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# House budget likely to include more money for teachers

By JOE BIESK

Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — House lawmakers were negotiating a state budget deal Sunday that could include more money for teachers over the next four years and funding for more univer-

sity projects than Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed last month, speaker Jody Richards said.

Democrat and Republican House leaders were working into the night on their version of a two-year state spending blueprint. Richards, D-Bowling

Green, said House lawmakers were planning to vote on the proposed budget by Friday and send it to the Senate for further consideration.

"There is a spirit of cooperation," Richards said. "We're working very well together.

Budget negotiations between lawmakers in the General Assembly are still early in the legislative process. Language agreed on by the House could still be massaged by the Senate, where the budget proposal would head next. Lawmakers from both chambers

would then likely meet in a conference committee to work up a final agreement before sending it back to the governor.

Still, the House version would likely call for about a 3-percent annual raise

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## Academy offers dropouts real 'ChalleNGe'

By ERIC WALKER

Editor  
Jim Cook loves the Bluegrass State. He lives in Kenton County, Ky., south of Cincinnati, but travels across half of the Commonwealth as part of his job.

The purpose of Cook's job is another one of his loves. As recruiting coordinator for Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy, the retired National Guard lieutenant



Cook

colonel visits high schools and guidance counselors and tells them about the program that offers school dropouts and at-risk youth a second chance toward completing their education and bettering themselves.

"All I do is travel around the state and talk to people. Hard work," he said with tongue planted firmly in cheek.

But it's work that he finds rewarding and believes those who have gone through Bluegrass ChalleNGe have found it rewarding, as well.

Started in the late 1980s by the Rockefeller Foundation to provide opportunities for youth facing hardships in life, the program eventually found its way to Kentucky in 1999. Currently, 24 states have the program and additional states will be on board soon.

The premise is much like a 22-week boot camp; fitting since it is operated through the Department of Military Affairs and maintained at Fort Knox. There, participants learn discipline and respect along with educational skills to obtain their GED or possibly a trade or advance to full-time military service or postsecondary education.

Cook said with two classes per year over six years, Bluegrass ChalleNGe has graduated more than 1,000 students.

"Success is graduating, going into the military (or college)," he said following a recent visit to Calloway County to speak to the Kiwanis Club. "We'll track an individual for 12 months after

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graduation, then a mentor gives a report and sends it to Washington D.C. to get graded.

"We have to wait to know if we're successful."

There are struggles, Cook, one of only two Kentucky recruiters, freely admitted. With its quasi-military environment, which includes wake-up at 4:30 a.m. and lights out at 9 p.m., classes can quickly lose an estimated 35-40 percent of their enrollment.

"Some drop out, get homesick or refuse to train," he said. "Our primary goal is to provide structure and self-esteem. Our secondary goal is to get them their GED. After that, it's up to them."

According to provided information, nearly 33 million young people do not have a high school degree, and nearly 3,000 more drop out of school each day. Currently, 30 percent of high school dropouts are unemployed and 24 percent are on welfare.

The success story of ChalleNGe is that 75 percent of program graduates received their high school diplomas or GEDs in 2003, while 51 percent joined the work force, 19 percent joined the military, and another 20 percent continued their education.

The core components of the ChalleNGe are basic education/GED classes; citizenship; life-coping skills; leadership/followership; job skills; health and hygiene; physical training; and community service. Accepted cadets are

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## Wireless Connections

### Ministry offering Internet service

By KRISTIN TAYLOR

Staff Writer  
No rush. Take a few deep breaths. But leave with a sense of accomplishment.

That's what Karen Welch wants 5th & Main Coffees to be — and they finally have all the elements in place to make their downstairs floor and an inviting nook. Last month, the coffee shop — which is an extension of Karen and Mark Welch's New Life ministry that also runs the upstairs bookstore — expand from just serving beverages to offer patrons and the public free wireless Internet service.

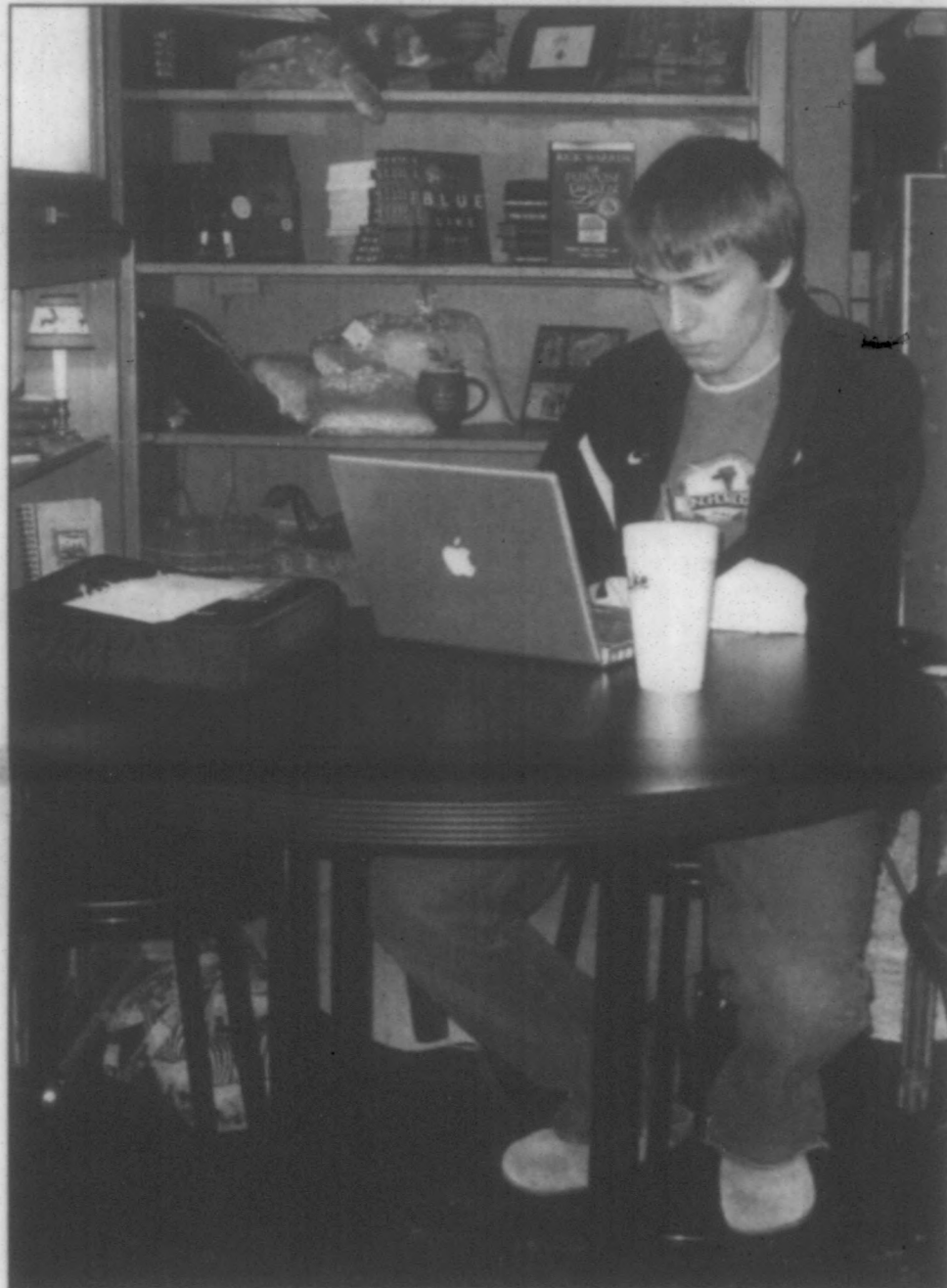
"We just want them to come and relax and enjoy good coffee and good tea," Karen Welch said. "We wanted to create a comfortable environment for people to sit with lap tops. They like a place they can do work yet get out of the work environment."

No password is necessary to log onto New Life's network, but users have to bring their own lap top.

Welch said she had the service added so the signal is available downstairs in the coffee shop or the adjoining living room-like environment. The wireless router is such that users generally have to be downstairs to connect, although her tech-savvy workers who often bring their mobile computers can get a signal at the check out counter near the top of the steps.

"We knew we were going to do that from the beginning," Welch said. "We had looked into the concept."

Looking into the concept was a chore with the store's location on the corner of Fifth and Main streets. Decorative metal ceilings in the 120-year-old building that interfere with cell phone service downstairs, which still has some of the original flooring and shelving,



Luke Welch demonstrates the wireless capabilities at 5th & Main Coffees, an extension of Mark and Karen Welch's New Life ministry.

were a concern. But Murray Electric System ran several tests and the ceilings proved not to be a factor.

So far word of mouth has prompted the usage. Welch said fathers and daughters have used the coffee shop as a quiet getaway to talk while downtown businessmen and women bring a brown-bag lunch and set up their lap tops. Middle schoolers have latched onto the concept as a cool hang out and Bible studies have coined the area as a meeting place.

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Chamber of Commerce Director Tab Brockman isn't surprised. As far as he knows, 5th & Main Coffees, which started serving hot and cold drinks last August, is the first public hot spot outside Murray State's campus.

"If they follow the national trends, one would think that more businesses would offer this. Coffee shops seem to be particularly enamored with this trend," Brockman said. "We have several coffee shops and Mark and Karen were the first to do this. We've had a lot of

positive feed back from it."

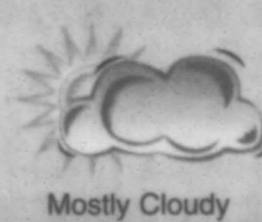
That same feedback prompted Welch to expand her drink line. Now, they have 14 coffee flavors and nine other coffee blends, eight fruit smoothie flavors, at least a dozen frappe flavors and a variety of Republic of Tea tastes, which can be prepared hot or cold.

Although Welch is looking at expanding into the evening, 5th & Main Coffees is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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### Tomorrow's Forecast



Mostly Cloudy

## Stumbo wants justices appointed by Fletcher to step aside

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo says two substitutes named to the state Supreme Court by Gov. Ernie Fletcher should disqualify themselves because they have contributed to Fletcher's political campaigns.

The justices were appointed to hear a case involving an investigation by Stumbo's office of hiring practices within Fletcher's

administration.

"To preserve the integrity of the court and the integrity of the process, the proper thing for them to do is to recuse themselves voluntarily," Stumbo said Saturday.

Fletcher on Friday appointed Jeffrey T. Burdette and Ronald L. Green as special justices to fill in for two justices who recused themselves from hearing the case.

Jodi Whitaker, Fletcher's press secretary, said the governor's office had no response beyond earlier statements made about Burdette and Green.

Fletcher's office said Burdette and Green are highly qualified appointees with high

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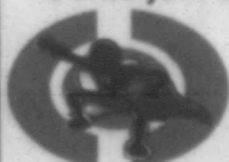
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# Homeland Security objected at first to ports deal, then went along with others

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department objected at first to a United Arab Emirates company's taking over significant operations at six U.S. ports. It was the lone protest among members of the government committee that eventually approved the deal without dissent.

The department's early objections were settled later in the government's review of the \$6.8 billion deal after Dubai-owned DP World agreed to a series of security restrictions.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and other congressional leaders, the company and Bush administration officials were working on a compromise intended to derail plans by Republicans and Democrats for legislation next week that would

force a new investigation of security issues relating to the deal. Talks were to continue through the weekend.

"My comfort level is good, but I have 99 other United States senators who need the opportunity to ask their questions," Frist told the Lexington Herald-Leader before speaking at a Republican dinner Saturday evening in Lexington, Ky.

"We're behind the president 100 percent," he added. "We believe the decision in all likelihood is absolutely the right one."

Under one proposal being discussed, DP World would seek new approval of the deal from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, given the company's surprise decision Thursday to indefinitely postpone its takeover of U.S. port

operations. Other proposals included a new, intensive 45-day review of the deal by the government — something the White House had refused to consider as recently as Friday.

Rep. Peter King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said discussions among congressional leaders centered on that issue. "It's my understanding that they are trying to build support for a deal involving a new 45-day investigation," he said.

Frist, R-Tenn., said that while legislation may not be necessary now, having "30 to 45 days" to step back and evaluate the deal still could be necessary.

"If there's some question about the diagnosis, then maybe we need to get a second opinion," said Frist, a former heart surgeon.

King, R-N.Y., said he would need to see all the details of a compromise before deciding if it met all of his concerns, or met the demands of the legislation he planned to offer.

Despite persistent criticism from Republicans and Democrats, the president has defended his administration's approval of the ports deal and threatened to veto any measures in Congress that would block it. The company's voluntary delay in taking over most operations at the six U.S. ports did little to quell a political furor or appease skeptical members of Congress that the deal does not pose any increased risks to the U.S. from terrorism. Republican House and Senate leaders are to meet Tuesday to discuss how to proceed.

## Fletcher may spend 'several more days' hospitalized

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Gov. Ernie Fletcher may spend several more days in a hospital recuperating from gallbladder surgery before he can return to work, a statement from the governor's office said Sunday.

Fletcher "continues to feel bet-

ter," after a hospital stay that has lasted two weeks. He checked in on Feb. 12 for abdominal pains.

"The governor may need several more days of supplemental nutrition before returning to Frankfort," the statement said Sunday.

Fletcher is being fed through a

tube to allow his pancreas to rest. After being hospitalized, Fletcher had a gallstone removed and then a day later doctors removed his gallbladder. He made his first public appearance last week since the surgery at St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington.



Fletcher

## House budget ...

for teachers and a \$212 million bump — spread out over four years — to bring their salaries in line with surrounding states, Richards said. Most of the "catch-up" would come in the budget's second year, Richards said.

Fletcher proposed an approximately \$18 billion two-year budget that included giving teachers and public school employees \$232.8 million for pay raises.

Colleges and universities likely would also get more money

for projects in the House plan, Richards said. He declined to offer specifics, but said there would be some additional money for projects recommended by the Council on Postsecondary Education that weren't in Fletcher's proposal.

Higher education was also likely to get more money for base funding, Richards said.

Lawmakers still had not decided on whether to pay for a proposed \$75 million arena in Louisville, Richards said. A House budget bill could include

language that would set the proposed arena's location, he said.

"Most of the General Assembly is for the arena," Richards said. "I think it's a question of the details of where it goes and that kind of thing."

