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Incredible Colon to be on exhibit Friday, March 4 at Weaks Center

By JAMIE SMITH
Kentucky Cancer Program

The Kentucky Cancer Program, Murray-Calloway County Hospital, the Purchase District Health Department and the Murray Senior Center will feature the Incredible Colon as a community exhibit on Friday, March 4. The event will be held at the Weaks Community Center in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Incredible Colon is a giant, inflatable, interactive and educational exhibit that provides visitors with an opportunity to learn about colon cancer, including risks, prevention, early detection and treatment. A walk through the 20-foot Incredible Colon will provide a unique opportunity to see what healthy colon tissue looks like, how polyps can form in the colon and how colon cancer develops and can invade other healthy tissue.

Colon cancer is the second leading cancer killer of both men and women combined in the United States and in Kentucky. Approximately 142,500 Americans were diagnosed with cancers of the colon and rectum in 2010 and it is estimated that 51,370 individuals died from colon and rectal cancer. Colon cancer is curable if detected in its earliest stage. More importantly, colon cancer is preventable through screening. It is estimated that 60 percent of all colon cancer deaths could be prevented with regular screenings, it was reported.

The Kentucky Cancer Program, the state's cancer control program, Murray-Calloway County Hospital, the Purchase District Health Department and

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WEATHER

Today	Tomorrow
50s	60s
40s	50s

Daily Forecast

National Weather Service

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 69.

Sunday Night: Showers and thunderstorms. Low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. Winds could gust as high as 33 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

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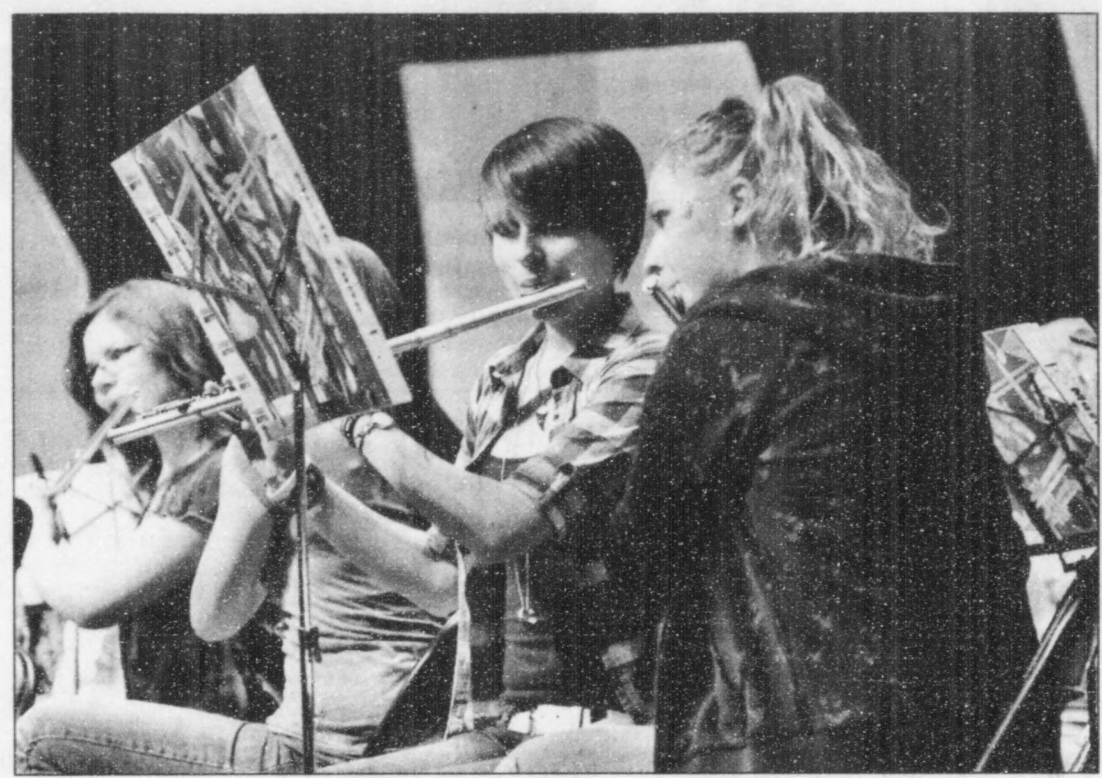
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QUAD STATE BANDS: Participants in the 64th Annual Quad State Senior High Band Festival spent most of Friday in rehearsals for their performance today at 11 a.m. in Lovett Auditorium. The event brought in nearly 400 students from the region. Pictured above, flutists in the Blue Band practice their portion of the concert. Below, John Fannin conducts the White Band during a practice session.



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Regents discuss policy changes

Ethics, leave reports among votes taken by university board

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Staff Writer

The Murray State Board of Regents approved several policy changes at their quarterly meeting Friday.

The board unanimously approved a policy change regarding electronically filing work hours and leave from work on the online Banner system. MSU President Dr. Randy Dunn said it had not generally been a problem for faculty staff to follow the policy of submitting their hours online because it was the only way they could get paid, but that a small number of faculty and professional staff did not bother to submit days they had taken off from work. He said he was asking the board's approval to implement the policy by using sanctions when needed in an attempt to get 100 percent compliance of the policy.

"We're not looking at taking away paychecks; we're not looking at cutting people off at the knees," Dunn said. "But at some point, we have to look at things like leave accumulation. We have to look at access to university travel monies so that for a very small group of individuals, we can have full participation of the electronic leave report."

Dunn said that while some might see the policy as an "unwarranted interference on professional freedom" or something that takes too much time, he thought it was reasonable to expect employees to follow it. He said it usually only took him about 20 to 30 seconds to file on Banner.

The board voted 10-1 to adopt a program allowing employees who participate in the

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4 dead after buggy flips in rain-swollen creek

By BRUCE SCHREINER and KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

MAYFIELD, Ky. (AP) — By the time Emanuel Wagler reached the creek with his wife and seven children in their horse and buggy, it was too dark, too deep and too late.

As Amish who eschew elec-

tricity, they might not have known that the weather service had issued a flash flood warning an hour before. But they knew it was raining hard, and Wagler's brother figured the tiny creek they had to cross would already be up to the buggy's axle.

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Kentucky Senate prepares to take on Medicaid issue

By ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The state Senate is expected to weigh in next week on legislation aimed at balancing the Medicaid budget.

Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Bob Leeper said Friday that

final changes are being made to a proposal for shoring up the government program that provides medical services to more than 800,000 poor, elderly and disabled Kentucky residents.

Leeper, an independent from Paducah, said the budget com-

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A MURRAY TRADITION: While opening day is not until March 1, the local Dairy Queen has been a hive of activity this week as employees prepare the seasonal eatery for business. Pictured, Misty Long, co-manager, right, and Leslie Kemp, co-owner, assemble the front of a soft-serve machine after cleaning the mechanism and replacing old parts.

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MSU Regents...

From Front

Kentucky Teachers' Retirement Program or Optional Retirement Program to be able to buy back unused sick leave. Staff regent Phil Schooley voting against it. Dunn said the program had been desired by a number of years by faculty and professional staff

covered by KTRS.

"We had been outliers to some degree in being the only public (Kentucky university) that had not participated in this sort of buy-back of sick leave," he said. "We had an opportunity to negotiate that out, really over the course of some months now, with the university's insurance

and benefits committee, and I think for the most, (the program is) reflecting of the desires that they would like to see with this."

A vote regarding a statement of ethical principles and code of conduct was also on the agenda, but board chairman Constantine "Deno" Curris suggested referring the issue to the audit compliance committee for review because of the complexities involved. Board member Stephen Williams said he agreed.

"I would certainly concur with that," Williams said. "I read through it and ... it's a fairly lofty document. I don't take issue with anything that's said in there. I'm just making note that it's been said that sometimes boards (enter with) the intention of doing the right thing, but sometimes design the rope by which they will eventually hang - and I do think that something like this typically can pop up at the most inopportune time based on someone's interpretation of some principle that might have been violated."

The board was scheduled to meet again at 8:30 a.m. today at Richard H. Lodge in Cherokee Park in Aurora for the annual planning retreat and work session. The retreat typically takes place in the fall, but scheduling caused a delay, Curris said.



AP Photo / James Crie

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT: Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) speaks about the need for a balanced budget amendment before a packed audience in a Kentucky Senate committee room in Frankfort, earlier this week.



HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times

MOBILE HOME FIRE: Calloway County Fire-Rescue volunteers Michael Holt and Kate Kleinhammer extinguish flames at a mobile home fire at 854 Center Ridge Rd. around 8:15 p.m. Friday. Firefighters were called to the scene shortly before 7 p.m. after the fire was reported on the edge of the woods. CCFR Captain Andy Harrell said the trailer's owner was unknown and that the state fire marshal would investigate the incident. No further details were available before press time.

Buggy...

From Front

When Wagler got there - halfway home, a mile to go - the creek was more like a fast-moving river. In moments, the buggy tipped over, tossing four children into the water. Then the search began.

Soon after midnight, so did the grief. Rescuers had pulled out the bodies of three of his children. By morning, they found the body of his niece.

"We're trying to give the family some time by themselves right now to grieve," Graves County Sheriff Dewayne Redmon said. "There's no doubt that this was just a terrible accident."

The night began with a short trip to Wagler's brother's house. His family climbed aboard the horse and buggy - a common sight on the narrow paved roads in Dublin, in western Kentucky.

Emanuel and his brother, Samuel, traveled to a push-button phone, stashed inside a little wooden shack along the road, a short distance away. A stool sits just inside.

The Amish use the phone for business and to call relatives. The brothers called their father in

Missouri.

"That's the main reason they came out, to call my dad," said Samuel Wagler, 37, who recounted the evening.

Later, the families ate supper. By Thursday evening, Samuel figured the tiny creek his brother had to cross had risen to about the buggy's axles.

Emanuel, his wife and seven children - one of them Samuel's 11-year-old daughter Elizabeth - were on their way back around 8:30 p.m., an hour after the National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning.

The Amish live among non-Amish in this farming community of rolling green hills near the Missouri, Tennessee and Illinois border. By Thursday evening, some 250 emergency workers were helping in the search.

They found the bodies of 5-month-old Rosemary, 5-year-old Sarahmae and 8-year-old Samuel. Despite hopes Elizabeth may have been clinging to a tree branch, her body was found late Friday morning.

"She was just an all-around good girl," said uncle, Levi Yoder, 30, his voice cracking.

The community telephone, used just the night before for a catch-up call between sons and father, was in

heavy use Friday for another reason: Amish men called their families with the tragic news.

Neighbors brought food to the farmhouse where the family lives, and an Amish woman was hanging clothes on a line beside the house. Reporters were asked to leave the property.

"The community has stepped up above and beyond," said Rachel Marler, a non-Amish neighbor. Neighbors brought food to the farmhouse where the family lives, and an Amish woman was hanging clothes on a line beside the house. Reporters were asked to leave the property.

Graves County has up to 250, divided between two settlements, said Don Kraybill, a Young Center senior fellow.

Friday afternoon, the tattered, covered black buggy sat beside the creek in a cornfield. Its wheels were mud-caked and slightly buried in the thick brown soup. Part of the buggy's side had peeled away. A red blanket hung out of the cabin.

Yoder kept his own vigil, trudging through a muddy field near the creek when his niece's body was found.

"They crossed this creek, but when they came back they didn't realize it was still rising," he said, his voice choked with emotion.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Calloway County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the period April 22, 2009 through April 15, 2010. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Calloway County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the **Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements** issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Calloway County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 22, 2009 through April 15, 2010, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with **Government Auditing Standards**, we have also issued our report dated January 6, 2011 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with **Government Auditing Standards** and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The Calloway County Sheriff's Office Lacks An Adequate Segregation Of Duties
- The Calloway County Sheriff Should Distribute Franchise Taxes By The 10th Of The Month Following Collection

Respectfully submitted,
Crit Luallen
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Auditor of Public Accounts

January 6, 2011
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Lauren Ballantyne, Prevention, and McConnell's office in Murray.

