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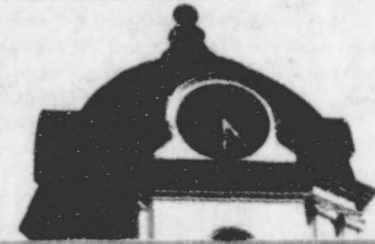
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## Kentucky General Assembly

### Winters encouraged by education legislation

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

SENATE District Sen. Ken Winters said Wednesday he was encouraged that Senate Education Committee and colleagues on the floor approved legislation intended to strengthen Kentucky's application for up to \$200 million in federal school improvement funds.

However a proposal to allow charter schools in Kentucky was axed from the legislation that was approved on a 38-0 vote. Winters said his colleagues did not agree on an amendment that would have created charter schools in Kentucky. Winters, R-Murray, said the provision would have helped the Commonwealth's chance of obtaining the federal funds. Under the amendment, charter schools would receive public funding yet remain exempt from many of the regulations that apply to other public schools.

"We got all the changes we wanted in the bill itself. We had an amendment on the charter school consideration, but timing was an issue and we didn't put it in."

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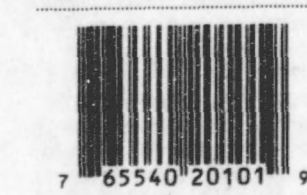
## Daily Forecast

By The Associated Press  
Thursday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.  
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Patchy drizzle in the evening...Then patchy light freezing drizzle after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 mph.  
Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

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## United Way in need of pledges

### Billington, Allison say struggling economy affecting agencies

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

THE United Way of Murray-Calloway County's leaders say they need more pledges in 2010, especially since its reserve funds have been exhausted.

The United Way provides funding for 11 local agencies, many of which provide aid for people in tough financial situations. Because of high unemployment and the struggling economy, Executive Director Peggy Billington said United Way needs donations now even more than some other years in the past.

"We so desperately need help from the community," she said. "The community



Billington Allison

has always helped and I feel confident that they will continue."  
Lance Allison, who recently took over as United Way's board chairman, said that over the past five years, a certain amount of funding had been allocated for each of its 11 agencies and the board dipped into its reserve funds when pledges came short.

Payments are made to the agencies every three months and the board was worried last month that it would not be able to make the December payments. After studying its finances again, the board decided that it could give 85 percent of what had originally been allocated. It is now focused on gaining better financial standing in 2010 because it cannot fall back on its reserves again.

"Our reserves are gone now," Allison said. Allison said the annual fundraising campaign usually ends at the end of the year, but it will stretch into February because some of Murray's larger companies - which are also some of United Way's largest donors - are in the process of ending their own campaigns now. He said the informal goal is \$300,000 and that \$200,000 had been budgeted for 2010.

Aaron Dail, United Way's director of

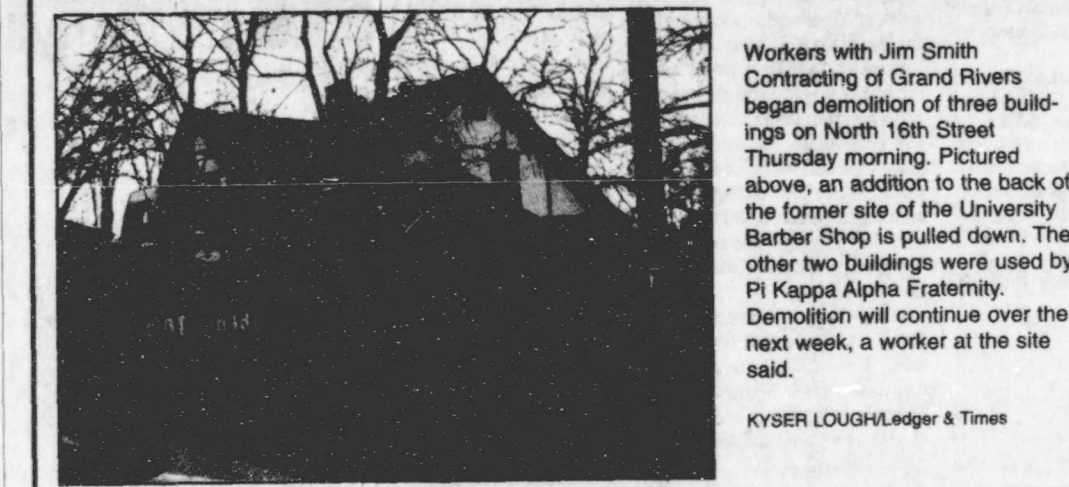
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## Out with the old



Workers with Jim Smith Contracting of Grand Rivers began demolition of three buildings on North 16th Street Thursday morning. Pictured above, an addition to the back of the former site of the University Barber Shop is pulled down. The other two buildings were used by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Demolition will continue over the next week, a worker at the site said.

KYSER LOUGH/Ledger & Times

## Kentucky selling state property to generate funds

By ROGER ALFORD  
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — As Kentucky's state government faces a mammoth revenue shortfall, Gov. Steve Beshear is doing what lots of families do when income falls short of obligations: Find the stuff they aren't using and put it up for sale.

State-owned planes, vehicles and other property will be sold to generate money for Kentucky's shrinking budget, Beshear said Wednesday. The move is the result of an economic recession that has hit the state's general fund hard, leading to a projected \$1.5 billion shortfall over the next two-year budget cycle. That's on top of \$1 billion that has been cut from the current budget.

Beshear said he doesn't know how much money the property sales will raise, but he said it should "soften the blow of budget cuts" that could include employee layoffs. "The scope of what we're tackling suggests that the benefits could be substantial," he said, told reporters in a Capitol press conference.

Beshear said he is proposing the sale of all land, buildings and equipment that isn't essential. Under the initiative, the admini-

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## Calloway district recommended for AdvancED accreditation

### Hoskins says process was beneficial for district

By KYSER LOUGH  
Staff Writer

THE Quality Assurance Review Team from AdvancED has recommended the Calloway County School District for district accreditation after spending four days reviewing, visiting and interviewing.

In an oral report presented at a special called board meeting by QART chair

Denny Jennings, a summary of results was presented to board members and guests.

The final written report will be submitted to the district within 30 days and the actual accreditation will be reviewed and finalized in June.

Jennings began her report by thanking the district and community members for the hospitality extended to them throughout the visit. She reviewed what AdvancED

is and how the accreditation process works before talking specifically about the CCSD.

In order to earn and maintain a district accreditation, the district must meet seven AdvancED quality standards, engage in continuous improvement and demonstrate Quality Assurance through internal and

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Calloway County Superintendent Steve Hoskins talks with Larry Woods, vice chair of the Quality Assurance Review Team, after the team presented their oral exit report Wednesday at a special called Board of Education meeting. The team reported positive findings and will recommend the district for accreditation.

### Calloway district recommended ...

From Front

external review. Before the team arrived, CCSD staff spent many hours preparing material that supports the district's activities and initiatives that meet the goals.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the QART reviewed documents and artifacts prepared by the district, held interviews, visited the different schools, observed classes and met for professional deliberations. Jennings said that interviews conducted included 22 administrators, 86 teachers, 27 support staff, 55 parents, business owners and community members, 56 students and four board members.

The oral report was split into two sections, commendations and recommendations. Jennings listed four commendations that stood out above and beyond the QART and "truly rose to the top." They were: Systemic articulation of a shared vision and mission; community pride, communication systems and stakeholder partnerships; stewardship, finances and resources; and specialized programs to meet student needs.

Most of the commentary on commendations was focused on the first topic, and Jennings said

she and the rest of the team were impressed with the amount of emphasis placed in the district on a shared vision and mission.

"We truly applaud the district for deciding to turn them into mottos. They made sure to have that shared understanding in everyone's head. When we talked to students they could not only recite the vision and mission but could explain them," Jennings said.

She added that for the other topics, the team found that members of the community felt comfortable talking with board members and teachers and that the district has kept up well with facility improvements and the budget.

The team had four recommendations for improvement that were given in the oral report: Develop district level practices and procedures for data analysis, professional development planning, curriculum development and instructional practices; redefine district improvement planning for measurable outcomes, clearly defined strategies, specific data analysis and monitoring processes; refine curriculum support documents, establish clearly defined expectations for student learning; and clarify district technology plan for specific timelines and equipment needs, professional development and program implementation.

The first recommendation mainly dealt with ensuring that all schools work together on the listed topics. Jennings said while all schools did a good job, they worked in "pockets" and it would benefit the district greatly to bring everything together. The latter three recommendations involved going through planning documents and adding specific goals, timelines and deadlines.

"To really pursue it from a district perspective will provide additional resources and support that are consistent," Jennings said.

Jennings closed her report by saying that the district has an exceptional teaching force and that by gaining a district-level perspective and adding additional collaboration it will help expand excellence and quality significantly.

From here, the QART will submit their written report with more details to the board within 30 days. The district must submit a progress report in two years that details action they have taken to address the recommendations. In five years, another visit from the team will occur.

Steve Hoskins, CCSD superintendent, thanked the team for their visit and remarks and said the whole process has been beneficial for the district.

"We have grown tremendously professionally just in getting ready (for the accreditation process)," he said. "We've enjoyed the process... this is a mark of distinction we are glad for the district to have."

Hoskins said later in an interview that it was a good opportunity for the district to refresh and rededicate. He said he was glad to hear the recommendations, especially coming from an outside source, and that he will be getting review teams together to address the recommendations.

"This wasn't something we had to do, we asked for it to be done. It took a year to get ready for and we've learned a lot," Hoskins said. "This is a mark of distinction I am glad for the district to have."

### Town Crier

#### NOTICE

- The Murray City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at City Hall. They will vote on a municipal order to re-appoint Steven Reed to the Board of Zoning Adjustments to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Perry, which will expire April 9, 2013. Another municipal order will be to appoint Councilman Butch Seargent to the Electric Plant Board for a one-year term to expire Dec. 31, 2010.
  - The Murray Public Works Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday to discuss and review the bids for the Canterbury Drive drainage improvement (culvert replacement), which is budgeted for \$50,000. The Finance/Personnel Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a glass pulverizer recycling project. The Health Insurance Committee will then meet at 6 p.m.
  - The Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees will hold a special called meeting Thursday, January 14, at 3 p.m. in the board room at MCHC.
- Included on the agenda is a construction update and an executive session to discuss possible litigation.
- To report a Town Crier item call 753-1916.

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### Winters encouraged by legislation ...

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out that amendment. It was defeated in committee," Winters said. "It was a fairly significant amendment and many of them had not had time to read the content of it. We have been running under such a time frame to beat that race to the top guideline that has to be in next Tuesday."

Lawmakers have been rushing to get the legislation through the House and Senate and signed by Gov. Steve Beshear this week so that the state can meet a Jan. 19 deadline.

Winters is chairman of the Senate Education Committee. He said before the vote that the proposal would face revisions before going to an open vote on the floor of the Senate. If approved for up to \$200 million in federal education funds, the Commonwealth would receive the funds over a four-year period.

However, yesterday's vote won't be the end of the senate's

efforts to press for more education funds.

"We accelerated that more than would have been desirable, but it'll come back again," he said.

According to some estimates, Winters said the state could receive between \$60 million and \$200 million if the application is approved.

"I think they were talking about from \$60 to \$200 million potentially based on our scores and the number of points out of 500. Forty of those points depend upon us having identification of a charter school involved whether we implement it or not," Winters said.

According to an Associated Press report this morning, lawmakers asked a charter schools proposal from the fast-tracked legislation. The move Wednesday reportedly paves the way to pass the first bill of the 2010 legislative session. Gov. Steve Beshear said through a

spokeswoman that he intends to sign the measure into law.