Richards said House leaders were planning to defer to lawmakers from Jefferson County on the arena topic.

House Minority Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, said the two caucuses were working together to forge an agreement between Democrats and

Republicans. Hoover noted that changes could still be made before rank-and-file House members cast their votes.

"The governor made his budget proposal and at this point, it's our duty to take that budget proposal and go through it and see what we can agree with, see what we want to change and put our stamp on it so to speak," Hoover said. "And that's what we're trying to do."

## Cookie time



It is Girl Scout Cookie Booth time. Pictured above, from left, are: Hannah Wilson; Lauren Cox; and Kristen Farley (behind sign).

## Justices ...

integrity and that the contributions would not affect their ability to fairly hear the case.

Burdette was appointed by Fletcher in 2004 as a circuit judge for Pulaski, Lincoln and Rockcastle counties. He gave \$1,500 to Fletcher's campaign for governor in 2003. Green, a Lexington attorney, contributed \$2,800 to Fletcher's campaigns for Congress between 1996 and 1999.

Stumbo said he would consider filing a motion this week with the state Supreme Court asking for them to be removed.

"All of this is so unprecedented to begin with — the fact one party to a case can appoint his own justices," Stumbo said.

Green and Burdette could not be reached for comment.

At issue is whether the Franklin County special grand jury, which has been investigating allegations of hiring corruption in the Fletcher administration, may continue with its probe and ultimately issue a final report. Oral arguments in the case are scheduled for March 16.

The two vacancies for the case were created when Kentucky Chief Justice Joseph Lambert and Justice John Roach withdrew from the politically charged court battle.

Lambert gave no reason for withdrawing. However, Lambert's former chief of staff, Jim Deckard, is now serving as Fletcher's general counsel. Roach was Fletcher's general counsel before being appointed to the high court.

## Academy ...

provided free room and boards, as well as a weekly living allowance for the 22 weeks of the program, according to Academy information.

Cook said in the state 10 percent go on to military service, while another 10-12 percent advance to postsecondary education. Others who do not get their GED are transferred to a Job Corps facility to finish their education and learn a trade.

"And the rest go back to their lifestyles they had before," he added, such as one participant who faced three years in jail or the Academy and opted for jail.

"Sometimes, it takes some kids

a little longer to mature."

Cook recalled other stories of participants. One teenager was an A-B student whose parents both worked. Eventually, she "wouldn't get out of bed," he said. She got behind in her studies, joined the Bluegrass ChalleNGe and then joined the Navy with a \$50,000 signing bonus and is in the Navy's flight school.

Cook said that he first suggests those interested in participating to first stay in school. "By the time they get to me they're two or three grades back or in trouble with the courts system."

## Allied Services to hold meeting to discuss needs of families

On Wednesday, March 1, at 4 p.m., West Kentucky Allied Services, Inc., will hold a public meeting to discuss the needs of low-income families of Calloway County for the upcoming year. This meeting will be held at the W. Ky. Allied Services Office, 607 Poplar St., in Murray. If anyone needs additional information they can contact Sue Chaney at 753-0908 prior to the meeting. All interested citizens in the community are invited to attend and voice their opinions and concerns.

This project is funded in part under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Service Block Grant Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Forecast

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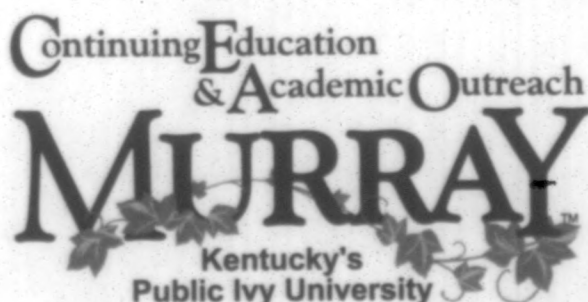


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# Frist speaks at Lincoln Day dinner, supports McConnell for leader

By JEFFREY McMURRAY  
Associated Press Writer  
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Tennessee Republican Bill Frist will leave the Senate soon, presumably to run for president, and he made no secret Saturday night about whom he thinks should succeed him as the chamber's leader.



McConnell

Frist twice referred to Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell as "the next majority leader of the U.S. Senate."

during his keynote address at the Lincoln Day dinner, an annual gathering of hundreds of Kentucky GOP dignitaries.

"We're locked at the hip," Frist said of McConnell, whom he credited with leading the charge on the passing of the energy bill, bankruptcy reform, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

McConnell, who introduced Frist at the evening dinner, didn't say whether he was interested in the job, but he gushed about Frist's leadership.

"I have never met anyone in my political career for whom I have greater admiration," McConnell said.

Frist and McConnell rose to the top two positions in the U.S. Senate in December of 2002. Frist has said he will not run for re-election after he finishes his

second term at the end of this year. Although McConnell has long been expected to go for the Senate's top job, it's unclear whether he'll run uncontested.

Former Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who left the leadership post under pressure after remarks he made at a birthday party for former segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond, told MSNBC's Chris Matthews last month that he hasn't ruled out challenging McConnell.

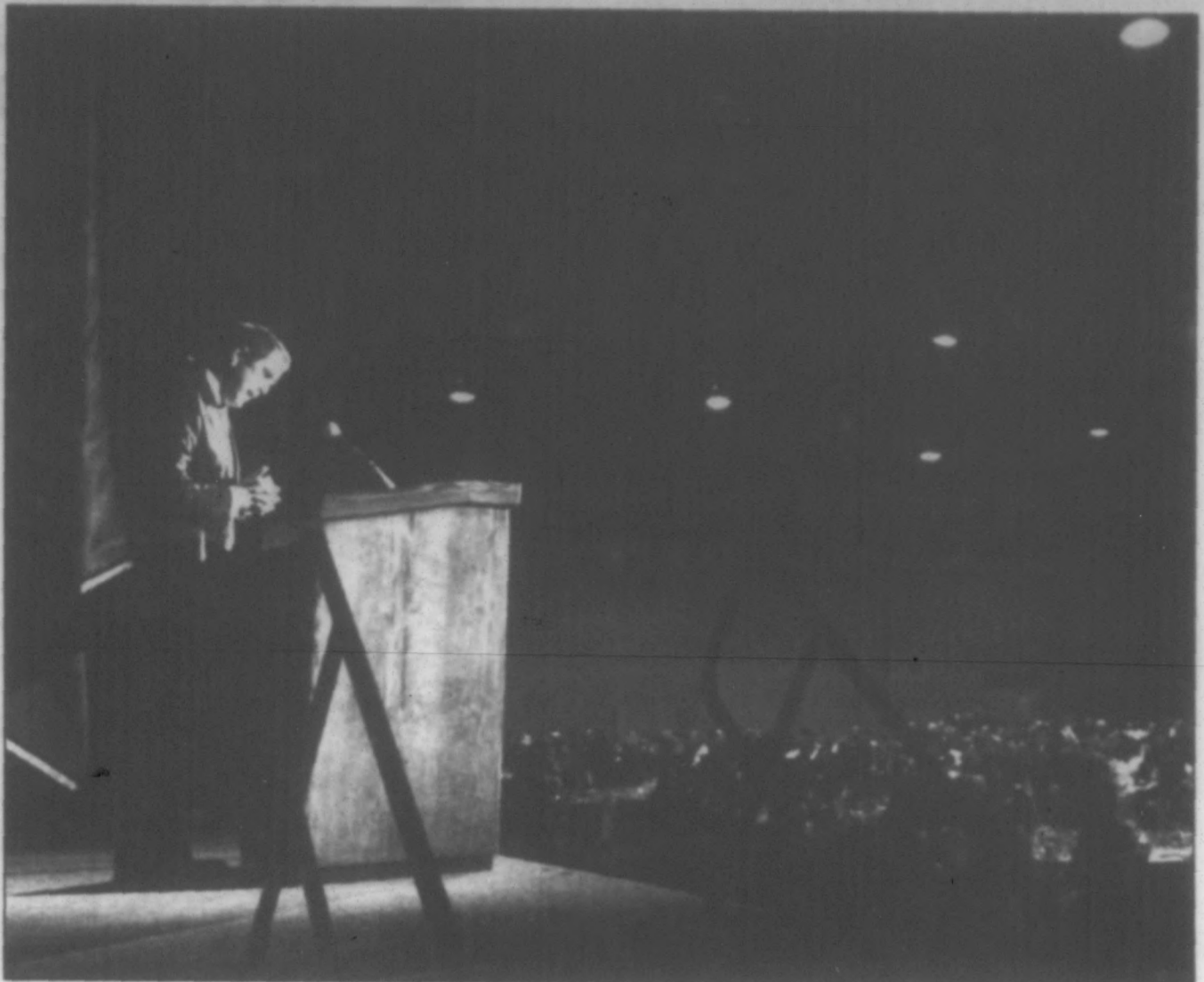
"I'm not inclined to challenge him but, you know, who knows what the situation will be a year from now or three years from now," Lott said.

McConnell certainly has a cheering section among Kentucky Republicans. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., also referred to him Saturday as the next majority leader, and Kentucky Senate colleague Jim Bunning has predicted McConnell will get the job.

Though most major Kentucky Republicans attended the dinner, the highest-ranking one did not. Gov. Ernie Fletcher has been hospitalized for two weeks after gallbladder surgery.

First lady Glenna Fletcher spoke on her husband's behalf and read a lighthearted note from her husband.

"Working with partisan Democrats has been bitter," Fletcher wrote. "But I didn't realize it was having such an effect on my gallbladder. Thankfully, that's been removed now."



Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., gives the keynote address during the Republican Party of Kentucky's annual State Lincoln Day dinner at the Lexington Center in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday.

### Character Counts!

Judge Larry Elkins and Mayor Tom Rushing recently signed a proclamation declaring March 4, "Character Counts! Celebration Day." Surrounding them are members of the Character Counts! Coalition of Murray-Calloway County. The third annual Character Counts! Celebration will be held Saturday, March 4, in MSU's Curris Center. Activities include a kickoff ceremony at 9 a.m., booths sponsored by local businesses and games throughout the morning.



### Cunningham announces campaign co-chairs

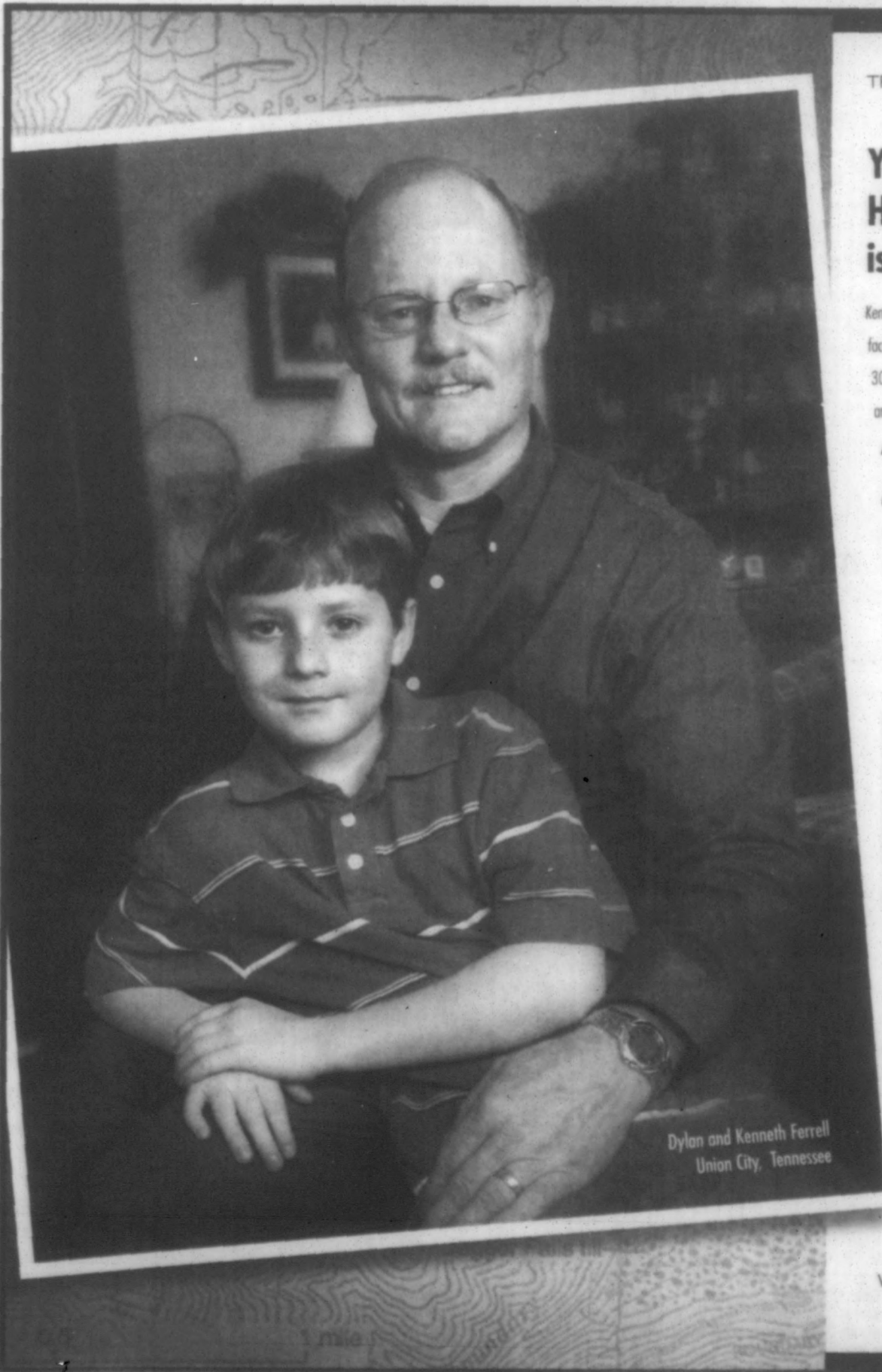
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PRINCETON, Ky. — Judge Bill Cunningham has chosen local men Pete Lancaster and Mike Pitman as his Calloway County campaign co-chairs for his Kentucky Supreme Court bid.

Cunningham is running against incumbent Justice Bill Graves and Court of Appeals Judge Rick Johnson. The nonpartisan primary election will be May 16. Two candidates will go on to the November ballot.