CCAS National

By TOM BERRY

Staff Writer

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Lauren Ballantyne, network coordinator for Calloway County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, and Program Manager Dottie Kraemer, stand outside U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's office in Washington DC earlier this month during a visit. Kraemer and Ballantyne traveled to the nation's capitol to learn more about how to fight substance abuse back home in Murray.

CCASAP joins others for National Leadership Forum

By TOM BERRY
Staff Writer

Members of the Calloway County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention joined 2,800 of their peers nationwide this month during the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's 21st annual National Leadership Forum.

CCASAP Program Manager Dottie Kraemer, Lauren Ballantyne, network coordinator and Ashley Gann, an organizational evaluator based in Lexington, met with the group for four days in Washington D.C. to learn the latest strategies in preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse from national leaders such as White House "Drug Czar" Gil Kerlikowske, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Joining him was Dr. Howard Koh, assistant secretary of health for U.S. Health and Human Services and Gen.

Arthur T. Dean, chairman and CEO of CADCA.

"It was exciting to be able to spend a week in our nation's capitol, learning and honing our prevention skills so our community can be a better place - one that doesn't suffer from the harms of drug and alcohol abuse," Ballantyne said. "We've come back re-energized with new strategies to tackle drug use in Murray and Calloway County."

They were among other community leaders representing coalitions from around the world connecting with peers and learning new problem-solving skills. CCASAP members attending also had the opportunity to meet and brief their state's congressmen and senators about funding substance abuse prevention programs. They also took part in two Town Hall meetings featuring experts from various federal agencies.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is the nation's largest training for substance abuse prevention and treatment professionals and researchers, featuring more than 100 training courses to help community and state leaders prevent and reduce substance abuse and its related problems, according to a news release. CADCA is the national membership organization representing more than 5,000 coalitions and affiliates working to make America's communities safe, healthy and drug free. Its mission is to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions by providing technical assistance and training, public policy advocacy, media strategies and marketing programs, conferences, and special events.

Residents can learn more about CADCA by going online at www.cadca.org. For more information about CCASAP, go online to www.ccasap.org.

CBS, Warner pull plug on season of Sheen's sitcom

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen has skirted disaster as a wayward, middle-aged party boy who regularly tested the patience of the TV network and studio trying to protect their valuable sitcom property.

It was a violence-tinged and anti-Semitic radio rant that helped push him over the edge and, finally, forced CBS and Warner Bros. Television to take action.

In a one-sentence joint statement Thursday, the companies said they were ending production on television's No. 1 sitcom for the season, a decision based on the "totality of Charlie Sheen's statements, conduct and character."

Whether he's gone far enough to sink the series and, possibly, his career as one of TV's highest-paid actors remained unclear. Sheen's rambling interview Thursday with host Alex Jones was reminiscent of Mel Gibson's tirade during a 2006 traffic stop — but Sheen knew his remarks were public.

The production halt leaves CBS eight episodes shy of the 24 half-hours it had expected to air as the cornerstone of its Monday night comedy lineup. And it makes the network and Warner, which reaps hundreds of millions from the show in syndication, the potential go-betweens between Sheen and "Two and a Half Men" executive producer Chuck Lorre.

Lorre bore the brunt of Sheen's attacks during the radio interview and in a subsequent "open letter" sent to TMZ after the CBS-Warner decision and posted on the entertainment website.

In the letter, the actor called Lorre a "contaminated little maggot" and wished the producer "nothing but pain."

Tornado causes damage in Hickman

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — The National Weather Service has determined that a tornado touched down in far southwestern Kentucky as a storm system headed into the state.

The weather service told regional media that a tornado touched down in Hickman at about 6:15 p.m. CST Thursday. Winds reached 80 mph and traveled a mile, the weather service

said. Windows were blown out of one house, some roofs were pulled off and a school baseball field dugout was destroyed.

The weather service said as that storm was hitting, a microburst caused damage elsewhere in the Fulton County with peak winds of 85 mph. A grain bin was destroyed, and a few other structures were damaged.

Senate, Medicaid...

From Front

committee could finish its work and vote as soon as Monday, sending the measure to the full Senate for consideration.

The original measure, as proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear and approved by the House earlier this month, calls for shifting \$166.5 million in Medicaid funds that would have been used next fiscal year to cover this year's costs. It also calls for carving out additional savings next year by contracting with private firms to provide some Medicaid services.

Leeper said the Senate version will likely bring forward less money, though he said the amount hadn't been decided as of Friday.

"We still have a lot of scenarios on the table," he said. "We haven't settled in on one particular strategy."

Beshear had previously warned that failing to adopt his plan could force \$600 million in cuts to Medicaid services at a time when they're desperately needed in Kentucky, where unemployment remains at 10

percent. The Democratic-controlled House voted 80-19 to approve Beshear's plan on Feb. 10. The dissenters, all Republicans, objected to the proposed fund transfer, describing it as "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Beshear first unveiled the plan in November, calling for managed-care principles that he said would save more than enough money to rebalance next year's Medicaid budget.

Leeper said Beshear can offer no guarantee of those savings.

"We don't want to make that assumption and create additional pressure on the next biennial budget," he said.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo said Friday that hammering out an agreement on the Medicaid budget is the most important chore facing lawmakers in the waning days of the legislative session. Stumbo said the more sensible move for the Republican-controlled Senate would be to approve the fix approved by the House, though he acknowledged that was unlikely to happen.

Incredible Colon...

From Front

other local, regional and state partners are working to increase awareness of colon cancer, promote screening, and reduce colon cancer incidence and mortality. The efforts are making a difference as colon cancer incidence and deaths are declining due to the educational and outreach efforts among our part-

ners.

This is the first time that the Incredible Colon has been available to residents in Western Kentucky, and this event is being offered through a cooperative agreement with the Christian County Health Department. For more information contact the Kentucky Cancer Program at 270-442-1310.

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FORUM

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Henley: It's been a busy week in Frankfort

This has been perhaps the busiest week of the 2011 session and many pieces of important legislation addressing education, Kentucky's criminal justice system, and government have been passed out of the House of Representatives.

One of the most highly publicized bills that cleared the House this week is the result of six months of work, research, and collaboration between legislators, judges, substance abuse counselors, hospitals, jailers, administration officials and others.

Reforms in House Bill 463 are designed to free up a good amount of the nearly half-billion dollars we spend annually to care for the state's more than 20,000 corrections inmates—many of whom are in jail or prison on drug charges—by reducing penalties for less severe drug crimes and simple possession of small quantities of drugs. Drug offenders who violate probation or parole would also find themselves facing lesser penalties than re-imprisonment under the legislation.

Over the past decade, Kentucky prison population has grown even though the state's crime rate has been well below the national average for 50 years. The 45 percent increase since 2000, compared to 13 percent for the U.S. state prison system as a whole, has driven the state's corrections spending to \$440 million a year. House Bill 463, based on recommendations by the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act, would improve public safety, hold offenders accountable and contain corrections costs.

Most of HB 463 includes recommendations from the state Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act, which met throughout last year. But the House did add language to the bill in a last-minute compromise between local governments and hospitals that would help fund prisoner treatment out of a state catastrophic loss fund now available.

The task force worked with consultants from the Pew Center on the State to craft the recommendations that are rolled into HB 463, with hopes of an estimated gross annual savings of \$42.1 million by 2014 and up to \$147 million in possible net savings over 10 years.

HB 463 now goes to the Senate, where a similar measure was awaiting committee action early Thursday.

The dangers of street drugs and their impact on all parts of Kentucky society are the number one issue for many lawmakers this session. These lawmakers are determined to do everything they can in this

limited economy to protect our citizens while also protecting state government from the cost of illness and incarceration that comes with drug abuse.

Protecting Kentuckians is always a legislative priority, which is why the House voted this week to require those who measure and mitigate the deadly radon in homes or businesses be more carefully monitored. HB 247, which passed the House 85-12 and now goes to the Senate, would require radon measurement and mitigation contractors and radon laboratories to be certified by July 1, 2012, plus require contractors to be licensed and bonded and have \$500,000 of general liability insurance coverage, among other provisions. Lawmakers who support HB 247 hope it will save lives lost to radon, a colorless and odorless gas that is believed to be a leading cause of lung cancer.

The House members also recognize the dangers posed by another health scourge among Kentuckians: Obesity. Research shows that obesity costs the state over \$1.2 billion a year in health care costs, reduces worker productivity and increases workers' comp claims. As the fifth most obese state in the country, Kentucky must do something to reverse that trend.

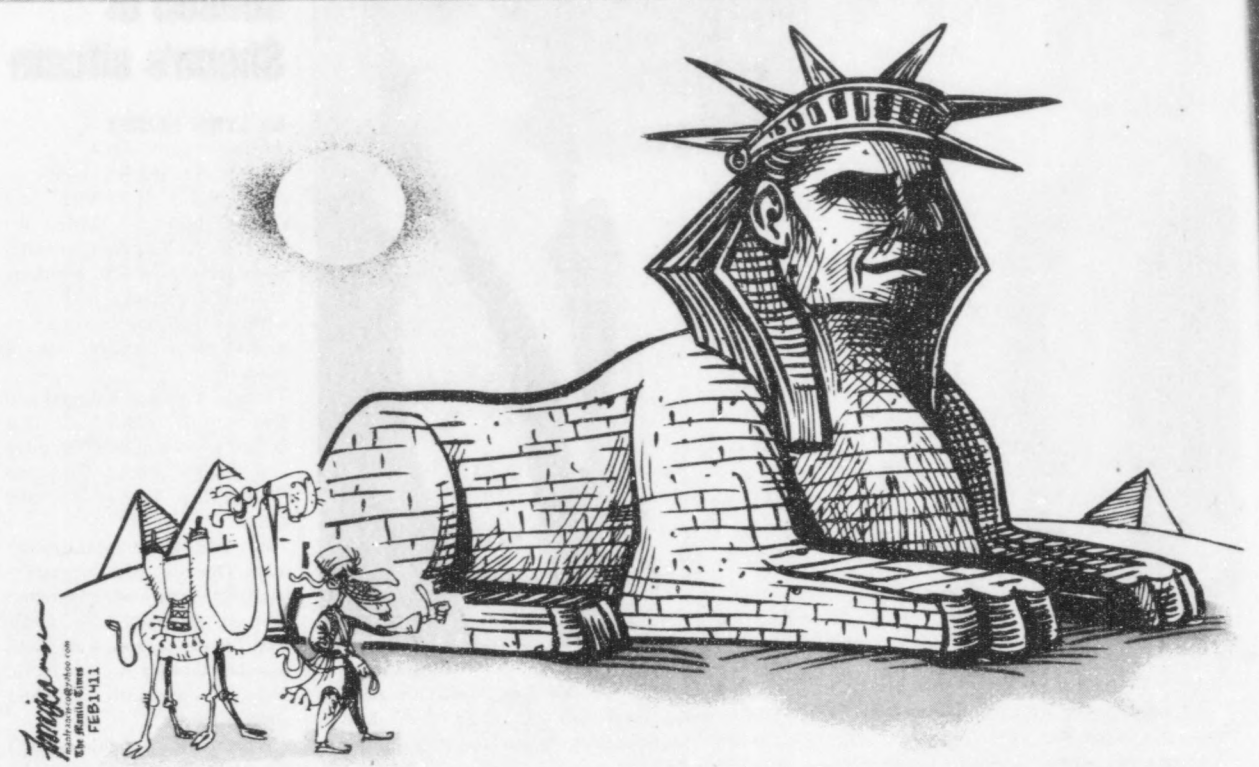
The problem was addressed Tuesday when it unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution 13, a resolution that would create a legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity, if the Senate agrees.

The task force would meet regularly through this November, when it would submit its recommendations and findings on how to best address the problem to the General Assembly's administrative arm and the interim Health and Welfare Committee. Recommendations would be based largely on input from pediatric professionals, nonprofit organizations like Partnership for a Fit Kentucky and others that have made promoting children's health a top priority.

We also did something for active-duty military personnel and their spouses on Tuesday by voting 98-0 to excuse them from paying renewal fees for professional licenses or certificates.