"This bill had the support of every single school district in our state, and I thank the General Assembly for passing the bill," Beshear said. "The legislature's prompt work and bipartisan support shows that when we cooperate, Kentucky moves ahead."

The legislation had been jeopardized by the charter schools amendment, according to the report. Kentucky's two most powerful teacher groups opposed the amendment, as did many of the state's school superintendents.

A divided Senate Education Committee couldn't agree on the amendment, effectively killing it. The full Senate voted to pass the legislation, minus the amendment and sent it back to the House with minor modifications.

The House has approved the changes.

### Deadlines for student financial aid at Murray State Friday

By Sherry McClain  
MSU Public Relations

MURRAY, Ky. — Financial aid opportunities for prospective and current students at Murray State University include filing for grants, student employee positions and loans, and scholarships.

The most immediate deadline is for students who wish to be considered for scholarships. The deadline for scholarship application is Friday, Jan. 15. Scholarship applications and required documents must be received by the office of financial aid/scholarship in Ordway Hall on campus by Friday, Jan. 15. Current students can complete the application by logging into their myGate accounts and selecting the Money tab. Incoming freshman, new transfers or new graduate students can complete the application online at [www.murraystate.edu/scholarships/apply.htm](http://www.murraystate.edu/scholarships/apply.htm). A list of required documents can be accessed online at [www.murraystate.edu/scholarships/docs.htm](http://www.murraystate.edu/scholarships/docs.htm).

Monday, March 15, is the Priority Filing Date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For maximum state/federal grant consideration FAFSAs can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/). All students completing the FAFSA will need a PIN number. For dependent students, one parent will also need a PIN number. Students who have never filed the FAFSA and a parent can request a PIN number online at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

For more information, call (270) 809-2546 (financial aid) or (270) 809-3225 (scholarships).

### Further P'Pool action delayed

By TOM BERRY  
Staff Writer

Further action concerning a murder charge filed against a Clarksville, Tenn., man involved in a DUI crash that killed another Tennessee man in Murray last year has been delayed.

James P'Pool is charged with murder, aggravated DUI and attempting to leave the scene of an accident. He appeared in Calloway Circuit Court Monday represented by Hopkinsville attorney Ben Fletcher. A status hearing was postponed until March 22. P'Pool was charged in connection to an October 2009 crash that killed Donny G. Houston, 52, of Camden, Tenn. on U.S. 641 South of Murray.

According to Kentucky State

Police, P'Pool was driving south on U.S. 641 about three miles from Murray in a GMC truck just after midnight. Houston was driving north in a tractor-trailer. The two vehicles reportedly sideswiped and P'Pool's vehicle traveled south coming to a rest in the southbound lane of the highway. Houston's vehicle went off the right side of the highway, struck a tree and came to a rest in a field. Houston's tractor exploded and caught fire.

P'Pool was initially arrested at the scene for allegedly driving under the influence and lodged in Calloway County Jail. Houston was wearing a seatbelt; P'Pool was not, according to police.

### United Way ...

From Front

resource management, said that one reason they have seen a lag in fundraising is that former employees of large companies had pledged money through payroll deductions but have since been laid off or have otherwise left their jobs. He said it was important that people who have pledged money honor those pledges and for those who afford it to try to make up the difference for the people who no

longer can.

Darl said the current amount raised is believed to be between \$155,000 and \$157,000, although that is a rough estimate because United Way hasn't yet received reports from some of its largest donors. He said they are on track to do much better in fundraising so far and he said the campaign was currently 11 percent over this time last year, which included pledges that couldn't be fulfilled.

### Property ...

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tration will re-evaluate rental property agreements and renegotiate state contracts for goods and services.

"As a result of this initiative, we will be left with a stronger, leaner, more muscular, more sustainable, reinvented government, so that when the economy does turn around we will have even more money for priorities like education, health care, public safety and economic opportunity."

Beshear said at least two of the state's 15 airplanes could be put on the auction block. He had no estimate on how many of the state's more than 4,000 vehicles might be sold.

Already, the Beshear administration has been selling surplus property to generate money for the general fund. He said the state sold a parking garage in Covington in December, gener-

ating \$1.5 million.

Beshear also said Wednesday that he and key members of his administration this year will continue taking the 10 percent salary reductions that they took in 2009.

"This announcement reflects our desire to let the people of this commonwealth and our employees throughout state government know that we're all in this together," Beshear said. "Together, we will make sacrifices, and together, we will survive."

Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo and all the governor's cabinet secretaries will take the salary cut.

"Families all across this state are suffering," Mongiardo said. "They're losing their homes. They're losing their jobs. They're losing their health insurance. These are tough, tough economic times, unlike anything we've seen in our lifetime."

Beshear has told lawmakers that he opposes broad-based tax increases to generate more revenue, saying he fears that could drive the state further into recession. He said Wednesday he still is open to the possibility of expanded gambling as a means to generate \$200 million to \$300 million a year in new revenue.

However, Beshear said he still hasn't decided whether he will make gambling part of his legislative agenda in the current session of the legislature. The issue has been divisive among Kentucky lawmakers. Such a proposal failed last year in the state legislature.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Louise Wallace

The funeral for Mrs. Louise Wallace will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the LeDon Chapel of Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris, Tenn. William Edwin Bucy will officiate. Pallbearers will be Glen Chaney, Marty Harper, Blaine Lasher, Charlie Robertson, Rusty Turner, Daniel Harper, Griffin Wood and John Vance. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Paris.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Wallace, 88, Paris, Tenn., died Tuesday January 12, 2010 at Hickory Woods Retirement Center, Murray. A homemaker, she was a member of Blood River Church of Christ. She was married Jan. 2, 1960, to Connie Maxine (Max) Wallace who died Dec. 24, 2001. Born Dec. 19, 1921, in Puryear, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Robert Gilbert Sanders and Mary Jane Gladys Jackson Sanders. Survivors include one sister, Dorothy Chaney and husband, Eugene, Murray; sister-in-law, Antonette Owens, Paris, Tenn.; seven nieces, Rita Cardenas, Rebecca Vance, Anita Harper, Lisa Lasher, Gail Robertson, Jan Phillips and Tracy Turner; two nephews, Glen Chaney and Grant Owens.

Nancy O. LeCompte

Nancy O. LeCompte, 83, Murray, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at 7:35 p.m. at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Ines-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.inesmiller.com.

Congress moves ahead on health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Searching for unity, President Barack Obama and senior Democratic lawmakers emerged from marathon health care talks late Wednesday with a declaration that they had made tough gains — but no deal just yet. "We made significant progress in bridging the gaps," Obama said in a joint, written statement with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

It was a reference to the significant differences in the versions of the House and Senate bills, legislation designed to expand coverage to millions and rein in long-term health care costs. Pushed by Obama, senior Democratic lawmakers plunged into talks at the White House in a hurry-up bid for an overdue agreement. The unusually long meeting — it began at mid-morning and was still going at sunset — underscored the urgency they and Obama felt about completing legislation on which they have staked so much.

The White House said the leaders covered all aspects of the legislation but it released no details about where the progress had been achieved or when the laborious process would end. "Prospects of reaching agreement between the Senate and the House are better than they were 24 hours ago."

"We're getting close," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said after the daylong session. The House and Senate have passed different versions of the measure, which Obama wants to expand health coverage to millions who lack it, end insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and slow the rate of growth of medical costs overall.

Hoyer and others said the day's talks ranged widely over numerous areas of disagreement between the House and Senate. A key point was Obama's demand for a tax on high-cost insurance plans, a proposal designed to slow the inexorable rise in health care costs. House Democrats oppose the idea. So, too, does organized labor, and some union leaders were also at the White House during the day, although it was not clear whether they met with lawmakers.

The president's personal commitment in time was extraordinary. Officials said he ducked in and out of the meeting with top Senate and House Democrats in the Cabinet Room throughout the day while also juggling his role in leading the U.S. response to Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti. Lawmakers shed their cell phones and Blackberries, standard procedure for a meeting in the room they occupied.

Lawmaker moves to legalize marijuana

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tennessee Rep. Steve Cohen acknowledged feeling a little lonely as he addressed a crowd of self-described pot smokers just off Capitol Hill.

After all, sharing a stage with Cheech and Chong and calling for loosening drug laws isn't usually in the campaign playbook of a sitting congressman.

Cohen, a two-term Democrat from Memphis, didn't seem to care Wednesday night as he headlined the pro-legalization Marijuana Policy Project's 15th annual gala, where the famed stoner comedy duo of Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong won a lifetime "trailblazer" award for helping push marijuana use into the mainstream.

"Most of my colleagues didn't want to be here and aren't here. Maybe that says something about my political judgment," Cohen joked to a few hundred people at the \$250-per-plate dinner, where sponsors displayed pot "vaporizers" and hemp clothing.

A longtime advocate for legalizing medical marijuana for people with chronic illnesses, Cohen also argues that the government is wasting billions of dollars and wrecking people's lives by cracking down on petty drug offenses.

He said his own campaign polls have shown nearly 3-1 support for medical marijuana. "And that's in Memphis, Tenn.," he said. "This is an issue that's important. It's a freedom issue. It's an intelligence issue. I'm proud to be here."

Cohen threw in some marketing advice for the crowd, which also heard from former Republican Gov. Gary Johnson of New Mexico and actor Larry

Justice Dept. moving to fight financial crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday will tell a panel investigating the financial crisis that the Justice Department is using "every tool at its disposal" to fight the financial crimes that contributed to the meltdown and could cause another.

According to prepared remarks, Holder will say the fight against economic crime is part of a broader strategy to "foster confidence in our financial system, integrity in our markets and prosperity for the American people."

Holder will highlight the work of a new, interagency Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force created by President Barack Obama to coordinate efforts between the Justice Department and other agencies. The task force will focus on

mortgage and securities fraud, theft of federal stimulus money and financial exploitation of minority communities, Holder said. He has said it will help restore confidence in the financial markets.

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, a 10-member bipartisan panel, will also hear from FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro, as well as state regulators.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, an aggressive prosecutor of mortgage fraud, will say that the pre-crisis mortgage system profited everyone except homeowners.

She will say state attorneys general already were pursuing mortgage fraud before the crisis, and will continue to do so, according to prepared remarks.

The financial crisis panel began its yearlong inquiry amid public fury over bailouts, bankers' pay and financial fraud — notably Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme, a fraud estimated at as much as \$50 billion.

At the first hearing Wednesday, top Wall Street bankers apologized for risky behavior that led to the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. But they still declared it seemed appropriate at the time.

The bankers — whose firms collectively received more than \$100 billion in taxpayer aid to weather the crisis — offered no regrets for executive pay that's now likely to increase as a result of their survival. They did say they are correcting some compensation practices that could

lead to excessive risk-taking.

The hearings come amid growing calls in Washington to hold banks and financial executives accountable for their bad bets rather than merely compensating them for good ones.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., said he will hold a hearing next week on bank compensation, looking to expand legislation that has passed the House. And Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., wrote to Obama on Wednesday to suggest legislation that would use banks' tax breaks as incentives for pay based on performance.

On Thursday, Obama is expected to announce a new fee on the country's biggest financial firms to allow taxpayers to recover up to \$120 billion from bailouts.

Study: One in four teen females involved in violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — About one in four female teens is involved in some sort of violent behavior at school or at work, according to a government report.

A survey of more than 33,000 girls and women aged 12 to 17 found that 26.7 percent had been involved in a serious fight at school or work, a group-against-group fight or had attacked someone with the intent to harm the person in the previous year, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reported Thursday.