"I am thrilled to have both Mike and Pete join our campaign team," Cunningham said. "We have been fortunate in acquiring people of integrity and purpose in each of the 24 counties in the 1st Supreme Court District. I look forward to working with both of them and visiting the people of Calloway County over the next several months."

Anyone interested in learning about the campaign can contact Pitman or Lancaster as well as campaign manager Michael Fortney at 270-365-1567.



Dylan and Kenneth Ferrell  
Union City, Tennessee

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**Your nine-year-old son lies in your arms. His face is broken. The right medical care is 187 miles away.**

Kenneth Ferrell cradled his son in his arms, using his shirt as a makeshift bandage to cover the right side of Dylan's face. Dylan, a nine-year old dirt bike enthusiast, had just been "clothes-lined" by a fence wire at approximately 30 miles per hour — the 3/16" wire striking him across the face, causing a broken orbit, fractured cheekbone and a severe laceration. The situation would have been disturbing for anyone. For a parent, it was a nightmare.

### "Lord, I need your help."

As Kenneth voiced his plea, Bobby Doughty, the racing track's owner, stepped beside him, pulled his cell phone from his belt and called for help. Moments later, an Air Evac Lifeteam crew based in Martin, Tennessee was in the air, and a Weakley County EMS team was en route. In the meantime, Kenneth and Bobby used cold water to help slow the bleeding and rinse Dylan's mouth. Within minutes, Dylan was being air lifted to Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. There, a team of specialists performed two separate, complicated surgeries to repair the damage. Today, Dylan's face shows barely a trace of the accident.

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## Timing is Everything

FRANKFORT — Not his most partisan critics would have wished on Gov. Ernie Fletcher the medical ordeal that began two weeks ago with a common gallstone attack that snowballed into two medical procedures, infections, high fevers and a dangerous fluid buildup near his pancreas.



**Agree Or Not**  
By Todd Duvall  
Syndicated Columnist

So it was good indeed to see Fletcher last week, looking pretty hale all things considered, walk into a hospital press briefing and engage in some friendly banter with reporters.

In one respect, if Fletcher had to have a prolonged hospitalization, the timing was good. State government retirees were protesting a severe shortfall in state contributions to their pension plan. State Auditor Crit Luallen, a potential Fletcher opponent for re-election next year, released a study calling for the state to take over operation of all local jails, an idea quickly endorsed by many county judge-executives and magistrates around the state. And, of course, the special grand jury continued its investigation of Fletcher administration personnel practices.

But from a more important standpoint, Fletcher's absence from Frankfort could not have had worse timing. His stated support for a law allowing police to stop and cite motorists for not wearing seat belts failed its first key test in the House with a number of Republican members voting against the bill.

Some speculated the bill would have gotten the necessary 51 votes if the governor had been on hand to lobby for the bill personally. (Of course, many of the same members complain loudly that gubernatorial lobbying on legislation is an infringement on their precious independence, especially when they don't like the outcome.)

And Fletcher's hospitalization only delays the time when some hard decisions have to be made by the governor on serious issues involving the General Assembly, including what compromises Fletcher will accept in his budget proposal before the budget bill is voted on in the House and Senate.

Unless Fletcher has written off key re-election votes in

Western Kentucky, he must find the money to increase operational funding for Murray State University and additional money for a building project omitted from his original budget proposal. People at Murray are understandably furious at the pittance increase they received in that original proposal and that furry is likely to be reflected in the next gubernatorial election.

It looks like Fletcher will have to use his personal influence if the \$75 million state bond support for a new Louisville arena has any chance of passing. Jefferson County legislators still can't agree on a united support for the arena location, and they even drew up last week a priority list of projects not in Fletcher's budget to be funded if the arena doesn't survive.

And Fletcher will need to address more thoroughly the issues on the front burner here last week. The state retirement system is seriously underfunded and every delay in making up that shortfall only makes doing so more expensive. And local jails throughout Kentucky are draining county budgets at an increasing rate that cannot go on much longer.

The one viable source of large amounts of new state revenue outside politically impossible tax increases is, of course, casino gambling.

The horse industry is spending big money on advertising and lobbying for a bill in the House calling for a constitutional amendment to allow casinos at racetracks only. A Senate bill, on the other hand, involves an amendment with casinos at tracks and other locations in the state.

Both bills must be reconciled into a single casino amendment if there is any chance of the issue even getting a vote this session.

Fletcher has said he won't take a position, but Lt. Gov. Steve Pence has endorsed casino gambling.

The best bet on ever seeing legal roulette wheels in Kentucky is when the red ink becomes so overwhelming — pension plans, county jails, Medicaid, construction projects — that legislators will see casinos as the easy source of funds to pay all the state's obligations.

If not this year, perhaps by the time Jefferson County legislators decide where they all want to build a new arena.

Todd Duvall is editorial page editor for The State Journal in Frankfort.



## House acts to protect Kentuckians

Legislators moved quickly last week to keep up to date on the issues before us this session as several key bills passed either legislative committees or the House.

One of the first bills we passed this week was HB 256, a measure that protects the jobs of volunteer firefighters and other first responders injured in the line of duty passed the State House today. In addition to firefighters, the bill also protects other first responders, including rescue squad members, emergency medical technicians, peace officers and members of an emergency management agency. House Bill 256 would require an employer to keep the job open for up to 12 months but allow them to request a written statement from a doctor detailing the injuries and when the volunteer can return to work. The bill passed on a vote of 98-0.

In House Floor business, the House passed HB 402, legislation that recognizes the contribution that police and firefighters make to our communities. The bill authorizes pension boards in cities of the second and third class to pay a death benefit of up to \$10,000 to the surviving spouses or families of police and firefighters. To provide funding for the death benefit, HB 402 permits these cities

to purchase group life insurance to assist in the payment of such benefits.

The State House also passed HB 44, legislation that requires law enforcement officers request to perform breath, blood, and urine tests on all drivers involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident within two hours of the accident. The bill is aimed at providing our law enforcement officers with another tool in their efforts to investigate accidents as well as a way to identify when substance abuse has led to an automobile accident that resulted in death.

We also passed HB 338, affordable housing legislation aimed at reducing the number of homeless in the state by allowing local governments to tap into the state's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) to fund construction of new or rehabilitated low-income housing. Local governments that create trust funds would be able to access the state funds, which would be supplemented by excess delinquent tax collections from each county and a fee on real property transfers and mortgages. Currently, the Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund receives \$3 million each year to help finance more than 5,700 housing units since 1992. There are stringent eligibility requirements to receive funding through the AHTF and this measure is an important step in providing eligible Kentuckians with a hand up, not a hand out.

The House Judiciary Committee acted on one of the most awaited bills this session when they passed HB 3. The measure is an omnibus bill aimed at toughening Kentucky's laws against sex offenders. Committee members devoted

over 10 hours to hearing detailed, expert testimony from 22 individuals regarding the bill and voted unanimously to send it to the floor for consideration.

Among the provisions of HB 3 are an increase in penalties for those convicted of a sex crime. The bill also raises the charges of possessing, distributing and advertising child pornography from misdemeanors to felonies. Under the measure, the names of those who plead guilty or are convicted of a sex offense will be placed on the public sex offender registry, where they will remain for 20 years. House Bill 3 would extend that requirement for repeat offenders, who will be kept on that registry for the remainder of their life. Each offender must re-register every two years. The bill also addresses juvenile sex offenders, requiring the notification of foster parents if a foster child has a record of sexual offenses. The bill now goes to the full House.

Substance abuse also received attention when we passed HB 67, legislation that would require the State Medical Examiner's Office to report the total number of deaths related to illegal drugs — those where illegal drugs can be detected in the body. The bill would also require tracking of deaths caused by inappropriate use of prescription drugs, when indicated by history or autopsy. House Bill 67, which passed 97-0, also includes a section that requires the State Medical Examiner's Office to provide an annual report to the Justice Cabinet Secretary, including detailed information.

The House Judiciary Committee passed one bill aimed at two very big goals — preventing identity theft and enforcing child support pay-

ments. House Bill 111 would delete a current state law that requires that Social Security numbers be included on a marriage license and a section that requires county clerks to store Social Security numbers. Social Security numbers, as well as other forms of identification, would still be required to apply for a marriage license and at that time the number will be forwarded to an agency responsible for enforcing child support.

Members of the House Banking and Insurance passed SB 49, consumer protection legislation that targets the retail and credit gift cards that have grown in popularity over the past five years. These gift cards provide convenience and an opportunity for recipients to choose what they would like. However, several companies have attached expiration dates, service charges and fees that can actually reduce the value of the gift card dramatically. Senate Bill 49 sets minimum lengths of time for the expiration of gift cards issued by businesses or charitable organizations, as well as limits on the service charges or fees. The bill also mandates that a gift card sold without an expiration date is valid until redeemed or replaced.

As session continues, I hope you will never hesitate to contact me regarding the work of the 2006 General Assembly. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. If you have internet access you can e-mail me at melvin.henley@lrc.ky.gov or keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov>.

Legislative Update  
By Rep. Melvin Henley R-Murray

## Deadly mine practice draws no Frankfort attention

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Some have described it as the coal miner's version of Russian roulette, cutting away the very pillars that keep overhead layers of rock from caving in.

Known as retreat mining, it's a common practice that has been blamed for the deaths of at least 17 coal miners in southern Appalachia over the past eight years, including at least four in Kentucky over the past two years.

Amid much ado about mine safety in the current session of the General Assembly, retreat mining hasn't been addressed in any legislation thus far.

State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said that possibly could change. He has asked for findings from a long-awaited retreat mining study that was ordered by Gov. Ernie Fletcher last August after the deaths of two miners in Harlan County.

"It's important that it be made available as we deal with mine safety legislation," he said.

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection, said he expects findings from the study to be released this week.

However, that would allow precious little time for legislators to draft or pass a bill if they felt it necessary. The last day for filing House bills is today. The deadline for new Senate bills is Wednesday. Generations of miners have been per-

forming retreat mining. It's legal and considered standard procedure. About half of Kentucky's underground mines currently do retreat mining, which allows them to increase the amount of coal they can remove.

Yonts said legislation could perhaps be included in pending mine safety bills as an amendment. He is pushing legislation that would require coal companies to provide miners with wireless communications devices and to store supplemental oxygen supplies underground in case of an emergency. State Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, is sponsoring similar legislation backed by the Fletcher administration.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said he hasn't yet seen the retreat mining study. However, he said he'd prefer it not be released in the emotional climate that now exists in coal mining states after the deaths of 21 coal miners so far this year.

Caylor said he fears legislators will hurriedly draft and pass legislation limiting the practice when policy or regulatory changes may be all that's needed.

In the last retreat mining accident in Kentucky, Russell Cole, 39, and Brandon Wilder, 23, both of Letcher County, died in a roof fall on Aug. 3, while working some 3 miles inside a mine.

Wilder's body was found within a few hours, but it took searchers more than three days to find Cole's body beneath a layer of rocks 20 feet wide, 20 feet long and 11 feet high. It was their deaths that prompted the state study.

York said a Lexington engineering firm that conducted the study, Marshall Miller and Associates, submitted a draft of its findings. York said that draft was sent back for revisions.

"There were some grammatical things, spelling, clarifying language, things like that," York said. "It's my understanding that we could have a final report by next week."

John Feddock, a mining engineer for the Lexington firm involved in the study, referred questions to York at the state agency.

In the mining process, crews dig horizontally into the earth to remove coal. In doing so, they remove about 30 to 40 percent of the coal by cutting a maze of 20-foot-wide tunnels through it. The result is a network of tunnels that look like the map of a city of crisscrossing streets with coal pillars as the blocks in between.

When companies have advanced as far as possible, they begin retreat mining, so named because the miners are working toward the outside of the mine. In retreat mining, the companies usually remove all or part of the pillars, allowing the roof to fall in planned collapses.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said retreat mining is almost exclusively a southern Appalachian practice, especially pervasive in eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia.

Tony Oppgard of Lexington, a former attorney with the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, said retreat mining is "the most dangerous type of mining there is." He said the biggest danger to miners involved in the practice occurs when companies don't follow methods approved by state and federal regulatory agencies.

"I think it's highly unlikely that the state will consider outlawing retreat mining," Oppgard said. "It's too pervasive in Kentucky."

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**Obituaries**

**Mrs. Janith Louise Jones Wilson**

Mrs. Janith Louise Jones Wilson, 58, Ky. 94 West, Murray, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at 7:12 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.



Jan Wilson

A member of First United Methodist Church, she was also a member of the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Hannah Circle of United Methodist Women. A volunteer for numerous children's related activities, she taught fifth and sixth grade Sunday school class. She was a member of the Central America Missions Team.

For 15 years she had had been an alumna and advisor of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sorority. She was a longtime board member of the Murray Civic Music Association and served as coordinator of children's activities. She was a member of the Murray Woman's Club Music Department.

She was born Nov. 19, 1947, in Murray. Survivors include her husband, William R. Wilson M.D.; two sons, Richard H. Wilson and wife, Amanda, Nashville, Tenn., and Bradford J. Wilson, Murray; her parents, Dr. Conrad H. and Evelyn L. Jones, one sister, Mrs. Nancy Jones Haverstock and husband, Gary, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, all of Murray; brother-in-law, James E. Wilson and wife, Pat, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; eight nieces and nephews, Kaylin Haverstock Weber and husband, Christopher, Houston, Texas, Sean S. Haverstock, St. Louis, Mo., Ryan S. Haverstock, Louisville; Haley Jones Haverstock, Murray, Dr. Melissa Wilson, Ryan Wilson, Krista Wilson and Lindsay Wilson, all of Oak Ridge.

The funeral was today (Monday) at noon at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Richard Smith and Rev. Larry Daniel officiated.

Active pallbearers were Greg Arterburn, Randall Black, Ray Conklin, Bill Rouse, Steve Trevathan and James Weatherly. An honorary group will be sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery with arrangements by J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Children's Ministry Memorial Fund, First United Methodist Church, 503 Maple St., Murray, Ky., 42071.

**Ralph Virgil Horton**



Ralph Virgil Horton, 74, Hopkinsville, formerly of Murray, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at his home. His death followed a long illness.

