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Two rescued after spending night on lake; kayak capsized

By HAWKINS TEAGUE Staff Writer

After being reported missing on Kentucky Lake Wednesday morning, two young men were found after having spent the night in Land Between the Lakes.

Calloway County DES Rescue Squad Chief Ronnie Burken said that someone reported at approximately 5:45 a.m. Wednesday that two kayakers had been missing since the day before. The men, both in their mid-20s, called and reported their whereabouts less than four hours later around 9:30 a.m., he said.

Burken identified the men as Nathan Luffman and Evan Gilliam, both Murray State University students.

Burken said the two men departed from Pine Bluff Shores near Hamlin in a two-person kayak around lunch time on Tuesday and were reported missing the next morning after they hadn't been seen or heard from. Burken said that the men's kayak apparently capsized around Tuesday evening and they swam to the shore on the LBL side of the lake. He said they built a fire and spent the night in the LBL before

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Some Dems wary of Obama's health push

By ERICA WEINER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rank-and-file Democrats in Congress remain wary of health care legislation in spite of President Barack Obama's closing argument for overhauling the system, well aware that success is far from assured and political perils abound.

"I think he has succeeded in prying open a window of opportunity, but it's a very nar-

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Daily Forecast

By The Associated Press

Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Thursday night...Clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

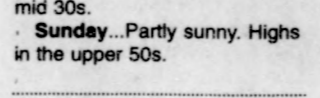
Friday...Mostly clear. Highs in the lower 50s.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 20.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.



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MCCH moves forward on side projects

By KYSER LOUGH Staff Writer

With completion of the hospital expansion around the corner, the Murray-Calloway County Hospital Board of Trustees set several other initiatives in motion Wednesday during their monthly meeting.

Work on the new Residential Hospice House, a geropsych unit in the North Tower and a clinic inside Walmart in Benton were all approved to move forward by the board.

MCCH CEO Keith Bailey told the board that enough funds had been raised through the endowment for the Hospice

House to begin working with an architect to develop detailed plans.

Two motions were passed regarding a future geropsych unit. The first was to allow Sigmet Health to manage the unit. They currently manage the rehab unit at MCCH for \$18,000 per month and will manage the geropsych unit for \$5,000 during their monthly meeting.

Some of the existing staff members will be shared between the two units. Brad Bloemer, vice president of financial services, said that competitors would charge much more for the services and recommended the board approve a three-year contract.

The other geropsych motion approved

was to move forward with Pinnacle Construction in constructing the unit.

The unit will be located in the North Tower where the intensive care unit and progressive care unit are currently. Bailey said it was important to start on this as soon as possible to meet an August goal of opening the unit to comply with Medicare regulation.

Bailey presented a financial projection on opening a clinic inside Walmart in Benton. The numbers showed a projected break-even point if the clinic received 25 visits per day. If the clinic only received 18 visits per day, MCCH would lose \$89,000 per year, Bailey said

the idea is to get patients at the clinic that would gradually begin to use MCCH for their services.

"This is a project with not a lot of risk but has a considerable upside," he said. The agreement would be for three years. If the clinic should not do well, Bailey said the only thing the hospital would have to pay would be the rent for the space unless someone else comes in to lease it. Rent was listed at \$8,415 per year. He cited the fact that Walmart is a popular location for businesses and he did not feel it would stay empty for long.

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Cunningham speaks about importance of justice

By HAWKINS TEAGUE Staff Writer

Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham spoke to a local division of the Sierra Club Wednesday night about the importance of working justice and how it relates to protecting the environment.

Speaking in Murray State University's Pope Library, Cunningham said seeing "back to MSU always feels like

"returning to Mother's kitchen" and that he always felt a sense of nostalgia when he was on campus.

He recalled standing

Cunningham on the steps of Pope Library in 1963

when he heard the news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

He said he was honored to speak to the Great Rivers Group of the Sierra Club because, for one thing, not many non-profit organizations had been around for 118 years.

He said that although the group can be controversial at times, it is respected for its legacy.

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Haiti Assistance

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital board of trustees recently honored several staff members at its monthly meeting. Above, after spending a week in Haiti to offer their medical services, Ernest Ayo, far right, and Cindy Ivy, second from right, were presented with framed resolutions from the board honoring their service. Also pictured are Keith Bailey, CEO, and Sharon Furches, board chair. Below, Dr. John Yezanski, right, was also honored for his two-week trip to Haiti.



Revenue plan clears House committee

By BRUCE SCHREINER Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, Ky. (AP) — A divided Kentucky House committee approved a tax package Wednesday evening that's aimed at raising more than \$300 million in new revenue over two years to help plug a massive shortfall confronting lawmakers in balancing the state's next budget.

Supporters on the panel said the proposal would generate money needed to help avoid

deep spending cuts in education and human services. Some opponents worried the tax code changes would inflict pain on businesses struggling to emerge from the deep economic downturn.

Two big-ticket items in the plan would temporarily suspend tax write-offs for businesses reporting losses and would speed up sales tax collections. Those two provisions alone would account for more than half the additional revenue in the next two years.

The proposal would not raise tax rates.

Lawmakers are trying to plug a shortfall exceeding \$1 billion for the next two-year state budget cycle, which begins July 1. The shortfall was caused by the steep economic downturn.

The tax proposal cleared the Appropriations and Revenue Committee on a 17-11 vote. Every Democrat supported the tax plan except for Rep. Jim Wayne of Louisville.

Committee Republicans voted in unison against the bill, Wayne said Tuesday the tax plan lacked vision.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said the tax changes would cause little pain

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Agee case headed to grand jury

By TOM BERRY Staff Writer

The case of a Murray woman charged in the murder of a Putayee, Tenn., man has been turned over to a Calloway County grand jury for possible indictment.

Kelly Agee, 38, charged in the death of Kenneth Ray Brogdon, 31, a p p e r e d before District Judge Randy Hutchens Wednesday morning for a preliminary

hearing. Agee sat beside her counsel, Cheri Decker, a public defender with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's Murray office, as Murray Police Patrolman Todd Clere and Det. Kendra Smith detailed the events of a shooting at 700 Poplar Street shortly before 6:30 p.m. February 26.

Clere, one of three MPD responding officers, testified that police received two phone calls to the station regarding the incident. One from another tenant at the apartment house where Agee resides at the address as well as from Agee herself.

A passerby also came into the station to report having to drive around Brogdon, who had collapsed after leaving the house wounded.

Both Clere and Smith were questioned by Decker and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Hatfield concerning the investigation.

According to Clere, police found Brogdon lying partially in and out of the roadway at the intersection of Seventh and Poplar streets with a blood trail leading from the house to the street. Clere told the court Brogdon had suffered one gunshot wound to the abdomen from a 12-gauge shotgun and he had named Agee as the shooter.

"He said Kelly Agee had shot him," Clere said.

When questioned, Brogdon reportedly told Clere he did not know why.

A shotgun was confiscated from Agee following the shoot-

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Census 2010

A van sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau in promoting this year's population count rolled into Murray Wednesday morning at the Weaks Community Center. A rally held at the center during lunch is one of many events planned this year to encourage everyone to fill out the 10-question census survey for 2010.

Revenue ...

From Front

and were necessary "in this time of sacrifice to allow this state to continue to move forward."

"We're going to be able to escape this biennium with minimum pain to education and human services if we have the revenue that's available in this bill," Moberly said.

Rep. Danny Ford, R-Mount Vernon, worried about temporarily suspending tax write-offs for businesses reporting losses. The proposal has drawn concern from business interests.

"We've been in an economic downturn ... and we're beginning to see some daylight," Ford said. "Are we not doing damage to the folks that maybe are starting to come out?"

That proposal would be in effect during the next biennium. It would generate an estimated \$72 million in the first year of the next budget cycle and \$90 million in the second year. Affected businesses would still be able to eventually claim those losses for tax purposes.

Rep. Bob DeWeese, R-Louisville, said he was worried the revenue plan was being put "on the backs of businesses."

The accelerated sales tax collection proposal would generate an estimated \$90 million.

Committee Chairman Rick Rand, D-Bedford, said budget drafters had "looked under every rock" to find ways to balance the budget, and "the

last place we went was to business."

House leaders met with business representatives earlier Wednesday and asked them to offer alternatives to the tax changes to help balance the budget, he said.

"I'm a little bit disappointed that they haven't come to us with any solutions," Rand said.

House leaders did offer one concession to the business representatives.

Rand said the House budget bill would include language to restore the tax write-off provision in the second year of the budget cycle if state revenue collections improve.

Bryan Sunderland, with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, labeled the meeting as productive, but said chamber members were concerned the two big-ticket tax items would represent well over \$200 million in "working capital for Kentucky employers."

"We are looking for a constructive dialogue to try to prevent those changes from going into effect," Sunderland said in an interview.

Other tax provisions included in the bill would cap tax credits for the film industry and new home buyers, moves that are projected to save the state nearly \$21 million in the biennium.

Rand said the revenue package would allow budget writers to finalize their spending plan.

"We can't do it on a wish," he said. "We have to know that this revenue is going to be there. And so this is a key component."

Cunningham... From Front

Cunningham quickly recited the Pledge of Allegiance and paused to ponder the words. He said that Americans are sadly not indivisible as the pledge states because the country seems to be as divided as ever. He said that while some constantly struggle to have "justice for all," it is a goal that hasn't been achieved because the poor and indigent don't have the same access to the court system as the wealthy do.

In the same way, the poor often have to bear the burden that comes with damage to the environment, Cunningham said. Since the poor don't have much, the land on which they live is sometimes the only birthright they have left. He said that when the wealthy wreak havoc on the land, they don't have to live in the messes they make.

"When we talk about justice to the environment, we're talking about justice to the people," he said.

Cunningham said that environmental issues are everywhere and are sometimes buried under seemingly unrelated ballot referendums. He said this was why he had been against Lyon County going wet. He said that one argument for making the county wet was that it would bring more people to the area. He said there had been a 19 percent population increase between 1990 and 2000 and he thought that alcohol sales would take a toll on the land with the additional people it might bring in.

