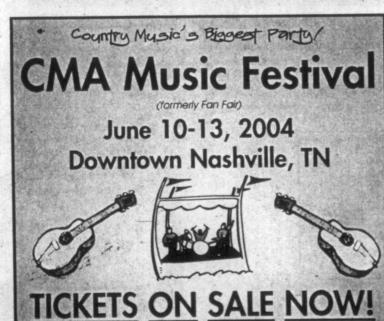
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## Batter Up!



John Williams tosses a ball to grandson Nick Adams during a nice day at the Murray-Calloway County Park ball-

## May is ALS Awareness Month

May is ALS Awareness Month, can help fight this disease that and the month,

The ALS Association will be lighting the way for a treatment and cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Across the nation, The ALS Association's Chapters will be spreading the word to their local communities that each person

afflicts as many as 30,000 Americans each year. For more information about

The ALS Association Kentucky Chapter and its mission to find a cure for and improve living with ALS, call Carol Caskey, Executive Director, 859-294-0223 or e-mail at alsacaskey@aol.com

#### **CCMS Student of the Month**



Calloway County Middle School's sixth grade Students of the Month for the month of March are Jared Harrison, Karissa Wilcox, Jordan Henson, and Brittnee Deitz. These students were chosen because of outstanding character, work habits, behavior, and cooperation with their peers and teach-

#### **Horoscopes**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 5, 2004:

Often, how you see yourself - especially professionally or your community image - be off. Take your time making decisions about work and interpersonal relationships. You could choose to feel deceived, but the truth lies closer to the fact that you haven't done your homework, or perhaps you have been walking around with your rose-colored shades on. Be more realistic about options that surround your life. Encourage others to play devil's advocate more frequently. If you are single, don't count on a relationship being long-term. You will enjoy your dating life, especially through the summer. If you are attached, don't point the finger at your sweetie. Take responsibility for what goes down. Relate more individually. SAGITTARIUS helps you zero in on what you want.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\* \* \* You could be startled by someone else's thinking this morning, but this could change rapidly. Putting an emphasis on goals could be disappointing but might take you to a new level. Reach out for someone at a distance whom you care about. Tonight: Think "vacation." Think "Memorial Day weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \* \* ★ You wake up to a mixed bag. You and/or those around you have expectations that cannot happen. Clear through the confusion, allowing others to share more of themselves. Discuss problems with one person at a time. Tonight: Work

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\* \* Proceed into work ready to check out information or a wild idea. You might be disappointed that an idea is not as solid as you would like. Work on filling in the gaps. Others seek you out later in the day. Tonight: Just don't be alone. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* \* Visualize more of what you want; listen to feedback a partner or associate gives you. Understand that you don't have all the right ideas. Be willing to exchange and brainstorm with others Extreme feelings come out in a partnership. Tonight: Work as late as necessary. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\* \* Dealing with others could be frustrating, as they might not be able to work on facts and insist on visualizing. You also could be putting a family member or

#### by Jacqueline Bigar

roommate on a pedestal. Work in the here and now in order to achieve success. Tonight: Express your playfulness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★ ★ ★ Clearly, your objectives might not match those of co-workers or associates. You might decide that others are in la-la land. Base your actions on reality and what is true for you. Examine mutual interests and home in on the details later. You find others hazy at best. Tonight: Vanish home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\* \* \* You could be dealing with finances under a false haze. Also, how you see a personal matter could be the effect of rose-colored thinking. Avoid risks. Use the later part of the day to work out problems through conversations and tracking events and information. Tonight: Chat the night away. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You wake up feeling your Wheaties, though somehow you stumble into others. Be gracious and thoughtful when dealing with a family member and those in your immediate circle. You might not like everything you hear. Take a strong hand with finances. Tonight: Treat yourself