"In the public mind, acts of teenage violence are most commonly associated with boys," the report observed, but "it is clear that the problem is pervasive among girls as well."

The new survey was done between 2006 and 2008 and the results are similar to those in a SAMHSA study from 2002-2004.

Males do have a higher rate of violence, the report added, with 33.6 percent engaged in one of the types of acts in the year before the study.

Still, SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde called the report alarming. "We need to do a better job reaching girls at risk and teaching them how to resolve problems without resorting to violence," she said.

New jobless claims rise more than expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of newly laid-off workers requesting unemployment benefits rose more than expected last week as jobs remain scarce amid a sluggish economic recovery.

The Labor Department said Thursday new claims for unemployment insurance rose by 11,000 to a seasonally adjusted 444,000. Wall Street economists polled by Thomson Reuters expected an increase of only 3,000.

The rise was partly a result of large seasonal layoffs in the retail, manufacturing and construction industries, a Labor Department analyst said. The second week of January usually sees the largest increase in claims, unadjusted for seasonal trends, during the year, the analyst said.

Still, the increase didn't disrupt the longer-term downward trend in claims. The four-week average dropped to 440,750, its 19th straight drop and lowest level since August 2008.

Initial claims are considered a gauge of the pace of layoffs and an indication of companies' willingness to hire new workers. Claims have dropped steadily since last fall, as companies cut fewer jobs, raising hopes that hiring may increase soon. Initial claims have dropped by nearly 90,000, or 17 percent, since late October. Two weeks ago, new claims dropped to their lowest level since July 2008.

Despite the recent drop, the economy is not yet consistently generating net increases in jobs. The Labor Department said last week that employers cut 85,000 jobs in December, after adding only 4,000 in November.

November's increase was the first in nearly two years. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 10 percent.

Many economists say the four week average of claims will need to fall to below 425,000 to signal that the economy is close to generating net job gains.

Meanwhile, the number of people continuing to claim benefits dropped sharply to 4.6 million from 4.8 million the previous week. The continuing claims data lags initial claims by a week.

But the so-called continuing claims do not include millions of people who have used up the regular 26 weeks of benefits customarily provided by states, and are receiving extended benefits for up to 73 additional weeks, paid for by the federal government.

More than 5.3 million people were receiving extended benefits in the week ended Dec. 26, the latest data available. That's a drop of about 135,000 from the previous week.

The increasing number of people claiming extended unemployment insurance indicates that even as layoffs are declining, hiring hasn't picked up. That leaves people out of work for longer and longer periods of time.

Some employers are continuing to cut jobs. The struggling Internet company AOL Inc. said Monday it will lay off up to 1,200 employees.

Among the states, New York reported the largest increase in claims, with 22,810, which it attributed to higher layoffs in the construction, service and transportation industries. North Carolina, Georgia, Wisconsin and Alabama reported the next largest increases. The state data lags initial claims by a week.

Illinois had the largest drop, with 6,928, which it attributed to fewer layoffs in the construction and manufacturing industries. Florida, Kansas, Maryland and California had the next largest decreases.

The data was collected as part of SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

First off, our family would like to give all praise and glory to Jesus Christ our Savior. He has been and always will be our Rock. Secondly, we want to thank you, our dear family members and friends who journeyed with us during "The Race of Faith" (Hebrews 12:1-3). Words really cannot express the love we have for you all. Your support of prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and gifts have been overwhelming. Jamie loved you all so much and he was amazed at your continuous encouragement.

It was my blessing to have Jamie as a husband and best friend and I had the honor to care for him during this journey. To quote Jamie, "I would do it all over again." Those of you who knew him knew what an amazing husband, dad, son, brother, uncle and friend he was. He served his Lord wholeheartedly and he finished the race well.

Again, on behalf of our family, I say "Thank you!" Our prayer is that God will bless you in amazing ways.

Sincerely,  
Lori B. Scott

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# FORUM

## Assembly facing serious challenges

Legislative sessions are much like snowflakes. They appear the same from a distance, but look closely and you'll see each has a pattern all its own.

Right now, the 2010 Regular Session that began in Frankfort Tuesday looks to the casual observer like most legislative sessions held in even-numbered years. It will last 60 legislative days. Its main purpose is to pass a state budget before a new two-year budget cycle begins in July. And legislative procedure will be the same, too.

What's different this session is the challenge lawmakers face to pass a balanced budget in spite of a state budget shortfall of nearly \$1.5 billion in the General Fund and areas like Medicaid for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The shortfall is one of many the Commonwealth has faced since 2007, and the second consecutive shortfall of nearly \$1 billion or more in the past year. It comes on the heels of a \$100-million shortfall for the remainder of this fiscal year that the governor has plugged with 3-percent spending cuts, fund transfers, and around \$25 million in federal stimulus dollars available to the state next fiscal year.

Each round of shortfall-and-cuts has been painful, requiring sacrifices from most state agencies. Very few areas—including basic public school funding known as SEEK, Medicaid, higher education, certain public safety and mental health services—have escaped cuts. Public schools will have their non-SEEK funds cut by 3 percent this fiscal year under the latest reduction, but the cuts will be offset by 2009 legislation that ensures excess SEEK funds will be returned to school districts.

We're pleased that our school districts will get some relief under the new SEEK offset. But we are ever mindful that most state programs have not been so lucky. Many, many agencies have lost more than one-fifth of their revenue since budget reductions became a yearly or twice-yearly ritual recently.

Now, as lawmakers struggle to find out how we can stop the state's financial bleeding and avoid more drastic future cuts, perennial session issues like tax reform and expanded gambling at racetracks have been resurrected as mostly long-term proposals to stitch our budget wounds.

Among the tax reform proposals that lawmakers may consider at some point are provisions that would modernize the state tax system by reducing the tax burden on lower- and middle-income taxpayers and shifting that burden to higher brackets. Proposals to create an income-tax credit for the state's working poor, eliminate state income taxes and remove certain sales-tax exemptions

have been floated for weeks if not years, although there is no bipartisan agreement on what, if any, tax changes should be made. In fact, the governor and key legislators have ruled out broad-based tax increases this recession year.

Expanded gaming, like tax reform, is not a new issue. Supporters of expanded gaming—which would essentially allow casino-style gambling via video slot machines at racetracks in Kentucky—say it could potentially bring more than \$400 million a year into the State Treasury. But those who have filed bills to make that a reality in Kentucky propose two very different avenues for getting slot machines to the tracks.

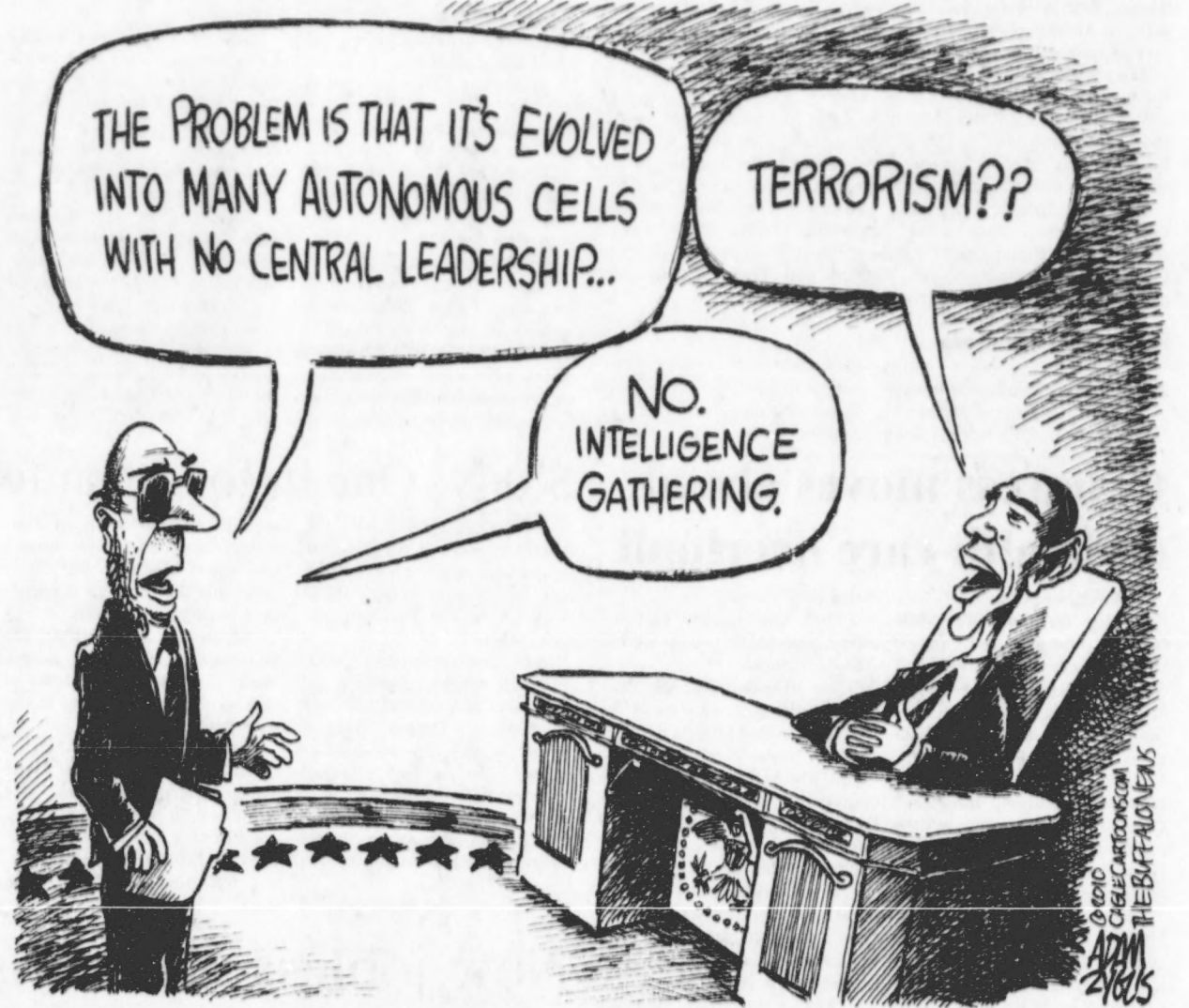
Some lawmakers say they support allowing video slot machines at Kentucky racetracks upon simple enactment of legislation passed by the General Assembly. No constitutional amendment approved by a majority of the state's voters or subsequent local-option elections would be required under that proposal. But legislation requiring such voter approval has been introduced in the Senate, which has been historically unfriendly to expanded gaming.

Work on all these proposals, from the budget to gaming, will begin in legislative committees in coming days and weeks. Some committees began holding hearings this week, including the House Judiciary Committee, which reviewed and passed House Speaker Greg Stumbo's House Bill 1. Known as Amanda's Bill in memory of a domestic violence victim Amanda Ross who was murdered in Lexington last fall, HB 1 would allow Kentucky courts to use GPS monitoring in some domestic violence cases and for pretrial release. HB 1 now goes to the full House for its consideration.

All in all, it is difficult to predict what will happen this session. Much needs to be done in the areas of education, workforce development, public safety, public health—the list goes on and on. But the revenue shortfall will likely prevent many less-pressing needs from being met. The best we can do this budget session is work together to provide the best quality and quantity of services we can for the common good.

If we resolve to do that, our state will be better off over the next two years than we might have thought possible.

**Legislative Update**  
By Rep. Melvin Henley D-Murray



## Are state tax breaks for business paying off?

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader

### IN OTHER WORDS

The following are editorials from newspapers across Kentucky offering divergent points of view concerning issues of importance in the Commonwealth.