Cunningham said he sometimes tells friends who also grew up in the area that became Land Between the Lakes that they are lucky the government took their land because the whole area would probably have been developed by commercial interests by now. He said it remained fairly pristine but that the threat of privatizing the land's management is always a threat. He said that when government takes land for public use, it has the responsibility to maintain it properly not only to the public, but to the people who once lived there.

Cunningham said that more people who were displaced from the area are dying every day, so it is important for groups like the Sierra Club to guard against privatization. He said it can happen in subtle ways, such as a man he met who was homesteading on his grandfather's old farm and was leasing the land from the government.

Cunningham said that since the Sierra Club had a reputation for being against things, it was critical that they instead show that they were for things. He said when the group takes a stand against developing a piece of land, they should say what they want to do with it instead. He suggested developing alliances with groups that have common ground, even if they aren't obvious choices.

Kentucky News in Brief

Transparency bill clears Ky. House

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A bill aimed at shedding more light on personal service contracts in state government has cleared the Kentucky House.

The bill that passed the House on Wednesday would direct all state agencies to report the number of full-time merit, non-merit and contract employees to the Personnel Cabinet.

The report would be forwarded to state lawmakers on a quarterly basis.

House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, the bill's lead sponsor, said the bill would help shed light on the "shadow government" that exists.

The Jamestown Republican said the information about contracts and the total state workforce would provide important information for lawmakers in crafting the next state budget.

The proposal passed the House on a 99-0 vote. It now goes to the Senate.

Bill seeks to discourage sexting

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Kentucky House has passed a bill that could result in fines and community service for teenagers caught sending nude photos via cell phones or online.

The measure, which passed 99-0 on Wednesday, is aimed at cracking down on the problem of sexting — the sharing of sexually explicit photos or videos by cell phone or online.

Rep. Martha Jane King, the bill's lead sponsor, said teenagers aren't aware of the severity of what they're doing when they engage in sexting.

King said the measure will allow judges to fine minors \$100 and order them to perform community service for first-offense sexting. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Some Dems ...

From Front

row window," said first-term Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va. "And he and the leadership here had better clamber through that narrow window while they can."

In a speech Wednesday at the White House, Obama called on lawmakers to end a year of legislative struggle and angry public debate and enact legislation ushering in near-universal health coverage for the first time in the country's history. He called for an "up-or-down vote" within weeks under rules denying Republicans the ability to block the bill with a filibuster.

"At stake right now is not just our ability to solve this problem, but our ability to solve any problem," the president said. "And so I ask Congress to finish its work, and I look forward to signing this reform into law." Appearing before a select audience, many of them wearing white medical coats, Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new legislation from scratch.

"I don't see how another year of negotiations would help," he said. "I believe the United States Congress owes the American people a final vote."

Lawmakers were almost finished merging House and Senate versions of sweeping overhaul legislation when a special election last month cost Democrats their filibuster-proof Senate majority, throwing the effort into disarray.



TORNADO DRILL: Students at Calloway County's Southwest Elementary School got Red Cross Ready by participating this week in a statewide Tornado Drill. Pictured are Logan Wilson, Taylor Kimbro, Julia McClard, Austin Collier and Mrs. Emily McCuiston, first Grade teacher. According to Jennifer Wilson, executive director of the American Red Cross' Calloway County Chapter, this area is now in tornado season.

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Correction

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — In a story March 2 about Sen. Jim Bunning, The Associated Press reported erroneously that Bunning was the first pitcher to record 100 wins and 1,000 strikeouts in the American and National Leagues. Bunning was the second pitcher to do so, according to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Cy Young was first.

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MCCH... From Front

Murray Mayor and board member Danny Hudspeth said he was concerned about an exit strategy should the clinic not do well, but said it had already been addressed. Board secretary Burton Young said he liked the idea and that it fell into line with MCCH's long-term plan to turn into a regional medical center. Board treasurer Hal Kemp disapproved, saying he doesn't think the clinic falls under a regional medical center plan. Kemp said he thinks it's more about having physicians in other communities that send patients to MCCH, but said he would back the clinic if the board passed it. Chip Adams mentioned that the hospital be cautious and follow the contract to the letter. He said the contract definitely favors Walmart but did have some provisions taken out. The motion passed with Kemp and board vice chair Steve Owen voting no. Bloemer gave a financial

update which showed outpatient revenues down from previous months. For January, the hospital had outpatient revenues of \$8,145,000 which was \$296,000 behind budget. Income from operations for January was \$209,000, which was \$111,000 behind budget. For the fiscal year, the hospital is currently \$853,000 behind the projected budget.



Parks Sandra Parks, vice chair of the board, secretary is Elkins and treasurer is Kenny Darnell. The officers will begin their term at the April board meeting. A meeting of the Murray Calloway Endowment for Healthcare was held during the board meeting and led by Keith Travis, vice president of institutional development. He went over a few highlights for the endowment, including suggesting a steering committee of the

board to help answer questions between the quarterly endowment meetings and asking for a data management system to help automate some of the work currently being done in spreadsheets. Currently the endowment has \$775,633 in total assets, which includes \$270,778 in net pledges. The majority of the balance is aimed at the hospice house, and none of the money can be shifted over to MCCH for other use.

Bailey reminded the board of the grand opening for the hospital expansion on Sunday, March 21. On Saturday, March 20, tours will be held of the expansion and the actual ceremony will be the next day. He said the details on the ceremony are being worked on. Lisa Ray, vice president of patient care services, outlined the actual move-in schedule which will start Monday, March 22. She also said they will attempt to make the fifth floor exclusively surgical patients in a step toward meeting requirements of being a surgical center of excellence.

Robin Floyd, radiologist, thanked to the board for a replacement CT scanner. He said it will help a great deal, especially with the expansion

opening. Floyd said two CT technicians have recently been accredited and two more are studying for it. This is important because some insurance companies are considering only covering CT scans done by certified technicians, he said.

Floyd also spoke on the new MRI that will be in the expansion. He said it will be able to scan larger patients and those who get claustrophobic in a traditional MRI. He said he thought this machine would be a first for the region and said people have been going out regionally to make physicians aware of the machine so they can send in patients.

In other business, the board:

- approved a formal bond resolution for up to \$15 million that moves the deal forward,
- heard from Ray on a new concierge program that will be presented in more detail at the April meeting,
- heard and approved items for the finishing construction of the hospital expansion from Steve Gamblin, construction manager.

Rescued ... From Front

finding someone with a vehicle the next morning to drive them out of the woods to make a phone call.

"I can't imagine how cold

those boys were," Burken said. "Thank goodness one of them had a cigarette lighter."

Burken said the incident was investigated by DES, Calloway County Fire-Rescue, the Calloway County Sheriff's Office and the Regional Office of Emergency Management.

Agee case to grand jury From Front

ing. Brogdon was taken by ambulance to Murray-Calloway County Hospital where he later died of his injuries shortly after 9 p.m., it was reported.

However, before Brogdon died, Clere said he questioned the victim both at the scene and at the hospital. Clere told the court Brogdon named Agee several times as the shooter. According to County Coroner Rick Harris, an autopsy showed Brogdon died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen, which damaged his liver, pancreas, right kidney and small bowel. Information concerning whether Brogdon was intoxicated was not available, according to testimony.

Agee never spoke during the hearing, however during questioning, Smith, the lead MPD investigator in the case, told the court that Agee had told her that Brogdon had threatened to come to her home and kill her during telephone conversations leading up to the event and that she had retrieved the shotgun to defend herself. Agee reportedly told police Brogdon entered the "common area" of the apartment house and approached her up a flight of stairs toward her room. The two first spoke then apparently began to argue near the top of the stairs when Agee fired the shotgun, reportedly in self defense, Smith said.

However, Smith testified that she had examined phone calls both to and from Agee and Brogdon from a cell phone in Brogdon's possession and the tone of the communications were "conversational" concerning "talking things out" concerning a former boyfriend-girlfriend relationship between the

Smith said the conversations were "never heated" with no threats recorded.

Smith pointed out that Agee did not specifically invite Brogdon to the home. Smith also testified that there were no signs of forced entry into the home.

Following testimony by Clere and Smith, Hutchens remanded the case to a grand jury. Agee remains in Calloway County Jail under a \$500,000 bond.

Bunning: It's the spending, not the bill

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Sen. Jim Bunning says his single-handed attempts to keep from adding to the federal deficit were not meant to block unemployment benefits.

Bunning told Fox Business Network on Wednesday all he was trying to do was ensure there was a way to pay for those benefits without adding to the federal deficit.

After the 78-year-old Republican backed down Tuesday, the Senate passed a 30-day bill extending programs such as unemployment for the long-term jobless.

Bunning says Senate Democrat Majority Leader Harry Reid also deserves to be blamed for holding up the bill for several days because he could have followed procedures that would have moved it along.

Fox also reported that Bunning had received death threats, but a call to Bunning spokesman Mike Reynard was not returned and there was no answer at Bunning's Washington, D.C., office.

Whitfield announces grant for M-CC Airport Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Ed Whitfield (KY-01) announced today that the Murray-Calloway County Airport Board has been awarded a \$83,097 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration to be used to make improvements at the Murray-Calloway County Airport.

"With local budgets stretched thin during these tough economic times, it is essential for the federal government to do what it can to help fund key safety projects in our communities," Whitfield said. "I am pleased that the Murray-Calloway County Airport Board has been awarded this grant to help make important improvements at the local airport."

The funds are being provided to update the 10-year-old automated weather observing system (AWOS) at the airport, it was reported.

MCCH recognizes Furches' service



Members of the Murray-Calloway County Hospital board of trustees recently honored several staff members at their monthly meeting. Outgoing board member and board chair Sharon Furches was recognized for her eight years of service to the board at the March meeting. Furches led her final meeting and is rotating off the board. Also pictured is Steve Owen, board vice chair.