A veteran of the Korean conflict, he served in the United States Navy. A precision machinist, he retired in 1993 from Kentucky Machine and Engineering. He was a member and former dea-

con of Calvary Memorial Baptist Church.

Born April 6, 1931, in Hazen, Ark., he was the son of the late Virgil Horton and Etta Minton Horton. He was raised in Hazen and Murray, but moved to Hopkinsville in 1969. One daughter, Deborah Horton Allen, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joanne Wilson Horton; one daughter, Mrs. Bridgette Horton Frommel and husband, Thomas, Clarksville, Tenn.; two sons, Keith Horton and wife, Kim, Murray, and Michael Horton, Hopkinsville; two brothers, Billy Joe Horton, Union City, Tenn., and Bobby Clark Horton, Murray; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Calvary Memorial Baptist Church, Pyle Lane, Hopkinsville. Bro. Larry Dale Combs will officiate. Burial will follow in the Green Hills Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be at Lamb Funeral Home, Hopkinsville, from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Monday) and after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

**Gerald (Jerry) Sumner**

Gerald (Jerry) Sumner, 41, South Road, Cadiz, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at 3:40 a.m. at Trigg County Hospital. His death was because of natural causes.

He was employed by Trane Company, Clarksville, Tenn., and was of Baptist faith.

Born May 8, 1964, in Trigg County, he was the son of the late Lacy Davenport Sumner and Marceline Moore Sumner. One brother, Kenneth Sumner, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include one brother, Allen Sumner, and sister-in-law, Betty Perry, both of Trigg County; uncle and aunt, Carl and Sandra Pool; niece, Amanda Sumner; nephew, Ricky Perry and wife, Leanna; great-niece, Shyanne Perry.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. The Rev. Wade Kennedy will officiate. Burial will follow in the Bristo-Lancaster Cemetery, Trigg County.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today (Monday).

**Mrs. Anna Mae Dixon**

Mrs. Anna Mae Dixon, Cadiz, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at 12:45 a.m. at Shady Lawn Nursing Center, Cadiz.

A homemaker, she was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school.

Her husband, Hay Dixon, and one son, Timothy Dixon, both preceded her in death. Born Nov. 2, 1917, in Golden Pond, she was the daughter of the late Will White and Eliza Jane Lamkin White.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Donna K. Dixon, Cadiz; two grandchildren, Timothy David Dixon and Mrs. Tammy Bryant and husband, John;

three great-grandchildren, Anna Brady, Hannah Marie Brady and Jonathan Brady.

The funeral will be today (Monday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Goodwin Funeral Home, Cadiz. The Rev. Mike Jones will officiate. Jan Oakley will be pianist. Burial will follow in the East End Cemetery, Cadiz.

Visitation is now at the funeral home.

**Wilbur Blake**

Wilbur Blake, 83, Mayfield, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at 2:10 a.m. at his home.

An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a retired machinist for Allis Chalmers Corp., La Port, Ind. He was a member of Rizpah Shrine Club, Mayfield Lodge #369 of Free and Accepted Masons, and of D.A.V. American Legion Post # 26.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Edgar Blake, Ernest Blake and Gilbert Blake. He was the son of the late Delbert Blake and Effie Pistole Blake.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Juanita Jones Blake, and one son, Jimmy Blake, Mayfield; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Brown Funeral Home, Mayfield. The Rev. Robert Herring will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Tim Blake, Todd Blake, Chris Blake, Jim Blake, Joey Blake, Jimmy Williams and Jimmy Parham. Entombment will follow in the Highland Park Mausoleum with military rites to be conducted by American Legion Post #26.

Visitation will be at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today (Monday). Masonic rites will be at 6:30 tonight at the funeral home.

**Mrs. Reba M. Hughes**

The funeral for Mrs. Reba M. Hughes will be today (Monday) at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Shoemaker Funeral Home, Waynetown, Ind. The Rev. Velma Keesling will officiate. Burial will follow in the Waynetown Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Hughes, 94, Evansville, Ind., died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at 11:05 a.m. at Core Nursing Home there.

She was married Robert (Pete) Hughes in January 1934 and he died in 1967. Also preceding her in death were one daughter, Sharon Rowland; an infant brother and adult brother, William Woodrow Maltberger, and two sisters, Shirley Maltberger and Lillian (Sally) Chase. Born Aug. 30, 1913, in Montgomery County, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Clarence Maltberger and Frances Howard Maltberger.

Mrs. Hughes had resided in Evansville for 10 years before moving from Murray, Ky.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joyce Hapner and husband, Raybern, Murray; one granddaughter, Mrs. Angie Hohl and husband, Deon, Evansville; one brother, Dale (Jim) Maltberger, Crawfordsville, Ind.; two great-grandchildren.

**Detroit church shooting leaves woman, gunman dead and two others injured**

By MICHAEL J. FEENEY  
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — A woman was killed and a 9-year-old girl was wounded when a gunman opened fire during a church service, prompting frightened parishioners to duck under pews for safety. The suspect fled and later shot a man before turning the gun on himself.

The shootings happened in and near Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church about 11 a.m. Sunday and grew out of a domestic dispute, said police Second Deputy Chief James Tate.

The gunman was identified as 22-year-old Kevin L. Collins, who reportedly went to the church looking for his 19-year-old girlfriend, Jamika Williams.

The young woman's aunt, Connie Minter, told The Detroit News that Collins began shooting after Jamika Williams' mother refused to tell him where to find her daughter.

The mother, 38-year-old Rosetta Williams, was killed. A girl seated next to Williams was hit in the hand by shotgun pellets. The little girl is Williams' godchild, according to published reports.

Ann Armstrong, 30, of Detroit, watched the shootings unfold.

"I seen him come in through the balcony door, and he pulled the gun from under his coat," Armstrong said. "He just started shooting her, then he shot at the pulpit."

The gunman then left the church. The third victim, a man in his 50s, was in critical condition after being shot when he tried to protect his wife from a carjacking attempt by the gunman.

About 5 1/2 hours later, Tate said officers spotted Collins walking about a mile south of the church and saw him run behind a home. "An officer then heard a loud boom," Tate said.

Collins died of what

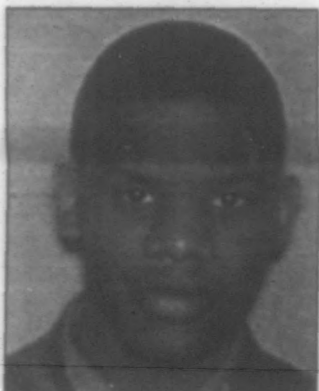
appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

After the gunman left, church members embraced each other before continuing to pray as police started coming in, Armstrong said. "It was a lot of crying, a lot of hugging and a lot of praying," she said.

Church members then continued the service, Tate said. "They didn't let this incident stop the reason why they came to church," he said. "They came to worship."

The Rev. Curtis Grant, the church's pastor, asked people to pray for those involved in the shooting.

"The sanctity of our sanctuary has been disturbed," Grant said. "We're just trying to get the families and children through this tragedy."



AP Photo  
Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church members helped police identify Kevin Lorenzo Collins, pictured, as a suspect in a shooting during service at the church.

**Funding wanted for ATV safety course**

Special to the Ledger  
FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is taking action to help the Commonwealth reduce its nation-leading number of all-terrain vehicle deaths.

The Department is seeking \$126,000 in state General Fund appropriations for its Farm and Home Safety Program for ATV safety education. The Farm and Home Safety Program presented an ATV safety course as a pilot project in several counties in 2005.

"Kentucky has suffered more from injuries and deaths in ATV accidents than any other state," Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. "Our ATV education program would show

people how they can minimize the risk of getting hurt or worse on their ATVs and still have fun."

The ATV safety program would provide classroom instruction and hands-on training. It would include education for first responders on working ATV-related accidents.

The Department will seek in-kind support from emergency response agencies and the ATV industry.

Kentucky led the nation with 106 reported ATV-related deaths from 2002 to 2004, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reported in December. Kentucky's ATV death rate grew faster than that of any other state, the commission said.

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## Ladies of Oaks

The ladies of the Oaks Country Club will play Bridge on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at the club house.

Serving as hostess will be Sue Wells, phone 753-3671. Members are asked to call Wells to sign-up or to cancel play.

Bridge winners at play on Feb. 22 were Melva Hatcher, first, and Shirley Jenstrom, second. Jenstrom served as hostess.

## Purchase Area Retirees plan meeting Thursday

The Purchase Area Chapter of Kentucky Public Retirees will meet Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Pizza Inn, 1001 Joe Clifton Dr., Paducah.

Special speaker will be a representative from Western Baptist Hospital who will discuss "Living Wills" at the combined luncheon and business meeting.

All retirees of the Kentucky Retirement System, the Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Marshall and McCracken County Retirement Systems and Kentucky State Police Retirement System are encouraged to attend.

For information call 1-270-488-3365 or 1-270-444-7335.

## Murray AA gives schedule

Murray Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings at 615-1 South 12th St. in the Southside Shopping Center behind Regions Branch Bank. The regular schedule is as follows: Monday, closed, non-smoking 6 p.m. and open, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, AA closed, non-smoking, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed, non-smoking, at 11 a.m., Women's closed non-smoking, 6 p.m. and Big Book Study meeting, closed smoking, 8 p.m.; Thursday - 8 p.m. open smoking; Friday, New Comers meeting open at 8 p.m.; Saturday - open, non-smoking 10 a.m., speaker meeting open smoking, 8 p.m.; Sunday, closed, non-smoking 4 p.m. For information call Mitch at 753-9320, Jeannie at 753-6197 or Jack L. at 703-8146.

## Marshall County Marching Marshals



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Pictured are some of the members of the Marshall County Marching Marshals Alumni Association who are planning a "Gathering of Alumni 2006" for March 24 and 25 to be held in the performing arts center of Marshall County High School, Draffenville. Cost will be \$15 per person or children, 10-15, \$5. For more information visit the Web site at [marchingmarshalsalum.tripod.com](http://marchingmarshalsalum.tripod.com) or contact Alumni Association President Jeannie Allen Englert at 1-270-554-0290. Registrations and monies need to be in by March 10.

## MMS Dance Team Competes

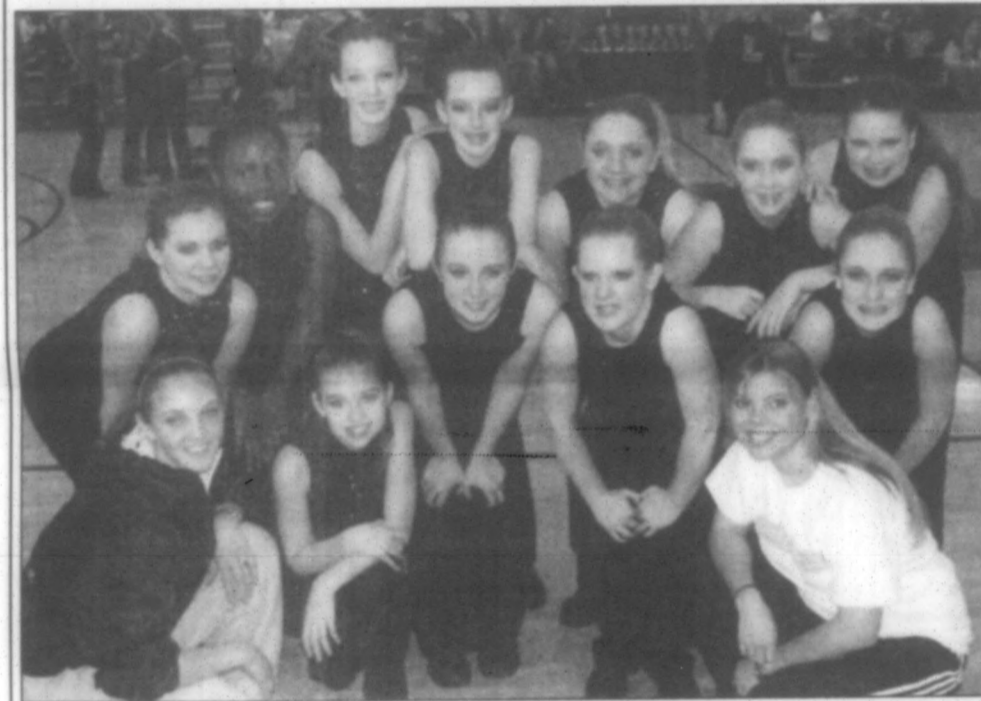


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The Murray Middle School dance team recently competed in the Taylor County Dance Team Competition in Campbellsville, scoring 89 points out of a possible 100. Pictured are team members (front row) Coach Stephanie Finch, Caitland McClure, Claire Barnett, Hannah Cochran, Coach Lindsey Barnett, Sarah Stanley; (back row) Lindsey Capps, Aneshia Gray, Lauren Bierbaum, Christina Veach, Paige Van Pelt, Rachel Henderson and Alex Bloodworth.

## Lyon County Art Guild wants entries

EDDYVILLE, Ky. — The Lyon County Art Guild will host its first Youth Juried Art Show in April. This is for youth in three categories: 8 years and under, 9 to 13 years, and 14 to 17 years.

Entries will be accepted on March 23 and 24 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and March 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lyon

County Judicial Center, Commerce St., Eddyville.

The entries must have been completed in 2005 and 2006 and be in one category painting of oil, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, pencil, graphite or charcoal. All entries must be wired for hanging.

First, second and third place money awards will be in each age category. Entry fee will be \$3 per painting.

Accepted works will be on

display at the Judicial Center Building during the month of April and can be picked up from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on April 28 and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on April 29.

A reception will be April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. Declined work can be picked up the day of the reception.

For more information contact Roger and Celia at 1-270-388-6072.

## Calloway County Laker Yearbook will be on sale



Jo's Datebook  
By Jo Burkeen  
Community Editor

The 2006 Calloway County Laker Yearbook will be on sale for one week only, March 6 to 10, according to Glen Leckie, sponsor.

Students need to buy their yearbooks from a yearbook member during lunch or before/after school. The cost will be \$18 and checks should be made payable to Calloway County High School.

Books can be picked up in the fall. Leckie said "books will not be sold at the front office."