It's possible that every single tax break ever enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly is paying for itself by encouraging economic activity that wouldn't otherwise occur.

Possible, but not likely.

And here's the rub: No one knows. And no one even attempts to know in any systematic or transparent way.

Tax breaks almost equal tax revenue in Kentucky. The state gives away almost as much as it collects.

While almost any increase in taxes is subjected to lively debate and close scrutiny, hundreds of tax exemptions have been quietly slipped into the law, and there they stay forever without any scrutiny or analysis of their effectiveness.

A leaky bucket is the analogy used by Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President Dave Adkisson on the opposite page to describe the unsustainable spending on prisons and health care that's draining the state budget.

The swarm of tax breaks enacted over the decades is more like termites, quietly eating away at the foundation of Kentucky's tax structure until, holy cow, you wake up one day and the whole thing's riddled with holes and crumbling.

Or, maybe not.

As we said, many or even most of the exemptions might

be justified because of the jobs and economic activity they produce or preserve or to keep Kentucky competitive with other states.

But no one knows. The legislature should find out.

Tax breaks, new and old, should be subject every biennium to the same scrutiny as expenditures in the state budget. Other states do better. Oregon, for example, details not only the exemptions and the revenue lost but also the recipients and the intended purpose, so that lawmakers and the public can tell whether the state is getting what it wanted.

The Kentucky legislature authorized a study in 2005 of whether the cost of tax breaks is justified but the study was never done.

Kentucky's habit of adding new exemptions without ever examining their effectiveness is the exact wrong way to plan a state budget.

And the Revenue Cabinet's refusal to identify the beneficiaries of tax breaks even when the exemptions are written very narrowly to apply to only a few taxpayers should be reversed by the legislature.

If the exemptions are just-

ified by good economic policy, there's no reason to keep them secret.

### The Daily News, Bowling Green

People each year are seriously injured or killed on Kentucky roads because of drivers who take their eyes off the road while text messaging.

These injuries and deaths are avoidable and inexcusable and now the time has come for the state legislature to pass a law banning text messaging while driving on Kentucky's roads.

This winter, several bills have been pre-filed to prohibit texting while driving on the grounds that anyone reading and writing clearly has stopped looking at the road. Some fines could range from \$100 to \$300 for subsequent offenses. Fines up to \$600 could also be applied if texting caused a crash.

Gov. Steve Beshear issued an executive order last month banning all state employees in state vehicles from texting while driving.

Beshear acted responsibly by issuing this order and we are hopeful that the General Assembly will follow suit.

Driver distraction caused more than 53,000 crashes in Kentucky last year, resulting in more than 15,000 injuries and 199 deaths. At least seven of those fatalities were related to cell phone use.

A number of studies have shown that texting is much riskier than other distractions, such as listening to books on tape, because it occupies the driver's hands and eyes.

While people are driving, they need to stay focused on the road and texting while driving certainly requires you to take your eyes off the road, which could cause injury to the texters as well as others.

We believe there should be an exception added to the law, should it pass.

It shouldn't be deemed illegal if someone is stopped at a traffic light and texting because they are not moving or causing a risk to other drivers.

It is fair to say that law enforcement officials might have a hard time proving if a person is text messaging and it's fair to say that some people likely will challenge their citations if an officer can't 100 percent prove that they were texting.

However, people who text message while driving are obviously guilty of reckless driving and they have no place on our roads because of the risk they pose.

## Obama: 'Screw up could have been disastrous'

WASHINGTON (AP) —

### AP NEWS ANALYSIS

By BEN FELLER

As the White House portrays the dramatic scene, President Barack Obama summoned his national security team to the Situation Room for a lecture about accountability after the failed terrorist attack on a Detroit-bound airliner.

"This was a screw-up that could have been disastrous," the commander in chief said.

The White House took the uncommon step of releasing that this-will-not-stand quote from a room where the secrecy usually is fiercely protected.

Obama went on to say, according to the distributed account: "We dodged a bullet, but just barely. ... While there will be a tendency for finger-pointing, I will not tolerate it."

Tough language, but where will it lead?

Words are not enough. What people want is action.

Five times now since a man linked to al-Qaida allegedly tried to blow up the Northwest Airlines flight on Christmas Day, Obama has updated the nation. His message is one of a president determined for people to see he is in charge, demanding results and willing

to call out his own government's flaws.

All this comes after some grumbles about a slow initial response on the part of Obama, who was in Hawaii on vacation and first spoke about the incident three days after it happened.

As the days pass, Obama's window for unilateral action narrows. At least three Senate committees plan hearings on the security scare later this month.

Beyond concentrating attention on homeland security, the botched terrorist attack has political implications for the White House.

Republicans traditionally have sought to claim the toughest stand on national security come election time and could see an opening to expose this incident as a vulnerability.

So Obama is promising the nation he'll do exactly what he says the intelligence world did not: connect the dots.

The deeper Obama gets into

the weeds of what happened, the blunter his words become. His mission is to fix an exposed national security system quickly. And for a president who promises accountability, it also is to show that he really means it.

Will somebody get fired over this security lapse? Perhaps not. But in political terms it can't hurt Obama for voters to believe he's willing to roll heads if necessary.

The president's review is centered on finding and filling the gaps in the nation's intelligence and terrorist detection systems.

In the course of that, "he'll be able to determine whether or not somebody has to lose their job," said one official close to Obama who spoke anonymously because of the sensitivity of the matter.

(Later, Obama outlined more missed signs about al-Qaida's plans and about the accused attacker, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab.

The 23-year-old Nigerian never moved from a database of suspected terrorists to a "no-fly" list because the intelligence was not fully analyzed by those trained to do just that.

"The information was there," Obama said.

He painted a picture in which people failed to do their jobs, allowing a potentially disastrous situation.

"I will not tolerate it," he said again.

The White House this week is expected to make public a preliminary report from Obama's counterterrorism adviser, John Brennan, about what happened.

Obama also is promising to announce more steps in the coming days to disrupt terrorist attacks, including improving the way people are screened at airports.

That's on top of short-term security measures the president has taken since Dec. 25.

But the problem is systemic, and presumably, so must be the action.

"We have to do better — and we will do better," Obama said emphatically.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## MAG offers new youth classes

**Special to the Ledger**  
The Murray Art Guild at 500 North Fourth Street is now offering the following Youth Studios and After School Studios beginning the week of Feb. 2.

- Event: Messy Friday - Preschool with adult
- Instructor: Barb Kilby
- Date and Time: Fridays beginning Feb. 5, 12 weeks, 9-10 a.m.
- Fee: \$105 (Three monthly of \$35 or 10 percent discount if paid in full at registration = \$94.50)

Kilby will take students through a series of 2 and 3 dimensional art projects using age appropriate materials and techniques to explore art making and the creative process. Students will work on both group and individual pieces with the emphasis on self expression.

- Event: MAG Jr's - Youth studio ages 9 and up
- Instructor: Debi Henry Danielson
- Date and Time: Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 2, 12 weeks, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Fee: \$165 (Three monthly of \$55 or 10 percent discount if paid in full at registration = \$148.50)

Info: Students will work primarily in painting and drawing exploring different mediums and techniques. Danielson uses art history as a starting point, so students will be introduced to different aspects of art appreciation.

Call 753-4059 for information and registration, or by e-mail. Guild office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Shown here is a painting by Dale Leys, "View from Ponte A. Vespucci of Ponte alla Carrara, Fiume Arno, Firenze," June 27, 2006, 10:55 a.m., watercolor on paper.

## MSU band featured on WKMS show

**Special to the Ledger**  
WKMS-FM, Murray State's listener-supported public radio service and NPR member station, announces a special all-jazz program this week on "Friday Night Live," hosted by Mark Welch. Friday's program begins at 7 p.m. and features two Murray State Music Department concerts from 2009. The first hour features the MSU Jazz Band and Jazz Orchestra performing popular Gershwin tunes. The concert, recorded this past November in historic Lovett Auditorium, includes favorites such as "Lady Be Good," "Embraceable You," "Fascinating Rhythm," highlights from "Porgy & Bess," and "Rhapsody in Blue," featuring piano soloist Kala Dunn.

The second hour of "Friday Night Live" includes a Lovett Auditorium concert featuring saxophonist and jazz clinician Jamey Aebersold and his Quartet. This concert from March 2009 was the culminating event for last year's Murray State Jazz Festival and the program includes "I Could Write a Book," "Darn That Dream," "Call Me," "Groovin' High," "I Can't Get Started" and "Broadway."

"Friday Night Live" showcases performances recorded live from a host of musical genres and venues. The program includes season performances from the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, as well as select performances from the Music Department of Murray State. Performances from MSU's campus, and other local and national venues.

## Paintings by Murray State professor Leys featured in new Illinois exhibit

**Special to the Ledger**  
"Disegno Italia," an exhibit by Dale Leys, will open Saturday, Jan. 16 in the Beal Grand Corridor Gallery at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mount Vernon, Ill. Leys, an artist and professor of art at Murray State University, has had the opportunity to travel to Italy several times over the past seven years. "Disegno Italia" (drawing Italy) is an exhibition of drawings he created both in studio and on site from his 2006 and 2009 travel experiences in Italian cities such as Florence, Venice, Rome, Ostia and Assisi. Leys' exhibition will be open through Feb. 14.

"Mrs. B's Illustrations," an exhibition of work by artist Andi Butler, will open in the Beck Family Center Gallery at Cedarhurst on Saturday, Butler, of the Chicago area, has worked professionally as a freelance and staff artist for the past 15 years illustrating books, magazines, apparel, games and toys. Her clients include Fisher-Price, International Playthings, Highlights for Children and McGraw Hill. Mrs. B's Illustrations, featuring whimsical/retro illustrations by Butler, is cosponsored by Holiday Travel/ Merle Norman Cosmetics and will be open through April 4.

Shrode Art Center is excited to welcome Katrina Mings with her oil painting exhibition, "Hear," opening Jan. 16 in the Regenthardt Gallery. Carrie Schott, director of Shrode Art Center, describes the work of self-taught artist Katrina Mings as "refreshing! - very unique in that she is very expressive in her art." The exhibit will be open through Feb. 14.

An opening reception for "Mrs. B's Illustrations" is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday. The opening reception for "Dale Leys: Disegno Italia" and "Katrina Mings: Hear" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Cedarhurst. For more information on the exhibits, and membership visit

www.cedarhurst.org. Located at 2600 Richview Rd. in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Cedarhurst is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (618) 242-1236. An activity of the John R. and Eleanor R. Mitchell Foundation. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

## Opry holds 21st talent search

**Special to the Ledger**  
The Kentucky Opry's 21st annual "You Can Be A Star" talent search comes of age. Clay Campbell started the talent search after the first year of owning the Kentucky Opry in 1988 to "help pay the bills in the winter."

"It has grown into an ongoing search for talent and has become west Kentucky's own 'American Idol,'" Barbie Campbell says.

The contest has drawn capacity crowds over the years, but with the TV shows like "American Idol," "America's

Got Talent," and "America's Most Talented Kids," talent contests have become the hottest thing in America for budding young performers like Carrie Underwood and not-so-young Kevin Skinner and Susan Boyle.

Some of these performers have become "instant" stars. The Kentucky Opry "You Can Be A Star" contest runs every Saturday night with rehearsals on Thursday nights now through April 3. If you would like more info on being a contestant, call (270) 527-3869 or go to www.oprytalentsearch.com.

## Arts in the Region

• Gallery 109 & Fairbanks Studio will continue an exhibit featuring Joy Thomas, Scott Thile and Wayne Bates of Murray through Jan. 31, 2010.