Legislative Update
By Rep. Melvin Henley
D-Murray



Peace Corp book features Murray connection

Martin and Patsy Tracy have the comfortable telepathy of many long-married couples with a lifetime of shared experiences. As they recount stories about their past, the telling see-saws between them; they complete each other's sentences and fill in the blanks. When they start relating memories of being a young-married couple in the 1960's, they lean forward in their chairs, eyes sparked with energy. Suddenly they are transformed back to their 20's, when they were Peace Corps volunteers, eagerly responding to President John F. Kennedy's call to service.

Martin and Patsy met when they were on opposite sides of an inter-collegiate debate. He was a student at Murray State, and Patsy was at Berea College. Patsy's team won the debate, and afterwards the boys asked the girls to go out for hamburgers and bowling.

Martin and Patsy struck up a friendship, fell in love, and got married at the end of their sophomore year. Patsy transferred to MSU, where the couple struggled with the challenges of supporting themselves and going to school.

When they graduated with Liberal Arts degrees from Murray State, jobs were scarce. An advertisement about the Peace Corps caught Martin's eye. "I had always wanted to have an international experience," he said.

At the time, Patsy was less of an adventurer than Martin, but she cherished the concept of community service. Soon they reached agreement on the

direction their life should take, and they endured a rigorous process of psychological tests and in-depth interviews to be accepted to the Peace Corps and serve together.

Their assignment would send them to Turkey, with a detour in New Jersey for training. "It was exciting to be at Princeton University," Martin recalled.

In spite of sixteen-hour days of learning to speak the Turkish language, and becoming familiar with the customs and culture, the Tracy's found that being married was an advantage. "We had each other," Patsy remarked, adding that many of the 250 other people in the group were single. "Many of them seemed to hover around us for moral support," she said.

After completing that preliminary training, they were flown to Istanbul for more intensive language training. Even with that, Patsy admitted with a rueful chuckle, "We thought we knew Turkish until we got off the bus."

As Peace Corps volunteers, they found themselves immersed in another language and culture, and Martin and Patsy were teaching English as a Second Language to adolescents. After a year of that, they were transferred to a smaller town, an exotic area of monastic communities carved out of sandstone in the 8th and 9th centuries.

In the new location, they did more than teaching, and actually helped the community improve local services in support of tourism. "For example," Patsy offered, "they had

restaurants but no menus in Turkish or English."

Working closely with the local merchants and listening to their needs was the key to achieving results that helped the local community.

Menus were just one step in the right direction.

The suggestion of providing book lunches for tourists was another logical move, and working with rug merchants on how to sell their wares was still another. "We entered into the business world," Martin said. "We knew how to do small things that made a difference."

The Tracy's Peace Corps experience set the stage for the rest of their lives in the U.S. and around the world. When they came home from the Peace Corps, they experienced an odd breed of culture shock. "There was so much variety, so much to choose from at the grocery store," Patsy remembered. Such plenty seemed wasteful and unnecessary, and as Martin and Patsy reflected on those contrasts, they realized that lives of service made more sense than accumulating personal wealth and material possessions.



Main Street
By Constance Alexander
Ledger & Times Columnist

Martin and Patsy's experiences are highlighted at the beginning of every chapter in the new book, "Voices from the Peace Corps: Fifty Years of Kentucky Volunteers."

By Angene Wilson and Jack Wilson, the book was published by University Press of Kentucky, timed to coincide with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Peace Corps.

In the foreword to the book by the series editors - James C. Klotter, Terry L. Birdwhistell and Doug Boyd - they emphasize Kentucky as a national leader in oral history, and Kentucky's Peace Corps volunteers as individuals whose narratives "demonstrate vividly how the lives of individual Kentuckians can be shaped by global experiences in remarkable and meaningful ways."

Martin and Patsy Tracy are not the only Murray people who were Peace Corps volunteers. Future Main Street articles will highlight some of the others.

For more information about the Peace Corps 50th anniversary, log on to <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=about/fiftieth>. Additional background on the book, "Voices from the Peace Corps: Fifty Years of Kentucky Volunteers" is available at http://www.kentuckypress.com/live/title_detail.php?titleid=2596.

Read Main Street online at www.murrayledger.com. Contact the columnist directly at constancealexander@newwavecomm.net.

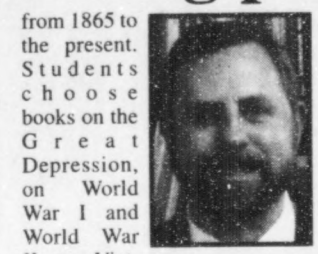
Some thoughts concerning punctuation

As I write this column, I am toiling away at grading essay examinations with no end in sight. Students have written essay responses to questions such as: "Discuss four areas of Reconstruction. Compare and contrast presidential and congressional Reconstruction. In your opinion, how successful was Reconstruction? Explain." and "Discuss the importance of industrialization, urbanization, and immigration in the last three decades of the nineteenth century. How

are these three terms connected? Discuss positive and negative aspects of each term."

I want students to be able to write a well-organized essay, making use of that classic essay form: an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. I want them to write with clarity, and I want them to discuss specific examples to back up their arguments.

For book reviews, students are able to choose a work of history on a topic that is of interest to them in the period



Home and Away
By Duane Bolin
Ledger & Times Columnist

from 1865 to the present. Students choose books on the Great Depression, World War I and World War II, on Vietnam, and on the 1960s.

Others preferred books on the Buffalo Soldiers, on women in the 1950s, and on the culture of the 1920s.

For book reviews, students must identify the topic and the thesis of the book. What is the main idea the author is trying to get across? Students must identify and discuss the major arguments the author uses to back up his or her thesis. They must discuss the author's use of sources, both primary and secondary. Rather than a book report, the sort of thing we all did in middle school, students are to write a critical analysis of the book.

As I grade these examination essays and book reviews I mark up the papers. I don't mark the papers in red ink. I don't want to be that dramatic. I do, however, point out writing mistakes as well as factual errors. I mark up sentence fragments and run-on

sentences, and I point out misuses of the comma, the semicolon, and the apostrophe. I find myself repeatedly writing "Too Vague" and "Be More Specific" in the margins.

I wrap up each essay or book review with a blurb at the end of the paper including praises and criticisms. Hopefully, some of my markings will help students become better writers. Hopefully, my scribbles will help them learn to express themselves more clearly.

I learned that an English professor once wrote on a blackboard the words "a woman without her man is nothing" and asked students in his class to add proper punctuation to make the words into a complete sentence. A male student in the class wrote: "A woman, without her man, is nothing." A female student chose different punctuation. She wrote: "A woman: without her, man is nothing."

They used the same group of words, but different punctuation marks rendered entirely different meanings. Punctuation is important. Writing is important. I just hope that the readers of this column do not grade me. At least don't use red ink.

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Obituaries

Robert E. Rowland, Sr.
Robert E. Rowland, Sr., 83, of his home. A retired dairy farmer, Methodist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by Robert Rowland, Jr. Rowland is survived by Jackie, and Jill Hudson (Tooter) Rowland and wife, Tom, all of Almo; grandchildren. Funeral services will be at Innes-Miller Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the home. Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home. Expressions of sympathy: Hospice, 804 Poplar, Murray. Online condolences: MurrayArrangements.com

Feril R. Owen
Feril R. Owen, 53, of his residence. Born in Calloway County and Masie Hamilton University as a building Hazel Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, brother, Gerald Owen. He is survived by one of Hazel, one niece, Eri Tyler Owen of Hazel. A graveside service will be at the Sugar Creek cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home. Online condolences: MurrayArrangements.com

Ava Nell Waters
Ava Nell Waters, 92, of her residence. She was a member of maker. Preceding in death were Ruth Jones and Gracie Kyleigh Bennett. She is survived by two Danny Waters, both of Owensboro; a sister, Pa Mayfield; and seven grand five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at the home. Burial will follow at the home. Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home. Arrangements are handled by MurrayArrangements.com

Geraldine Bouchard
Geraldine Ann Bouchard, 2011, at Shady Lawn Nursing Home. She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter Schermerhorn and Alice Schermerhorn. She is survived by her son, Thomas Bouchard, three daughters, two of Cadiz, sister, Dorothy Dobogay. No services have been planned. Arrangements are handled by MurrayArrangements.com

Cynthia Denise
Funeral services for Cynthia Denise, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the home of John Temple officiating at Christ Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers: Daniel Dick, David D. Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home. McGill died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011. She grew up in the home of Scottsboro Church and worked for music. Preceding in death were Ophia Green Mason; Allen Garland. She is survived by her Nashville; parents, J.D. Star Hargrove and husband, wife, Katie and her and wife, Nancy of Memphis. Vanessa of Farmington of Mayfield; two granddaughters. Arrangements are handled by MurrayArrangements.com

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Obituaries

Robert E. Rowland Sr.

Robert E. Rowland, Sr., 87, of Almo, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at his home.

A retired dairy farmer, he was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, Ruben E. and Lottie Allen Rowland, he was preceded in death by his wife, Eupie Rowland; and a son Robert Rowland, Jr.

Rowland is survived by two daughters, Janet Wyatt and husband, Jackie, and Jill Hudson and husband, Grant; a brother, Clyde (Tooter) Rowland and wife, Lavonia; a sister, Judy Lamb and husband, Tom, all of Almo; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Imes-Miller Funeral Home with Kerry Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at the Murray Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 28, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice, 804 Poplar, Murray, KY 42071.

Online condolences may be made at www.imesmiller.com. Arrangements are handled by Imes-Miller Funeral Home.

Feril R. Owen

Feril R. Owen, 53, of Hazel, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at his residence.

Born in Calloway County on Oct. 9, 1957, to the late Loyd V. Owen and Masie Hamilton Owen, he worked for Murray State University as a building technician. He was also a member of the Hazel Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Owen.

He is survived by one brother, Wilton Owen and wife, Brenda of Hazel; one niece, Erin Mathis of Benton; and one nephew, Tyler Owen of Hazel.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Joel Frizzell officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the graveside service on Sunday, from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.thejhcchurchillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are handled by the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Ava Nell Waters

Ava Nell Waters, 92, of Sedalia, formerly of Hazel, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at 6 a.m. at Union City Manor in Union City, Tenn. She was a member of Bell City Baptist Church and was a home-maker.

Preceding in death were her husband, S.J. Waters; two sisters, Ruth Jones and Gracie Brooks; and a great-great-granddaughter, Kyleigh Bennett.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Waters and wife, Martha, and Danny Waters, both of Mayfield; a daughter, Barbara Chatmon of Owensboro; a sister, Pansy Whitlow and husband, Ralph of Mayfield; and seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Byrn Chapel in Mayfield with the Rev. Will Mcsweeney officiating. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be tonight, Saturday, from 5-8 p.m. at Byrn Funeral Home.

Arrangements are handled by Byrn Funeral Home.

Geraldine Bouchard

Geraldine Ann Bouchard, 78, of Cadiz, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Shady Lawn Nursing Home in Cadiz.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Romeo Bouchard; and her parents, Walter Schalk and Martha Shug Schalk.

She is survived by one son, Arthur W. Duncan, Jr. of Homosassa, Fla.; three daughters, Barbara Bivins and Marylou Bivins, both of Cadiz, and Martha Baker of Homosassa; and one sister, Dorothy Dobogiewicz of Hilton Head, S.C.

No services have been scheduled.

Arrangements are handled by Heritage Family Funeral Home.

Cynthia Denise McGill

Funeral services for Cynthia Denise McGill, 54, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Graves County, will be held Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Antioch Church of Christ with Al Colley and John Temple officiating. Burial will follow in the Antioch Church of Christ Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Nathan Garland, Chris Garland, Daniel Dick, David Dick, Jason Poe and Stuart Rhea.

Visitation will be tonight, Saturday, from 5-8 p.m. at the Antioch Church of Christ.

McGill died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at 11:34 a.m. at her residence.

She grew up in the Antioch Church of Christ and was a member of Scottsboro Church of Christ. She was also skilled as a tailor and worked for musicians and executives in Nashville.