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Savoring the taste and smell of the campfire

On a recent Saturday morning, Evelyn and I had a late breakfast at Cracker Barrel. When we walked into the restaurant, we experienced the immediate olfactory sensation of a wood fire.

It caused me to go back to my childhood to remember that same smell as we sat around a campground campfire. The sensation brought other remembrances of things past, of the powerful sense of smell and of taste.

It caused me to remember the sweet sensation of taking a break from a baseball game to drink from a tin cup in a neighbor's back yard. It caused me to remember the crunch of garden fresh cucumber on a summer visit to my aunt and uncle's farm just north of Memphis.

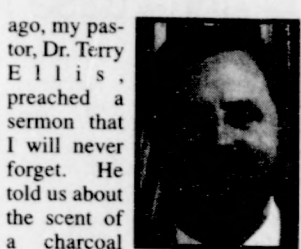
It caused me to remember our own back yard in Arkansas where a fence was laden with honeysuckle vine. Our daughter Cammie Jo, though just a baby then, still recalls that wonderful summer scent of honeysuckle.

I often go to the front of our house here in Murray to run my hands through a boxwood, just to recall through that musky smell the head high boxwood mazes that we walked through one summer in Virginia, in Lexington and Williamsburg, when Wesley was just a small boy.

Wesley still remembers that smell from the times that summer when Evelyn would read to him "The Boxcar Children" beneath a boxwood arbor in Charlottesville.

I remember the scent of the sourdough bread, freshly baked, that filled my mother's home. That scent represented to me the care that went into the preparation of the starter and then the kneading of the dough.

I remember an indefinable smell that greeted customers walking into my father's drugstore, what must have been a potent mixture of salves and ointments and elixirs mingled with the scent of boxes of King Edward cigars. Years



Home and Away
By James Duane Bolin
Ledges & Times Columnist

ago, my pastor, Dr. Terry Ellis, preached a sermon that I will never forget. He told us about the scent of a charcoal fire around which Peter denied Christ three times just before the crucifixion.

And then, after the resurrection, Peter encountered the risen Lord, this time cooking breakfast on a charcoal fire. Dr. Ellis reminded us of the powerful sense of smell, and suggested that Peter must have remembered that first charcoal fire when he denied knowing Jesus, even as he was given the opportunity around this second charcoal fire to state—three times—his unequivocal love of the Lord.

For Peter, the scent of charcoal became the scent of grace. Marcel Proust knew the power of taste and smell in remembering his childhood in the first volume of his "In Search of Lost Time."

"But when from a long-distant past nothing subsists," Proust wrote, "after the people are dead, after the things are broken and scattered, taste and smell alone, more fragile but more enduring, more immaterial, more persistent, more faithful, remain poised a long time, like souls, remembering, waiting, hoping, amid the ruins of all the rest, and bear unflinchingly, in the tiny and almost impalpable drop of their essence, the vast structure of recollection." Saint Peter knew, Marcel Proust knew. And we know too. The power of the sense of taste and smell to conjure up the remembrance of things past.

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Times they are a changin' in America

Ron Crouch talks as fast as the Sham-Wow guy, but it isn't because he's selling snake oil. Crouch, an economist and Director of Research Statistics for Kentucky's Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, gathers and analyzes demographic data that is crucial for policy making in a range of segments, including education and employment.

At the recent summit on improving graduation rates in Kentucky, Crouch shared the data at Murray State University's Curtis Center with first lady June Beshear and MSU first lady Dr. Ronda Dunn.

At the outset, Crouch prepared the audience for a presentation profuse with hard facts. "If you ask me for a drink of water," he explained, "I'll put you in front of a fire hydrant and turn it on full blast."

Crouch was not kidding. He got right down to business, using a simple interactive exercise about how many siblings our grandparents had, as opposed to our parents' siblings and our own brothers and sisters. With each generation, the number of hands raised in response to families with 5 or more children declined. Most of those in the audience who are parents claimed between one and three kids.

"We're going through profound change," Crouch

remarked, "and it might feel awkward and uncomfortable, but we have to understand the big picture and take in the broad scope before you look at your own local issues."

Shrinking families are just one of the major changes taking place in our households and families.

Another change is in the increasing numbers of births to unmarried mothers in Kentucky and throughout the country. A case in point is the Purchase Area. In 1970, 8.2 percent of births were to unmarried mothers. Fast-forward to 2005, and 36.6 percent of births are in that category.

In addition, the teenage birthrate is climbing throughout the commonwealth. Of the 56,444 births in 2005, 49.1 percent of the babies were born to moms between the ages of 15-19 years.

While some eyes glaze over when too many statistics are quoted, others are jolted to attention by Crouch's words about the decline of the middle class since the late 1970's. According to Ron Crouch, the middle class is dissolving because in today's society it takes two incomes to raise a family, while in the past, many families could make it on one.

Emphasizing the role of education in increasing earning power, Ron Crouch said, "We

need to reinvent the middle class. Everybody needs to be educated."

In short, learning does not stop after graduation at any level.

In an aside, he recommended the book "Shop Class as Soul Craft," by Matthew Crawford, as good reading about the value of work and hands-on skills. Our economy cannot depend solely on "knowledge workers," he contended, mentioning the importance of hands-on skills.

One aspect of education Ron Crouch discussed was the importance of students developing critical thinking skills.

He admitted computers are important learning tools, but stressed that a teacher in front of the room with computers on the sides is the most effective design for intensive learning.

"My biggest concern," he asserted, "is that we're teaching kids how to make a spreadsheet, when they also need to know what the data mean. And

you can't do that without critical thinking."

One by one, Crouch defused some common misinterpretations of population trends and issues, including the perception that the biggest contributor to over-population in the world is rising birth rates.

"Almost all population growth is due to aging and increasing longevity," he said, adding that health care is a sector that will have future growth in related occupations.

One positive note in Crouch's talk came at the end. He referred to water as an increasingly crucial resource to world economies, mentioning that Kentucky has an abundance.

"The southeast can be an economic engine in the future because of water," Crouch asserted. "In the future, because of lack of water, the southwest will be the new Appalachia."

For more information, log on to the Workforce Kentucky homepage at www.workforcekentucky.com. Additional demographic info is available at the state Data Center homepage at <http://kdc.louisville.edu>.

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Filibuster threat becoming business as usual

WASHINGTON (AP) — The filibuster — tool of obstruction in the U.S. Senate — is alternately blamed and praised for wiling President Barack Obama's ambitious agenda. Some even say it's made the nation ungovernable.

Maybe, maybe not. Obama's term still has three years to run.

More certain, however: Opposition Republicans are using the delaying tactic at a record-setting pace.

"The numbers are astonishing in this Congress," says Jim Riddlesperger, political science professor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The filibuster, using seemingly endless debate to block legislative action, has become entrenched like a dandelion taproot in the midst of the shrill partisanship gripping Washington.

But the filibuster is nothing new. Its use dates to the mists of Senate history, but until the civil rights era, it was rarely used.

A tactic unique to the Senate, the filibuster means a simple majority guarantees nothing when it comes to passing laws.

"The rules of the Senate are designed to give muscle to the minority," said Senate histori-

an Donald Ritchie.

With the Senate now made up of 100 members, two for each of the 50 states, an opposition filibuster can only be broken with 60 votes — a three-fifths majority.

As a matter of political philosophy, the concept of the filibuster arises from a deep-seated, historic concern among Americans that the minority not be steamrolled by the majority.

It is a brake and protective device rooted in the same U.S. political sensibility that gave each state two senators regardless of population.

The same impulse gave Americans the Electoral College in presidential contests — a structure from earliest U.S. history designed to give smaller population states greater influence in choosing the nation's leader.

Given recent use of the filibuster by minority Republicans and the party's success in snarling the legislative process in this Congress, Democrats say the minority has gone way beyond just protecting its interests.

The frequency of filibusters — plus threats to use them — are measured by the number of times the upper chamber votes on cloture. Such votes test the majority's ability to hold together 60 members to break a filibuster.

Last year, the first of the 111th Congress, there were a record 112 cloture votes. In the first two months of 2010, the number already exceeds 40.

That means, with 10 months left to run in the 111th Congress, Republicans have turned the filibuster or threatened its use at a pace that will more than triple the old record.

The 104th Congress in 1995-96 — when Republicans held a 53-47 majority — required 50 cloture votes.

During most of Obama's first year in office and for a few weeks this year, 58 Democratic senators and two Independents who normally vote with them held a filibuster-proof 60-seat majority in the Senate.

That vanished last month when Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown captured the seat of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, who died last summer.

Most notably, Brown's victory has stymied Obama's push to overhaul health care just as the bill was approaching the finish line.

Before Brown's election, both the Senate and the House of Representatives had passed separate versions of the reform legislation.

Brown broke the Democratic 60-seat majority before the two chambers could meld differences in their bills for a final vote in both houses.

However, one of Brown's first votes after taking office saw him joining four other Republicans to help Democrats break a threatened filibuster by his party's leaders against a job bill.

The measure, \$13 billion in tax incentives for businesses to hire unemployed workers, was quickly passed the next day with 12 Republicans joining Brown and 55 Democrats in favor of it.

Filibusters to make the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress look inept are one thing.

Quite another is a vote against creating jobs in an economy with nearly 10 percent unemployment and midterm elections nine months away.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Ruth Evelyn Creason

Mrs. Ruth Evelyn Creason, 91, Benton, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Calvert City Convalescent Center. She was born May 20, 1918 in the Brewers Community where she was a lifelong residence and the 5th generation to live on the Perry Family Farm.

She was the longest living member of Brewers United Methodist Church. She served many years as a Sunday school teacher of the senior adult class, chairman of the official board, and song leader. During her 6 years living at the Stilley House Assisted Living, she led a weekly Bible study class. She was a member of the Brewers Homemakers Club for over 50 years where she served as president for several years and was also a past president of the Marshall County Homemakers County Council. She was a member of the Brewers Schools Girls Basketball Team in the 1930's.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul Creason; daughter, June Burnett; parents, Hal and Ila Perry; great-grandson, Cory Conner; sister, Linda Perry; brother, Bill Perry; and son-in-law, Virgil Travis.