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\* \* You might want to think through a problem on your own. Information could be distorted, but so could your thinking. Do what you need to do to check out your sources and hunches. You won't get a clear perspective until late in the day Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★ ★ ★ You might be deceiving yourself about how much you will need to spend. Key in to where the problem might lie. Avoid making monetary commitments until you have a better sense of where your funds will be going. Tonight: Take a night for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ Visualize, but don't consider your ideas grounded just yet. Test out concepts with someone whose opinion you value, preferably a person who doesn't always agree with you. Meetings provide more feedback. Tonight: Take a midweek

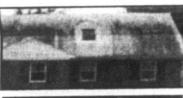
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* You might not be sure of your facts. Repave recent groundwork, realizing what might need to be done in order to handle an issue that involves work. Don't listen to office gossip. Find the experts, if you can. Later today, you'll gain a better perspective. Tonight: Out

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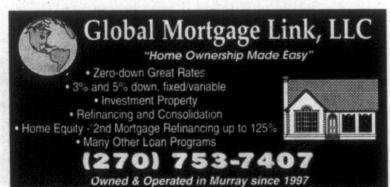
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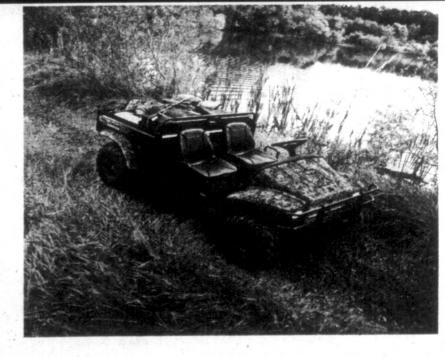


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### Retrograde ejaculation may follow prostate surgery

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 60. Two years ago, I required surgery for a benign prostatic overgrowth. Since then, when I ejactilate, no



out. Should I worry about this? Is it dangerous? Do I. need further surgery? DEAR

semen comes

READER: 'No" to all three Dr. Gott questions.

Prostate sur-Ву gery often leads Dr. Peter Gott to a harmless

condition called "retrograde ejaculation" in which the semen is expelled backward into the bladder instead of through the normal channels. This is not a health hazard and does not affect sexuality or require repair.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I, in our mid-70s, have a real problem over how warm to maintain our house. He keeps the thermostat at 80 degrees, wears a flannel shirt and a sweater, never opens a window and sleeps under an electric

I roast at 80 degrees; 72 degrees is my max. At night, I have to sleep in the guestroom, where I shut the door, open the window and sleep like a baby.

Other people complain that the house is too hot.

Is it possible that my husband (who is also constipated and over-



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DOGGIE GOES WOOF

THE DOGGIE GOES

WOOF

SEE A DOGGIE, AND

KNOW

0

COFFEE AND HIGH.

PROTEIN BEEF JERKY!

FOR YOU, AND THE CARPOOL IS

WAITING FOR YOU.

weight) could have a vitamin defi-

DEAR READER: I doubt it.

I'm more intrigued by the possibility that he may have a thyroid deficiency, anemia or some other metabolic abnormality that is causing the need for heat. As you may know, hypothyroidism reduces the metabolic rate, leading to cold intolerance, heart problems, constipation, depression and a host of other symptoms. If this is your husband's difficulty, it can be easily and inexpensively treated with astounding success using supplemental thyroid medication. Similarly, anemia can also be treated.

From your brief comments, I conclude that your husband has to go to excessive extremes just to remain comfortable. Inasmuch as the environment is the basis for some marital conflict, I am sure that he would agree to see his doctor for an examination and blood tests. Show him my response to your letter, encourage him to seek medical attention and don't move to Arizona

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I occasionally enjoy oral sex. Can this practice lead to mouth cancer? One doctor said it could; another disagreed. I'm confused.

DEAR READER: As well you might be.

I am unaware of any medical studies showing that oral sex causes cancer in any location, including the mouth. This form of sexual expression is entirely harmless - unless one of the partners has a sexually transmitted disease, such as gonorrhea or herpes. In this instance, the infection can easily be spread from genitals to the mouth. But cancer is not a consequence.

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(If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.)

ALSO, YOUR BREAKFAST

IS WAITING FOR YOU

MOM. IT'S

"COFFEE AND DONUTS".