• Bordertown will perform at the Big Apple Cafe Thursday, Tony Logue will play a special show Tuesday and The Effects will play next Thursday, Jan. 21. Music starts at 9 p.m. There is a cover charge and weekend shows are limited to ages 21 and older.

• Murray State University's Cinema International series presents "500 Days of Summer," starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zoey Deschanel, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Curris Center Theater.

• Draftenville's Kentucky Opry presents the "You Can Be A Star" talent search at 7:30 p.m. each Saturday through April 3. For tickets, call (270) 527-3869 or 1-866-459-8704.

• Maiden Alley Cinema in downtown Paducah presents "Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call - New Orleans," starring Nicholas Cage and Eva Mendes and directed by Werner Herzog, Friday through Sunday. The 2001 film, "Bridget Jones' Diary" will play at 8 p.m. Tuesday as part of the Chick Flick fundraiser series. For details and show times, visit www.maidenalleycinema.org.

• Aaron Williams and The Hoodoo will play at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Nick's Family Sports Pub. Shows are limited to ages 18 and up. For more information about the band, visit www.myspace.com/aaronwilliamsandthehoodoo.

• Paduch's Carson Center presents "An Evening with Foreigner" at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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## Area to host White Lightning Festival

**TAZEWELL, Tenn.** — White Lightning Festival is coming to Cumberland Gap June 26. Known for its historic significance and natural beauty, it will be the site of this festival that celebrates the history and heritage of communities along the new Discover Tennessee White Lightning Trail.

From the Civil War to modern day America, the unique festival will tell the story of those rugged, self-reliant people that made this area the topic of movies and gave birth to one of America's fastest growing sports — stock car racing.

The White Lightning Trail, which begins in Knoxville, Tenn., travels through eight other counties. These communities share a rich heritage and that will be on display in the form of demonstrations, food, antique cars and a variety of music.

For additional information contact Tourism Director Gena Bowen at 865-585-7386 or 800-332-8164 or visit [www.WhiteLightningFestival.com](http://www.WhiteLightningFestival.com).

## Museum planning exhibit

The Wrather West Kentucky History Museum, located on the campus of Murray State University, is currently putting together a permanent exhibit of Boy Scout memorabilia. This exhibit will open in February 2010 and celebrates the 100-year history of Scouting as well as the rich regional and local history. The museum officials are asking the community to donate or loan Scouting memorabilia for this special exhibit.

Persons may contact Kate Reeves, director of the museum, at 270-809-4771 or Bryan Warner at 270-978-7291.

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## New Beginnings Support Group hears Morgans and Jackson



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Pictured right are Caleb Batts and Sarah Morgan with K9 Gabriel, dog of Detective Tye Jackson.

**New Beginnings Support Group** held at its recent meeting at Westside Baptist Church.

**Mark Morgan** and her dad, Mark Morgan, entertained with "Stained Glass Masquerade" and "Praise You in This Storm" from Casting Crowns.

The speaker for the evening was Detective Tye Jackson from Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force with his dog, K9.

Adult 1A Sunday School Class of Westside provided the meal.

The next meeting will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m., at Westside Baptist Church, room 12. The speaker will be Cindy Dunn.

The meeting will begin with a potluck meal. Justin and Nicole Burcham will be in charge of childcare.

"These educational and inspirational meetings are open to the public and are designed to help reorient the formerly incarcerated back into a successful and fulfilling way of life based on their faith in Christ," said Linda Wright, co-leader.

For a ride or more information you may call Ron or Linda Wright at 270-753-0156.

## Calloway County GOP meeting will feature Col. Harding on Friday

Calloway County GOP will present a Quarterly Issues event Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Stables Student Lounge inside the bottom floor of Murray State University Curris Center. Guest speaker will be retired Air Force Colonel James Harding who will headline "Conservative Issues Today."

Also featured will be live music and a George Washington impersonist. The event, labeled as an open forum, is free and open to the public with finger foods and drinks, according to Bill Cowan who organized the event for the GOP of Calloway County. For information call 293-5275.

## Alpha Department will meet

Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. The earlier meeting time is to allow judging of student contest entries. Hostesses will be Claire Resig, Lois Pharris and Sandy Morgan.

## H1N1 Clinic Saturday

An H1N1 Clinic will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Murray Walmart, 809 North 12th St., Murray.

## 'Rock Out' event Saturday

"Rock Out in Memory of David Le Axel Rowlette" will be Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Church of the Nazarene, Hwy. 218 Bypass, Paris, Tenn. Tickets are \$8 in advance or at the door.

## JPHS meeting Saturday

Jackson Purchase Historical Society will meet Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Sedalia Restaurant, corner of Hwy. 339 and 97, Sedalia. Speaker will be Teresa Ray who will give a slide presentation about her "raising" at the Paradise Friendly Home, located in South Graves County and run by Thelma and Leslie Murdoch from 1938 to 1976.

## Glendale Place sending cell phones

Glendale Place Assisted Living Community is ready to send off the first round of cell phone donations to recellular. Currently the place has 29 phones ready to ship out. If you got a new cell phone recently, then recycle your old or unused cell phone with the program that recycles the old cell phones to purchase calling cards for soldiers overseas. If you would like to donate your old unused cell phone, drop it off at Glendale Place, 906 Glendale Rd., Murray.

## TOPS Chapter will meet

TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Chapter #469 will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the annex of Calloway County Public Library. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-6646.

## Learn to Sew classes planned

Learn to Sew Classes, sponsored by Calloway County Family & Consumer Sciences Extension, will be today (Thursday) from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 12 a.m. at the American Legion building, 310 Bea Creek Dr., Murray. Participants will receive information on how to start their final projects. Brenda Freeman from the Murray Sewing Center will be present to teach how to measure for a correct pattern size. A lesson on "Laundry Care" will also be presented. Those participants who were sewing at home during the fall semester are encouraged to attend one of these meetings. There will be no sewing. For more information call the Calloway County Extension Office at 753-1452.

## Community Warming Center open

The Community Warming Center, hosted at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1620 West Main St., Murray, will be open every night from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. this winter. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. All are welcome to come and get in out of the cold. No pre-registration is required. This center is sponsored by Community Concerns and Needs. For more information call 227-9109.

## SS representative here again Jan. 28

A Social Security representative is scheduled to be at the Calloway County Public Library on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The representative will assist in filing claims. For more information call toll free at 1-800-772-1213 or the Mayfield office at 1-270-247-8095.

## VFW meeting Thursday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Army building. A special election will be held. All members are urged to attend. For information call James Daniel at 753-0049.

## Discussion on Thursday

St. Mark's Anglican Church will begin a discussion on "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis and led by Dr. Kenneth Tucker tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. The public is invited.

## Narcotics group will meet

Narcotics Anonymous will meet each Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. For information call 753-8419 or 1-877-447-2004.

## Visitor Guides now available

The 2010 Murray Visitor Guide and event calendar is now available at the Murray Convention and Visitors Bureau, 201 South 4th St., Murray, or by calling 759-2199. Any business that would like to display the guides, call the CVB. The brochure includes information for visitors and locals, including accommodations, dining, culture, recreation and an event listing for all of 2010.

## Photography classes scheduled

Digital Photography 101 classes will be taught by Terry Little at the Calloway County Extension Office at 310 S. Fourth St., Murray, on Friday, Jan. 22, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Digital Photography 102 will be Friday, Jan. 29, at the same times. It is not necessary to have taken 101 before taking 102. The classes are free and open to the public. Persons may call the Extension office at 753-1452 to register for the classes.

## Bank plans special trips

The Bank of Cadiz & Trust Company Travel Club has planned trips to Holland Michigan Tulip Festival, May 4-7, 2010 and to New York City, June 14-18, 2010. If you would like to sign up for the trips, a deposit is due by Feb. 1 for Holland Michigan and Feb. 10 for New York City. For more information about the trips, stop by the Murray office at 630 North 12th St., Murray, or contact Jennifer Eidson at 759-4852.

## Type O-negative blood needed

Low holiday donor turnout and harsh winter weather throughout much of the country is severely impacting the supply of Type O-negative blood.

Nationwide, there is currently less than a day and a half supply of O-negative blood and it's expected to drop to even lower levels in the coming days and weeks.

Although every blood type is important, people with type O-negative blood are particularly in demand because they are the "universal donor." This means people of all blood types can safely receive type O-negative blood, so it is used during life-

threatening emergencies or when the matching blood type is in short supply.

If you have Type O-negative blood, please consider donating blood at a Red Cross blood drive or donor center near you.

Locally, you may give blood on the following dates:

Monday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 1620 W. Main St. in Murray.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Murray Middle School located at 801 Main St. in Murray.

How to Donate Blood:  
Log on to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for more information or to schedule a blood donation appointment. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19. Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to learn more.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches life-saving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

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# Haiti quake: Survivors struggle while awaiting aid

President Preval says death toll could be in the thousands

**By MIKE MELIA**  
Associated Press Writer  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Turning pickup trucks into ambulances and doors into stretchers, Haitians were frantically struggling to save those injured in this week's earthquake as desperately needed aid from around the world began arriving Thursday.

Planes carrying teams from China, France and Spain flew into the Port-au-Prince airport with searchers and tons of food, medicine and other supplies — with far more promised soon from around the globe.

Search and rescue squads from Iceland and Fairfax County, Virginia, had arrived the day before and some groups — from Cuba's government and Doctors Without Borders — used staff already in the country to offer aid immediately after the magnitude-7 quake struck on Tuesday.

The U.S. and other nations said they were sending food, water, medical supplies to assist the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated 3 million people — a third of the population — may need emergency relief.

In the streets of the capital, survivors set up camps amid piles of salvaged goods, including food being scavenged from the rubble.

"This is much worse than a hurricane," said Jimitre Coquillon, a doctor's assistant working at a makeshift triage center set up in a hotel parking lot. "There's no water. There's nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."

If there were any organized efforts to distribute food or water, they were not visible Wednesday.

The aid group Doctors Without Borders treated wounded at two hospitals that withstood the quake and set up tents

clinics elsewhere to replace its damaged facilities. Cuba, which already had hundreds of doctors in Haiti, treated injured in field hospitals.

President Barack Obama promised an all-out rescue and humanitarian effort including the military and civilian emergency teams from across the U.S. The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson was expected to arrive off the coast Thursday and the Navy said the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan had been ordered to sail as soon as possible with a 2,000-member Marine unit.

"We have to be there for them in their hour of need," Obama said.

A U.S. military assessment team was the first to arrive, to determine Haiti's needs.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said the French three planes are to evacuate around 60 injured people to hospitals in the Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe. He told France Inter radio that two more relief planes are on their way.

There was no estimate on how many people were killed by Tuesday's quake. Haitian President Rene Preval said the toll could be in the thousands. Leading Sen. Youri Latortue told The Associated Press the number could be 500,000, but conceded that nobody really knew.

"Let's say that it's too early to give a number," Preval said to CNN.

Survivors used sledgehammers and their bare hands to try to find victims in the rubble. In Petionville, next to the capital, people dug through a collapsed shopping center, tossing aside mattresses and office supplies. More than a dozen cars were entombed, including a U.N. truck.

Nearby, about 200 survivors,



People search for survivors under the rubble of a collapse building the day after an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, Jan. 13. The 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday flattened the president's palace, the cathedral, hospitals, schools, the main prison and whole neighborhoods. (AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

including many children, huddled in a theater parking lot using sheets to rig makeshift tents and shield themselves from the sun in 90-degree heat.

Police officers carried the injured in their pickup trucks. Wisnel Occilus, a 24-year-old student, was wedged between two other survivors in a truck bed headed to a police station.