Survivors include her children, Paula Travis, Sue Conner and husband, Marlie, Frances Dick and husband, Terry, all of Benton; son-in-law Glen Burnett; grandchildren, Amie Belcher and husband, Corey, Brad Conner and wife, Melanie, Troy Conner and wife, Shannon, Martin Conner and wife, Julie, Laurinda Lamb and husband, Paul, Rickie Jones and wife, Lori, Steve Burnett and Chris Travis; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister-in-law Margaret Perry.

The funeral will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home, Benton, with Richard Dowdy officiating. Burial will follow in the Brewers Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Collier Funeral Home in Benton.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Brewers United Methodist Church, 7756 Brewers Hwy., Benton, KY 42025.

Mrs. Inus Orr Taylor

Mrs. Inus Orr Taylor, 81 Cardinal Drive, Murray, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 8 a.m. at her home.

The funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Taylor

Mrs. Laurine Elkins

The funeral for Mrs. Laurine Elkins will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Black-Coleman & York Funeral Home. Rev. Sammy Cunningham will officiate. Pallbearers will be Brandon and Tim McCoy, Joey Miller, and Johnny, Jonathan and Devyn Burken. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

Online condolences may be made to www.yorkfuneralhome.com. Mrs. Elkins, 97, Murray, died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 9:45 p.m. at Spring Creek Health Care, Murray. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She was married Nov. 11, 1934, to Harold Elkins who died Oct. 12, 1999. Also preceding her in death were one son, Dickie Elkins, her parents, Perry and Jetty Fair Allbritten, twin sister, Irene Lovins, and three brothers, Buron, Yewell and Leon Allbritten. She was born March 1, 1913, in Calloway County.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Burken and husband, James, Murray, and Judy Stone and husband, Eddie, Gilbertsville; four grandchildren, Teresa Miller, Lora McCoy and husband, Tim, Jimmy Burken and Johnny Burken and wife, Stephanie; six great-grandchildren.

Study: More men are filing sexual harassment claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Pilkington's boss wouldn't take no for an answer.

During more than two years as a food runner at an upscale steakhouse in Scottsdale, Ariz., Pilkington says his male supervisor groped, fondled and otherwise sexually harassed him more than a dozen times.

"It was very embarrassing," Pilkington said. "I felt like I had to do something because the situation was just so bad."

Now Pilkington, a married father of two, is the star witness in a federal lawsuit against Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar and one of a growing number of men claiming they are victims of sexual harassment in the workplace.

From 1990 to 2009, the percentage of sexual harassment claims filed by men has doubled from 8 percent to 16 percent of all claims, according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Women still file the overwhelming majority of sexual harassment claims with the

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FDA cracks down on misleading food labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is cracking down on baby food manufacturers and other companies for misleading nutrition labeling on their products, the beginning of a larger effort to set stricter standards for the labels.

The FDA sent warning letters to 17 food companies — including Nestle, which produces Gerber's baby food — for violations it says include unauthorized claims about health, nutrient contents and terms such as "healthy."

The agency rapped Nestle for making health claims on Gerber carrots for babies and Gerber Graduates puffs because "appropriate dietary levels have not

been established for children in this age range," according to the warning letters. The puffs containers claim that the product is "good source of iron, zinc, and Vitamin E."

Several other companies that produce baby food, such as Beech-nut, First Juice, Inc., Want Want Foods and PBM Products, received similar letters. The agency said in October that nutritional labels from food manufacturers may be misleading consumers about the actual health benefits of cereal, crackers and other processed foods and sent a letter to companies saying it would begin cracking down on inaccurate food labeling.

Survey: Bullying by children drops sharply

NEW YORK (AP) — There's been a sharp drop in the percentage of America's children being bullied or beaten up by their peers, according to a new national survey by experts who believe anti-bullying programs are having an impact.

The study, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, found that the percentage of children who reported being physically bullied over the past year had declined from nearly 22 percent in 2003 to under 15 percent in 2008. The percentage reporting they'd been assaulted by other youths, including their siblings, dropped from 45 percent to 38.4 percent.

The lead author of the study, Professor David Finkelhor, said he was "very encouraged."

"Bullying is the foundation on which a lot of subsequent aggressive behavior gets built," said Finkelhor, director of the University of New Hampshire's Crimes Against Children Research Center. "If it's going

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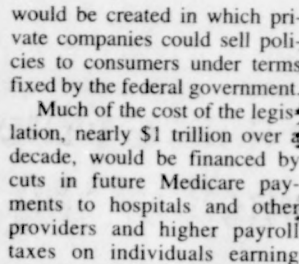
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Sex offender charged in case of missing teen

It was not clear if fingerprints, dental records or other methods of identification were being used.

County Sheriff William Gore said the body was likely King.

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"One of the nicknames that I've always called my daughter is my Angel. She's my angel forever," he said. "I want to thank you. Chelsea wants to thank you."

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Runaway monkey still on the lam after one year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A monkey that has eluded capture in the Tampa Bay area for more than a year has again escaped from Florida wildlife officials.

Authorities were called to a neighborhood in St. Petersburg on Wednesday when the rhesus macaque monkey was spotted. It was twice hit with tranquilizer darts, but still got away by ducking behind a drug store and a church. Wildlife rehabilitator

Vernon Yates says the tranquilizers don't appear to affect the animal, though officials have increased the dosage each time they've used the drug on the monkey.

Yates says the monkey is smart, even stopping to check traffic before crossing a busy street.

Officials didn't say how the monkey got loose. They say it isn't considered a threat to humans.



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'Dress in Blue Day' planned by Calloway County Farm Bureau



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Calloway County Farm Bureau will participate in "Dress in Blue Day" on Friday to promote Colon Cancer Awareness. The Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance staff will be wearing blue and will have information to hand out to customers. According to the Colon Cancer Alliance, colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. This cancer is mostly preventable and screening saves lives.

"We want to encourage our friends and family as well as all community members to get screened and dress in blue to bring attention to this worthy cause," said Chris Thorn, president of Calloway County Farm Bureau. For more information go to www.kycancer-program.org or www.ccalliance.org.

Soccer tryouts will be Sunday

Murray Calloway County Soccer Association will hold tryouts for a U17 Boys and U15 Boys select soccer teams on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Bee Creek Soccer Complex. These teams will be under the coaching direction of Coach Melvin Belong from Bethel University. If you are interested in trying out for either team, come to the tryouts on Sunday. Bring the following items: Copy of certified birth certificate, copy of KYSA medical release form, and copy of CSA registration form. For more information contact Shellie Hudson at 753-0453 or e-mail at soccer@hillelectric.com. Players need to bring water and soccer ball with them to the tryouts.

MHS Sports Kickoff Sunday

The annual Murray High School Spring Sports Kickoff will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Mallory France Soccer Complex. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the high school. Admission is free and concessions will be available. The following groups will be recognized: MHS baseball and softball teams, MHS and MMS boys' and girls' track teams, MHS boys' and girls' tennis teams, and MMS boys' and girls' soccer teams.

Preschool/Head Start plans registration

Calloway County Preschool/Head Start spring registration for the 2010-2011 school year is scheduled Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Calloway Preschool. For more information call 762-7410.

Genealogical Society will meet

Calloway County Genealogical Society will meet Friday at 5 p.m. in the annex of Calloway County Public Library. Shirley Burgess will be guest speaker. All interested persons are invited.

Kirksey Ball Park plans sign-ups

Kirksey Ball Park will take sign-ups on Saturdays, March 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursday, March 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kirksey United Methodist Church, located in front of the Kirksey Ball Park. Cost for the season is \$40 for the first child and \$30 for each additional sibling. Places are from ages 3 to 18 and slow pitch is available. Applications and checks can be mailed to Kirksey Park Inc., P.O. Box 12, Kirksey, KY 42054. For more information call Dianna at 1-270-527-2072 or Michael at 489-6140 or e-mail kirkseypark@yahoo.com. Print applications are on the new website at kirkseypark.com. Applications can also be obtained at Bark Avenue, Kirksey Store, Orscheln or any CFSB Bank.

Information Night for Adults

Murray State University will host an information night for adults who are considering beginning or returning to college to earn an undergraduate degree tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. in the Ohio room of MSU Curris Center. To reserve a spot, call 1-800-669-7654 or 809-2186.

TOPS Chapter will meet

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

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.

Angel alert issued

Calloway County Middle School Anchor youth services center has issued an angel alert for a used bathroom sink with or without cabinet. Any person having one to donate call the center at 762-7365.

Wedding



Kyner and Thompson

Heather Kyner of Anniston, Ala., and Allen Thompson of Murray were married Saturday, July 10, 2009, at Chateau Elan Winery, Braselton, Ga.

Dr. Steve Brown officiated. Music was by Amadeus String Ensemble.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Marilyn Kyner of Anniston.

The groom is the son of Lynn and Barbara Thompson of Murray. Junior bridesmaid was Taylor Kyner.

Junior groomsmen were Brady Dawson. Flower girls were Gabrielle Thompson and Cara Kyner. A reception followed at the winery.

The bride received her masters in school guidance and counseling from West Georgia. She is a lead counselor at Jefferson High School, Jefferson, Fla.

The groom received his masters in physical education and sports science. He is a teacher at Jefferson High School, Jefferson, Ga.

Lecture to air on KET

Kentucky Educational Television (KET) public programming will feature Murray State University's 2010 Presidential Lecture Series through March 26. This year's lecturer was Archbishop Desmond Tutu, world-renowned human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

Tutu spoke on campus on Feb. 22 to a large crowd in MSU's Regional Special Events Center. Beginning with his opposition to apartheid in South Africa, Tutu has worked tirelessly to spread peace, justice and democracy, and to end racial divisions throughout the world. In recent years, he has turned his attention to a different cause

— the campaign against HIV/AIDS. The archbishop has made appearances around the globe to help raise awareness of the disease and its tragic consequences in human lives.