"COFFEE AND COFFEECAKE"

I'M NOT TALKING

FOR BEEF JERKY!

NO ONE TALKS

FOR BEEF JERKY!!

HONEY, WOULD YOU MIND PLAYING THAT MUSIC SOMEWHERE ELSE, PLEASE?

SORRY, MIKE.

STOLE

### Husband's sneak attacks could mean danger ahead

happened again. Ever since that

incident, he always announces his

presence. As a matter of fact, he

kind of reminds me of the old TV

series where the husband would

walk in the door and holler, "Honey,

DEAR MEGAN: That's one

DEAR ABBY: My husband also

liked to scare me. One night he

came up from behind as I was leav-

ing the bathroom. The hallway light

was off and, not knowing who or

what was behind me, my reaction

was one of self-defense. I turned

incident, and I recently heard him

telling our kids the story of why not

EVER to scare Mama. -- PATRICIA

DEAR PATRICIA: It seems

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the

letter from "Krista in Jacksonville,"

and her husband who sneaks up

behind her when she's alone in the

house: I notice she didn't mention

like that, but in retrospect, I wasn't

admitting even to myself that I

expected to find her with someone

else. -- FORMER TIPTOER IN

It would be interesting to know

whether your fears were justified.

The kind of insecurity you describe

feeds upon itself, and no amount of

DEAR FORMER TIPTOER:

I used to "surprise" my girlfriend

Ten years have passed since that

and hit as hard as I could.

IN MANHATTAN BEACH

why he persists in doing it.

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you made a lasting impression.

way to get your "point" across.

-- MEGAN IN

I'm home!"

WYOMING

DEAR ABBY: "Krista in Jacksonville" complained that her husband sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house and scares

her. He also appears out of nowhere when she's in the shower. You advised her that his behavior is childish and a touch sadistic -and told her to Dear Abby hang bells on her

By Abigail Van Buren

room door. While your answer was good, you may have overlooked something. Sneaking up on someone, especially a spouse, could be considered a precursor to an abusive relationship. The person doing the sneaking has the control and is doing it to scare the other person. I think Krista and her husband should get marital counseling. --

door frames and

lock the bath-

SEEN IT BEFORE IN BOISE DEAR SEEN IT BEFORE: While I did not consider the husband's behavior to be ominous, your point is worth considering. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My father used to do the same thing to my mother (and me and my siblings) until he caught her off guard one night when she nearly slapped him back into the previous week. (She claimed it was a reflex.) He's never sneaked up on any of us again. -- ANDREA IN BARSTOW, CALIF.

DEAR ANDREA: He should have considered himself lucky. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It was with a knowing smile that I read Krista's letter. Unfortunately, sneaking up on her could put her husband's life in danger. My husband used to enjoy doing that, too, that is, until one evening when I was in the kitchen cutting some meat for dinner, and he scared me. Without meaning to, I almost stabbed him. Thankfully, I missed. Needless to say, it hasn't

THEY WERE ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS...! JUST PUSHED

THEM IN THE

WRONG ORDER

"LOW CARB ."

NO MENTION OF

"LOW BLAB."

DUCKY GOES QUACK!

SEE A DUCKY AND

HE DUCKY GOES QUACK!

SMACK!

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DOGGIE GOES WOOF

# LookingBack

Published is a picture of Mayor Bill Cherry showing members of Murray City Council's long-range planning committee how the city can legally annex property west of the city. Two property owners, Joe Hal Spann and Glindel Reaves, have requested the annexation. The photo was by Staff Photographer Stacey Crook.

Jonathan D. Rose of Murray and Shannon L. Barnhill of Gurley, Ala., have been named as "Outstanding Senior Man and Woman" of the senior class at Murray State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beane were married 50 years May 1.

20 years ago

Dr. Harold E. Eversmeyer, professor of biological sciences at Murray State University, has been honored by being named the 21st recipient of the Distinguished Professor of Year" award by the Murray State University Alumni Association.