Preceding in death were her maternal grandparents, Rexie and Ophia Green Mason; and paternal grandparents, Bert and Alma Allen Garland.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Michael McGill of Nashville; parents, J.D. and Glenda Garland of Sedalia; daughter, Star Hargrove and husband, Jason of Paducah; son, Aaron McGill and wife, Nancy of Mayfield; and Jason Garland and wife, Vanessa of Farmington; sister, Jennifer Cream and husband, John of Mayfield; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are handled by the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Jesse William Lyles

Jesse William Lyles, 88, of Brewers died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at the Marshall County Hospital in Benton.

Mr. Lyles was a member and former deacon of Benton Church of Christ. He was a lifelong farmer and retired from GAF where he was employed for 31 years. He was a Navy veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Hesta (Cox) Lyles; three sons, William Lyles and wife, Belinda, Philip Lyles and wife, Karen, and Doug Lyles and wife, Gail, all of Benton; six grandchildren, Adam Lyles, Ashley Lyles, Aaron Lyles, Lindsay Dillingham, Amber Perry, and Krista Vincent; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boone and Ada (Dammall) Lyles; two brothers, Loman and Louis Lyles; and a sister, Rachel Erwin.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home with Jay Lockhart officiating. Burial will follow in the Lyles Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take form of contributions to the Lyles Cemetery Fund, c/o Marilyn Blagg, 3271 Vanzora Rd., Benton, KY 42025.



Lyles

American Quarter Horse event to be held March 26-27

Special to the Ledger

The West Kentucky QHS, an American Quarter Horse Association - approved show, will be held March 26-27 at the Wm. Bill Cherry Ag Expo Center in Murray.

American Quarter Horse shows test horses' abilities in dozens of different classes and feature exciting events such as jumping, reining, barrel racing, cutting, roping and pole bending. Additionally, halter classes that judge American Quarter Horses based on balance, muscling and breed characteristics are held.

People who exhibit at an American Quarter Horse show earn points that turn into awards or cash at the end of the year. By competing at an AQHA show,

exhibitors and horses also can qualify for an AQHA World Championship show, the premier events in the entire equine industry.

"We welcome all American Quarter Horse owners as well as anyone who has a passion for horses," said Don Treadway, AQHA Executive vice president. "AQHA shows are fun, and anyone who has ever wanted to get involved with horses or compete at an AQHA show is encouraged to attend."

Each year, AQHA approves more than 3,000 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the Murray State University Horseman's Assoc. please contact Mark E. Harrell, (618) 397-1388.

Police, Sheriff, Fire, MSU Logs

Murray Police Department

- A theft report was taken at 1:50 a.m. Feb. 8 at 1905 Gatesborough Circle after someone stole a GPS unit from a vehicle.

- A theft report was taken at 5:15 a.m. at 1202 Kirkwood Dr. after someone stole a radar detector from a vehicle.

- A theft report was taken at 7:11 a.m. at Pockets.

- A theft report was taken at 8:03 a.m. at 1533 London Dr. after a vehicle break-in.

- A theft report was taken at 11:09 a.m. at 404 North Fourth St.

- A fraud report was taken at 1:32 p.m. at 3333 U.S. 641 North.

- A theft report was taken at 2:14 p.m. at the Chase after someone reported a stolen camera.

- A theft from a vehicle was reported at 4:44 p.m. at 1707 Magnolia Dr.

- A theft report was taken at 5:14 p.m. at the police station after someone reported medication stolen from a vehicle at Walmart about a week before.

- A theft from a vehicle at 211 Ivan St. was reported at 5:57 p.m. at the station.

- A motor vehicle accident with an injury was reported at 7:59 p.m. at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital emergency room.

- A theft from a vehicle at 1523 Beckett St. was reported at the station.

Calloway County Sheriff's Office

The Calloway County Sheriff's Office reports the following incidents and arrests from Feb. 7-13.

- Theft by Unlawful Taking was reported on Greenbriar Drive Feb. 8.

- Theft by Unlawful Taking was reported on Neale Trail.

- Burglary in the Second Degree was reported on Oakwood Circle.

- An arrest was made for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence and Operating on a Suspended Operator License on Ky. 121 North.

- Leaving the Scene of an Accident was reported on Flint Road Feb. 10.

- Theft by Unlawful Taking was reported on Harmon Road Feb. 11.

- An arrest was made for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence on US 641 South Feb. 13.

- Harassing Communications and Terroristic Threatening was reported on Airport Road.

From Feb-13, the Calloway County Sheriff's Office served three arrest warrants, four civil summonses, two court orders, one bond revocation, nine subpoenas, one notice to vacate and one juvenile summons. Seventeen motor vehicle collisions were investigated by the Sheriff's Office during this time.

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

Driver in fatal wreck had suspended license

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky.

(AP) — Kentucky State Police say a vehicle involved in a fatal crash on Interstate 65 was being driven by a man with a suspended license.

Police said 49-year-old Victor Chacon was driving a Nissan Pathfinder that was struck from behind by a FedEx truck pulling two trailers. Three people in the SUV were killed and four others, including Chacon, were injured.

Police say all the people in the SUV were family members traveling to Chicago from a wedding in Florida. The groom was among those killed in the collision Wednesday near Elizabethtown.

Police spokesman Bruce Reeves told The News-Enterprise of Elizabethtown that the cause of the collision is still under investigation, but he said who was driving the SUV likely isn't a contributing factor.

Tornadoes confirmed in Nashville area

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)

The National Weather Service has confirmed that a tornado or tornadoes touched down Thursday night southeast of downtown Nashville and in Wilson County.

WSMV-TV reported Friday that the roofs on two churches were peeled away in the

Antioch section of Nashville. Trees snapped and some toppled onto homes. There were no reported injuries.

In Wilson County, the Bridgestone Tire distribution center and Zeldyne glass plant in Lebanon suffered major damage.

Town Crier

NOTICE

• The Murray Cable Commission will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at City Hall. There will be discussion of theft of cable services and a rates survey, as well as reports from Murray Electric System and NewWave Communications.

• To report a Town Crier item, e-mail: editor@murrayledger.com



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ZONING WORKSHOP

The City of Murray has begun the process of updating its zoning ordinance. The purpose of the update is to work with City officials, staff, and the public to create a zoning ordinance that is effective, simplified, and reflects best practices and contemporary requirements.

Zoning Workshop

A workshop will be held with the public at 6:00 pm. on **March 1, 2011** in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The purpose of the workshop is to obtain input from City residents, property owners, and business owners to identify, review, and discuss zoning and ordinance related matters. To view a copy of the City's current zoning ordinance please visit the City's Planning and Engineering page at the City's website at www.murrayky.gov/planning/zoning.htm.

For any questions or comments related to the zoning ordinance update, please contact Ms. Candace Dowdy at the City of Murray at 270-762-0330.

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Adsmore reopens with 'Winter At Home (1906)'

Special to the Ledger

PRINCETON, Ky. — Adsmore House and Gardens reopens Tuesday, March 1 and invites visitors back to see "Winter at Home (1906)." Mayne Garrett and Selma Smith are welcoming their sister Kate Williams of St. Louis home for a visit. As part of their welcome, they are hosting a surprise luncheon for Kate to which they have invited their closest friends known as the "Merry Maids."

Step back to 1906 and experience the reunion where music will be enjoyed in the parlour, friends will catch up on the latest news over a table set with beautiful china and a variety of pressed glass goblets and Valentine Day surprises are shared. "This is a romantic period when the language of the fan and flowers still is meaningful to these young ladies," said Ardell Jarratt, curator.

The Smith-Garrett home, a stately circa 1857 Greek Revival house, has been restored to its late Victorian grandeur and is furnished with the family's personal belongings. The museum and Carriage Shop are located at 304 N. Jefferson Street, Princeton. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m. Also on the grounds is the log Ratliff Gun Shop where the story of Princeton's first gunsmith is told. Call (270) 365-3114 or e-mail adsmore@vci.net for additional information and special group rates.

Hospital Menus

"Heart Smart" is the program for the menus in the cafeteria of Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Anne Newberry, dietitian, said "the menus are designed to help those restricting saturated fats and sodium in their diets and are those marked with an *." Menus are subject to change without notice.

Menus for the week of Feb. 28 - March 6 have been released as follows:

Monday - "Mexican Fiesta" - taco salad, *chicken brushetta with sundried tomatoes, chicken fried steak w/gravy, nachos w/cheese sauce, refried beans, *rice pilaf, *Mexicali corn, Capri blend vegetables, Italian wedding soup.

Tuesday - pork fritter w/gravy, *lemon pepper chicken, Reuben sandwich on marble rye bread, *baked potato, *seasoned green beans, fried okra, *pinto beans, vegetable beef soup.

Wednesday - *fish fillet almondine, hearty beef stew, parmesan chicken w/archoles, *seasoned lima beans, *baby carrots, corn nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, cream of broccoli soup.

Thursday - Dominos pizza, *honey pecan chicken, broccoli beef wellington, *redskin mashed potatoes, onion rings, *Brussel sprouts, *vegetable medley, taco soup.

Friday - "Blue Plate Specials" - hamburger steak w/brown gravy, *tender pork loin w/cranberry ginger glaze, apple fritters, *steamed zucchini, *baby carrots, cheesy potato casserole, *chicken gumbo.

Saturday - Philly steak sandwich, cod almondine, chicken strips, *green bean-carrot blend, *roasted potato wedges, fried okra, soup of the day.

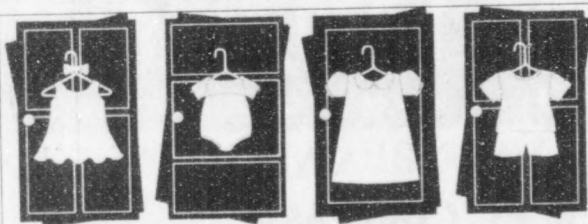
Sunday - baked ham, oven fried chicken, hamburger steak, *baked apples, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes w/gravy, *turnip greens, soup of the day.

Veterans assistance available

Ron McClure will be in Mayfield on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd., Mayfield from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For information, contact Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky.

For information, contact Regional Field Rep. Ron McClure at (270) 247-2455.

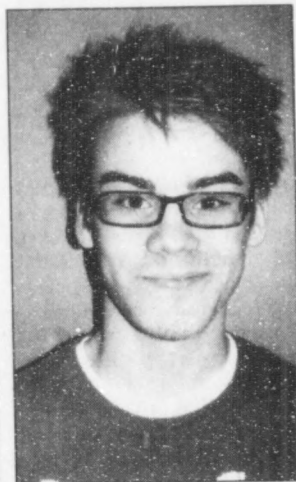


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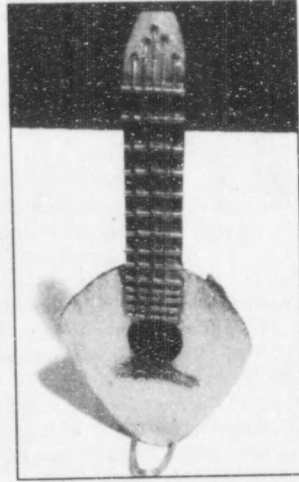
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Micah Huff



"Metal Renaissance Lute"

Graves Co. student wins Best of Show in 3-D Art recently

Special to the Ledger

Graves County High School sophomore Micah Huff recently won "Best of Show in 3-D Art" at the Regional High School Art Show sponsored by the Kentucky Art Education Association. His "Metal Renaissance Lute" is shown here, as displayed in the Currier Center at Murray State University. The piece was made from nickel, brass and copper and took the entire semester to complete.

"He worked diligently inside and outside of class and never slowed down," said his teacher, Jack Goodwin. "His perseverance was remarkable. There were many times where others would have abandoned the project but Micah never considered that as an option. He is a great young man with the skills of a studied metal smith twice his age."