Airing dates, times and KET channels for the MSU Presidential Lecture given by Tutu follow:

On KETKY — Thursday, March 4, 11 p.m.; Friday, March 5, 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 14, 6 a.m.; Monday, March 15, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, March 16, 5 a.m.; and Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m. A final airing on KET1 will occur on Friday, March 26, at 2 a.m. All times are Eastern Standard Time.

Rainfall listed as 2.29 inches, snow as 7.1 inches for month

A total of 2.29 inches of rain and 7.1 inches of snow were recorded in Murray for the month of February, according to John Ed Scott, local official government weather observer.

Rainfall was .03 on Feb. 4, .66 on Feb. 5, .23 on Feb. 6, .12 on Feb. 8, .59 on Feb. 9, .03 on Feb. 14, .24 on Feb. 15, .03 on Feb. 16, .36 on Feb. 22 and trace on Feb. 24.

The average rain fall is 8.27 inches and this year's average is 6.45 inches.

Snowfalls were 1.4 on Feb. 8, 4.8 on Feb. 9 and 9 on Feb. 15. Snow pellets were reported on Feb. 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The high temperature for the month was 66 degrees on Feb. 21, and the low temperature was 8 degrees on Feb. 1. Averages temperatures were a high of 42 degrees and a low of 26 degrees.



Scott and Carrie Douglas

Westside youth director and wife present program

Scott Douglas and wife, Carrie, recently presented the program for New Beginnings Support Group held at the Westside Baptist Church. Carrie sang a song titled, "Blessed."

Douglas' presentation was centered around "counting everything as a loss for the sake of knowing Christ," to make Him the focus and center of everything about us. He talked about how this is the focus of his ministry to the students at Westside. He also encouraged the adults to pursue Christ in every aspect of their lives, and to invest in the lives of the next generation.

A drama the youth had presented recently was shown on video. It was titled, "Everything."

The next meeting will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church. The speaker will be Brittany Harpole, a Murray State University Student from Murray. Harpole is a member of Hope Harbor Church and is a part of one of the Paris HHC Omega Generation, an outreach team from Christian Fellowship School under direction of Karen Geer.

The meal will be furnished by Northside Baptist Church Women on Mission. Child care will be coordinated by Justin and Nicole Burcham. These meetings are open to the public. For a ride or more information call Linda or Ron Wright at 753-0156.

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Holly Goddard Jones

Jones returns to MSU

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Holly Goddard Jones, an author and former faculty member of Murray State University, will give a reading at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Clara M. Eagle Art Gallery on the sixth floor of the Price Doyle Fine Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public. A book signing and reception at the Faculty Club will follow the reading.

Jones was born and raised in western Kentucky, which is the setting for her fiction. Her recently published book of short stories, "Girl Trouble," was showcased in Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine. Her short stories have appeared in The Kenyon Review, The Southern Review, The Gettysburg Review, The Hudson Review, Epoch, and elsewhere, and they've been anthologized in two volumes of New Stories from the South (2007 and 2008) and in Best American Mystery Stories 2008.

She was honored with a Peter Taylor Scholarship at the Sewanee Writers' Conference in 2006 and was the winner in 2007 of a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award, a prize of \$25,000 given to only six emerging women fiction writers

each year. A graduate of the MFA program in creative writing at The Ohio State University, she has taught at Denison University, the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference, Murray State University, and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She lives there with her husband, Brandon, and two dogs, Bishop and Martha.

MSU presents world famous jazz pianist Harry Pickens

Rebecca Braboy

MSU Public Relations Jazz pianist Harry Pickens will be performing at Murray State University on March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Hall of the Doyle Fine Arts Building. The general public is invited to attend this concert.

Along with his visit to Murray State, Pickens will be meeting with students in two classes: Jazz Ensemble (MUS 155) and Writer's Workshop in Poetry (ENG 416).

Pickens is a well-known jazz pianist, composer, speaker and educator. He has spent the last

25 years perfecting and educating people on the music he loves. He not only has mastered jazz but has incorporated classical, popular and world music genres to blend and create a unique and inspiring sound.

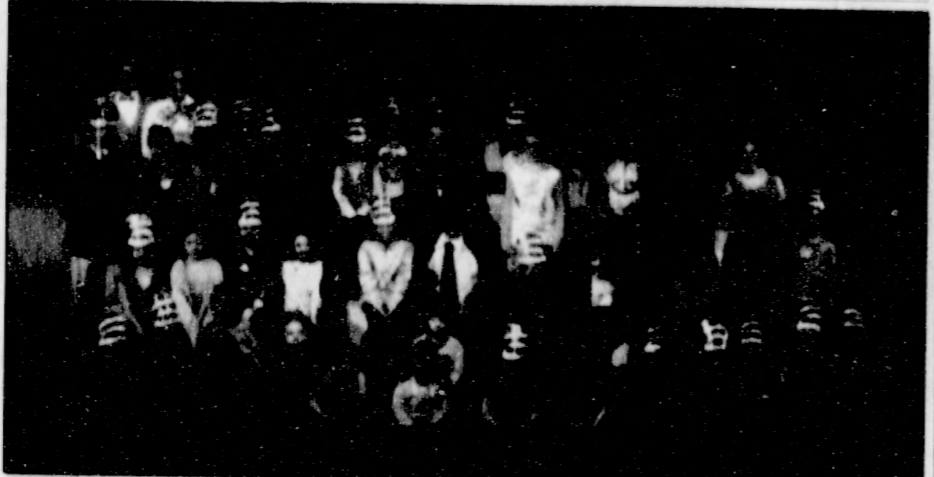
He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the 2007 Community Arts Awards, the Center For Conflict Resolution Peacemaker Award (2005), LEO Reader's Choice Best Jazz Band

Award (2005), and the Plymouth Lighthouse Award (2007).

The office of regional stewardship, the college of humanities and fine arts, the department of English and philosophy and the department of music are sponsoring Pickens visit. For more information, contact Stacy Stone, chair and associate director in the department of English and philosophy, at 809-4717.



Harry Pickens



SEUSSICAL: Playhouse in the Park's production of "Seussical the Musical" continues Friday through Sunday. Pictured above are the children who participated in the recent Children's Theatre Workshop with the cast. Friday and Saturday times are 7 p.m. and Sunday times are at 2:30 p.m. For tickets, visit www.playhouseinthepark.net or call 759-1752.

Arts in the Region

Murr Vegas Allstars will perform at the Big Apple Cafe tonight (Thursday) and Bordertown will perform next Thursday, March 11. 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 the 2008 Oscar-winning movie "The Reader" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Curtis Center Theater. The Oscar-winning Japanese film "Departures" will be shown March 11-13.

Cadillac Sky will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lovett Auditorium and Katie Arminger will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. For tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 1-800-745-3000.

"Diane's Beauty and the Beast" will be performed at Paducah's Carson Center Saturday and Sunday. "Abba - The Music" will be on Thursday, March 11. For tickets, visit www.thecarsoncenter.org or call (270) 444-0065.

Maiden Alley Cinema in downtown Paducah presents "The Road," based on the novel by Cormac McCarthy Friday through Sunday. For details and show times, visit www.maidenalleycinema.org.

Draftenville's Kentucky Opry presents the "You Can Be a Star" talent search at 7:30 p.m.

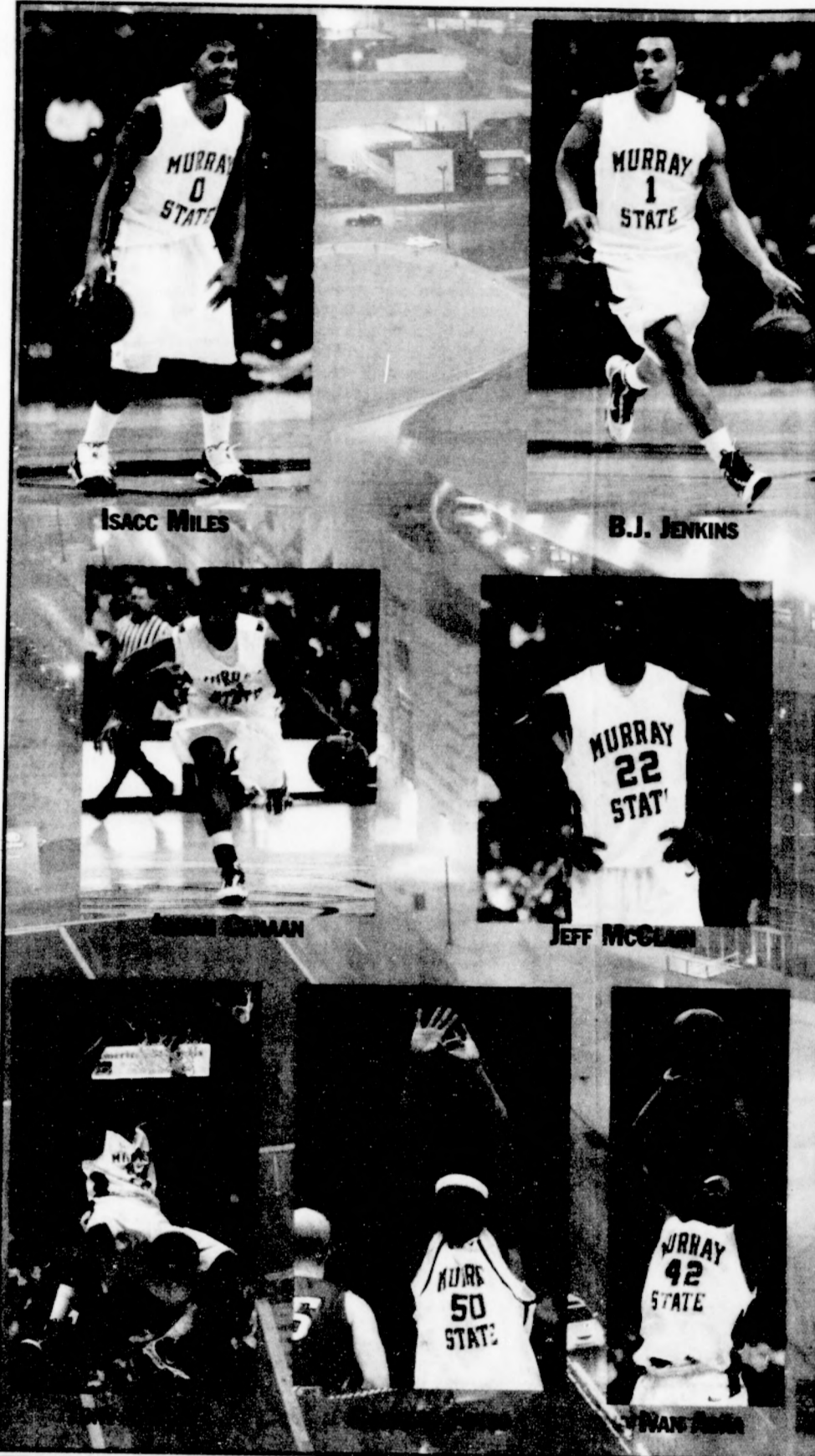
The student-run Tinseltown Tuesday series will show "Waterworld" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Curtis Center Theater.