## TOPS meeting Tuesday

Murray Chapter of TOPS, #616 will meet at University Church of Christ, near Walmart on Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. "Women and Heart Attacks" will be the program based on information from the Women's Heart Foundation. Amy Fish, co-leader, will speak and Cindy Pruitt RN will be available to take blood pressures. Persons are to enter on the side of the church where the carport is located. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Joyce at 761-1491 or Amy at 435-4054.

## Alzheimer's Group will meet

Alzheimer's Disease Education/Support Group will meet Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the board room of Murray-Calloway County Hospital. For more information call Cindy Ragsdale, licensed social worker, at 762-1108.

## MHS fastpitch club to meet

Murray High School fastpitch club will meet Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Work assignments and fundraisers will be discussed. All members are urged to attend and guests interested in the fastpitch programs at MHS and MMS are invited.

## Lions Club will hear Jenkins speak

Murray Lions Club will hear Missy Jenkins speak about her tragic experience at Heath High School, her survival and how the event affected her life and what she has learned from it at the meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House.

## WOW Lodge will meet tonight

Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 827 will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at the Harmon Hall on C.C. Lowry Drive.

## Breast Cancer Group will meet

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Health & Wellness. For information call Evelyn Wallis at 489-2462.

## Skeptics Club to meet Tuesday

Skeptics Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Ohio room on the third floor of Murray State University Curris Center. A Skeptics Society video, "In the Goddess We Trusted - The Faith of Our Forefathers," will be shown. This is open to the entire MSU and local community. For more information e-mail [sandygarf@juno.com](mailto:sandygarf@juno.com) or call 759-4284.

## Al-Anon meeting Tuesday

Al-Anon will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Please enter from the southside rear door located near the playground. The only requirement is that there be a problem of alcoholism or addiction in a relative or friend.

## Singles will meet Tuesday

Murray Singles (SOS) will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library. This is open to all singles. For information call Mike at 759-3180 or Pat at 489-2909.

## Shrove event at First Presbyterian

A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

## Shrove event at St. John's Episcopal

A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

## Walk and Talk Group tonight

Ladies of West Fork Baptist Church invite interested ladies to attend the Walk and Talk Group tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church, Ky. 121 North, west of Stella.

## Adult Great Books Group will meet

Adult Great Books Discussion Group will meet tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the meeting room of Calloway County Public Library. Jane Trigg will lead the discussion on the selection, "Tell Me A Riddle" by Tillie Olsen. All persons who have read the selection are invited to take part in the discussion.

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Mayberry's Barney Fife, America's Don Knotts dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don Knotts, who won TV immortality and five Emmys for playing the bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show" with self-deprecating humor, was remembered by his friend and co-star as a comedic genius who wrote some of the show's best scene.

"Don was a small man ... but everything else about him was large: his mind, his expressions," Griffith told The Associated Press on Saturday. "Don was special. There's nobody like him."

Knotts, 81, died Friday of pulmonary and respiratory complications at the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center, said Sherwin Bash, his friend and manager.

His half-century career included more than 25 films and seven TV series, most notably playing the bug-eyed deputy who carried in his shirt pocket the one bullet he was allowed after shooting himself in the foot. The constant fumbling, a recurring sight gag, was typical of his self-deprecating humor.

The show ran from 1960-68, and was in the top 10 of the Nielsen ratings each season, including a No. 1 ranking its final year. It is one of only three series in TV history to bow out at the top: The others are "I Love Lucy" and "Seinfeld." The 249 episodes have appeared frequently in reruns and spawned a large, active network of fan clubs.

Knotts, whose shy, soft-spoken manner was unlike his high-strung characters, once said he was most proud of the Fife character and didn't mind being remembered that way.

He also played the would-be swinger landlord Ralph Furley on "Three's Company," which



Viacom, AP File

Cast members from "The Andy Griffith Show": Don Knotts as Deputy Barney Fife, Ron Howard as Opie Taylor and Andy Griffith as Sheriff Andy Taylor, pose in this undated photo.

he joined in 1979, and was an original cast member of "The Steve Allen Show," the comedy-variety show that ran from 1956-61.

Knotts' G-rated films were family fun, not box-office blockbusters. In most, he ends up the hero and gets the girl — a girl who can see through his nervousness to the heart of gold.

In the part-animated 1964 film "The Incredible Mr. Limpet," Knotts played a meek clerk who turns into a fish after he is rejected by the Navy.

In 1998, he had a key role in the back-to-the-past movie "Pleasantville," playing a folksy television repairman whose supercharged remote control sends a teen boy and his sister into a TV sitcom past.

The West Virginia native began his show biz career even before he graduated from high school, performing as a ventriloquist at local clubs and churches. He majored in speech at West

Virginia University, then took off for the big city.

"I went to New York cold. On a \$100 bill. Bummed a ride," he recalled in a visit to his hometown of Morgantown, where city officials renamed a street for him in 1998.

Within six months, Knotts had taken a job on a radio Western called "Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Riders," playing a wisecracking, know-it-all handyman. He stayed with it for five years before making his series TV debut on "The Steve Allen Show."

He married Kay Metz in 1948, the year he graduated from college. The couple had two children before divorcing in 1969. Knotts later married, then divorced Lara Lee Szuchna. Knotts is survived by his wife of three years, Francye Yarborough, and two children, Karen and Thomas, from his first marriage.

'A Christmas Story' dad McGavin dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Darren McGavin was painting a movie set in 1945 when he learned of an opening for a small role in the show.

He climbed off his ladder, and returned through Columbia's front gates to land the part. The husky, tough-talking performer went on to become one of the busiest actors in television and film, starring in five TV series, including "Mike Hammer," and endearing Hollywood audiences with his role as the grouchy dad in the 1983 comedy classic "A Christmas Story."

Despite his busy career in television, McGavin was awarded only one Emmy: in 1990 for an appearance as Candice Bergen's opinionated father in an episode of "Murphy Brown." He lacked the prominence in films he enjoyed in television, but he registered strongly in featured roles such as the young artist in Venice in "Summertime," David Lean's 1955 film with Katharine

McGavin, 83, died Saturday of natural causes at a Los Angeles-area hospital with his family at his side, said his son Bogart McGavin.

McGavin also had leading roles in TV's "Riverboat" and cult favorite "Kolchak: The Night Stalker." Among his memorable portrayals was Gen. George Patton in the 1979 TV biography "Ike."

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Hepburn and Rosanno Brazzi; Frank Sinatra's crafty drug supplier in "The Man with the Golden Arm" (1955); Jerry Lewis's parole officer in "The Delicate Delinquent" (1957); and the gambler in 1984's "The Natural." He also starred alongside Don Knotts, who died Friday night, in the 1976 family comedy "No Deposit, No Return."



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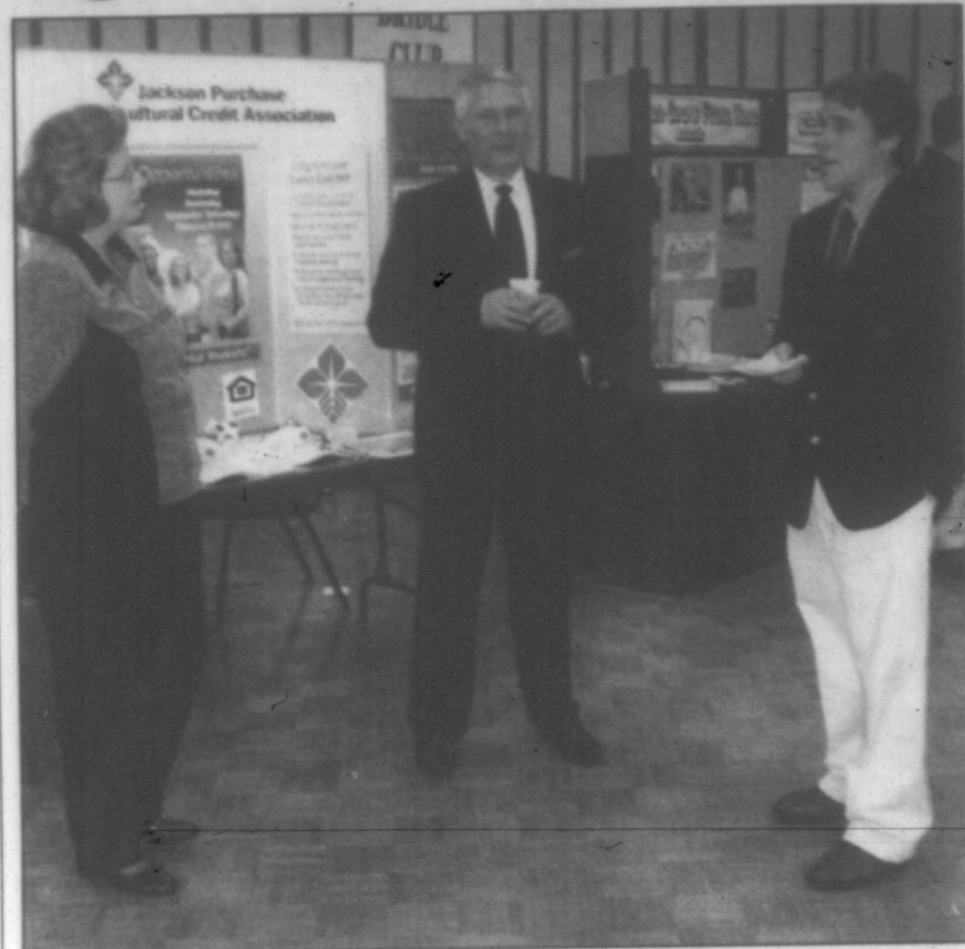


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## Ag Career Day



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The Murray State University Agriculture Leadership Council sponsored its annual Ag Day 2006 Wednesday at MSU's Curris Center Ballroom. Numerous students attend the event, which is designed to showcase opportunities in the field of agriculture. Pictured above Kurt Showmaker (right), a junior from Charleston, Mo., visits with Malinda Scoggins (left) and Tommy Murphey at the Jackson Purchase Agriculture Credit Association booth.

## MSU faculty scores high at SAAS

The Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists has recognized two faculty members from Murray State University's college of agriculture for their achievements in research competitions sponsored by the association. Picking up two first place honors, Murray swept the Southern Agricultural Education Research Awards Banquet during the SAAS 2006 convention held Feb. 4-8 in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Brian Parr, associate professor of agriculture academic programs, won first place in the faculty division research paper presentation. The title of his study was "Does a Curriculum Integration Intervention to Improve the Mathematics Achievement of Students Diminish their Acquisition of Technical Competence? An Experimental Study in Agricultural Mechanics."

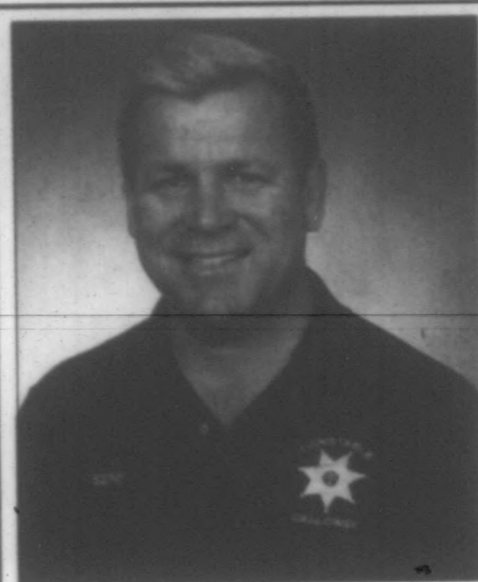
Another first place award came in the research poster category for "A Determination of Kentucky's Teacher Demand in Secondary

Agricultural Education." Co-participants for this project were Parr.

Jay Morgan and Kate Woglom. Morgan is assistant professor of agriculture academic programs at MSU. Woglom is a recent Murray graduate and is currently teaching in the Graves County (Ky.) school system.

Morgan and Parr also placed second runner-up in the innovative idea poster category for their project titled "Bridging the Gap: Providing Contextual Mathematical Instruction to Post-secondary Agriculture Majors."

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## Workshop addressed nursery pests

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Nothing can derail a nursery or landscape business faster than pests - of both the insect and weed variety. Recently the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service offered a workshop to address pests that those in the "green" industry may be dealing with as warmer months approach.

"The workshop gives people a chance to talk and learn about pests that we may not have in Kentucky right now but that may be closing in on our borders," said Amy Fulcher, UK Extension associate for nursery crops. "The speakers from different states can bring in photographs, slides, digital images that they have of these insects so that we can educate ourselves and be aware and diligent about watching out for these pests."

The Nursery Winter Workshop at the Fayette County Cooperative Extension office primarily was for nursery producers but also for lawn care and landscape professionals and county Extension agents because pests don't discriminate based on where a plant is located. If a pest prefers maples, it will choose any maple, anywhere, Fulcher said.

She added that the participants are fortunate to hear from speakers from the south because most invasive insects migrate from the south.

"The outside experts this year are from the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University," she said. "We're fortunate to have people from the south come up since pests generally move from the south to the north. This way, we can get some expertise from people who have been dealing with these pests longer than we have."

Sessions at the workshop focused on current research about calico scale, leafhoppers, flatheaded apple tree borers and other pests of maples. Experts also discussed Asian ambrosia beetles, fire ants and the Japanese beetle.

"We are looking at some invasive insects," Fulcher said. "We've had Japanese beetles in Kentucky for awhile, but we need to learn more about the issues related to shipping and quarantines under the Japanese Beetle Harmonization Plan."

"At this point, they do provide a barrier for our nursery professionals, so we're trying to provide an opportunity for the growers to become educated about that and decide whether it's worthwhile for them to take on the expense..."

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## RACER HOOPS

## Sky-high!

## Skyhawks grounded by Racers in season finale

Racers ready to host UTM again Tuesday at 7 p.m. in first round of Ohio Valley Tournament

By SCOTT NANNEY  
Sports Editor

The celebration was on for the Murray State Racers after Saturday's 81-63 triumph over Tennessee-Martin in the regular-season finale at the Regional Special Events Center.

More than a week after clinching the league championship for the first time in six seasons, the Racers were afforded the opportunity to share their accomplishment with many of the 6,040 fans in attendance, as OVC Commissioner John Steinbrecher was on hand to deliver the title trophy — the 20th in school history.

Even Murray's always business-like head coach, Mick Cronin, agreed that his squad needed to savor the moment with its fans.