Senior Activities

By **TERI COBB**
 Activities director

Activities for the week of Feb. 28 and March 1-4 have been released as follows:

Monday events include Armchair Aerobics at 9 a.m., Fitness Aerobics Class at 10 a.m., Women's Issues at 10:30 a.m., Wii Bowling at 12:30 p.m., Bingo at 1:15 p.m., and Advanced Line Dance starts at 2 p.m. "Learning Ways to Cope" will be presented at 10 a.m. On the menu is French toast strata, syrup, sausage patty, American fries and banana.

Tuesday events include Strength & Stretch Class at 8 a.m., Men's basketball at 9 a.m., Chair Volleyball at 10:15 a.m., and Ping Pong at 12:30 p.m. On the menu is oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green peas, ww roll and strawberry banana dessert.

Wednesday events include Armchair Aerobics at 9 a.m., Fitness Aerobics at 10 a.m., Powder Puff Pool from 10:11:30 a.m., and Pinochle Club at noon. AARP Tax Assistance volunteers will be here from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Benefits of Yoga" will be presented at 12:15 p.m. in the old exercise room. On the menu is Salisbury steak, red bliss potatoes, summer squash, ww roll, and angel food cake w/orange sauce.

Thursday events include Strength & Stretch Class at 8 a.m., Shuffleboard at 9:30 a.m., and Blood Pressures will be checked at 9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. On the menu is roast turkey, pasta salad, corn on the cob, ww roll and mandarin orange.

Friday events include Colon Cancer Awareness activities from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dr. Hendon will speak at 12:30 p.m. on colon health. Open Bridge Play will be at 10 a.m., and Wii Bowling begins at 12:30 p.m. On the menu is hamburger on bun, lettuce/onion/tomato, baked fries, black-eyed peas and mandarin oranges.

Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center is located at 607 Poplar St., Murray. The phone number is 753-0929. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a suggested donation of \$2.

Transportation is offered on a daily basis from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you live in the city limits and need a ride to the center, the doctor, grocery store, bank or pharmacy, call one day ahead of time to schedule your ride.

The exercise room is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who are 60 and older are invited to exercise at no cost, as well as take advantage of other activities and services offered. Contact the center at 753-0929 for more details.

Murray-Calloway Senior Citizens Center is a United Way Agency.

Fort Heiman Camp 1834 will meet Monday

Fort Heiman Camp 1834 of Sons of Confederate Veterans will meet Monday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the First United Methodist Church, Murray. Dr. Bill Hart, program speaker, will speak about Dr. Boggs, a Calloway County resident who was imprisoned for his support of the Confederate Cause. Men with Confederate ancestors are invited to attend this meeting.



Datebook

Sancil Teague, Community editor

Soccer registration today

Murray-Calloway County Soccer Association is having their spring soccer registration at the Calloway County Public Library today, Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is also available online at www.beecreek.org through Monday, Feb. 28. For more information, call Gwendolyn, MCCA Registrar, at 759-1765.

Playhouse to hold auditions

Auditions for "Disney's Mulan, Jr." will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., and again on Monday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at Playhouse in the Park. There are several roles available for ages 12-19. Children ages 10 and 11 are encouraged to audition for possible "extras." No preparation is necessary as those auditioning will be taught a song from the show and will read from the script. "Disney's Mulan, Jr." will play at Playhouse in the Park April 8-24.

Calloway Project Graduation will meet

The next meeting for the Calloway County High School Project Graduation is Monday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the CCHS Media Center. All senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Creative Arts Department will meet

The Creative Arts Department of the Murray Woman's Club will meet Monday, Feb. 28, at 9:30 a.m. for a gallery tour and information on Art Therapy by Jennifer Fairbanks, Gallery 109 & Fairbanks Studio, 109 N. 3rd Street, Murray.

Susan Davis to hold book signing

The Calloway County Public Library will host an author meet-and-greet and book signing with Susan Page Davis Monday, Feb. 28, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. This event was rescheduled due to weather. For more information, call the library at 753-2288.

WOW Lodges 728 and 592 will meet

Woodmen of the World Lodge 728 and Lodge 592 will meet for their Monthly Business Meeting and White Elephant Bingo at 5:30 p.m. (note the time) on Tuesday, March 1, at the Harmon Hall. Dinner will be served by Lodge 728 members. Hostesses for the meeting will be Twila Coleman, Dot McNabb and Ernestine Hargis. All members are encouraged to attend.

Art Guild meets Tuesday

The Art Guild of Paducah will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, from 6-8 p.m., at the McCracken County Public Library, 555 Washington, Paducah. Elise Beattie will demonstrate her unique pouring techniques in watercolor. Beattie is the recipient of numerous awards and is listed in Best of America-Watermedia Artists 2010. The Artist Trading Cards challenge may be members' own creative choice or Think Spring. Members are encouraged to bring one example of their art work to share. It may be finished or unfinished. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Carol at carol.a.@hotmail.com.

Al-Anon support group will meet

Have you been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon is a support group for friends and family members of alcoholics. This group meets Monday night, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at University Church of Christ. For more information, contact Joanna at (270) 227-0743.

Death of Parent support group will meet

The Death of a Parent support group will meet Monday night at 7 p.m. This group is for anyone who has lost a parent to death. For more information, call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-6646 or (270) 210-4173.

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Regional To

Did you know... The Regional Touring will be at the Center for the girls' ball Monday with finals and Saturday the Chamber of Commerce Thursday with semi final the following Monday. Tickets are available at the CFSB box office.

Coming Up Around Town

- Soccer sign ups, Calloway County Public Library, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Murray Youth Baseball Softball Assn. Registration 762-0325 or 753-5171
- MSU AQHA Show, Ag Expo Center, Feb. 26
- Fort Heiman Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting, First United Methodist Church, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
- Frank Warren, Fountain Secrets, Lovett Aud., M

Local realtor

Special to the Ledger

Murray Calloway Board of Realtors President Brenda R. Kentucky Association of Realtors Director at Earleene Woods Association Executive Williams attended the Kentucky Association of Realtors 10th annual meetings held Feb. 10 at the Capital Park, Frankfort.

The annual meeting more than 200 Realtors from across Kentucky opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss real estate related legislation and promote private rights for the Commonwealth.

On Wednesday, the governor invited the Capital to visit Senator Ken Winters a Representative Melvin and then attended a reception hosted by Kentucky Association of Realtors.

Book &

The National Education Association's Read America Day will be celebrated by readers of all ages at University Book & March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Across the country, students, parents, teachers will celebrate annual National Education Association's (NEA) Read America Day. Encourages people to pick up a book at Murray's own University and Bean will host an event, featuring dra

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Regional Tournament coming to CFSB Center

Did you know... The Region 1 Tournament will be held at the CFSB Center next week? Support girl's basketball action Monday and Tuesday with semi-finals Friday and final Saturday. The boys' contest begins Wednesday continuing Thursday with semi-finals and final the following Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are available at the CFSB box office.

Coming Up Around Town:

- Soccer sign ups, Calloway County Public Library, Today, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. or visit www.beecreek.org. (*MIM)
- Murray Youth Baseball and Softball Assn. Registration, call 762-0325 or 753-5171 or visit www.playballmcc.com. (*MIM)
- MSU AQHA Show, Cherry Ag Expo Center, Feb. 26-27.
- Fort Heiman Camp 1834 Sons Of Confederate Veterans meeting, First United Methodist Church, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
- Frank Warren, Founder Post Secrets, Lovett Aud., Mar. 1, 8

- 23rd Annual Juried Competition "Visual Evidence" entries due, Murray Art Guild, Mar. 2.
- Reader's Theater Performer of various Dr. Seuss Stories, University Book & Bean, Mar. 2, 10 a.m.
- Athena Festival, Fine Arts and Lovett Aud., Mar. 2 - 3, Time TBA.
- Lawless License as a Result of the Tobacco War: The 1908 Birmingham Raid, Faculty hall, MSU, Room 506, Mar. 3, 4:30 p.m.
- "A Global History of Cannabis", Faculty Hall, MSU, Room 208, Mar. 4, 3:30 p.m.
- Concert, Westside Baptist Church, Donations Accepted for New Beginnings Transition Homes, Mar. 4, 6 - 8 p.m., free.
- ISHA Hunt Seat Show, Expo Center, Mar. 4 - 6.
- Run 4 Another 5K Run/Walk, 15th & Olive, Mar. 5, 9 a.m. (*MIM)
- Cornhole For a Good Cause, sponsored in part by NewWave Communications benefiting United Way, Walter Jetton Gym, Paducah, Mar. 5, 10 a.m.
- Little Sprouts Garden Club - Terrarium Time, for children ages 12 and under, Beans to Blossoms, Mar. 5, 1 - 3 p.m., \$3, call 753-4050 for more info.
- Basic Wildlife Rehab class through Humane Society, Mar. 5 - 6, call 759-1884 for more info.

Hairspray, Playhouse in the Park, Tonight through Mar. 6 - Fri., Sat., Sun., call 753-1752 for tickets.

Home, Lawn and Farm Show, CFSB Center, Mar. 25 - 27, vendors call 753-2400 to reserve space.

Murray Art Guild offers a variety of programs for all ages, call 753-4059 for more info.

Visit www.bl.org for a variety of programs.

(*MIM) denotes Murray In Motion seal for promoting health and wellness.

Welcome New Chamber Members:

College Book Center, Chuck Jones, textbooks, 3724 Hwy. 641 S., Murray, KY 42071, 270-767-3231.

Huck's, Steve Lamb, 24-hour convenience/fuel station, 411 S. 12th St., Murray, KY 42071, 270-759-2050.

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings/Events:

Huck's, 411 S. 12th, Mar. 10, 10 a.m. (new business).

Hearthland Rehabilitation Services, (formerly Purchase Area Physical Therapy), 208 S. 6th St., Mar. 23, Ribbon cutting - 11 a.m.; Open House 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (new owner/name).

For more information on becoming a member of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce or hosting a Chamber event contact Lance Allison or Lisa Farris Satterwhite at 753-5171.



Briggs & Stratton recently donated computers to the Adventures In Math and Science (AIMS) program. Pictured are Kevin Bailey, Briggs & Stratton Designer, Evan O'Neal AIMS Coordinator, Dr. Doris Clark-Sarr, Director of AIMS and Rodney Bohannon, Plant Manager of Briggs & Stratton. AIMS is a federally-funded program by the U.S. Department of Education working with low income first generation high school students.

Chamber of Commerce or hosting a Chamber event contact Lance Allison or Lisa Farris Satterwhite at 753-5171.

Local realtor representatives attend legislative meetings in Frankfort

Special to the Ledger

Murray Calloway County Board of Realtors Board President Brenda Rowland, Kentucky Association of Realtors Director at Large Earleene Woods and Association Executive Twilla Williams attended the Kentucky Association of Realtors legislative meetings held February 7-10 at the Capital Plaza in Frankfort.

The annual meeting provides more than 200 Realtor leaders from across Kentucky the opportunity to meet with state legislators and discuss proposed real estate related legislation and promote private property rights for the Commonwealth.

On Wednesday, the group visited the Capital to visit with Senator Ken Winters and State Representative Melvin Henley, and then attended a Legislative reception hosted by the Kentucky Association of Realtors.



Members of the Murray Calloway County Board of Realtors recently visited Frankfort for Kentucky Association of Realtors legislative meetings. Pictured with Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear are Association Executive Twilla Williams and KAR Director at Large Earleene Woods.

Book & Bean celebrates reading

The National Education Association's Read Across America Day will be celebrated by readers of all ages at the University Book & Bean on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Across the country, 45 million students, parents, teachers and readers will celebrate the ninth annual National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day, which encourages people of all ages to pick up a book and read. Murray's own University Book and Bean will host an all day event, featuring drawing and

coloring contests, activities and refreshments, so members of our community can be included in that 45 million.

Several well-known community leaders and athletes - including Murray State University head football coach Chris Hatcher, MSU quarterback Casey Brockman, Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Lance Allison and many more - will read Dr. Seuss stories to participants throughout the day.

To honor the good doctor and celebrate the fun and value of

reading, University Book and Bean is asking community members to join NEA and many of America's leading literacy, youth, and civic groups in bringing a nation of readers together under one hat - the red and white stovepipe made famous by the Cat in the Hat - for a flurry (or furry) of reading excitement!