The PAPA (Paducah Area Painters Alliance) gallery has a new show that runs through April 27 at 124 Broadway St. in Paducah. All work is original by local area artists and many of the pieces are for sale.

To add an event to the arts calendar, contact Hawkins Teague at 753-1916 or hteague@murrayledger.com.

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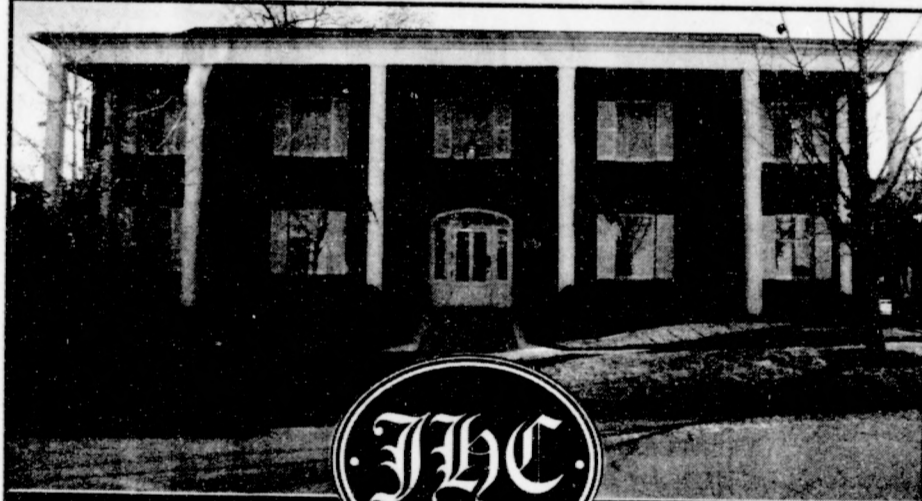
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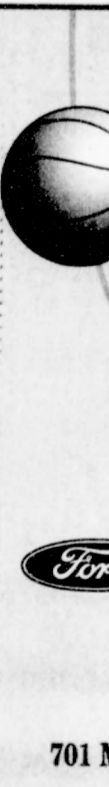
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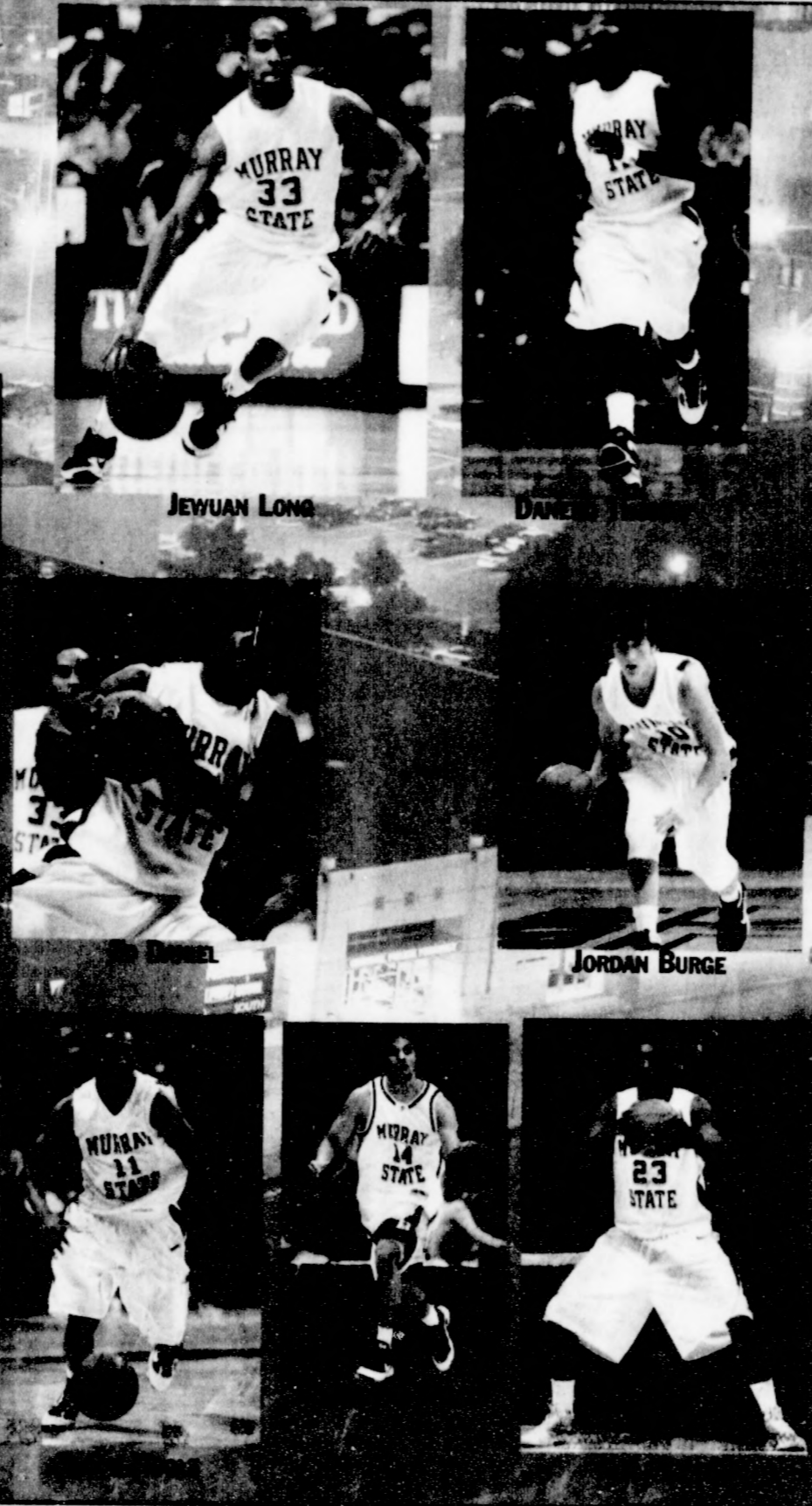
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Looking Back

Ten years ago Published is a picture of Joan Weber, Calloway County Preschool teacher, signs the name of Kristen Wilson into her new book during their celebration of the birthday of Dr. Scuss. The photo was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

Forty years ago Published is a picture of Murray Police Sgt. Martin Wells demonstrating one of the new walkie-talkie radios now in use by walking policemen. The photo was by Staff Photographer Ed Collier.

Twenty years ago Published is a picture of six sets of twins that are enrolled in the fifth grade at East Elementary School. The photo was by Staff Photographer Mark Cooper.

Thirty years ago Brent Boston, senior at Murray High School, has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Competition, according to Roy Weatherly, high school principal.

Published are members of the Calloway County High School Speech Team who placed third in the Great Smoky Mountain Invitational Speech Tournament.

ment. They are Danny Lamb, Kevin Weatherford and Mike Jackson. Also pictured is Larry England, speech coach at CCHS.

My son - a high school sophomore - had a timely response in a similar circumstance. We had stopped at a grocery store for a couple of items and were walking toward the exit. Just ahead was a woman carrying three large bags. My son stepped up to open the door for her, and in a strident voice she said, "Listen, Sonny, I can handle the door myself!"

My boy answered with a polite smile and a pleasant tone of voice: "I'm sorry, I'll excuse your rudeness if you'll forgive my courtesy." -- PROUD MOM IN RUIDOSO, N.M.

DEAR PROUD MOM: At times these days it can seem that manners are an endangered species. My office was flooded with mail from readers eager to "politely" share their thoughts. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I am tired of people not using good manners or even recognizing what good manners are. Personally, it makes my day when someone holds the door for me. I usually offer thanks and a smile. (By the way, "please" and

Opening doors for women can open a can of worms

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Stumped for an Answer" (Dec. 22), the man who was speechless when a woman objected to his opening the door for her. Haven't we all experienced "moments after," wishing we'd found the right words at the right time?



Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Here's what he should have said: "I was taught that it is respectful to open a door for a lady. I apologize for having misjudged you." -- ANOTHER LADY IN SEDONA, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: My guess is the woman was having a bad day and the man was a convenient target. I also prefer that doors not be held open for me. I have fibromyalgia, which is usually only apparent if I have my cane. I usually open doors by leaning my back into them. That's what works best for me. People's attempts to "help" me have caused me to fall or the door to slam back on me.