"Our guys deserved to have a little fun," said Cronin after his third MSU team fulfilled its preseason expectations by capping the 2005-06 campaign with a 21-6 overall record and a stellar 17-3 mark in OVC play. "I wanted our guys to be able to celebrate with our fans. I don't want to ever understate how important (winning a regular-season title) is."

However, the Murray State players and their coach both agreed to a man that their mission is only half accomplished.

"I also wanted to get this out of our system so that we can start fresh," explained Cronin, who, along with the top-seeded Racers, will welcome the No. 8 seeded Skyhawks (13-14, 9-11 OVC) back to the RSEC on Tuesday for the first round of the OVC Tournament.

Other first-round tournament games tomorrow include No. 8 seed Tennessee State at No. 2 seed Samford, No. 3 seed Tennessee Tech hosting No. 6 seed Austin Peay and No. 5 seed Eastern Kentucky at No. 4 seed Jacksonville State.

With another victory over the Skyhawks, the Racers would face the winner of the EKV-JSU matchup on Friday at 6 p.m. in the tournament semifinals at Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center. The nationally televised (ESPN2) championship game is set for Saturday at 3 p.m.

While capturing the league championship was a goal, the Racers know the upcoming three-day tournament will get them the one place they all want to be



Murray State junior Shawn Witherspoon (22) goes up past Martin's McKale Jones in the first half Saturday at the RSEC. Witherspoon finished with a double-double, dumping in 17 points and grabbing 13 boards.

— in the NCAA Tournament. "This night here was great," said junior forward Shawn Witherspoon, who help lead the Racers' charge against UTM by tallying a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds. "But we've got to put this behind us quick and get

re-focused. We need to go into the (OVC) tournament focused and playing well. It's 0-0 when we start back Tuesday."

Getting back on track for postseason play was the Racers' focus against the

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## MURRAY STATE 58, TENNESSEE-MARTIN 45

## Seniors sent out in style



Murray State junior forward Joi Scott finished with a game-high 23 points for the Lady Racers, who defeated UT-Martin 58-45 Saturday night at the RSEC.

By SCOTT NANNEY  
Sports Editor

The Murray State Lady Racers assured themselves they will head into this week's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament with some momentum after disposing of visiting Tennessee-Martin 58-45 in the regular-season finale for both clubs Saturday night at the Regional Special Events Center.

The Lady Racers (11-16, 9-11 OVC), winners of three of their last four games, carry the tournament's No. 7 seed into Tuesday's first-round contest against host and No. 2 seed Southeast Missouri State (19-8, 16-4), which swept MSU in two games during the regular season.

Other first-round games in the women's tournament include top-seeded Tennessee Tech hosting No. 8 seed Eastern Illinois, No. 6 seed Jacksonville State at No. 3 seed Samford and fifth-seeded Morehead State at No. 4 seed Austin Peay.

The tournament moves to Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment

## The Lady Racers will play at Southeast Missouri State Tuesday in the first round of the OVC Tournament

Center for the semifinal round on Friday. Semifinal-round games will be played at noon and 2 p.m. on Friday. The championship game, which will also be played at the GEC, is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Lady Racers sent out two seniors — guard Jill Fulkerson and forward Jessie Hirsch — on a winning note, building a 25-13 lead by the halftime break before holding off a late UTM rally.

Fulkerson was one of the stars of the game for MSU, following junior forward Joi Scott's game-high 23 points with 15 of her own on 5-of-9 shooting — all from 3-point range. Hirsch played 22 minutes, but was 0-of-1 from

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## NASCAR

## Kenseth conquers California 500

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Greg Biffle was the class of the field, and Tony Stewart had a car capable of winning.

Matt Kenseth still found himself in Victory Lane at California Speedway.

Biffle and Stewart both wound up watching the end of Sunday's Auto Club 500 from the garage, victims of late-race engine failures that allowed Kenseth to race away with his 11th NASCAR Nextel Cup victory.

His second win in 72 starts definitely came as something of a surprise to Kenseth, especially considering how strong Roush Racing teammate Biffle was Sunday.

Even when Kenseth took the lead late in the race, he didn't expect to win.

"I was sort of planning on running second," Kenseth said, grinning.

In the end, though, Kenseth fought off a late challenge from Daytona 500 winner Jimmie

Johnson to earn the victory.

"I feel bad for Greg," Kenseth said. "He was really the class of the field all day. But I feel like we had the second- or third-best car. We had a great handling car all day."

Stewart's blown engine on lap 214 of the 250-lap event brought out a caution flag and sent the leaders to pit road for their final stop. A great pit stop by the crew of Kenseth's No. 17 Roush Racing Ford got him out ahead of Biffle, but, until smoke began spouting out of the exhaust on Biffle's No. 16, Kenseth didn't expect to stay ahead.

"We made some adjustments on that last pit stop," said Kenseth, who set a track record by winning from 31st in the 43-car field. "That gave me confidence for the longer run, but Greg was pretty quick on a long run. When he was back there, I totally assumed he was going to run us down on a long run."



NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth lifts his trophy in Victory Circle at California Speedway Auto Club 500 race Sunday in Fontana, Calif. Jimmie Johnson finished second, and Carl Edwards took third.

## WINTER OLYMPICS XX

## Arrivederci, Turin

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Arrivederci, eh?

Turin bid farewell to its Olympics and handed over custody of the Winter Games to Vancouver in a spectacular, circus-like closing ceremony Sunday night, with a legion of clowns, acrobats and daredevils echoing both the misadventures and magnificence of the past two weeks.

The Olympic flame was barely extinguished when fireworks and confetti — an Italian invention — filled the air. Any wistfulness was swiftly submerged in the din, some of it provided by Latin pop sensation Ricky Martin; athletes joined the cast in dancing on the stage.

The theme of the evening was Carnevale, the annual festival being celebrated across Italy over the weekend. Some athletes wore red clown noses as they marched across the huge stage of Olympic Stadium, and many of the 35,000 spectators donned devil and

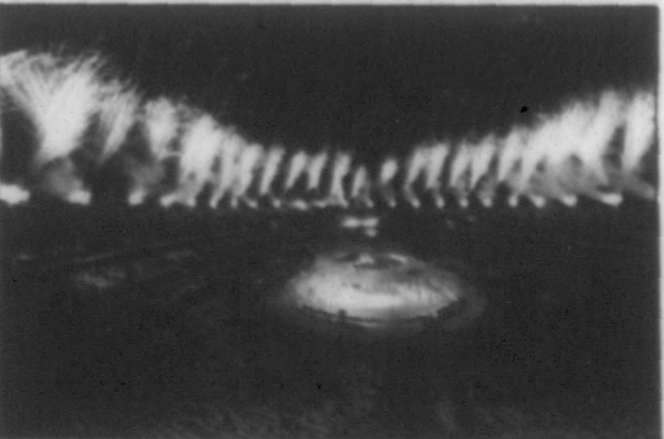
angel masks.

Italy had an extra reason to celebrate — a new national hero headlining the first-ever medal ceremony included in a Winter Games' closing festivities. Italy's Giorgio di Centa took gold in the 50km cross-country skiing race on the final day of the games.

The crowd exploded in cheers and waved a sea of tiny Italian flags as di Centa and his fellow medalists strode to the podium. Helping bestow the medals was di Centa's sister, Manuela, an International Olympic Committee member and former cross-country medalist herself.

Before declaring the games closed, IOC president Jacques Rogge described the Turin Olympics as "truly magnificent."

"You have succeeded brilliantly in meeting your challenge," he told organizers. "Grazie, Torino."



Fireworks explode during the closing ceremony of the Turin 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, Sunday.



# Racer Basketball

## Final OVC Standings

	OVC	All Games
Murray State	17-3	21-6
Samford	14-6	18-10
Tennessee Tech	13-7	16-11
Jacksonville State	12-8	15-12
Austin Peay	11-9	17-13
Eastern Kentucky	11-9	14-15
Tennessee State	11-9	13-14
Tennessee-Martin	9-11	13-14
Eastern Illinois	5-15	7-20
Morehead State	4-16	7-20
Southeast Missouri	3-17	4-23

**Tuesday**  
 OVC Tournament — 1st Round  
 No. 8 Martin at No. 1 MSU — 7  
 No. 5 ECU at No. 4 JSU — 7  
 No. 7 TSU at No. 2 Samford — 7:30  
 No. 6 Austin Peay at No. 3 Tech — 7:30

**Friday**  
 OVC Tournament — Semifinals  
 MSU-UTM winner vs. ECU-JSU winner,  
 5 p.m. (ESPN2)  
 TSU-Samford winner vs. APSU-TSU  
 winner, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

**Saturday**  
 OVC Tournament — Finals  
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## OVC Tournament — First Round

### Murray State looks for 11th straight win over rival Skyhawks

By SCOTT NANNEY  
 Sports Editor

For the third time this season, the Murray State Racers will face the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks.

This time, however, the stakes are much higher.

The third meeting between the two schools on Tuesday marks the 31st time the Racers and the Skyhawks have met on the hardwood. And tomorrow night's battle will no doubt be the most important in the short history of the rivalry.

Murray has dominated the all-time series against Martin, winning 28 games while losing only twice. All of those games, though, have come during the regular season. The Racers and the Skyhawks have never met in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Tennessee-Martin has only qualified for tournament play three times since joining the OVC for the 1992-93 season. In each of those appearances, the Skyhawks have bowed out in the first round — losing to Tennessee Tech twice and to Austin Peay once.

The Skyhawks will be playing in the tournament for the first time since 2003, when they fell to the Golden Eagles 76-62 in the opening round of action at Cookeville, Tenn.

Entering last Saturday's season finale at Murray State, UT-Martin had been the league's hottest team with six wins in its last seven games. However, the Racers cooled off the Skyhawks with an 81-63 victory. The win was MSU's second over Martin

#### Racers vs. UT-Martin

**Date:** Tuesday  
**Tipoff:** 7 p.m.  
**Site:** RSEC, Murray  
**Series record:** MSU leads 28-2.  
**Coaches:** Bret Campbell (78-117, seventh season); F-Jared Newson, 18.9 ppg, 6.4 rpg; G-McKale Jones, 6.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg; G-Jeremy Kelly, 16.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg; G-Zerek Knight, 4.2 ppg, 1.1 rpg.  
**Murray State (21-6, 17-3):** F-Shawn Witherspoon, 10.7 ppg, 7.7 rpg; F-Justin Orr, 8.8 ppg, 3.0 rpg; C-Pearson Griffith, 7.4 ppg, 5.9 rpg; G-Keith Jenifer, 5.0 ppg, 3.4 rpg; G-Darnell Hopkins, 8.9 ppg, 1.7 rpg.

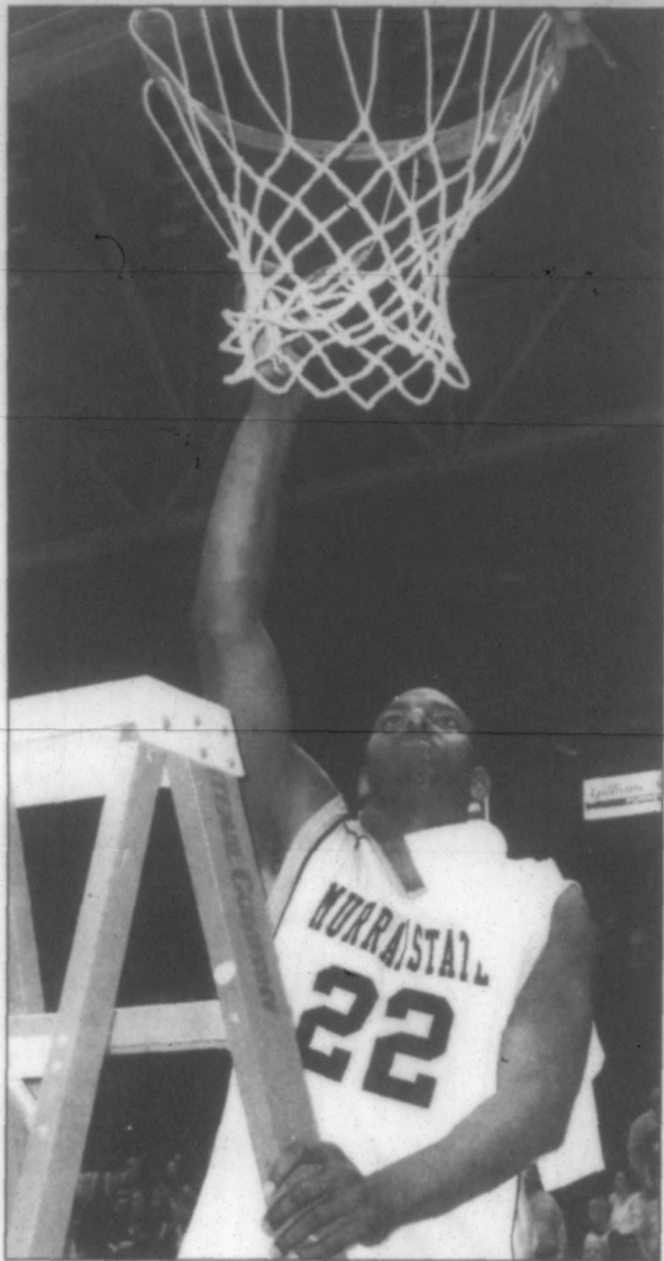
this season after defeating the Skyhawks 79-73 on Jan. 21 at the Elam Center in Martin.

The Racers enter postseason play seeking their 13th OVC Tournament championship after an unexpected loss to rival Southeast Missouri State in the first round of last year's tournament.

Murray's last tournament title came in 2004, when it defeated rival Austin Peay in the championship game at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

The Racers claimed six tournament titles in the 1990s, including three in a row from 1997-99, but have claimed just two so far this decade (2002 and 2004).

MSU heads into the tournament as the top seed for the first time since 2000, when it fell to Southeast Missouri in the title game, 67-56.



SCOTT NANNEY/Ledger & Times

Murray State forward Shawn Witherspoon cuts down a portion of the net in celebration of the Racers' regular-season OVC championship following an 81-63 triumph over Tennessee-Martin in Saturday's season finale at the RSEC. Witherspoon and the Racers hope to duplicate that celebration this Saturday, when the OVC Tournament championship game will be held in Nashville, Tenn.