The store's goal is to show local children the joy of reading and build a community of readers - on March 2 and every day.

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Warmer weather on the horizon welcome

I sure will be glad to see the sunshine and calm winds coming our way soon! The temperature has been very nice but those strong winds are keeping most anglers off the waters altogether. I had a group here last weekend and I had to cancel all activities on the lake



Fishing Line
By Jerry Maupin
Outdoors Columnist

same strong winds reaching thirty-five miles per hour. Waves four and five feet high automatically rule out any boating travel. We hated to turn these guys down but there wasn't any possible way to be safe!

Some of the local employees encouraged these men to persist on going out saying they could just go around the corner of the bay and fish! Well, just around all corners the winds were plenty dangerous because the depth was only three feet at the most! Now, I ask you, would you take five people out in the three feet of water and thirty-

five miles per wind!

I tried to explain the reasons why one cannot do what they wished to do and invited them to come back when the weather was better!

Some of my good fishing buddies have taken advantage of the bad weather and had knee and joints elsewhere repaired so they will be ready to catch some fish come spring-time!

Both lakes, Kentucky and Barkley, are still low on elevations because that is the policy of the Corp of Engineers and whoever else controls any of the dams. If the weather breaks into nice warm winds

and no rainfall, the fishing below the dams could increase because the shad baitfish are there by the trillions and semi lazy due to the rushing waters spinning constantly. It is a smorgasbord for all species of fish that live on the shad.

I must not leave out the sea-gulls and the great blue herons which gather in uncountable numbers to dine on the shad each day! It is a very interesting sight to witness and I could sit and watch them for hours. The one thing that is a mystery to me is how many dozens or hundreds of baitfish are swallowed every hour! Take your binoculars if you want

to see some real eating, diving, eating and no stopping for hours! It is wild to watch the birds cram their stomachs full and continue to fly, dive and catch more baitfish to eat!

Okay, we are booking anglers who want to catch some fish to eat. Crappie are the most favorite but the big bluegill, catfish, striped bass, rockfish strips are much larger and holy terror to fish on rod and reel.

By the way, if you should catch one or more of the big green and yellow carp anywhere, be sure to kill it and let a biologist of Fish and Wildlife know exactly where

you contacted the big yellow carp. Please do not release it back into the lake!

Hopefully we can have a great spring fishing season and everyone can replenish their stock of fish for the summer! We expect more catfish to be caught due to the tremendous spawning hatch we encountered last season. It seemed a perfect hatch of catfish by the thousands all the way from the dam to the Paris Landing State Park was evident. Must get down to see Neil and Charlotte at Cypress Creek. They will have some good stories to tell!

Happy Fishing!

Special snow goose season currently in progress

Some years ago wildlife managers discovered that the burgeoning snow goose flock was outgrowing its summer nesting grounds way up north in the Arctic tundra. Millions of the big white birds were pouring into the delicate tundra regions to nest and expand

their numbers even further. In the process, the birds were destroying the tundra.

So after much study and deliberation, the USFWS instituted what is known as the Conservation Order Season to help reduce the light goose populations and save the tundra

— a season that is currently in progress.

The special season has become a welcome "second season" of sorts for waterfowl hunters who suffer from symptoms of withdrawal after the close of the regular season at the end of January. An entire industry has

risen around the prospect of hunting snow geese along the Mississippi Flyway. It requires a significant amount of "industry" snow geese, in spite of numbers in the millions, are not easy to hunt.

The vast flocks of snow geese pass through our neck of the woods around November en route to wintering grounds on the Gulf coast. In February and March, the flocks head back northward as the temperatures begin to rise. As they pass through an area, the flocks pick out roosting sites along the waterways, and seek out agricultural fields where they feed voraciously. Winter wheat farmers up and down the flyway shudder at the sight of wave after wave of hungry birds descending on their fledgling crops.

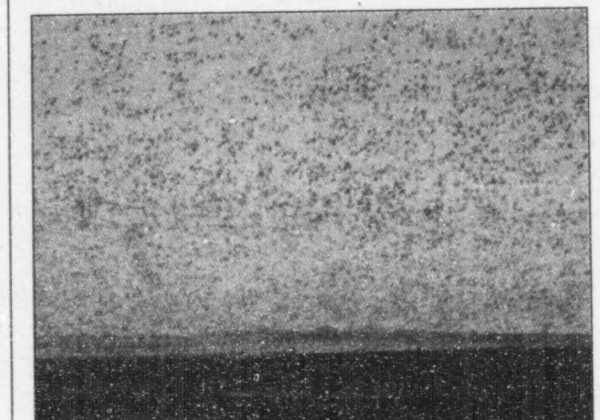
But it takes more than a sack of decoys and a goose call to hunt these ravaging birds. Because snow geese travel in huge flocks and typically seek out the company of other vast flocks, an enterprising snow goose hunter has to have a trailer-load of decoys and other specialized tools of enticement

Successful snow goose hunters usually stuff a field with 700 to over 1,500 decoys of some type. These decoys range from expensive full body models to plastic "rags" tied to stakes. In this type of hunting, it is quantity, not necessarily quality, that rules the day.

Of course, even the dumbest goose knows that a field full of "white," be it birds or decoys, should be able to raise a ruckus that can be heard from miles away. That's why electronic goose calling devices are permitted during the special season. Not even a multitude of call-blowing hunters can reproduce the deafening sound of feeding snow geese.

Considering the costs of putting together a massive decoy spread, providing sound reinforcement, and the time and man-power required to set-up and take down such a display, not to mention the rolling stock required to haul the whole mess around, most hunters opt to pay a daily rate to hunt with an established outfitter who has access to snow goose hotspots along the flyway. Rates range from \$150 to \$400 per day depending on accommodations and quality.

Even then there is no guarantee that the intrepid light-goose hunter will experience a shoulder-bruising hunt of epic proportion. The geese are flighty (no pun intended), and zig-zag back and forth along the flyway according to weather and wind conditions. But hit one of those major migration days when flock after flock pours into the decoy spread and even old school waterfowl hunters will become white goose converts. Besides, where else can you shoot box after box of shells and help save the Arctic tundra at the same time?



A flock of snow geese descends on a field along the Mississippi Flyway.

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In The Field
By Kenny Darnell
Outdoors Columnist

where it's aimed?

2) Can the shotgun deliver a tight pattern of pellets at a reasonable distance?

3) What's the maximum effective range of the shotgun? It's surprising how many shotgun barrels aren't straight, and as a result they throw shot patterns that may imprint high, low, left or right of the aiming point. The problem can also be traced to improperly installed choke tubes.

"If the choke tubes aren't parallel to the bore, the point of impact will be off," said Mike Ezell, a gunsmith in Auburn, Ky. "I can also make a barrel adjustment, in which the barrel is actually bent (straightened) with the use of a jig."

One way to check a shotgun's point of impact is to shoot at a paper target at close range from a steady rest.

Chamber a low-powered target load (No. 6 or No. 7 1/2 shot) and shoot at a baseball-sized bullseye at about eight yards. In just one shot you'll be able to see if the shot pattern is centered on the bullseye.

1) Does the shotgun shoot

Sighting-in important as turkey season looms

From KDFWR

With Kentucky's spring wild turkey season opening in less than two months, now is a good time to make sure your shotgun is on target.

Sighting-in is especially important if you will be hunting with a shotgun you are unfamiliar with, or you've changed your shotgun's barrel choke or hunting load.

One key difference between turkey hunting and other upland game bird hunting is the shotgun, and how it performs.

The turkey shotgun is carefully aimed like a rifle and must be able to deliver a tight swarm of hard-hitting pellets to a relatively small target. A turkey's vital area is its head and neck, which is about the size of an adult's clenched fist, wrist and forearm. Even the largest of gobblers will be instantly immobilized if shot pellets penetrate its bony skull or vertebrae.

The sight-in process should answer three important questions about your turkey shotgun:

1) Does the shotgun shoot

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Murray State to serve as 2011 opener for Louisville Cardinals

CARDINALS WILL EIGHT BOWL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Cardinals will open its 2011 football season with an in-state opponent Murray State on Sept. 9 and eight games against teams from other states.

The Cardinals, who were coached by Charlie Strong's son Charlie Strong, will open 2011 at home against Murray State on Sept. 9, a Thursday night game.

Louisville's nonconference schedule also includes home games at the University of Tennessee on Sept. 9 and Oct. 1 and road trips to rival Tennessee on Sept. 17 and North Carolina on Sept. 24.

The Cardinals begin Big East play on Oct. 15. They played at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati to face the Cincinnati Bengals.

Louisville hosts Rutgers University on Oct. 17, while traveling to Wake Forest on Oct. 24 and South Florida on Oct. 31.

Strong called the scheduling "a challenge" and expects the competition to be "tough."

Murray State's schedule has been released, but the Cardinals will play a non-conference game at Central Arkansas at Roy Seay Stadium in Conway, Ark. and Georgia State at the Georgia State Stadium in Atlanta in addition to its Valley Conference slate.

CARDINALS BATTLE

McClellan makes case for starting

ST. LOUIS LOOPS REPLACE IN WAINWRIGHT

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike McClellan says he is ready to replace Wainwright as the fifth starter in the rotation.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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CARDINALS WILL FACE EIGHT BOWL TEAMS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville will open its 2011 football season against in-state opponent Murray State, then play eight games against teams that played in a bowl in 2010.

The Cardinals, who went 7-6 in 2010 in coach Charlie Strong's first season, open 2011 at home against Murray State on Sept. 1, a Thursday night.

Louisville's nonconference schedule also includes home games against Florida International on Sept. 9 and Marshall on Oct. 1 and road trips to rival Kentucky on Sept. 17 and North Carolina on Oct. 8.

The Cardinals begin Big East play at Cincinnati on Oct. 15. The game will be played at Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Louisville hosts Rutgers, Syracuse and Pittsburgh at home in conference play while traveling to West Virginia, Connecticut and South Florida.

Strong called the schedule "challenging" and expects the conference to be competitive in 2011.

Murray State's schedule has not yet been released, but the Racers will reportedly play non-conference games against Central Arkansas at Roy Stewart Stadium and Georgia State at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta in addition to its regular Ohio Valley Conference slate.

MSU BASKETBALL



Murray State senior walk-on Picasso Simmons flashes a smile after hitting a late three-pointer in a game against Southeast Missouri earlier this season. Coming to congratulate him is freshman Chris Griffin. Simmons will be one of four Racers honored at tonight's Senior Night game against Eastern Kentucky.

TOMMY DILLARD / Ledger & Times

CARDINALS BASEBALL

McClellan makes case for starting job

ST. LOUIS LOOKING TO REPLACE INJURED WAINWRIGHT

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Kyle McClellan says he is ready to become the fifth starter in the St. Louis rotation and maybe he's the favorite.

Manager Tony La Russa isn't ready to make that decision yet.

"The overriding part is that we want to have an effective starting rotation and an effective bullpen," La Russa said Friday. "You know the Cardinals won the World Series, it wasn't just because of their starters. They didn't give up anything when their relievers came into the game, which is true for all good clubs."

The Cardinals opened spring training with one of the strongest rotations in baseball. But on Thursday, the team said 20-game winner Adam Wainwright needed ligament replacement surgery on his pitching elbow and will miss the season.

McClellan is at the top of a list of seven pitchers who could fill Wainwright's spot. After entering previous camps prepared to battle for a rotation spot, McClellan came to Jupiter this year as a reliever.

"In this situation I'd like to start," McClellan said. "I feel like we are in a good spot in the bullpen. I've put my time in and learned a lot in the bullpen."

All 202 appearances in McClellan's three-year major league career have come in relief. McClellan finished 1-4 with a 2.27 ERA in 68 appearances last season.

"I'm on the starter's program anyway so that I can develop all four (pitches)," he said. "If I come in and just throw an inning at a time I'm not going to get a chance to work on my secondary pitches."