He was in an English class when the magnitude-7 quake struck at 4:53 p.m. and the building collapsed.

"The professor is dead. Some of the students are dead, too,"

said Occilus, who suspected he had several broken bones. "Everything hurts."

Other survivors carried injured to hospitals in wheelbarrows and on stretchers fashioned from doors.

Bodies lay everywhere in Port-au-Prince: tiny children next to schools, women in rubble-strewn streets with stunned expressions frozen on their faces, men hidden beneath plastic tarps and cotton sheets.

Balancing suitcases and belongings on their heads, people streamed on foot into the

Haitian countryside, where wooden and cinderblock shacks showed little sign of damage.

Ambulances and U.N. trucks raced in the opposite direction, toward Port-au-Prince.

Calls from victims seeking help from emergency services weren't getting through because systems that connect different phone networks were not working, said officials from a telecommunications provider in Haiti.

Calls were being placed sometimes 15 to 20 times from the same phone, which was "painful

to watch," said Jyoti Mahurkar-Thombre, Alcatel-Lucent's general manager of wireless voice.

About 3,000 police and international peacekeepers cleared debris, directed traffic and maintained security in the capital. But law enforcement was stretched thin even before the quake and would be ill-equipped to deal with major unrest. The U.N.'s 9,000-member peacekeeping force sent patrols across the capital's streets while securing the airport, port and main buildings.

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## PREP BASKETBALL

*"We kept telling me over and over again to play. I didn't want to. It was a tough moment for me. But whatever Dad wanted was what I was going to do."*

*—Austin Lilly*

# This one's for you, Dad

*After almost leaving basketball, Lilly ignites finally healthy Lakers*

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But he didn't quit for any of the typical reasons high school rusted fluctuate as they go. Lilly told his coaches and teammates that he was leaving basketball to spend all the time with his family.

His father, Eli, had a brain tumor that he would die from — he wouldn't have to play basketball. In fact, he probably wouldn't even watch basketball.

Basketball games were always family time for the Lillys. He attended every game he played, no matter how big or how insignificant it might have been.

His dad was one of the few people Austin wanted to see after a tough night on the court.

"He was just a fun guy to be around after the game," the 5-foot-9 guard recalls. "He would never yell at me or tell me how bad I did. He was always supportive."

The day Eli was diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 2008, basketball quickly took a back seat to the whirlwind that had abruptly become his life. Austin, the youngest of two boys and the only one still living at home in Almo.

As his dad's condition worsened, he had to deal for the game.

He was set to be the backup point guard in his junior season, but in July, Austin handed over his jersey and wondered if he'd ever play basketball for Calloway County again.

"There was just so much going on in my life that I didn't want to have basketball separate me," he remembers.

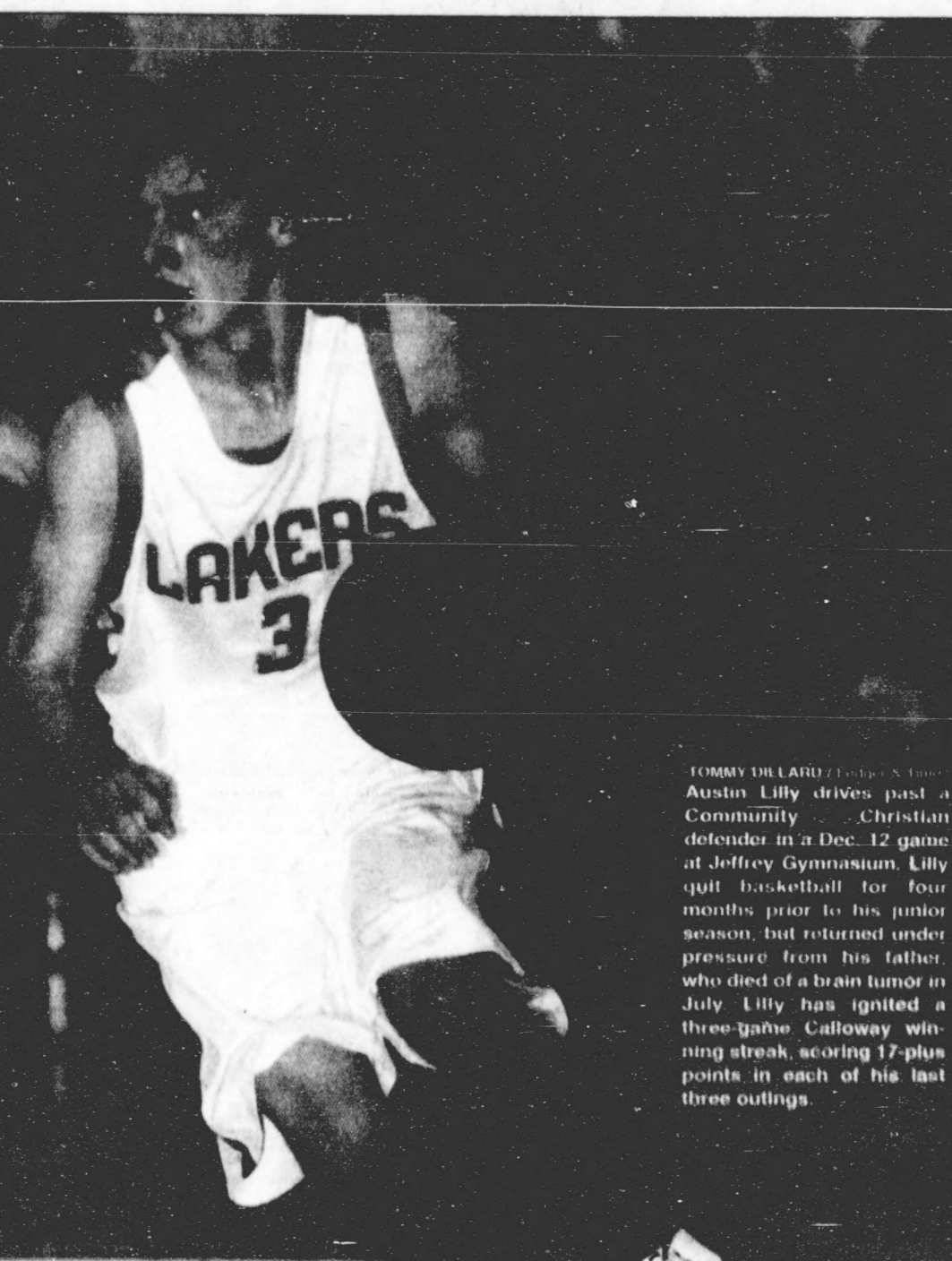
But after nearly four months off the court, Austin finally caved under pressure to return.

One of that pressure came from coaches or teammates, however. Nearly everyone supported Austin in his leave from basketball, with the exception of one man.

That man was his father. "He kept telling me over and over again to play," Austin recalls. "I didn't want to. It was a tough moment for me. But whatever Dad wanted was what I was going to do."

Eli Lilly even enlisted Austin's teammates to help get his son back on the court.

One day when Shawn Thompson, then a sophomore, and Chris Dobbins, Calloway's rising senior point guard, were at the Lillys' house playing video games, Eli pulled



**TOMMY DILLARD / AP Photo**  
Austin Lilly drives past a defender in a Dec. 12 game at Jeffrey Gymnasium. Lilly quit basketball for four months prior to his junior season, but returned under pressure from his father, who died of a brain tumor in July. Lilly has ignited a three-game Calloway winning streak, scoring 17-plus points in each of his last three outings.

Thompson aside. "You've got to get him back," was his plea. The next day at school, the day before the beginning of fall practice, Thompson stayed on Austin like a defender in a tight man-to-man defense.

"He and Chris kept telling me, 'Dude, you have to come back,'" says Austin. "I was like, 'Man, there's just so much going on in my family life, I don't know if I can.' Eventually I was like, 'OK, just for you guys.'"

Until then, Thompson had been a voice of encouragement for Lilly's decision to leave.

"I was one of the ones that basically suggested he needed to get focused with his life," said the junior shooting guard and Austin's partner in crime in the Laker backcourt. "Me and Dobbins, we just tried to help him out. He's a big part of our team and we wanted him

when he was ready." Austin had to rush to get a physical before he could sign up, but he was back with the team during the first week of practices.

There were many days when it was hard to focus on basketball, but he never regretted the decision. "There are several different ways young guys handle these type of things and Austin's way was that he didn't take a break from it," says head coach Bruce Lane. "But I think basketball really helped him. It gave him time to deal."

Eli Lilly got to see much of Austin's junior year, which included a district title for Calloway County, before he passed away in July. "Coming back has paid big dividends for me,"

■ See LILLY, 2B

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



WADE PAYNE / AP

Every year Tennessee lawmakers pass a resolution honoring the University of Tennessee's football coach. Not this year. Republican House Speaker Kent Williams asked members of the chamber Wednesday to hold a voice vote on whether to congratulate Lane Kiffin for his single 7-6 season. The response was unanimous: "No!"

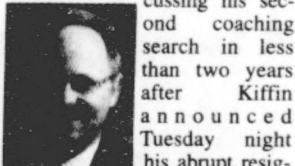
# Lane Change

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'DISAPPOINTED' BY KIFFIN'S QUICK DEPARTURE

By BETH RUCKER  
AP Sports Writer  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee athletic director Mike Hamilton describes Lane Kiffin's tenure coaching the Volunteers in just one word: "Brief."

Hamilton spoke at a news conference Wednesday discussing his second coaching search in less than two years after Kiffin announced Tuesday night his abrupt resignation to take the same job at Southern California.



Hamilton

Kiffin, hired 14 months ago, coached one season at Tennessee. Asked if he felt betrayed, Hamilton said he gave Kiffin a chance to be a head coach but that he was "more disappointed for the kids and fans."

Kiffin arrived at Tennessee after being fired as head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders by owner Al Davis.

The athletic director said Kiffin told him Saturday that if the Southern California job came open he would be interested.

Hamilton said the search to replace Kiffin started Tuesday and is "full blast" under way. Tennessee has a recruit weekend scheduled for this weekend, and interim coach Kippy Brown said they will hold the event with prospects reporting Friday.

Brown called himself a candidate for the job, and he said he expects a coach to be hired by Friday. The athletic director would only commit to having a coach hired by Sunday.

"Hopefully it's going to get done before recruiting's live again," Hamilton said.

Hamilton already has met with the eight recruits who enrolled early and told them to "go to class." He said that though he didn't have an attendance sheet with him, since the recruits were on campus at 12:01 a.m. that means they are enrolled at Tennessee.

The athletic director was quizzed about how much Kiffin strayed from Tennessee traditions and about the departing coaches contacting Vol recruits, trying to lure them to Southern California.

"Nothing surprises me anymore," Hamilton said about the calls to recruits.

Kiffin hired Brown in December of 2008, and he said he had heard through the coaching grapevine that Kiffin might not be around long. But this is Brown's third stint coaching at Tennessee.

## TITANS FOOTBALL

# Simply The Best

JOHNSON VOTED AP'S TOP OFFENSIVE PLAYER

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — That blur speeding away from opposing defenses and running off with The Associated Press 2009 NFL Offensive Player of the Year award is Chris Johnson.

Considered the fastest man in pro football, Johnson was

uncatchable in setting a league mark for yards from scrimmage (2,509) and becoming the sixth player with a 2,000-yard rushing season.

He is the first NFL player to finish with at least 2,000 yards rushing and 500 receiving (503).

That earned the second-year pro 38 1/2 votes Wednesday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Johnson easily beat New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees, who received nine votes.