DEAR ABBY: I am an independent woman and I don't like men to open doors for me. It makes me feel inferior. When I run across a guy who insists on doing it, I allow him to. But then I rush to open the next one for him. Usually I get a chuckle when he reluctantly goes through. -- DO-IT-MYSELF, FOSTORIA, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: My reply would have been, "Common courtesy knows no gender." -- RON IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

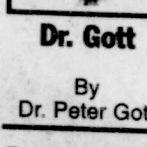
DEAR ABBY: To a woman who once yelled at him for opening a door for her, my husband responded: "It's not because you're a woman. It's because of your AGE." It left her speechless. -- GRETCHEN IN FAIRBANKS

DEAR ABBY: Another possible reason a woman might not want to have a door opened for her: As a short-statured person, I find it an invasion of my space when a tall man reaches up and over me to hold a door, so I must scoot under his arm. -- ANOTHER VIEWPOINT IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR ABBY: When it happened to me, I smiled at the woman and said: "I didn't open the door for you because you're a lady. I opened it for you because I'm a gentleman." It got my point across. -- DON IN ALAMEDA, CALIF.

Treating hypogonadism

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has been fatigued for several months. He's a little heavier than his ordinary weight and thought that was the cause, but when he went to his doctor, he was found through follow-up blood work to have a low testosterone level. What on earth is that all about? We're concerned.



Dr. Peter Gott

Testosterone is a naturally occurring hormone that stimulates the growth of male characteristics. Testosterone levels normally decrease with age; therefore, it is somewhat difficult to determine a normal level. Generally speaking, the range of total testosterone is 300 to 1,000 mg/dL, with some variation noted between laboratories. Men up to the age of 40 might have a level of 600, but by the time a man reaches 65 or so, his level could be around 525. It's when that count falls to 300 that something should be done.

Should a young man develop enlarged breasts, smaller testicles or changes in body hair, a physician might order a testosterone level. Without outward signs, however, many younger men go undiagnosed because testing is commonly "reserved" for older individuals.

Low T levels are associated with obesity, diabetes, erectile dysfunction, low libido, irritability, fatigue, an inability to concentrate, a lack of muscle strength and hot flashes. Hypogonadism, either primary or secondary, is a term defined as a failure of the testes to produce sufficient testosterone, sperm or both. It can be caused by congenital or acquired problems in the testes, pituitary gland or hypothalamus. Primary involves the testes. Common causes include Klinefelter syndrome, undescending testicles, mumps infection, testicular injury, normal aging, chemotherapy and several other reasons. Secondary cases are associated with problems with the pituitary gland or a portion of the brain known as the hypothalamus. This may develop from tumors, HIV/AIDS, medications such as steroids and opioids, obesity, heavy alcohol consumption and depression.

Risk factors include cirrhosis, renal failure, Cushing's syndrome, sleep apnea, HIV/AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, paraplegia and disorders related to depression. Testing involves simple blood work and should be a part of a comprehensive examination and work-up. If levels are found to be low, there are a number of possibilities for therapy. Pills remain unpopular because of their association with liver failure. Injections can cause variations in levels and involve visiting a physician periodically. Transdermal patches are applied directly to the skin to allow for steady absorption. Still other options include pellets attached to the gun and implants in the upper arm, buttock or abdomen. Both come with their unique issues. The most popular option is a gel rubbed into the skin over several sites such as the upper arms, shoulders and/or abdomen.

On the bright side, successful treatment should result in increased energy levels, less fatigue and increased sexual vitality.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is, Thursday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2010. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

On this date: In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state. In 1858, Sen. James Henry Hammond of South Carolina declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. In 1908, a fire at Lake View School in Collinwood, Ohio, claimed the lives of 172 children and three adults.

In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established.

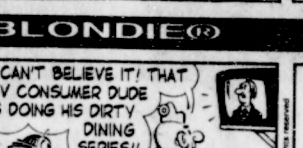
In 1960, baritone Leonard Warren, 50, collapsed and died while performing in Verdi's "La forza del destino" (The Force of Destiny) at New York's Metropolitan Opera. An explosives-laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

In 1989, Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans for a huge media merger.

Ten years ago: Ahead of Super Tuesday, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush charged John McCain with "clouded" education views while the Arizona senator asked, "Where's the outrage?" over a late surge of money to pay for negative TV ads.

Five years ago: American troops in Iraq fired on a car carrying just-freed Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena. (Gho-lee-AH-nah ZGRAY-nah, killing Nicola Calipari, the intelligence officer who'd helped negotiate her release and injuring the reporter, Martha Stewart, imprisoned for five months for her role in a stock scandal, left federal prison to start five months of home confinement. President George W. Bush nominated career scientist Stephen L. Johnson to head the Environmental Protection Agency.



Contract Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH ♠ A Q 9 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q J ♣ K Q J 10 6

WEST ♠ 5 ♥ A K Q J 10 5 2 ♦ 8 5 3 ♣ 4 SOUTH ♠ K J 10 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A 10 9 6 2 ♣ 8

The bidding: South West North East 1♣ 4♥ 4NT Pass 5♥ Pass 6♣ Opening lead - ?

One of the best gadgets ever devised is the Blackwood convention, which enables a partnership to learn how many aces and kings it has. The great disadvantage of Blackwood is that players tend to overuse it. They show such an abiding interest in aces and kings that they lose sight of the main objective - namely, how many tricks can be made.

Blackwood should be used only in cases where knowledge of how many aces and kings partner has will determine the best final contract. If

other factors are more relevant - such as distribution, secondary controls, intermediate cards, trump length and so on - the convention should not be used.

For a clear case of the proper use of Blackwood, consider North's four-notrump bid in this deal. If partner has two aces, North wants to be in six spades; if South has three aces, North can consider undertaking seven spades; and if South has only one ace, North plans to stop at five spades. Blackwood is therefore entirely appropriate in this case.

When the deal occurred, South responded to four notrump with five hearts, showing two aces. North correctly leaped to six spades, an excellent slam that ordinarily would have made easily. But West, who had listened attentively to the bidding, decided that normal defense would not stop the contract.

It seemed to West that if he led the high heart and it won, his side would probably take no more tricks. His opponents had bid much too confidently for him to expect his partner to come up with a second trick. So West decided to make the outcome on the possibility that East had the eight of hearts.

Accordingly, he led the heart deuce! East, much to his surprise, won the trick with the eight and had no trouble whatever finding the killing club return.

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FIRST REGION TOURNAMENT: LAKERS vs. EAGLES

Lakers emphasize inside game as Graves looms

CALLOWAY PUTS SEASON ON LINE AGAINST EAGLES FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

By TOMMY DILLARD

Sports Writer

Calloway County won't be out to avenge last year's First Region semifinal loss to Graves County when it meets the Eagles in first-round action at the Regional Special Events Center tonight.

In fact, the 51-38 loss in 2009 is the last thing on the Lakers' minds. "We really don't talk about it," says Laker coach Bruce Lane. "That was a game we tried to forget about pretty quickly because of our offensive woes."

Offense was Calloway's Achilles heel in that game as the Lakers picked

up just one assist on the night, but this time around, finding a way to stop the multi-faceted Eagles on defense will be just as important for the Lakers.

Graves has three players averaging double-digit points per game and possesses two of the strongest inside threats in the region in Ryan Vogt and Aaron Cooper, a strength which creates matchup problems for Calloway.

The Lakers were obliterated on the boards in their only regular-season matchup with the Eagles, suffering a minus-12 rebounding disadvantage en route to an 18-point loss.

Defending in the post is one of Calloway's weaknesses, as evidenced

by the ease with which Marshall County extracted offense from its post players in last week's 4th District championship victory.

"The big key for us is going to be keeping them off the boards," says Calloway coach Bruce Lane. "They do such a good job on the offensive boards. Our guards are really going to have to rebound better than they have."

"We need nine or 10 from Brock (Simmons), Josh (Humphreys) will have to make sure he stays out of foul trouble and Michael (Arnett) is going to have to play some to offset their size."

Graves is one of three favorites to win the First Region and advance to the

Sweet Sixteen at Rupp Arena.

The Eagles are the defending champions and are the winningest squad in the region at 26-4, but two of those losses have come to co-favorite Paducah Tilghman.

Unlike in last year's regional, when coach Terry Birdsong's club came in as a dark horse, the target is on the Eagles' backs this year.

"Our kids are used to that now," says Birdsong, who coached at Calloway for eight years from 1999 to 2007. "We've had the target on our backs all season and, being at Graves County, these kids know that's going to be the case no matter how good they are."

First Region Boys Tournament (at RSEC)

Wednesday
(1) Marshall Co. 63, (2) Ballard Mem. 53
(1) Pad. Tilghman 80, (2) Fulton City 56

Thursday
(1) Graves Co. vs. (2) Calloway Co. 6 p.m.
(1) Fulton Co. vs. (2) Heath 7:45 p.m.

Monday, March 8
(1) Marshall Co. vs. (1) Pad. Tilghman 6 p.m.
GCOC vs. FC/Heath 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16
First Region Championship 7 p.m.

For the third consecutive year, Lane will coach opposite one of his best friends in the first round of the regional.

Two years ago, it was former teammate George Yarbro of Fulton City. Last year, it was college roommate

■ See LAKERS, 2C

FIRST REGION TOURNAMENT FEATURE: JUSTIN HILL

Top of the Hill

COMING OFF ACL INJURY, HILL BECOMES OFFENSIVE FORCE IN SENIOR YEAR

By TOMMY DILLARD

Sports Writer

Justin Hill neatly divides his high school basketball career into two eras — before and after an ACL injury capitalized his junior season at Calloway County before it had a chance to get started.

While knee injuries the nature of Hill's can often jeopardize an athlete's career, the 6-foot guard/forward combo would argue it helped him become the player he is today.

Prior to that fateful day in August of 2008, when he went up for a contested layup in open gym and fell awkwardly, twisting his knee, Hill had seen limited varsity action and was utilized primarily for his defense.

That all changed upon his return as a senior.

Seeing the determination and desire with which he embraced his recovery and the shooting strides he made while sidelined convinced Calloway coach Bruce Lane to ask for more from Hill.

"Coach Lane put a lot of confidence in me this summer," said Hill, who has surpassed all outside expectations, averaging 11.3 points per game this season.