Joi Felton will be looking for her first OVC Tournament win when the Lady Racers face SEMO on Tuesday.

### Lady Racers look for tourney win

Staff Report  
 Murray Ledger & Times

Murray State will be making its 15th appearance in the Women's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament when it takes on rival Southeast Missouri State on Tuesday night in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Lady Racers, the tournament's seventh seed, will be attempting to make the semifinal round for the seventh time in school history. MSU has advanced to the championship round just once, falling to Tennessee Tech 79-72 in 1990.

The last time a Murray State team advanced to the semifinals was in 2000, when the Lady Racers, the No. 4 seed, defeated fifth-seeded Eastern Kentucky 67-61 in first-round action but fell to Tennessee Tech 67-45 in the following round.

MSU was the No. 8 seed in last year's tournament, falling to eventual OVC champion Eastern Kentucky 94-69.



#### Tennessee-Martin Facts

Location: Martin, Tenn.  
 Founded: 1900  
 Enrollment: 6,000  
 Colors: Blue, Orange & White  
 Arena: Elam Center/4,500  
 President: Dr. Nick Dunagan  
 AD: Phil Dane  
 2005-06 Record: 13-14  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

#### Head Coach

Former Austin Peay assistant coach **Bret Campbell** has guided Tennessee-Martin to a 78-117 record in his six-plus seasons as the Skyhawks' head coach.



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## Racers ...

From Page 1B

Skyhawks after seeing their 10-game winning streak evaporate with last Thursday's loss at Tennessee Tech. And that's just what they did, building a 12-point (45-33) halftime lead on Martin and never letting it dip below seven in the second half before closing out the 18-point victory.

Despite the lopsided outcome, the potential of the upset-minded Skyhawks was not lost on either Cronin or his players.

"Hopefully, our guys understand that we have to play and we have to play well to beat this team again on Tuesday," said Cronin. "I believe that Tennessee-Martin can beat anybody in this conference on a given night."

"We've been talking about how important it is to come out strong on Tuesday. That's what's important. ... It's not going to be easy to beat a team like that three times in a row," he added.

Defending Martin guard Jeremy Kelly wasn't easy of the Racers, as the 6-foot-5 senior scored a game-high 25 points on 8-of-25 shooting, including a 4-of-8 effort from 3-point range.

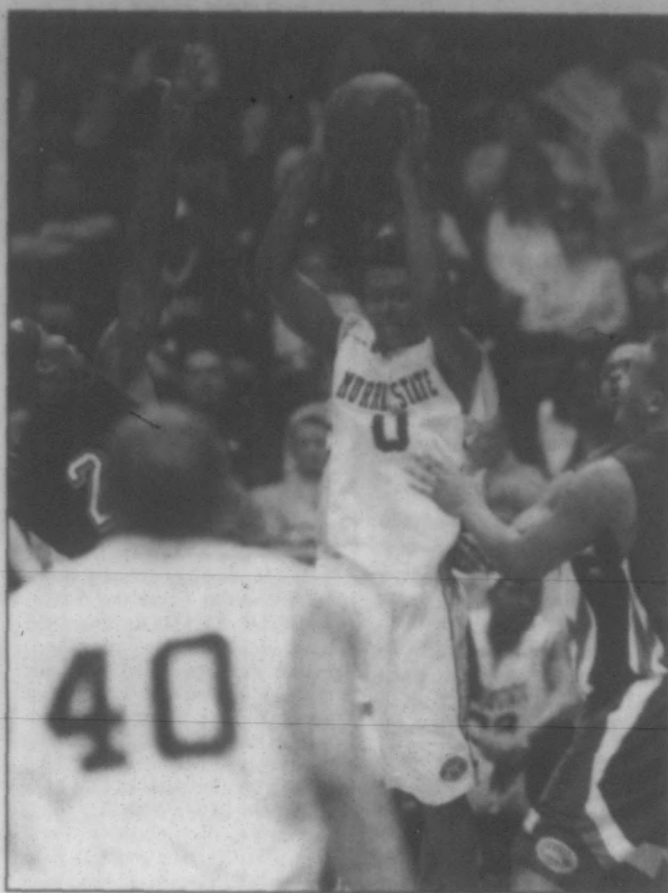
Kelly, the No. 8 scorer in the OVC (16.5 ppg.), tried to make up for a tough night for swingman Jared Newson, who scored 12 points but was just 3-of-9 from the field. The 6-5 senior finished the regular season second only to Southeast Missouri State's Roy Booker in scoring at 18.9 ppg.

Limiting the scoring of Kelly and Newson will be a key for the Racers in tomorrow's rematch.

"They have maybe the best player in the league in Jared Newson, but he didn't have his best night (Saturday)," Cronin said. "We didn't want Kelly to get anything, but we let him get rolling early. You can't let those two guys kill you."

"The past is the past. We've got to put this game behind us and get prepared again because they're very capable of being a giant killer."

With Saturday's win, the



Trey Pearson (00) looks to pass out of a trap to a wide open Issian Redding in the second half Saturday night. Pearson finished the game with a team-high 23 points, while Redding added three points.

Racers completed a season sweep of UTM, which fell to Murray 79-73 on Jan. 21 at Martin's Elam Center. The Skyhawks are now just 2-28 against Murray State, including 0-15 in games played in Murray.

In addition to keeping their edge on the Skyhawks, the Racers will also be trying to make amends for last year's disappointing first-round exit.

Forward Issian Redding, one of five MSU seniors honored before Saturday's game on Senior Night, said the Racers vividly remember the shocking ending to their 2004-05 season and have vowed to avoid a repeat performance.

"It should be different this year," Redding noted. "We know we can't afford to slack off this year. We've got to be ready to play, and we will be."

### RACERS 81 Tennessee-Martin 63

**TENN.-MARTIN (13-14)**  
Newson 3-9 5-11 12; Lewis 1-3 0-0 2; Jones 2-5 1-2 5; Knight 4-7 5-5 13; Kelly 8-21 5-8 25; Ferrell 0-1 0-0 0; Tolliver 1-3 0-0 2; Thompson 0-2 0-0 0; Woodfork 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 20-53 18-28 63.

**MURRAY ST. (21-6)**  
Witherspoon 6-11 3-4 17; Redding 1-6 0-0 3; Griffith 3-7 5-9 11; Jenifer 1-2 2-4 4; Hopkins 2-3 2-2 8; Pearson 8-12 4-23; Wright 0-0 0-0 0; Wolf 0-0 0-0 0; Holloway 2-6 0-0 5; McCoy 0-0 0-0 0; Orr 2-9 4-4 8; Key 0-0 0-0 0; Kennedy 1-3 0-2; Johnson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 20-27 81.

**Halftime** — Murray State 45-33, 3-Point Goals — Tenn.-Martin 5-17 (Kelly 4-8, Newson 1-4, Ferrell 0-1, Tolliver 0-1, Knight 0-3), Murray St. 9-19 (Pearson 3-3, Hopkins 1-2, Witherspoon 2-5, Holloway 1-2, Redding 1-3, Orr 0-3). **Fouled Out** — Lewis. **Rebounds** — Tenn.-Martin 32 (Newson 8), Murray St. 42 (Witherspoon 13). **Assists** — Tenn.-Martin 6 (Kelly, Tolliver 2), Murray St. 14 (Griffith, Witherspoon 3). **Total Fouls** — Tenn.-Martin 22, Murray St. 21. A — 6,040.

## Villanova-Connecticut sequel lives up to hype

By The Associated Press

The Villanova-Connecticut rematch lived up to its billing, a couple of Big East heavyweights slugging it out for the conference lead.

The third-ranked Huskies came out on top this time with an 89-75 home win Sunday, avenging a loss to the No. 2 Wildcats two weeks ago that knocked them from the top spot in the AP poll.

There is the possibility the teams could meet again, maybe in the Big East tournament or in the NCAAs.

"The only place down the road I want to see them is in Indianapolis at the Final Four," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "They come loaded and knock you down. That is a great team with heart."

Villanova coach Jay Wright agreed.

"I really don't want to see them again, but if we play them again it will be a big game," he said.

Denham Brown, Connecticut's senior swingman, had a career-high 23 points on 8-for-13 shooting. He had a total of 18 points in the Huskies' last three games, the first of which was the loss to Villanova (22-3, 12-2) that ended an 11-game winning streak.

Rashad Anderson, Hilton Armstrong and Jeff Adrien also came up big for Connecticut 13 days after Villanova beat the Huskies 69-64 in Philadelphia.

"This game was really a big game for us, a statement," Adrien said. "They got real happy after that first win and we had to shut their mouths. Today we had to go out there and show them we're not what they think we are. We are men out there."

In other Top 25 games, it was Alabama 82, No. 12 Florida 77; No. 17 Washington 73, California 62; Indiana 78; No. 18 Michigan State 71; No. 19 UCLA 70, Oregon 53; and No. 21 North Carolina 81, Maryland 57.

The Huskies (25-2, 12-2) took control of this game with an 18-3 run in the second half.

"We're tougher than a lot of people give us credit for," Brown said. "This was a game we had a bull's eye on for the last two weeks."

Anderson, the leading non-starting scorer in the country at 13.5 points per game, had 17 points and was 5-for-7 from 3-point range.



Connecticut's Denham Brown (33) slams home the ball for two of his career-high 23 points during the closing minutes of the Huskies' victory over Villanova in Big East Conference action Sunday in Storrs, Conn.

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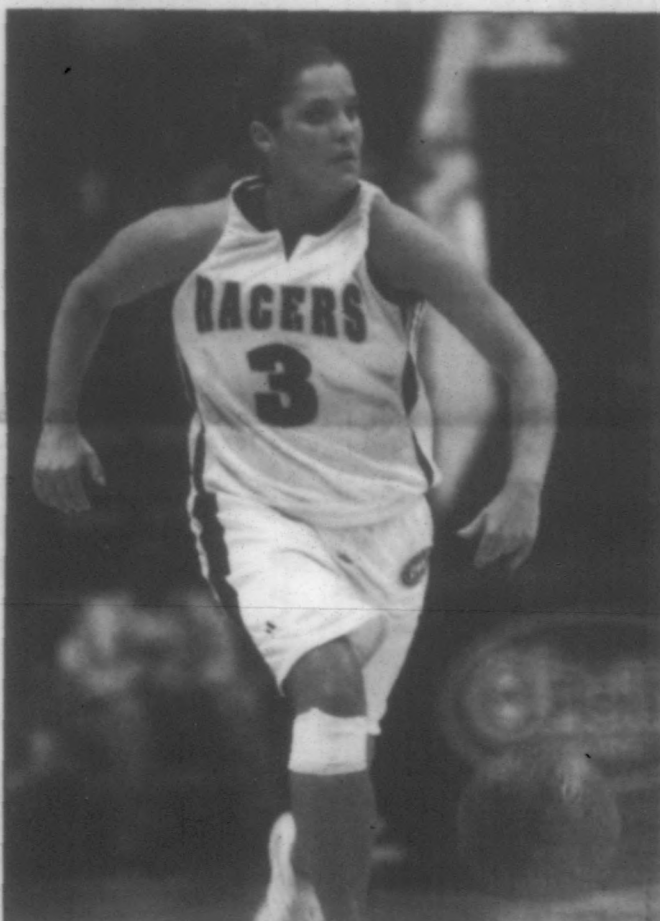
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Saturday's Games		Monday's Games	
Dallas 115, Toronto 113, OT	Milwaukee 99, Atlanta 89	New Jersey at Atlanta, 6 p.m.	Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Washington 110, New York 89	Philadelphia 108, Chicago 102	Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m.	Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Miami 115, Seattle 106	San Antonio 92, Golden State 75	Washington at Memphis, 7 p.m.	Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans 100, Utah 95	Phoenix 136, Charlotte 121	New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.	Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
		Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.	Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
		Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.	Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
		Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.	
			<b>Tuesday's Games</b>
			Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
			New Orleans at Seattle, 9 p.m.
			Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

## Seniors ...

From Page 1B



Guard Jill Fulkerson was one of two seniors that said goodbye to Lady Racer fans Saturday night at the RSC. Fulkerson had 15 points, while teammate and fellow senior Jessie Hirsch had no points.

the field for on points.

The Lady Racers used a 47-percent shooting effort in the second half to finish the night at 44 percent (24-of-55).

Martin (8-19, 6-14) shot just 28 percent in the first 20 minutes of action, but rebounded with a 50-percent effort in the second half. The Skyhawks trailed by as many as 16 points in the second half, but whittled the MSU advantage all the way to five with 2:44 remaining.

However, the Lady Racers would but the game out of reach with four straight points by Scott and a pair of Gerra-Matthews' layups in the final minute of play.

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ESPN2 — Connecticut at Rutgers



Departing senior Pearson Griffith gets a commemorative picture and a hug from head coach Mick Cronin Saturday prior to the start of a game between the Racers and the University of Tennessee-Martin at the RSEC.

## 'Breds swept by BGSU over weekend

### Special to the Ledger

The Murray State Thoroughbreds dropped the final game of their three-game weekend series against visiting Bowling Green State 14-0 Sunday afternoon at Reagan Field.

The 'Breds (0-4), who were swept in Saturday's doubleheader by scores of 8-7 and 1-0, mustered only three hits, but left 10 runners on base through six walks issued by Falcon pitchers and two batters getting hit by a pitch.

Bowling Green State (3-0), which held a 7-0 lead after five innings, exploded for four more runs in the sixth when three of the first four batters walked and a two-run double by Greg Feldkamp capped the scoring in that inning. The Fal-

cons tacked on three runs in the ninth inning for the final score.

Getting hits for Murray State were Jamie Leidolf, Daniel Miller and Lincoln Kent.

Bowling Green State was paced by Tyler Wasserman, who went 4-for-6 with two runs scored. Dash Yost and Andrew Foster each had two hits and four runs batted in for the Falcons.

Defensively for MSU, Leidolf had five putouts Seth Hudson had a team-high three assists. For BGSU, Josh Dietz had nine putouts, while Eric Lawson had four assists.

On the mound, Kalen Gibson (0-2) started and took the loss, allowing seven runs (four earned) on seven hits, striking out four and walking four in

five innings.

Greg Becker (1-0) got the win for the Falcons, allowing one hit while striking out two and walking one in four innings.