Ryan Franklin is embedded as the closer, with Jason Motte and Mitchell Boggs performing well last season in setup roles. McClellan brings versatility to the bullpen — one reason why La Russa is hesitant to move him.

"He's a real weapon because of his ability to get rights and lefts out, and pitch a little bit or a lot," La Russa said.

"Take that weapon out of the bullpen, yes, we are in better shape because (Motte and Boggs) got some experience, but it's still a factor to consider — having a strong bullpen."

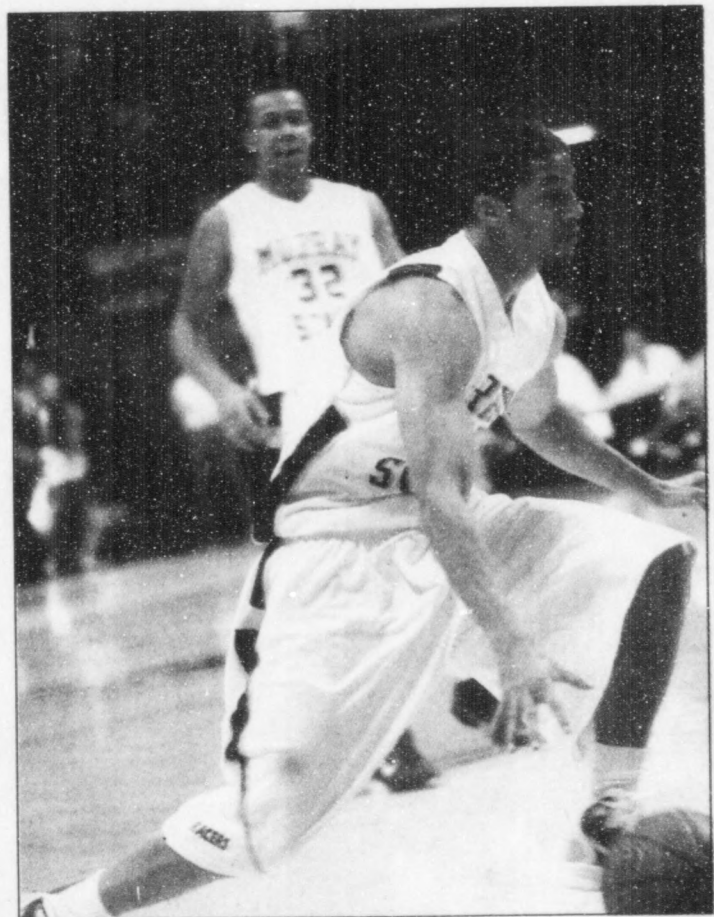
McClellan hasn't changed his routine

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Channeling his inner Picasso

BY TOMMY DILLARD SPORTS EDITOR

Happy-go-lucky walk-on putting finishing touches on MSU career



Picasso Simmons dribbles toward the basket during a Jan. 22 win over Southeast Missouri at the CFSB Center. Simmons has four siblings, all of whom have unique names.

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One of William Shakespeare's most famous lines from arguably his most famous tragedy asks readers what is, exactly, the importance of a name?

If Shakespeare had known Picasso Simmons when he penned Romeo and Juliet, he might have thought twice before writing that line.

For Simmons, Murray State's senior walk-on, the answer is everything.

Picasso Simmons knows he'll never make an All-Ohio Valley Conference team. He doubts Murray State fans will remember his time on campus for what he did on the basketball court in the rare occasions he finds his way into the closing minutes of a blowout.

So Simmons figures they may as well remember him for something, which is why he takes being named to college basketball's all-name team by ESPN.com writer Pat Forde as such a high honor.

Forde placed Simmons among the top five names in college basketball prior to the 2010-11 season alongside Brigham Young's Jimmer Fredette and Delaware State's Alibaba Odd, among others.

But what is the story of Simmons' name, and why is a basketball player channeling one of the world's most famous artists?

The story begins, ironically, at Murray State, where Simmons' parents, Mark and Freeda, met during their time as students in the early 1980s. Mark played football for the

Senior Night Eastern Kentucky at Murray State

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: CFSB Center

Radio: WFGS, 103.7 FM

Records: EKU 15-14 (9-8, OVC), MSU 22-7 (13-4, OVC)

Series record: MSU leads 90-59

Last meeting: MSU won 74-72 on Dec. 2 in Richmond

Racers under now-Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer while Freeda ran track and field and cross country.

In her spare time, Freeda babysat for the Beamer family and penned drawings and caricatures of players and coaches for the athletic department to use in game programs and other publications.

"My mom was really into art," Simmons says. "She was a nurse, but she did art in her free time."

Mark, a black man, and Freeda, a white woman, decided that when they had children, they wanted to give them unique names so people would not stereotype their kids into one race or the other.

"We're mixed, and we look like kind of a different ethnicity," Picasso says. "My mom said she wanted to hide our ethnicity with our names and just keep it a guess so people wouldn't know what we were."

Freeda's love affair with art seemed like a natural place to begin choosing names.

Picasso has four siblings, none of whom have what most folks would

■ See SIMMONS, 10A

MSU ROUNDUP

Baseball opener postponed due to wet field

WOMEN'S GOLF WILL OPEN SPRING SEASON MONDAY WITH NEWWAVE CLASSIC AT MILLER MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

From MSU Athletics

Heavy rains that rolled through western Kentucky Thursday evening have led to the postponement of Murray State's Friday home opener against Bowling Green.

Friday's game has been canceled, and the two teams will instead play a

doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. The first game will be a nine-inning game, while the second game will be seven innings.

The teams will close out the series with a 1 p.m. first pitch on Sunday.

MSU women's golf to host NewWave Communications Classic Monday

The Murray State women's golf team is set to open the spring portion of their 2010-11 season when they host the MSU NewWave Communications Classic at their home course, Miller Memorial Golf Course in Murray on Monday.

The Racers, trying for their fourth straight title in their home event, will welcome two teams from the Ohio Valley Conference, Austin Peay and Tennessee State, as well as Belmont, Valparaiso and Western Illinois.

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Last year, the Racers tied the low score in the history of the tournament at 638 (36 holes) the same score Central Arkansas had. Austin Peay's Chelsea Harris was the medalist with scores of 76-79=159, good for a three-shot win over MSU's Andrea Downer who finished 76-80=156.

MSU's last medalist was Joyce Trus in 2009. Other MSU medalists include Megan McKinney (2008), Nikki Orazine (2005), Cuyler Hedley (2004) and Lee Anne Pace (2003). Pace holds the tournament record individual score at 147.

The Miller Memorial course will play to a par-72 and 6,017 yards.

Racers ready to make 28th appearance in NCAA Rifle Championship

For a second straight season and 28th overall, the Murray State rifle program has earned a spot in the eight-team NCAA Championship.

This year's NCAA event is March 11-12 in Columbus, Ga.

Hosted by Columbus State University, the championships are contested at the Frank G. Lumpkin Jr. Center on the Columbus State campus and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning.

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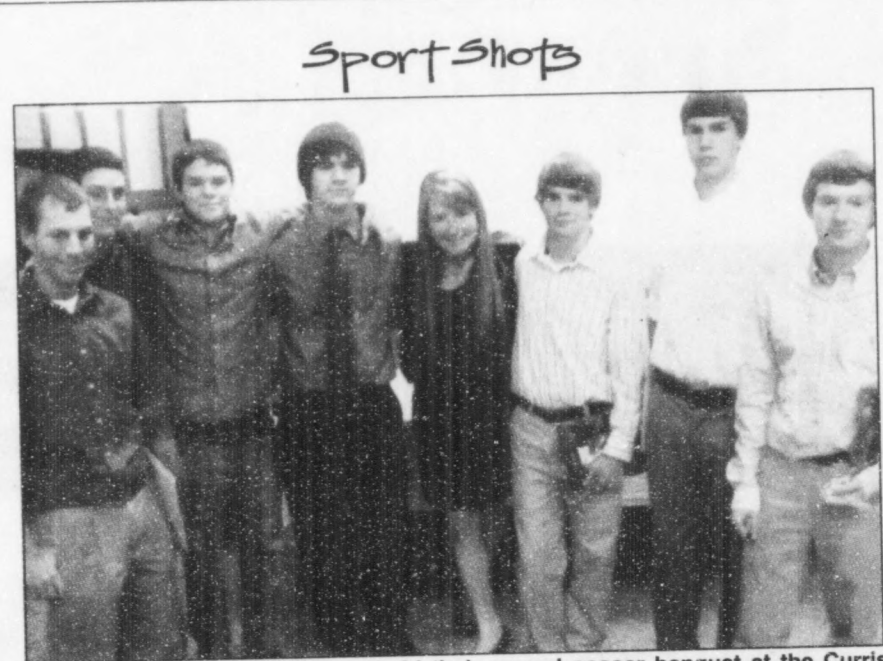
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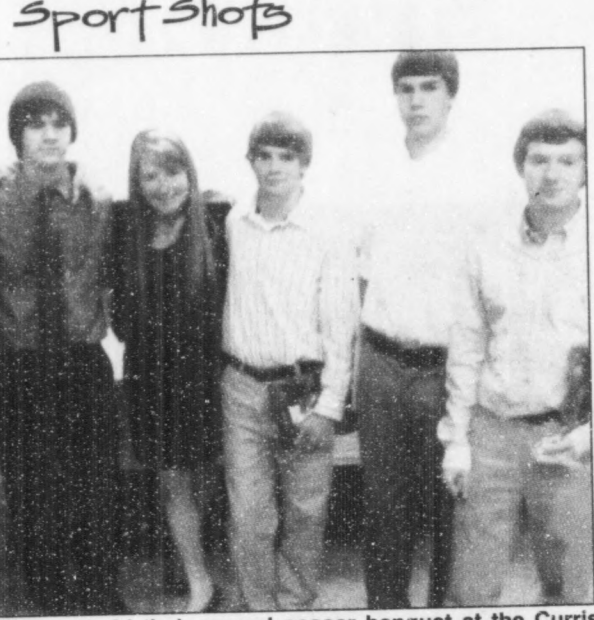
much after learning of Wainwright's injury, though he did throw from the windup during Thursday's session.

"I was just paying attention to my surroundings," McClellan said. "It was something I thought I'd work on."

Should McClellan perform as expected over the next few weeks, pitching coach Dave Duncan would have little problem moving him from the bullpen into the rotation.

"I feel like the most important thing is your starting pitching and that you get your best five guys as starters and then you build your bullpen," Duncan said. "It's easier to get somebody who can do that job in the bullpen than it is to get somebody who can do that job as a starter, so that takes priority for me."

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BIRTHDAY DONATIONS



Photo by Kim Evans

For her 11th birthday, Mikaylen Evans requested that her friends bring canned food items to be donated to Need Line instead of giving individual gifts to herself. "It should not just be about me when people don't have any food to eat," she said. "It is about God wanting us to help others first." She is pictured with Tonia Casey, Need Line director, receiving the donations.

FIVE GENERATIONS



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Mahlon Earl Stine is pictured with five generations of his family. He is being held by his mother, Melissa Lynn Stine. Also standing is his great-grandmother, Elaine Burkeen Nimmo and his grandmother, Debbie Elaine Lynn. Seated is his great-grandmother, Eva Bell Chapman Burkeen. This photo was taken Feb. 20, in honor of Eva Bell's 96th birthday.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE



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Denola Walker of Murray celebrated her 90th birthday on Jan. 23, at Sirlain Stockade. Thirty family and friends surprised her with a party. She is still very active, helps others and mows her own yard. She loves yard sales and eating out.



POLAR PLUNGE PARTICIPANTS

Photos provided
Pictured, left photo, Garrison and Grace Kelly entertained the crowd during registration at the 2011 Western Kentucky Polar Plunge for Special Olympics held Saturday, Feb. 19, pictured right, Special Olympic athlete Hannah Babcock is about to take the plunge into the icy waters of Kentucky Lake.



NICE SURPRISE



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On my front lawn I had a nice surprise from a grandson, Jeremy Jones, when I got home from work.

RETURNING TO MURRAY



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Murray High School alumni Tim Masthay, punter for the Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers, waves to students at Murray Middle School while visiting Murray last week.