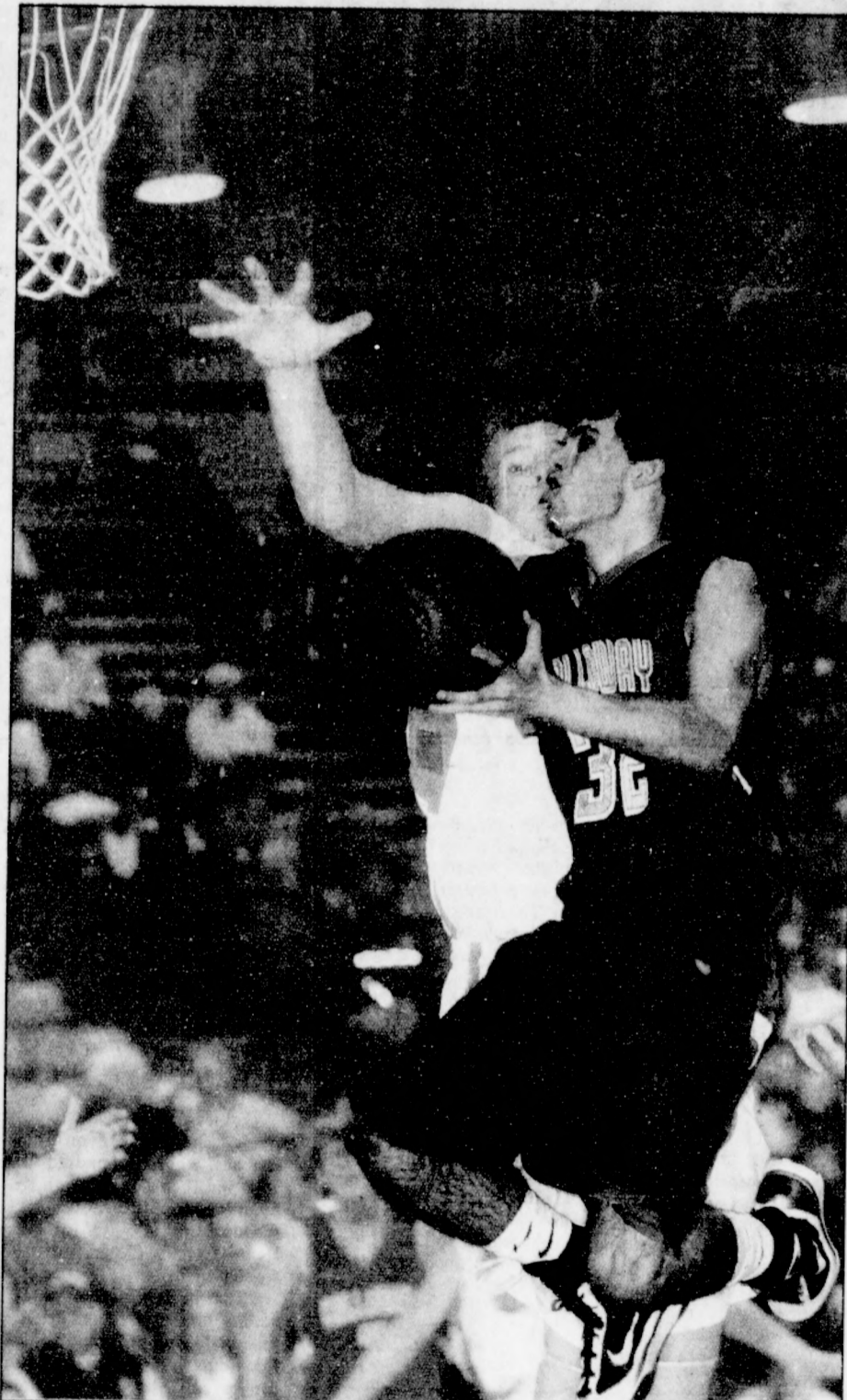
"He told me he wanted me to start scoring more and be a leader. I came in with a lot of confidence after I got used to playing with the injury and got my timing back."

The timing of Hill's injury could have been worse, but it didn't seem that way at the time of the rising junior.

He likely wouldn't have started for the talented 2008-09 Lakers, but he could have been a valuable contributor off the bench.

"It was upsetting," said Hill, whose Lakers take on 3rd District champion Graves County tonight in the first round of the First Region tournament. "I was looking forward to extending my minutes and possibly getting some starts, but that set me back a little."

Had Hill been less persistent in his recovery, it likely would have set him back much



TOMMY DILLARD / Ledger & Times

Calloway County senior Justin Hill drives against a Marshall County defender en route to this layup in a game Feb. 12 in Draffenville. After sitting out nearly the entirety of his junior season with an ACL injury, Hill has become a key offensive cog for the Lakers as a senior, averaging 11.3 points per game.

more. Instead, he recovered relatively quickly and saw time in several games toward the end of the season. Though his knee was healthy enough for basketball, his body wasn't in game condition, however, and he saw limited playing time.

Still, Lane marveled at his quick comeback.

"I think it was mostly mental because he wanted to come back a lot sooner, and we

wanted him to also," said Lane. "It was a shorter recovery process than what it would have been for a lot of people."

That same mental toughness is one of the hallmarks of Hill's game.

He is one of the top students in his class and has always soaked up basketball knowledge.

His work ethic as an athlete comes from being raised by basketball-savvy parents who

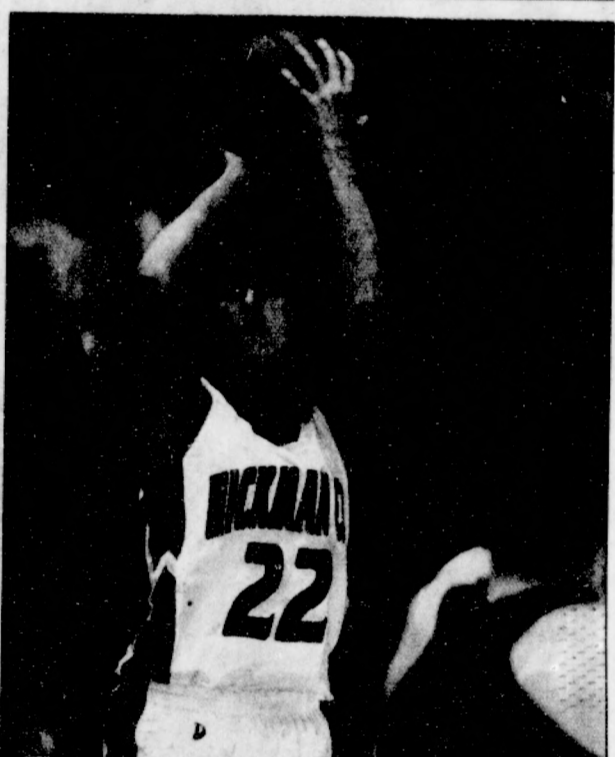
signed him up for little league when he was in kindergarten.

So after the rising senior worked his way back into top-notch physical condition over the summer, losing the weight he had gained while sidelined with the injury, Lane didn't worry about any mental adjustments he would have to make to varsity basketball.

"After a couple of games this summer, I knew he was

■ See HILL, 2C

FIRST REGION TOURNAMENT NOTEBOOK



TOMMY DILLARD / Ledger & Times

Hickman County senior Paige Barclay is the region's second-leading scorer, averaging 22.4 points per game. Her Lady Falcons square off against Murray in the first of two First Region girls semifinals Friday.

Calloway, Murray hope to punch tickets to intra-county final

LADY LAKERS STARE DOWN REMATCH WITH PADUCAH TILGHMAN

By TOMMY DILLARD

Sports Writer

When Calloway County runs sprints in practice, coach Scott Sivills has a special line he has dubbed 'PT 17'.

The name reminds his team of its 17-point loss to underdog Paducah Tilghman in the First Region semifinals last season.

And while Calloway doesn't necessarily look at Friday's rematch in this year's semifinals as a chance for revenge, Sivills knows there's plenty his squad can learn from its abrupt ending to a promising 2009 tournament run.

"We talked about that game in preseason conditioning and we bring it up periodically," said the 12th-year head coach, whose team played its way into the semis with a 50-38 win over Ballard Memorial on Tuesday.

"It left a really bad taste in our mouths. We're a whole different team now and this is a different scenario, but we do remember not being focused in that game and this is a chance for us to redeem ourselves."

At stake is a berth in Saturday's championship game and a likely matchup with Murray. If such a scenario plays out, it would be the first intra-Calloway County region title game in at least several decades.

Tilghman, once considered a frontrunner to represent the First Region in Bowling Green next week, fell on hard times after losing star forward Brandy Allen for the season due to an off-the-court altercation.

First Region Girls Tournament (at RSEC, Racer Arena)

Monday
(1) Hickman Co. 66, (2) Heath 54
(1) Murray 50, (2) Graves Co. 33

Tuesday
(1) Pad. Tilghman 70, (2) Carlisle Co. 31
(2) Calloway Co. 50, (1) Ballard Mem. 38

Friday
(1) Hickman Co. vs. (1) Murray, 6 p.m.
(1) Pad. Tilghman vs. (2) Calloway Co. 7:45 p.m.

Saturday
First Region Championship 7 p.m.

* All first round games (Mon.-Tues.) will be played at Racer Arena. Semifinals and championship will be played at RSEC.

After a 20-5 start to the season, Tilghman has stumbled to a 4-3 mark since losing Allen.

But Sivills says the Lady Tornado are still plenty dangerous, thanks to speedy point guard Chelsey Shumpert and a roster stacked with athleticism.

"We can't let Shumpert get wild," said Sivills, who watched the tiny 5-foot-3 freshman pour in 31 points against his team in February. "We can't allow her to drive the floor and get easy shots down low."

"Without Brandy, I don't think they've really found their niche as a team, but they've still got some very talented, athletic players."

Tilghman, the 2nd District champions, pounded overmatched Carlisle County on Tuesday, winning 70-31. Head coach Josh Barnett's club usually favors a frenetic uptempo game, and it worked for a while against Calloway in February.

Behind Shumpert, the Lady

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