Murray State visits Vanderbilt (3-4) on Tuesday at 4 p.m. before returning home to face regional rival Southern Illinois on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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LookingBack

**10 years ago**  
Published is a picture of students from Murray Elementary School around Marcus Brown, basketball player for Murray State University, asking for autographs. In exchange the students showed Brown portfolio work they had completed regarding statistics they had gathered from the basketball team. More than 100 students attended the pre-practice session of the MSU basketball team. The photo was by Staff Photographer Bernard Kane.

**20 years ago**  
Calloway Lakers won 78-56 and Lady Lakers won 97-23 over Christian Fellowship basketball teams. High scorers for the Lakers were David Greene and Jana Herndon.

**30 years ago**  
Charlotte Dawson of Murray received a first place award in the Conservation Essay Contest recently in Louisville at the 48th awards luncheon, sponsored by *The Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*.

**40 years ago**  
Carol Perlow RN has been named a clinical specialist in neonatology and pediatrics at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

**50 years ago**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gobel Thweatt will be married for 65 years March 5.

**60 years ago**  
Births reported include a boy to William G. (Bill) and Kathy Wilson, Feb. 3, and a girl to Carol and Pat McDaniel, Feb. 22.

**70 years ago**  
Published is a picture of Gale Broach, daughter of Ray and Martha Broach of Murray, who was crowned as "Miss Kentucky State Fair Queen" at Louisville. Also pictured is Tom Harris, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture.

**80 years ago**  
Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Duncan.

Feb. 15, and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Max Hughes, Feb. 22.

**45-37 over Trigg County Wildcats and Calloway Lakers lost 86-49 to Reidland Greyhounds in high school basketball games. High scorers for Calloway were Becky Imes and Mike Wells.**

**40 years ago**  
A total of \$1,865 has been collected in the fund-raising campaign for the March of Dimes in Calloway County, according to Rev. Stephen Mazak, campaign chairman.

**50 years ago**  
Elm Grove Baptist Church has been presented an organ by Ronald W. Churchill in memory of his grandfather, William Garner, who was the first clerk of the Blood River Baptist Association.

**60 years ago**  
A family life seminar on "Men, Women and Morals" will be March 9 at the Murray State College Student Union building. It is being sponsored by the Calloway County Homemakers Council.

**70 years ago**  
Murray Training School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America presented honorary degrees to Audrey Simmons and Dr. Roy S. Steinbrook at the annual father-son luncheon. Approximately 100 persons were present.

**80 years ago**  
Dr. C.S. Lowry, professor of social studies at Murray State College, spoke at a meeting of the Murray Rotary Club held at the Murray Woman's Club House. He was introduced by Vernon Stubbsfield Sr.

**90 years ago**  
Mrs. W.P. Roberts discussed the history of the United Daughters of Confederacy at a meeting of the J.N. Williams Chapter of the UDC held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Waldrop on Miller Avenue, Murray.

Breaking cycle of abuse must start with our youth

**DEAR ABBY:** Your recent letters regarding domestic violence bring important attention to the dangers of this problem. Unfortunately, every year thousands of Americans lose loved ones to this terrible epidemic, and most are left wondering



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

what they could have done to prevent it. Too often we assume that violence happens only to other people -- people of a different race or culture, people who live in a different community, or people in a different type of relationship. But domestic violence does not discriminate. It can touch everyone -- through friends, co-workers and family members who are suffering silently without our even knowing it. Many of us also know abusers -- people who may seem charming and likable on the surface but cause fear, self-doubt, pain, even death, to those they claim to love.

Recent studies show that as many as one-third of teens experience abuse in a dating relationship. And, more than half of teens say they know friends who have been physically, sexually or verbally abused. The need for early intervention to change these shocking statistics is clear.

We must reach out to youth and talk openly and often about these issues so we can help them to avoid the terrible sorrow felt by families and others who are victims of abuse. Each of us has the right to a safe and healthy relationship free from violence, coercion and fear.

**JESSICA ARONOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BREAK THE CYCLE**

**DEAR JESSICA:** Thank you for an important letter. I hope it grabs the attention it deserves from teens and their parents. Your statement that as many as one-third of teenagers experience abuse in a dating relationship, and more than half of them have friends who have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, will shock many people, I am sure.

Readers, Break the Cycle provides domestic violence education, information and help to students ages 12 to 24 throughout the country. It teaches what healthy relationships are and helps them to recognize the warning signs of abuse. Break the Cycle lets them know that help is available if they are suffering or in danger, and shows them that they deserve safe, supportive, non-violent relationships.

There are opportunities for interested people to help in this endeavor. To find out more about this worthwhile program, log onto

[www.breakthecycle.org](http://www.breakthecycle.org), or call toll-free at 1-888-988-8336 (TEEN). I have supported Break the Cycle in the past, and continue to do so, because the earlier young people learn to differentiate between healthy relationships and obsessive, destructive ones, the healthier our society will be.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am confused about my sexual orientation. I am an 18-year-old girl. Although I encounter a lot of attractive guys at work, I don't find myself attracted to any of them. I do think that they are handsome, but I never, ever get that "butterflies in the stomach" feeling that my friends describe to me. At the same time, I am pretty sure I am not a lesbian. Is there something wrong with me? Could I be asexual? Is there any way this can be diagnosed? -- **CONFUSED IN NEVADA**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** I hate to see you diagnose and label yourself. It is possible that you have simply not met the right person yet. Real life is not the way it's presented in movies and music videos, where the hero and heroine are struck by lightning and carried away at first encounter. Give it one more year, and if you still feel there is something missing, discuss it with your doctor. Sexuality is a matter of degree, and no two people are exactly alike.

Stroke symptoms need immediate attention

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am writing in regards to my husband. He is 77 years old, and when he gets up from a sitting position, he gets winded and has to stop and rest before he can go even a short distance. He has also told me that his left hand feels like it is dead.



Dr. Gott  
By Dr. Peter Gott

He thinks he might have had a stroke but refuses to go to the doctor.

**DEAR READER:** Even the most medically unsophisticated person would agree with me that medical intervention is not simply appropriate under the circumstances, but is vital. Your husband may have advanced lung disease, or he may have had a stroke. In either case, he needs an examination and testing to prevent a stroke that could lead to irreversible, permanent handicaps or even death. Don't delay. Get help immediately.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Pulmonary Disease" and "Stroke." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title(s).

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I would like to put in my 2 cents worth on the matter of self-referred mammograms.

I believe that the mobile units do the public a disservice and

are basically moneymakers for the (physician?) owners. The public does not have the knowledge and experience to make an intelligent decision on the matter, but you should know better.

I am a physician in family practice with 40 years experience and have found several lumps that the mammograms have missed. The problem lies in the fact that the mammogram is notoriously poor in distinguishing a lump in a dense breast. With age, the breasts become more fatty, and the lumps (tumors?) are much more easily picked up on a mammogram.

Every lady should have a breast exam first. Then the physician should order a screening mammogram if her exam is normal. However, if an abnormality is found, a "diagnostic" mammogram should be ordered. Then an ultrasound and other techniques of the mammography unit can come into play to get the proper diagnosis.

Please correct this for your readers.

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Although I agree with your position -- after all, I also have been in practice for almost 40 years -- I believe that self-referred mammograms are better than no mammograms at all.

Granted, some breast tumors are challenging to diagnose, and a clinical evaluation by a gynecologist or family physician is certainly appropriate. But such exams can, in my opinion, be put off until after the imaging study.

In my experience, abnormal mammograms should be reported to the woman's physician, and an ultrasound (with or without a biopsy) should be scheduled promptly. I feel at ease with this strategy, even though, admittedly, some doctor-owned facilities may, on occasion, misbehave. Thank you for writing.

TodayInHistory

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Monday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2006. There are 307 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

**On this date:**  
In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Nixon and

Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne founded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis.

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Pass 6♦  
Opening lead — ace of hearts.

slam could be made, particularly since he had two losing hearts. So he consulted partner about it by jumping to five spades, and North, of course, bid six.

**West led the ace of hearts.** As anyone can plainly see, it doesn't take a high degree of skill to make six spades on this layout -- but South wound up going down one!

**On the ace of hearts,** East (Jack Ehrlenbach) played the king! West continued with a heart, and declarer, assuming that the four-heart bid was based on a nine-card suit, trumped with dummy's king.

**Declarer then led** the seven of spades from dummy, East playing the six. South's imagination now started working overtime. He had seen Ehrlenbach follow to the second heart lead, and he wondered why East had played the king on the opening trick.

**Declarer finally came to the conclusion** that the only sensible explanation for Ehrlenbach's play was that he had started with the 3-10-6 of spades and was trying to develop a trump trick for himself by panicking South into ruffing with the king. So declarer finessed the seven, lost to West's jack and went down one. East's imagination proved to be more rewarding than South's.

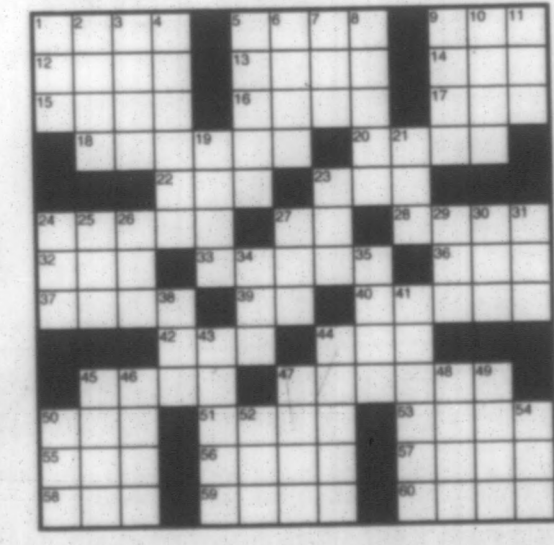
**We offer no opinion about declarer's play,** which might have turned out right, but you have to hand it to Ehrlenbach for creating the opportunity that gave South a chance to go wrong.

Crosswords

- ACROSS**
- Pen
  - Made with butter
  - Laufer's "Bop"
  - Nobleman
  - Glimpse from afar
  - Airport rental
  - Whodunit name
  - Like some candy
  - Leo mo.
  - Aussie city
  - Corduroy ridges
  - Chewing --
  - Slicker
  - Attired like Superman
  - Liv's duo
  - Open wide
  - Excavate
  - Furniture wood
  - Semi front
  - Plinth
  - Space width
  - Violet lead-in
  - Compass dir.
  - Before, in combos
  - Hop a train
  - Healthier
  - Kind of rack
  - Exasperate
  - Long drink
  - Wildcat strike
  - PC enthusiast
  - Japanese clog
  - Right-angled pipe
  - Flood residues
  - Blast-furnace inputs
- DOWN**
- Fair grade
  - Dinghy's need
  - Air France hub
  - Vow
  - Shorten a skirt, maybe
  - By Jove! (2 wds.)
  - E.M.T. technique
  - Longest constellation
  - Injury result
  - Herr's abode
  - Work unit
  - Renoir subject
  - Steel-covered
  - Hr. fraction
  - Boombox platters
  - Catch a cold
  - Links org.
  - Am -- time?
  - Not hesitate
  - Tolstoy title word
  - Knicks' org.
  - Flower lover
  - Nomad dwelling
  - Motel furnishing
  - Dismisses (2 wds.)
  - Vaccine
  - Landing places
  - Fence part
  - "-- do for now"
  - Went on the lam
  - Big pitcher
  - Ceremony
  - Cultivate
  - Ames inst.
  - Driver's fill-up

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**Horoscope** by Jacqueline Bigar  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006:  
Direct your energy well this year. You might not always have the right reasons or explanations, but your intuition is right-on. Somehow, you know what to do and when to do it. Follow your sixth sense this year. Give yourself permission to express your more creative and dynamic side. Your ability to identify with others starts coming forward. You'll look at life very differently as a result. Your understanding could be an enormous comfort to others. If you are single, you exude an immense amount of animal magnetism. As a result, you will have many suitors and options to choose from. Have fun! If you are attached, remember that you need to work together as a team. PISCES triggers your imagination, as if you need it!

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
\*\*\* Try a conservative approach. At the same time, allow others to have greater say. You don't have much choice anyway, so instead of bucking the trend, work with them. Communicate your concerns in a meaningful way. Tonight: Get some extra sleep. You are going to need it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Others help point the way to immediate success. Sometimes you might not be too sure of what you want, but not today. Use your sense of direction, luck and innate skill set. Success naturally follows in your path. Tonight: Hang with friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Others call on you. Taking the lead, though not always your favorite activity, will seem natural here. Others compliment you on a job well done. Interestingly, the end result will be that you see someone very differently. Tonight: Out late again.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Step back and force yourself to see all the different issues surrounding a problem. You might be surprised by what you realize. Others respond better to a more empathetic approach. Tonight: Walk to a new beat.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Allow others to have their way. You will start to draw the type of results you want only if you relax. Sometimes you can't run all aspects of the show. Let others act on your behalf. You will like what happens. Tonight: Say yes to an associate.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You will see your alternatives more clearly if you work with the basics. Sometimes you might misread others, perhaps because of wishful thinking! Patience and good communication will make you a favorite. Tonight: Go along with another's request.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\* You might get entrenched in a problem and not be able to figure out a solution. Much goes on because of your kindness and expressing yourself. You are easily misunderstood. Spell out your thoughts. Tonight: Easy does it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You delight in creative and intense moments. Others finally understand your intentions. Your feelings warm up, as do another person's. He or she has much to smile about. Loosen up and think positively. Expenses could go overboard. Tonight: Laugh and relax.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You need to think through a decision rather than create an uproar. If you stay calm and directed, somehow you will be able to sort through your priorities. Investigate rather than judge. Stay mum if you are unsure of yourself. Tonight: At home.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
\*\*\*\*\* State your case with the feelings and direction necessary. Others respond with sensitivity and caring. Choose your words with gentleness. Honey works better than vinegar. You can prove that fact today. Tonight: Say little.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a financial decision. Could you be a bit extravagant right now? Be careful not to make quick judgments, as you could easily be wrong. Be careful with new people just the same. Facts and experience count. Tonight: Treat yourself to a relaxing few moments.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Recognize what is important before you act. Spontaneity could backfire on you. You laugh, and another person loosens up. Light and jovial work well -- if you eliminate spontaneity. Tonight: As you wish.

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