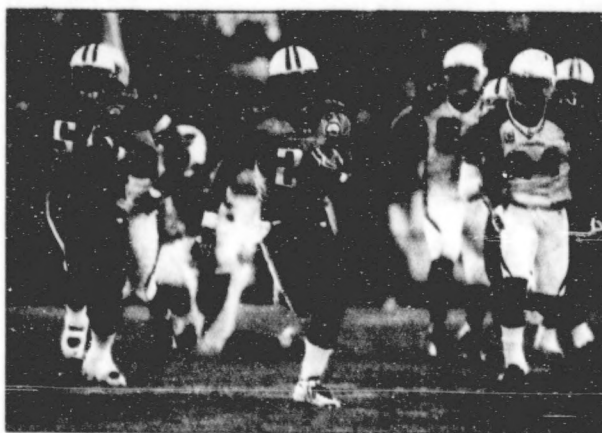
"I kind of realize what I did and I feel like I had a dream sea-

son," said Johnson, who scored 16 touchdowns (14 rushing), second to Minnesota's Adrian Peterson, and tied the NFL mark with six consecutive games rushing for at least 125 yards.

Johnson, who has run a 4.2 40 and believes he'll remain the NFL's fastest player unless a team signs Usain Bolt, has bigger dreams, too: breaking Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record of 2,105 yards, and winning the league MVP award.

"I didn't even get one vote at all (for MVP)," Johnson said. "Like the season I had, it

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JOHN RUSSELL / AP File

With a 2,000-yard rushing season and the most yards from scrimmage in NFL history, Chris Johnson ran away with The Associated Press 2009 NFL Offensive Player of the Year award Wednesday.

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KYSER LOUGH / Ledger & Times  
Austin Lilly lets loose on a three-pointer in front of Murray's student section during the Lakers' win over their rivals last Friday. Lilly had a career game, scoring 22 points in the win.

**Lilly**

From Page 1B  
Now, halfway through his senior year, Austin is playing the best basketball of his life.  
He's working on overcoming another setback — lingering back problems that forced him to sit out several games in December — but Calloway's current three-game winning streak has curiously coincided with increased production from the point guard spot.  
Lilly has poured in at least 17 points in each of the past three games, including 22 in a crucial district win over Murray Friday.  
But most importantly for Calloway, he's cut down his turnovers over his last three outings.  
"This year, he kind of just got thrown in there, bringing the ball up against some of these defenses," Lane says. "He's getting more confident every day.

He's focusing on taking care of the basketball and that's what we need him to do more than anything."  
Simmons usually helps Lilly get the ball up the court against a pressing defense, but he had to go it alone against one of the region's top defenses at Murray while Simmons was sidelined with a staph infection.  
He responded with the most complete game of his career.  
"Brock kind of threw me a curveball that day," Lilly jokes. "I knew there was going to be a lot of pressure on me to bring the ball up and not turn it over. The coaches just told me to be calm and let the game come to me."  
His back is still a day-to-day issue for Lilly. He never knows exactly how it's going to feel when he wakes up each morning.

If it flares up again, he may be forced to miss time.  
But for now, it seems the Lakers and their point guard are healthy for the stretch run. Calloway played with all five starters in Tuesday's win over Lone Oak for the first time since early December.  
And despite stumbling out to a 7-8 record, this bunch still believes it's capable of great things.  
"I think with our full roster 100 percent healthy, we're one of the better teams in the region," Lilly says. "We have deadly shots and experience. We just need to stay healthy and focused."  
But it's doubtful Calloway would be where it is without Lilly.  
And Lilly might not be where he is today without the support of his coaches and teammates

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**MLB**  
**Committee ready to study expanded replay, postseason**

By ANDREW BAGNATO  
AP Sports Writer  
PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. (AP) — Expanded instant replay is on the agenda for the first meeting of Major League Baseball's newly formed committee of managers and long-time executives on Thursday.  
The 14-man committee also will discuss expanding the first round of the playoffs to best of seven and ways to eliminate lengthy breaks during the postseason.  
As owners and general managers met at a mountaintop resort on Wednesday, commissioner Bud Selig said he will raise the replay issue.  
"I'll probably bring that up," Selig said.  
Following a series of blown calls by umpires during the playoffs, many said baseball should expand video review, which began in 2008 and is limited to whether potential home runs are fair and whether balls go over the fence.  
Selig wouldn't predict where the replay discussion might lead.  
"What I want tomorrow, I want them to discuss everything," Selig said. "I really want to hear from them. I've encouraged this group to be very blunt, talk about anything they want."  
The "special committee for on-field matters" includes managers Tony La Russa, Jim Leyland, Joe Torre and Mike Scioscia.  
Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, who is black, is the only minority on the panel.

**MLB**  
**Canseco: McGwire still lying**

Former MLB player says teammate, coach know more than telling  
By The Associated Press  
Jose Canseco says Mark McGwire is still lying about his use of steroids and his former manager Tony La Russa isn't telling the truth either.  
McGwire admitted Monday that he used steroids for a decade, including when he hit 70 homers in 1998, but denied Canseco's claims that he injected himself and McGwire with steroids in bathroom stalls.  
"I've defended Mark. I know a lot of good things about him," Canseco told ESPN 1000 radio in Chicago on Tuesday. "I can't believe he just called me a liar. Umm, there's something very strange going on here."  
"I even polygraphed that I injected him, and I passed it completely. So I want to challenge him on national TV to a polygraph examination. I want to see him call me a liar under a polygraph examination."  
In Canseco's 2005 book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big," Canseco claimed he introduced McGwire and other stars to steroids and performance-enhancing drugs. He wrote about injecting himself and McGwire in bathroom stalls, and how the effects of the drugs were the reason he hit 462 career home runs.  
Canseco and McGwire helped lead the Athletics to a World Series sweep in 1989.  
"Jose is out there doing what he's doing, but I'm not going to stoop down to his level," McGwire told ESPN on Tuesday. "None of that stuff happened. He knows it. I know it. I'm not going to stoop down to that level."  
La Russa was McGwire's manager for nearly all of his 16-

**Johnson**

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NFL history. By then, it was a one-man show in the Tennessee backfield; as a rookie, Johnson split duties with LenDale White, and rushed for 1,228 yards and nine TDs. This season, White got only 64 carries a year after running for 15 touchdowns in 2008.  
"I took a backseat to greatness," White noted.  
"I'm just happy to be a part of it, to make history with him," Titans quarterback Vince Young added. "He's going to be a great player. This is just his second year; that's the crazy part."  
No one has rushed for 2,000 yards twice in a career. Titans coach Jeff Fisher says it would be unwise to bet against Johnson setting that precedent, too.  
"I think he's one player that has a chance to do it again. He's young," Fisher said. "He's special. He has the potential to go the distance and change games and do those kinds of things."  
League MVP Peyton Manning of Indianapolis drew 1 1/2 votes, and San Diego QB Philip Rivers got one.  
Johnson is the first Titan to win the honor, but the third player in franchise history. Quarterback Warren Moon won in 1990 as a Houston Oilers, and Earl Campbell took the award from 1978-80 with the Oilers.

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**INTRODUCTION:**  
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
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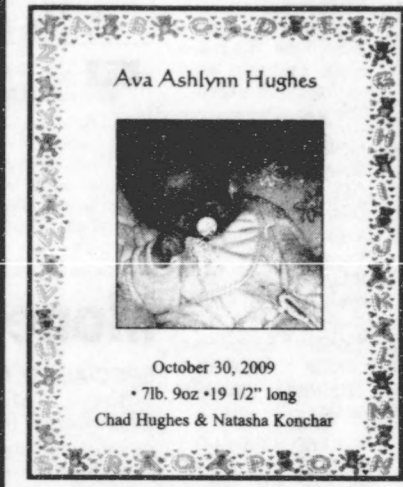
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To learn about naming opportunities available with Murray-Hospice House, contact Keith Travis, VP of Institutional Development at 762-1908.



Pictured, from left, is Sharon Furches, MCCH Board Chair, Jack Dodd, Billy Dodd, Quinter Dodd, Keith Travis, VP of Institutional Development, and Judge Executive Larry Elkins.

**Horoscope**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Jan. 15, 2010: This year, many find you appealing. In some way, shape or form, you could be overwhelmed by all the attention. Enjoy, but still stay true to your ideals. Someone you meet this year, especially if you are single, might not be all he or she projects. Get to know people well before deciding you know who they are. You will get many different offers; remain the cynical Goat, and you won't make a mistake. Don't give an automatic no, but be ready to do some back checking. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends and periods together away from your daily lives. Somehow the flames of romance rebuild. AQUARIUS helps you make money.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* New beginnings become possible if you try another approach or do something differently. You discover a gentleness in a higher-up or boss that you hadn't seen before. Touch base with a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Examine what is going on with someone you care a lot about. If you want to see life from a different point of view, investigate possibilities with an eye to change. You see a situation far differently from many. Tonight: Avoid comparing notes.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* When you sweep away the layers and layers of issues, clearly someone really does care. You might ask yourself if it is worth all the ups and downs to live in this bond. Only you can decide. Tonight: Say yes to living.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Defer to others. You can say "no" at any given point. Claiming your power doesn't mean being in control of a situation. It is being able to control your reactions and choosing your responses instead. Tonight: Sort through invitations.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* A new project could be dropped on your plate out of the blue. Listen to suggestions. A co-worker or friend could reinvestigate your thoughts and help you come up with a unique approach. Tonight: Run errands, then decide.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your sunny behavior disarms many, but



Looking Back

Ten years ago Published is a picture of cable crews subcontracted to Murray Electric System hanging fiber-optic cable off 12th Street, Murray. The project which started last July is scheduled to be completed in February. The picture was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

The opening performance of "Murder in Green Meadows" by Twilight Cabaret Production at Kenlake State Resort Park will be tonight.

The Four Rivers Music Friends will meet Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Calloway County Public Library. The group meets each first and third Sunday of the month at the library.

Twenty years ago Lt. James Shropshire was named "Fire Officer of the Year" and Mike Farley was named "Fire-fighter of the Year" by the Murray Fire Department.

Published is a picture of Tom Rushing, chairman, and Doris Cella, vice chairman, at a meeting of the Murray Independent Board of Education.

Murray High School Lady Tigers lost 76-52 to Marshall County High School Lady Marshals in a basketball game. High team scorers were Jennifer Parker for Murray and Richelle Caldwell for Marshall.

Births reported include a girl to Randi and Joel Freetland, Jan. 11.

Thirty years ago A basic program of Adult Basic Education is now going on in Calloway County with evening classes on Monday and Tuesday at North Elementary School, Marlene Beach is the teacher.

In high school basketball games, Calloway Lakers lost 72-45 and Lady Lakers won 75-59 to teams of Lowes Blue Devils. High team scorers for Calloway were Dan Key for boys and Mina Todd for girls; Murray

Tigers lost 70-69 to Mayfield Cardinals with Nick Swift high scorer for the Tigers.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McClain were married for 50 years Dec. 29.

Forty years ago Calloway County Schools at Calloway High and elementary centers at Almo, Faxon, Hazel, Kirksey, Lynn Grove and New Concord opened today after being dismissed for six days due to the weather conditions.

The Registered All Jersey herd at Murray State University has been named the top production Jersey herd in Kentucky, according to E.B. Howton, chairman of the Department of Agriculture of MSU.

Calloway County High School Lakers lost 62-60 to Fulton County Pilots in a basketball game. Darrell Crawford was high scorer for the Lakers.

Fifty years ago Thieves broke in at Faxon School last night and escaped with approximately \$12 at the school.