THE MARCH GOES ON



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FORT HEIMAN MARCHES: On Saturday, Feb. 19, local Fort Heiman members participated with a crowd of hundreds in a march up Dexter Avenue to the state Capitol of Montgomery, Ala., to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the swearing in of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Davis was born in Fairview and was educated at Transylvania University in Lexington. He graduated from West Point and saw service in the Mexican War. He was a U.S. senator and Secretary of War before resigning to become the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. Pictured from left are members, Sandy Forrest, Barry Grogan, David Garland, Bernice Garland, Gene Kissiar and Mrs. Kissiar.

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Looking Back

Ten years ago Published is a picture of Murray School System maintenance director Gordon Burris working with Calloway County Middle School eighth-grader Eric George to measure the area in which the new baseball bleachers will go on Ty Holland Field. Recently reported births include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. John Mark McDougal. Murray State University prepares to celebrate National TRIO Day with a proclamation signing by Dr. Kern Alexander MSU president. Twenty years ago Many singles participated in Tuesday's "Single Shopping Night" and were treated to games, dancing and fellowship. The Calloway County High School Academic Team placed second overall in the Kentucky Academic Association's Regional Governor's Cup Competition at Murray State University Saturday. Ben Chandler, candidate for state auditor, announced on Tuesday that Murray attorney Warren Hopkins will be his campaign manager for Calloway County. Thirty years ago The Murray City Council enacted a pay increase for the city's next mayor from \$5,000 to \$9,000 annually, effective Jan. 1, 1982. A tri-level diploma system, consisting of a standard diploma, enrichment diploma and comprehensive diploma, will be phased into Murray High School following adoption of the system Thursday night by the Murray Independent Board of Education. Recently reported births include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Franklin Sykes. Prof. and Mrs. Larrie Clark entertained with a musical program at the Valentine dinner party held by the Garden Department of the Murray Woman's Club. Forty years ago Aude McKee will preach his closing message at the West Mur-

ray Church of Christ on Sunday. He will now become minister of the Valley Station Church of Christ. The Scabbard and Blade national honorary military society will launch the drive for funds for the Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross. A special musical program will be presented by members of St. John's Baptist Church at the Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday. Fifty years ago Murray State College has been allotted \$26,295 by the National Science Foundation to conduct a basic science and mathematics education program for high ability high school students this summer, according to Dr. Ralph H. Woods, president. Dr. Charles Tuttle was speaker at the meeting of the Zeta Department of the Murray Woman's Club. The Calloway County Fiscal Court met in special session this morning and in a resolution raised the limit of salaries of the county officials at \$7,200. Sixty years ago The Murray High School Eighth Grade has been awarded \$5 for best Sunday School attendance, according to Mrs. Cleve Calhoun, chairman of the moral and spiritual guidance committee of the Murray High School Unit of the Parent-Teacher Association. The annual Brotherhood Dinner held each year in connection with the Week of Compassion will be held tomorrow evening at the First Christian Church. The Rev. James A. Lamb, minister of First Christian Church in Bowling Green, will be guest speaker. The members of Calloway County Homemakers Clubs and their families will have a party on March 2 at the Student Center, Liberal Arts Building, Murray State University.

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Saturday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2011. There are 308 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26, 1861, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., received its initial funding from its namesake, businessman Matthew Vassar, who presented the newly formed Board of Trustees with more than \$400,000 in securities. (Although created exclusively for women, Vassar went co-educational in 1969.)

On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba. In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City for public demonstrations, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff. Ten years ago: A U.N. tribunal convicted a Bosnian Croat political leader and a military commander of war crimes for ordering the systematic murder and persecution of Muslim civilians.

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High school junior suffers loss that has yet to occur

DEAR ABBY: I am a junior in high school and will graduate next year. I attend a private school where I have made many good friends -- teachers included -- and have created many happy memories.

I have just been hit with the realization that my time in high school is running out. Once I leave for college, I may never see or talk to my friends here again. I can't process the thought of having such great friends and mentors and losing them.

I'm afraid for the future and how I will miss everything I've experienced at my school. Do you have any suggestions on how to deal with all this? I can barely sleep because I feel like it's only going to get worse.

LEAVING IT ALL BEHIND IN LOUISIANA. DEAR LEAVING IT ALL BEHIND: You have the rest of your junior year and senior year to enjoy. Please don't cloud them by worrying that you will lose touch with your friends and mentors.

You have great adventures ahead of you -- and so do they. True friendships don't have to end because of distance. While some of them may, others last a lifetime. And those are the ones that count.

DEAR ABBY: I have no contact with my mother for many reasons. It was difficult to sever the relationship, but after my son was born -- for his safety and

well-being -- I felt I had no choice. My mother has seen my son once, when he was 6 months old. She had just been released from jail and arrived at my home stoned and out of it. I made sure she found a safe way home and haven't spoken to her since.

My son will be 3 soon. Yesterday we were talking about families and he asked, "You don't have a mommy?" I replied, "Yes, I do. Her name is Cindy." Thankfully, he left it at that. But it started me thinking about what I should say when he asks me questions about his grandmother. I had planned on talking to him when he was older because additions can run in families, and I want him to be aware of it when making choices in his teen and later years. What do you tell a 3-year-old who wonders who his grandma is? -- OUT OF ANSWERS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR OUT OF ANSWERS: You have already started the dialogue. When your son wants to know why Grandma Cindy doesn't visit, that will be the time you tell him she can't be around because she's sick and isn't able to be. As your son grows older, continue to answer his questions honestly and in an age-appropriate way.

DEAR ABBY: When we are in a restaurant eating a meal and someone we know comes by our table, he or she always reaches out to shake hands with me to be friendly. I am from the country and sometimes I pick up chicken strips, French fries, fish or hush puppies to eat them -- naturally my fingers get greasy on them. Also, I don't know whether that person has washed his or her hands or not. So, what's a polite way to refuse to shake with someone? I don't want to be rude. I try not to bother people when they're eating because I believe that is a private time. -- ARKANSAS DINER

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Bedbugs revisited - again

DEAR DR. GOTT: For a while, I couldn't pick up a newspaper or watch television without the topic of bedbugs heading the news. Now I'm not seeing or hearing as much. Does that mean they are all gone? I'm frankly not sure. I understand how they became such a problem in the first place.

DEAR READER: While we're not reading about them in the daily headlines, bedbugs remain a major concern. They were a major health concern until the 1950s, but with the discovery of DDT, infestations declined. Unfortunately, the pesticide has since been banned because of its toxicity to our environment. People are engaging more in international travel; others are purchasing recycled bedding and couches from secondhand shops or are removing them from drop-off areas on city streets; homeless shelters are filled to capacity owing to our failing economy; and contaminated linens are manufactured cheaper in other countries and shipped to the United States. This isn't to imply you shouldn't purchase or obtain secondhand furniture; it simply means you should give everything a thorough once-over prior to bringing it into your home.

Bedbugs are about the size of an apple seed, oval, flat and reddish-brown in color, with the exception of newly hatched bugs, which are almost colorless. Females live about 10 months and can lay 200 eggs in that time. The bugs shed their skin five times as they mature and require a blood meal for each molt. They can, however, live for months without eating and prefer crowded surroundings such as hotels with heavy traffic, apartment buildings and military barracks, remaining rather dormant during the day and becoming active at night.

We unfairly and incorrectly relate bedbugs with dirty living conditions. This is a misnomer. They don't care whether a home is dirty or clean. Their only purpose is to be fed through human blood, although some prefer a meal from bats or birds. They hide out in cracks and crevices of upholstered furniture, under wallpaper and carpeting, behind electrical outlets, in box springs and mattresses.

Telltale signs of bugs include brown to black specks of feces or waste material, tiny blood smears on bedding from an engorged bug being crushed and the empty casings or shells they cast off during a lifetime. Eradication is easiest with the assistance of a professional exterminator. Beyond that, meticulous vacuuming of all furniture crevices and washing clothing and bed linens in hot water can kill the bugs. I've also been advised that if you purchase any fabrics manufactured and packaged in foreign countries, all bath towels, linens and other goods should be placed in a clothes dryer on medium to high heat for 20 minutes to kill any possible bugs or eggs that might have migrated here from foreign factories.

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DEAR READER: While we're not reading about them in the daily headlines, bedbugs remain a major concern. They were a major health concern until the 1950s, but with the discovery of DDT, infestations declined. Unfortunately, the pesticide has since been banned because of its toxicity to our environment. People are engaging more in international travel; others are purchasing recycled bedding and couches from secondhand shops or are removing them from drop-off areas on city streets; homeless shelters are filled to capacity owing to our failing economy; and contaminated linens are manufactured cheaper in other countries and shipped to the United States. This isn't to imply you shouldn't purchase or obtain secondhand furniture; it simply means you should give everything a thorough once-over prior to bringing it into your home.

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Hints From Heloise

A BALL FOR BO: I have a miniature rat terrier named Bo, and he has lots and lots of energy. He loves to play with balls; the larger children's plastic ones are his favorite. He herds a ball around the backyard because the balls are bigger than he is, and when the ball would get lodged against the steps or the fence, he would bite at the ball trying to move it, and the ball would pop. We went through several plastic balls, until I thought of a basketball. We bought him one, and he likes it as well as the others, and best of all, he can't pop it. Well, not so far! -- K.M. in Texas

SOME DOGS BITE: Dear Readers: Friendly dogs are just that, and UNFRIENDLY DOGS can bite! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 4 million dog bites are reported annually. Many of these bites require medical care or even reconstructive surgery. Sadly, children 5 to 9 years old are at the highest risk!

What can you do to teach your children about dogs, their behavior and the fact that some dogs are not to be trusted? If a dog growls or doesn't seem nice, it probably isn't. When children come in contact with strange dogs, here are some safety hints they should know and follow. Teach them these hints, and practice and stress these points every so often:

* Don't walk right up to or try to pet a strange dog, even if it is tied up.

* Don't stare directly into a strange dog's eyes -- this could mean a challenge to the dog.

* If a strange dog comes toward you, stay still! Don't move, yell or run. This seems counter to your instinct, but it's what the experts say. The dog may think that you are prey or that it's a game if you move.

* Teach young children that if a dog bites them, they should tell an adult what happened and what the dog looks like ASAP.

Talk to your children about good and bad dogs, and good and not-good behavior, so hopefully they won't be bitten. -- Heloise

PET PAL: Dear Readers: Heather F. in San Antonio sent us a picture of her twin orange kittens, Muffy and Fluffy, snuggling together in a blanket on the back porch. They love to bask in the sun on warm days. To see Muffy and Fluffy and our other Pet Pals, visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pets." -- Heloise

BEST PET: Dear Readers: When getting a pet, research carefully the kind that you're interested in. Each pet has pluses and minuses. For example, dogs are great companions, but there are different exercise requirements among breeds. Labs, golden retrievers and border collies require a lot of exercise. Pugs, Pekingeses, and Chihuahuas need little. Most cats are independent, don't play fetch, and most likely won't want to go for a run! -- Heloise

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Crosswords

ACROSS
1 Santa --
5 Is furious
10 Isolated
12 IRS worker
13 Decimal fraction
14 Terra --
15 Wrap up
16 Devilish
18 Drill target
19 Wave rider
21 Area under the wave
22 Skydiving need
24 Different
25 Operate stealthily, as a sub
29 Left at sea
30 Cap parts
32 Cleaning cloth
33 Vigor
34 Compete
35 Consummate
37 Similar
39 Burn a bit
40 Chopped into cubes
41 Dried out
42 Hardy heroine

DOWN
1 Billing info
2 "Let me in!"
3 Keanu's co-star in "Speed"
4 Skill
5 Risqué
6 Hitherto
7 "Scram!"
8 Whole
9 Flea-market unit
11 Menaces
17 Record store?
20 Weather-map line
21 Makes sound
23 Landing spot
25 Band aide
26 Memo stamp
27 Beginner
28 Kids' wheels
29 Spectrum producer
31 Core feature

33 Begged
36 History bit
38 Set ablaze

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