Charles H. Cella, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Cella, has been named valedictorian and Jeremy White, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerrell White, as salutatorian of the Murray High School Senior Class of 1984. Matthew Tracy Harrington was third and George Mike Friebel was fourth in the academic standings of the class.

30 years ago

A half million dollar sewer interceptor for the southwest part of Murray is under construction and will probably be completed in early 1975. When completed, the interceptor will complete a circuit that could serve areas in and around the city out to Johnny Robertson Road

and will follow the contour of Clarks River, according to John Trotter, superintendent of Murray

Water & Sewer System. Orvin Beach, 67, Kirksey, died May 2 at 6 a.m. in a traffic accident on Highway 125 South of Bolivar,

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Houck, April 18.

40 years ago Greg Parrish has been named valedictorian and Stanley Jewell as salutatorian of the Murray High School Senior Class of 1974. Beverly Brooks was third, Kitty Ray, fourth, and Johnny Rose, fifth, in the academic standings of the class.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bynum.

Dr. Ralph Tesseneer, dean of graduate school at Murray State College, spoke on "Can Children Think Straight" at a meeting of Kirksey School unit of Parent-Teacher Association.

50 years ago

Murray Hospital will have open house on May 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. in observance of National Hospital Week, according to Karl E. Warming, administrator.

Recent births reported at Murray Hospital include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chaney, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hafford Gilbert, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Leeamon Futrell, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Satterwhite, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Osborne, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Glen Joyce and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Talmage

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 4, the 125th day of 2004. There are 241

Today's Highlight in History:

4, 1904, the United States began

building the Panama Canal.

Independence was adopted.

a riot when a bomb exploded.

One hundred years ago, on May

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter

In 1776, Rhode Island declared

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in

Chicago, a labor demonstration for

an eight-hour work day turned into

Picture Arts and Sciences was

convicted of income-tax evasion,

entered the federal penitentiary in

In 1927, the Academy of Motion

In 1932, mobster Al Capone,

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO

leader Yasser Arafat signed a his-

toric accord on Palestinian autono-

my that granted self-rule in the

across the Midwest, causing death

and destruction across a wide swath

of eastern Kansas and nearby Missouri. Police in Irag's capital

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The bidding: South West North 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — eight of hearts. The resourceful declarer

always on the lookout for a way to increase his chances of making the contract. Sometimes these extra chances are fairly obvious, but at other times they are more subtle.

Take this case where South was in three notrump and East led a heart. Declarer ducked the first two hearts and won the third with the ace as East discarded a low spade.

South now cashed five rounds of diamonds, discarding a club and a spade on the last two diamonds. East discarded a second spade and a club, while West let go a club, a spade and

then another club.

This brought declarer to a crucial decision — whether to finesse in spades or clubs for his ninth trick. With little to go on except that West had discarded two clubs and only one spade, he elected to lead a club to the queen, whereupon West won with the king and cashed two hearts for down one.

It might appear that South faced a pure guess as to which finesse to take, but he could have increased his chances substantially by altering his play slightly. Instead of cashing five diamonds immediately, it would have been better to cash only the K-Q - leaving the remaining diamonds for later - and then exit with

In the actual deal, West wins the heart and can cash his remaining heart, but, because he started with only two diamonds, he then has to return a spade or a club, sparing South the guess as to which finesse

Note that if West happened to have a third diamond to return after taking his hearts, declarer would be no worse off than he was before.

Note further that on the recommended line of play, South makes the contract even if West has both missing kings - provided, of course, that he started with no more than two diamonds

Tomorrow: Weighing the risk factor.

#### Crosswords

#### ACROSS

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- 8 Cave dwellers 12 Function
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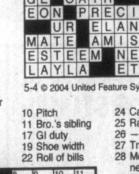
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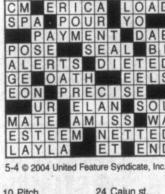
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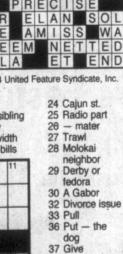
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