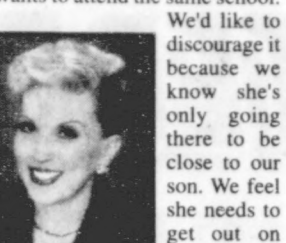
Directors of the Peoples Bank of Murray are Fleetwood Crouch, A.F. Doran, H. Glenn Doran, R.H. Falwell, Hugh L. Houston, Conrad H. Jones, Carl B. King, Lynwood Morris, L.D. Outland, George E. Overbey and H.T. Waldrop.

Sixty years ago In high school basketball games Murray Tigers won 57-47 over Benton Indians with high scorers being Thomasson for Tigers and Platt for Indians; Murray Training Colts won 35-33 over Brewers Redmen with high scorers being Magnus for Colts and Blagg and Mobley for Redmen; Almo Warriors won 51-40 over Dover with high scorers being Miller for Almo and Wallace for Dover.

Salmon, tall can, is listed as selling for 35 cents in the ad for Kroger this week.

Parents fear son's tag-along girlfriend will hold him back

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Sam," is a senior in high school and has chosen a college that will suit his major. Now, all of a sudden, his girlfriend, "Amanda," has decided she wants to attend the same school.



Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

We'd like to discourage it because we know she's only going there to be close to our son. We feel she needs to get out on her own as much as Sam does.

Sam has tried to break up with her in the past, but she makes him feel guilty about breaking it off. We have talked to our son about her and her behavior. He is a bright kid, but seems not to be smart where Amanda is concerned.

Please help us figure out a way to make Sam understand the kind of position he's putting himself in. Amanda is needy and spoiled. She has never had to work for anything. Our son holds down two jobs and seems very dependent -- so why is he coddling her? -- HELP NEEDED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HELP NEEDED: Sam may be emotional about Amanda, or just so soft-hearted he can't get past her guilt trips. Please remain calm, because college is almost a year away and a lot can happen between now and then. If Amanda's focus is on Sam and not her grades, although she

may want to attend the same college, she may not be accepted for enrollment.

If she is, then your husband needs to have a man-to-man talk with Sam and point out that when he gets to college he is going to be exposed to many different experiences and people, that he's quickly going to grow emotionally and intellectually, and that is why it's important that he keeps his options open.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I attract needy people. I don't have a problem setting boundaries. However, those boundaries are frequently crossed because the person is so self-absorbed that he/she "can't hear" me.

How does one draw the line with a complete stranger who wants to tell me her whole life story the first time we meet, and sucks away my energy and my time? I feel like the individual isn't even talking to me. She might as well be talking to herself or to a wall for all I care.

Abby, I do not want to continue being taken hostage by these kinds of people. I'm not interested in their lives or troubles. I have enough of my own. I don't want to be unkind, but I haven't found a way to protect myself from being forced to invest time in needy acquaintances with whom I do not wish to pursue a relationship. I am not a total (rhymes with witch), but I am definitely ... BAFFLED IN VERO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR BAFFLED: If I understand your description correctly, the type of person you describe is a "sapper." These are individuals who talk until they completely drain the energy from their "victim" -- not unlike vampires in Stephenie Meyer's novels.

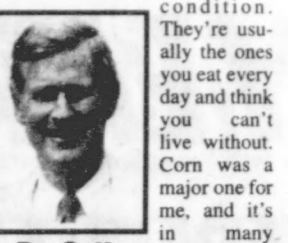
An effective way to deal with a sapper is to stop the conversation. Explain that he or she has caught you at a time or place when it's inconvenient to talk, or tell the person you do not feel qualified to deal with their situation and refer them to a doctor, lawyer or therapist. Then walk away or end the phone call -- depending upon how they have "attached" themselves to you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend broke up with me, saying, "It's not me, it's you." If he meant it as a joke, I didn't feel like laughing. What should I have said to him? -- STUNG IN DENVER

DEAR STUNG: The best response is the one you probably gave him: "Goodbye!"

Arthritis under control through diet

DEAR DR. GOTT: Ten years ago, I was diagnosed with painful rheumatoid arthritis. I didn't want to take the medication, so I did a lot of reading. The first information I found is to avoid foods that worsen the condition.



Dr. Gott By Dr. Peter Gott

They're usually the ones you eat every day and think you can't live without. Corn was a major one for me, and it's in many processed foods. I also found that alternating food families so that each was eaten only once every four days brought me relief. It takes some work to figure out what foods are in the same family, but there are sources.

I haven't had any problems for over 10 years and no longer have to be so careful about alternating foods. I mentioned this to someone I knew who was having rheumatoid arthritis problems, too. He also found relief by avoiding the foods and drinks he consumed most often.

I mentioned this to my rheumatologist, and he said there were experiments being done with food and the condition. I don't know what they have discovered, but I do know this has been helpful to me. I hope it can help others.

DEAR READER: Painful rheumatoid arthritis disease is inflammation around joints, commonly affecting the fingers and knees. Pain often appears in two or three joints and might last up to three days and can be severe. Oddly, it can cease as quickly as an episode begins. The condition is characterized by joint stiffness, inflammation, warmth and pain.

Anti-inflammatory medicines may be ineffective for pain control; however, a physician may choose to prescribe methotrexate or hydroxychloroquine for better control.

Alternative control includes hydrotherapy, herbs and a proper diet. The consumption of meat and dairy products is acceptable when combined with fruits, vegetables and an appropriate amount of water. When consumed inappropriately, dairy products can cause bloating, diarrhea and stomach pain. Stress and smoking can be detrimental to the condition.

A diet for those afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis should be restricted to no more than 2,000 calories daily with fruits, vegetables and protein being the foundation. If a primary-care physician cannot get a patient started in the right direction, the patient should ask for a referral to a rheumatologist and dietitian who can.

Readers who are interested in additional information can request my Health Reports "Managing Chronic Pain" and "Medical Specialties." Simply send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 U.S. check or money order for each report to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2010. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut -- the Fundamental Orders -- was adopted.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson -- better known as "Alice in Wonderland" creator Lewis Carroll -- died in Guildford, Surrey, England, less than two weeks before his 66th birthday.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French Gen. Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

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Ten years ago: In a massive demonstration demanding the return of Elian Gonzalez, tens of thousands of Cuban women marched to the U.S. mission in Havana. A U.N. tribunal sentenced five Bosnian Croat militiamen to up to 25 years in prison for a 1993 murder rampage that emptied a Bosnian village of every one of its Muslim inhabitants.

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Baby Blues

HOW'S THIS PERFECT ON THE INVENTION OF THE RUB COMING? SHE NEEDS OUR HELP.

BUT WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO -- I PROMISE WE'LL ONLY HELP A LITTLE!

OH, NO! WHAT DOES SHE NEED US TO DO BUY HER SOME POSTER BOARD? WE CAN DO THAT AFTER YOU BUILD A LOOM.

Blondie

HOW DID YOUR WIFE LIKE THE BIRTHDAY GUPKAKES YOU SURPRISED HER WITH?

NOT AT ALL -- OH, NO! WAS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM?

I'LL SAY! -- SEEING ALL SO GUPKAKES LINED UP WITH CANDLES IN THEM -- REALLY PROKAKED HER OUT!

Garfield

IT'S NOT EASY BEING A CRIME FIGHTER AROUND HERE -- BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANY CRIME -- EXCEPT WHAT OYEBOW DID TO THE RUB LAST THURSDAY!

HE'Z BEING WIZ!

HE'Z BEING WIZ!

Peanuts

YES, SIR, MR. PRINCIPAL... WHO? THE LITTLE GIRL WITH THE BRAIDS? SURE, WE'RE IN THE SAME KINDERGARTEN CLASS.

DID I ASK HER TO GO TO PARIS?

WELL, SURE, BUT THAT WAS JUST A JOKE... I MEAN, HOW... HARASSMENT?!!

Contract Bridge

Bridge Is a Logical Game

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠10 7 4, ♥8 5 2, ♦10 6 3, ♣A 7 2. WEST: ♠8 6, ♥Q 7 3, ♦9 7 4 2, ♣Q J 10 8. EAST: ♠A K Q J, ♥A 3 2, ♦A 5 3 2, ♣A 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2. SOUTH: ♠A K Q, ♥A K J 10 9 4, ♦A K, ♣A K 5.

The bidding: South West North East 2♦ Pass 2♦\* Pass 3♥ Pass 3♥\* Pass 4♥ Pass 4♥\* Pass. \*strong, artificial. \*\*negotiate with the queen, establishing dummy's eight as an entry, and declarer later discards his club loser on the king of diamonds to make the slam.

Bridge is a logical game. True, you have streaks of good or bad luck from time to time -- depending mostly on the good or bad cards you and your partner hold -- but in the long run the luck evens out, and the ability to reason well becomes the decisive factor.

Here is a good example of sound reasoning in both the bidding and play. South bids six hearts almost single-handedly, even though he realizes that if his partner holds the

wrong hand, the slam may go down. Yet South should assume that he is a strong favorite to make the slam, as there are many more hands North can have that will produce 12 tricks than there are that will yield only 11.

For example, North might have either the queen of hearts or queen of clubs, or a singleton or doubleton club, or four or five small hearts -- and South would certainly want to be in a slam in all of those cases. He therefore bids the slam, even though he would not bet the family heirloom on making it.

South also plays the hand with equal assurance. He wins the club lead with the king, cashes the ace of diamonds and then leads the jack of trumps. This unusual play guarantees the contract. In the actual deal, West can do no better than take the jack of hearts with the queen, establishing dummy's eight as an entry, and declarer later discards his club loser on the king of diamonds to make the slam.

Crosswords

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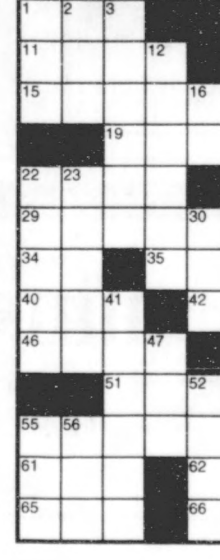
- 1 Fox competitor
4 Morgana
8 Contented sound
11 Aswan Dam site
13 Route for Ben-Hur
14 Dory's need
15 Thick with trees
17 Deadly
19 Carpentry joint
21 Actress -- Caldwell
22 Hug up to
24 Racing circuit
26 Neighbor of Fr.
29 Intense beam
31 Floating leaf
33 Li doubled
34 Exists
35 Black-and-gray bird
37 Playboy nickname
39 Dodgers org.
40 PBS funder
42 Still

DOWN

- 1 Compass pt.
2 Library sect.
3 Walks heavily
4 Friend of Che
5 Near
6 Shatter series, (with "War")
7 Border st.
8 H.S. elective (2 wds.)
9 Dubai loc.
10 A-Team member (2 wds.)
12 Revised

Answer to Previous Puzzle

GAMY LOP DEBT
ASOU ABU IRAN
LAVA PIC ASSN
PENDS CON
AEGIS SAS
QUTIP UNHANDY
PUBS SET YAMS
BISHOPS BEGS
STP YESES
TLC WACKY
ROPY IRE URAL
PION AER KIKI
MDSE LPS ESSE



- 16 UFO pilot
18 Cry audibly
20 Seance sound
22 "Dave" actor
23 Art-store buy
25 Exclamation of disgust
27 Flax product
28 Apples gold leaf
30 Sunbeam
32 Phone button
36 Director -- Craven
38 Puny
41 Hands-on-hips
43 Dinner check
45 Flings
47 "Achtung Baby" composer
49 Block-shaped
52 Besides
54 Refrain syllable
55 Speech stumbles
56 Cloister figure
57 Total failure
59 Huntsville loc.
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